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Abstract.

Sanctioning, with remarks, the proposals of the Municipal Council of Karur to open a Central Educational Museum in the town ; requesting, with remarks, the Municipal Council to submit a revised list of exhibits for the museum through the D.P.I. for the sanction of Government and stating, with remarks, that orders will issue in the Educational Department regarding the Council's request for a free grant for the provision of accommodation for the museum.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

G.O., No. 1463 M. , dated 14th August 1906.

Read the following paper:—

ENCLOSURES.

No.



PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper:-

From the Chairman, Municipal Council, Karur, R.No.46/M.G.,
dated 22nd May 1906.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the resolution of the Municipal Council, Karur, regarding the opening of a Central Educational Museum in this Municipality.

2. The suggestions of the District Educational Conference at Salem regarding the opening of ^{such} ~~each~~ ^u Museums in each Municipal town in the Presidency were approved by the Director of Public Instruction. M.R.Ry. S.Krishnaswami Aiyar Avargal, B.A., L.T., Sub Assistant Inspector of Schools, Karur, ^{Range} and Councillor of this Municipality, by his letter No.226, dated 12th February 1906, proposed to the Council the advisability of trying the experiment of opening ^{one} ~~een~~ here at Karur, on the ground that this town is growing in educational importance. There are ~~are~~ three primary schools under the direct management of the Municipality and five aided schools under the results grants system worked up by private agencies. There are nearly 500 children receiving primary education and there are nearly 25 teachers imparting instructions to these pupils. The District Educational Conference held at Salem recommended the starting up of such institutions, with a view to provide practical illustrations to the pupils and teachers of primary department, so that they might be well conversant with the articles used in several ^{walks} of life and that this sort of exhibition will afford facilities for developing the powers of observation and enquiry of those for whom they are chiefly intended.



3. The said proposal was placed before the Council and the Council by its resolution No.4 dated 22nd February 1906, formed sub-committee for reporting on:-

- (i) the accommodation for the said ^umuseum,
- (ii) the scope and methods of its ^hworking, and
- (iii) the approximate cost of starting with details.

4. The Sub-committee submitted a report (a copy ^{of which} ~~few~~ ^{is} herewith submitted) and also submitted the ^{detailed} ~~list~~ showing the approximate cost for the starting up of such a ^umuseum. The sub-committee estimated roughly the cost of starting to be Rs.130-12

5. The Council by its resolution No.4 dated 3rd May 1906, adopted the recommendations of the Sub-committee and sanctioned an amount of Rs.150 for the starting up of the ^uMuseum (a copy of the resolution is herewith submitted).

6. As regards accommodation, the Council resolved that the Municipal Council's hall might be utilized for the purpose at present, that a separate building is necessary and that the Director of Public Instruction might be prayed to sanction a free grant of Rs.2,000 to the ~~Municipality~~ ^{Municipality} for the purpose. Since the educational value of such an institution is highly spoken of by the educational authorities it is but essential that the institution must receive the best attention of the Council and its progress can only be secured by having a separate ^{building} ~~for~~ ^ufor the ^umuseum.

7. This amount of Rs.150 for this year 1906-07 might be safely met from the general savings of Municipality, as the receipts under tolls will be nearly Rs.1,500 and under house tax nearly Rs.200 in excess of the amount estimated in the budget. As this expenditure has not been provided for in the budget, I pray that the Government might be pleased to sanction this amount of Rs.150 for the ^umuseum and to sanction a free grant of Rs.2,000 from the Provincial funds towards the construction of a building for the said ^umuseum.

8. The resolutions of the Council, the Sub-committee's report and a list showing the detailed items of expenditure are herewith submitted.

Director
Endorsement of the ~~Director~~ of Public Instruction, Madras,
N.Ref.on C.No.4085, dated 19th June 1906.

Submitted to Government and recommended.

2. This is precisely one of the ways in which much may be done for elementary education in such a town. The proposed collection requires some modification so as to embrace (1) pictures models and charts connected with nature study (2) specimens of natural products (3) manufactured things and (4) models and diagrams connected with elementary science - all within the elementary course. Perhaps, in course of time a garden may come to be added where plants may be grown for illustration.

3. This Department will watch the ^wMuseum as an experiment; and care will be taken that it is not simply an exhibition, but in essential part of a scheme of object/lessons.

4. The funds required for the construction of a building for the purpose may be met out of the provision of six lakhs the institution being regarded as an addition to a number of existing schools.--Common to them all

ORDER:-

O R D E R:- No.1463 M., dated 14th August 1906.

The proposals of the Municipal Council to open a central educational museum in the town, utilizing for the present the Council's hall for the purpose and to allot Rs.150 from the general savings of the Municipality are sanctioned.

2. The attention of the Municipal Council is drawn to the remarks of the Director of Public Instruction in paragraph 2 of his endorsement, and the Municipal Council is requested to draw up a revised list of exhibits for the museum and to submit it with an estimate of the cost thereof through the Director for the sanction of Government.

3. With regard to the Council's proposal regarding the provision of accommodation for the museum, the Government think that it would be cheaper and would better serve the purposes of education if an additional room for ^W museum purposes were attached to the Municipal High School, the extension and the improvement of which is now in contemplation, than by the provision of a separate building, as proposed by the Municipal Council. Orders will issue in the Educational Department regarding the Council's request for a free grant for this purpose.

4. The separate communication referred to in paragraph 1 (5) of G.O.No.1125 M., dated 21st June 1906, on the subject of providing funds for the improvements to the High School will be awaited.

(True Extract)

H.D.TAYLOR,

Ag.Secretary to Government.

Forwarded to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Karur.

,, Collector of Coimbatore.
,, Director of Public Instruction.
,, Educational Department *with copy of notes*

(By order)

V. Rajanathan
Registrar.

Again G.O., No. , dated 190 .
Current No. 2233 M., from the C.M.C. Karur , No. 46 , dated 22-5-1906 .
Current No. from the , No. , dated 190 .

SUBJECT.

Requesting sanction to open an educational museum at Karur and to spend Rs.150 towards starting it - Karur Municipality.

The Municipal Council, Karur, proposes to open a central educational museum in the town, with a view to provide practical illustration to the pupils and teachers of the Primary department, to make the pupils conversant with the articles and other things used in the several walks of life, and to afford facilities by this sort of exhibition for developing their powers of observation and enquiry.

2. The Chairman (N.C.Narasimhachariyar) states that this proposal is the outcome of the approval by the Director of Public Instruction of the suggestions of the District Educational Conference at Salem that educational museums should be opened in each Municipal town. He adds that the Sub-Assistant Inspector of Schools, Karur range, and a Councillor of this Municipality, proposed to the Council the advisability of trying the experiment of opening a museum at Karur, on the ground that the town is growing in educational importance and as there are three ^{and five aided primary schools} Municipal primary schools in the town, the pupils under instruction and the teachers in these schools being nearly 500 and 25, respectively.

O R D E R : - No. 1233 M., dated 22nd May 1906.

The proposal of the Municipal Council to open a central educational museum in the town, with a view to provide practical illustration to the pupils and teachers of the Primary department, to make the pupils conversant with the articles and other things used in the several walks of life, and to afford facilities by this sort of exhibition for developing their powers of observation and enquiry.

2. The attention of the Municipal Council is drawn to the remarks of the Director of Public Instruction in paragraph 2 of his memorandum, and the Municipal Council is requested to draw up a revised list of articles for the museum and to submit it with an estimate of the cost thereof through the Director for the sanction of Government.

3. With regard to the Council's proposal regarding the provision of accommodation for the museum, the Government think that it would be cheaper and would better serve the purpose of education if an additional room for museum purposes were attached to the Municipal High School, the extension and the improvement of which is now in contemplation, than by the provision of a separate building, as proposed by the Municipal Council. Orders will issue in the Educational Department regarding the Council's request for a free grant for this purpose.

4. The separate commission referred to in paragraph 1 (2) of G.O. No. 1123 M., dated 22nd May 1906, on the subject of providing funds for the improvement of the High School will be awaited.

(Type Extract)

H. D. TAYLOR,

As Secretary to Government.

Forwarded to the Chairman, Municipal Council, Karur.
Collector of Government.
Director of Public Instruction.
Educational Department with copy of note.
(By order)

[Signature]
Registrar.

3. The Sub-committee appointed to consider (1) the accommodation for the museum which it is proposed to open, (2) the scope and methods of working the museum, and (3) the approximate cost of starting it, has submitted its report, which will be found on pages 8 to 10 of the current file. The Council has accepted the Sub-committee's recommendation that the present Municipal hall may be utilized temporarily for locating the museum, till a separate building is provided for it, in respect of which the Council is making an application for a free grant of Rs.2,000 to the Director of Public Instruction. As regards the cost of starting the museum, the Council has estimated it at Rs.150 in round figures. The closing balance provided in the budget is only Rs.1,050 or 3.6 per cent of the estimated ordinary receipts, but the Chairman states that the amount required for opening the museum can safely be met from the general savings of the Municipality, as it is anticipated that the actual realizations under tolls and the tax on buildings will be Rs.1,500 and Rs.200, respectively, more than those budgeted for.

4. The Director of Public Instruction (Dr. Bourne) recommends the Council's proposal, and states that this is precisely one of the ways in which much may be done for elementary education in such a town as Karur, and that his department will watch the museum as an experiment and see that it is not simply an exhibition but an essential part of a scheme of object lessons. He however considers that "the proposed collection requires some modification so as to embrace

"(1) pictures, models and charts connected
"with nature study,

"(2) specimens of natural products,

"(3) manufactured things, and

"(4) models and diagrams connected with
"elementary science - all within the elementary
"course". He adds that perhaps, in course of time
a garden may come to be added where plants may be
grown for illustration. The Director has not how-
ever given an estimate of the cost of the modifi-
cations proposed by him.

5. Section 124 of the Madras District Munici-
palities Act lays down that "the Municipal Council
"may also provide, wholly from the Municipal fund,
"or by grant-in-aid therefrom,

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" (iv) for the maintenance of public libraries,
"reading rooms, gymnasia, or any other institutions
"connected with the diffusion of education, which
"may be approved by the Governor in Council". It
is for consideration whether the proposal of the
Municipal Council may be sanctioned under this
section.

6. With reference to the funds required for
the construction of a building for the purpose of
a museum, the Director states that these "may be
"met out of the provision of six lakhs, the insti-
"tution being regarded as an addition to a number
"of existing schools - common to them all". The
Educational Department may be consulted U.O. on
this point.

M.A.
28-6-06

V.R.
28-6-06

H.D.T.
30-6-06

To the Educational Department u.o

No objection on that ground.

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H.D.T.

In connection with an application received last year from the Municipal Council of Tanjore for an allotment from the six lakhs grant for constructing buildings for at least three of the Panchama Schools in the town, the Hon'ble Member held that while there was no objection to help a Municipal Council out of the grant, the needs of the rural areas were far ahead of those of Municipal towns - paragraph 1 of note dated 7th November 1905 on page 3 of the notes with G.O.No.730 Educational, dated 10th November 1905. The Hon'ble Member also thought that "the Director of Public Instruction should have no difficulty in distributing the grant ^{to} District Boards for the rural areas, "where thousands of schools are still wanted". The same remarks more or less apply in the present case also. It is therefore for consideration whether any allotment should be given to Karur out of the ~~six~~ ^{six} lakhs grant. A grant from the ordinary budget provision under 22-Education may perhaps be better.

2. The Municipal Council maintains a High School - vide pages 9 and 9(a) of the budget statements for 1906-07. Would it not be better to provide an additional room in that school to serve as a museum? This may be cheaper and there will be better association of the museum with Education.

P.T.T.
2-7-06.

I take it that the 6 lakhs grant is intended mainly to encourage elementary education, especially in places where it does not exist. It would therefore be a bad precedent to spend part of it on

H.D.T.

a museum which is not a necessity of primary education. The proposal in the office note seems a good one. If a suitable room were added to the existing High School, open at certain hours with or without fee, to all-comers, it would be sufficient. The cost could be met from the ordinary Educational budget.

C.A.S
3-7-06

H.D.T
4-7-06.

To the Local and Municipal Department.

Local and Municipal Department.

Is the present High School building the property of the Council - and are there not proposals for extending or removing it?

H.D.T.
4-7-06.

In G.O.No.448 Financial, dated 27th February 1883, the Government sanctioned the location of the Municipal School at Karur in the compound of the Government Middle School and observed that the whole area should be in charge of the Educational Department. After the abolition of the Government School, the whole of the premises (building and compound) was apparently transferred to the Municipality. No papers on the subject can be traced by the Record Department.

2. In G.O.No.2522 W., dated 22nd December 1905, the demolition of the building known as the Government Middle School, was sanctioned, as the building was in a dilapidated condition, and the Municipal Council was permitted to utilize the materials for the construction of a new school building on the site of the building which was to be demolished.

3. A new High School building has accordingly been constructed in 1905-06 at a cost of Rs.5,108. Buildings costing Rs.978 have also been constructed for the primary school, and further buildings at a cost of Rs.934 are under construction. In paragraph 10 of his administration report for 1905-06, the Chairman (N.C.Narasimhachariyar) stated that the High School required additional accommodation for nearly eight more classes, and for the office, the library, the water-shed and some other rooms, that plans and estimate costing Rs.16,000 had been prepared by the Council and submitted to the Superintending Engineer for approval and that the work could not be undertaken except with the help of a loan from Government. In paragraph (5) of G.O.No. 1125 M., dated 21st June 1906, the Chairman has been asked to submit a separate communication on the subject.

4. Papers on this subject had to be traced in the old records.

K.R.
20-7-06

V.R.
21-7-06

It appears useless to provide for exhibits, specimens, models or diagrams, until suitable accommodation reasonably accessible to pupils of elementary schools, is provided. The financial resources of the Council are limited, and at present it has a good deal in hand in connection with town extension, High School buildings and the like.

2. The suggestion in 'Education' that a room should be added to the plans of the proposed additional High School buildings, instead of having a separate building, may be commended to the

Council

It will make a
beginning for the
collection meantime.

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Council - nor does aid towards such a building seems to be a fitting charge on the 6 lakhs grant. Government cannot make a grant of Rs.2,000 from general revenues to the Council for this object.

3. The Council proposes to utilize the Council hall at present - But this seems hardly a suitable building. In view of the financial condition of the Council, the Government, while approving the proposal generally, may decline to sanction the expenditure for the present. Provision may however, if funds permit, be made in the Municipal Budget for 1907-08.

H.D.T.
27-7-06.

The project is laudable enough. I think in this particular case, where a beginning is to be made, that the cost (Rs.2,000) might come out of the 6 lakhs grant. The Director of Public Instruction says the museum is for elementary pupils and he wishes to see how such a museum flourishes. We need not make similar grants in other cases. If more than Rs.2000 are wanted, the rest must be found from ordinary Municipal funds.

G.S.F.
30-7-06

Please draft for approval.

H.D.T.
31-7-06.

A draft order is submitted below for approval. As regards the grant of Rs.2,000 for the location of the proposed museum, which it is proposed to make from the six lakhs grant annually given by the Government of India to this Government for elementary education, it is submitted that

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the necessary orders should issue in the Educational Department.

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K.R.
4-8-06

V.R.
6-8-06

H.D.T.
8-8-06.

To the Educational Department.

Educational Department.

The draft may be accepted in Educational. On receipt of the order, we may ask Director of Public Instruction to include the amount (Rs.2,000) in the proposals called for in G.O.No.304 Educational, dated 1st May 1906.

P.T.T.
8-8-06

C.G.M.
9-8-06.

The cost of the room, if attached to the College buildings, may not amount to Rs.2,000. Hence I have left the amount indefinite.

For approval.

H.D.T.
11-8-06.

G.S.F.
11-8-06.

To the Local and Municipal Department.

Local and Municipal Department.

Issue.

H.D.T.
13-8-06.

[G.O. No 1463 M. dated 14th August 1906.]

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Educational department

The draft placed below is submitted for
approval.

[Signature]

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ORDER No. 564, dated 25 - 8 - 1906.

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*on the revised proposals
called for in G.O. no 374
of 1st May 1906*

The D.P.A. will be requested to include a sum not exceeding Rs 2000 for the provision of accommodation for the Educational Museum which the Municipal Council of Karur proposes to open in the town.

Ch
24-8-06
PH 24/8/16

*To Messrs
- Ltm Departt - } done
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