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Dated 10-3-1945

[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Educational Service - Raman Menon Sri V. K.,
District Educational Officer - Promotion as Divisional
Inspector - Petition to His Excellency - Rejected.

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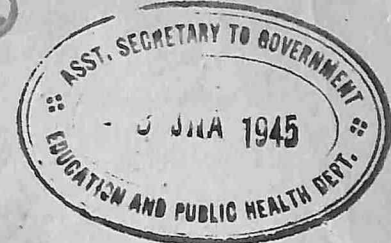
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From

Sri V.K. Raman Menon, M.A., (Oxon) Bar-at-Law,
District Educational Officer,
COIMBATORE & THE NILGIRIS.



To

His Excellency the Governor of Madras.

Through

The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division,
The Director of Public Instruction, Madras, and
The Secretary to Government, Education & Public Health
Departments, Madras.

SUB: Madras Educational Service - Promotion to the post of
Divisional Inspectors of Schools - Sri V.K. Raman Menon
District Educational Officer, Coimbatore & the Nilgiris
appeal against the order promoting Sri N. Sarangapani -
Ayyangar.

REF: Notification No.109 on Page 334 of Part I-B of the Fort
St. George Gazette dated 4--7--1944.

May it please His Excellency the Governor of Madras to
permit Sri V.K. Raman Menon, District Educational Officer, Coim-
batore and the Nilgiris to appeal against the order of Government
promoting Sri N. Sarangapani Ayyangar, Personal Assistant to the
Director of Public Instruction, Madras, as Officiating Divisional
Inspector of Schools, Guntur District.

2. Rule 2(b)(ii) of the Rules for the Madras Educational
Service states that promotion to the Divisional Inspector's post
shall be on grounds of merit and ability, seniority being consi-
dered only where merit and ability are approximately equal. The
appellant Sri V.K. Raman Menon most respectfully sheweth that his
qualifications, service and administrative ability compare favour-
ably with those of Sri N. Sarangapani Ayyangar as may be seen from
the particulars furnished below:-

QUALIFICATIONS - GENERAL & SPECIAL.

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M.A. History, L.T.,
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Group Certificate in Book-keeping,
Co-operative & Auditing.

Sri V.K. Raman Menon, has superiobr qualifications with edu-
cation in the Universities of England and the European continent.

As such, by merit, he cannot be considered unequal to Sri N. Sarangapani Ayyangar, rather he has distinctly superior qualifications.

3. The following particulars are furnished:

Sri V.K. Raman Menon.		Sri N. Sarangapani Ayyangar.	
Date of first appointment	10-1-1921	Date of first appointment	23-1-'19
Directly recruited to the Madras Educational Service		as a clerk in the Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.	
Date of appointment to the Madras Educational Service.	1-2-1923	Date of appointment to the Madras Educational Service	5-10-'36
Present Pay	Rs. 800/-	Present Pay	Rs. 360/-
Date of appointment to the present pay	10-1-1929	Date of appointment to the present pay.	17-1-'43

It may kindly be noted that Sri V.K. Raman Menon was directly recruited to the Indian Educational Service which was subsequently converted into the Madras Educational Service with effect from 1-2-1923. He has administrative experience as an Inspecting Officer from 10-1-1921 whereas Sri N. Sarangapani Ayyangar has such experience only from 3-10-1936. By rank Sri V.K. Raman Menon is drawing Rs. 800 as salary from 10-1-1929 whereas Sri N. Sarangapani Ayyangar is not even drawing half as much on this date. As such the inequity of promoting such a junior officer over that of the petitioner may well be seen.

4. The appellant Sri V.K. Raman Menon has shown his administrative capacity as an Executive Officer by serving as District Educational Officer in the several districts of the Presidency in all the linguistic areas. He has efficiently and satisfactorily discharged his duties under the successive Directors of Public Instruction who appreciated his work. He organized several educational exhibitions notably in Tinnevely, Ambasamudram, Tuticorin, Bellary and Coimbatore which were presided over by eminent persons including the Director of Public Instruction, His Excellency the Governor of Madras, the Hon'ble Minister of Education. These exhibitions have made substantial contribution to the cause of education, Elementary, Secondary and specially stimulating officers, teachers and managements of institutions towards liberal education on progressive lines. In these Coimbatore and the Nilgiris Districts also he has accelerated the progress of education by the issue of new year manifestoes and vigorous propaganda in schools, Teachers' Guilds, Associations and Conferences.

5. The appellant has actively engaged himself in war propaganda and recruitment work with the result that there has been considerable and substantial progress in recruitment in the Districts he served as a District Educational Officer during the period of war i.e., North Arcot, Trichinopoly and the Coimbatore and the Nilgiris Districts. In the North Arcot District, he served as Chairman of the Propaganda Committee for a time before the inauguration of War Front. In the Trichinopoly District also the results achieved compares favourably with those of many other Districts. He has also received a letter of appreciation from the Provincial Organizer of National War Front on the recommendation of the Collector of Trichinopoly in May 1943. In the Coimbatore and the Nilgiris Districts he has done intensive propaganda work that has stimulated good results in recruitment. As subsidiary work in war effort he has done intensive work in Tree Planting to improve rural conditions, and has encouraged opening of a large number of Junior Red Cross Groups in schools.

6. There has not been even a single occasion when an adverse report of any kind was made against and communicated to him.

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7. The appellant Sri V.K. Raman Menon, most humbly represents that he is the senior-most of the administrative officers other than the Divisional Inspectors of Schools. He is related to the Cochin Royal family whose meritorious services to the British Empire as well as during the critical periods of war was duly recognized by the Government by the award of G.C.I.E. to the appellant's lamented father and Kaiser-i-Hind Medal (1st Class) to the appellant's revered mother whose philanthropic activities are too well known to Government.

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V.K. Raman Menon
DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER,
Coimbatore and the Nilgiris.

To
The Secretary to Government, Education & Public Health
Departments, MADRAS.

Copy submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
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The original petition sent through the proper channel may be availed till 3/2/45.

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as a clerk in the Office
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Madras Educational Service

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DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER,
Coimbatore and the Nilgiris.

1. 1. 1945.

Copy submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
" " to the Secretary to Government, Education & Public
Health Departments, Madras.



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Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction.

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OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
M A D R A S.

CL.No. 42/44, Dated 12th January 1945.

Submitted.
2. The attention of Government is invited to
G.O. No. 1403 Edn. & Public Health, dated 29th July
1940 and also to Sir Meyerl's D.O. dated 23rd June
1944, disposed of in G.O. No. Ms. 982 Education, dated
27th June 1944.

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For DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department.

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M. S. S. - Petition of Sri V. K. Raman Menon, D.S.O.
promotion to the post of Divisional Inspector -

pp 5-7 CF Repe. from Sri V. K. Raman Menon dated 1.1.1945.
p 8 CF from the D.P.I. C.L. No. 42/44 dated 12.1.45.

pp 3-10 CF (U)

pp 1-2 & 9-10 (U)
vide pp 10 & 13 (U)

pp 18-19 +
p 24 (U)

Sri V. K. Raman Menon submitted a
petition in May 1940 against supersession of his
claims for promotion as ~~Sub~~ Divisional Inspector. The question was
examined & the Govt. declined to interfere on his behalf in G.O. 1403
Edn. 29.7.1940. Then again the question was reopened
in June 1944. Attention is solicited to the D.O. of the
late D.P.I. & the orders in circulation there on. It is
for consideration whether the question need be examined
again. In orders.

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one by D.P.I.

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Please send the personal file
of Sri V. K. Raman Menon and Sri N. Sarangapuri
for reference.
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Telephonic Message (BY Post), Dated 31st January 1945.

From The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
To The Assistant Secretary to Govt., Education & P.H. Department.

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Madras Educational Service - Petition of Sri V.K. Raman Menon -
Promotion to the post of Divisional Inspector.

Reference: Your Telephonic Message dated 27th January 1945.

The personal files of Sri V.K. Raman Menon and Sri N. Sarngapani Ayyangar are sent herewith, as desired.

Encl:-
2 Personal
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For DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Cno. 287 A/45.

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To the S.P.D. (with
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M.E.S. - Raman Menon Sri V.K. ^⑤ 9
Promotion as Divisional Inspector - Petition to H.E. - ~~Rejected~~
Referred from the S.P.D. C.L.M. 42/44 d 12.1.1945.
G.O. No. 357 20n. date 10.3.1945.

The S.P.D. is requested to inform Sri.
V.K. Raman Menon that H.E. the Governor,
declines to interfere on his behalf.

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Edn. and P.H. Department.

From Sri V.K.Raman Menon dated 1-1-1945.
From the D.P.I., C.L.No.42/44, dated 12-1-45, and T.M. d/ 3-1-45.

M.E.S. - Petition - Sri V.K. Raman Menon, D.E.O. - Pro-
motion to the post of Divisional Inspector.

Sri V.K.Raman Menon, D.E.O., Coimbatore and Nilgiris,
has submitted an appeal addressed to H.E. the Governor against
the orders of Govt. in G.O.No.942-Edn., dated 27-6-1944, appoint-
ing Sri N.Sarangapani as Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Guntur. The posts of Divisional Inspectors are included in the
selection category - rule 2(b)(H) of the rules relating to the
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and ability are approximately equal. It has been held in ^{the} past
that no appeal lies in regard to the orders involving non-selec-
tion to selection posts. Sri Raman Menon does not therefore
seem to have any right of appeal.

The representation may ^{however} be treated as a petition to

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H.E. the Governor under instruction 109 of the Sectt. Instructions.

The petition complies with the rules and orders governing the submission of petitions to H.E. the Governor. It may be noted that the claims of ^{Sri} Raman Menon have been superseded in the past on more than one occasion. In 1940 he memorialized H.E. against the orders of Govt. appointing Sri P. Badriah and Khan Sahib Gulam Dastagir Sahib as Divl. Inspectors of Schools. The memorial was, however, rejected.

Sri Raman Menon has not submitted any memorial to Govt. against the appointment of Sri N. Sarangapani, ^{and not having a right of appeal} On that ground, the petition to ^{is} liable to summary rejection.

The personal files of the officers are kept below. The case may be circulated to P.S.G. with reference to Sectt. Instruction 109.



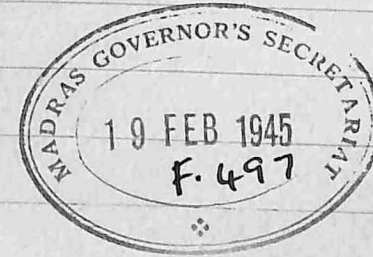
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He declines to interfere



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Q. 1483 Edn. dated 29.7.1940 quoted on p 8 of has been
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is put up in a file (Cmo. 2383 A/45) subts. separately. This
may die over till the gos are available or till 22/11/45 which
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a file which has been sent to Public. Re

Return of the file may be awaited till 1.2.45. Meanwhile
the personal files of the two officers may be called for as
the petition is addressed to H. E. the Governor.

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on the basis of the above information the
petition is referred to the relevant authorities for
consideration. 1.2.45