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G.O. No. Ms. 1465, E du.

Dated 26th July 1946.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Museum-- Opening of Museum at mufassal centres--
Proposals--Deferred.

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From (Name) Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A.,
Ph.D.,

Designation Superintendent,
Government Museum,
Station MADRAS.

8 - JAN 1946

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To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Madras.

Enclosures:

No. 1975-2/45 dated 7th January 1946.

Sir,

Museums Association of India - 2nd Annual Meeting

Reference G.O.No.Ms.1901 Edn. dated 14-11-1945.

I have the honour to submit herewith for Government's information a copy of the Presidential Address of Rao Bahadur K.N. Dikshit and to report that the meeting which was held here at our invitation was a great success. Col.D.M.Reid writes to me as follows in his letter dated 2nd January 1946:-

" I was most impressed by the meeting and feel that the Association deserves the strong support of Government".

I would in this connection, invite Government's attention to the suggestion made in para 9 on page 5 of Rao Bahadur Dikshit's address to strengthen the Museum movement in this country by strengthening the

small museums now existing in three mofussil towns and opening new ones at such places as Madura and Trichinopoly. Regional museums are being started in the Bombay Province and also in Ceylon, the Director of the Colombo Museum, becoming the Director of National Museums, in consequence of the increase of the number of museums in his charge from two to five. The nuclei for district museums already exist in our Province, and it is therefore now only a question of strengthening them and linking them up with this Museum (which was once called the "Central Museum"). I would respectfully submit that to Government that the suggestion made by Rao Bahadur K.N. Dikshit is one that deserves consideration by Government.

I shall be addressing Government separately on the question of the celebration of the Centenary of this Museum, about which suggestions have been made by Rao Bahadur Dikshit in the first half of para 9 of his address.

Encl. 4. p. 4. A.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Aiyappa
Superintendent.

Submitted for perusal

Museum signature

10/1/46

Education & P.H. Department (A)
C.No. 1155.

MEMORANDUM NO. 1155 A/46-2 Encl. dated. 4/2/46.

Sub:-- Museum - Expansion - Proposals.

Ref:-- From the S.G.M.No.1975-2/45 dated 7-1-1946.

The S.G.M. is requested to submit detailed proposals in regard to the opening of new museums in large centres in the Province, after consulting the authorities in Bombay and Colombo, if necessary. He is also requested to indicate the financial implications of the proposals.

To
The S.G.M.

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ask action before
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From (Name) Sri A. Aiyarpan, M.A.,
Ph.D.,
Designation Superintendent,
Government Museum,
Station Madras.

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Madras.

Enclosures: 1946

No. 275-1/46 dated 19th February 1946.

Sir,

Sub: Museum- Expansion Proposals

Reference Government Memorandum No. 1155-A/46-2
Edn., dated 4-2-1946.

I have the honour to state that the Museum
authorities in Bombay and Colombo are being consulted,
in regard to the opening of new museums in large centres
in the Province. A reply will be submitted to Government
on receipt of replies from them.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Aiyarpan
Superintendent.

10/4/46.
Please see the interim reply
from the S.G.M. above.. The
S.G.M. may be reminded on
25.3.46 if necessary.
26/2/46 27.2.46 yes. 28.2.46

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Memo 1155C2/46-3 Edn., dated 27.2.46
Sub: Museum - Expansion - Proposals
Ref: Memo. no. 1155A-/46-2 Edn., dated
4.2.46.

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The Suplt., Govt. Museum, Madras
is requested to state when his reply
to the memo cited above may be expected.

To The S. & M.

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by Govt.

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Department
From (Name) Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A.,
Ph.D.,
Designation Superintendent,
Station Government Museum,
Madras.

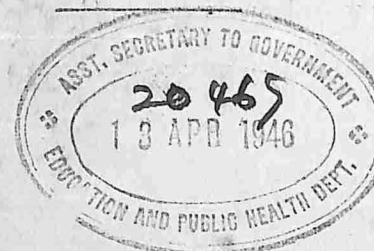
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To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Madras.

Enclosures:

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No. 626-1/46 dated 12th April 1946.

Sir,



Sub: Museums - Expansion - Details of proposals.

Reference Memorandum No. 1155 C2/46-3 Edn., dated 27th March 1946.

I have the honour to submit the following detailed proposals on the above subject:

Location.

Bezwada, Calicut and Madura will, in my opinion, be suitable centres for the proposed new museums. Bezwada has already got the nucleus of a museum, and, I understand, it will in the near future, be the headquarters of the Superintendent of a new circle - the S.E. Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India. The selection of Calicut and Madura is justified on the ground of their being not only populous cities, but also the recognised headquarters of important cultural sub-areas of this Province. I beg to add for the information of Government that the Bombay Government is planning museums for important linguistic areas, such as Maharashtra and Karnataka, in that Province.

Financial Implications.

Though I have not worked out the full financial implication of the proposals, an approximate idea of it can be had from the scheme for similar museums, contemplated by the Ceylon Government. A copy of the Ceylon

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scheme is furnished by the Director of National Museums, Colombo is submitted herewith (Encl. I).

3 It is advisable to provide temporary premises for the collections in the early stages of their formation, and while the scope of the museums has still to be defined. An ideal site will be the centre of a park, in a readily accessible part of the town, as in Trivandrum.

B Making allowance for the comparatively lower scales of pay prevalent here, the annual budget of each of the three museums will have to be about Rs.25,000/-.

4 Co-ordination of Museum work in the Province.

At present, in this Province, there is no co-ordinated museum policy. The Departments of Agriculture, Forests, and Industries ^{run} each their own museums, the last of the three having control of the largest number. (Several colleges and schools have teaching museums which can be made much more effective). ~~These~~ These departments run their museums independently, and in isolation, without ever having explored the possibility of the gains by way of efficiency, and economy in effort and money, if their resources in scientific staff, exhibition material and equipments were pooled and their efforts to ~~be~~ instruct the public were co-ordinated by a suitable agency. If my proposals made now are accepted by Government, there will be four general museums (including the central museum at Madras) with a staff at least of four gazetted officers. In 1940, Government had under consideration a proposal to have an Assistant Superintendent for this Museum. If this post is sanctioned there will be five gazetted officers doing Museum work. If a proper administrative machinery can be devised to co-ordinate the work of all these four general museums and of the various special museums run by the Agricultural and Industries Departments, ^{it will undoubtedly} lead to excellent results.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Aiyappan
12.4.46
Superintendent.

(Copy) of letter No.M.18B dated 1-3-46 from

xx xxxxxxxxxx No. 275x5x46xxx of xx 20th Feb 46x
the Director of National Museums, Ceylon,
to the Superintendent, Govt. Museum, Madras.

No.M.18B
The Museum,
Pelmadulla (Ceylon)
1st March 1946.

Dear Dr. Aiyappan,

My tentative proposals are as follows:-

- (1) A Provincial Museum should be established in each of five provinces.
- (2) Each Museum shall consist of the following- A main building with a ground and first floor for exhibits, lectures, theatre, library, laboratory and preparation cubicles. A store for ethnological study collections, a store for zoological collections in alcohol, a store for Museum requirements, an office with lavatories and photographic dark room, two visitors' lavatories, quarters for watchers and the Police Guard, the Taxidermists' room, cages for live animals, glass for show cases, electric lighting and water service, Telephone service.
- (3) The staff will consist of a Curator, salary scale Rs.2400-168-4800*, one Asst. Curator, Rs.1200-120-2400, One Librarian, Rs.720-108-2448, One Asst. Librarian, Rs.600-60-1800, three clerks, one at Rs.1440-45-1800 and two at Rs.600-42-1398, One Asst. Taxidermist Rs.1200-120-1800, One Preparation Assistant, Rs.1200-120-1800, One Binder, Rs.615-15-780, One Inspector of Watchers, Rs.600-60-1080, two peons, Rs.300-12/2-18/2-480, five watchers, Rs.360-24-600, One Cycle Orderly, Rs.300-2/2-18/2-480, two collectors Rs.360-24-600, four labourers, Rs.300-12/2-360, two library labourers, Rs.300-12/2-360, and one Conservancy labourer, Rs.300-12/2-360.

* Annually

(P.T.O)

(* Annually)

C. Aiyappa
Superintendent,
Government Museum, Madras.

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~~March 23rd~~

From the J. m.
D. S., E. & P. H. Dept. of
to the S. G. m.

Opening of new museums - Refe.
your letter No. 626-1/26 d 12.4.46
Pl send for reference

Phase send for reference
the three volumes (containing reports etc
of the Govt Central Museum and other
local museums) referred to in
the O.C. of your town. No. 1975-3/46
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and the School Assistant although the qualifications
are the same. (First of all) The responsibilities of
the later are greater and secondly the tutor's or
demonstrator's post is a stepping stone for further
promotion. Moreover, the salary of the Demonstrators
is more or less the nature of a stipend. It has also
been pointed out that the ^{of} ~~dear~~ qualified hands is
only temporary and that this can be got by offering to
the candidates a pay of Rs.65 or ^{hyperbolic} ~~Even~~ Rs.70; the con-
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Telephonic Message by post dated 1-5-46. 9 11

From The Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras
To The Deputy Secretary to Government, Education
and Public Health Department.

No. 626-2/46

25 MAY 1946

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Reference your Telephonic Message of
30-4-46 regarding opening of District Museums. The
three volumes called for are sent separately along
with the post copy of this message. They may be
returned as soon as done with.

In continuation of my letter No. 626-1/46
dated 12-4-46 I have to state that the District
Commercial and Industrial Museum in the Districts
are controlled by local bodies and are not there-
fore under the control of the Director of Industries
and Commerce.

A. Aiyappan
Superintendent. 2/5/46

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Museum - Opening of museum
at mufassal centres - Proposals -
Deferred.

From the S.G.M. NO. 1975-2/4577-1-1
Memo. No. 1155 A/46-2 7 4-2-46.
From the S.G.M. NO. 626-1/46712-4-1

Order 1465 Edn dated 26.7.46
MS the proposals submitted

To
The S.G.M. by the S.G.M. for the opening of new
museums at certain mufassala
centres will be deferred for the
Call Book - 1.6.48 present.

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Memorandum of Understanding
between the Government of India
and the Government of the State of
Kerala

Whereas the Government of India
and the Government of the State of
Kerala have agreed to enter into
an understanding for the purpose of
co-ordinating the activities of the
Government of India and the
Government of the State of Kerala
in the field of the administration of
the State of Kerala

For the Government of India

For the Government of the State of Kerala

Witnessed at New Delhi on the 1st day of
January 1956 by the undersigned
representatives of the Government of India
and the Government of the State of Kerala
who have signed the understanding for the
purpose of co-ordinating the activities of the
Government of India and the Government of the
State of Kerala in the field of the administration
of the State of Kerala

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From the S.G.M.No.1975-2/45 dated 7-1-1946.

Sub:- Museum - Expansion - Proposals.

Please see para 9 of the Presidential Address of Rao Bahadur K.N.Dikshit delivered at the Second Annual Meeting of the Museums Association of India. He has suggested that the museum movement in the Province may be strengthened by improving the existing museums at Bezwada, Rajahmundry and Tanjore and also by opening new museums at large centres such as, Trichinopoly, Madura and Tinnevely with the Govt. Museum, Madras functioning as 'Central Museum'.

In the past museums were established at six places noted in the margin*; they were managed by a committee of the principal residents of the respective localities, and grants

- *1. Bellary.
2. Coimbatore.
3. Cuddalore.
4. Mangalore.
5. Ootacamund.
6. Rajahmundry.

were given by Government towards the maintenance of those museums. Apparently the S.G.M.'s request is only a revival of this system. Before examining the proposal further, he may be asked to consult the authorities in Bombay and Colombo and to submit detailed proposals to the opening of the new museums ^{suggests to} ~~referred~~ in his letter ^{in c3} ~~cited overleaf~~ and to indicate the financial implications of the proposal. ~~The~~ draft below is for approval. *Finance may be.*

4 - FEB 1946

May be perused and returned to S.G.M.

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[Memo. No. 1155 A/46-2 Edu, d 4.2.46]
C20469 From the S.G.M. No. 626-1/46 d 12.6.46

In the memo at p 3 of the S.G.M. was asked to submit detailed proposals in regard to the opening of new museums in large centres in this Province. The proposal submitted by the S.G.M. are at pp 67 of. ~~The S.G.M.~~ ^{He} proceeded on the assumption that the museums will be started and maintained by the Govt. Attention is invited to the note on pp 1-2 ante. The six ~~branch~~ museums which were established in the mufassal in the past (and which were subsequently closed) were managed by a Committee of the principal residents of the respective localities. The Govt gave grants towards the maintenance of these museums. An account of these museums is given in the three volumes referred to in the S.G.M.'s t.m. at (X). The Supt may be asked to send the volumes as they are required for notice on the present proposals. A draft t.m. is submitted.

(T.M. to the S.G.M. dated 30-4-46)
G.23643. From the S.G.M. T.M. dated 1-5-46.

Attention is invited to p.10 of the

Reports on the Govt. Central Museum, Madras and on the Museums in the mufassal in the Book put up. In 1855 the Govt. sanctioned the establishment of Museums at the six places mentioned in the margin. The Museums were managed by a Committee of the principal residents of the respective localities. The monthly expenditure allowed for each of

*Bellary
Coimbatore
Cuddalore
Mangalore
Ootacamund
Rajahmundry.

these museums was Rs. 50/-.

2. In the memorandum on p.3 c.f. the S.G.M. was asked to submit detailed proposals for the opening of new museums in large centres in this Province after consulting the museum authorities in Bombay and Colombo, if necessary. In his letter at pp.6-7 c.f. the S.G.M. has suggested the starting of new museums at Bezwada, Calicut and Madura. Apart from saying that the annual budget of each of the museums will have to be about Rs.25,000/-, the Supdt. has not indicated in detail the staff required for each museum and the financial implications involved. He has also not stated what the result of his consultation with the museum authorities in Bombay is. The proposals of the S.G.M. are therefore incomplete.

3. Before calling for further information it has, however, to be decided whether the proposed new museums will be started and maintained by Govt. themselves or whether they should be started and run by local bodies or private associations, with the aid of grants from Government. The latter course seems preferable as it will afford an opportunity to the local bodies or private associations to interest themselves in the matter. The case may be sent to Dev. L.A. and Finance for remarks before circulation. It is stated

that the Dt. Commercial & Industrial museums are controlled by local bodies. A few of these might be developed into general museums. The remarks of Dev. L.A. & Finance may be invited on the above proposals.

The contents of this may be consulted. It can consult to the members of the Provincial Conference.



Dev. L.A. Finance

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E. H. S. 1155-46

To us

M on p4 above

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The general policy in regard to Dt. Commercial Museums is that assistance from the Govt. will be confined to the provision of free accommodation, if available and arrangement for the display of departmental exhibits. Expenditure connected with the opening of and maintenance of museums should be found from contributions of local bodies, Co-operative Banks and philanthropists.

No other remarks are called for in this Dept. This Dept. may agree with N on p4 above.

With the above remarks the file may be passed onto L.A. Dept.

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The note of the E & P. H. Dept. on PP. 3 & 4 ante & the Dev. Dept. note above may be perused. It does not appear that local bodies (Local Boards & M.C.C.s) are maintaining any museums of the kind referred to in P. 4 ante. Some local bodies are, however, paying contributions to such museums with the previous sanction of Govt. The present proposal is to start 3 new museums at Bezwada, Calicut and Madura.

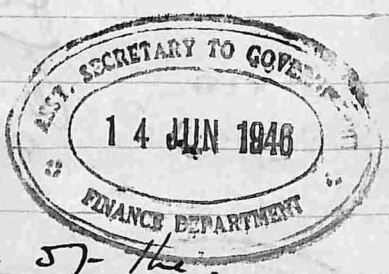
It is stated that the annual expenditure for each of the museums will be about Rs. 25,000. There is no detailed information regarding staff etc. & the financial implications involved.

It is presumed E.P.H. will obtain this information from S.S.H.

the proposed for the extra expenditure for opening and maintaining the museums is likely to be large, the Municipal Councils concerned may not be willing to agree to the proposal. After the information is referred to the Dept. of E.P.H. this Dept. will consult the M.C. concerned whether they agree to open and maintain the museums from their own funds.

With these remarks the file may be passed in li to Finance. As stated above, District Commercial & Industrial Museums are not maintained by local bodies. Nor are they under their control. If the proposed museums are to be run on similar lines, it would seem that they are run by themselves.

The finances of local bodies (even of the most financially sound) are at the moment in a most problematical state, as it is not known how the future will develop. I therefore think it undesirable to ask them to embark on such enterprises as these. If they are considered essential then Dept. suggests they be run by Govt. Certain Dist. Councils may be able to contribute. In paper Madras is comparatively speaking in a fairly good position but a lot of schemes are already on foot there & the financial may be not be so good later. Calicut is in a bad position & certainly cannot afford it. Bezwada is just solvent taking into account assets with compensation.



L.P.V. 16684-C/1661

12/6/46. Fin 0/4/46

The file deals with the proposal submitted by the Supdt. Govt. Museum for the opening of ~~three~~ museums at ^{three} mufassal centres, at Bezwada, Calicut and Madura, in pursuance of the suggestion made for strengthening the Museum movement in this Presidency at the second annual meeting of the Museums Association of India, held in December last.

The Superintendent has estimated the cost of running each Museum at Rs 25,000 p.a. He has not furnished the details of staff required for each Museum. He has stated that he has not yet worked out the full financial implications involved in the proposal. Before calling for further information on the above points, the E.P.H. dept. want to decide whether the proposed new Museums should be started and maintained by the Govt. or whether they should be started and maintained by local bodies or private associations, with the aid of grants from Govt.

2. The L.A. dept. state that the finances of the local bodies are at the moment in a most problematical state as it is not known how the future will develop. They therefore consider it undesirable to ask the local bodies to embark on such enterprises as these and suggest that if the museums are considered essential, they may be run by the Govt. and that some of the Municipal Councils may be able to contribute.

The Development department have noted that the general policy of the Govt. in regard to the District Commercial Museum is that assistance from the Govt. should be confined to the provision of free accommodation, if available, and arrangement for the display of departmental exhibits and that the expenditure connected with the opening and maintenance of museums should be found from contributions of local bodies, Co-operative Banks and philanthropists.

3. According to the rough estimate furnished by the Supdt. of the Museum, the cost of running three museums works out to Rs 75,000 p.a. exclusive of the cost of the building to be provided for and other initial non-recurring expenditure. The Govt. have already committed themselves to a large expenditure.

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diture by according sanctions to new schemes of expenditure.

In view of the decision of this Govt. to reintroduce prohibi-
 tion and the consequent loss of ^{revenue} ~~income~~ there is greater
 need at present to conserve the existing resources, for expen-
 diture on more urgent and pressing schemes such as G.M.F.
~~expenditure on famine relief in some districts, subsidising food schemes, etc.~~
 schemes, and the present time seems to be quite inopportune to
 consider proposals of the kind in question. In the circumstances
~~for further consideration of~~
 this dept. may advise that the proposal may be deferred, ~~for the~~
 present.

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Jhr. S. M.

The proposal may be deferred
 for the reasons set forth above.

It however, ~~that~~ it is to be
 pressed, full details may be called
 for regarding the non-recurring
 and recurring expenditure
 involved and the contribution which
 may be expected from local bodies
 and the proposal may then be
 treated as a Part II Scheme for 1947-48.

H.P.M. may see, before any
 further reference is issued to
 the Supdt. Govt. Museum.
 20.6.46

E.P.H. Depr
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Notes from the bottom of p.3 ante
 may be perused. The proposals
 for the opening of museums at
 mufassal centres may be deferred
 as suggested by Finance for the
 reasons mentioned at B above.
 For orders.

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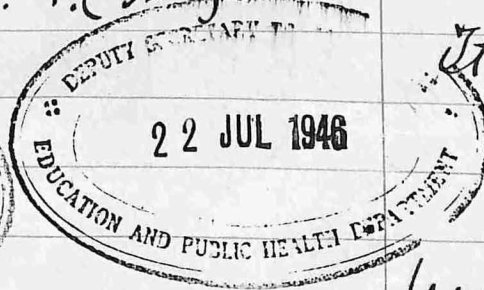
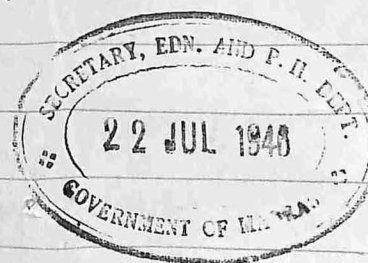
The letter from the Superintendent, Government Museum, on
 pages 6 to 9 explains the tentative proposals made by him to open
 museums in the mofussil headquarters. The places selected by
 him are: Bezwada, Calicut and Madura. The Finance Department's
 note on pages 7 and 8 ^{and} ~~indeed~~ summarises the proposals. They
 advise that the proposal should be deferred in order to conserve
 existing resources of Revenue for expenditure on more urgent and
 pressing Schemes. This Department is in agreement with the pro-
 posal that the Scheme should be deferred. I suggest that we
 defer the Scheme for two years at the end of which we should be
 in a position to know what our financial resources and what our
~~commitments~~ ^{are} demands in respect of reconstruction of the economic life of this
 Province will be.

SRK anwar
27.6.46

HM. (Agric, Gen. Museum) 28/6/46

HPM. (Zin) This may wait

20/7/46



Edu. + P.H.

Inform S.G.M. 9.0 to issue.
 Call Book entry for 1st June 1948.

SRK
22.7.46

A draft order is submitted. Call Book
 entry will be made as ordered by D.S.
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