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[Despatch Abstract.]

*Government Press - Additional
printing machinery - Purchase
of orders passed*

Back Papers.

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Further Papers.

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Edn. & P.H. (Fl.) Dept.
Memorandum No. 12166 R-1 dated the 18th March 1946.

GOVERNMENT PRESS - ADDITIONAL MACHINERY.

It is observed that the Government as equipped at present cannot cope with the Government's requirements. The S.G.P. is requested to state whether any additional printing machinery is needed and if so, what and when. He is also requested to state whether any provision has been made in the budget for 1946-47 for this purpose.

To the S.G.P.

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What steps he is taking to get the machines now out of order into working condition. If he has any difficulty to get the necessary space for the machines, he should

Visit over at
A. conf. 5th
(Lunch ph)

address the Govt. in the matter.
The reference should be treated
as urgent.

28.2.46
28.2.46

Memo 12160 F-2 Edu. d. 27.3.46
Govt. Press - Additional Machinery.

The attention of the S.G.P.
is invited to the Govt. Memo no 12160 F-1
Edu. d. 1.3.46 and he is requested
to expedite his reply.

25.3.46
27.3.46
To The S.G.P.

C.F. 32.

Department
From (Name) A. Lepper Esq.,
Designation Superintendent,
Station Government Press,
Madras.

Received
To
The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Enclosures: 1 list
No. Mis/S dated 18th April 1946

Sir,

Ref: Memo.No.12160-F-1-1, Edn., Education and Public
Health Department dated 1st March 1946 -
Sub: Government Press - additional machinery.

With reference to the above Memorandum I have the honour
to state that additional machinery is badly needed in the
Government Press as soon as possible, part in replacement of
obsolete and worn out machines and the rest additional. A
list of machinery immediately required is attached. No provision
has been made in the Budget for 1946-47 for this purpose on
account of uncertainty of price and date of delivery. I may
mention that when I was in London recently I visited the
principal printing machinery manufacturers and engineers and in
all cases they informed me that new machinery was not likely
to be ready for at least two years. All the firms I visited
have been engaged to an extent of 95% of their production on
munitions and as there is a great shortage of labour in England,
the re-conversion of their machinery, etc., from war production
to peace time activities must necessarily take time. The cost
of replacements can be met from the Depreciation Fund.

2. Although every effort is made to keep the machines
in working order by the manufacture of spare parts locally and
in the Press workshops, it is very difficult to keep some of the
machines in running order as spares made locally have not the
same quality as those produced by the manufacturer. From the
consultations I had with the manufacturers and engineers it
seems that supplies of spare parts will become available after
about twelve months. The Home indents for spares and other
materials not manufactured in India have been sent regularly to
the Indian Stores Department during the war years but in most
cases these spares have not been supplied which has in many
cases

cases rendered machines for all practical purposes uneconomical to run. I do not know if any scheme is being worked out by which priority can be given in the supply of spares to Government Presses but as pointed out in London the Government Presses in India are not the only ones to be supplied which may result in more machines becoming unservicable.

3. It is anticipated that American machinery is likely to be in the market considerably earlier than British machinery but I am not acquainted with types of American machinery, but I will try and find out if any local firm can give me the requisite information and report the result of my investigation to Government in due course.

abeyan
Superintendent.

The further report promised by the S. G. P. at 'A' above may be awaited till 1-6-'46.

*26/4/46.
27/4/46*

B. y. v. ce

Lino Department.

10 Lino Machines (5 Replacements and 5 additions)

Mono Department.

11 Mono Casters and 4 Mono Keyboards (all additions)

Machine Department.

1 Rotary Press (addition)

24 Flat Bed Printing Presses.

(12 Replacements - 12 additions)

10 Platen Presses.

(8 Presses Replacements - 2 additions)

Binding Department.

X Guillotine 3 cutting machines	No.2	
Three knife trimmer ..	" 1	
X Wire stitching machine ..	" 2	
Sewing machine (Register)	" 1	
X " (Book work) 11 ..	" 2	
Envelope Punching machine	" 1	
X Envelope knives ..	Sets.4	(all additions)
X Eyeletting machine ..	No.1	
X Treadle Numbering Machines with 3 heads. 1 ..	" 3	
Envelope making machine ..	" 1	
Disc Ruling Machine (Perfecting)	" 1	
X Type High Backward Numbering boxes.	" 100	

27/6/46

E. & P. H. (31)

Memo. No. 12160-37, Edu., dated, 5-6-'46.

Govt. Press — Additional machinery.

pp. 3-4 ante

Ref: From the S. G. P., No. 1115/S., dated, 18-4-'46.

P. 4 ante

The S. G. P. is requested to say when the further report promised by him in para 3 of his letter read above may be expected.

supd
2-6-46

To

The S. G. P.

1/6/46.

1/6/46

SRK

5/6/46

4. I shall require leave on deputation late in 1947 to study the latest improvements in design and construction of printing machinery.

alayan
Superintendent.

31/2/48

Govt. Print. Additional printing machinery - Purchase of -
Order - sent

From the S. G. P. No / Ms / 15 /
From the S. G. P. No / Ms / 15 / 15446
7-7-48

Order / Ms 1638 Edn dt 23-8-48

paid for

(I)

The S. G. P. is informed that he should place order immediately with the Director Gen. India Stn Deptt. with reference to Go. 5088 Dtd 24.12.45 (copy enclosed) in respect of requirements for renewals & replacements ~~as the expenditure is to be met from the Depreciation Fund.~~

As for the additional plant & machinery or improvements, it shall be financed as a capital outlay and shall be met out of general revenues. The 'New Service procedure' will have to be followed if the cost of such additional improvements exceeds the limit of Rs. 10,000. No relaxation of the rules can be permitted in such cases as otherwise the action of the Govt. will be questioned by the A.C.C. Genl. The matter will be mentioned by the A.C.C. Appropriation Report and it will also be brought to the notice of the Public Acc't Committee in the legislature. The S. G. P. is therefore requested to ~~submit~~ ^{submit} a rough estimate of the cost of the new plant and

machinery to be purchased (as distinguished from renewals & replacement) and to obtain the order of Govt. as required by the New Service Procedure before placing firm orders for the plant & machinery.

JP
23 sub

SRK

23846

Spd with end 24.8.46

financed for the Depreciate Fund

✓ The S.C.P.

(in copy no. 5088 Des)

(I) 24.12.45)
19.0 for 2 weeks file

ref ind

Notes

Edn. & P.A. (M) Dept.

12160

Extract of A-4's minute from the file regarding the printing of High Court Records:-

The S.C.P. should be asked separately whether additional printing machinery is needed and if so what and when. It seems to me that the Press as equipped at present cannot cope efficiently with requirements. Has any provision been made in the Budget for this purpose?

J.B.B(rown)
19-2-1946.

A draft memo is submitted.

JP
26 sub

27.2.46

PP.1-30.7. [Issue of Memo no. 12160 Pt. 1 Edn. 1-9-46]

There is a case before the S.C.P. for the deposit of funds for the purchase of machinery.

1/3-402
1/8-902

Co. 21663 from the S.C.P. no. 415/3.9.10.4.46.
Co. 35367 from the S.C.P. no. 415/3.9.17.46.

Please see the letter of the S.C.P. on pages 3-502 and 8-902.

The S.C.P. states that as there is great difficulty in getting any new printing machinery orders may be placed now to some delay. He further states that no provision in the budget for 1946-47 need be made and provision may be made in 1947-48.

The S.C.P. requests orders for the purchase of machinery. A draft order is submitted for approval. May be sent to Fin. Dep. for acceptance.

With reference to A on page 902 the papers of the S.C.P. may be submitted and orders may

issue or receipt of the same from the S.G.P.

KAB

Surely the S.G.P. ought to have thought about this year or two ago & placed order. There is still however no use lamenting over the fact.

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SRRK

12-7-46

Exp. No 12 160-57/En
12-7-46

Fin

Finance (Expr.C.)

Please see the minute of the late A-4 (Mr. J.B. Brown) extracted on page 1 above, the S.G.P.'s letter on pp. 3-5 & 8 c.f. and the draft order below.

The proposal is to permit the Superintendent, Govt. Press to place orders for the purchase of additional printing machinery for the Government Press, Madras, to enable the Press to cope efficiently with the Government's requirements. The list of machinery required is on page 5 c.f. It will be seen that some of them are needed to replace obsolete and worn out machines while others are new additions. The expenditure on replacements is proposed to be met from the Depreciation Fund.

The cost of the machinery proposed to be purchased as new additions is not known. The Superintendent, Government Press states that it is not possible at the moment to give any details of cost. As the Govt. will be committed to the expenditure by the issue of the draft order and as the cost of the additional machinery ~~is likely to~~ ^{will surely} exceed Rs. 10,000, the proposal will have to be treated as a 'New Service' and the usual new Service procedure followed.

Subject to the above remarks, the draft order may be accepted.

A above The procedure laid down in

para 1(a) or (b) of this dept. order no 16430/66-5 Dated 14-6-46 will have to be followed for the circulation of the case according as the cost of the new machines does not

Draft order below

A on p. 3 c.f.

para 3, p. 8 c.f.

Please see below

A 12-7-46

not put

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Rs 24/7/46

The machinery required for replacement of old machines can be financed from the Depreciation Fund. The proposal need not be treated as a 'new service'. The S.G.P. can place orders for such items immediately after the Govt. give their sanction.

As regards machinery proposed as new additions, the normal procedure is to ask the S.G.P. to ascertain the approximate cost and bring forward the proposal as a 'Part II' Scheme for 1947-8. In this case for new additions can be placed only in April after the Budget has been voted by the Legislature. In view of the difficulties of supply, it is necessary to place firm orders now. The procedure indicated above may be followed after following the 'new service' procedure.

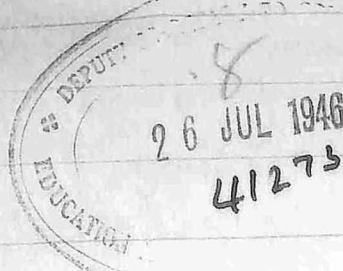
Rs 25-7-46

Submitted for the Govt. to be placed on 21-7-46

Pls. see the enclosed for the same.

As regards the replacement of old machines, the Govt. has agreed that the cost can be met from the Depreciation Fund. The S.G.P. can place orders for such items immediately after the Govt. give their sanction.

Fin 38723 EC-1
25-7-46



As for the new additions, the proposal will have to be treated as a 'new service'. As suggested by Finance, the S. G. P. may be asked whether the cost is likely to exceed Rs 1 lakh. Drafting submitted.

JD 29746 What is the amount to the credit of the Depreciation Fund?

SRK
30.7.46.

Submits that prior to the suspension of contributions to Gov. Press Depreciation Fund, there was to the credit of the Fund Rs 14.8 lakhs. - Please also see p 60 of G.O. 1701 P En D 1-11-41. The latest figure may be called for from the S. G. P. Drafting submitted.

JD 1846 It will be difficult to decide what are new machines and what are replacements of old ones. Machines are being improved all the time, better materials, greater precision in workmanship etc. I suggest relaxation of "New Service Procedure" so long as cost is met out of the Depreciation Fund for 1947-48 & 48-49. Replacements are long overdue. Machines are old, broken, chronically in arrears. Something must be done quickly. Time is abundant. Normal procedure will simply hold up progress making ~~any~~ ~~loss~~ ~~one~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~work~~ ~~printing~~ ~~works~~.

and possibly lead to a total or partial breakdown or excessive expense on "maintenance".

SRK
2.8.46

Fin

Finance (Exp.C) Dept.

(Previous Finance Notes on pages 2-3 above)

With reference to E. & P.H. Dy. Secretary's note

above it is submitted that if the cost of the machinery is met out of the Depreciation Fund, the question of new service as the expense would not be on a "new service". But the Depreciation Fund can be drawn upon only for renewals and replacements of old assets and not for additions or improvements, which should be financed as new capital outlay. The latter should be met out of general revenues. The "New Service" procedure will have to be followed if the cost of such additions and improvements exceeds the limit of Rs. 10,000/- and no relaxation within the rules can be permitted in such cases.

With reference to A on page 4 above, it is submitted that it should not be difficult for the Superintendent, Government Press, to classify the items recommended for purchase under (1) additions and what are replacements of old items, and (2) additions & improvements. Marginal & doubtful cases, could will be treated as "replacements".

The Finance Dept. are not competent to relax the "New Service" procedure. If purchase of additional machinery which is not intended for replacements or renewals is sanctioned without observing the "New Service" procedure, the action of the Govt. will be questioned by the Audit. Comr. The matter will be mentioned in the A.G.'s Appropriation Accounts and it will also be brought to the notice of the Public Accounts Committee and the Legislature. For this reason advise that the S.G.P. be asked to make a rough estimate of the cost of the new plant and machinery to be purchased (as distinguished from renewals and replacements) and get orders in accordance as required by the "New Service" procedure, before placing firm orders for the plant and machinery. This need not delay the ordering of requirements for renewals & replacements.

SRK 13.8.46
DWD 10.8.46
DWD 11.8.46
ASR 13.8.46
DWD 13.8.46
E.P.H.

E & P.H. 12/60-671 En

42506 En 28.46



Sec. A Comp. 95 of Budget Memo, 1946-7 (part 1) p. 137 of G.O. 1701 PPH 1-11-41

14 AUG 1946

DWD 13.8.46
Per. G.O. 42506 En 13/8/46.

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Draft memo submitted for approval

17/8/46
Review draft memo by the D.S.
is for approval

Good

SRK
25/8/46

46/32

New 18/8

Very urgent

10-1
8/46
Gen. Press. Additional Machinery
Replacement of old ones -
The pic on the above
subject was sent to Finance
with this depth as no. 12160F-6
of 2-8-46. That depth may
be requested to expedite
their reply to the no reference
referred to.

J.D.
8/8/46
Understand from Mr. Legge
the more we delay in placing
orders, the longer it will take for
them to be fulfilled, with the result
the Press will ultimately

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EC Fr

As it is the Press is not able to handle all the printing work it is getting. And printing has been severely curtailed on account of paper scarcity! There will be a total breakdown if normal printing were to be restored before the completion of the replacements & renewals — or we would have to get our printing done at private presses at excessive cost.

43617 Exp. C.



SRK

9.8.46

Exp. No. 12160-7718

9.8.46

Fin (Exp. C.)

15 AUG 1946

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The file referred to on leaf was returned to E & P. H. with Finance M.O. No. 42508 Exp. C. 18.13.46. This may be referred to E & P. H.

For 15/8/46 SRK

43617 Exp. C. 15/8/46