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4-2-1946

[Despatch Abstract.]

Museum Theatre - Performances by military personnel -

Exemption from payment of rent and electric charges - Sanctioned.

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No. 4415 / II / 1 / A.17.
Hq. Madras Sub Area,
MADRAS. 14 A.P.O.

31 Jan. 46.

To:

The Deputy Secretary (CO/COOREY ESQ).
Education & Public Health
Government of Madras.
FORT ST. GEORGE.

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SUBJECT: USE OF MUSEUM THEATRE.

1. Confirming conversation today with the Caretaker of the Museum Theatre.

2. Application is hereby made for the loan of the Museum Theatre for the undermentioned performances:-

Monday 4 Feb. 46 | Tamil Drama by personnel of the
Tuesday. 5 " " | Ind Sta Workshops, MADRAS.

Saturday 9 Mar 46 |
Monday 11 " " | Rehearsals
Tuesday 12 " " |
Wednesday. 13 " " |

Thursday 14 " " |
Friday. 15 " " | Performances. | " Reedway Prod-
Saturday 16 " " | " utions Unlimited"
Musical Revue.

3. All the above are being staged primarily for the entertainment of Services in the Area.

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Copy to:

1. The Supdt, Govt. Museum, Madras.
2. The Commissioner of Police, Madras.
3. The Deputy Commercial Tax Officer, MADRAS.
4. The Sec, Madras Provincial War Committee.
5. The OC. Ind Sta Workshops, Madras
(Tele-conversations today GREEN/WAY refer).

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i/c ADM.

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No. 4415 / 11 / 17.
In. Madras and Area.
Madras. 14. P.O.
31 Jan. 46.

The Deputy Secretary (Conservation)
Education & Public Health
Government of Madras.
Fort St. George.

SUBJECT: USE OF MUSEUM THEATRE.

1. Confirming conversation today with the Director of
the Museum Theatre.

2. Application is hereby made for the loan of the
Museum Theatre for the anticipated performance:-

Monday 4 Feb. 46 (Tamil Drama by personnel of the)
Tuesday 5 " " (Ind. Sta. Workshop, Madras)

Rehearsals	Saturday 3 Mar. 46
" "	Monday 11 " "
" "	Tuesday 12 " "
" "	Wednesday 13 " "
Performances	Thursday 14 " "
" "	Friday 15 " "
" "	Saturday 16 " "

" Roadway Prod-
actions Unit
Madras Revue.

3. All the above are being staged primarily for the
entertainment of services in the Area.

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COL: No ADM.

- Copy to:
1. The Deputy Secy. Govt. Madras.
 2. The Commissioner of Police, Madras.
 3. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Madras.
 4. The Madras Provincial War Committee.
 5. The Ind. Sta. Workshop, Madras.
 6. The O.C. Ind. Sta. Workshop, Madras.
- (Toto-conversations today GREENWAY refer.)

6. 4415 / 11 / 17.

COURTESY: DLS: POST.

OFFICE OF THE
Date: 194 Hours: Minutes: 304.
TELEPHONIC MESSAGE ③
From: S. C. M. To: Dy. Secy. E. P. H.
Subj: - Use of Museum Theatre by the Army Welfare Officer.
Ref: - His letter no. 4415/11 A. 17 d/ 31-1-46 & your T.M. of date.
The following reply will be sent to the Army Welfare Officer on the receipt of Govt. orders for the use of Museum Theatre -
"The Museum Theatre"

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will be reserved on the 4th
and 5th Feb. 1946 for the
Ind Sta Workshops, Madras
and
on the 9th March 1946 & from
11th to 16th Mar '46 for the
musical ~~siddhi~~ R by
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4.2.46.

Education & P.H. Department. (A)
C.No. 6584.

From Col. 1/c Adm. H. Q. Madras Sub Area, No. 4415/II/1/A.17
dated 31-1-46.

Sub: - Museum - Theatre - Performances by military personnel -
Exemption from payment of rent and electric charges -
Sanctioned.

ORDER 235 Edn. dated. 4.2.1946
(Ms.)

Exemption is granted from payment of electric charges
and rent due under rules 2 and 3 of the rules regulating the
use of the theatre in the Govt. Museum Buildings in respect of
the following performances, ~~on the dates into against~~
~~by the personnel of the Ind Sta~~
~~Workshops, Madras and Reedway Productions Unlimited for the~~
~~entertainment of troops. for the entertainment of Service~~
~~personnel.~~

Monday 4th Feb. '46. } Tamil Drama by personnel of the
Tuesday 5th " } Ind Sta Workshops, Madras.

Saturday 9th March '46 }
Monday 11th " }
Tuesday 12th " } Rehearsals.
Wednesday 13th " }

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Thursday 14th March '46.
Friday 15th "
Saturday 16th "

Performances.

Reedway Productions
Unlimited
Musical Revue.

To

Col. 1/c Adm. H. Q. Madras
Sub Area, 14 A.P.O.

The S.G.M. —
The A.G. thro' Finance.

NOTE:-- Please see the T.M. from the S.G.M. on
pp. 3-4 c.f. The draft order above may be sent to

Public (War) and Finance after issue. As the first

performance is to be played today.



(a/c)

Pub (war) / Finance

Pub (war) U.O.

447/46-1

8.2.46



May be passed & passed on to Finance.

Fin.

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may be passed.

11 FEB 1946

The G.O. at pages 1-2 above already issued

It is proposed to allow the use of the
Museum Theatre for four days for holding rehearsals.
It is not clear why the theatre should be given free
of charge for ^{holdings} rehearsals also. They could be
conveniently held in other places. In the interests
of economy, it would seem desirable to restrict the
use of the theatre to actual performance only.

S.P.H. may be requested to examine the
point and issue necessary instructions in the matter.

Fin no. 7802 AA-1

9.2.46

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En 4. p. A. Dept.

Please see Finance note above. In the present case, orders
have been issued on the 4th February '46. The orders followed
the precedents under which the use of Museum theatre was given

(Previous Finance notes on page 3 above.)

The further notes on pages 3-5 above may be read.

The scale of charges for the use of the Museum Theatre is understood to be as follows:-

	Rent.	Electric current.
For each performance.	Rs. 25	0
-do- rehearsal	Rs. 25	0
For Military Half rates.	Rs. 12.50	0

It will be seen from the above that, in the case of rehearsals, a very big concession has already been made by Government by charging only Rs. 3/- as against the normal rent of Rs. 25/-. In the case of Military, only 50% of this amount is levied.

For performances held by the Military, exemption of rent and electric current charges is granted by Government as a special case but it does not seem that the concession should be

be extended also to rehearsals, especially when such rehearsals are held for 4 days and more. The Government have to pay electric current charges and also incur expenditure on the maintenance of the buildings. In the circumstances, this Department may suggest that the usual charges may be levied for rehearsals.

As regards the remarks of the then Deputy Secretary, Edn. & P.H. on page 4 above, it may be stated that in the case of all Indian Dramas, rehearsals are held somewhere else and performances alone are staged at the Theatre. It would seem that the same procedure may well be adopted by the Military in the case of their performances also.

The number of cases in which exemption from payment of rent and electric charges is claimed is increasing and we are losing revenue. This Dept may consider in future whether exemption need not be granted in cases of rehearsals.

File no. 42462 AA-1
6.3.46

For example, for the Sect party rehearsals are held in the Sect itself 15.3.46

This is for the persons concerned to decide, but if they want to have rehearsals in the Theatre, I think they should pay the rate of Rs. 3 + actual electric charges, which is a very concessional charge. I would suggest that the concession of charging 1/2 rate for military should be withdrawn in respect of rehearsals for the future. DWD

E & P. H. Dept (C2)

Please see the remarks of Finance on pp. 6-7 ante.
For orders whether this department may agree with the
views expressed by the Secretary, Finance at M on p. 7 ante.

Public (War) may see for remarks before circulation

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9/3/46

11.3.46

The views of this department have already
been expressed on P4 on p. 2. Public (war)
has agreed with these views. The case may now
be circulated without further remarks from this
department.

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E & P. H. U.O.
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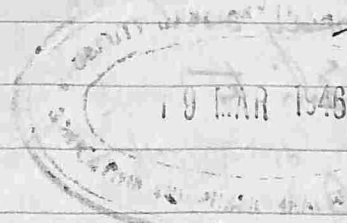
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C2 ⑧ Public (war) Dept 13

The file was last seen in this
dept. at page 5 ante. The further notes of
Fin and E & P. H. at pp. 6-8 ante may be
paused. For order whether this dept may adhere to
the view already expressed. The file may be
returned to E & P. H.

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previous view.

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Public (war) Department adhere to its
previous view at Z on p. 5 ante. The file may
now be circulated.

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12/3/46

Please see the Finance dept
note on pp. 6-7 ante. Under remarks

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the Military should pay half the prescribed rates for the use of the Museum Theatre. But in practice they ~~have~~ are being exempted from payment of rent and electric current charges in respect of ^{top} performances and rehearsals held in the theatre.

Finance Secy has suggested that the concession of charging 1/2 rates for Military shows be withdrawn in respect of ~~the~~ rehearsals for the future and that they should pay the rate of Rs 3 plus electric charges.

E.P.H. agrees to this suggestion. Pub (War), however, consider that the present practice referred to at A above should continue in the case of ~~the~~ rehearsals also. The file may be circulated to A₄ and A₁ for orders.

21.3.46

circulated for orders. 22.3.46 W.S.M. / A₄ / A₁.

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vide G.O. on 31.1.46

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E.P.H.

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I should continue the present concessions to the Military. There may not be many occasions in the future in which the Military will require the Museum Theatre. It is an amenity.

23.3.46

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E.P.H. (C)

The file may now be sent to Finance for perusal of the orders in circulation.

23.3.46

E.P.A. U.O. 111392/46-121 25.3.46

SR 23/3/46 C.A. 23.3.46

Finance

Previously seen in Finance on 6-7-46

The orders in circulation may be perused and the case returned to E.P.H.

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E.P.H. (C)

Fin. 16504 AA-1

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The file may now be closed.

SR 28/3/46

(No fresh orders are necessary)

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