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[Despatch Abstract.]

Technical Education Overseas-1946-47-Selection of candidates for scholarships-Method, Principles etc., followed-Report made to Government of India-Papers recorded.

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No. F-4-9/46-0.D.II
Government of India.
Department of Education.

URGENT

New Delhi, the 21st September, 1946.

From
The Secretary, Selection Board,
Overseas Scholarships,

To
All Provincial Governments.

Subject:- Scholarships for Advanced Studies Overseas,
1946-47-Report of selections.



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Sir,
I am directed to refer to this Department letter No.F.2-3/45-E.IV, dated the 16th June, 1945 and subsequent correspondence and to say that the Selection Board, Overseas Scholarships, 1946-47 propose to issue, as last year, a report on the selection of students for advanced studies overseas. The Board feel that their report will greatly gain in interest and usefulness if it can be a comprehensive review of the selections made in the Provinces as well as at the Centre. I am therefore to request that, if the Provincial Government see no objection, they may let the Board have urgently a brief report on the selections made by them. Information is particularly required on the following points:-

- the method by which applications were invited;
- the number of applications received;
- the general standard of applications;
- the method of selection, with special reference to the standards applied and any special considerations kept in view in judging the suitability of candidates for the different courses of studies;
- any other comments which the Provincial Government may consider as either of special interest or offering useful guidance for the future.

2. As it is proposed to issue the Report as early as possible it is requested that the matter may please be treated as urgent.

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

A. N. Sanyal 11/9
for Secretary, Selection Board,
Overseas Scholarships.

SECRET
L. 15/48.

Chingleput Dt. Collector's
Office, Saidapet.
Dated 30-9-48. 3/

(3)

Dear Dr. Savor,

Please see the enclosed file.
I shall be glad if you will make any
remarks you think necessary and
then send it to Dewan Bahadur
Narayanaswami Pillai asking him
to add his and return it to me.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. S.R.U. Savor, M.A., D.Sc (Lond.)
Bar-at-Law,

Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

DIWAN BAHADUR
T. NARAYANASWAMY PILLAY, M.A., B.L.
MEMBER,
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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THYAGARAYANAGAR P.O.

Madras 12th Oct 1946

Dear Doctor,

Kindly excuse me for the delay.
Herewith I am returning the file. I forgot
all about it; as you know the interviews
we are having have thrown everything else
into the shade and I did not think about it
till this morning.

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Now there is nothing which I wish
to add to what has been said in pages 8 & 9
of Annexure II - Portion marked in Blue
pencil. The Committee may draw attention to
them and say that those are also the observa-
tion of the Committee for this year.

but my best work
Yours sincerely,

T. Narayan

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D.O. Director of Public Instruction,
Madras,
Camp:- Annamalainagar, 15-10-46.

Dear Mr. Bennet, (5)

Scholarships for advanced studies
Overseas - 1946-47 - Report.
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Mr. Narayanaswami Pillai and I
talked over the matter and I left the
file with him. I am returning it here-
with and wish to say that I agree with
him that we proceeded this year exactly
as has been mentioned in pp. 8 and 9,
portion marked in blue pencil of
Annexure II, and that the Committee
may draw attention to those remarks
and say that those are also the observa-
tions of the Committee this year.

Yours sincerely,

SPR Savar

E. Bennet, Esq., ICS.
Collector of Chingleput.

Corr.-7.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.

From

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of selection provincial overseas
Scholarship 1946/47 and please furnish
required information urgently
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Education & Public Health Dept.

The telegram on p1 ante may be forwarded u.o. to the Chairman, Overseas Scholarships Selection Committee, in continuation of this Dept. u.o. no. 54290C2/46-1 dated 24.9.46. The Chairman may be requested to send to this Dept. the report called for in the u.o. note mentioned above, as early as possible.

TMS
12.10.46

Note:- As was done last year, particulars available in this Dept regarding 1946-47 selection were furnished and by this Dept and the Committee asked to supplement them with other particulars which they alone could give. On receipt of report from Committee, a consolidated report will be sent to the Govt of India.

TMS

⑦
No. 54290C2/46-2 dt 14/10/46

Dear Mr. Bennett
Overseas' Scholarships - 1946-47 -
Method etc. of Selection of
Candidates - Report on.

Sent in origl.

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To
E. Bennett Esq, ICS,
Selection
(Chairman
Committee Overseas
Scholarships),
Collector of Chingleput,
Saidapet.

Would you please refer to
this Dept. u.o. no. 54290C2/46-1
dated 24.9.46 on the subject mentioned
above? The Govt. of India have
asked for the report urgently.
I am therefore to request you
to be good enough to ^{to this Dept} send the Selection
Committee's remarks as early as
possible.

TMS
14/10/46

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Note:-

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Note:- With reference to the L. G. Indir's letter asking for a report on the selection of Candidates for the award of overseas Scholarships (1946-47), particulars available in this Dept were furnished and the Selection Committee asked to supplement them with their remarks. On receipt of a reply from the Selection Committee, a consolidated report will be sent to the L. G. Indir as was done last year.

TJB
14/10/46

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Chingleput Dt. Collector's (camp) Uttiramerur.
D.O. Dated 17-10-46.

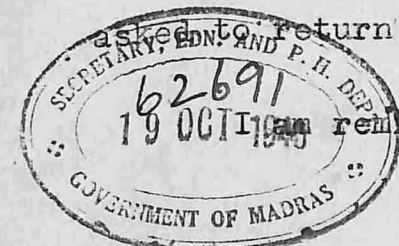
My Dear Subramanian,

Sub:-Overseas' scholarships 1946-1947 - method etc. of selection of candidates - report.

Ref:-Your D.O. 54290C/46-2 dated 14-10-46.

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I sent this to Dr. Savor with a request to send it to Narayanaswami Pillai, who was to be asked to return it direct to me.



reminding them.
Yours sincerely,
To

M.V. Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health
Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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E.P. H (2)

Please see the
Chairman's letter on
p 5 ante. The Selection
Committee's report maybe
awaited till 25-10-46.

TNS
19.10.46



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B. I. Cable

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EP.H (2)

Please see the Do. from Mr. Bennett on p. 5 ante. The Asst. Secy. rang up Sri Narayanabhatta Pillai who stated that the papers have been given to him and referred to Dr. Sankar. Whom, he said, he would remind over the phone today.

TMS
19.10.46

The report may be awaited till 22.10.46. For orders whether an interim reply to the Govt of India, as in draft telegram, below on p 10 infra may be sent.

19/10/46 S by [signature]

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Telegram

Edmund
New Delhi

Your F-4/9/46 O.D. 11 eleventh
September regarding report on
Selection Overseas Scholarships 1946-47
~~Stop~~ Stop Report will be sent
in ~~an earlier time~~ by next week

TMS
19.10.46

OK
4/10/46 Edhealth

by
R.M.

OK
10/10/46

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Chingleput Dt. Collector's
Camp - Uttiramerur.
Dated 18-10-46.

My Dear Subramanian,

Sub:--Overseas' Scholarships -
1946-47 - Method etc. of
selection of candidates -
Report - Submitted.

I have consulted the other
members of the Selection Committee
and I attach their remarks. I
agree with them and have nothing so
to add. I return the whole file.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

To
M.V. Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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To
The Secretary, Selection Board,
Overseas Scholarships,
Govt of India, Edn. Dept.,
New Delhi (with encls)

And

With reference to your letter No. F-
4/9/46 OD II dated the 11th Sept. 1946,
I am directed to forward the appended
report on the points raised. I am to
enclose also a copy of the advertisement
which ~~has~~^{was} sent out in this apphs.
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(P.T.O.)

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Appendix

Here enter ① pp 3-4 n.f.,

② position ~~and~~ ~~side lined~~ in blue pencil on pages 8-10 n.f.

③ Statements on pages 5-6 n.f.

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21/10/46

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E.P.H.(C2).

From the Secretary, Selection Board, Overseas Scholarships, New Delhi, dated 11-9-46, No.F.4/9/46/ODII

Overseas scholarships - 1946-47 -
Selection of students - Report on.

The Central Overseas Scholarships Selection Board want a report from this Govt. regarding the method, principles etc. followed in selecting the candidates for the award of overseas scholarships for 1946-47. In regard to the selections for the scholarships for 1945-46, the Government sent a report in July 1945.

The Central Board require information on five points. Regarding points (a), (b) and (c) mentioned in the Board's letter, complete information is available in this Department. As for point (d), information can be furnished from here upto the stage of preliminary selections of candidates; but as regards the interview itself and the final selections, the ^{Prat. Selection} Committee alone can give information. Point (e) is entirely for the Committee. With reference to "A" above,

the particulars available from the records here are given separately as annexure I to this note. The Provincial Selection Committee may be requested u.o. to offer their comments on points (d) and (e) of the Board's letter and also to supplement, if necessary, the particulars on points (d) and (e) given in the annexure I. A copy of last year's report ~~xxxxxxx~~ may also be sent to the Committee for their information. (Annexure II)

Unlike last year, more than five months have elapsed since the Provincial Selection Committee interviewed the candidates and made their final ~~selection~~ recommendations: and unless the Committee's observations have been recorded, the Committee will perhaps have to offer their comments from memory.

Mr. E Bennett,
Chairman of the
Committee is
now collecting
Chungling.

E.P.H. n.o.
No 54290C2/46-1 Edu.
24. 9. 46.

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20.9.46

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BM 20.9.46
Chairman (Selection)
(Mr. Bennett (2.45))
h.o.

Please see the notes on page
n.o. note on p 1 ante sent to the
Chairman Overseas Scholarships Selection
Committee and his reply on p 19 CF.

A draft letter to the Govt. of India
is subd. for appl. the report is subd 3-6 in p 19

TMB
21/10/46

25/10/46

OSM
21/10/46 S. H. M. M. M.

HM (Pm.)

TSA
27-10-46

Issued as letter no. 54290 C/46 - 3 Edn dt 28-10-46

The papers may be

G.O. 2353 Edn dt. 10.12.46.

Recorded.

TMB
15-XI-46

OSM
17/11/46

Abstract

Technical Education
Overseas - 1946-47 -
Selection of Candi-
dates for Scholarships
Method, Principles etc.
followed - Report
made to Govt. of India
Papers recorded.

ANNEXURE I.

(14)

(a) Method by which applications were invited:

Applications were invited by means of public
advertisement which embodied the terms contained in the
Government of India's brochure entitled "Information
for students desiring to proceed overseas for advanced
studies in 1946-47", with suitable modifications.

The advertisement laid down, inter alia that applications
from States subjects or candidates belonging to other
provinces or from Government servants would not be
considered and that applications of evacuee students from
enemy occupied countries would be considered only if they
had not lost British Indian nationality and had a con-
nection with the Madras Province. (The reason ~~for~~
for excluding Government servants from the scheme of
advertisement was indicated in my letter no. 57393C/45-6
dated 29.1.1946, a copy of which is enclosed for
ready reference.)

(b) Number of applications received: 500 applications

were received and of these, 71 applications were rejected
for failure to comply with one or more of the requirements
specified in the advertisement. (It may be mentioned
here that 4 of the total applications received were from
War Service personnel.)

(c) General standard of applications: The

general standard of the candidates who were qualified
and whose applications fulfilled the terms of the
advertisement, is indicated by the following particulars:

Candidates possessing First class degrees or diplomas.	235x 194
Others	235 429

(a). Method of selection, with special reference to the standards applied and any special considerations kept in view in judging the suitability of candidates for the different courses of studies, and

(e) any other comments:-

A special committee was appointed to assist Govt. in the selection of suitable candidates for the scholarships. The Committee consisted of (1) a member of the Board of Revenue (in charge of postwar reconstruction) (2) a member of the Madras Public Service Commission and (3) the Director of Public Instruction.

The Committee was instructed to follow the principle laid down by the Government of India in para 12 of their brochure, that there should be adequate representation of minority communities, provided suitable candidates were forthcoming. In regard to the group of subjects connected with industries, it was also instructed to see that, as far as possible, adequate representation was given to each of the linguistic areas of the Province. The Committee made a preliminary selection for the purposes of interview. Among the Brahmin applicants, only those who possessed first class degrees or equivalent qualification in the subjects concerned were selected for interview. Allowance, however, was made for specialities in respect of which there were small number of applicants with first class qualifications and in cases where field experience and research after taking a second class degree might be assessed higher than a mere first class. On this basis, 112 Brahmins were not called up for interview. As regards other communities, all those who were prima facie qualified, were summoned for interview, irrespective of the class of degree possessed by them. Thus 317 candidates were interviewed.

I am to invite reference to the latter part of paragraph (d) and to paragraph (e) of the appendix to my letter No. 2855C3 Edn., dated 26-7-45 forwarding a report on the last year's selections and to say that those are the observations of the Committee for 1946-47 also. The attached tabulated statements may be of interest.

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Please see 7-19 CF
U/11-12 CF

pp 5-6 upm

1946-47 Scholarships

(15)

Statement I

No. of Candidates called for interview: 317
No. Selected: 104

Statement II

Communal composition of candidates in the 'Selected' and in the 'not selected' categories.

	Selected	Not selected	Total
Brahmins	49	106	155
Non Brahmins	32	68	100
Muslims	5	6	11
Indian Christians	7	12	19
Scheduled Classes	nil	2	2
Backward Classes	10	18	28
Parsees	1	1	2
	104	213	317

Statement III

Distribution of candidates in the selected and in the not selected categories according to linguistic areas: - (Linguistic considerations were given only with reference to respect of subjects included in appx. II of admt.)

Total No. of Candidates: - 252
for subjects under appx II

	Selected	Not selected	Total
Tamil	21	65	86
Telugu	26	57	83
Kannada	3	12	15
Malayalam	8	27	35
Madras (Common to all languages)	10	23	33
	68	184	252

Statement IV

Distribution of candidates in the selected and in the not selected categories according to the nature of degrees held by them:-

	Candidates possessing 1st class degrees or diplomas.		Others		Total
	Selected	Not Selected	Selected	Not Selected	
					155
Brahmins	44	93	5	13	100
Non Brahmins	18	21	14	47	11
Muslims	1	2	4	4	19
Indian Christians	5	-	3	11	28
Backward Classes	6	3	4	15	2
Schedule classes	-	-	-	2	2
Anglo Parsees	1	-	-	1	
	75	119	30	93	317

TMB
20.9.46

MM
21/9/46

Annexure II 16

Letter to the Secretary, Selection Board, Overseas Students Department of Education, Health and Lands, (Govt. of India), Simla, No 28553C.3. Edn, dated 26.7.45.

Technical Education-Sending students to other countries for higher studies.

With reference to your letter F.2-3/45 E. IV. of the 16th June, 1945, I am directed to forward the appended report on the points raised. I am to enclose also -

- (1) a copy of the advertisement which had been put out inviting applications, and
- (2) a list of the qualifications with reference to which applications for subjects included in Appendix II to the advertisement in question were considered.

Appendix.

- (a) Method by which applications were invited. -

Applications were invited by means of public advertisement which embodied the terms contained in the Govt. of India's brochure entitled "Information for Students desiring to proceed overseas for advanced studies (1945). with suitable modifications. The advertisement laid down, inter alia, that applications from States subjects or candidates belonging to other Provinces or from Government servants would not be considered and that applications of evacuee students from enemy occupied countries would be considered only if they had not lost British Indian nationality and had a connection with the Madras Province. [The reason for excluding Govt. servants from the scheme of advertisement was indicated in my letter No. 8849-C/45-3 Edn, dated 31-3-1945, a copy of which is enclosed for ready reference.]

- (b) Number of applications received. [873] applications were received and of these, [303] applications were rejected for failure to comply with one or more of the requirements specified in the advertisement.

- (c) General standard of applications. The general standard of the remaining candidates who were qualified and whose applications fulfilled the terms of the advertisement, is indicated by the following particulars: -

Candidates possessing a 1 Class degree or diploma

others.

Total. $\frac{203.}{370.}$

(d) Method of selection, with special reference to the standards applied and any special considerations kept in view of judging the suitability of candidates for the different courses of studies.

The Committee was instructed to follow the principle laid down by the Govt. of India in para 2 of their brochure, that there should be adequate representation of minority communities, provided suitable candidates are forthcoming. In regard to the group of subjects connected with industries, it was also instructed to see that, as far as possible, adequate representation was given to each of the linguistic areas of the Province. The Committee made a preliminary selection for the purposes of interview, which while designed to have these special instructions implemented and to have an adequate representation for all communities, was also designed to exclude persons with inferior academic qualifications. Subsequently, however, about ^{50?} persons of that type were also interviewed in order to secure a more balanced communal representation among the candidates called up for interview. Including this number 290 candidates were summoned for interview of whom all except 13 actually presented themselves and were interviewed. At the interviews and in the making of the final selection, the main points that the Committee kept in mind differed substantially, according to the class of vacancy that was under consideration. The Committee considered especially in the case of Engineering qualifications, that if any candidate had taken a good degree and had there- after applied himself to his life's work, even for a short time, and had reached a maturity of judgment by which his views on specialisation were clear, such a candidate was obviously the most suitable man to be sent on the special course of training, as he knew, from experience, for which particular branch of his subject he was most fitted and knew exactly what he proposed to look for by way of special training when he reached the U.S.A. or Great Britain. As regards Physics and Chemistry and their application, on the other hand, the Committee was of the view that a man

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with good academic qualifications, particularly in research, who during the interview showed a marked preference for and knowledge of a particular applied subject, was often the best choice even though he might be young in years. As regards the interview itself, the Committee while paying special attention to the points mentioned above, laid some emphasis on a candidate's bearing and ability to discuss the subject before the Committee. Lastly, of the general points observed, the Committee paid special attention to what the candidate proposes to do in his future career when he returns to India after his training i.e., whether he aims at a strictly teaching line, or at setting up in business of his own, or at seeking private employment in some industrial capacity.

(e) Other ~~General~~ comments which the Government consider as of special interest or offering useful guidance for the future. The Committee generally found the subjects given in the advertisement well-selected and the qualifications laid down appropriate for the purpose. It noticed that there was rather a ~~said~~ proportion of young men who had taken Honours degrees a year or two before the Committee's interview but had made no effort at all to plant themselves in positions where the knowledge gained could profitably be used and who, it was obvious, looked on this scheme of scholarships merely as a means of filling in a couple of years on Government's stipends. On the other hand the Committee also noticed that, there was a small but very commendable proportion of young men between the ages of 25 and 30 who had settled down to specialisation and to salaried posts as soon as possible after qualifying and who showed the utmost keenness in their specialisation: they had read up all available literature on possible places of training abroad and knew exactly what they wanted by way of specialised study in the U.S.A. or Great Britain; and the Committee felt that in the case of such men the proffered training will

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will be of the utmost benefit to them and to the country.

The attached tabulated statement may be of
interest.

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