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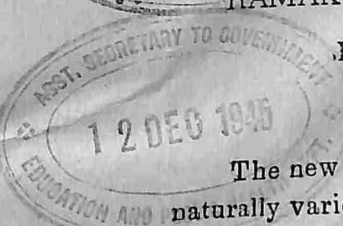
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[Despatch Abstract.]

Grant - Buildings - Ramakrishna Mission
High School, Thyagarayanagar - Payment of
balance of grant towards the cost of buildings
already constructed - Payment - Ordered

1915	EDM	9.12.41.
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RAMAKRISHNA MISSION HIGH SCHOOL, THYAGARAYANAGAR

FINANCIAL CRISIS AND HELP NEEDED TO TIDE OVER IT.

NOTE

The new suburb of Thyagarayanagar, as soon as it came into existence, needed naturally various amenities; and, at the importunity of the residents of the locality, the Ramakrishna Mission stepped in to provide educational facilities for their children.

In 1932, they opened a mixed school (Lower Secondary) for boys and girls with a strength of about 300. The strength of the school rose very rapidly from year to year, necessitating the opening of branch schools and the institution of separate boys and girls schools. The combined strength of all the schools now stands at more than 5,000. To begin with, the Schools were housed in temporary sheds and with the increase in strength every year these sheds had to be added to, with the result that the Mission had to spend more than Rs. 30,000 on them without earning any grant from Government in respect of them. The need for a permanent habitation for the main School for boys became very pressing in 1937; and plans and estimates amounting to Rs. 1,01,862 were submitted to the Department for approval and for admission to the usual half grant on them. His Excellency the Governor had graciously consented to lay the foundation stone of the building and the function was fixed for the 22nd February, 1937. The scrutiny of the estimates by the P. W. D. could not, owing to various reasons, be completed before that date. However, estimates, as far as they had been scrutinized by the P. W. D. by that time, were sanctioned—G. O. No. 246 Education, dated 4-2-37. In the statement read by me on the occasion, I said "the Government have been gracious enough to sanction a half grant of Rs. 38,760 on the portions of the estimates amounting to Rs. 77,523, so far approved in detail. The rest of the estimates composed of minor items is still under the consideration of the Department" Some other items of the original estimates, amounting to Rs. 10,134 which had subsequently been scrutinised, were also admitted to aid and in G. O. No. 1352. Education, dated 22-6-37, a total estimate for Rs. 87, 657 was approved and a half grant of Rs. 43,828 was sanctioned on it.

It might be of interest to know at this stage what His Excellency Lord Erskine had thought of this part of the Mission's activity. In the course of his remarks, after laying the foundation-stone, His Excellency stated "..... I am sure that housed in these new buildings, it (the school) will prove an even more valuable asset to the City of Madras than it is now, and a worthy addition to the ranks of educational institutions, which are the pride of this Presidency.

"And this, I think, is only to be expected of a venture which has for its promoters the Ramakrishna Mission. For it seems to be a fact that any undertaking to which the Mission sets its hand forthwith flourishes exceedingly..... I am glad to know that my Government have been able to help the Mission with considerable grants, both capital and recurring. They have on numerous occasions borne testimony to the value of the Mission's worth and I am happy to be here to-day to add my personal tribute: I hope that these new buildings will be speedily completed....."

When the rest of the estimates became ripe for sanction, further abnormal increase in strength in the School necessitated provision of additional class-rooms. A supplemental estimate amounting to Rs. 47,800 was accordingly submitted to the Department. Just then, a change of policy had been introduced by Government, putting a ban on grants for new building schemes relating to secondary schools. Unfortunately, the ban was made to

operate in the case of this School also, though the Scheme had already been included in the list of approved works and had been initiated and put in operation at a time when there was no ban, and though the Management had been counting upon a half grant for the entire scheme and a portion of it had actually earned the half grant. The ban was made operative on all subsequent revisions of estimate, in spite of the fact that such revisions were legitimate, and essential and had been approved by the P. W. D. Government Memorandum No. 6067, dated 14-3-39 stated that the grant for this scheme should be subject to the maximum limit of Rs. 43,828 laid down in G. O. 1352 Edn. dated 22-6-37. Representations were made both orally and by correspondence to the Director and the Government about the great hardship caused to the Management on account of the retrospective effect given to the new policy. Sir George Boag and Sir Thomas Rutherford were kind enough to inspect the buildings on my personal representations to them. The latter had been first under the impression that the School served only the richer and well-to-do classes, that this building scheme was dealt with out of its order in the list of schemes for grants and that we had jumped upon Government with this scheme when their resources were limited. I had to explain to him how the provision of educational amenities for a new suburb was imperative as evidenced by the rush for admission and the phenomenal increase in the strength every year. I also convinced him with reference to the annual returns furnished to the Department that 88% of the pupils belonged to the poorer and middle classes and that there was only a sprinkling of rich pupils. After a personal discussion for over an hour and a half, Sir Thomas Rutherford told me that "if we could wait for some years, it might bring us nearer the realisation we desired". I assured Sir Thomas that we were quite ready to do so. He finally advised me to settle the matter with the Educational Adviser, Sir Thomas Austin. I then submitted an appeal to Sir Thomas Austin with my letter, dated 16th April 1941, sending him also a detailed note containing the main points that were discussed with Sir Thomas Rutherford regarding the question of grant for the School. Unfortunately I did not succeed in persuading the Government to reconsider their order. (Government Memorandum No. 14397-B/41 Edn., dated 1-7-1941). The result was that as against a total sum of Rs. 1,67,170 spent on the building, the Management received a grant of only Rs. 43,828 or about 25% of the total cost, the usual grant being 50%. We reconciled ourselves, with great difficulty to the situation, hoping that when conditions improved, we might, if necessary, appeal to the generosity of Government. As shown below, the financial situation of the school has since most definitely and irretrievably worsened and we are now driven to the necessity of renewing the appeal.

The outlay needed for meeting the Management's half share of the cost of the scheme was itself beyond the means of the Mission, which has no fund or resources to be utilised for any general purpose. Contributions received by them are earmarked for particular purposes by the donors, and diversion of such funds is, therefore, impossible. The Mission have been sedulously maintaining this principle and cannot go back upon it without violating the wishes of the donors and committing a breach of trust. The goodwill of the Mission is its only asset, and its institutions are run with the aid of public benevolence and Government help. Thus, the only source open to the Mission to meet the cost was to raise it either by debentures or loan. The Mission preferred, with the approval of the Governing Body, to utilise the endowment funds of the Orphanage, the Ramakrishna Students' Home, Mylapore, for this purpose, with the specific stipulation of the fee income of the School, which was its only resource. The total loan raised for this purpose was Rs. 1,23,342. The repayment made up to date from fee income is Rs. 52,470 and there is a balance of Rs. 70,872 yet to be repaid to the Orphanage.

Developments have occurred in recent years, making this arrangement impossible of being carried out. Owing to unceasing agitation for the increase of pay of teachers, the scale of pay, which was adopted for the School at the start and which made the

repayments of loan possible had had to be revised on three recent occasions. Over and above this, came the payment of Dearness Allowance. The School has been paying it at only about one half of the rate sanctioned to Government servants; even this is appropriating a large slice of its income. These factors have affected seriously the financial position of the School. Not only are repayments of loan now impossible, but also a deficit in the actual working of the School has to be faced. An impasse has thus been reached. The Management are unable to fulfil the solemn undertaking given by them for the repayment of the loan to the Orphanage, which depends on the meagre endowment, which it has built up strenuously and slowly over a period of 40 years. Had the Government made the usual half grant, the portion of the loan, at least to the extent of Rs. 40,000, would have been cleared. The Mission have stepped in to supply a real public want by the establishment of the School. They have always been in the forefront in the service of humanity which is their chief aim; and this particular institution afforded them a coveted opportunity to serve the youth.

In the circumstances, the Management throw themselves at the mercy of the Government and implore them to come to their rescue and ease them of the distressing effect of a heavy loan, which they now find impossible to liquidate. At one stage it was suggested to us by the Department that we might raise public subscriptions for the repayment of the balance of the loan, without utilising the fee income for the purpose. The Mission, which had depended mainly on public benefaction for the maintenance of its institutions, would never have let lose such an opportunity, if it were at all feasible in this case. Still, they tried their very best, but were unsuccessful. Day Schools rarely appeal in these days to public generosity, especially when it is made by this Mission which has to be continuously and simultaneously begging for an Orphanage, a Widow's Home, Charitable Dispensaries and the like. More than all, an appeal for aid to discharge a loan already incurred can hardly succeed. Thus the Management feel stranded. They have no funds, they cannot raise contributions, they cannot utilise the fee income; and in consequence their sacred obligation to the Orphanage to restore to it its funds, which is vital for its existence, remains undischarged.

We are aware that the ban still continues in operation; but in the special circumstances of this case, we fervently pray to the benign Government to extend a helping hand to a struggling institution by sanctioning at least the balance of grant which the School would have ordinarily earned on the total cost of the building, viz. Rs. 39,757 as under:

Total cost of the buildings	Rs. 1,67,170.
Half grant eligible	Rs. 83,585.
Grant already disbursed	Rs. 43,828.
Balance now prayed for	Rs. 39,757.

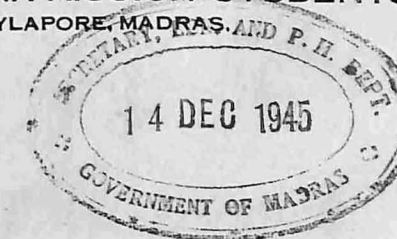
This will still leave us with a debt of Rs. 31,125, a burden sufficiently oppressive for an important institution in financial difficulties.

Ganapathy
Secretary. 12-12-45

SRI RAMAKRISHNA MISSION, MADRAS.

THE RAMAKRISHNA MISSION STUDENTS' HOME,
MYLAPORE, MADRAS AND P. H. DEPT.

RAO BAHADUR C. RAMANUJACHARI,
SECRETARY.



13th Dec. 1945.

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My dear Mr. Subramaniam,

As mentioned to you yesterday, I am sending herewith a copy of a letter I have addressed to the Director of Public Instruction in respect of his proposal to increase further the scale of salaries of teachers of the Ramakrishna Mission High School at Theyagarayana-gar (for boys). The letter will clearly indicate how precarious our financial position is and how it will be impossible for us to discharge our obligations to repay the debt incurred in connection with the building for the School.

I sincerely trust that the Govt. will sympathise with us, realise our difficulties and come to our aid. I am only asking for what could have been a legitimate ~~in-kind~~ held to aided schools. It is unfortunate that our building scheme was treated under the old rules to half the extent and under the new rules in respect of the remaining portion; and this is probably a unique case. I am not asking for aid as a matter of course but on account of the present financial difficulty we are placed in.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

M. V. Subramaniam Esq.,
I.C.S.
Secretary to Govt.,
(Educational Dept.)
Fort St. George.



THE RAMAKRISHNA MISSION STUDENTS' HOME
MYLAFORE, MADRAS
10.12.1945

From
Rao Sahab S. Krishna Iyer
Correspondent,
Ramakrishna Mission High School
Thyagaravanagar, Madras.

To
The Director of Public
Instruction,
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Through the District Educational Officer, Madras.

Sir,

Sri Ramakrishna Mission High School, Thyagarava-
nagar - Staff - Pay - Revision - Proceedings of the
Director of Public Instruction R.O.C. No. 776B/45
dated 19-7-45 and Endorsement of the District
Educational Officer, R.O.C. No. 7-18 pdl/44 dated
10-8-45

In the Director's proceedings quoted above the management of
this school is asked

- (1) to introduce certain scales of pay for teachers in the
school, and
- (2) to address him every year for the utilisation of the excess
fee collections and other surplus amounts for the dis-
charge of the management's liabilities.

The instruction in (2) above has been noted and will be
followed in future.

2. As regards the revision of pay, in the first place, the
management desires to state that the pay of teachers in the
school was revised only last year and the revised scales were
further modified, later in that year, in accordance with certain
suggestions made by the District Educational Officer in the course
of an interview which the management had with him in November 1944.
The scales now in force in the school are shown in the following
statement. For purposes of comparison the scales proposed in the
Director's proceedings are also shown in the statement:--

	Scales in force.	Average	Scales proposed by the D.P.I.	Average.
	Rs.		Rs.	
Headmaster	150-10-200	183.3	150-10-200	183.3
<u>L.T. Assistants</u>				
Selection Grade	80-6-140	116.7	130-15/2-190	167.3
Ordinary	60-4-100) -5-120)	94.0	70-9/2-115) -10/2-125)	101.8
<u>Secondary Grade:</u>				
Intermediate	40-2 1/2-65	55.3	40-2 1/2-65	55.3
S.S.L.Cs.	35-2-55-2 1/2-65	52.0	35-2-55-2 1/2-65	52.0
<u>Pandits:</u>				
Senior	40-2 1/2-65	55.3	40-2 1/2-65	55.3
Junior	35-2-55-2 1/2-65	52.0	40-2 1/2-65	55.3
Instructors:	40-2 1/2-65	55.3	40-2 1/2-65	55.3

*(In the D.E.O's endorsement the scale is shown as 35-2-50-2 1/2-65
The figure '50' is apparently a clerical mistake and should be
altered to '55')

It will be seen that the proposed scales are practically the
same as those already adopted by the management except in the case

of L.T's. In regard to the latter a further increase in pay is proposed by the Director. The management would be most glad to make this further increase if the means at its disposal enable it to do so. This, however, is not the case as is explained below.

3. Taking into account the increase in salaries already effected, the Financial position of the School for the current year is as shown below:

Receipts	Rs.	Charges	Rs.
Estimated fee income based on the actuals for the first term	97,000/-	Teachers' salaries	69,000/-
Govt. Grant	7,000/-	Clerks & Servants	9,000/-
		Provident Fund	2,200/-
		Dearness Allowance	9,600/-
		Rates & Taxes	1,400/-
		Repairs & Upkeep	1,700/-
		Interest on Loan	3,200/-
		Reconstruction of Sheds	4,500/-
		Furniture	1,000/-
		Contingencies	2,300/-
	1,04,000/-		1,03,900/-

It will be seen that the income just covers the expenditure and that there is no margin for the repayment of even a small portion of the balance of the loan taken for the construction of the school building, though there is an indissoluble obligation on the part of the management to repay it in instalments every year from the school income.

It will also be clear that with the existing income, it will not be possible to undertake any further expenditure. The increments in the revised scales already introduced involve a progressive additional expenditure of Rs.3,800/- a year. To meet this additional expenditure, there must be a corresponding increase in income. The School now admits the maximum number of pupils for whom accommodation is available. It is not therefore possible to admit more pupils and thereby raise the fee income. Nor does the management consider it desirable to make any appreciable increase in the rate of fees, having regard to the fact that the school caters mostly to the lower middle classes. Any increase in teaching grant which the school may become eligible for will, at the most, cover only a moiety of the additional expenditure.

In the case of time scales of pay, the ultimate cost is calculated with reference to average pay worked out in accordance with the prescribed formula. On this basis, the ultimate expenditure on teachers' salary on account of the revised scales already introduced is Rs.68,000/- or Rs.19,000/- more than the expenditure now incurred. The management will have to face this huge deficit in the coming years. Though it was entirely beyond the capacity of the management to undertake such a heavy liability, still in its anxiety to improve the pay of teachers, the management gave effect to the revision in the hope that the amount now spent on dearness allowance would be released when normal conditions were restored and that the school would earn more grant in the future.

4. The further revision now proposed by the Director will, it is calculated, raise the deficit by another Rs.5,600/- a year. The management fears that the Department has not been correctly informed in regard to the financial position of the school when the orders now in question were issued. Perhaps, the figures shown under the head 'Repayment of loan' in the annual financial statement submitted to the Department were taken as the 'surplus' for the year. This, however, is not so.



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MYLAPORE, MADRAS.

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These figures are made up of two items:

(1) Government grant received for the buildings etc. (This is shown on the receipts side of the financial statement as 'Grant' and on the expenditure side as 'Refund of loan')

& (2) Amount paid from School income.

The following statement which gives the figures for the last three years will make the position clear:

	Refund of Loan.	Portion met from Govt. grant.	Balance met from School income.
1942-43	14,548/-	4,500/-	10,048/-
1943-44	5,932/-	--	5,932/-
1944-45	22,303/-	9,506/-	12,797/-

The saving of about 10,000/- which accrued in previous years and which was utilised for the instalment repayment of the loan taken for the school building has now disappeared on account of the large increase in expenditure consequent on the revision introduced last year and on the payment of Dearness allowance. The management has therefore no surplus which could be made available for meeting further increases in expenditure for the salaries of teachers.

5. Incidentally, the management would like to place the following considerations before the Director.

- (i) The scales of pay now in force in the school do not compare unfavourably with the scales obtaining in other high schools under private management in the city.
- (ii) The selection grade scale of pay suggested for L.Ts. viz. Rs.130-152-190, is perhaps intended for teachers who have to shoulder special responsibility as for instance, assistant Headmaster or headmasters of Branch Schools. Our Branch schools are still middle schools. When they are developed by the opening of higher forms, the question of introducing special scales of pay for the Headmasters may, it is submitted, be taken up.
- (iii) Even as regards the ordinary scale of pay for L.Ts. it will be seen that the increments proposed are biennial while the teachers of other grades are eligible for annual increments. The management fears that the adoption of a system of biennial increments every year will give rise to discontent, notwithstanding the fact that a higher maximum and minimum are proposed for L.Ts. In fact, the scales in force in the school in the earlier stages provided only for biennial increments. This was changed to one of annual increments just to satisfy teachers. It will be a retrograde step if the system is again changed now for one class of teachers in the School.

6. It should also be mentioned here that the management has still several obligations to discharge which will entail much additional expenditure. The Department has been insisting on provision being made for manual training. For want of accommodation and

equipment it has not so far been possible to do anything in this direction. To this, will now be added the greater difficulty of want of funds. Again, the necessity for providing additional furniture and equipment for the main school and better accommodation and equipment for the branch schools has been stressed in the annual reports of the Departmental officers on the school. With the revised scales of pay already introduced the management will be hard put to find funds for the improvements referred to above. To add to these difficulties, there is also the burden of the loan taken ~~for~~ for the school building which the management is under obligation to repay in annual instalments. It will not be out of place to refer to the fact that the new policy of denying building grants to aided secondary schools for boys was brought into operation while the school building was under construction and that in consequence the school had to go with only a quarter grant instead of the usual half grant. Had it not been for this the present liability of the institution would have been only half of what it is now. The factor obviously deserves to be taken into serious and sympathetic consideration in dealing with the present question.

7. In the circumstances the management would respectfully request the Director to kindly reconsider his orders regarding the further revision of pay of teachers proposed and allow the management to adjust its expenditure with reference to its income.

The delay in sending this letter is regretted. It was due to the fact that the management sought more than one interview with the D.E.O., Madras, in order to explain its difficulties in person and get his advice.

S. KRISHNA AIYAR
CORRESPONDENT.

C.No. 56566-B/45.

D.O.No. 56566-B/45-2 Education, dated 31/1/46

Dear Dr. Savoor,

Sub: GRANT- Building - Ramakrishna Mission High School, Thyagarayanagar - Request for payment of balance of grant towards the cost of buildings already constructed - Reconsideration of orders.

Ref: Government Memo No. 56566-B/45-1 Edn., dated the 14th December 1945.

I am to request you to submit your reply to the Government Memo cited above immediately.

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Yours sincerely,

To
Dr. S.R.U. Savoor,
M.A., D.S.C., I.E.S.,
D.P.I., Madras.

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From the Secy. to Government, Madras.

31/12/45

Memo No. 56566-B/45-1 Edn. dated 14/12/45.

Copy of the Memo from the Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna Mission High School, Thyagarayanagar, cited above, forwarded to the D.P.I. for necessary action. It is requested to furnish a copy of the Memo.

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RAO BAHADUR C. RAMANUJACHARI,
SECRETARY.

THE RAMAKRISHNA MISSION STUDENTS' HOME,
MYLAPORE, MADRAS.



31st January 1946

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I feel somewhat concerned that my application for balance of grant towards the construction of the Mission High School Buildings at Tyagarayanagar, which I personally handed over to you on the 12th December last, should be disposed of by you before you hand over charge.

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Pray forgive me for troubling you.

With my best regards,

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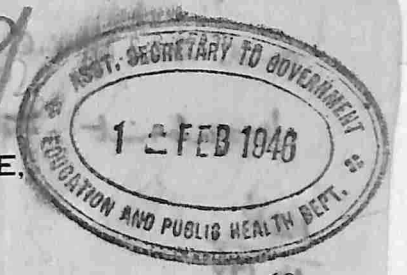
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The application for grant has been referred to the D.P.S.

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and his reply is awaited - He has been requested
to submit the reply to the reference immediately

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Subject.

GRANT --- BUILDING --- RAMAKRISHNA MISSION HIGH SCHOOL, THYAGARAYA-
NAGAR --- Request for payment of balance of grant towards the cost
of buildings already constructed --- Reconsideration of orders.

ENCLOSURES.

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Re.No. 1407 D/45

Station MADRAS, Dated the 4th February, 19 46.

From (Name) S.R.U. Savor M.A., D.Sc.(Lond.) I.E.S.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH Department.

Sir,

Ref: Government Memo. No.56566 B/45-1 dated 14.12.1945.

I have the honour to resubmit herewith a copy of
Government Memorandum No.14397 B/41-1 Education dated 1st
July 1941 together with the enclosure thereto and to state
as follows: --

2. The papers relate to the building grants to the
Ramakrishna Mission in respect of the site and buildings
of the Sri Ramakrishna Mission High School, Tyagarayanagar.

3. The Correspondent submitted in July 1935 his first
programme for housing permanently the school which had been
started a few years previously and, on the recommendation
of the Director of Public Instruction, Government in G.O.
No.Mis. 246 dated 4.2.1937

(1) included the scheme in the list of approved works
maintained under G.O.No.572 Law (Education) dated 10.5.1922

(ii) sanctioned a half part of Rs.38,760/- on a part of
of the scheme, and

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(iii) informed the Director that the receipt of the other portions of the scheme was awaited.

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In G.O.No.Mis. 1352 Education & Public Health dated 22.6.1937, Government, taking into consideration some more parts of the scheme

(i) raised the grant to Rs.43,828/- on works estimated to cost Rs.87657/- and

(ii) informed the Director that the other portion of the scheme for which grants were admissible was awaited.

4. The work was accordingly started and as the need arose for additions and alterations, the estimates rose and Government were approached by the Correspondent for an increase in the grant. Government in their Memo.No.3865-B/40 -1 Education dated 23rd February 1940, Government stated that the Government were unable to comply with the management's request.

5. The very next month (March 1940) a new situation arose. The management had put up a number of thatched sheds for holding classes but the corporation ordered that these should be removed immediately and that if the management failed to do so, it would itself take action. On this the management appealed to the Director for help to put up additional accommodation. The then Director realising the gravity of the situation, immediately visited the school himself and decided that Government should be addressed for a grant, treating the new constructions as a new scheme altogether. In view presumably of the urgency and the utter necessities of the situation, he assured the Correspondent on the 6th idem that after the sanction of the plans and estimates by the Consulting Architect he would arrange for "placing the scheme on the approved list." -- a step but for which there would have been a great deal of regrettable dislocation of school organisation in this part of the city.

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(unavailable)
Accordingly a new scheme costing Rs.48,700/- was submitted to Government in this Office letter No.580 D/35 of 2.5.1940 and a half grant recommended. Government, however, declined to sanction any grant -- vide Memo. No.19203-1 Education (B) of 29.5.1940 --

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At this stage a scheme for putting up at a cost of Rs.15,700/- urinals, septic tank etc., which were very essential in such a large institution as this with over 1500 on its rolls, and which had already been sent to the Superintending Engineer (P.H.) for scrutiny, was also received back after scrutiny and approval but was not submitted to Government in view of the above orders.

6. From the above it will be seen that work estimated to cost Rs.64,400/- (Rs.48700 plus Rs.15,700) were received from the Correspondent in the usual course, were scrutinised and approved by the Technical Departments concerned and by the Director and the Major work was submitted to Government through ultimately the grant was sanctioned by Government during owing to the then large commitments of Government. But as the matter was urgent and could not be postponed the management carried out the entire programme, which ultimately costs (as all the plans and revised estimates have not been checked I cannot vouch for its correctness) Rs.167,170/- i.e. Rs.79,513 (Rs.167,170 minus Rs.87,657/-)

7. I recommend that Government may be pleased to make a half grant now at least on works costing Rs.64,400/- i.e. a sum of Rs.32,200/- for which plans and estimates were scrutinized and approved in time by all the concerned departments of the Government. Should Government be pleased

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to overlook the omission of the scrutiny of the rest of the scheme -- an omission which was in no sense due to the fault of the Correspondent -- and authorise a half grant on the entire scheme for Rs.79,513, i.e., a grant of Rs.39,757/- subject of course to the usual scrutiny of the remaining plans and estimates represented by the additional sum of Rs.15,113/- (Rs.79,513 minus Rs.64,400/-), I shall have no objection.

My reasons for the recommendation are : --

(i) The institution is one of the largest of its kind in this city and is serving the interests of one of the new extensions of Madras which has a fair proportion of the middle class and poorer sections of the community;

(ii) The Ramakrishna Mission, which is the management, is not in any sense a profit-making body;

(iii) The management has undertaken a most important duty for the city, a duty which probably no other body could have undertaken and discharged in spite of some defects as economically, efficiently and zealously as by it;

(iv) The financial position of this "deficit" institution is not one which would enable it to carry out the work without the help of Government;

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(v) I may add further that the mission is one which makes a powerful appeal to the people at large by its ideals and efforts and never shirks enlisting the aid of the public. It has decided to levy fees at least 55% above the Standard rates to meet in part its increasing liabilities. But for these sustained efforts it would not have found it possible to establish and build up this large institution so well in so short a time. It is now saddled with a heavy debt and unless Government comes to its relief, the school will be crippled and handicapped considerably. It deserves therefore every encouragement from Government.

(vi) The financial situation of the Government is not what it was in 1940 and this justifies a review of the whole question. It may be noted also, as stated before, that Government had twice held out what amounted almost to a hope that when the management submitted the rest of the scheme, grants on portions not previously considered would be favourably considered. The Director of Public Instruction also held out a similar hope as late as 1940 when the conditions called for quick action.

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

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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CNO. 56566 B/1/15.

GRANT - Building - Ramakrishna Mission High

School, Thyagarayanagar - Balance of grant towards
the cost of buildings already constructed - Payment -
Ordered.

READ:

G.O.No.246 Edn., dated 4--2--1937, 1/4
Memo No.14397-B/41-1 Edn., dated 1--7--1941.

From the Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, Madras,
dated the 12th December 1945.
From the Director of Public Instruction, R.C.No.1407-D
of 1945 dated the 4th February 1946.

ORDER MS.NO. 433 EDN., dated 28/2/1946.

In modification of the orders passed in
Memo No.14397-B/41-1 Edn., dated the 1st July 1941,
the Government sanction the payment to the management
of the Ramakrishna Mission High School, Thyagarayanagar,
in the current year, of a grant of Rs.32,200/- (Rupees
thirty two thousand and two hundred only), being one
half of the cost of certain ^{items of} works already ^{executed} ~~constructed~~,
^{amounting to} based on the plans and estimates ~~for~~ Rs.64,400/-
~~already~~ approved by the Director of Public Instruction.
include the scheme in the list of approved works and to
The Director is requested to disburse the ~~amount~~ ^{grant} to
the management on production of the certificates pres-
cribed in rule 53(ii) of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

2. The expenditure will be debited to the
head "37.g. Education - Secondary - Direct grants to
Non-Government Secondary Schools - B. Non-European -
Buildings". The Accountant-General is requested to
admit the expenditure in audit pending provision of
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3. The Government ^{also} sanction, as a special

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~~case~~ the inclusion of the ^{remaining items of} works costing Rs.15,113/- (Rupees fifteen thousand and one hundred and thirteen only) in the list of approved works. While this approval does not convey any guarantee of grant, it will render the ^{items of} work eligible for a ~~half~~ grant of one half of the cost not exceeding Rs.7,556/- (Rupees seven thousand five hundred and fifty six only) under the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code if and when funds become available, provided that the management produces the necessary ^{certificates} ~~orders~~ prescribed in rule 53 ⁽¹⁾ of the Code. The Director is requested to fix the estimate for purposes of grant after scrutinising the plans and estimates before placing the scheme on the approved list and ^{to} submit proposals for provision of funds for the scheme for consideration in connection with the Budget Estimates for 1947-48.

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C.No.56566-B/45.

GRANT - Buildings - Ramakrishna Mission High School, Thyagarayanagar - Payment of balance of grant towards the cost of buildings already constructed - Reconsideration of orders.

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From the Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna Mission, Mylapore, dated the 12th December 1945.
From the Director of Public Instruction, R.C.No.1407-D/45 dated the 4th January 1946.

The Secretary of the Ramakrishna Mission, Mylapore, reports that against the total expenditure of Rs.1,67,170/- incurred on the construction of buildings for the Ramakrishna Mission High School, Thyagarayanagar, a half grant of Rs.43,828/- has been disbursed and requests that as a special case, a grant of Rs.39,757/- may be sanctioned towards one half of the total cost of the scheme, as the Mission is not in a position to discharge the loan already raised to meet the expenditure. The Director of Public Instruction recommends the application for financial assistance for the reasons given in his letter on p.17 c.f.

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2. The building scheme for the school which has already been executed can be divided into three parts as shown below:-

- (1) The ^{portion of the} original scheme for the construction of a two-storeyed building ^{for which plans and estimates} at an estimated cost of Rs.87,657/- ~~which was approved by Government, and for which a half grant~~ ^{was sanctioned} of Rs.43,828/- ~~has already been disbursed, cost Rs.87,657/-~~ grant Rs.43,828
- (2) Addition of another storey (Second floor) at a cost of Rs.48,700/- to provide additional accommodation consequent upon the removal of the thatched sheds as

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ordered by the Corporation for which a half grant was recommended by the Director but the Government declined to sanction any grant,

(3) Sanitary works - Urinals, septic-tanks, etc., costing Rs.15,700/- which was approved by the Superintending Engineer (Public Health) but was not submitted to Government as the Government had already declined to sanction any further grant to the institution. *This represents mainly items included in the original estimate but the estimate for which had not been submitted when the estimate was approved.* The Director reports that schemes (2) and (3) received from the

Correspondent of the school were scrutinised and approved by the Technical Departments concerned and by the Director and as the works were urgent and could not be postponed, they have been carried out by the management. He recommends that a half grant of Rs.32,200/- may now be sanctioned for these two items based on the plans and estimates which were scrutinised and approved in time. He has, however, no objection to the Government sanctioning a half grant towards the entire portion of the scheme costing Rs.79,513/- as requested by the management, subject to the scrutiny of the plans and estimates in respect of additional expenditure over ^{above} the approved estimate for Rs.64,400/-.

3. Attention is solicited to the notes on pp.9-11 and 30-32 of G.O.No.352 Edn., dated the 2nd March 1940. The request of the management for a half grant towards the cost of construction of an additional storey estimated at Rs.47,800/- was negatived in view of the fact that the liability in respect of schemes already included in the list of approved works was heavy and in view of the fact that it was proposed to restrict building grants to Secondary schools for boys in regard to which orders were issued subsequently in G.O.No.1915 Edn., dated the 9th December 1941.

4. The following statement shows the outstanding liability

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on 1st April 1946 in respect of building grants to aided Arts and Professional Colleges and Secondary and Special Schools and the amount provided in the budget for 1946-7.

	Outstanding liability.	Amount provided in the budget for 1946-7.
	Rs.	Rs.
Arts Colleges.	5,03,560	2,18,400
Professional Colleges.	1,31,600	1,31,600
Secondary schools.	1,04,980	19,500
Special schools.	34,510	29,000
Play-grounds.	26,000	26,000
TOTAL.	8,00,650	4,24,500

The above statement relates only to schemes for which the grant has already been paid in part and new schemes for which grant has been provided in the next year's budget. It will appear that the existing commitment is not heavy.

5. The two items of works for which a grant has been recommended by the Director were proposed long before the restrictions in G.O.1915 Edn., dated the 9th December 1941 were ordered. Under this order a grant can be made where a special case has been made out that a grant is essential to the institution. The management has clearly stated that it is not in a position to meet the outstanding debt of Rs. 70,782/- and adjust its expenditure on the maintenance of the school according to the requirements. In the circumstances, the request of the management for a half grant towards the cost of items (2) and (3) may be supported. In regard to the payment of the grant, it is for consideration whether the grant may be restricted to one half of the cost according to the plans and estimates already scrutinised

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and approved, viz., Rs.64,400/- and may be paid in the current year itself on production of the certificates prescribed in rule 53(ii) of the Grant-in-Aid Code or whether the inclusion of the scheme costing Rs.79,513/- in the approved list may be sanctioned, as a special case now and the Director may be asked to fix the estimated cost of grant after scrutinising the remaining plans and estimates. In the latter case, the grant can be paid only in 1946-7 if treated as a new service or in 1947-8 if provision for payment of grant is included in the Part II Scheme for 1947-8. The former course seems preferable.

6. The remarks of Finance may be invited U.O.

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in the year 1946-47 the balance of Rs. 64,400 was not available for the purpose of grant. The balance of Rs. 64,400 was not available for the purpose of grant. The balance of Rs. 64,400 was not available for the purpose of grant.

The notes of E.P.H. on the 1-4-46 above set out in brief the history of the case and the proposals for payment of the balance of grant towards buildings constructed for the Ramakrishna Mission High School at Thyagaraya Nagar. The D.P.I.'s report on the 15-17-46 may also be perused.

2. The position regarding building grant is as follows.
- Total cost of building as reported by the Mission Rs. 1,17,170
 - Amount of grant admissible on basis of 1/2 grant Rs. 83,585
 - Grant already disbursed Rs. 43,828
 - Grant now requested Rs. 39,757

It will be seen that the balance of Rs. 39,757/- now



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requested is the amount based on plans and estimates which were not scrutinised and approved by the D.P.I. completely. The D.P.I. has approved plans and estimates to the value of Rs.64,400 only for which the management would have been eligible for a half grant of Rs.32,200 before the ban issued in G.O.No.1915 Edn. dated 9-12-41.

2. The E.P.H. Department propose

(1) that in respect of the items comprised in the estimate for Rs.64,400, the plans and estimates for which have already been scrutinised and accepted by the D.P.I., a half grant of Rs.32,200 may be paid to the Mission in the current year on production of the certificates prescribed in the Grant-in-aid code; and

(2) that in respect of the balance viz. Rs.15,113 (Rs.79,513 - Rs.64,400) the Director may be asked to fix the estimate for purposes of grant after scrutinising the plans and estimates and include it in the approved list as a special case and that provision for payment of grant may be made in the Part II scheme for 1947-8.

The points urged in favour of the proposals are

(i) that the existing commitment in respect of building grants is not heavy,

(ii) that plans and estimates amounting to Rs.64,400 were actually scrutinised and approved by the Technical Dept. and the D.P.I. and the grant also was actually recommended by the D.P.I. long before the restrictions in G.O.No.1915 Edn. dated 9-12-41 were imposed,

and (iii) that the management is not in a position to meet the outstanding debt of Rs.70,782 and adjust its expenditure on the maintenance of the school according to the requirements of the department.

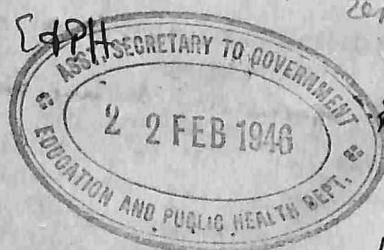
3. The request for the additional grant was considered by the Government twice previously but was rejected. According to the orders in G.O.No.1915 Edn. dated 9-12-41, no grant can ordinarily be given to any secondary school for boys unless a special case is made out showing that a grant is essential to an institution

The question for consideration is whether there are any special grounds for giving ^{an} additional grant now. In somewhat analogous case relating to the Loyola College, this Govt. agreed to ~~the~~ give a special grant on the ground that the Management's financial position was found to be difficult due to the stoppage of ~~contributions~~ ^{contributions} from abroad on account of the war even though the work had already been completed ~~without~~ ^{any reference to the D.P. or the Govt.}. In the present case also, it is urged that the financial position of the Institution is ~~unsatisfactory~~ ^{unsatisfactory} - see memorandum on pages 1-3 C.F. In the circumstances, Finance need not object the proposals of E.P.H. referred to in para 2 above.

If a grant is given in the current year or in the course of next year, the proposal will have to be treated as a "new service" and orders in full circulation obtained. H.E.'s authorisation for a supplementary estimate of expenditure will also have to be obtained in due course. ~~The E.P.H. Deptt. may however verify whether the amount referred to at A on page 1 above should be Rs. 47,800 or Rs. 48,700 - see B on page 1 C.F. M on page 9 of G.O. 352 Ean. dated 2-3-40.~~

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The case relates to the application of the management of the Ramakrishna Mission High School, Thyagarayanagar, for payment of the balance of grant towards buildings constructed for the Ramakrishna Mission High School at Thyagarayanagar. The Finance Dept's note on 14.6.46 above sets out the proposal. They have agreed

to the proposal of this Dept. that as the financial position of the institution is unsatisfactory, a half grant of Rs 32,200 in respect of the items of works comprised in the estimate for Rs 64,000, which has already been scrutinised and accepted by the D.P. may be paid to the management of the school in the current year on production of the certificates prescribed in the Grant-in-Aid Code and that in respect of the balance of Rs 15,113, the D.P. may be asked to for the estimates for purposes of grant after scrutiny and include it in the approved list as a special case and that the question of making a provision for payment of the grant may be considered as a Part II scheme for 1947-8.

As the proposal to make a grant of Rs 32,200 to the management of the Ramakrishna Mission High School, Thyagarayanagar, towards the cost of buildings already constructed will have to be treated as a new service, the file may be circulated to all Admstr & HE the Governor for orders. The necessary funds for the payment of the grant can be found from the Savings surrendered under 37 Edn. and a supplementary estimate for a token sum of Rs 100 may be obtained after orders in full circulation are obtained.

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The Ramakrishna Mission High School management have made out a special case that the grant is essential to the institution. Despite the previous refusal of their request for financial assistance the proposal in para 1 above may be approved and Rs 32,200/- paid in the current year on production of the necessary certificates. For the balance of Rs 15,113/- the D.P. may scrutinise the estimates & include the amount

admissible in the approved list - to be considered for the 1947-48 budget.

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A draft order is submitted below for approval.

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2. After issue, the file may be sent to Finance Dept for perusal and they may be requested to

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Edn. Secondary - Direct grants to non-post secondary

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A token grant of Rs 100 may be included for this

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Issued as G.O. No. 183 Edn. dated 28/2/46.

A above. E & P.H. may be requested to apply

at once for the add. appropriation in the prescribed

form after consulting the D.P.I. if necessary as to

whether it would be possible or not for him to meet it

existing appropriation under this head. It is not known whether

the D.P.I. has received any provision towards this expenditure.

B. above. The file referred to was returned to

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