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Dated 12th April 1946.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Schools - Private - Madras Christian
College School - Acquisition of land for
School buildings and hostel and for playground
Inclusion in the approved list - Ordered.

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REV. T. G. PLATTEN, M.A.
AG. PRINCIPAL

MADRAS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
TAMBARAM

20 Oct. 1945.

See 2 S. & P. H.

Sir Norman Strathie,
Bridge House, Adyar.

Dear Sir Norman,

A formal application for grant-in-aid on the land for the School was sent to the Education Dept. on Oct. 11th. From information received by Jacob I rather think it has not got through official channels there yet. I thought therefore that you might be interested to see a copy which Jacob has sent to me.

Yours sincerely,



T. G. Platten

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Madras Christian College School,
Madras. 11th October 1945. 3

From

K.Kuruwila Jacob, Esq., M.A.
Correspondent.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras. 2

Sir,

I have the honour to place before you the following facts concerning a scheme of development for the Madras Christian College School and to submit an application to the Government of Madras for a Grant-In-Aid towards the purchase of the necessary land.

2 The Madras Christian College School, founded in 1837, was one of the pioneer schools of this Presidency, and has always maintained a leading position among educational institutions. It has received consistently good reports from the Education Department and in spite of the drawbacks to which reference will be made below, in the Inspection Report for the year 1944-'45, the District Educational Officer has remarked "the school can be ranked as the best among the large schools in the city". It is the ambition of the Management to develop to a still further degree the contribution made by the school to education in the Presidency and educationists and parents in general have repeatedly stressed the great need in South India for first rate Indian High Schools with facilities and equipment according to the modern standards in education. We would also refer to the suggestion made by the Government of India in connection with the proposed Military Academy, of the desirability of establishing schools of a superior type than the average. The Management, however, considers that such development is not possible on the present site in what has now become a crowded and purely commercial quarter of the city. At present the school has no playing fields at all, the small ground in the Harbour area, of which it formerly had the use, having been requisitioned for defence purposes and covered with permanent buildings. Even if, as is understood to be possible, some land on the foreshore is ultimately made available for playing fields, this will inevitably be restricted in extent and at some distance from the school. In any case, apart from the lack of playing fields the crowded and noisy situation of the school in narrow streets becomes increasingly unsuitable, and if it remains on its present site the school must inevitably decline.

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The Management has, therefore, for sometime contemplated a move to a new site if opportunity offered. This must be within the boundaries of the City of Madras, since the school is and must remain largely a Day School, and must be large enough to provide adequate play-grounds. Not many such suitable sites are likely to be available, but the Management has learnt that the estate known as Napier Gardens at Chetput is for disposal at the present time. This estate comprises about 19 acres adjacent to the South Indian Railway line and within easy reach of Chetput Station (and thus accessible to pupils from almost all parts of the city and environs). On it could be erected a fine modern school building with ample playing fields, and also hostels to accommodate a substantial proportion of pupils, a feature for which there is an increased^{ing} demand, but which it is quite impossible to provide near the present site of the school in George Town.

The Management believes that such a school as is contemplated would make an outstanding contribution to the educational facilities of Madras and therefore ventures to ask for substantial encouragement and support from Government in launching the scheme. The essential step to be taken at the present time is the purchase of the land. The owner has intimated that he is prepared to dispose of it to the Management of the school at the price of Rs.3,50,000/-, and has stated that he can hold this offer open only for 45 days from Oct. 1st. 1945 after which he will consider himself free to negotiate in other quarters. A decision is, therefore, urgently required. The Management is not in a position to find the whole of this purchase price, but is prepared to furnish half the amount viz. Rs.1,75,000/- and appeals to Government for a grant of an equal sum. If the land can now be secured plans will be pushed forward for the erection of the new school as soon as costs of building become stable.

In view of the exceptional nature of this scheme and of the particular circumstances which have been explained the Management desires to appeal to Government to treat this application as a special case, and hopes for a favourable and early reply.

K. M. N. Jacob
CORRESPONDENT.

Education & P.H. Dept.

D.O.No. 47466-1 B Edn., dated 28/10/45

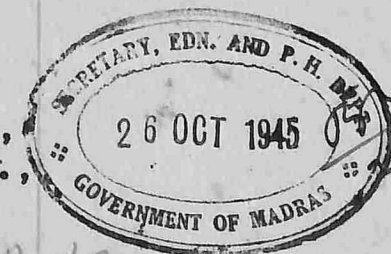
Dear Dr.Savoor,

Madras Christian College School - Purchase of a site for the construction of a new building - Government grant.

I am to invite attention to the letter of the Correspondent of the Madras Christian College School dated 11th Oct.1945 on the subject noted above addressed to you, and to ask you to forward with your remarks to Government at a very early date.

Yours sincerely,

Dr.S.R.U.Savoor, ~~M.B.~~,
D.Sc.(Lond.), ~~I.B.S.~~,
D.P.I. Madras.



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D.O.No.47466-2.B.

Education and Public Health
Department, Fort St. George,
Dated the 10th Novr., 1945.

Dear Dr. Savor,

Madras Christian College School -
Purchase of a site for the construc-
tion of a new building - Government
grant.

I am to invite attention to my D.O. No.47466-1.B.Edn., dated 23-10-45, on the subject noted above and to request you to send your report in the matter at once. I am to ~~add~~ that the Madras Christian College Council meets on the 20th Novr., to decide the matter and that the first refusal of the land required for the High School expires on 15th November, though it will be extended by a few days more.

Yours sincerely,

To

Dr. S.R.U. Savor, M.A., D.Sc., (Lond)
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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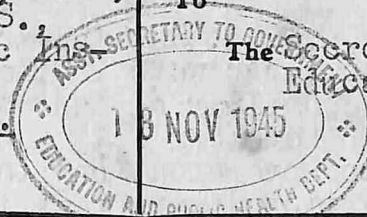
To

Designation Director of Public Instruction,

The Secretary to Government,
Education and P.H. Department,
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Enclosures:

RC. No. 1189-D/45

dated 12th November 1945.

Sir,

SUB:- Grant - Madras Christian College School
Purchase of site for the construction
of buildings and playground:

In submitting herewith the letter dated 11th October 1945 from the Correspondent, Madras Christian College School, I have the honour to report as follows:

2. The Correspondent, Madras Christian College School, has submitted an application for the purchase of 19 acres of land called Napier Gardens at Chotput at a cost of Rs.3,50,000. It is reported that out of the 19 acres of land, 3 acres will be required for the school and hostel buildings and the remaining 16 acres will be assigned for use as Playground. The intention of the management is to put up on the proposed site a school building on modern lines, two or three hostels for the boys and one bungalow for the Headmaster. The hostel is proposed to be run on the house system with about 40 boys in each with a Resident Master for each house.

3. The management proposes to sell their present school building at George Town in order to meet the cost of the new buildings and half the price of the new site. The present building and site are estimated to fetch 4½ lakhs of rupees and the new buildings and equipment in the proposed site are estimated to cost Rs.3 lakhs. Out of the balance of the sale proceeds, i.e. Rs.1½ lakhs the management expects to meet the half the price of the land and request Government to sanction a grant of an equal sum of Rs.1½ lakhs to enable them to purchase the entire site.

4. The school is at present located in a crowded and noisy commercial quarter of the city and has no playground at all. Hence the proposal of the management to move to a suitable site near the station, accessible to pupils from almost all parts of the city with ample space for school building, hostels and playing fields is a welcome move and is supported.

5. According to G.O.No.1018, L.E., dated 31st May 1930, a complete secondary school for boys having 250 pupils or more should have 5 acres of land for play field. The strength of the school is 1069 pupils. According to the above G.O. the school can be aided only towards the cost of purchase of 5 acres of land for playing fields.

6. It is also laid down in the same G.O. that the cost per acre should not exceed Rs.1000 in the municipal areas and Rs.600 in non-municipal areas. However this limit may be exceeded in special cases provided that the grant or subsidy paid shall not be more than 1/2 of the actual cost or the valuation of the land by the Revenue Department

whichever

which ever is less - vide G.O.No.540, Law Education, dated the 19th March 1935. The cost per acre in the present case works out to Rs.18,421. The Tahsildar of Madras is reported to have inspected the site on 6th November 1945 and the valuation statement will be submitted to Government on its receipt from the Collector. It may be mentioned here that the cost of land has gone up enormously since the issue of G.Os. in 1930 and 1935 and hence the limit laid down in the G.O. has to be exceeded especially in the case of institutions in Madras. The actual cost or the valuation by the Revenue Department whichever is less may be taken into account.

7. With reference to G.O.No. 1915, Education and P.H., dated 9th December 1941, the scheme for the purchase of land for constructing a school building for boys cannot ordinarily be entertained. The school has a strength of 1069 and the school can be ranked as perhaps the best among the ~~boys~~ ^{large} schools in the city. As the present site is the only one now available within the city limits and since the school has to remain largely a day school within the city of Madras and as already recommended in paragraph 4 above, I request that the present scheme may be treated as a special case and entertained by Government. As the management spends a fairly large amount for the upkeep of the school, they are not in a position to meet the entire cost of the site without aid from the Government.

8. It is reported that in 1908 the school and college together received building grants amounting to Rs.77,379. Out of this grant, Rs.50,000 was a special allotment from the Government of India. To verify the correctness of these grants and the amount to be refunded to Government, with reference to the unexpired period of mortgage, on account of the sale of the buildings, will take sometime, as old records will have to be looked into. The present application, I am afraid, will not brook this delay. Hence more details regarding this aspect of the question will be submitted to Government in due course, if the scheme is approved by Government.

9. The present application of the Correspondent is for two different kinds of grants (i) building grant i.e. grant towards the purchase of site for the construction of building; and (ii) playground grant i.e. grant towards the purchase of site for playground purpose. If the Government are pleased to entertain the above schemes, the schemes will have to be split up into two parts and separate approval for building and playground schemes should be given as the grants relate to two different sub-heads.

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

T. Sanyal

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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Edn. & P.H. (B) Deptt.

Grant - Madras Christian College School -
Purchase of a site for the construction of
buildings and for playground.

C.No.47466./45. From the Correspondent, Madras Christian College,
School, dated 11-10-1945.
From the D.P.I. Rc.No.1189-D/45, dated 12-11-45.

MEMORANDUM No. ~~47466~~ - B/45-4 Edn d/16-11-1945.

With reference to his application cited above, the Correspondent, Madras Christian College School is informed that, as a special case, the Government will consider the question of making a half grant towards the cost of acquisition of 8 acres of the land called Napier Gardens at Chetput - 3 acres for use as a site for the construction of buildings for the school and hostel and 5 acres for use as play ground, and that for purposes of determining the amount of grant to be paid,

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~~paid~~ the actual cost of acquisition or the valuation of the land by the Rev. Deptt., which-ever is less will be taken into account. If the management agrees to the above proposal, it may ~~xxx~~ submit to the D.P.I. through the D.E.O., Madras, two applications for grants, (1) towards the purchase of land required for a site for the construction of buildings for the school ~~hostels~~ and (2) towards the purchase of land required for playground so that, ^{Director} ~~the~~ may consider the question of placing the schemes in the approved list of recommending to Govt. the provision of funds for the ~~schemes~~. The grant will be disbursed ^{under} ~~xxx~~ the provisions of the Grant in Aid Code if and when funds become available.

To
The Correspondent,
Christian College
School, Madras.
The D.P.I.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS
R.C. 1189-D/45, dated 21st March, 1946.

Sub: Grant - Madras Christian College School - Purchase of Site for the construction of building and play ground.

Ref: Letters dated 31-1-46 and 11-3-46 from the Correspondent, Madras Christian College School.

Copy submitted to Government with reference to their Memorandum 47466-B/45-4 Dn., dated 16-11-45.

2. The proposal is recommended.

3. I may note that the limit of 5 acres was fixed at a time when the schools had poor enrolments and even then it was considered with reference to a strength of 250.

R. Jagan ^{for} Director of Public Instruction.

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

RR.25/3.

Enclosures:

Copy of letter dated 31-1-46 from the Correspondent, Madras Christian College School.

Sub: Purchase of site in the Napier Gardens for school buildings hostels and for playgrounds.

With reference to your proceedings R.C.No.1189-D/45 dated 24-11-45, we regret that though we had applied for permission to purchase about 15 acres of land in the Napier Gardens the Government was able to promise to give grant only on 8 acres. Without half grant from the Government we are unable to buy the whole area and so we have now been able to buy only a portion of the land. In this connection we would like to place the following facts for your consideration:-

(a) Five acres of land is not enough for providing adequate playgrounds for a school with 1,000 pupils, especially when some of them are hostel boys for whom games have to be arranged every day. Five acres can include only one cricket field and one football field and even if games are arranged in two shifts every day, most of the boys may get a chance to play those major games only once a week. For the type of school we wish to develop, and for which educationists and educated parents in the city are encouraging us far better facilities are essential. We understand that the Peasely Committee's recommendation was that High Schools should have a minimum of 5 acres of land and not a maximum of 5 acres. The city of Madras and South India need schools of the kind we have planned to develop and we trust that it will be possible for you to recommend the Government to reconsider the question and help us to go forward with the scheme by permitting us to buy the whole area we had mentioned in our letter dated 11th October 1945, the total cost of which being

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Being 3 1/2 lakhs.

(b) All open space in the neighbourhood are being divided into small plots for building houses and if the rest of the Napier Gardens is not purchased for the school within the next two months all the area will get built on and the school may not be able to get more lands later even if money were available at the time.

We earnestly hope that the Government will be able to reconsider the matter and help us to go forward with our original scheme, so that a really first rate school may grow up in this new site.

2. Copy of letter dated 11-3-45 from the Correspondent, Madras Christian College School.

Sub: Permission to buy a few acres more in Napier Gardens.

With reference to our application dated 4th March 1945 requesting you to reconsider the question of permitting to buy the entire Napier Gardens, I have to report that as the price of the property has gone up considerably, we are not able to buy the entire property even with half grant. The Management would, therefore, like to put a modified scheme in which we seek permission to buy about 6 years more in the Napier Gardens in addition to the 8 acres permitted in G.O. No. 47466-B/45-4 dated 16th November 1945. A portion of this land is lower in level than the rest and further away from Harrington Road and so is cheaper than the land near the Harrington Road. The price of the six acres will be about Rs. 60,000/-. The plot proposed to be purchased is marked in red in the sketch enclosed. We have also indicated in it a tentative plan of the distribution of the site for play-grounds and buildings.

In the type of school that we wish to develop we would like to give the pupils as much facilities as possible for games and scouting. Allotment of 5 acres of playing major games be hardly enough to give boys a chance of playing major games once a week. The necessity for providing adequate facilities for games is accepted by all and we request you to modify the rules if existing rules do not allow Government to help schools to provide the necessary facilities.

/True copy/

R. Narasimha.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Schools - Private - Madras Christian College School
Acquisition of land for school buildings and hostel and for playground - Inclusion of schemes in approved list - Ordered

11-3-54
C.O. 47466/ From the Correspondent, Madras Xian College School dated 11.10.45

From the D.P.S. Memo 1189 2/45 dated 12.11.45

From the Correspondent Madras Xian College School dated 31.1.46

From the D.P.S. Re. no 1189 2/45 21.3.46

Order no 805 Edu. 12/4/46

The Govt sanction the inclusion in the list of approved works, as a special case, of the following schemes for the acquisition of land in Napier Gardens, Chelput, for the Christian College School:-

	Estimated cost Rs
(1) Acquisition of 3 acres of land for use as a site for the construction of school buildings and hostel	55,300
(2) Acquisition of 10 acres of land for use as playground while this approval does not convey any guarantee of grant, it will render the institution eligible for a grant up to one half of the cost of each scheme subject to a maximum of Rs 27,650 + Rs 79,400 respectively under the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code, if and when funds become available provided that all the conditions prescribed in the Code are duly complied with. For purposes of determining the amount of grant to be paid to each scheme, the actual cost of acquisition or the valuation of the land by the Revenue	1,58,800

Department whichever is less will be taken into account.

2. The D.P.I. is requested to forward with his recommendations, in due course, the application of the management of the Christian College School for payment of grant in the current year. Action will be taken separately in regard to provision of funds for the purpose.

3. The report promised in paragraph 8 of the Director's letter RC no 1189 D/45 D 12.11.45 on the question of refunding to Govt, the grants sanctioned for the existing buildings of the high school on account of their sale before the expiry of the period of mortgage is awaited.

4. The D.P.I. is requested to submit separately a general report about the revision of the limits laid down in G.O. no 1018 Laws (Gen) D 31.5.35 in regard to the acquisition of lands for playgrounds with reference to the present requirements of schools especially of those having a strength of more than 500 + 1000 pupils.

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To
The D.P.I.
Correspondent
Xian College
School.

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made for a grant for
construction of a new
building for the Christian
College School.

D.P.I. was
asked by D.O. on 28/10/45;
to deal with the
application very urgently
and send it to Govt with
his remarks. His
report has not been
received.

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Department whichever is less will be taken into account.

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3. The report promised in paragraph 8 of the Director's letter RC no 1189 D/45 D 12-11-45 on the question of refunding to Govt, for the existing buildings of the account of their sale before the of mortgage is awaited.

4. The D.P.I. is requested to a general report about the revenue laid down in G.O. no 1018 dated 1-1-46 in regard to the acquisition of land with reference to the present especially of those having a school 1000 pupils.

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There is a meeting of the college Council to decide this matter in Nov. The first refusal of the land enquiry is a Nov. - this it will probably be entered by a few days. If A. agrees the D.P.I. may be asked to submit his report. at once. A. 2. 12/4/46
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A draft S.O. with fair is subd.

12/11/45 S by J. J. J.

Edn., & P.H. (B) Deptt.

The Correspondent, Madras Christian College High School, has submitted an application for a half grant of 1.75 lakhs towards the cost of purchase of 19 acres of land called "Napier Garden" at Chetput at a cost of 3.5 lakhs. It is reported that out of 19 acres of lands, 3 acres will be required for the school and the remaining 16 acres will be assigned for use as play-ground. The intention of the management is to put up on the proposed site a school building on modern lines, two or three hostels for boys and one bungalow for the headmaster and to sell the present school buildings at George Town, in order to meet the cost of the new buildings and half the price of the new sites. As the school, ~~now~~ is situated in a crowded and noisy part of the city and has no playing fields at all, the D.P.I., supports the management's proposal to move the school to the new site proposed.

2. As pointed out by the D.P.I., the Correspondent has applied for 2 different kinds of grants - 1. grant towards the purchase of site for the construction of building, 2. grant towards the purchase of land for play-ground ~~purpose~~. As regards the former, under the restrictions imposed in G.O. No. 1915, Edn., d/ 9-12-41, no grant should ordinarily be given to any school for boys unless a special case is made out showing that a grant is essential to the institution. The D.P.I. says that the management is not in a position to meet

meet the entire cost of the site from its own funds and recommends that this may be treated as a special case. As

regards the latter, according to G.O. No. 1018, L.E. d/31-5-'30

the school can be aided only towards the cost of purchase of

5 acres of land for play-ground. The restrictions imposed

in ^{G.O. No. 1915 Edu. d/ 9.12.41 do} ~~the G.O. cited above~~, does not apply to grants for the

provision of play-grounds. If, as recommended by the D.P.I.,

the case is treated as a special ^{one}, the total grant can be limited

to half the cost of acquisition of 8 acres of land (3 for

school site and 5 for play-ground).

3. According to the estimate of cost furnished by the Mana-

gement, the cost per acre works out to Rs. 18,421/. The monetary

limit prescribed for aid towards the cost of acquisition of

land for playground is Rs. 1000/-, per acre in Ml. areas. But

the limit may be exceeded in special cases provided the grant

paid ^{does} ~~should~~ not exceed one half of the actual cost or the valua-

tion of the land by the Rev. Deptt. whichever is less. The

D.P.I. reports that the Tahsildar's valuation of the site will

be forwarded to Govt., shortly, and that in this case, the actual

cost or the valuation by the Rev. Deptt. whichever is less may

be taken into account. It is for consideration whether the

management will be informed that Govt., will consider the

question of making a half grant towards the actual cost of

acquisition of 8 acres of land or its valuation by the Revenue

Deptt. whichever is less as and when funds become available

and that the management may proceed with the scheme if it agrees

to the above condition.

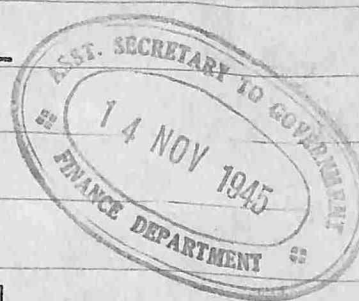
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Please see the E.P.H. Dept's note on pages 3-4 above which sets out the case.

The E.P.H. Dept. recommend ~~that~~ the D.P.I's proposal to give ^{half} grant to the Management of the Madras Christian College High School towards the cost of acquisition of 3 acres of land on which they propose to construct a new school building, the case being treated as a special one with reference to G.O. 1915 of Edn. d. 9-12-41. On the basis of the rough estimate of cost per acre given on page 10 C.F., the amount of half grant will be about Rs 27,600 nearly.

The E.P.H. Dept also recommends that a half grant may be given towards the cost of acquisition of land for providing a playground for the above school. Grant for such purposes ^{are} being admissible under the existing orders. As, however, ~~acquisition~~ grant is admissible only up to a maximum of 5 acres in the case of schools like this, they propose to limit the grant to the cost of acquiring 5 acres in this case, even though the Management intends to acquire a larger extent. As regards the amount of grant to be given, the D.P.I has recommended, in view of the enormous increase in the cost of land since the issue of orders at flags (v) and (m), that the limit of Rs 1000 per acre in Municipal areas fixed in G.O. (m) may be exceeded as a special case and that the half grant may be fixed with reference to the actual cost of acquisition or its valuation by the Revenue Department, whichever is less. E.P.H. have supported the Director's recommendation. On the basis of the rough estimate of cost given on p.10 C.F., the amount of half grant towards the acquisition of 5 acres will be roughly Rs 46,100.

In view of the inability of the Management to meet the cost of acquiring the site and putting up new buildings thereon without aid from Govt. towards a portion of the cost of acquisition of site, this Department may agree to the case being treated as special and accept the E.P.H. Dept's proposal at portion A on page 4 above. The total Govt. grant ^{may} be in the neighbourhood of Rs 73,700 (vide 'A' + 'B' above) (building + play ground).

2. In cases where a half grant is proposed for new works there are two stages viz., (1) authorising the Director to

para 2 on p. 3-4 above
3 acres @ 18421 = 55263
Half of this = 27631 or 27,600 nearly

para 2 on p. 3-4 above

para 5, p. 9 of

para 2 on p. 4 above

para 6 on p. 5-10 C.F.

para 3 on p. 4 above

5 acres @ 18421 Total = 92105 Half = 46100

para 7 on p. 10 C.F.

27600 + 46100 = 73700

include the work in the list of approved works for the purpose of Government aid and (2) sanction of the grant and provision of funds therefor. At present, the Management wants to know whether the Govt. will give assistance to enable them to consider the acquisition of land in the College Council meeting. The proposal to inform the Management as at A on p.4 above, which only means taking action for including the work in the list of approved works for aid, does not commit the Govt. to a grant and the proposal need not be treated as a 'New Service' at this stage. For precedent, vide G.O.37 Edn. d.11-1-44 relating to the inclusion of a building work in the Loyola College, Madras, in the list of approved works. The financial procedure will be followed only when the question of provision of funds and the actual sanction of grant for the work comes up for consideration-

3. The case may be returned to E.P.H. That Department may be requested to circulate the case to A.1 also.

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The case relates to the application of the correspondent, Madras Christian College School for a half grant of Rs 1.75 lakhs towards the cost of acquisition of 19 acres of land called 'Napier Gardens' at Chetput. Out of the 19 acres, 3 acres will be utilised as a site for the construction of buildings and hostel for the school and the remaining 16 acres as playground. Under the restrictions imposed in G.O.No.1915/Edn. 9-12-41, normally no grant can be made towards the cost of acquisition of site for the construction of buildings for the boys' school, but the D.P.I. recommends that this may be treated as a special case as the management is not in a position to meet the entire cost. As for playground, under G.O.No.540 Edn., dated 19-3-35, the grant should be limited to the cost of acquisition of 3 acres required under departmental regulations. The maximum grant that can be paid for both the purposes is only Rs 75,000. As the cost per acre is Rs 12,500 according to

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very high, it is proposed to fix the amount of grant to be paid with reference to the actual cost of the acquisition of the land. The Revenue Department, whichever is less as recommended by the D.P.I. The file may be circulated to A-2 and A-1 for orders as to whether the management of the school may be informed as at A on page 4 ante.



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decided to proceed with the purchase of 3 acres in itself. Approval of Home authorities has to be obtained.

C.No.17030. From the D.P.I. R.C.No.1189.D/45, dated 21-3-46.

In Memo.No.47466-B/45-4.Edn., dated 16-11-1945, the Correspondent, Madras Christian College School, was informed that, as a special case, the Government would consider the question of making a half grant towards the cost of acquisition of 8 acres of the land called Napier Gardens at Chetput - 3 acres for use as a site for the construction of buildings for the school and hostel and 5 acres for use as playground and that for purposes of determining the amount of grant to be paid, the actual cost of acquisition or the valuation of the land by the Revenue Dept. whichever is less ~~would~~ be taken into account. The Correspondent

of the school now reports that the limit of 5 acres for playground is quite insufficient for an institution of the size of the Christian College High School and requests that the management may be permitted to buy 6 acres more i.e. 14 acres in all. The Director of Public Instruction recommends the request.

2. As pointed out by the Director of Public Instruction, the limit for the extent of land required for playground was fixed in 1930 when High Schools had not so many pupils as now. The strength of the Christian College High School is 1069. On the basis of 3 acres for a complete Secondary School with a strength of less than 250, the total requirements will work out to 12 acres. The maximum extent of land to be allowed for high schools with a strength of 1000 pupils and more may perhaps be fixed as 10 acres and the management of the Christian College high school may be permitted to buy 5 more acres for playground purposes.

3. To provide for possible extensions, the management may perhaps be permitted to buy 4 acres for use as a site for the construction of buildings for the school and hostel instead of 3 acres originally allowed. If this is done, the management of the school can acquire ^{6 acres} more in addition to 8 ^{acres} already allowed.

The remarks of Finance may be invited u.o. before circulation.

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At 15 minutes to
bottom of 1:7 and
indicates to the
College authorities that
decides to let the
matter rest at
the previous decision.
Apparently they have
changed their mind
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There may be a
line for revision
in limits; but
the limits to be
done as a
general question,
after letting a
full report from
D.P.I. in which
an estimate of
the financial
implications. An
ad hoc decision
on the present
line alone, is
not a final
justification.

I do not
think there is any
justification for this.
They have not asked
for it so far as the
playground is concerned.
The school authorities
are not to be
bothered by the
Government.

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Clause (ii) (a) in para 1
of (v)

Clause (iii) in para 1 of (v)

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I suggest increase to be
in an amount. Must be left ready to be
the question of revision in limits. It is
(1) is not a decision but to be made
to the limit. Must decide to be ready with
the present report.

It may be asked to
new up a revised report. Also revision of
the limits laid down at (v).
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Finance (Exp.B).

(Previous Finance notes on pp.5-6 above)

According to the orders in G.O.1018 Law and Education dated 31-5-1930, relating to the acquisition of lands for playing fields for secondary schools for boys, the D.P.I. has been empowered to sanction grants to private managements and local bodies subject to the following conditions, among others: that

- (1) the extent of land provided does not exceed 5 acres in the case of a complete secondary school having 250 pupils or more; and
- (2) the cost per acre should not exceed Rs 1,000 in municipal areas and Rs 600 in non-municipal areas.

In regard to cost of land, the Govt. have in G.O. 540 Law and Education dated 19-3-35 agreed in special cases to sanction grants in excess of the limits referred to, a maximum of half of the actual cost or half of the value of the land as estimated by the Revenue Dept., whichever is less.

2. In the present case of the Christian College High school, the Govt. have already agreed to bear one half of the actual cost of acquiring 5 acres of land for playing grounds. (The amount of Govt. grant is estimated at Rs 46,100.) The management have now applied for the acquisition of an additional extent of 6 acres of land for playing fields at an estimated cost

of about Rs 80,000. If this ~~xxx~~ proposal is agreed to, the Govt. will have to pay an additional grant of Rs 40,000. The D.P.I. has reported that the limit of 5 acres fixed in G.O. 1018 Law and Education dated 31-5-30 was fixed at a time when the schools had poor enrolments and even ~~then~~ it was considered with reference to a strength of 250. Secretary, E.P.H., has proposed:

- (1) that the D.P.I. may be asked to send up a general report about the revision of ^{the} limits laid down in G.O. 1018 Law and Education dated 31-5-30; and
- (2) ^{that} the management of the Christian College High School ~~may~~ be informed that pending orders on proposal (1) above the Govt. decline to comply with the present request.

Submitted that Finance may agree to the proposal of

E.P.H.

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8.4.46 8/4/46. Apparently the opportunity to buy the land may be lost if the Govt. refuse to do anything until they have considered & decided the question whether there should be a general revision of the 5 acres ^{limit}. I should think the no. of high schools with a strength of over 1,000 must be very small. Personally I should think ^{also that} it is unfortunate that there are any, as the optimum size for a school must be much smaller. 10 acres for playgrounds would seem to be by no means excessive for a high school with over 1,000 pupils. Perhaps a decision may be taken ^{at once} on this particular case in order to avoid the risk that the land may be put to other use, & the general question may be pursued separately. If so, the expro may be treated as a "new service" as it is large & is not covered by the existing rules for grants. Orders may be taken in full O. The sanction of the Gov. Genl under the § 93 situation is not required, as the total grant will in any case be less than Rs. 1 lakh non-recurring. If the proposal is sanctioned, E.P.H. may take action for the provision of funds in connection with the proposals for alterations in the budget separately called for.

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Notes from page 8 ante may be perused. The case relates to the payment of a grant to the Madras Christian College School towards the purchase of a site- 'Napier Gardens' Chetput-for ~~the~~ construction of buildings for the high school for a playground. In Memo. No. 47466-B/45-4. Edn. dated 16-11-45, the Correspondent of the school was informed that the Government would be prepared to consider the question of making a half-grant towards the cost of acquisition of 8 acres of land - 3 acres for use as a site for ~~the~~ construction of buildings for the school and hostel and 5 acres for use as a playground and that for purposes of determining the amount of grant to be paid the actual cost of acquisition or the valuation of the land by the Revenue Department whichever is less would be taken into account.

2. The Management of the School points out that 5 acres of land for playgrounds will not be sufficient for the school with a strength of 1000 pupils and requests that it may be permitted to acquire 6 acres more. Under the orders in G.O. No. 1018, Edn. dated 31-5-1930 and 540. Edn., dated 19-3-35, the maximum extent of land ^{for playground} for which grant can be paid is 5 acres. As this limit was fixed in 1930 when the high schools had poor enrolments and it needs revision with reference to the present day requirements, this department ^{has} suggested that the Director of Public Instruction may be asked to send up a general report about the revision of the limits laid down in G.O. No. 1018, Edn. dated 31-5-30 and that the management of the Christian College High School may be informed that the question of revising the limits fixed in 'V' is under consideration and that meanwhile the Government must decline to comply with the present request.

3. The Finance Secretary points out that if the Government refuse to do anything until they decide the question whether there should be a general revision of the maximum limit of 5 acres for a playground, the opportunity to buy the land in the present case will be lost and that ~~ten~~ ten acres for a playground is by no means excessive for a high school over 1000 pupils

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pupils, ^{therefore} suggests that orders may be taken in full circulation, whether as a special case, the management of the Christian College High School may be permitted to purchase 10 acres for playground & purposes instead of 5 acres ^{the} the general question may be pursued separately. The grant payable ^{for land for playground} according to the proposal already approved is ^{about} Rs. 46,100. If the management is permitted to purchase 5 acres more, the additional grant payable will be about Rs. 33,350 or in all Rs. 79,450.

The file may be circulated to all Advisers and His Excellency for orders as the expenditure is on a 'new service' and it is proposed to make necessary provision in the current year's budget.

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Spec'd in view of M above. 5 acres of land is clearly not sufficient for a playground for a school of this size. As a special case, the Christian College High School may be allowed to purchase 10 acres & the usual question of increasing the limit of 5 acres for large schools considered. If a decision is not reached in this particular case, the opportunity to purchase the land will probably be lost.

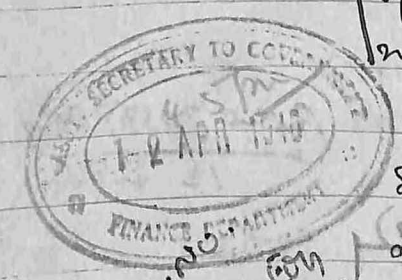
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Please see the orders in circ. above
As pointed out by the D.P.G. in para 9 of his letter, the proposal of the management of the Christian College school for acquisition of land relates to two schemes

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and they should be treated as distinct & separate schemes for purposes of grant. As the maximum grant payable in respect of each scheme does not exceed Rs. 1 lakh, it is not necessary to obtain the sanction of the Governor-General. A draft order is submitted below for approval. It may be sent to Finance for acceptance. The amount of grant payable will be included in the list of alterations to the budget estimates to be submitted to Finance.

SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF INDIA
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The order in circulation & notes on pp. 12-13 above & the draft order may be perused. The E.P.H. dept.'s view at A' on pp. 12-13 above may be accepted in Finance.



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please see also the Secy.'s note at 'X' on p. 10 above. The draft order may be accepted.

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The draft order may now come

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