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[Despatch Abstract.]

Museum — Govt. Reorganisation — Suggestions made by Dr. Ramakrishna Reddi — Papers Recorded.

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Dr A. Ramakrishna Reddy, M.A.,
Ph.D., F.R.M.S

Professor of Biology & Head of
Department of Natural Science,

Sri Venkateswara College,
Tirupati.

Dated 1st August 1945.

34807

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
2 - AUG 1945
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

2 - AUG 1945

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Dear Sir,

Subject: Reorganisation of the Madras Government Museum.

Having been connected with the Madras Government Museum for over four years (from April 1941 to June 1945) as curator of the Anthropological Section, having had experience in the organisation of Biological Museums for over eight years in the Annamalai University, having been Hon. Treasurer and sometime Hon. Secretary of the Archaeological Society of South India of which you are the Vice-President, and being well-wisher of the Madras Government Museum, which is a unique institution of its kind in India, I beg to suggest a thorough reorganisation of the museum, a thing which is long overdue.

1. There are Arts and Sciences Groups in the museum, namely, Archaeology, Numismatics, Anthropology and Pre-history, Geology, Zoology, Botany and Chemistry. The first four may be treated as the Division of Arts and the last four as the Division of Sciences. I beg to propose that the Superintendent of the Museum must be in general charge of one of the Divisions and in direct charge of one of the sections under it, functioning like other curators. It is desirable that a post of Assistant Superintendent be created and he be put in charge of the other Division and to directly control one of the sections of that Division as Curator. Thus, if the Superintendent is in charge of the Arts Division, the Assistant Superintendent will be in charge of the Sciences Division. If the Superintendent's post falls vacant, the Assistant Superintendent must be promoted as Superintendent and an assistant Superintendent appointed to the other Division. For each of the sections, except those under the control of the Superintendent and the Assistant

Assistant Superintendent, there should be a curator. The seniormost curator should be promoted as Assistant Superintendent should the post of Assistant Superintendent fall vacant. This scheme will always provide a trained hand with experience of work in the Madras Government Museum to succeed as Superintendent.

2. The status of the Superintendent may remain as at present. The Assistant Superintendent may be on a par with other gazetted officers in the Education Department. In each Division, there will be a senior curator, who will be in charge of one of the sections and who will be on a grade intermediate between that of the Assistant Superintendent and that of the other curators. The other two sections under each Division will be under the charge of curators with the present grades of pay.

I am compelled to make this suggestion with a view to retaining talented museum officials with experience, giving them prospects of promotion and thus utilise their services in the best interests of the museum. This is lacking at present. It is this that has been prompting the museum staff to seek for better prospects elsewhere.

3. I feel that there is no need to fill up the post of Personal Assistant to the Superintendent, when the present incumbent retires. The office of the Personal Assistant came into existence at a time when there were not many curators and a responsible officer needed to help the Superintendent. With the appointment of a number of curators and with the virtual separation of the Connemara Public Library, that necessity has vanished. In addition to the duties of his section, the Assistant Superintendent will do some of the duties of the Personal Assistant, while the major part of the routine work may be entrusted to the Head Clerk. If necessary, an additional clerk may be provided.

Taking the present conditions into consideration, there

there is no need at all for filling up the post of Anthropological Curator, which has fallen vacant through my resignation. The Superintendent, who is an anthropologist, may be asked to be in charge of this section. This will fit in with the scheme which I have suggested in this letter.

4. There is a vast collection of geological materials, which is, at present, looked after by the Curator of Botany. This is not particularly desirable. A Curator for that section with a degree in geology is an urgent necessity. The present expansion of the Geological Survey of India is indicative of the great importance of geology in the post-war reconstruction of India. It is, therefore, necessary that a provincial museum like the Madras Government Museum should have a well organised geological collection under a geologist. A section of the Geological Survey is now temporarily stationed at Madras. They might get back to their headquarters at Calcutta as soon as the present war comes to an end. I would, therefore, urge on the need to take advantage of their presence at Madras and to reorganise this section in consultation with them. I believe that the section of Pre-history, which is now under the care of the curator of Anthropology, should be legitimately under the care of the ~~care of~~ the Curator for Geology. It is well known that pre-history demands a good knowledge of geology.

5. With a view to better organisation of the museum and better administration, I would suggest the formation of a Museums' Board consisting of all the Heads of the Scientific and Arts Sections of the Museum and of officials and non-officials directly or indirectly connected with the subjects dealt with by the museum. The Board will discuss from time to time all matters pertaining to the museum administration, display, collections etc, advise the Superintendent and report to the Government as an expert body for necessary action. They will be at the spot and see that no one section develops at the expense of others.

I need hardly point out that the Indian Museum at Calcutta, the Prince of Wales Museum at Bombay, the Provincial Museum at Lucknow and the Curzon Museum at Muttra (which is very much smaller than the Madras Museum) have similar Advisory Bodies. In fact, there is hardly a prominent museum in India without such an Advisory Body. Almost immediately on taking up the duties of the Director General of Archaeology in India, Dr Wheeler suggested to the Government of India the constitution of an Advisory Committee and it has already come into existence. All these clearly show that the present is the most opportune moment for the constitution of such a committee for the Madras Government Museum as well.

I request that you and the Government will be pleased to consider the suggestions embodied in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A. Ramakrishna Reddi

To
Sir Thomas Austin, I.C.S
Adviser to H. E. The Governor,
Madras.

Education and Public
Health Dept.

Endt. No. 34807 A/45-1 Edn. dated 7.8.45

Referred to the Superintendent, Government Museum for remarks in continuation of Endt. No. 33930 A/45 Edn. I dated 31. 7. 1945.

7/8/45

Deputy Secretary
to Government

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To
The Superintendent,
Government Museum

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The Supdt. E&PH. Dept. ~~Madras~~
To The SG. OM. ✓ Desp.
KM
21-8-45

Refce. Govt. Endt. No. 34807 A/45-1 Edn. d. 7.8.1945.

Subject. Govt. Museum – Reorganization – Suggestions

With the Govt. Endt. cited above, the file of papers regarding the Museum Committee appears to have been sent to you by mistake. Pl. arrange to return it as early as possible.

S/o
15.8.45.

Govt. Museum Reorganisation – suggestions

Telephonic Message by post dated 24th August 45.

From The Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras

To The Superintendent, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

24 AUG 1945

Sub: Government Museum- Reorganisation-suggestions.

Reference your telpehonic message by post dated 15th August 1945.

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Only the Government Endorsement No. 34807 A/45-1 Edn dated 7-8-45 on the original letter ~~fo~~ of four pages has been received here. No other papers have been sent with the letter and Endorsement thereon.

A. Aiyappan 24/8/45

Superintendent.

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C.F. 98. Education And P. H. DEPARTMENT.

REMINDER. Education *Branch.*

To The Superintendent,
Govt. Museum

I ~~have the honour to invite~~ am directed to invite ~~invite~~ attention to Endt. (in orgl)

No. 34807. A.1. Edn, dated 7. 8. 45 and

~~to request that the reply to it may be expedited~~

request that this reminder may be returned ~~at once~~ with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter now is,

(2) ~~the date by which a reply may be expected,~~
~~and~~

(3) ~~the circumstances which have caused the delay.~~

Clarence D Coons
27/8/45

Office Secretariat

Signature.

Station Fort St. George

Deputy Secretary to Govt

Designation.

Dated

SUBJECT. 27/8

27.8.45

Govt. Museum — Reorganization Suggestions.

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Government Museum
Madras,30.8.45.

REPLY.

30 AUG 1945

To The Deputy Secretary to Govt.
Education & Public Health
Deptt.

Sir,
Govt.Museum Recorganisation.
Ref.No.34807-A.1Edn dated
7th August 1945.

1) ~~xxThexstage~~ As some very important and radical suggestions have been made, I am collecting information, particularly about Museum Boards, from important Museums. The information already available with us is not up to date, hence the need to get the latest facts on this subject. My remarks will be submitted to Government as soon as I have got the data.

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

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E.P.H.(A) Dept

A. Aiyappan
30/8/45
Superintendent.

The reply may be awaited till 15.9.45

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Edn & P.H. DEPARTMENT.

REMINDER: Education Branch.

To The Superintendent
Government Museum.

I ~~have the honour to invite~~ am directed to invite ~~invite~~ attention to Endt (in orig) No. 34807 A.1 Edn, dated 7.8.45 and ~~to request that the reply to it may be expedited.~~ request that this reminder may be returned ~~at once~~ with information as to—

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(2) ~~the date by which a reply may be expected, and~~

(3) ~~the circumstances which have caused the delay.~~

19/9/45

Signature.

Office Secretariat

Station Fort St. George

Dy. Secretary to Govt.
Designation.

Dated 15/9

SUBJECT.

Government Museum - Reorganisation - Suggestions.

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Government Museum,
Madras, 21-9-45.

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REPLY. 42345

To The Deputy Secretary to Govt.
Education and Public Health
Department, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Govt. Museum-Reorganisation- Suggestions -

The last of the letters expected in reply to my queries has been received today. My reply will be sent by the end of the next week.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. Aiyappan 21/9
Superintendent.

May lie on till 1.X.45

21/9/45

~~The reply of the Dr. Edn. Appidem may be awaited. The file may lie over till 30.9.45.~~

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....Department
From (Name) Sri A Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D.,
Designation Superintendent,
Station Government Museum, Madras.

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

Enclosures: Encl. I

No. 1207-2/45 dated 2nd October 1945.

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Sir,

Reference Endorsement No. 34807 A/45-1 Edn dated 7th August 1945.

The remarks called for in the above Endorsement are submitted below:-

Page 1, para's numbered 1 & 2.

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The suggestion made here is that there should be created a new post of Assistant Superintendent of the Government Museum to supervise the Arts or Science Division of the Museum, as the case may be. This is not a new proposal at all, as Dr. Gravely, in 1939, sent up proposals to Government for the creatio of the post of Assistant Superintendent in the Museum. (Letter No. 1320-1/39 dated 28-9-1939 disposed of in Mem ~~G.O.~~No. 40373-A-1 Edn dated 13th October 1939). This scheme was not considered by Government because of the War situation. I agree with Dr. Reddi that there shoul be better prospects of promotion for the Curatorial staff of the Museum. Both from the point of view of t quality of the scientific work to be done in the Museum and also to retain the services of the abler of the Curators, there should be at least another gazetted pos in this Museum in addition to that of the Superintende

The details of the functions of the Assistant Superintendent and the manner of recruitment for the post, etc. will be submitted if Government decide ~~to~~ reconsider~~ation~~ing Dr. Gravely's letter cited above.

Page 2, No. 3.

I disagree on the suggestion made here The Personal Assistant was never assisting the Superintendent in the scientific duties some of which have been taken over by the various sectional Curators. With the increase in the scientific staff, ministeria work also has increased, and the Personal Assistant relieves the Superintendent of routine office work and correspondence and the supervision and control of the large menial and inferior staff. Neither an additional clerk nor the Head Clerk (who is also the Accountant) can do these important routine duties. In putting forward this suggestion, Dr. Reddi is making the common mistake of some scientific men without administrative experience, who underrate the value of efficient ministerial work. The appointment of more Curators has meant more work for the office. Exchanges of publications with other institutions and the distribution of Museum publications to a very large number of institutions are still done by the Museum staff in consultation with the Librarian. While I agree with the suggestion that the proposed Assistant Superintendent, can also do Curatorial work for the galleries devoted to the subjects in which he is a specialist, cannot agree that it will be an advantage to saddle th

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Superintendent with curatorial work for a section.

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Page 3, No.4. The question has been fully discussed in my letter No.1207-1/45 dated 18th August 1945 disposed of in Memorandum No.33930-A/45-2 dated 12th September 1945. No further remarks are therefore necessary.

Page 3, No.5. Three ideas, of an Administrative Board, an Expert Committee, and an Advisory Board, have all been mixed up in this suggestion. It is not clear whether the suggestion is that the **administration** of the Museum should be taken over by a Committee, or that the experts now employed by the Museum should be supplmented by a Committee of experts, or that a purely advisory Committee should be constituted.

The comparison of this Museum with the Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay, and the Indian Museum, Calcutta, is made probably out of ignorance of the history of the two latter. The Prince of Wales Museum is financed by a Trust which collected funds for a memorial for the visit of ~~a~~ the Prince of Wales Museum, and that the Museum contains large private collections loaned by private individuals, (e.g. the Tatas) and non-official scientific bodies such as the Bombay Natural History Society. The Board of Trustees was created by a special act of the Bombay Legislature (Bombay Act No.III of 1909) to co-ordinate these different interests. The Calcutta Museum has a similar History and hence the need for the Board of Trustees. The Madras Museum, on the other hand, is a purely Government Institution, where there is no need to co-ordinate public and private interests. Some small Museums have Committees, because, in the first place, they have no adequate ~~time~~ staff, and for any serious work, they depend upon the knowledge of the members of a Committee. I do not think there is any need for an administrative Board or an Expert Committee to be permanently associated with this Museum.

The suggestion for a Committee for the Connemara Public Library was negatived by Government as they considered it "unnecessary" (G.O.No.2160 Edn dated 22nd October 1929)

put up in a separate file

X In informal discussions carried on here in the past, Dr.Gravely used to feel that officials and non-officials who take a living interest in the activities of this Museum and are, at the same time, in a position to spare time for Committee work, are so few at Madras that no really effective Committees can be thought of now. An early experiment to run ~~this~~ District Museums with such committees failed in the most tragic manner in this province some decades ago.

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Reference has been made to the Advisory Board on Archaeology ~~with~~ which was ~~a~~ recently constituted by the Government of India (Resolution No.F3-21(2)44-F & L.). About this Advisory Board Dr.Wheeler, Director General of Archaeology in India, writes to me as follows:

> " It is too early yet to say how far our Advisory Board will be of real use. Its primary function is to bring the work of the Department to the knowledge of individuals of standing and influence and in this respect I think it will succeed."
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> "As you say, the Central Government pays the Travelling Allowance to the members of the Board".

For a similar objective, ~~An~~ An Advisory Board on Museums of the Province, with a wide membership from all the Districts is likely to be useful for this Museum also. If Government approve of this suggestion, details will be submitted to Government, embodying schemes for a comprehensive museums policy for the whole province.

The letter, in original, is returned herewith.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
A. Aiyappan 2.x.1945
Superintendent.

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6-10-45

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From the Supdt. Edn. & P R dept.
To the Supdt. Govt. Museum.

Sub: Govt. Museum re-organisation
Ref:- Your letter 1207-2/45
dt 2.10.45

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Pl. send a copy of your ~~the~~ Memo. 403 73-A1 dt 13.10.39 Edn with a copy of your letter 1320/39 d 28.9.39 for reference.

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1939 ROs have been sent to M R O Chittoor. Hence the need for a copy from the S.G.M.

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Telephonic Message by post dated 4-10-1945 19

From The Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras
To The Superintendent, Education and Public Health Deptt, A.Section.

Reference your telephonic message dated 4th October 45.

Copies of D.O.No.13200 A-6 Edn dated 4th Septr.1939, Education and Public Health Department Memorandum No.40373-A-1 Edn dated 13th October 1939 and copy of letter No.1320-1/39 dated 28-9-1939 from the Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras, are furnished.

A. Aiyappan
4.10.45
Superintendent.

1) Copy of

Fort St.George,
dated the 4th
September 193

Education and Public Health Department.

D.O. No.13200-A-6 Edn.

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My dear Gravely,

Museum -Government- Appointment of an Assistant Superintendent.

With reference to the suggestion made by you to the Hon'ble the Minister for Education that an Assistant Superintendent should be appointed in the Government Museum, I am to ask you to submit proposals as a Part II Scheme for 1940-41, explaining the necessity for the post in detail.

Yours sincerely

(sd) G.H. Cooke.

4-9-1939.

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Copy of letter No.1320-1/39 dated 28-9-1939 from the Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Deptt.

Reference D.O. No.13200-A-6 Edn dated September 4,1939.

1/ The proposal for the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent in the Museum was first put forward in the latter part of my letter No.39-1/24 dated February 4, 1924, and the grounds there given still hold good; but the staff of Curators now, includes men competent to carry out the duties of the proposed post so that recruitment to it would no longer necessarily have to be made from outside. For, the quality of the scientific staff has greatly improved during the time that has elapsed since the letter was written. Owing, ~~to~~ I believe, to financial considerations, Government did not accept the proposal, which for the same reason has not been revived in recent years.

2/ When that letter was written over fifteen years ago, the scientific staff under the Superintendent included three posts only, one for Zoology, one for Botany, geology and Anthropology, and one for Archaeology including Numismatics. Since then it has been doubled, separate posts having been created to deal with Anthropology, Numismatics and Chemical Conservation. This has made an immense difference not only to the quantity but also to the quality of the work done and has as fully explained in this year's annual report ~~that~~ the but work and collections of the Museum for the first time on a reasonably satisfactory basis. But inevitably it has also greatly increased the responsibilities of the Superintendent, since it gives him twice as many scientific officers to train as new recruits and to supervise throughout, responsibilities which are intensified by the wider range of subjects with which he has to be familiar and at least reasonably up to date.

3/ I have been able to cope with the work entrusted to me only because I have had the opportunity of developing

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along with it. And even so, in recent years I have felt so of it to be getting beyond me. When I retire the new Superintendent, though he will have a larger and better staff to help him than I had in the first instance, will find himself called to fill a far more difficult position, demanding ~~asm~~ an unusual width of technical knowledge. For he must not only be prepared to plan in collaboration with the respective Curators continous improvement in the galleries devoted to all the various subjects dealt with in the Museum, but must also be able to assess the educational or scientific value as the case may be of the papers they prepare for publication; to edit such papers as are accepted for publication by the Museum and in the event of any one of the Curators leaving, no matter from ~~whom~~ which section, to train his successor, teaching him how best to extend and utilize in the service of the public through the Museum the technical knowledge he brings with him from his University course.

4 On the greatly reduced pay to be offered to the new Superintendent it is most unlikely that any capable senior man from another Museum will be available, and ~~amxem~~ no one else is likely to have been in a position to acquire the necessary knowledge or experience. I therefore most strongly recommend the raising of one of the Curators' posts to that of Assistant Superintendent, so that the Superintendent may have an Assistant to help him in subjects in which he has not himself had special training, technical qualification in such subjects being together with suitable character and general ability, the main qualifications required for the post.

5 The scales of pay of the Curators and Superintendent as now revised are Rs.100-8/2-140-10/2-190 and Rs.350-50/2-450-75/2-675. I therefore consider that the pay of the new post should commence at Rs.190 and end with Rs.350/- and suggest Rs.190-20/2-250-25/2-350.

The necessary ~~max~~ proposition statement (in duplicate) is enclosed, showing Rs.135/- per month to be the ~~average~~ additional cost, an amount which will be far more than covered by the difference between my salary and that to be paid to my successor.

(Sd) F. H. Gravely.

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3) Copy of Education and Public Health Department Memorandum No.40373-A-1 Edn dated 13th October 1939.

Sub: Museum- Government-Appointment of Assistant Superintendent to the ~~Superintendent~~ Govt.Museum.

Letter from the Superintendent, Govt.Museum No.1320-1/39 dated 28-9-1939.

The Superintendent, Government Museum, is informed that in view of the pressing need for economy, his proposal for the appointment of an Assistant Superintendent in the Museum should be deferred.

(sd) G.H. Cooke
Secretary to Govt.

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Education & P.H. Department.
(A) Section.
C.No.34807.

MEMORANDUM NO. 34807A/45-3 Edn., dated 23/11/45.

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Sub:- Government Museum -Curators - ~~Promotion~~ Transfer to Madras Educational Service - ~~Feasibility - Remarks called for~~.

The S.G.M. has reported that there is not sufficient prospects of promotion for the Curators employed in the Govt. Museum. With a view to improve the prospects of the curators and to attract a better type of persons for employment in the museum, ~~the posts of Curators~~, it has been ~~proposed~~ suggested that recruitment by transfer to the Madras Educational Service should be made from the posts of Curators also (category I of Class II of the Madras General Subordinate Service). The D.P.I. is requested to report whether the ~~proposal~~ suggestion is feasible and if so, how it ~~can~~ may be given effect to.

Reminder on 28/12

pp. 99-100 The Madras General Subordinate Service Volume III Book 114

To
The D.P.I.
Copy to S.G.M.
(Refer his letter 1207-2/45 d 2.10.45)

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Edn. & P.H. Dept DEPARTMENT.

REMINDER. Education Branch.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
29 DEC 1945
MADRAS

To The Director of
Public Instruction.

I ~~have the honour to invite~~
am directed to invite
~~invite~~ attention to Memo.

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No. 348074/45-3 dated 23/11/45 and to

~~to request that the reply to it may be expedited~~

request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter now is,

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, ~~and~~

~~(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.~~

Office Secretariat

Signature.

Station Madras.

For Deputy Secy.
Designation.

Dated 27/12/45 27/12

SUBJECT.

Government Museum - Curators - Transfer to Madras Educational Service.

G.P.O.

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N.R.C.No. 4584 C/45.

REPLY.

To The Secretary to Govt.,
Education & Public Health
Dept.

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Resubmitted.

2. The ~~Superintendent,~~ Government Museum has been addressed for furnishing certain particulars and a reply will be submitted as soon as the required particulars are received from the Superintendent. He is being reminded.

31.12.45

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For DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Edn & P.H. dep
m. to A

The next reminder on 20.1.46.

Ex. R.
31.1.46

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3.1.46

5 Feb

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Edn & P.H. DEPARTMENT.

REMINDER.

Education Branch.

To THE Director of Public Instruction

2 - FEB 1946

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Clarence O'Coon
31/1 feb
Signature.

Deputy Secretary
Designation.

M
28/1/46

Office Secretariat

Station Madras.

Dated 28/1/46

SUBJECT.

Government Museum - Curator - Transfer to Madras Educational Service.

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R.C. 4584 C/45 Dated 2.46

REPLY.

To The ~~Deputy Secretary~~ to Govt.
Education & P. H. Dept.

1317 Resubmitted.

The matter is under consideration and a reply will be submitted very shortly.

5.2.46
For Director of Public Instruction

4/2/46

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Edn. D.P.I. dept

The reply of the D.P.I. may be awaited till 28.2.46.

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7.2.46 Reminder issued on 1-3-46

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EDUCATION **DEPARTMENT.**

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Received 29 MAR 1946 19 . Registered 19 .

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Subject.

Public Services - Curators in Government Museum, Madras - Proposal for appointment to the Madras Educational Service - By Transfer - Remarks submitting.

Enclosures.
No.
Spare copies

R.C. No. 4584-C/45

Station MADRAS, Dated the 25th March 1946

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

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

Sir,

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REF: Govt. Memo. No. 34807-A/45-5 Edn dated 23-11-45.

WITH reference to thesuggestion contained in the above Govt. Memorandum that recruitment by transfer to the Madras Educational Service should be made from the posts of curators inthe Government Museum also, I have the honour to state as follows:

2. THERE are 6 posts of Curators one for each of the following six sections.

Zoological, Botanical, Anthropological, Archaelogical, Numismatics and Chemical Conservation sections.

A copy of the qualifications prescribed for these posts as given in the Madras Services Manual - Vol. III is attached to this letter for ready reference. The scale of pay for these posts is Rs. 100-10/2-200; i.e., the same as that for the posts of Assistant Professors and Assistant Lecturers in the Madras Educational Subordinate Services.

3. The duties of the Curators in the Museum are-

(a) to look after and maintain the public galleries pertaining to his subjects in good condition and to add to them by periodical tours;
(b) to do research work in his special subjects and publish the results in the Museum's special publication known as the "BULLETINS OF THE GOVERNMENT MUSEUM";
(c) to disseminate knowledge by giving demonstrations to school teachers and by public lectures held at the Museum Theatre and in educational institutions.

As occasion arises thecurators help educational institutions to organise school museums and also give training to persons deputed for museum training to this Museum. The Curator, Chemical Conservation Section, is reported to have no public galleries and collections in his charge but is concerned with the preservation and treatment of the exhibits. He does research work in the methods of preservation.

4. AS regards the question of considering these curators eligible for recruitment by transfer to the Madras Educational Service, I may point out that the question can be considered only if in the first instance these posts are transferred to the Education Department similar to certain posts of non-Medical Lecturers in the Medical Colleges which were transferred to the Educational Department in 1931 - Vide G.O.No.2418 P.H. Local Sef-Govt. dated 12-12-1931. Though the non-Medical Lecturers (viz. Lecturers in Physics, Chemistry and Biology) are serving in the Medical Department they are members of the Madras Educational Subordinate Service and are governed by the Special Rules relating to the Madras Educational Subordinate Services. Their claims for promotion to the Madras Educational Service are duly considered along with those of the Assistant Professors and Assistant Lecturers working in the colleges in the Education Department. Recently, with a view to providing prospects for promotion to the Madras Educational Service my predecessor in office (Dr.B.B.Dey) was prepared to take the posts of Lecturers in Biology and Chemistry of the Madras Veterinary College, also into the Madras Educational Subordinate Service under certain conditions. But this question was not pursued as the Government converted the two posts in the Veterinary College, Madras into gazetted posts in the Madras Veterinary Service itself - Vide G.O.No.Ms.4466 Dev. dated 12-11-1945.

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5. BUT so far as the posts of Curators of the Govt. Museum are concerned I consider that their transfer to the Education Department is neither desirable nor feasible for the following reasons:-

(i) The minimum qualifications prescribed for the posts of Curators are not identical with those prescribed for Assistant Professors and Assistant Lecturers.
(ii) The nature of duties perfomed by these Curators are not similar to those of Assistant Professors or Assistant Lecturers in Colleges.
(iii) Long experience as Curators will not make efficient Lecturers or Professors.
(iv) If the posts are transferred to the Education Department the holders thereof will be subjected to transfers and postings to the different colleges according as the exigencies of administration my demand and such changes of personnel in the Government Museum may not be conducive to efficient working of the museum where it is essential to have continuity of the same personnel for carrying on research work.

6. From the minimum qualifications prescribed for the posts it may be observed that the nature of duties of the posts are such that ordinary graduates can discharge them. It may be argued that the present incumbents of these posts

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are highly qualified. But similar arguments with equal force will apply to other departments also and it would not be possi to provide prospects forpersons in one department in another departments irrespective of the nature of duties and experience of the posts concerned demand.

7. FURTHER I may also add that the number of posts in the Madras Educational Service especially in the Zoology, Botany, Sanskrit and Chemistry units are too few and chances of recruitment by transfer occur very rarely.

8. IN the above circumstances I have the honour to submit that the suggestion contained in the Government Memo. under reference is not feasible.

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

28.3.46
for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

RVR 27/3/= Sol 28/3

S.No.	Curators	Statutory Qualifications.
1.	Zoological Section	B.A. Or B.Sc. Degree in Zoology of ~~the~~ a University in the Province.
2.	Botany Section	B.A. or B.Sc. degree in Botony of a University in the Province.
3.	Anthropological Section	B.A. or B.Sc. Degree in Anthropology or Zoology of a University in the Province.
4.	Archaeological Section	A degree of a University in the Province in Sanskrit with a knowledge of Dravidian languages and Ancient Indian History or a degree in Archaeology with higher qualifications in Sanskrit and knowledge of Dravidian Languages and scripts and Ancient Indian History.
5.	Numismatic Section.	A degree of a University in the Province in Sanskrit or a degree in History of the said University with acknowledge of Indian Numismatics.
6.	Chemical Conservation Section	(a) The M.A. B.A.(Hons) or B.Sc.(Hons) Degree of a University in the Province with Chemistry (Main) and Physics (Subsidiary) and (Electro-Chemistry) as special subjects; and (b) Research experience with scientific publication

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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Cn 34807 A from Dr. A. Ramakrishna Reddy, ~~of~~ ex Curator, Govt. Museum Madras and Prof. Sri Venkateswara College, Tirupati d 1.8.45.

Govt. Museum . Reorganization . Suggestions.

Has the Committee reported?

T. A. [illegible] 2.8.45.

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The Committee constituted in G.O. No 665 Edn d 27.4.1945 has not yet sent its report. A preliminary meeting of the Committee was held on 9.6.1945.

2. Dr. Reddy has made a number of suggestions for improving the Museum. It is for consideration if this they should be placed before the Committee. It may be mentioned that the functions of the Committee as set out in para 2 on p 42 of Ⓑ are limited in character. A Museum Board constituted on the lines indicated in para 5 of Dr. Reddy's letter will probably be most competent to consider the suggestions in paras 1-4 on pp 1-3 CF.

[3. As regards para 4 on p 3 CF, the Dept. of Geological Survey has separately offered some suggestions for improving the Geological Section of the Museum. This is under reference to the S.G.M.]

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I do not think that the investigation of these suggestions, which are fundamental in nature, will come within the scope

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of the Special Committee formed under the orders at p 45 of ⓑ. This Committee met once ~~[illegible]~~ for a preliminary meeting - a copy of the proceedings is at p 29, 30 of the file below. A further report as regards items 3 & 8 of these procgs. is expected. The SGM tells me that this report is under despatch to Govt. The Committee will meet again after all the exhibits have been moved back to the Museum & Dr Couvain returns to Madras.

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The suggestions made by Mr Reddy may first be referred to the S.G.M. for remarks along with those re Geology referred to him in the C.f. below.

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The draft endt ~~below~~ on p 4 CF is for approval.

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Memo No 34807 A/45 - 1 Edn dated 8.8.1945. - p. 4 CF infra

(From the S.G.M. No.1207-2/45 dated 2nd October 1945.) - pp. 13-15 CF

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Please see the letter from Dr.A.Ramakrishna Reddy at pp.1-4 c.f. and the remarks of the S.G.M. thereon at pp.13-15 c.f. The suggestions of Dr.Reddy are examined below:-

2. Creation of a post of Asst.Supdt.Govt.Museum:-- Dr. Reddy suggests the appointment of an Asst.Supdt.in the Govt. Museum, the Supdt.and the Asst.Supdt.being placed in general charge of each of the two divisions--Arts and Science, besides holding direct charge of the section, in which ~~he~~ each has specialised. He also recommends the creation of the post of senior curators on a better scale of pay. The S.G.M. agrees with Dr.Reddy on the question of the appointment of an Asst.Supdt.but he is against the Supdt.being placed in charge of one of the sections. The question of appointment of an Asst.Supdt.was considered

paras 1 & 2 PP 1-2 CF

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paras 1 & 2 pp 13-14 CF

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before and the proposal was turned down in view of the then pressing need for economy. In view of the contemplated re-organisation of the museum and the need to retain the services of Curators in the museum, the suggestion to create the posts of A.S.G.M. may be accepted. Apparently the S.G.M. is not for the creation of posts of Curators with separate scales of pay. If the proposal at 'A' above is accepted the S.G.M. may be asked to submit proposals in the matter and it may have to be treated as a Part II scheme for 1947-48. Finance may see.

Yes. Dr Gravely's letter at p 21, 22 of A makes out a case for this.
21/8/45

3. Abolition of the post of P. A. to S.G.M.:-- ~~On the~~ Dr Reddy suggests the abolition of the post of Personal Asst. on the retirement of the present incumbent, Mr.Raghavan. The S.G.M. is not agreeable to this suggestion for the reasons mentioned by him. The views of the S.G.M. may be accepted.

para 3 pp 2-3 CF

para 2 P 13 CF

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4. Geology Section:-- Dr.Reddy suggests the re-organisation of the Geology section and the appointment of a Curator for this section. The question was recently examined and it was decided that the expansion of this section need not be taken up until additional accommodation is provided in the Museum. No further action is called for in the matter now.

para 4 p 3 CF

pp 9-11 of Ⓨ

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5. Appointment of a Museum Board:-- Dr.Reddy suggests the appointment of a Committee, on the analogy of the Prince of Wales Museum at Bombay, the Museum at Lucknow etc., to discuss, from time to time, all matters pertaining to the Museum Administration, display, collections, etc, to advise the S.G.M. and the Govt. The S.G.M. considers that people interested in the activities of the Museum who can spare time for the purpose will not be available in Madras. ~~The Supdt~~ He however, refers to the Advisory Board attached to Govt. of India, Archaeological Dept. whose primary function is to bring the work of the department to the knowledge of individuals of standing and influence, and ~~He~~ recommends the constitution of such

para 5 pp 3-4 CF

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an Advisory body on Museums of the Province. It does not seem that such a Committee will serve any useful purpose. For orders whether the proposal should be accepted.

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I agree. This need not be pursued.
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May be sent to Finance w.o.f. remarks with reference to the creation of a post of Asst. Supdt. in the Museum.

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Finance.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
22 OCT 1945
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

(Notes from p. 2 above alone need be seen)

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The case has been remitted to this dept for remarks with ref. to the proposal in para 2 on pp 2-3 above, viz Creation of a post of Asst. Supt in the Govt. Museum ~~and to treat~~ the proposal as a Part II Scheme for 1947-1948. The proposal involves an extra cost of Rs 5,940/- p.a. recurring, assuming that it will be in the M.E.S. scale of 200-700.

Also see paras above

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2/ A somewhat similar proposal was put forward in 1924 & again in 1939, but the Govt did not accept it. The reasons urged are that the establishments in the Museum has doubled and with it the responsibilities of the Supt have greatly increased as he has to train a larger number of scientific officers and that there should be at least another Gazetted officer in order to retain the services of the abler curators in the office.

It will be seen that the object of the proposal is mainly to improve the prospects of the Curators in the deptt. The requirements of Gazetted officers of an office has to be examined solely with ref. to the duties to be performed by officers and considerations of prospects of subordinate ~~staff~~ are not therefore quite relevant to the same. In this case, the Museum is a small office. There is one Gazetted Supt in charge

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and 5 curators are working under him. These latter are graduates and research workers and supervision and guidance of their work ought not to take much time of the Superintendent. In fact, having regard to the small size of the office, it has not been shown convincingly that the work of the Superintendent is beyond the capacity of a single officer. Finance may therefore suggest that the proposal may be negatived.

As regards lack of prospects for the curators in the Museum, the proper remedy is to make them eligible for promotion to the Madras Educational Service provided they are otherwise qualified and fit. E.& P.H. may be requested to consider the suggestion in consultation with the D.P.I. and amend the special rules for M.E.S. if necessary.

Need not be pursued X
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27.10.45

Each Curator in the Museum has naturally to be given complete independence in his subject, like the Translators to Government, and the initiative in collecting and arranging exhibits has to be left to him. Once this is done there is little else to do. The S.G.M's "supervisory" work over the sections is thus very light and he does not require an Assistant Superintendent. He has already got a P.A. to assist him in the administrative work. The Assistant Superintendent's post will be merely ornamental and its only result will be to provide for promotion to one of the Curators and increase the tendency to plot and intrigue which I believe exists in the Museum. It does not seem desirable to create a post just for the sake of providing promotion.

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Education and P.H. dept.

Please see this Department's note on pages 2-4 ante and Finance note above. Finance Department is not in favour of ~~creating~~ the proposal to create a post of Assistant Superintendent in the Govt Museum. For orders whether the suggestion of Finance may be accepted.

1.11.45

Please see the Supt's remarks on

P1-4 cf

P 13, 14 cf. on Mr Ramakrishna Reddy's suggestions.

The ~~offi~~ notes of this dept. and Finance Dept on P 2-5 ante are also for perusal.

The point for orders is whether a post of Asst Supdt should be created for the Museum for the reasons given in Dr Gravely's letter on P 21, 22 cf.

It is necessary to give some inducement for our technical men in the Museum viz., Curators, (of whom a few are really good in their own lines) to remain there and not go hankering after jobs elsewhere.

For orders (1) whether ~~(1)~~ the proposal to create a post of Asst Supdt in the Museum be negatived, as suggested by Finance Dept and if so, (2) whether 'X' on P 5 ante be pursued a bit further.

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A (1) Yes (2) Yes 5/11/45

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The point to be considered further is whether the prospects of the Curators in the Museum can be improved by making them eligible for promotion to the Madras Educational Service. The M.E.S. (men's women's branch) consists of Administrative and Collegiate sections. The Curators, being ordinarily permanent members of the Madras General Subordinate Service, are not eligible for appointment by direct recruitment to the M.E.S. In the case of members who are not permanent but who are otherwise qualified under the rules they are eligible to apply for and compete with other candidates when vacancies are advertised by the P.S.C.

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[Defn. (13) under rule 2 in Part I of the Genl. Rules,

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As regards transfer from General Subordinate Service to the M.E.S., attention is invited to the qualifications prescribed for the posts in the M.E.S. and the Curators in the statement at (A) below.

D.E.Os.:-- For transfer to the M.E.S. Administrative section the Curators should have the training as Deputy Inspector of Schools or School Assistants ~~and~~ or Headmasters in the Madras Educational Subordinate Service. In the absence of this training they will not prove in any way, useful to the administrative section of the M.E.S. and as such their promotion direct to the category of D.E.Os. cannot be considered.

Spl. rule [illegible] p.21, Bk. 113

P. 30 of M.S.M. Vol II Book 113

Lecturers:-- The minimum qualification required for 5 of the 6 ~~xix~~ Curators in the Government Museum is a degree in Arts of the University in the Province in the subject concerned. The other Curator (Chemical conservation section) is required to possess M.A., B.A.,(Hons.) or B.Sc.,(Hons.,) degree in chemistry ~~of a University in the Province. Whereas~~ The minimum qualification required for appointment ~~do~~ to posts of lecturers in the M.E.S. is however a degree of M.A., or B.A.(Hons.,) or B.Sc.,(Hons.) in the subject concerned. As five of the Curators ~~pointed out~~ appointed under the rules will not possess the minimum (~~required~~) qualification required for promotion as Lecturers in the ~~the~~ M.E.S. it is not possible to make transfers from the posts of Curators to the posts of Lecturers. If transfers from the posts of Curators to the posts of Lecturers should be effected, the qualifications prescribed for the appointment of Curators should also be revised as those of Lecturers in the M.E.S. But ~~a~~ higher qualification may not be necessary for appointment as Curators. For orders whether in the circumstances any further action should be taken.

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The DPI's remarks may be obtained on whether the proposal is feasible if so, how it can be put into effect.

19/11/45

~~The draft memo to the DPI is put up below for consideration.~~ A draft memo is submitted.

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P 29 CF. Cr. 17636/ ~~from the D.P.I.~~ Rc No. 4584 C/45) 25-3-46

Please see the remarks of the D.P.I. at pp 29-31 Cf. ~~He has stated that the proposal as to whether the prospects of the Curators in the Museum can be improved.~~

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In order to provide prospects of promotion to the Curators employed in the Govt Museum the Finance deptt suggested that they ~~should~~ might be made eligible for recruitment to the Madras Edl service by transfer. In the memo ~~on~~ p 23 c.f. the D.P.I. was asked to report ~~whether~~ the suggestion ~~was~~ feasible and, if so, how it might be given effect to. In his letter at pp 29-31 c.f. the D.P.I. states that the suggestion is not feasible. The reasons for his view are given in paras 5-7 of his letter. The Director's view may be accepted.

No further action seems necessary in this file. The papers may be recorded after perusal by A4 - vide notes on p 6 ante.

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To
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" DPI

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Madras Educational Service.

(1) D.E.Os.

(i) A degree in Arts of the University of Madras; and

(ii) a successful course of training in the Theory and Practice of Education of the University of Madras or the B.Ed. degree of the Andhra University obtained after undergoing the course of training prescribed for the purpose in a training college affiliated to that University.

(2) Lecturers:-

The degree of M.A., or B.A. (Hons) or B.Sc., (Hons.) of the University of Madras in the subject in respect of which recruitment is necessary.

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~~Curator of Government Museum.~~

Qualifications for appointments

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(i) Must not have completed 30 years of age if recruited direct; and

(ii) Must possess--

(1) in the case of the Curator, Zoological section, the B.A., or B.Sc., degree in Zoology of a University in the Province.

(2) in the case of the Curator, Botanical section, the B.A., or B.Sc., degree in Botany of a University in the Province.

(3) in the case of the Curator, Anthropological section, the B.A., or B.Sc., degree in Anthropology or Zoology of a University in the Province.

(4) in the case of the Curator, Archaeological section, a degree of a University in the Province in Sanskrit with a knowledge of Dravidian languages and Ancient Indian History or a degree in Archaeology with high qualifications in Sanskrit and knowledge of Dravidan languages and scripts and Ancient Indian History.

(5) in the case of the Curator, Numismatic section, a degree of a University in the Province in Sanskrit or a degree in History of the said University with a knowledge of Indian Numismatics, and

(6) in the case of the Curator, Chemical conservation section,

(a) the M.A., B.A., (Hons.) or B.Sc., (Hons.,) degree of a University in the Province with Chemistry (Main) and Physics (Subsidiary) and (Electro-chemistry) as special subjects; and

(b) research experience with scientific publications.

Preference shall be given to candidates who possess in addition knowledge of French and German.