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[Despatch Abstract.]

LAND ACQUISITION - Madras City - Purasawalkam village - Premises No. 8,
Lawders Gate Road - Lady Muthia Chettiyar's Girls' High School - Construc-
tion of school building - Withdrawal notification under section 48(1) of
the Act - Published.

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HIGH COURT & GOVERNMENT AUCTIONEERS

Srinivasa Raghavan
PROPRIETOR

8, Lawders Gate Road,
Vepery,
Madras

12th Feb. 1947

able Minister for Revenue,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Ref: Forceable Acquisition of No.8, Lawders
Gate Road, for Lady Muthiah Chettiar's
Girls School, Madras.

At the request of the Education Department you
Department has made a Gazette Notification on the 3rd of
Dec.'46 that the said property will be acquired for
the School by you. I have filled my objection before
the personal Assistant to the Collector of Madras, a copy
of which is enclosed for your information.

This acquisition is being engineered at the
influence of Mr.M.C.T.Chidambaram Chettiar, a Rich
person as he bears some personal spite against us.
The Officers of the Education Department have been
influenced and they would not even entertain much less
investigate my objections.

My submission is that several other suitable
properties are available for the school. The present
place where the school is located belongs to Dr.Sir.
Alagappa Chettiar, and as he is a rich and influential
person it is left out and our ancient residence is
being acquired.

May I therefore request you to carefully look
into our several objections and order some responsible
officer of your Department and inspect the locality,
verify the truth of my statements and submit to you
a full and detailed report and then pass final orders
for acquisition.



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As the matter is being hurried through I request and pray that you may stay further proceedings till you have obtained a full and impartial report. Now the Government's power of acquisition are being used to fulfil private spite. I am sure you will not lend yourself as an innocent tool for such abuse in your name.

Hoping you will do me justice in the ma

Yours faithfully

C. Srinivasan

Owner of No.8, Lawders
Gate Road, Madras.

Madras,

23rd December, 1946.

The Personal Assistant to the Collector of Madras,
Old High Court Buildings,
Madras.

Objections filed for the proposed acquisition of No.8
Lawder's Gate Road, for Lady Nuthiah Chetty Girls' School, -
Vepery, Madras.

1. The property in question is a large residential bungalow on 15 grounds. It was brought by my great-grand-father Hon'ble V. Rama Iyengar, Dewan of Travancore in or about 1883 for his daughter. Since he died his daughter my grandmother, later my father and his brother have been living in it. Since their demise myself and my brother with our family are living in it. Thus we have been living in it for over five generations. Our present family consists of my family my brother's family - with 18 children and my old mother of 78.

2. Long before the Lady Nuthiah Chetty Girls' School was started, during the last 10 years Mr. Chidambaram Chettiar, the Dewan of the school approached us and wanted us to sell our property to him. Every time we refused as we were an ancient family living in the bungalow. Having failed to get it direct he soon to have approached the Educational Department to acquire the property saying it was required for the Girls' School.

3. The Girls' School is at present located in Dr. Sir. Alageppa Chettiar's spare Bungalow and compound. That we suggest is eminently suitable for the school. He is also the President of the Board of Management of the said School.

4. There are several other more suitable and desirable properties within 200 yards of the place in Gangadharaswarer -- Keil street, in which the present School is situated which are eminently suited for building a modern building for the School. One such is our own land in No.29, Gangadharaswarer Keil street, consisting of 28 grounds of open unbuilt land. A part of it has been acquired for building the Municipal Corporation School I submit the other part is eminently suited for the Girls' School. Secondly, there is an old building in Gangadharaswarer Keil street, lying just opposite the present habitation of the School in which the Salvation Army is located. It was still recently used for a Boys' School by the Municipality of Madras. It consists of 12 grounds under old building. The owners have recently sold it and so it can be easily acquired from the present purchaser. Thirdly, if the Girls' School had to be located next to the Sir Nuthiah Chetty's Boys' School it should acquire the corner building and site lying to its North in Raka Annamalai Chettiar Road in which Mrs. Prince & Co., are tenants. It is as big a place as ours. Fourthly, recently the said Boys' School have acquired part of "Estane Vilas" lying to the South of the Boys' School. If a contiguous building is required the Government should acquire the rest of the said property and hand it over to the School.

When several such suitable - nay more suitable places are available in the immediate vicinity from owners who are willing and ready to sell that the Management of the School should have requested the Government to acquire our property which is far behind the school in another Road altogether makes us feel that Mr. Chidambaram Chettiar wants to coerce us for reasons of his own.

5. During the last twenty years the Government have acquired three of our large properties for public purposes. First a large block of 40 grounds was acquired for Police Quarters in the Gangadharaswarer Keil Road. Second, a building

in China Bazaar Road was taken ~~xxx~~ for widening the street. Third and again another block of 10 grounds in the said Ganga-dharieswarer Koil Road was forcibly acquired under the Defence of India Act in 1943 for building a Municipal School. This is the fourth time our properties are being sought to be acquired. It is we submit highly improper for the Government to take away all our properties one by one for public purposes especially, when other rich and influential owners of properties in the -- locality like Mr. Alagappa Chettiar who are philanthropically minded are not approached to give their superfluous properties for the School especially when he is himself the Chairman of the Board of Management of this Girls' School.

Mr. Chidambaram Chettiar himself should be asked to give his own Bungalow for the School as it is opposite to the Boys' -- School specially when he has several Bungalows in Santhome and other places in Madras. He is the Donor of this Girls' School and he will do well to set an example by giving his own Bungalow and not ask the Government to acquire other peoples' Bungalows.

6. In these days of building scarcity if we are driven out of our ancient residence we cannot build another Bungalow or acquire one to live in. It will there entail a great hardship on us if our Bungalow is acquired. This is significant from the fact that the Municipality which acquired our land more than -- three years' ago has not yet been able to build a building for its school for which it was acquired.

7. It is premature for Lady Muthiah Chettiar Girls' School to acquire a place for building its own premises as it will be impossible for building activity to come into force for another couple of years.

8. I understand and believe the same to be true that none of the Officers of the Educational Department of the Government have inspected our building which is proposed to be acquired or any other alternative building in the locality and certify which of them is fit for the Girls' School. They seem to have merely acted under the influence and suggestion of Mr. Chidambaram -- Chettiar in recommending our place to be acquired. As such I -- submit the Government should call upon some responsible Officer of the Educational Department like the Director of Public -- Instruction to inspect all the suitable places in the locality before this acquisition is proceeded with.

9. Lastly, and more than all the Government seems to have been misled by the low valuation of Rs. 40,000/- suggested by the School authorities for No. 8, Lawder's Gate Road on the basis of which the Government half Grant is provided. I am a -- property Agent for the High Court of Madras for over twenty -- years. If this property is to be valued as per the recent sales of similar properties in the immediate vicinity of the locality it will be more than one Lakh of Rupees (Rs. 1,00,000/-). In fact we had several offers for over Rs. 85,000/- and we have refused to sell. I can, if necessary, let in evidence to that effect. So ultimately when it is acquired it will cost more than --- Rs. 1,20,000/- with compensation allowance. If the present building is demolished after having been acquired at such a cost and a new building built thereon it will cost six to seven Lakhs of Rupees ultimately and the Government will have to pay the half grant.

10. We wish to point out another fact. Our late father Mr. V. Rangaswami Iyengar started the present Muthiah Chettiar School more than 40 years ago and run it till his death in 1913. Later my uncle V. Desika Chariar ran the School till his death in 1928 when it was actually bought by Mr. Chidambaram Chettiar. So, we are as much interested in the School started by our late father thriving in the locality. We will render all help in the

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in the acquisition of another suitable site for the School
if the acquisition of our Bungalow is abandoned.

11. The time given to us is so short as we were served
with notice of the acquisition only on the 13th instant and -
we, therefore, pray and request that we may be allowed to file
such further and other supplementary objections as may be ---
available to us before the hearing date of 17th January 1947.

V. Srinivasan

Owners of No. 8, Lawder's Gate
Road, Vepery, Madras.

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Land Acquisition - Madras City - Premises no 8.
Lawders Gate Road Vepery - Acquisition for the
Lady Muthia Chettiyar's High School for girls
Read G.O. no 2230 Edn dated 21.11.46

Petition from Sri. V. Srinivasa Raghavan Vepery
8/12/47

see
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Memo. 12922/47 - Pt-1 - Edn. 23.3.1947.

The Collector of Madras is informed that the
Hon'ble Minister for Revenue wants to ^{inspect} ~~see~~ the
lands ~~proposed~~ proposed to be acquired for the Lady
Muthia Chettiyar's High School for girls at
Vepery. He is requested to ^{direct} ~~instruct~~ the
Tahsildar concerned to meet the Hon'ble Minister

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26/8/47

To
The Collector of Madras
.. Copy to the petitioner
in the Secretariat
to fix a suitable date ^{for} ~~for~~ inspection and ask
the owner of the property also to be present
at that time

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Government of Madras.

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Education and Public Health Department.

Memorandum No. 13562-47-EI-2-Education dated 8th April 1947.

Sub:- Land Acquisition - Madras City - Premises No. 8 -
Lauders Gate Road, Vepery - Acquisition for the Lady
Muthiah Chettiar's High School for Girls.

The Head-mistress of the Lady Muthiah Chettiar's High
School for Girls, Puraswalkan, is informed that the Honourable
the Minister for Education proposes to inspect the site
proposed to be acquired for the High School, this evening. (8-4-47).
She is requested to be present at the time of inspection.

M. V. Subramaniam,
Secretary to Government.

Forwarded/ By order.

Superintendent,

O/C hr
8.4.47

To
The Headmistress,
Lady Muthiah Chettiar's
Girls School,
Puraswalkan, Madras.

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V. Srinivasa Raghavan
PROPRIETOR

HIGH COURT & GOVERNMENT AUCTIONEERS

Shawder Salaband
Vepur MOUNT ROAD

Madras 24th March 1947.

To

Hon'ble Bakthavatsalam Mudaliar
Minister for Revenue.

Rev Dept
E.O.H. U.O.

Dear Sir,

Re - Education Dept. Memorandum
N.O. 12922/47-B-1. dated 3.3.47.

Re. Lady Mathuriah Chetty School acquisition

The Hon'ble Revenue Minister
Mr Karant visited Shawder Salaband
Road & other places along with the
Tasildar and before he laid down
his office as minister passed an
order in the above acquisition
proceedings.

May I request you to kindly
Communicate to me a copy of the
said order as it is necessary
for me. Hoping you will oblige.

Yours faithfully
V. Srinivasa Raghavan

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Please see the letter from the Proprietor, Indira & Co on p 1 of the minute of H M (Rev) and the Secretary's remarks at 'A' on p 1 of. The connected papers are in the Edn & P H Dept. - Please see also 'B' on p 1 of. The current may be transferred ^{therefore} to that department. The note on p 1 of is for approval by U.S. It may be sent to E & P H after perusal by Secretary.

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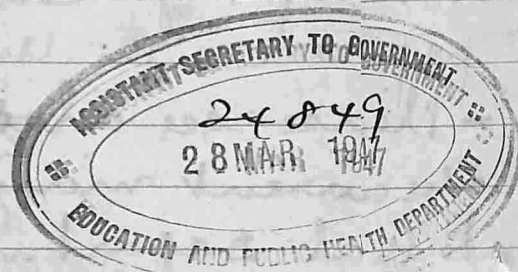
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The file relating to the subject
referred to, ~~has~~ was circulated
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Read: G.O.No. 2230 Edn. dated 21--11--1946
Petition from Sri V. Srinivasa Raghavan, Vepery
dated 12--2--1947.

MEMO No. 12922/W-7-3-Edn. Dt. 23/4/47.

The Collector of Madras is informed that the
Government have decided that the proceedings for the
acquisition of premises No. 8 Lawders Gate Road, Vepery
should be dropped forthwith as there is a great deal
in the objections raised by the owner of the property
against the acquisition. He is requested to submit a
draft withdrawal notification under Sec. 48(1) of the
Land Acquisition Act for Govt.'s approval and for pub-
lication in the F.S.G.G. He is also requested to report
whether any compensation is payable under Sec. 48(2)
of the Act.

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2. The Correspondent of the Lady Muthiah Chettiar's

High School for girls is informed that the plot in which the school is at present situated is much better and even bigger than the plot proposed to be acquired and that the management may therefore consider the question of acquiring the present plot for the school by negotiation or otherwise.

To

- ✓ The Collr. of Madras.
- ✓ The Correspondent,
- ✓ Lady Muthiah Chettiar's
- ✓ High School for girls.
- ✓ Purasawalkam, Madras.
- ✓ Sri V. Srinivasa
- ✓ Raghavan, Lawders Gate
- ✓ Road, Vepery, Madras.
- ✓ The D.P.I.

From
M. Karamatullah Esq., I.C.S.,
Collector of Madras,
Madras.

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

Sir,

R.C. 3980/46/C1 dated 29th April 1947.

LAND ACQUISITION - Madras City - Purasawalkam village - R.S. No. 21 - Premises No. 8. Lawder's gate road - Lady Muthia Chettiar's Girls High School - Construction of school building. Withdrawal from.

Ref:-Government Memo No. 12922/47-B-1-3 dated 23rd April 1947.

I enclose a withdrawal notification in duplicate under Section 48(1) for approval and publication.

2. No compensation need be paid under Section 48(2) as the owners have not suffered or lost anything by the notification under Section 4(1).

Encl: Two.
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for COLLECTOR OF MADRAS.

WITHDRAWAL NOTIFICATION.

Under Section 48(1) of the Land Acquisition Act I of 1894 as amended by Act XXXVIII of 1923, His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby withdraws from the acquisition of the land specified in the schedule hereunder notified under Section 4(1) at page 538, Part I B of the Port St. George Gazette dated 3-12-'46 (Notification 334) as required for a public purpose, to wit, for the construction of a building for the Lady Muthia Chettiyar's High School for Girls.

Madras District.

Madras North Taluk

Purasawaikar Village.

Government Dry, R.S. No. 21, belonging to (1) Rajalakshmi Ammal, (2) V. Srinivasa Raghavan, (3) V. Soundararajam.

Mortgagee: Rathachand Chettiar.

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FOR COLLECTOR OF MADRAS.

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HIGH COURT & GOVERNMENT AUCTIONEERS

V. Srinivasa Raghavan

PROPRIETOR

To

8 Lawders Gate Road
Vepery MOUNT ROAD

Madras 1st May 1947.

The Secretary to Government
Education Department Fort St George
Madras

Dear Sir, Ref N: 12922/47-B-1.3 Edn dated 23.1.47
and G.O. N: 2236 dated 21.11.46.

I am extremely thankful to you for
you having forwarded to me the order of
the Government dropping the acquisition
of my Bungalow N: 8 Lawders Gate Road
Vepery for the Lady Mathias Chetty Girls School.

May I request you to kindly forward
to me a copy of the gazettee notification
which has been ordered to be published
under section 48(1) of the Acquisition
Act, as and when it is published.

Hoping you will oblige.

Yours faithfully

V. Srinivasa Raghavan
Owner N: 8 Lawders Gate Road
Vepery Madras.

It does not seem
necessary to send a copy
of the order with drawing notification
to him. May be lodged

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file. Tell him
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the file

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To
The Collector of Madras
the B.D. of Revenue
the P.O. for publication
P.O. for publication
(with the notification)

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Land Acquisition - Madras city - Purasawalkam
Premises no 8 Lawders Gate Road
village - Lady Kuthia Chettiar's girls'
High School - Construction of school building.
Withdrawal notification under Section 48(1)
of the Act - Published
Read:-
G.O. No. 2230 Edu. S. 21. 11. 46.
From the collector of Madras, Re. 3980/46-c,
dated 29-4-47.
Order No. 1023 Edu. dt. 16.5.1947
The following notification
will be published in the Fort. St. George
Gazette
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Land Acquisition Premises no. 8. Kauda's gate, Vepery - Lady Kuthia Chettyar's High School, Vepery.

From V. Srinivasa Raghavan, 8/5/47.

Memo:- no. 37506 B1/47-2 E.D. dt 16/5/47

The petitioner is informed that he can ~~refer~~ refer to the Fort St. George Gazette for the information required.

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Land Acquisition - Madras City - Premises nos
Lawders Gate Road Vepery - Acquisition for the Lady
Muthia Chettiar's High School for girls.

Cno 12922/47 Petition from Sri V Srinivasa Raghavan. Vepery 3.2.47

Please see the minutes of HM (Res) on p1cf.

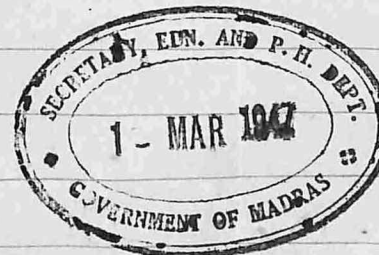
2. G.O. no 2230 Edn 3 21.11.46 in which the Govt directed
the publication of the notification under Sec. 4(1) of the
Land Acquisition Act for the acquisition of the property
of the petitioner is put up. The objections raised by the
petitioner were considered but it was decided to proceed with the acquisition
as it was reported that no other suitable site was available
vide S.D.'s report on p6 of Memo no 53760 B/46-22nd 21.11.46
The objections filed before the Land Acquisition Officer will be
duly considered by him. No action is called for.

The file may be circulated to HM (Res) through HM (Res)

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Please ask the Tahasildar of the area to point out the land to me
soon. Give notice to applicant also
to be present. Time to be fixed when
Tahasildar comes to me. R.A.K.
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A draft memo to the Collector of Madras is
submitted below for approval. It is presumed
that the case need not be re-circulated
to HM (Res) at this stage.

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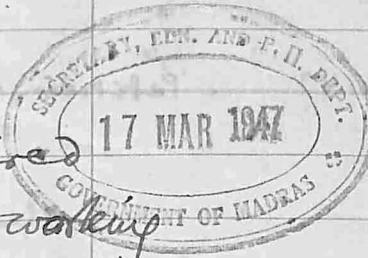
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When can be
given more
information when the date has been fixed;
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only to the officers. But to the
officer only.

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Seen today. P. R. R. asked to put up
a candidates plan of the plots
I saw.

K.R.R.
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The site is sought to be acquired
for the Girls' High School. It is now working
in the rented premises in S. no. 6/4.
The new bldg main bldg put up is
in 6/8. In 6/5 is the house belonging
of Sri Alagappa Chettiyar who is,
Chairman, the Chairman or President
of the Bd. of management of this
school. I think it is very unjust
of Govt to acquire the plot 21
for across the roads. His family
lives there. The fact that the bldg
is old & we can get it cheap should
not be the criterion. I see no reason
why 6/4 should not be acq^d. It
is being used for the school actually,
contains enough space and is quite
adjacent to the main (new) bldg
now put up. When that expansion becomes inadequate
(~~to go to~~) 6/5 would be the ^{next} ~~proper~~ place
to go to. (~~to go to~~) 223/1 could be acquired
if it was for sale recently. (It is also in a dilapidated state)
All these are left & plot 21 is
taken up. That is hardly fair &
can't agree. The Land Acqⁿ Act is
not to be used as an instrument of
oppression of poorer or weaker people.
There is no reason at all why 6/4 &
6/5 ~~are~~ ^{should be} not being acquired. [Plot

It will not be
much costlier than
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It is also in a dilapidated state
contains lot of space
& an old bldg.

points out 20/9. But it contains some
many bldgs. It will not be of use. I
am therefore for dropping the proceedings
in so far as S. no 21 is concerned. If
the school authorities want, the
plainest course is to acquire 6/4 &
if necessary also 6/5 though it will be
a costly job.

K.R.R.



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The file may be circulated to H.M. Edu.
with reference to the minutes of H.M. Revenue
above.

Mr
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I have asked Mr. Srinivasa Raghavan to come and
meet me on the 8th evening so that I may go round and
see the plot. The Headmaster of the School has also
to been asked/come on that day. The file may be sent to
me on the 8th.

Received 2 P.M.
W.R.
8.4.47



A draft memo is being held for approval after which
the file may be sent to H.M. (Edu).

W.R.
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I have inspected the site myself. There is a great deal in, in the representation of Mr. Srinivasa Raghavan. The plot that Lady Muthiah Chettiar's High School is present situated is much ~~less~~ ^{better} than the plot that/seek to acquire and even bigger. The real difficulty seems to be that there are delicacies in the matter as Mr. Alagappa Chettiar who is the owner of the plot is also a Member of the Managing Committee. I am afraid in these cases we should not give weight to delicacies. The sanction for acquisition proceedings of Mr. Srinivasa Raghavan's house and compound may be dropped forthwith and it may be suggested to the management that it is better for them to acquire the present plot by negotiation or otherwise.



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Please see the minutes of H.M. (Public Works) on page 8 of. The file may be circulated to H.M. (P.W.S.) before orders are issued.

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Please see the orders in circ. Usually the withdrawal notification under Sec 48(1) of the Land Acquis. Act is submitted by the Collector. In the present case, as the withdrawal has been decided on, notification may perhaps be published immediately. The Collector will no doubt address Govt separately if any compensation is to be paid to the owner of the property.

It is better to pass an order. The decision is not to be taken. It is better to pass an order. It is better to pass an order.

A draft order is submitted below for approval. Reserve may see before issue.

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Please see the Secy's ~~minutes~~ ^{remarks} on page 4 ante. A draft memo is submitted below for approval.

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[Memo No. 12922/41-M-3. Edn. dated 22/4/47]

From the collector of Madras R.C. 3980/us-q & 29/4/47

The collector of Madras has submitted the withdrawal notification under Section 48(1) of the Land Acquisition Act. He reports that no compensation need be paid. A draft order is submitted below for approval.

Revenue may see before issue.

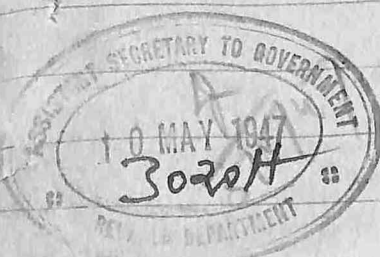
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The draft order may be perused and the file returned to E & P.H.

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The draft order may issue

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(P.T.O)

Please see the letter from Sri Srinivasan
on page 16 ante. A draft memo is submitted
below for approval. The draft order already put up & accepted in

Revenue may issue

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