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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stores - Machine tools and other equipment required for
the engineering colleges - purchase from Military surplus
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Station M A D R A S , Dated the 28th JUNE 19 47.

From (Name) SRI D.S.REDDI, M.A.(Oxon), M.B.E.,
(Designation) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS

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

Sir,

10 Lt.Col. S. Paul, who was deputed to go to Calcutta in connection with the selection of Military Surplus Stores required for the three Engineering Colleges, has submitted the report and indents for the purchase of Machine Tools and other equipment. A copy of his report together with a copy of Dr. Rudra's D.O. dated 26th June 1947 is submitted for your kind perusal.

(6) It will be seen from the report that the materials have been priced at considerably low rates and that in most cases the materials are brand new. It is also reported that the prices are only tentative and on the toplevel and that they can be scaled down by negotiation. Although the total cost of the equipment works out to Rs.3,72,045/- it has definitely been assured by the Regional Commissioner that the cost would be scaled down considerably for educational institutions even to the extent of half its value.

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2. As regards the availability of funds, it is not possible to state at present as to how much of the cost of the equipment now proposed to be purchased can be met from the current year's allotment of Rs.9,98,900/-* under "Apparatus and materials for Workshops" for the three Engineering -- Colleges at Guindy, Coimbatore and Cocanada. Indents for apparatus and materials to the extent of Rs.6,00,000/- have already been sanctioned on behalf of the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore. It is not likely that all the articles already indented for by the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore will be completely received and the allotment utilised in full in the current year. As regards the College of Engineering, Guindy, the Principal has not so far submitted any indent for sanction in the current year. The Principal, College of Engineering, - Cocanada has since reported that some of the articles indented for in previous years have been received in the current year and indents have also been placed in the current year for some of the articles. On the whole some savings may be anticipated from the allotment for these colleges.

**** Current Year's allotment for each Engineering College:**

Guindy:	Rs. 1,96,100
Coimbatore	Rs. 6,07,700
Cocanada and Anantapur at Guindy. (Rs.5000/- only)	Rs.1,95,100
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	Rs. 9,98,900
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Under the circumstances I request that I may be permitted to allow the Principal to purchase the Military surplus stores to the extent of Rs.3,72,045/- and to apply for additional funds after utilising the savings in the appropriation in the current year under "Apparatus and Materials for Workshops" for the four Engineering Colleges. I request the favour of early orders.

I have asked the Principal to place an

3. As the matter is extremely urgent, orders for the equipment with the Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Calcutta, in anticipation of the sanction of Government. I request that my action may kindly be approved.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

Copy to:

The Joint Director of Industries and Commerce,
Chepauk, Madras.

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College of Engineering, Guindy,
Madras 15, Dated: 24th June 1947.

The Principal,
College of Engineering,
Guindy, Madras 15.

Sir,

- Sub:- Deputation - for selection of machine tools and other equipment with the Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Calcutta.

Ref:- Memorandum from the Principal, College of Engineering, Guindy, of 12th June 1947.

Under instructions from the Principal, I proceeded to Calcutta on Thursday the 12th June 1947 by the Calcutta Mail arriving at Calcutta on Saturday the 14th June. I contacted the Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Calcutta, immediately. From the records available in the office I selected machine tools and other equipment available at the office and proceeded to personally inspect them at the various depots situated round about Calcutta. In all 20 depots were inspected including depots where American surplus was available. A list of equipment chosen from the various depots are herewith submitted. The details regarding each item is furnished for immediate location and identification. In this connection, I wish to point that the ordinary surplus available with the Regional Commissioner are priced and the total value of all the equipment chosen is Rs.3,72,045/- Includes very approximate prices for the American Surplus. The prices for these items are still confidential. The machine tools and equipment chosen are generally purchased in or about 1942 and are in good working order and in most cases are actually in service. The cost of them on the open market to day would be about twice if not three times its present value.

2. Regarding the American surplus the price has not been furnished but from confidential enquiries made the price is even less than that available with the Regional Commissioner under normal surplus. The machines have been very carefully preserved and in most cases are new, well greased and packed ready for transport. When compared with the prices for the ordinary surplus they are much cheaper and are even in better condition.

3. Under the circumstances explained in the above 2 paragraphs, I would suggest that speedy arrangements may be made to put the formal indent through, so that the equipment may be purchased for the benefit

of the engineering colleges, that are to be opened in the Madras Presidency. An advance copy of the machine tools and equipment chosen, has already been given to the Regional Commissioner of Disposals, Calcutta, so that he may ear-mark them specially for the Principal Madras. The actual purchase will have to be made in the usual manner but without any delay. In this connection I may mention that the Government of Madras have also sent two officers to Calcutta for the purchase of machine tools and other equipment for their projects. But educational institutions and railways have the first priority with the Regional Commissioner of Disposals. If therefore the formal indent goes through at once the machines are as good as purchased.

4. There are also a large amount of telecommunication equipment, electrical generators, voltmeters and ammeters, practically new at the Signal Depot, Cossipore, Calcutta. These are also American Surplus. I paid a visit to the depot and I was informed by the officer in charge, that there are a large number of transmitters of various types, receivers of various types, communication type receivers, carrier telephones, radar equipment, telephone exchange apparatus and spares, telegraph apparatus, voltmeters and ammeters, testing sets, and a large quantity of general signal stores. In addition, sets of carpentry instruments are also available. I would therefore urge, that the Professor of Telecommunication may be deputed immediately to select and draw up a list of the equipment, that will be useful for the telecommunication and electrical engineering laboratories. I was not able to procure a list of the stores available in this depot as it is under preparation at the present time. It is therefore imperative, that the Professor should proceed immediately to Calcutta as otherwise the stores may be sold immediately.

5. In the American surplus depot at Brooklyn, and Taratolla, a large amount of equipment relating to the high-way engineering is available. I have been able to bring the lists of equipment available in these depots. The highway department may be asked to go through the list and select any items that they may consider useful to their department and proceed to Calcutta immediately for the purpose of inspecting and selecting the same.

6. It is once again urged that immediate action is necessary for the purchase of the equipment cited above for the colleges in the Madras Presidency. The Delhi University, Benares Engineering College, Sibpur Engineering College and other departments, have already sent their representatives for this purpose and are already at Calcutta. It is therefore requested, that necessary departmental action may be taken with the least possible delay.

7. The Regional Commissioner also informed me that he would make the necessary arrangements with Messrs. Alfred Herbert Ltd., Calcutta, or Cox and Kings, Calcutta for packing and transporting the machine tools and equipment selected. It would, however, be very necessary to send a representative from here in order to check the various items and draw up a list of the components that are packed in each crate before they are ^{shipped} ~~shipped~~ of to Madras. The Regional Commissioner was very particular that this procedure should be adopted.

8. It took me 10 days to complete the work described above and I returned to Madras on Monday the 23rd instant. In order to carry out the work well and as expeditiously as possible, I had to work from 8 O'clock in the morning till about 12 O'clock in the night. If not for the special assistance rendered by Mr. K.T. Pillai, Regional Commissioner by deputing an inspector to accompany me, by placing a staff car at my disposal and by giving me a stenographer for typing out the list of equipment, it would have taken me at least a month to complete this work.

(Sd) S. Paul,
Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

Although the total cost of the equipment selected is about 3½ lakhs the Regional Commissioner assured me that the cost would be scaled down considerably for Educational institutions even to the extent of half its value.

(SD) S. Paul,
Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

Dated: 24-6-1947

True Copy

For Director of Public Instruction

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College of Engineering, Guindy.
Dated: 26th June 1947.

My dear Ranganathan,

I am enclosing herewith indents on the Disposals Directorate for Machine Tools etc., selected by Rao Bahadur Lt.Col. S. Paul, who was deputed to go to Calcutta to inspect them. In the past year or so, we have placed indents on the Disposals Directorate from various Colleges for, perhaps, Rs.10/- lakhs; but so far, we have not got even a single article. The reason is that the articles are sold out before our indents reach the "proper destination" through the "proper channel".

We have to be extremely thankful to the Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Calcutta who has taken a personal interest to bring to our notice articles that are actually available and which we can get, provided we take immediate action.

As will be seen from Col.Paul's report, enclosed herewith, the articles are very cheap and their purchase will involve a saving of lakhs of rupees to the Government. What is more important than the saving is the availability of articles. All these articles are in extremely short supply and our new Engineering Colleges need them very badly. We would have been justified in purchasing them even at higher prices than the market prices, whereas we are now getting them, and at far cheaper prices.

The three Engineering Colleges (Coimbatore, Cocanada and Anantapur) need Machine Tools worth about Rs.12 to 15/- lakhs and what Col. Paul has been able to secure would only meet a part of the requirements of these Colleges. Every College has provision for purchase of equipment and funds are therefore available. I would therefore request you not to look into the question of availability of funds, especially as we are not committing ourselves in any way by placing these indents. We can decline to buy any or all the equipment and lots of people will be very glad if we do so as there are hundreds of buyers for these things.

In the four copies of the indents sent to you, prices have been put in only one copy which is intended for your Office. The Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Calcutta has signed Col.Paul

that the prices are only tentative and on the high side and that they can be scaled down by negotiation. The prices with regard to the American Surplus Stores are still confidential and hence are not marked on the list. However, Col. Paul has got some idea of these prices through confidential enquiries. The total cost of equipment of all the American and British surplus goods, estimated by Col. Paul on the basis of book values, is Rs. 3,72,045 and we may expect it to be much less after negotiations. If we buy these articles in the open market, they would cost about Rs. 10/- lakhs. But unfortunately they are very difficult to obtain.

The most important thing now is to see that the indents reach the proper destination with the least possible delay. I am therefore requesting Col. Paul to take these indents personally to you and I would request you to hand them back to Col. Paul with a covering letter for delivery to the Focal Officer of the Government of Madras, the Joint Director of Industries and Commerce, through whom all the indents have to be sent. Col. Paul will take the indents personally to the Focal Officer. I have already interviewed the Focal Officer in this connection and he has agreed to take immediate action on receipt of the indents. The Focal Officer has to send the indents to the Regional Commissioner (Disposals), Madras. I am requesting Col. Paul to take the indents personally to him, after necessary action has been taken by the Focal Officer.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd.) J. J. Rudra.

Sri V. R. Ranganatha Mudaliar,
Deputy Director of Public Instruction,
(Personnel),
MADRAS.

(True Copy)

11.11.46
J. J. Rudra
Joint Director of Public Instruction.

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E.P.H(A) ✓
Sub. stores - Machine tools and other equipment required for the Engg. Colleges - Purchase from Military Surplus stores, Calcutta. Sanctions from the D.P.I. No. 151-W1/ub dated 28.6.47. G.O. No. 1806 Edn. dated 12-8-47. We got sanction the purchase of machine tools and other equipment (urgently required for Engg. colleges in the Province from the Military Surplus stores available at Calcutta, at a cost not exceeding Rs. 3,72,045/- They also approve the action of the D.P.I. in having asked the Principal, Engg. College, Guindy to place an order for the equipment with the Regl. Commr (Disposals) P.T.O.

Calcutta, in anticipation of sanction of Govt.

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To the D.P.D. ✓

A.G. Thro. Fin.

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1. 200 of C. no. 53498 From the D.P.D. No. 151 W-1/46 dated 28.6.47.

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Sub: Stores, Machine tools and other equipment for Engineering Colleges - Purchase from Military Surplus stores, Calcutta - Sanction

1. The D.P.D. has asked the Principal, Engineering College, Guindy, in view of the urgency of the matter, to place an order for the equipment in question with the Regl. Commr. (Disposals), Calcutta, in anticipation of the sanction of the Govt; and requests that his action may be approved. This request may be complied with.

2. It is stated that the price of the equipment is likely to be scaled down to even half of what is at present quoted i.e. Rs. 3,72,045/- Some savings are expected in the allotment made in the current year's budget under "Apparatus and Materials for Workshops". After these savings are utilised, addl. funds will be applied for.

4. The remarks of ~~and~~ finance may be invited u.o.

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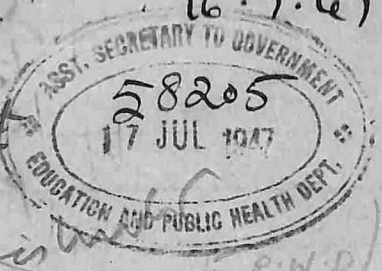


Finance (Exp. B) Dept.

The proposals of the E. and P. H. Dept at A and B overhead may be accepted.

(The D. P. I. has stated that he would apply for additional funds after utilizing the savings in the appropriation in the current year under "Apparatus and Materials for Workshops")

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Edn and P. H. Dept

P. W. D also may see this with reference to their note in the top file

18/7/47 18/7/47 E. P. H. u. d. 53498-2/47 A dated 18.7.47

S. D. B. the notes of Exp. H. on pp 1-2 above may be perused and the file returned to Exp. H. & G.

C. No 2666-B/W. 21.7.47

P. W. D. 425 2666B/W 24.7.47

22.7.47 23/7/47 E. P. H. (A)

A draft order is submitted for approval



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