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From
Rao Bahadur
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Curator, Madras Record Office,
CHITTOOR.

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

No. 1257-D/47, dated 19th August 1947.

Sir,

Sub:- Record planks - Purchase - Sanction requested.

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A large number of record planks are usually purchased by this office from the Jail Department every year, partly to replace the broken planks, but chiefly to provide new planks for the mended files which, on flattening, naturally become larger in size and therefore require planks of a larger size to bundle them up. Teak wood planks have generally been bought for these purposes, but, on the outbreak of the War, teak wood became scarce and the Jail Department has, during the last three years, been able to supply only planks of jack wood or azini wood. The jack wood and azini wood planks have, however, been found to be unsatisfactory. They warp or split easily. They are also likely to be attacked by insects. I do not therefore think it advisable to purchase any more jack wood or azini wood planks. At the same time it is necessary to obtain some planks urgently as there are a number of bundles which require new planks. I therefore propose to obtain plywood planks this year and to see how far they are suitable.

2. Plywood planks are lighter than teak wood planks or planks made of jack wood or azini wood. They are not so easily broken even if they are accidentally dropped on the ground. They are also cheaper. I may state in this connection that there was a proposal as early as 1924 to try plywood planks, but that this proposal was dropped on the ground that plywood was not suitable. On referring to the correspondence relating to this proposal I find that the plywood planks which were then proposed to be used were 3-plywood planks and that it was the idea to use them with holes through which the tape was to pass. (Please see correspondence leading to G.O. No. 781, Finance, dated 22nd August 1925). 3-plywood planks are undoubtedly too thin and pliable for the

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purpose. Further it is very inconvenient to pass the tape through the holes in the planks. It is therefore not surprising that such planks were found to be unsuitable. The planks which I now propose to use are 5-plywood planks. These are sufficiently thick and they are not pliable. Nor do I propose to have holes in them. The Imperial Record Department of the Government of India have been using 5-plywood planks for a number of years and no defects seem to have been noticed by that Department. If necessary, they can, as a further precaution, be painted with an insect-proof lotion before they are used.

3. From enquiries made in Madras I find that suitable plywood planks are available only with one firm, viz., the West Coast Timbers, Wall Tax Road, Madras. The rate quoted by this firm for a 5-plywood plank of the dimensions 14" x 9" or 14½" x 9½" which are the sizes required, is 12 annas ex-depot plus sales tax. At this rate the cost of purchasing 600 planks, which are now required, would amount to Rs.450/- plus sales tax and freight charges or, on the whole, to about Rs.500/-. I therefore request that sanction may kindly be accorded for purchasing 600 planks at a cost not exceeding Rs.500/-. Provision for this expenditure has been made in the budget estimate of this office for the current year.

4. Sanction for the purchase of record planks was last accorded in G.O. No. Ms. 1092, Edn., dated 3rd June 1946.

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Sanction is accorded to the purchase from the

West Coast Timbers, Wall Tax Road, Madras, of record planks (5-plywood planks) at a cost not exceeding Rs 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) inclusive of packing and forwarding charges for use in the Madras Record Office.

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Note: Finance need not see as there is already budget provision for the expenditure but in respect of purchase of plywood in view of leak, D. & S.

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