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Letter ~~NO.~~ NO. 2240 Edn.

Dated

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Technical Education - Sending students to other countries for higher studies in 1947-48 - Report sent to the Govt of India.

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No.F.2-16/47-ODIV.
Government of India,
Department of Education (India),
New Delhi 3, the 13 August, 1947.

MEMORANDUM.

SUBJECT: Scholarships for Advanced Studies Overseas 1947-48 -
Provincial Govt. Scheme - Report of Selections.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department letter No.F.5-15/46-ODII, dated the 15th September, 1946 and subsequent correspondence and to say that the selection Board Overseas Scholarships 1947-48, propose to issue, as in last years, a report on the selection of Students for Advanced Studies overseas. The Board feel that their report will greatly gain in interest and usefulness if it can be a comprehensive review of selection made in the Provinces as well as at the Centre. It is, therefore, requested that if the Provincial Govt. see no objection, they may let the Board have at an early date a brief report on the selections made by them. Information is particularly required on the following points :-

1. The method by which applications were invited.
2. The number of applications received.
3. The General standard of Applications.
4. The method of selection with special reference to the Standards applied and any special consideration kept in view in judging the suitability of candidates for the different courses of studies. Any other comment which the Provincial Government may consider as either of special interest or offering useful guidance for the future.

As it is proposed to issue the report at an early date, it is requested that the information required may be furnished to this Department at the earliest.

To : The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Education and Health Dept, Madras.

for Secretary.

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Please see page 1 ante. As the
file on the subject of selection of candidates
for the award of Scholarships 1947-48 which is required for
in circulation, the disposal of this report is now
in circulation, this may be over till 4.9.47.

The file referred to is
still in circulation. This may
continue to lie over till 15-9-47
or till the file is available whichever
is earlier.

The main file is still not
available. This may continue to
lie over till 28-9-47 or till the main file is
available whichever is earlier. This may continue
to lie over till 10-10-47.

No.F.2-16/47.O.D.IV.,
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION,
NEW DELHI 3, the 22nd SEPT. '47.

From:-

Sir John Sargent, C.I.E., M.A., D.Litt.,
Secretary to the Government of India



To:- The Secretary,
to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Deptt.,
MADRAS.

SUBJECT:- SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
OVERSEAS 1947-48-PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
SCHEME - REPORT OF SELECTIONS.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry
Memo. of even number dated the 13th August '47
on the subject mentioned above and to request
you the favour of an early reply.

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

for SECRETARY.

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Letter No.

2240 (V)

Edn., dated 20-10-47.

To

✓ The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Education,
NEW DELHI 3.

Sir,

SUB: TECHNICAL EDUCATION - Sending students to other
countries for higher studies. *Report sent to the
Govt. of India*

REF: From the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education,
Letter No. F.2-16/47-ODIV, dated the 13th
August, 1947.

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dated the 22nd September, 1947.

With reference to your letters cited above, I am directed
to forward the appended report on the points raised. I am to
enclose also a copy of the advertisement which had been put
out inviting applications.

APPENDIX.

(a) METHOD BY WHICH APPLICATIONS WERE INVITED.

Applications were invited by means of public advertisement
which embodied the terms contained in the Government of India's
brochure entitled "Information for students desiring to proceed
overseas for advanced studies in 1948-49" with suitable modifi-
cations. *only qualified candidates*
who were British Indian subjects
~~The advertisement laid down, INTER ALIA that applica-
tions from States subjects or candidates belonging to other
Provinces or from Government servants would not be considered
and that applications of evacuee students from enemy occupied
countries would be considered only if they had not lost British
Indian nationality and had a connection with the Madras Province~~

belonging to the Madras Province
Unlike ⁱⁿ the previous two years, Govt. servants Provl. & Central
were permitted to apply for these scholarships. *but it was
stated that preference would be given to these*

(b) NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED. 103 applications were
received and of these, 77 applications were rejected for
failure to comply with one or more of the requirements specified
in the advertisement.

(c) GENERAL STANDARD OF APPLICATIONS. The general standard
of the candidates who were qualified and whose qualifications
fulfilled the terms of the advertisement, is indicated by the
following particulars:--

Candidates possessing First class degrees or
diplomas.

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(d) METHOD OF SELECTION, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE STANDARDS APPLIED AND ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS KEPT IN VIEW OF JUDGING THE SUITABILITY OF CANDIDATES FOR THE DIFFERENT COURSES OF STUDIES.

A special committee was appointed to assist Govt. in the selection of suitable candidates for the scholarships. The Committee consisted of (1) a member of the Board of Revenue (in charge of post-war reconstruction), (2) a member of the Madras Public Service Commission and (3) the Director of Public Instruction.

The Committee was instructed to follow the principle laid down by the Govt. of India in para 12 of their brochure, that there should be adequate representation of minority communities, provided suitable candidates were forthcoming. In regard to the group of subjects connected with industries, it was also instructed to see that, as far as possible, adequate representation was given to each of the linguistic areas of the Province. The Committee made a preliminary selection for the purposes of interview. Among the Brahmin applicants, only those who possessed first class degrees or equivalent qualification in the subjects concerned were selected for interview. Allowance, however, was made for specialities in respect of which there were a small number of applicants with first class qualifications and in cases where field experience and research after taking a second class degree might be assessed higher than a mere first class. On this basis, 53 Brahmins were not called up for interview. As regards other communities, all those who were PRIMA FACIE qualified, were summoned for interview, irrespective of the class of degree possessed by them. Thus 473 candidates were interviewed.

The Committee interviewed and made the selections on the following basis:--

The candidates were selected taking into consideration their educational qualifications, their bearing, personality, their reaction to questions of common interest and also their practical experience.

(e) ANY OTHER COMMENTS. In submitting its recommendations, the Committee made the following observations:--
 "The scholarships be given for advanced studies in other countries only to persons who had completed an adequate course of training in Madras in a College or other institution and had done further work for at least one year either occupied in some SUBSTANTIAL research or employed in the industry for the study of which the scholarship

was required. Such a foundation ^{one} ~~was~~ required if they ^{are} ~~are~~ to derive the full benefit from the course for which they ^{are} ~~are~~ sent.

In this present examination it was noted that quite a large number of persons appeared who could never have had any real hope of being selected.

It was also noted in this selection that in some cases Government servants with long experience of 10 or more years appeared, to compete against boys fresh from College. This obviously meant a waste of effort. The Committee was bound to select the more experienced persons as obviously they were the better men; but inexperienced persons from Colleges should not be asked to attend examinations in which they have to compete with experienced men of the world in this way. It ^{is} ~~was~~ suggested that the examinations be divided up in some way so that this very unfortunate kind of competition ^{might} ~~may~~ be avoided. It ^{is} ~~is~~ because of this that in the list of recommendations submitted ~~will~~ ^{will} be found recommendations to the effect that some of the persons proposed for selection would be better dealt with by being deputed for training at Government expense."

The attached tabulated statements may be of interest.

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1947-48 SCHOLARSHIPS.

STATEMENT I

No. of candidates called for interview.

473

No. selected.

98

STATEMENT II

Communal composition of candidates in the 'selected' and in the 'not selected' categories.

	SELECTED.	NOT SELECTED.	TOTAL.
Brahmins.	34	175	209
Non-Brahmins.	27	119	146
Muslims.	6	16	22
Indian Christians.	12	34	46
Scheduled Classes.	2	4	6
Backward classes.	16	27	43
Parsees. Jain	1		
Total.	98	375	473

STATEMENT III

Distribution of candidates in the selected and in the not selected categories according to linguistic areas (~~Linguistic considerations were given only in respect of subjects included in appx. II of advt.~~)

~~Total No. of candidates for subjects under appx. II~~

	SELECTED.	NOT SELECTED.	TOTAL.
Tamil.	36	128	164
Telugu.	24	128	152
Kannada.	3	18	21
Malayalam.	16	40	56
Madras (common to all languages).	19	61	80
Total.	98	375	473

STATEMENT IV

Distribution of candidates in the selected and in the not selected categories according to the nature of degrees held by them.

	CANDIDATES POSSESSING 1ST CLASS DEGREES OR DIPLOMAS.		OTHERS.	
	SELECTED.	NOT SELECTED.	SELECTED.	NOT SELECTED.
Brahmins.	26	138	8	37
Non-Brahmins.	16	22	11	97
Muslims.	2	-	4	16
Indian Christians.	7	6	5	28
Backward classes.	4	-	12	27
Scheduled classes.	1	-	1	4
Parsees. Jain	-	-	1	-
Total.	56	166	42	209

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Fort St. George,
Dated the 20th October, 1947.

Letter No. 2240, Edn.,
Ms.

From
M.V. Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Education,
NEW DELHI 3.

Sir,

SUB: TECHNICAL EDUCATION - Sending students to other countries for higher studies in 1947-48 - Report sent to the Government of India.

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(b) NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED. 603 applications were received and of these, 77 applications were rejected for failure to comply with one or more of the requirements specified in the advertisement.

(c) GENERAL STANDARD OF APPLICATIONS. The general standard of the candidates who were qualified and whose qualifications fulfilled the terms of the advertisement, is indicated by the following particulars:--

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Others.	304
Total.	526

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Your obedient servant,

M.V. SUBRAMANIAN,
Secretary to Government.

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1947-48 SCHOLARSHIPS.

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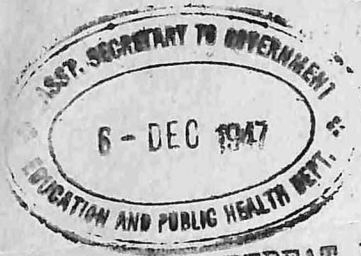
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
NEW DELHI 3, THE 30TH NOVEMBER, 1947.

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2/16/47/OD IV PLEASE WIRE IMMEDIATELY
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RECEIVED FOR 1947-48 OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS

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No. F.2-16/47.O.D.IV.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

New Delhi 3, the 14th January 1948.

Sir S. S. Bhatnagar,
O.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

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

Subject:- SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES OVERSEAS
1947-48 - REPORT OF SELECTIONS.

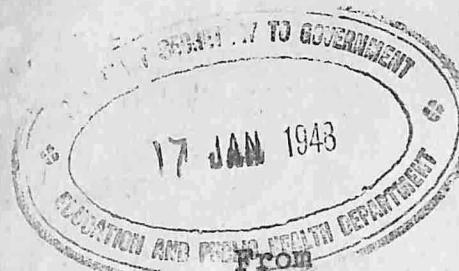
Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry
letter of even No. dated the 13th August, 1947 and subsequent
reminder dated the 22nd September, 1947 on the subject
mentioned above and to request the favour of an early reply.

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

D. K. Hingorani
for Secretary.

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for Secretary.

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A copy has already been sent in receipt
of the letter of 13th August 1947. The papers
will be filed with the 2nd copy of the letter
of 13th August 1947.

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Letter No. 3615 C-2/48-1 Edn of 28-1-48 E.D.H.C.W.

To The Secy to the C. of I.
Ministry of Edu.

New Delhi, 3
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Sir,

Sub Scholarships for advanced Studies
overseas - 1947-48 - Report of Selections

CF Ref your Lr No. F.2-16/47-O.D.IV. & 14-1-48.

With ref. to your letter

cited, I am directed to state that the
~~information~~ ^{report} required by the C. of I. was

Y / pp5-104 furnished to them in my Lr No 2240 Edn
of 20-10-47. A copy of it is, however, enclosed
for your information

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OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS - 1947-48.

1. For the years 1945-46 and 1946-47 the Government of India wanted reports from this Government regarding the method, principles etc. followed in selecting the candidates for the award of overseas scholarships. They required information on the following points:-

- (a) Method by which applications were ^{wanted} ~~received~~.
- (b) Number of applications received.
- (c) General standard of applications.
- (d) Method of selection, with ~~any~~ special reference to the standards applied and any special considerations kept in view in judging the suitability of candidates for the different courses of studies.
- (e) Any other comments which the Government might consider as either of special interest or offering useful guidance for the future.

The Government of India may call for a similar report this year also. It seems better to collect the necessary information even now instead of asking the Committee to furnish ~~the~~ it at a later date, as was done last year. Regarding points (a), (b) and (c) mentioned ~~above~~ above, complete information is available in this Office. As for point (d) information can be furnished from here upto the stage of preliminary selections of candidates; but as regards the interview itself and the final selections, the Committee alone can give the information. Point (e) is entirely for the Committee.

2. For orders whether the Selection Committee may be requested u.o. to offer ~~its~~ ^{its} comments on the points (d) and (e) mentioned in para 1 above, when ~~they~~ ^{it} send ~~their~~ ^{it} recommendations/to Government. A copy of last year's report was sent to the Committee along with the first Note dated 14-2-47.

A copy of the note with the additional ~~was~~ ^{has} been placed below ~~for the~~ ^{for the} ~~see~~ ^{see} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~file~~ ^{file} ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} ~~purpose~~ ^{purpose}.

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