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Dated the 27th October 1947.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

STORES - Engineering Colleges - Radio Engineering Equipment - Purchase
Sanctioned.

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VERY URGENT

Educational Department.

SUB:-Military surplus stores - Purchase of apparatus and materials for Engineering Colleges - Requesting sanction.

From

Dr. S.R.U. Savor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras 6.

To

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

ROC.NO. 573 W1/47 Dated 5. 9. 1947.

Sir,

In continuation of this Office letter ROC.No.573 W1/47 dated 25-6-1947 disposed of in G.O.No.1806, Education, dated 12-8-1947, I have the honour to submit a copy of letter No. TC.2/47-48, dated 26-8-1947 from the Principal, College of Engineering, Guindy, together with indents for the purchase of surplus materials from the Regional Commissioner of Disposals, Calcutta, and Tata Aircraft Ltd., Titagur, for the radio engineering and allied equipment required for the three Engineering Colleges in this Province. Prof. K. Srinivasan who was deputed to Calcutta for this purpose inspected several depots in Calcutta for 15 days and prepared these indents containing articles of great value to the Engineering Colleges. It is reported that these articles are quite new and most of them are in their original packing. Most of these articles are manufactured in America and the book value of these indents is reported to be Rs.3,60,000/-. But the Principal reports that it is possible to get these articles for Rs.1,80,000/- or likely at a little lower price.

2. In G.O.No.1806, Ms. Education, dated 12-8-1947, Government sanctioned an indent for Rs.3,72,045/- towards the purchase of Military Surplus Store available at Calcutta. The Principal reports that it is possible to acquire these stores, already indented for, at half the original sanctioned cost. It is, therefore, possible to meet a portion of the cost of the articles now indented for, from the above anticipated savings. But it is not possible to meet the cost of the present indent from the sanctioned appropriation for the three Colleges at Guindy, Coimbatore and Cocanada in the current year under "Laboratory charges".

3. Under the above circumstances, I request that I may be permitted to allow the Principal to purchase these surplus stores from the Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Calcutta, and from the Tata Aircrafts Ltd., Titagur, to the extent of Rs.1,80,000/- and to apply for additional funds in due course.

4. As the matter is extremely urgent, I am sending copies of the indents Nos.TC.2/79 to 82 of 1947-48 to the Joint Director of Industries and Commerce and Focal Officer, Madras, for transmission to the Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Calcutta, and permitting the Principal to place indents, i.e. Nos.TC.2/75 to 77 of 47-48, direct with the Tata Aircrafts Ltd., Titagur, in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

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I request that my action may be approved.

S. R. S. S. S.
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Copy to the Joint Director of Industries and Commerce and Focal Officer, Chepauk, Madras, with Indents Nos. TC.2/79 to 82 of 1947-48, for favour of transmission to the Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Calcutta.

" to the Principal, College of Engineering, Guindy, with reference to his letter No. TC.2/47-48 dated 26-8-1947.

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No. TC.2/47-48.

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College of Engineering,
Guindy, Madras 15,
26th August, 1947.

The Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS 6.

Sir,

Sub: Military Surplus Stores - Purchase of apparatus and materials for Engineering Colleges - Requesting sanction.

Professor S. Paul was deputed to Calcutta last June to select military surplus stores required by the different Engineering Colleges. And the Government in their Order No. MS. 1806 Edn. dated 12-8-1947 have sanctioned the purchase of these stores at a cost not exceeding Rs. 3,72,045/-. But as mentioned in my letter of 26th June 1947 and in the accompanying report of Professor Paul, the amount of Rs. 3,72,045/- represents the book value of the stores; and with the sympathy which the Disposals authorities generally have towards the requirements of educational institutions, we hope to get the stores at about half the book value.

2. At my request, Professor K. Sreenivasan and Professor K.N. Ramanathan were permitted to go to Calcutta to inspect and select stores for the Engineering Colleges pertaining to their branches. As later information showed that little of electrical engineering equipment was available, I asked Professor Ramanathan not to go to Calcutta. Professor K. Sreenivasan alone went, and after inspecting various depots for 15 days has made out a list of equipment and materials available at these depots and essential to the Engineering Colleges.

3. The equipment and materials selected by Professor Sreenivasan are detailed in the seven indents enclosed herewith; four of them are on the Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Calcutta, and three on the Tata Aircraft Ltd., Titaghur.

TATA AIRCRAFT LTD., TITAGHUR.

- a. Indent No. TC.2/75/47-48 of 22nd August, 1947.
- b. " " TC.2/76/47-48 "
- c. " " TC.2/77/47-48 "

[The above three indents to be sent directly to Messrs Tata Aircraft Ltd., by me]

REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, DISPOSALS, CALCUTTA.

- a. Indent No. TC.2/79/47-48 of 26th August, 1947.
- b. " " TC.2/80/47-48 "
- c. " " TC.2/81/47-48 "
- d. " " TC.2/82/47-48 "

[The above 4 indents have to be sent by the Director to the Joint Director of Industries, Madras]

4. The articles in these indents are all of American manufacture and part of the American Surplus Stores. Most of them are radio engineering and allied equipment, brand new and in their original packings. Besides these, there are tools and other articles of great value to the various engineering colleges, and most of these are also quite new.

5. In requesting permission to purchase the equipment and materials mentioned in these indents, I would like to emphasise that America leads the world in the manufacture of radio and allied equipment, and laboratories the world over go in for equipment of the type given in the indents, mostly from America.

6. These apparatus and materials are of the greatest value and use to the Telecommunication Department of this College; they are also essential to the Electrical Engineering Laboratories of the other engineering colleges, as these must have a considerable amount of radio engineering equipment just as the Guindy College had even before the telecommunication course was instituted.

7. The Telecommunication Department of this College is having great difficulty in obtaining its requirements from America on account of the increasing prices and the long delivery dates. The articles in these indents are just the type required by it and the other colleges, and will have to be acquired some day or other. From the point of view of cost, availability, delivery time etc., it will be to our best advantage to avail ourselves promptly of this excellent opportunity of obtaining them from the Disposals authorities. If we let go this opportunity, it is extremely doubtful if we shall be able to obtain such equipment at all, even if we are prepared to pay higher prices. This is particularly true of those items which were developed specifically for the prosecution of the war, and will no longer be manufactured.

8. **ADVANTAGES OF PURCHASING FROM DISPOSALS:** The advantages of obtaining these equipment and materials from the Disposals are many. In the first place, the goods are right here in India and immediately available. They have not got to come from America nor have we to wait for a year or more for delivery. Secondly, the radio and other apparatus are modern up to the end of the war 2 years ago; and except in a few cases, they are all new and unused, and in their original packings.

9. **DOLLAR EXCHANGE:** A most important consideration is that this purchase from the Disposals does not involve any dollar exchange, as all the payments will be made in India, in Indian currency and to a Government of India organisation. It will therefore result in conserving a large amount of dollars of which India is so short and which could be utilised for other essential requirements of the country.

10. **COST:** In regard to cost, the purchase of these goods from the Disposals authorities will work out very cheap, particularly in the case of radio engineering and allied equipment. We hope to get these for about half the "Book Value" or less; and this book value is the cost that the American armed forces had to pay in America to the American manufacturers during the war. Since the end of the war the manufacturer's prices for these goods have gone up from 50 to 200 per cent. Further, it will be noticed that the book value does not include the ocean freight from America to India, and we shall be saved this expense which amounts to about 10 per cent of the cost of the goods.

11. More important still we shall be saved the heavy customs duty of 60% ad valorem as these radio goods were brought into India by the American armed forces during the war and they did not have to pay any customs duty. This is a most substantial saving.

12. We shall thus be able to get the radio and allied part of the equipment for about half the book value or less, and for about a quarter or less of the price we would have to pay if the goods are imported from America under present day conditions.

13. **REQUEST FOR GRANT OF Rs. 1,80,000/-:** The book value of the equipment and materials in the seven indents is about Rs. 3,60,000/- and we hope to get them for about Rs. 1,80,000/-, and very likely less. I request that the Government may be pleased to sanction the grant of the sum of Rs. 1,80,000/- for the current year to enable the immediate purchase of these goods from Calcutta. They will be distributed suitably to the Telecommunication Department and to the other engineering colleges according to their requirements.

14. I may add, however, that the Government may not have to incur this additional expenditure for the purchase of these surplus military stores. They have already sanctioned Rs. 3,72,045/- in their order No. MS. 1806 Edn. dated 12-8-1947 for the purchase of surplus equipment selected by Professor Paul. It is hoped that we shall acquire these stores for about half this value. In that case the remaining sum will be adequate to purchase the radio and other equipment selected by Professor Sreenivasan.

15. It is of the utmost importance that these respective indents should reach the Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Calcutta and Messrs. Tata Aircraft, Ltd., Titagur without delay. The reason for this is that the depots concerned at Calcutta are to close down very shortly, and many organisations in India, and particularly in Pakistan, are extremely eager to secure these equipments and materials. Any delay on our part will involve the risk of our losing this excellent opportunity for getting these valuable goods. I therefore request that in anticipation of the sanction by Government of the sum of Rs. 1,80,000 I have requested, you may please send the four indents, TC 2/75/47-48, TC 2/80/47-48, TC 2/81/47-48, and TC 2/82/47-48, to the Joint Director of Industries, Madras for being forwarded to the Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Calcutta. I further request that I may be permitted to send the three indents TC 2/76/47-48, TC 2/77/47-48, and TC 2/78/47-48 directly to the General Manager, Tata Aircraft Ltd., Titagur.

J. Rudra
PRINCIPAL.

Encl: Indents.

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E.P.H. Deptt. ()

Sub: Stores - - Engineering Colleges - Radio Engineering Equipment -
Purchase - - - Sanctioned.

Ref: Letter from the D.P.I. No. 573 W1/47 dated 5-9-1947.

ORDER/Mis. No. 2262 Education dated 27-10-47

The Government sanction the purchase of ^{the} Radio Engineering
and allied equipment required for the ^{Engg. Colleges} ~~Engineers~~ from the Regional Com-
missioner (Disposals), Calcutta and the Tata Aircrafts Ltd., at a cost not
exceeding Rs. 1,80,000. (Rupees one lakh, eighty thousand)

2. The ~~xx~~ ^{H. G.} ~~Accounts General~~ is requested to admit the expendi-
ture in audit, pending provision of funds. The D.P.I. should apply for
additional funds in due course.

To ^{x and C. ret'd.}
The D.P.I. (with indent)
The A.G. thro' ^{Finance.} Note:

Finance for acceptance.

E.P.H. No. 73161-1/47A
dated 11-10-47

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARY
61309
14 OCT 1947
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance (Exp. B) ~~depr.~~

The draft order above may
be accepted subject to ^{as a formal sanction for} ~~as a formal sanction for~~ ^{the stores} ~~the stores~~
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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R.C.NO.79-A.2/48

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 25-5-1949.

From The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.
To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

Subject: College - Engineering College, Guindy - Purchase
of Telecommunication stores from Tata Air Craft
Ltd. Tittaghur Air Depot.

In G.O.No.Ms.2262 Education dated 27-10-1947 Government sanctioned an expenditure of Rs.1,80,000/- for the purchase of the Radio Engineering and allied equipment required for the Engineering Colleges from the Regional Commissioner (Disposals) Calcutta and the Tata Air Crafts Ltd., Tittaghur. The Principal, College of Engineering, Guindy, reports that only a sum of Rs.18852/- was spent during the financial year 1947-48. Now the Principal has sent an indent for the purchase of equipment worth Rs.50,000/- and requests that the stores may be released to the College at 10% of the above amount in accordance with the present policy of the Government of India. The indent may kindly be approved and it may be forwarded to the Tata Aircraft Ltd. for early supply. The Government will be addressed for the necessary financial sanction as soon as the stores are received in the College.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

Copy to the Principal, College of Engineering, Guindy.
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Letter No. 41735-1/49A Edn dated 27-6-49 11 E.P.H.(A)
Sub: college-baggy, Jandy - Purchase of
Telecomm. Stores from Tata Air craft-Hk.
Pittaghar Air Depot.
From the D.P.I. No. 79-A 2/48 d. 25.5-49.

The D.P.I. is informed
that he may send the indents himself
following the usual procedure. i.e. through
the Jt. Director of Industries & Commerce.
The indents are returned herewith.

To the D.P.I. ✓
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