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[Despatch Abstract.]

Fundamental Rules - District Board, Ramnad - Mr. P.S. Ebenezer, Deputy
Inspector of Schools - Loan of services for appointment as District Board
Educational Officer - Sanctioned.

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Local Administration Department

From (Name) Rao Bahadur Sri P. Ramadoss B.A.,
Designation Special Officer,
Ramnad District Board and
Station Collector of Ramnad,
at M A D U R A.

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Fort St. George,
M A D R A S.

Enclosures:

ROC No. A.1.25747/46 dated 29 - 1 - 1947.

Sir,

Sub:- Appointment of District Board Educational Officer, -
Proposals.

Ref:- Government Memo No. 73243.B.2./46-2-Edn dated
20-1-47.

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has
been addressed to suggest the names of senior Deputy Inspectors
of Schools in the new scale of pay for appointment as District
Board Educational Officer in this District Board. I am await-
ing his reply for further action.

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Special Officer,
Ramnad District Board.

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This may be over. The Special Officer may be reminded again on 5.3.47 if necessary.

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Mem No 8606 B2-1 Edu. d. 12.3.47.

Dt Bd, Ramnad. Appointment of D.B.E.O. - Proposals.

The attention of the Special Officer, Dt Bd Ramnad is invited to his letter no A. 25747/46 d 29.1.47 and he is requested to state when the proposals for the appointment of a D.B.E.O for the Ramnad Dt Bd will be forwarded to Govt.

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To: Special Officer Dt Bd, Ramnad -

Education Department. (M) 3

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

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

MOC.No. 24 04/47 dated 21-3-1947.

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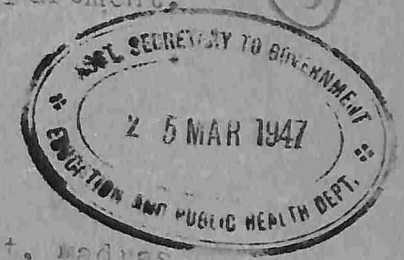
District Board, Ramnad - Loan of the services of a Deputy Inspector of Schools for appointment as District Board Educational Officer.

In enclosing herewith the letter MOC.No. A-1.25747/46 dated 16-3-1947 from the Special Officer, District Board, Ramnad, I have the honour to request that the Government may be pleased to sanction the loan of services of Sri P.S. Ebenezer, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Madurai Range to the District Board, Ramnad for appointment as District Board Educational Officer, for a period of three years in the first instance.

2. I request the favour of early orders on this reference.

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for Director of Public Instruction.



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Roc.A1-25747/46

From
Rao Sahib Sri B. Madhava Rao Naidu, B.A.,
Special Officer, Ramnad Dt. Board &
Dt. Collector, Ramnad at Madura.

Sir,

Sub:- Establishment-Ramnad District Board Office-Loan
of the services of the Deputy Inspector of schools
for appointment as District Board Educational
Officer, Ramnad-

Ref:- Your letter Roc.No.94-c 4/47 dated 1-3-47 *17/3*

I approve of your suggestion to appoint Sri P.S.
Ebenezer, Senior Deputy Inspector of Schools, Madura Range, as
District Board Educational Officer, Ramnad, and I request you to
address Government to sanction the loan of the services of
Sri P.S. Ebenezer to the District Board.

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Director of Public Instruction
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To The Director of
Public Instruction,
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For Special Officer.

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Local Administration Department

From (Name)
Rao Sahib Sri B. Madava Rao Naidu
Designation B.A.,
Special Officer, Ramnad Dt. Board &
Station
Dt. Collector, Ramnad at Madura.

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

Enclosures: Roc. No. A.1.25747/46 dated 26-3-1947

Sir,

26061 Sub:- Establishment-Ramnad District Board - appointment of
District Board ~~like~~ Educational Officer- Proposals-
Ref:- Government Memo No.8606 B.2. 1.Mdn.dated 12-3-47.

In his letter Roc.No.94.C.4/47 dated 1-3-47, the Director of Public Instruction, Madras suggested the name of Sri P.S. Ebenezer, Senior Deputy Inspector of schools, Madura Range for appointment as District Board Educational Officer, Ramnad. His suggestion was approved in this office letter Roc.No.A.1.25747/46 dated 16-3-47 and he was also requested to address Government to sanction the loan of the services of Sri P.S. Ebenezer to the District Board. His reply is awaited.

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Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras for information.

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Fundamental Rules - Dt Bd. Ramnad - Mr. P. S.

Ebenezer, D. G. Inspector of schools - loan of
services for appointment as D.B.E.O. - Sanctioned
from the D.P. No 9124/47 d 21.8.47.

Order/MS 705 Edn. d. 9.11.47

Under Rule 110 of the Fundamental
~~Rules~~ Rules, the Govt. Sanction the loan
to the Dt Bd, Ramnad, of the services of
Mr P. S. Ebenezer, D. G. Inspector of schools, for
appointment as D.B.E.O. for a period of
three years from the date on which he
relinquishes charge of his appointment
under Govt.

2. While employed as D.B.E.O.
Mr P. S. Ebenezer will draw the pay
admissible to him in Govt. Service and
an additional pay of Rs 25/- ~~per month~~
mensum. He will also be granted
dearness allowance at Govt. rates
calculated on the total pay drawn in
foreign service. Leave and pensionary
contributions will be recovered from
the Dt Bd at such rates as may be
in force from time to time.

3. The joining time and the
pay of Mr P. S. Ebenezer will be

Regulated with reference to Rules 106 and 107 of the Fundamental Rules.

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To The D.P.G
The Spl Officer
Dt. Bd. Ramnad.
The A.G
The Exam. & d.P.A



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In reply, please quote number, date and short title.



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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From (Name) DR. S.R.U. SAVOOR, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
(Designation) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Post Box _____, (STATION) MADRAS.
Telegraphic Address _____

To
The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
Roc.No. 3177-C4/47, dated 7th October 1947.

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Sir,
SUB: SRI P.S. Ebenezer, Deputy Inspector of Schools, on foreign service as District Board Educational Officer, Ramnad - Reversion to Government Service.

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In submitting herewith a copy of the letter dated 26.7.1947 from the Divisional Inspector of Schools Madura and letter dated 29-7-1947 from Sri P.S. Ebenezer addressed to the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura, I have the honour to recommend that Government may be pleased to order the early reversion of Sri P.S. Ebenezer to Government service. He joined as the District Board Educational Officer only on 18-4-47 and within a period of three months he had to leave the Board in the circumstances stated in his letter. I invite the attention of Government about the relation of the District Board Educational Officer to the Personal Assistant to the Special Officer and Secretary of the Board and endorse the observation of the Divisional Inspector of Schools made in the concluding portion of his letter dated 26-7-1947.

I have furnished copies of the Divisional Inspector's and District Board Educational Officer's letters to the Special Officer and invited him to offer his remarks on the same, which are awaited. As the Deputy Inspector has requested for reversion to Government service, I have issued orders posting him to the Aruppukottai Range in anticipation of approval by Government. I request the favour of urgent orders on this reference.

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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Copy of letter dated 26th July '47 from the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura Division.

Ref: Your letter dated 23-7-47 regarding Sri P.S. Ebenezer, Ramnad Dt. Board Educational Officer.

Sri P.S. Ebenezer has decided to proceed on leave under some special circumstances. He is experiencing much difficulty to carry on his legitimate work under the present officers there viz. the Personal Asst. to the Special Officer, who is mainly guided by the Secretary of the Board. By an office order, Mr. Ebenezer is required to submit his papers to the Special Officer through the Secretary of the Dt. Board, though there is a Government Order to the effect that the Secretary of the District Board has nothing to do with the Dt. Board Educational Officer. Mr. Ebenezer has to submit himself to this humiliating position. Further, I understand that he is required to sign in the Attendance Register along with the clerical staff of the office. This practice of signing in the Attendance Register is not prevalent in the neighbouring Dt. Board. Viz., Madurai. Mr. Ebenezer protested to this and I advised him to make a personal representation to the Collector and Special Officer on this matter. The Collector and Special Officer has ordered that the Dt. Board Educational Officer need not sign in the Attendance Register pending a final decision on this question from the Inspector of Local Boards & Municipal Councils, to whom the matter seems to have been referred. The position of the Dt. Board Educational Officer Ramnad is being made humiliating and I doubt that under the present circumstances, no Officer of the Department may be willing to go and work there. Mr. Ebenezer has tried his utmost to adjust himself to the conditions there, but as he found it difficult to carry on with a view to avoiding any further conflict, he has decided to proceed on leave. Unless the position of the Dt. Board Edl. Officer is freed from the clutches of the Secretary of the Dt. Board, none may be willing to go and work there.

I understand that the present Secretary of the Dt. Board Mr. Arthur - was once a clerk in the Dt. Board Office and subsequently Superintendent in the Ely. Education section and he has thus established himself in the Board and he desires to continue to have a hand even now in all matters relating to Elementary Education. No self respecting Educational Officer may be willing to submit himself to the present Secretary. Mr. Ebenezer may perhaps be making a full representation on this matter soon after he is relieved from the District Board. The Director may kindly first make the Dt. Board Educational Officer safe and free from the interference of the Secretary before another officer is posted. I am not therefore suggesting any name at present until this general question is settled.

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Copy of letter dated 29.7.1947 from Sri P.S. Ebenezer B.A., L.T., District Board Educational Officer, to the Divl. Inspector, Madura.

Sub: The position of the District Board Educational Officer in Ramnad District - three month's experience narrated.

On 19-4-1947, I took charge of the post of the District Board Educational Officer Ramnad District Board.

The District Board Office is housed in the place of the Rajah of Ramnad, in Teppakulam, the eastern extremity of the city of Madurai. In this place, the Dist. Board Educational officer was assigned a room in a corner. This room happens to have served once as the bath room of the Rajah. For, the showerbath pump is still there overhanging close by to my seat. Two big door ways lead to the seats of my clerks and superintendent. I took the assignment of the office room for the D.B.E.O. in good humour, though the room lacked in privacy and

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privacy and convenience and started my work in right earnest.

Memo. No. 54091-B dated 20-11-1946 of the Government of Madras runs as follows:- "The Government consider that the District Board Educational Officers should be in charge of the Educational section of the District Board Office. They should attend to work connected with Education and take the orders of the President on all matters. If the Secretary desires to look into any papers relating to Education, he should obtain them from the Education section through the District Board Educational Officer."

The G.O. quoted above is clear on the points of the D.B.E.O.'s function in the District Board Office and the Secretary's relationship with the Education section of the Office.

In May 1948, a few weeks after I had taken charge of the post of the D.B.E.O. the Secretary of the District Board addressed the Superintendent of the Education section direct and required him to submit certain records and registers of the section for his scrutiny. The Superintendent replied that the D.B.E.O. may be addressed direct for the records and registers. Thereupon, the Personal Assistant to the Special Officer Ramnad charges against the Superintendent and called upon him to explain his failure to submit to the Secretary the records called for by him.

The Superintendent, in his explanation stated that he had asked the Secretary to address the D.B.E.O. for the records and kind attention of the P.A. was invited to the G.O. cited above. The P.A. was not pleased to accept the explanation of the Superintendent and declared his explanation unsatisfactory.

On 19-6-1947 the P.A. issued Office Order No. 109 which runs as follows "Note to the D.B.E.O. Ramnad at Madura. Please see that all the papers relating to Elementary Education are sent through the Secretary to the P.A."

The Office Order of the P.A. was not at all in keeping either with the letter or the spirit of the G.O. It was just a circumvention of the G.O. to reduce the position of the D.B.E.O. one of the subordination to the Secretary. The G.O. when it says "if the Secretary of the District Board desires to look into any paper relating to Education, he should obtain them from the Education section through the D.B.E.O." contemplates the entirely independent position of the D.B.E.O. far so far as the Secretary is concerned and clarifies the possible relationship the Secretary have with the D.B.E.O.

On 2-6-47, I received an order from the P.A. that I should sign the Office Attendance Register from 3-6-1946. Immediately, I met the P.A. explained to him how it would not be in keeping with the dignity of an Officer to be signing the Office Attendance Register with the clerks of the office and informed him that in the neighbouring District Board Madurai, the D.B.E.O. there does not sign the office attendance register. I resubmitted the order to him with the request that it may kindly be revised and with a written note from the D.B.E.O. Madurai that neither he nor his predecessors have ever signed any Attendance Register in the District Board Office. I learned subsequently that the matter was referred to Inspector of Local Boards and Councils for decision.

As per delegation of powers, I could tour, only when I was deputed to do so either by the P.A. or the Special Officer. In order that the system of compulsion introduced in various centres in the District may be rendered successful and that other affairs requiring urgent personal attention may be looked into expeditiously I submitted an application to the Special Officer through the P.A. for a general deputation to tour, waiting at every step and stage for orders either from the P.A. or the Special Officer. The application was submitted to the Special Officer early as the first week of May 1947. The orders of the Special Officer on the application were not communicated to me.

On 4-7-47, I submitted a petition to the Special Officer praying his orders on the following three issues:-

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Clerks have to pass only through my office room either to get at each other or to go out.

At the outset, I did not take serious notice of the implication of the order. I just wanted to see how it would work in actual practice. What happened was this. Papers from my section which were submitted to the P.A. through the Secretary were commented upon by the Secretary or returned to me with comments before they were passed on to the P.A.

- Submitting of papers to the P.A. through the Secretary.
- Signing the Attendance Register.
- General deputation on tour.

and personally represented to him my difficulties in the office. He kindly promised to look into the matter.

On 10-7-1947, I received an order from the P.A. to the effect that the question of signing the Attendance Register has been referred to the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils and that till receipt of orders from him I should sign the Attendance Register. On 10-7-1947, I was on casual leave. On 11-7-1947, when I attended office, I submitted in writing a request to the P.A. that I may not be required to sign the Attendance Register till receipt of orders from the Inspector of Local Boards. The P.A. wrote on my written request "I want you to sign the Attendance Register." Lest the charge of disobedience should be levelled against me, under so great a pressure of compulsion and with utmost reluctance I signed the Attendance Register that day. The next morning, on 12-7-1947, I made a personal representation to the Special Officer ~~was~~ about the P.A.'s insistence on my signing the Attendance Register. The Special Officer was kind enough to instruct me not to sign the Attendance Register and promised to issue a formal orders to the effect.

On 12-7-1947, as soon as I went to the Office, I submitted a note to the P.A. informing him that the Special Officer had instructed me not to sign the Attendance Register. On the note P.A. ^{work} "I want you to sign till written orders are received from the Special Officer. But that evening the formal orders of the S.O. were probably received by the P.A. as the matter was not pursued any further for some days.

I had to proceed on medical leave from 18-7-1947 as the doctor who attended on me insisted that I should start injection treatment and take rest without any further delay. I submitted an application for medical leave for a month to the Director of Madras, through the Proper channel, attaching a Medical Certificate. I also submitted direct a copy to the Director of Public Instruction.

A few days after I had proceeded on leave an order was received from the District Board Office signed by the P.A. for the Special Officer to the effect that I should sign the Attendance Register. I understand that it was represented to the Special Officer that the District Health Officer, the Divisional Engineer of Highways and other officers were signing in their office Attendance Registers and that there was nothing out of the way in asking the D.B.E.O. to sign the Attendance Register of the District Board Office.

Besides, the authority for granting casual leave to the Superintendent and clerks of my section rests with the Secretary. It was not unusual for me to find the seat of some clerk or other vacant and after enquiry learn that such and such clerk was on leave for so many days.

The P.A. to the Special Officer is one to whom the Special Officer has delegated most of his powers. At the instance of the Secretary the P.A. has been deliberately attempting to belittle the position of the D.B.E.O. in the scheme of things in the District Board and make the D.B.E.O. just a sort of glorified Head clerk of some section.

The last great act of the Personal Assistant in establishing the smallness of the position of the D.B.E.O. is worthy of particular attention. I applied for leave to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras through the Proper channel. The Director of Public Instruction is the authority competent to sanction leave to me. The P.A. has considered himself competent ~~was~~ to sanction leave as he deems that the D.B.E.O. is just a District Board servant and in the name of the Special Officer sanctioned me a month's leave in R.O.C.A. 1.14024-47 dated 22-7-1947, forwarding a copy to the District Educational Officer, Ramnad.

Such is the brief history of my experience as D.B.E.O. Ramnad. It is for consideration whether in an atmosphere where the D.B.E.O. is treated as an alien and recognised as no entity, any useful work can be turned out by him. Unless the position of the D.B.E.O. in the District Board Office is further clarified, strengthened and his prestige properly sustained, I am doubtful if the purpose for which the D.B.E.O.'s post has been created may be fulfilled.

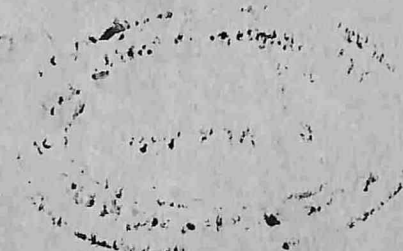
When my health and strength are fully restored and I am in a fit condition to resume work, I have no objection to rejoin duty as D.B.E.O. Ramnad, provided orders on the issues I have raised are passed, vouchsafing the dignity due to the office and facilitating efficient discharge of work.

/True copy/

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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Memo. No. 80461 82/47-1 dated 1.11.47. E & P. H. Sept 6

Sub:- Sri. P. S. Ebenezer, Deputy Inspector of schools, on foreign service as Dist. Bd. Educational officer, Ramnad. - Reversion to govt. service.

Ref:- letter from the D.P.G. No. 3177-C4/47 dated 7.10.47.



In the circumstances explained by the D.P.G. in his letter cited above, the govt. sanction the reversion to govt. service of Sri. P. S. Ebenezer whose services were lent to the Dist. Bd. as District Board Educational officer as in

To the S.O. D.P.G. G.O. No. 715 dt. 7.10.47
The D.P.G. Repd
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The draft memo may now be submitted.

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Subj: Mr. P. P. Eberhard, report submitted to
schools, on foreign service as D.C. at
Educational Officer, Rangoon - Burma
Post. Service.

Ref: letter from Mr. P. P. Eberhard dated 7.10.47.

In the circumstances explained by Mr. P. P. Eberhard in his letter cited above, it is recommended that Mr. P. P. Eberhard be appointed to the post of Educational Officer, Rangoon, Burma, on a temporary basis, subject to the approval of the Government.

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After