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[Despatch Abstract.]

Overseas scholarships - 1946-47 - Sri M. Giriraj - Request for permission to return to India from United States of America before completion of studies - Papers recorded.

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No.F.7-8/46-OD.IV.
Government of India
Department of Education
New Delhi 3, the 12th December 1946.

MEMORANDUM.

Scholarships for Advanced
Studies Overseas 1946-47 -
Madras Government Scheme.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of D.O. letter dated the 25th November 1946 from Prof. Sundaram Educational Liaison Officer for India in the United States of America addressed to Mr. Ashfaq Husain, Deputy Educational Adviser to the Government of India, regarding Mr. M. Giriraj, a Madras Government sponsored student 1946-47 who, for the reasons stated therein, wishes to return to India. This Department will be glad to have the comments of the Provincial Government in this matter at a very early date.

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To

Jafri.

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

for Secretary.

A. N. S. Jafri
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Copy of the d.o. letter dated the 25th November 1946 from M.S. Sundaram, Educational Liaison Officer for India in the United States of America addressed to Mr. Ashfaq Husain, Deputy Educational Adviser to the Government of India, Education Department, New Delhi 3.

A I wrote to you on November 7th regarding Mr. Giriraj a Madras Government scholar who as a result of mental depression wishes to be sent back home. I did my best to encourage him to overcome his difficulties but he has again written to me another letter imploring me to get him a return passage. I suppose it is a case in which the Madras Government will have to take the decision but I have no intention of forcing him to stay on against his will. Owing to the shipping strike passages to India are not easily available but I shall have to send him back by the earliest possible sailing.

I am enclosing his letter to me.

Copy of the letter dated the 18th November 1946 from Mr. Giriraj to M.S. Sundaram, Educational Liaison Officer for the Government of India, Washington.

Thanks very much for your kind letter dated the 7th November 1946.

After deep thinking I am writing this letter, I have come to the decision of going home due to several reasons, some of which are very difficult for me to explain at present.

C In the first place the conditions of this place do not suit me and my health is gradually going down. With poor health and a troubled mind I do not know whether it would be possible for me to stay for long in this country. I personally feel that it is not proper on my part to stay there when I have come to the realization that I cannot accomplish the object for which the Government has sent me.

D I hope you will agree with me on this point that for accomplishing a certain thing, one should have a sound and unperturbed mind. Since I seem to lack in this I have finally decided to go back. In my opinion it is wrong on my part to continue my stay here after having realized that I cannot concentrate on my studies. I try my best every day to read my lessons but finally my performance in the tests do not speak much in favour of me. Probably my thought are not on the subject when I study. I am being constantly harassed by many personal worries which seriously interfere with my concentrated effort to do well here. It is particularly difficult for me to explain to you the exact nature of my difficulties and in the present state of mind I can only say that I am totally disturbed.

E Under these circumstances I have no other option except to retrace my steps to India though I dislike to do it. Of course I realize fully the nature of consequences that are to follow due to my present decision. I need not tell you how much it means to me to write a letter of this type. I admit my weakness quite frankly and I wish to be as true as I can to myself. My only prayer is that I should not break down physically and mentally.

Hence I request you to consider my case with sympathy and arrange my passage as early as possible. By chance if any boat is leaving before December (end of) I request you to send me by that boat on your own initiative.

I shall ever be grateful for this act of kindness.

Lastly I would request you to consider this letter purely as personal and I enclose herewith another letter which can be considered for your official work. Thanking you.

With best regard.

Copy of the letter dated the 18th November 1946 from Mr. Giriraj, to Prof. M.S. Sundaram, Educational Liaison Officer for India in the United States of America, Washington.

Due to reasons of health and other private difficulties, I have reached a decision to return to India. I cannot think of any other alternative at the present state. It is my wish to go back to India at the earliest opportunity. Therefore I would request you to arrange for my passage and communicate my decision to the Government of Madras.

I am really very sorry that I could not utilize this opportunity afforded to me but I cannot help it due to the force of circumstances.

I request you once again to give your immediate attention to my appeal.

Thanking you.

Jafri.

Letter no. 77676 - C 2 / 46 - 2 Edm 31/1/47.
To Mr. Secy.

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Dept. of Education, New Delhi, 3.

Overseas Scholarships - 1946-47 -

Mr. M. Giriraj.

Ref: Govt. of India, Edm Dept, memo.
to, F-7-8746-OD IV dated 12-12-46.

I am directed to state that this Govt. are agreeable to the return of Mr. M. Giriraj to India and that they will meet half the cost of his return journey. I am however to add that the question of foregoing the refund of the amounts spent on his by this Govt on his account in respect

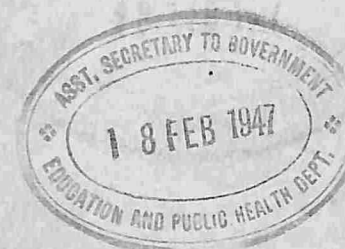
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~~account~~ ~~here in respect of the scholarship,~~
excluding half the cost of his return passage,
will be decided after the candidate's
return to India.

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Government of India.
Department of Education.
New Delhi 3, the 13th February, 1947.



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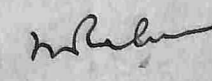
F 7/8/46/ODIV For Sundaram AAA

Reference your letter Twentyfifth November
1946 AAA No objection to Madras sponsored
scholar Giriraj returning to India provided
he understands clearly that as he is returning
at his own request Government may after
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to refund all money spent on him

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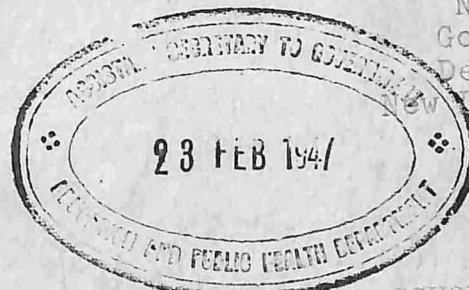
Copy to the Secretary to the Govt. of
Madras, Education and Public Health Department,
Madras with reference to his letter No.77676/C2
/46-2-Edn. dated the 31st January, 1947.

By order,


for Secretary.

BY AIR MAIL.

No. F.7-2/46-O.D.IV.
Government of India.
Department of Education.
Delhi 3, the 20th February, 1947.



M E M O R A N D U M.

Subject:- SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ADVANCED STUDIES OVERSEAS
1946-47 - MADRAS GOVERNMENT SCHEME.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the correspondence resting with this Department Cable of even Number dated the 13th February, 1947 to His Majesty's Charge d' Affairs for India, Washington, copy endorsed to the Secretary to the Government of Madras and to forward herewith a copy of D.O. letter dated 7th January 1947 from the Educational Liaison Officer for India in the United States of America addressed to Mr. Ashfaq Hussain, Deputy Educational Adviser to the Government of India regarding Mr. M. Giriraj, a Madras Government 1946-47 sponsored scholar. This Department ~~will~~ will be glad to have the views of the Provincial Government in this matter at a very early date.

M. H. Rahman
for Secretary.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department,
New Delhi. *Madras.*

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Copy to the Secretary to the Govt. of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, Madras with reference to his letter No. 7737/46-2-Bdn. dated the 31st January, 1947.

By order,

For Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NEW DELHI, 1947



Subject: - Madras Government Scholar.
1946-47 - Madras Government Scholar.

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M. A. Rahman
for Secretary.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department,
New Delhi, Madras.

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A copy of a letter 157/46 dated the 7th January, 1947 from Professor M.S. Sundaram, Washington to Mr. Ashfaq Hussain, DEA. to the Government of India, Department of Education, New Delhi.

(I request you to refer to letter dated November 25th, 1946, written by Sundaram, concerning M. Giriraj, Madras Government scholar.

2. Fortunately he has been able to change his mind and has secured re-admission at the University of California, Berkeley, and has asked us to cancel his passage. As I think he might be given a breather, and an opportunity to recover himself, we have decided to allow him to stay here.

3. I hope this will meet with your approval.

4. With all good wishes for you and yours in the New Year, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

A copy of a letter from the 7th January 1947 from Professor M.S. Sundaram, Assistant Secretary, to the Government of India, Department of Education, New Delhi.

I request you to refer to letter dated November 23rd, 1946, written by Sundaram, concerning M. Gopinath, Indian Government scholar.

2. Unfortunately he has been able to change his mind and has accepted re-admission at the University of California, Berkeley, and has asked me to cancel his passage. As I think he might be given a breather, and an opportunity to recover himself, we have decided to allow him to stay here. 3. I hope this will meet with your approval.

With all good wishes for you and yours in the New Year, I am,
Yours very sincerely,

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Letter no. 77676 C2/46 - 4 dt 22/3/47

To the Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Dept. of Edn.,
New Delhi 3

Sir,
Overseas Scholarships - 1946-47 -
Mr. M. Gopinath.
From the Govt. of India, Edn. Dept.,
Memo no. F-7-8/46-07 IV dt
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In the circumstances stated by Prof. M.S. Sundaram in his L.O. dated 7th Jan'y 1947, this Govt. agree to permitting Mr. M. Gopinath ^(being exempted) to stay on in the U.S.A. and continue his

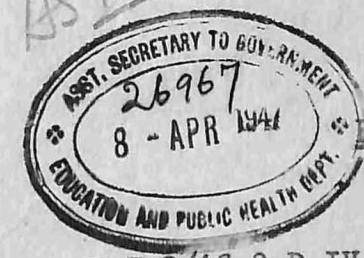
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BY AIR MAIL.

No.F.7-8/46-O.D.IV.
Government of India.
Department of Education.
New Delhi 3, the 3rd April, 1947.

From

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

To

His Excellency the Ambassador for India
in the United States of America,
Indian Embassy, (Education Department)
Washington, D.C.4.

Overseas Scholarships 1946-47 -
Madras Government Scheme - Mr.
M. Giriraj.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to this Department
endorsement of even number dated the 20th February,
1947 and to state that the Madras Government agree
to Mr. Giriraj being permitted to stay on in the
United States of America and continue his studies.

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

Sd/- M. H. Rahman

for Secretary.

Copy to the Secretary to the Government
of Madras, Education and Public Health Department,
Madras with reference to his letter No.7767602/46-4,
dated the 22nd March, 1947.

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By order,

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M. H. Rahman
for Secretary.



From the Government of India, Department of Education, New Delhi,
No. F.7-8/46-ODIV dated 12th December 1946.

Overseas Scholarships--1946-47--
Mr. M. Giriraj.

1. Mr. M. Giriraj was selected in 1946-47 for the award of an overseas scholarship for undergoing advanced studies in "Canning and Food Preservation". Admission was arranged for him in the California University, U.S.A. and he sailed from Bombay on 22nd August 1946.

2. The duration of the course which Mr. Giriraj has to undergo is about two years. Normally therefore he should return to India about October 1948. Mr. Giriraj however wishes to return to India even now for reasons of poor health and a troubled mind. He has explained the circumstances which forced him to come back home, in his representation to the Educational Liaison Officer in U.S.A. (Prof. M.S. Sundaram). Prof. Sundaram has forwarded the representation to the Government of India who in their turn have passed it on here and have asked for the comments of this Government in the matter.

3. This is the first time when a stipendiary candidate wishes to return home before completion of his course. There are, however, cases of two government servants who returned to India without completing their courses of studies abroad. One is that of Dr. A. Subba Rao, Soil Physicist who went to the U.K. on deputation in December 1945. Having stayed abroad for about six months, the officer returned to India before the expiry of the full term of deputation. He requested that he might be permitted to return to India as he felt broken down on account of successive attacks of influenza and the Government permitted him to return. And in his case the University authorities concerned stated that Dr. Subba Rao might be largely taken to have fulfilled the purpose for which he was deputed. Another case is that of Dr. P. Venkata Rao, Senior Assistant to the Chemical Examiner. He went to the U.K. on deputation in December 1945. On hearing of the news of his wife's death

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he suddenly returned to India without obtaining the previous sanction of Government. It has been decided recently to waive recovery of the amount spent by Government on his deputation.

4. The case of Mr. Giriraj has to be examined under 6(b) of the terms and conditions of the award of Government stipends. The Educational Liaison Officer for India in the U.S.A. has characterised his complaint rightly as "mental depression". This condition is presumably due to homesickness as nothing tangible to the contrary can be gleaned from the candidate's letter to the Education Liaison Officer on p 3 cf. The complaint of health gradually going down is due to his mental depression. Hence he cannot be brought under the category of one who "on account of illness" is unable to complete the approved course of study and is obliged to return to India, as mental depression cannot be ^{classified} ~~termed~~ as illness. His case can only be considered under the other category of one who "for other reasonable cause" is unable to complete the approved course of study and is obliged to return to India. From the candidate's letter to the Educational Liaison Officer on p3 cf.--Vide portion marked "E"-- it is evident that the candidate will break down physically and mentally if not permitted to return to India, and this is likely to happen in persons with a weak mind of the type of this candidate. Since the term "other reasonable cause" has not been defined, each case has to be decided on merits. In the peculiar circumstances of the case, the candidate may be deemed to satisfy the criterion "other reasonable cause". If this is done, the candidate will be eligible for a return passage at the cost of government.

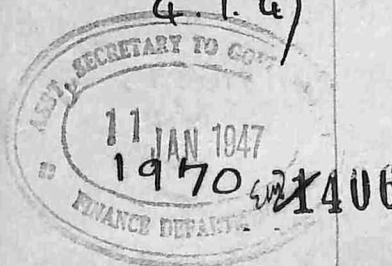
5. The other point for consideration is whether the cost of passage to the U.S.A. and the amount of stipends and allowances disbursed to the candidate should be recovered or not from the candidate. 6(b) of the terms and conditions of the award of Government stipends vests this matter in the discretion of Government. Because the Govt. pay the cost of the return journey, it does not automatically follow that they should forego the refund of the

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amounts spent upon the candidate. The candidate has prior to his departure to the U.S.A. executed a bond with two sureties and so the refund of the amounts spent on him can be enforced if necessary. As the return of the candidate before the completion of the course is entirely due to his fault and not attributable directly to any illness, there doesnot appear to be a strong case for foregoing the refund of the amounts spent on him. But perhaps a decision on this question may be left over till the candidate returns to India and further enquiries are made in his case.

6. The Government of India may be informed that this Government are ~~not~~ agreeable to the return of the candidate to India, and that they will meet ^{half} the cost of his return journey but that the question of foregoing the refund of the amounts spent upon the candidate will be decided after the ~~return of the candidate~~ ^{return} to India.

7. Dev. and Fin. may see for remarks.

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Pp1-4 cf. and notes from
plabm may be perused. In the
circumstances set out at pp
1-3 above the proposal of at M
above may be agreed to in
this dir. H.
With the above remarks, the
Dev. and Fin. file may be passed on to Finance
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Finance

Please see the note of E.P.H.
from p 1 above. In the circumstances
noted by therein, this deptt may agree
with the views of E.P.H. at 'A' and 'M'
on p 2 above ante.

Fin. v. o.
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A draft letter to the Govt. of
India is put up for appl.

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20.1.47

[Issued as letter no. 77676 C2/46-2 Edn
dated 31.1.47]

From the Govt. of India, no. F-8746-
D-IV dated 20.2.47.

pp 5-6 cf



In the circumstances stated
in paragraph 2 of Prof. Sundaram's
letter on page 11 cf, the Govt. may
agree to Mr. M. Givray to stay
on in U.S.A. and continue his
studies. A draft letter to the
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Dept. and Finance may see.

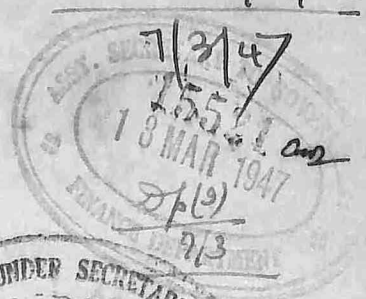
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Total E.P.H. nohs on pp 1-3 and
above and the letters at pp 9-11 cf may
be perused. The proposal at R above
and not be objected to in this deptt.
The file may be perused on to this

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(Previous fin note on p 5 above)

Further note of E.P.H. and Development may be
perused.

The letter below to the Govt. of India may
be perused and the case returned to E.P.H.

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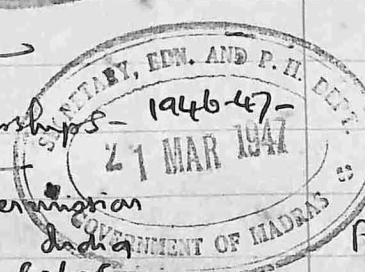


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Overseas Scholarships - 1946-47 -
Sri M. Givray -
Request for permission
to return to India
from U.S.A. before
completion of studies -
Papers recorded.



[Issued as letter
no. 77676 C2/46-4 dt 22.3.47.]
from the Govt. of India, no. F-78746-D-IV dt 3.4.47.

No action is called for. The papers may now be
Recorded.
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(Person with wife and child)
 Family wife of E.H.H. and Development may be
 secured.
 The latter refers to the fact of his wife
 is married and the case referred to P.P. II
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