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Library - Karur Municipality - Cobbald Reading Room and Library - Sri V.S. Nataraja Ayyar, Library attendar - Extension of service - Sanctioned

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From
Sri. S. Krishnaswami Pillai
Municipal Commissioner,
Karur.

To
The Secretary to Government,
and Public Health Department, Madras
Through The Deputy Inspector of Schools
Karur Range,
The District Educational Officer,
Trichinopoly,
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras and the Chairman, M.C., Karur.

Sir,

R.C. No. 137 B 246/8-1-47.

Sub:- Establishment - Public Library - Cobbald Reading Room and Library - Library Attender - Extension of service - Application of Sri. V. S. Nataraja Ayyar - Orders - Requested.

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In submitting herewith the petition of Sri. V. S. Nataraja Ayyar, Library Attender, Gobbald Reading Room, Karur, I beg to submit as follows:

2. It is true that the development of this institution from its small beginning to its present flourishing state is due to no small measure, to the interest and enthusiasm of this subordinate. He has been in charge of this institution, since his first appointment to be in charge of it in 1933. He possesses abundant health and energy and if extension of the period of appointment is justifiable in any case on grounds of efficiency and merit here is one case. The reading room which started with about 800~~0~~ books is now having about 4,000 books and is now on the verge of becoming one of the bigger institutions. The petitioner has added to the library several books by procuring useful books by way of donation. He is mainly responsible for the growth of the library. In one or two years, the library will reach the standard of an institution with 5000 books to be in charge of a qualified librarian. At this stage it is not possible to appoint a qualified librarian, as the ~~xx~~ scale of pay of the post is Rs.17-1-/2-20 only which cannot be raised until the institution becomes a bigger one. Nor is a qualified man ~~is~~ easily available at present. It is not desirable to appoint a raw hand now to be in charge of the library. Considering all aspects, it is better to continue the petitioner in service for at least one year.

3. As at present, he is to retire on 3-2-47 on attaining the age of 60. He is hale and healthy and is very brisk in his duties. He can continue to do his duties satisfactorily for one more year. I recommend this application for extension of the period of appointment for one year for the present.

4. I request early orders before 3-2-1947. In view of the difficulties standing in the way of ~~my~~ securing a new efficient hand for a scanty pay of Rs.17/p.m.x, I request permission to continue him in service pending orders on the petition.

x(plus usual dearness allowance) of Rs.16/- p.m.

S. Krishnaswami Pillai
8.1.47
Commissioner.

s.n. 8-1-47.

Forwarded and strongly recommended.

2. In view of his long and faithful~~x~~ service in this municipality and as he is hale and healthy, I recommend that extension of service for one ~~more~~ year from 4-2-1947 may be granted.

Chairman, Municipal
Karur.
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MUNICIPAL OFFICE
JAN 1947
KARUR

7.1.47

From
V.S.Nataraja Ayyar,
Library Attender,
Cobbald Reading Room and Library,
Karur.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras

Through
The Chairman, Municipal Council, Karur

& The Commissioner, Municipal Council, Karur.

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Sir,

I beg to bring the following few lines for kind consideration and favourable orders of Government.

I have been in charge of this library and reading room since its starting in 1933 when I was the Headmaster of the Municipal Town Elementary School. Till my retirement as teacher in 1942 I was being paid an allowance for being in charge of the Library. After my retirement as teacher, I was appointed as regular attender on a salary of Rs.17 with reference to G.O. No. 388 Education dated 11-3-194

During all these years, I have been enthusiastically, working on account of my natural interest in books and literature, for the development of the library and its history has been one of steady progress year by year. Starting with 800 books and with a few dailies and magazines and about 25 visitors daily it has now developed into a pucca reading room and library with 4000 books, 35 newspapers and magazines and attracting about 100 visitors daily (Vide Statement enclosed). It was my aim to raise it in my time to a first class library having more than 5000 books in its shelves with a qualified librarin to look after it instead of an attender. In a year or more I could bring about this result. But unfortunately I have to retire on 3-2-1947. I will be completing 60 years of age on that date. Though sixty, I still retain, as commissioner knows and as the recent testimonials will speak the full vigour of youth in body and mind and I therefore beg to apply for extension of my period of appointment by 2 years.

I request Government may be pleased to sanction my request, considering my fitness to be in service and considering also the transition stage of the library.

I enclose copies of testimonials regarding my work connected with the library.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

V.S. Natarajaiyer
Library Attender

Karur
6.1.47

Enclosures (1) 63 copies of testimonials
(2) One statement of [illegible] of the
library [illegible] from 1933-34 to 6.1.47

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No of Volumes Added to the Cobbald Reading Room Library Karur Municipality for ~~114~~ 14 years from 1933-34 to 1946-47

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years	Purchased Volumes from grant & mpl funds	Gift Volumes from the Public	Total Volumes	Condemned Volumes	grand total Volumes at the end of each official year	Remarks
1933-34	177	624	801	–	801	
34-35	224	418	642	–	1443	
35-36	44	173	217	–	1660	
36-37	24	227	251	–	1911	
37-38	25	217	242	–	2153	
38-39	4	95	99	–	2252	
39-40	134	62	196	–	2440	
40-41	79	246	325	–	2773	
41-42	188	52	240	–	3013	
42-43	159	172	231	–	3244	
43-44	159	128	287	–	3531	
44-45	92	195	227	124	3694	
45-46	84	44	128	66	3756	
46-47	23	30	53	–	3809	
Total for 14 years	1416	2583	3899	190	3809 + 200 4009	

About 200 books ordered from provincial subsidy grant and municipal fund So the total no. of books comes to 4059 before the end January 1947.

Karur
7.1.47.

7-1-47
Librarian
C.R. [illegible]

True extracts of the Visiting remarks made in the Cobbald Reading Room and Library, Karur Municipality from 26-8-1933.

1. 26-8-33.

Its apperance augurs well for its future and I wish it it long life and prosperity.

(Sd.) E. B. Cobbald,
26-8-1933.
Collector of Trichy Dt.,

2. 26-8-33.

It was a great pleasure to me to be present this morning at the opening function of the Reading Room and Library. The romm and its contents impressed me very much indeed and I wish it all success and prosperity.

(Sd.) Mrs. E. B. Cobbald,
26-8-1933.

3. 3-9-33.

I had the pleasure of visiting this Reading Room today. It satisfies a long felt want and it is very well used.

(Sd.) E. S. Swaminathan,
3-9-33.
Junior Deputy Inspector of Schools,
Karur Range.

4. 3-9-33.

I had the pleasure of visiting this Reading Room today. I wish the Reading Room every success.

(Sd.) D. Namasivayam,
3-9-33.
Dt. Educational Officer,
Trichinopoly.

5. 12-9-33.

I see that it is well attended so much so that it gets crowded. The papers kept open to the public are a good number. The Reading Room shows very good signs of gaining popularity and use.

(Sd.) S. Davis,
Stationery Sub Magistrate,
on leave.

6. 25-10-33.

I am very much pleased with the way in which the Periodicals and Dailies are made available to the public. I find everything neat and tidy. This Reading Room deserved every encouragement and support from the public and other local bodies.

(Sd.) S. A. Subramanya Ayyar,
Sub Dy. Registrar for Land
Mortgage Banks, Trichy.

7. 12-1[illegible]-33.

I had the pleasure to visit the Cobbald Reading Room this evening and I am glad to say that it is furnished with up to date journals of Literature News and humour. It is quite essential to a place like Karur as it gives adequate scope to a General public whilst the jubile [illegible] Library gives scope to the aristocratic of Karur.

(Sd.) K. V. S. Vas,
Asst. Editor, Popular
Magazine, Trichy.

8. 27-2-34.

I visited the Cobbald Reading Room along with the chairman of this Municipality. The building is built very neatly and it is very compact. I see on the table number of newspaper (English and Vernacular) and also other magazines which I am sure are of much use to the public. I wish the Reading Room all success.

(Sd.) M.C.T.M. Chidambaram Chettiar,
27-2-34.

9. 28-2-34.

I visited the Cobbald Reading Room this evening. It is furnished with almost all the important and pouplar News-papers and Magazines. During the time of visit, I found the room to be fully crowded. In all other respects, the Reading Room is fully equipped and I can dare say that it is monument of Mr. V. Kuppu Rao's regime. Mr. Nataraja Ayyar who is in charge of the reading room is much interested in the reading room and is of much use to the public who frequent the Reading Room.

(Sd.) C. P. Doraisami Mudaliar,
Municipal Councillor,
28-2-34.

10. 8-3-34.

I am very glad to see this new and attractive Reading Room. I trust that it will be of great and increasing benefit to the locality.

(Sd.) R. Dam,
Director of Town Planning
and Consulting architect to
Government.

11. 22-5-34.

I visited the Room today. I am very glad to see it is well serving the purposefor which it was started and good Tamil weeklies and dailies are being received to let the townsmen have a knowledge of their civic duties and life. Attendance is good.

(Sd.) P. Ranganatha Rao,
Pensioner and Mirasdar,
Karur.

12. 25-5-34.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Free Reading Room and Library opened for the public by the Municipal Council which goes to enrich the amenities already possessed by the Town and which is bound to spread light and learning among a large section of the population in an indirect manner. The institution is looked after very well by Mr. V. S. Nataraja Ayyar who is in charge of it and who is well known for his business capacity and devotion to duty. The beautiful garden makes the surroundings poetical.

(Sd.) S. S. Krishnaswami,
Retired Head Master,
Municipal High School,
Karur 25-5-34.

13. 8-6-34.

I visited the Cobbald Free Reading Room this evening and I am glad to note the institution is being highly patronised by the Public. The library is a fairly good one and contains some interesting books in English and Tamil.

(Sd.) Palayam N. Balagurumurthy.
Cloth Merchant, Karur.

14. 29-8-34.

I visited the Cobbald Reading Room and Library this evening. I was much impressed by the way in which it was being used by the public of Karur both students and others. The root cause of the popularity is the kindness of the Librarian towards the readers.

(Sd.) T. P. Srinivasan,
Medical Officer in charge for
skin department. Govt. Hospital,
Karur.

15. 6-9-34.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Library and Reading Room today at 5-30. P M. It was full of visitors indicating its popularity. I trust the Liberary and the Reading Room will increase in its usefulness. I wish the Cobbald Reading Room and liberary every success.

(Sd.) D. Namasivayam,
6-9-34.
Dt. Educational Officer,
Trichinopoly.

16. 12-90-34.

I presided over the anniversary celebration of the Reading Room and Library yesterday. From the account given by the secretary in his first annual report it was clear that the institution has made remarkable progress in the year. From the number of visitors recorded in the visitor's book pept for the purpose I found that the institution has been gaining popularity. To have 60 to 70 persons visiting the Reading Room every day is a record of which any Reading Room might be proud that I was glad to see that quite a large number and variety of readable matter is furnished for the people who care to ~~exxim~~ stain. I wish the institution continued success.

(Sd.) C. J. Paul, 12-9-34.
Dt. Collector, Trichinopoly.

17. 12-9-34.

I had the pleasure of attending the Anniversary celebration of the Reading Room and Library on 11-9-34. It is gratifying to note that the reading room which made a small

beginning only last year has become so popular among the citizens of Karur. It has been extended all round to give room to the increased number of visitors to the Reading Room . I wish that Cobbald Reading Room every success.

(Sd.) K. S. Kolandasami Pillai,
12-9-34.
Deputy Director of Agriculture,
Trichinopoly.

18. 13-9-34.

I visited the library this afternoon and found about a dozen papers engaged in silently going through the newspapers, periodicals, etc. This is indeed good. A free Reading Room for Karur is really a boon conferred by the Municipality. Both the rooms of the library were tidy and clean.

(Sd.) R. Vasu Sastry,
13-9-34.
Senior Dy. Inspector of
Schools,
Karur Range.

19. 8-11-34.

As a passing bird, I just had the pleasure of visiting Cobbald Reading Room and Library, I feel happy to find the room is run on very proper lines. The room though small in size and has had only a years life, has been ableto subscribe to all important journals and dailies. A room which caters for all tastes. I find the Library consists more of present day books which I hope will be read by the enthusiastic youngsters.

I cannot but add this is a first-rate Reading Room run on western lines. As one who visited England and the continent and especially Germany where the youth movement was fast advancing, I often thought how happy India could if an organisation like yough movementis started in our Motherland. And to-day I am so happy to find a Reading Room at this place run for the general education of the public. My thanks are specially due to Mr. V. S. Natarajan who was kind enough to show me round. I wish all success to the Room and hope the public of Karur would make the best of the Room and the library in the interest of our beloved India.

(Sd.) M. V. Santhanakrishnan,
Traffic Probationer,
N.S.Ry. Secundrabad.

20. 8-11-34.

The Cobbald Reading Room and Library which was started under excellent auspices, is blessed with a zealous Librarian and an appreciative reading public with the kind encouragement of the authorities concerned, it is bound to become one of the best in the district, if not in the Presidency. The building and surroundings are very neat and attractive.

(Sd) P.S. Krishnamurthy Rao,
B.A., B.L.,
Vakil, 8-11-34.

21. 2-12-34.

It is really gratifying to note that this Cobbald Free Reading Room and Library started just about 15 months back has been steadily improving and giving satisfaction to the public. The tiny little garden attached to this really gives the mind of the visitor a sense of fullness and it is hoped the same will also be improved by the all earnest and devoted Librarian Mr. V. S. Nataraja Ayyar. It is easy to build and provide the library with ever so many books and magazines and journals, but for one to take it as a pleasure to serve the people with all willingness and love and good books and good words is not an easy joke. All have not the capacity not even the knack to do it. Here in our Librarian we have a gentleman who takes work as a diversion and pleasure and who is ever so willing to do his bit of service to the public not caring for its frown or favour but only for the love of it. May God bless him and spare him for our Library long and may he become prosperous through his grace.

(Sd.) B. V. Seshadri Sarma, B.A.,
2-12-34.
COntractor and Mirasdar, Karur.

22. 28-2-35.

I had the pleasure of visiting the Cobbald Reading Room and Library this evening and was well impressed with the

institution. The whole place looks quite tidy and creates a strong desire in the visitor's mind to spend a few hours at best in this place. The institution appears to be quite popular with the local public. I wish it all success.

(Sd.) A. V. Sundaram,
Forest Officer, Vellore.

23. 23-6-35.

It gave me very great pleasure to visit the Cobbalnd Reading Room. It is in my opinion an example worthy of being copied by other Municipalities. The neatness of the arrangements and the efficiency of the Management reflect great credit on the librarian, Mr. V. S. Nataraja Aiyer whom I have known to be an irrepressible enthusiast in any task entrusted to him.

(Sd.) K. Ramaswami,
Commissioner, Vellore
Municipality.

24. 1-8-1935.

I am very glad to see how flourishing this library and reading room are and to know that the people of Karur are making good use of it. The institution has any best wishes for continued success and still greater usefulness to the public.

(Sd.) D. W. Dodwell,
Sub Collector, Karur.

25. 21-9-35.

Visited the Library at 7 A.M. and found it crowded with people. From this I was led to believe that is is popular. It contains over a thousand English and Tamil books besides the dailies and the weeklies. I wish it all success.

(Sd.) Md. Abdul Ali,
Dt. Educational Officer,
Trichinopoly.

26. 15-10-35.

The library was visited today. All the books were well arranged as per section. All the necessary registers are kept. They are all kept quite well. I have been a frequent visitor to the library. A large number of visitors daily attend and make good use of this library. The condition of the library is quite satisfactory. The librarian takes special interest in his book.

(Sd.) S. V. Ramanatha Ayyar,
Deputy Inspector of Schools,
Karur.

27. 28--11--35.

Visited at 6 P.M. Found the Reading Room fairly crowded. The Librarian was on the premises and was taking pains to attend to the requirements of the members. The Library continues to be useful to the reading public.

(Sd.) T. A. Subba Rao,
Dy. Inspector of Schools,
Karur.

28. 14-12-35.

The Cobbald Reading Room is one of the best of institutions of the kind that I have seen. It is well kept and most usefully administered. Mr. V. S. Natarajaiyer, the Librarian deserves all credit for the capable management of the institution. The organisation is one of the boons of the municipality;

(Sd.) A. V. Chandrasekaran,
Honorary Secretary,
Karur Jubilee Library Assn.,

29. 2-7-36.

The Cobbald Reading Room is well kept.

(Sd.) S. R. Krishnamurthy,
2-7-36, Pleader, Karur.

30. 22-6-36.

Visited the librarian this afternoon in company with the commissioner of the Municipal Council. I am very pleased to find a large number of journals in the Reading Room. It is very gratifying to see the number of persons engaged in reading at the time of visit.

(Sd.) V. R. Ranganathan,
District Educational Office,
Trichinopoly.

31. 2-9-36.

Visited a number of people are busily engaged in reading

the different dailies and magazines. This is a very useful institution to the reading public of Karur.

(Sd.) T. P. Srinivasan,
Junior Deputy Inspector of
Schools,
Karur range.

32. 7-11-36.

Visited the library continues to be useful to the reading public of Karur. It is urgently in need of accessions especially of Tamil books and journals. It is a deserving object of municipal as well as individual generosity. I wish it increased usefulness under wise and careful guidance.

(Sd.) T. A. Suba Rao,
Deputy Inspector of Schools,
Karur Range.

33. 19-5-1937.

I am glad that I had an opportunity to pay a visit to Cobbald Free Reading Room maintained by the Municipal Council Karur. I have 27 years experience of various municipalities in this Presidency. I have not seen any Municipal Council maintaining a free reading room in such an excellent condition This reading room really serves as a model for others to follow. When I was the Manager of the Municipal Office Karur about 22 years ago, I knew Mr. V. S. Nataraja Iyer who now holds the post of the librarian of the Reading Room in addition to his duties as Head Master of the Municipal Elementary School. He continues to display the same enthusiasm even after a lapse of 22 years. The Municipal authorities must be congratulated in having such an enthusiastic subordinate under the service of the council.

(Sd.) T. E. Gomuthanayagampillai
Commissioner,
Bodinayakanur Municipality.

34. 18-8-1937.

I visited the Cobbald Free Reading Room. It is located in an airy place. It is situated in the heart of the town and is made good use of. The attendance per diem is about 70 which testifies to the popularity of the Reading Room. The Reading Room is well furnished and I found on its tables a number of English and Tamil dailies and periodicals of which good use is made of the public. The Library consists of Tamil and English books. The visitors are allowed to read books in the library and return. On the whole everything is kept neat and tidy. The Librarian who is the Head Master of a local Elementary School spares no pains to make the Library useful and attractive.

(Sd.) S. M. Fossil,
Hon. Secretary,
Madras Library Assn.,
19-8-37.

35. 12-2-38,

Visited the Cobbald Public Free Library and Reading Room this afternoon. It is neatly kept and the Head Master of the Municipal Elementary School kindly took me to the Readng Room. I wish it all success.

(Sd). Muhamad Ghulam Ali,
Dy. Inspector of Schools,
Muhammadan Range,
Tanjore.

37. 20-12-38.

During my visit to the Public Reading Room and Library I find that the visitors show a daily increase.

(Sd.) K. Doraisami Iyer,
20-12-38. Karur.

38. 23-7-39.

Visited the library at 6-30 P.M. on 23-7-39. Found the Library in full swing.

(Sd.) K. P. G. Menon,
Dt. Educational Officer,
Trichinopoly.

39. 30-11 40.

Inspected the library this afternoon. It is gratifying to note that the library continues to be useful to the reading public of Karur. There is still ample scope for further development especially in the addition of a large number of Tamil books.

The premises are kept clean and the books neatly arranged.

The management deserves well to be congratulated on the institution which is perhaps one of the best of the kind in the District. It is fervently hoped the library will continue

to flourish as a deserving object of public as well as individual munificence, generosity and patronage. I have great pleasure in wishing for its continued success and still greater usefulness to the public.

(Sd.) S. Veeraswami,
Dy. Inspector of Schools,
Karur Range.

40. 6-3-41.

I visited the Cobbald Reading Room and Library to-day and felt most pleased with the good work done by the Librarian inconnection with it.

(Sd.) Margaret E. Cousins.

41. 24-8-41.

We have heard and read much about the "Kruschen" man in paper advertisements. To see Sri V. [illegible]. Nataraju Iyer--librarian of the Cobbald Reading Room--is to see that "Kruschen" man in life. The development of this useful institution to its present state is due to none else than this librarian. I am also aware that but for the application of brake by me in my short term of office, he would have kept on to his accelerator.

(Sd.) K.P.M. Tel kat,
Special Officer,
Karur Municipality.

43. 11-9-41.

Visited the Library this afternoon and was immensely pleased to note its tidy appearance adequate equipment and useful books. This is reported to be doing good work catering the needs of a good many in this Municipality.

(Sd.) M. A. Shareiff,
Dy. Inspector of Schools,
Tanjore Muhammadan Range.

36. 22-7-38:- கோபால்டு ரீடிங் ரூம் நான் பார்த்த வரை மிகவும் நன்றாய் கவனிக்கப்பட்டு வி.எஸ்.நடராஜய்யர் - மானேஜ்மெண்டில் நடப்பது மிகவும் திருப்திகரமா யிருக்கிறது.

ஒப்பம். கே.ராமசாமி அய்யர்,
முனிசிபல் கவுன்சிலர், ஊர்.

42. 26-8-41:- இன்று மாலை இந்த வாசகசாலையை பார்வை யிட்டேன். புஸ்தகசாலை நன் மதிப்பு பெற்றிருக்கிறது. காலையிலும் மாலையிலும் சிறுவரும் பெரியோரும் வந்து பத்திரிகைகளை ஆர்வத்துடன் - படிப்பதை பார்த்தேன். புஸ்தகங்களையும் அநேகர் படித்து வருவதை பட்டி மூலம் கண்டேன். இது பொது ஜனங்களுக்கு மிக்க பயனை அளித்து வருகிறது.

ஒப்பம். சி. ரகுநாதன்,
ஜில்லா கல்வி அதிகாரி,
திருச்சிறாப்பள்ளி.

30-11-1941.

44. The general condition of the library contiued to be satisfactory

(Sd.) S. Veerasamy Patthar,
M.A.? L.T.
Senior Deputy Inspector of school
Karur Range.

2-5-1945.

45. It gave me great plesure to visit this library to night. I was glad to see a number of volumes in the reading room and the silent and order impressed me very much.. I was glad to notice the enthussiam on the part Mr. Nataraja Iyer the librarian. I shoud think the servdses a very useful purpose

(Sd.) M.S.Sabesan,
Proffessor,
Christian College,
Madras.

23-9-1942.

46. Visited the library this morning. It seems to be very popular.

(Sd.) V.K.Raman Menon,
District Educational Officer,
Trichinopoly.

22-11-1942.

47. The library is being well used and the general condition continues to be satisfactory.

(Sd.) T.S.Vaidyanathaswamy Iyer,
Deputy Inspector of schools,
Karur Range.

9-3-1943.

48. I visited the Cobbald Reaing room and library this after noon, both of which are in a flourshing condition. More volumes have been added recently and the library is becoming more and more popular.

(Sd.) S.Devaganam,
Deputy Inspector of Local
Bords,

2-4-1943.

49. Visited the library this morning, found the same in proper working order.

(Sd.) T.S.Vaidyanathasamy Iyer,
Deputy Inspector of schools,
Karur Range.

9-4-1943.

50. It gave me great pleasure to visit the free Cobald Reading room and library. A rare institution maintained by the Karur Muncipality It is very useful to the pulic expicially in these days when the newspapers and the magazine and books are very high in price. There is a judicious selection of news papers and magazines which are well appreciated by the reading of the public. The rules and Regulations which are good are administered by an able enthusiastic and ernest librarian. The arrangement is good and nice. The institution will continue to that the co-operation of the public in the gift of news papers and magszines and books. I believe, I wish the institution all the success. It deserves.

(Sd.) T.S.Narayana Iyer,
Retired pricipal,
Salem College.

6-10-1943.

51. Visited the library this morning by xrxx surprise found the same in working order.

(Sd.) T.S.Vaithyanathasamy Iyer,
Deputy Inspector Of schools,
Karu Range.

10-11-1943.

52. The library is popular and has a usefull record of work this year.

(Sd.) T.S.Vaithyanathasamy Iyer,
Deputy Inspector Of schools,
Karu Range.

6-1-1944.

53. Paid a surprise visit in the library this after noon. The library was found to beproperly working.

(Sd.) T.S.Vaithyanathasamy Iyer,
Deputy Inspector of schools,
Karu Range.

23-6-1946.

54. Visited the municipal library and reading room. It is well furnished and kept neat. It is very popular and is really a boon to the Karur Public. The librarian does good work.

(Sd.) S.Ramaligam,
Municipal Commissioner,
Karur.

26-11-1946.

55. Inspected this day. Working and condition are highly satisfactory.

(Sd.) K.Mahalingam,
Deputy Inspecto of school
Karur Range.

23-1-1945.

56. I am pleased to see the Cobald Reading room and library run by the Karur municipality has in its sheves. Some recent publications by great men and is doing a great service to the public of Karur town.

(Sd.) S.Devagnanam,
Deputy Inspector of
municipal concals and Local
Boards.

7-9-1945.

57. Visited the library and reading room. I am gald to be able to say that this instituion is well used. I do really think it has a benifit future before it,

(Sd)T.V.Apparsundaram,
District Educational Officer,
Trichinopoly.

30-11-1945.

58. Inspected the library to.day, The working and the condition of the library are highly stisfactory. The municipal authourities concerned and the librarian are to be complimented on the usfull recard of work durin g the year under review.

(Sd.) K.Mahalingam,
Deputy Inspector of schools
Karur Range.

10-12-1945-

59. Casully visited the Cobald Reading room.~~with~~ It is maintained in excellant condition, thanks to the interest and the enthusasiam of the librarian in charge.

(Sd.) N.M.Vaithyanathan Iyer
Municipal Manager.
Karur.

30-5-1946.

60. I casually visited the cobald reading room. this evening. This reading room is very nicely maintained by Sri. V.S,Nataraja Iyer.

(Sd.) M.R.Subramania Iyer,
Municipal Supraviser.

18-7-1946.

61. I enjoyed myself looking up the library and getting its history narrated to me by the enthusiastic librarian. After inspecting several sordic details of the municipal administration in the town it was indeed a great pleasure to me to close the days work in this bright spot. I wish the institution many a year of useful life.

(Sd.) T.A.Vargheese,
Collector ,
Trichinopoly.

3-10-1946.

62. I paid a casual visit to the reading room and library. It is needless to say that the institution is well managed. The reputation of the instituion and its enthusastic librarian are already well established. The instituion is so popular and useful that it is always overecrowded, durong readin hours.

(Sd.) A.V.Chandrasekara Iye
Vakil,
Karur.

27-11-1946.

63. Inspected the library. The working of the library during the year on the general condition are highly satisfactory.

(Sd.) K.Mahalingam Pillai,
Deputy Inspector of school
Karur Range.

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N Dis. 303 G/47 d 5-3-47.

Forwarded to the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

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For Director of Public Instrn

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To
The Inspector of L. Bds
& M. Cls
Madras

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From

Sri. D. Sambasivam Pillai, B.A.,L.T.,
District Educational Officer, Trichinopoly.

To

The Divisional Inspector of schools,
COIMBATORE.

Sir,

R.O.C.No. 57-B/46 dated 31-1-1947.

Sub:--Cobbald Reading Room and Library, Karur - Library attender - Extension of service.

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4.3-23 [illegible]

I submit herewith the petition of Sri. V.S. Nataraja Iyer, Library attender, Cobbald Reading Room, Karur with the following remarks:

The attender attains his age of 60 on 3-2-1947. His further continuance in service is not recommended as a young man may be appointed in his place. The post now carries a pay of Rs. 17 and Rs. 16 Dearness allowance. Young men will be available, the area being an urban one.

The letter of the Commissioner, Municipal Council, Karur is also enclosed. His contention that no efficient hand will be available is not supported.

D Sambasivam
1.2.47

District Educational Officer,
Trichinopoly.

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Office of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbayore,
NRC.No.48-D/47 dated 18-2-1947.

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Sub: Laboratory attender--Cobbald Reading Room and Library--Extension of service for one year to Sri V.S.Nataraja ayyar--Recommending.

Ref: From the District Educational Officer, Trichy, Roc.No. 57 B/46 dated 31-1-1947.

9130

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

2. The request of the Municipality for the extension of service for one year only to Sri V.S.Nataraja Iyer, Library attender, is recommended, since it is difficult to secure the services of ~~a~~ qualified candidates.

C.No. 303 G3/47

FEB 1947

Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Coimbatore Division.

To the Director of Public Instruction, Madras. rpv/20-2-

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
RC 30393/47
25 FEB 1947
MADRAS

From
Sri. S. Krishnasami Pillai,
Municipal Commissioner,
Karur.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras and The Director of Public Instruction, Madras and the Chairman, M.C. Karur.

Sir,

R.C.137/B2-47 dated 17-2-1947

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Sub; Establishment- Public Library- Cobbald Reading Room and Library Sri. V.S. Nataraja Ayyar -Service- Extension- Application- Orders - Requested.

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Ref; This office R.C.137/B2-47 dated 8-1-1947 — [illegible]

I request that Government may be pleased to pass early orders on the reference cited above.

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Commissioner. delegate.

S.N.20.2. Forwarded.

S. Krishnasami Pillai
Chairman, M.C. Karur.
21/2/47

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
7 MAR 1947

From
Sri. S. Krishnasami Pillai
Municipal Commissioner,
Karur.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department
Fort St. George, Madras Through The
Chairman, Municipal Council, Karur.

Sir,

R. C. No. 137/B2-47 dated 2-3-1947

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Sub; Establishment- Public Library-Karur Municipality- Cobbold Reading Room and Library- Sri. V.S. Nataraja Ayyar- Extension of service- application- Early Orders-Requested

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Ref; This office letter R.C.137/B2-47 dated 8-1-1947 and reminder thereon dated 13-2-1947

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11 MAR 1947
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As already reported in my letter No. R.C. 137/B2-47 dated 8-1-1947 the present library attender attained the age of 60 on 3-2-1947 and is hale and healthy, very brisk in his duties. In view of my request for permission to continue him in service pending orders of the Government on this office letter No.R.C. 137/B2-47 dated 8-1-1947, I am continuing him in service especially because no other arrangement could be made. I request that early orders may kindly be passed in the matter and that my action in continuing him in service may kindly be approved.

s. n. 2. 3.

S. Krishnasami Pillai
Commissioner. 3347

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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Forwarded to the Inspector of Local Board and Municipal Councils, in continuation of this office N.Dis 303 G/47 of 5.3.47.

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K.S. Umamambal
10.3.47

For Director of Pub. Instrn.

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To
The Inspector of L. Bds & M.Cls
Madras

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Local Administration Department

Received Registered (138)

From (Name) K.M. Unnithan Esq., I.C.S.,
Designation Inspector of Ml.Cls. & L
Station Local Boards, Madras. I.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Local Administration Department,
Fort St., George.

Enclosures: L.Dis No. 9130/47. dated 14-3-47.

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPT.
16 MAR 1947
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SECRETARIAT, MADRAS

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
19 MAR 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Sub:- Establishment - Municipal council - Karur - library attender - Cobbald Reading V.S. Nataraja ayyar - extension of service.

Ref:- From the Director of Public Instruction, Madras N.Dis. 303/G/47. dated 5-3-47 and X.N.Dis. dated 10-3-47.

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I forward the above reference of the Director of Public Instruction with enclosures thereto. There are no exceptional circumstances to comply with the request of the petitioner as the post is only that of an attender for which post, qualified men may be available.

K. Subbarayan
For Inspector.
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From
Sri. S. Krishnasami Pillai
Municipal Commissioner,
Karur.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department
Fort St. George, Madras Through The
Chairman, Municipal Council, Karur.

6 MAR 1947

Sir,

R. C. No. 137/B2-47 dated 2-3-1947

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Sub; Establishment- Public Library-Karur Municipality- Cobbald Reading Room and Library- Sri. V.S. Nataraja Ayyar- Extension of service- application- Early Orders-Requested

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Ref; This office letter R.C.137/B2-47 dated 8-1-1947 and reminder thereon dated 13-2-1947

As already reported in my letter No. R.C. 137/B2-47 dated 8-1-1947 the present library attender attained the age of 60 on 3-2-1947 and is hale and healthy, very brisk in his duties. In view of my request for permission to continue him in service pending orders of the Government, on this office letter No.R.C. 137/B2-47 dated 8-1-1947, I am continuing him in service especially because no other arrangement could be made. I request that early orders may kindly be passed in the matter and that my action in continuing him in service may kindly be approved.

S. Krishnasami Pillai
Commissioner. 3/3/47

s.n.2.3.
Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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Forwarded.

Chairman, M.C. Karur.
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Memo no. 18442 C.2/47-1 Edu. dated 20.3.47.

Establishment - Library - Karur Mply - Cobbald Reading Room - Retention in service of the library attendar

Ref. - From the commr., Karur Mply
Rc no. 137/B2/47 d 2.3.47.

Page 1 ante

The commr., Karur Mply is informed that ~~the~~ his letter no. R.C. 137/B2-47 dated 8.1.47 referred to in ~~this~~ the letter read above, has not been received in this office. He is requested to send a copy of it to Govt through the DPI at an early date.

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To
The Commr.,
Karur Mply
thro' the Chairman
M.C.

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From
Sri. C. Ganapathy
Municipal Commissioner,
Karur.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Dept.,
Madras, Through The Director of
Public Instruction, Madras and The
Chairman, Municipal Council, Karur.

C 536 8/3/47

Sir,

R.C. 137/B2/47/26-3-47

Sub; Establishment- Karur Municipality- Cobbald Reading Room and Library
Library Attender- Sri. V.S. Nataraja Ayyar- Extension of service

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Ref; Government Memo No. 18442/C2-47-1 Education dated 20-3-1947

A copy of this office R.C. 137/B2-47 dated 8-1-1947 together with its enclosures is submitted herewith for favour of early orders. I may be informed whether he may be continued in service.

C. Ganapathy
Commissioner.
26.3.47

Forwarded.

Chairman, M.C. Karur.
28/3/47

28/3/47

Copy of petition of Sri. V. S. Nataraja Ayyar, Library Attender, Cobbald Reading Room and Library, Karur to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras Through The Commissioner, Municipal Council, Karur and The Chairman, Municipal Council, Karur.

I beg to bring the following few lines for kind consideration and favourable orders of Government.

I have been in charge of this library and reading room since its starting in 1933, when I was the Headmaster of the Municipal Town Elementary School. Till my retirement as teacher in 1942, I was being paid an allowance for being incharge of the library. After my retirement as teacher, I was appointed as regular attender on a salary of Rs.17 with reference to G.O. No. 388 Education dated 11-3-1940.

During all these years, I have been enthusiastically, working on account of my natural interest in books and literature, for the development of the library and its history has been one of steady progress year by year. Starting with 800 books and with a few dailies and magazines and about 25 visitors daily it has now developed into a pucca reading room and library with 4050 books, 35 news papers and magazines and attracting about 100 visitors daily, (vide statement enclosed). It was my aim to raise it in my time to a first class library having more than 5000 books in its shelves with a qualified librarian to look after it instead of an attender. In a year or more I could bring about this result. But unfortunately I have to retire on 3-2-1947. I will be completing 60 years of age on that date. Though sixty, I still retain, as Commissioner knows and as the recent testimorials will speak the full vigour of youth in body and mind and I therefore beg to apply for extension of my period of appointment by 2 years.

I request Government may be pleased to sanction my request considering my fitness to be in service and considering also the transition stage of the library.

I enclose copies of testimonials regarding my work connected with the library.

Copy of This Office Letter No. 137/B2-47 dated 8-1-1947 to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras

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Sub; Establisment- Public Library- Cobbald Reading Room and Library Library Attender- Extension of service- Application of Sri. V.S. Nataraja Ayyar- Orders- Requested

In submitting herewith the petition of Sri. V.S. Nataraja Ayyar, Library Attender, Cobbald Reading Room, Karur, I beg to submit as follows:

2. It is true that the development of this institution from its small beginning to its present floursing state is due to no small measure to the interest and enthusiasm of this subordinate. He has been in charge of this institution, since his first appointment to be in charge of its in 1944. He possess abundant health and energy and if extension of the period of appointment is justifiable in any case on grounds of efficiency and merit here is one case. The reading room which started with about 800 books is now having about, 4000 books and is now on the verge of becoming one of the bigger institutions. The petitioner has added to the library several books by procuring useful books by donation. He is mainly responsible for the growth of the library. In one or two years, the library will reach the standard of an institution with 5000 books to be in charge of a qualified librarian at this stage, it is not possible to appoint a qualified labrian as the scale of pay of the post is Rs.17-1/2-20 only which cannot be raised until the institution becomes a bigger one. Nor a qualified man is easily available at present. It is not desirable to appoint a new hand now to be in charge of the library. Considering all aspects, it is better to continue the petitioner in service for at east one year.

3. As at present, he is to retire on 3-2-1947 on attaining the age of 60. He is hale and healthy and is very brisk in his duties. He can continue do his duties satisfactorily for one year more. I recommend this application for extension of the period of appointment for one year for the present.

4. I request early orders before 3-2-1947. In view of the difficulties standing in the way of securing a new efficient hand for a scanty pay of Rs.17 per mensem plus usual dearness allowance of Rs.16/ per mensem, I request permission to continue him in service pending orders on the petition.

Chairman's endorsement. dated 8-1-1947
Forwarded and strongly recommended.

2. In view of his long and faithfuly service in this Municipality and as he is hale and healthy, I recommend that extension of service for one year from 4-2-1947 may be granted

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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10 APR 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

C. Ganapathy
28.3.47
Commr

Office of the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.

Roc. No. 483 G/47 dated 8-4-1947.

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Submitted to Government with reference to their memo No. 18442 G2/47-1 Edn., dated 20-3-1947.

The Original of the Commissioner's letter Rc. No. 137/B2/47 dated 2-3-1947 was forwarded to the Inspector of Local Boards and municipal Councils with this office endt. N.Dis. 705 G3/47 dated 5-3-1947. Vide in this connection G.O. No. 1586 Edn., dated 9-11-42.

for Director of Public Instruction.

To the Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H. Department, Madras.

Copy to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Madras.

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From
Sri. C. Ganapathy
Municipal Commissioner and
Special Officer, Karur.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Dept.,
Fort St. George, Madras Through
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
31883
30 APR 1947
DIRECTOR
MADRAS.

Sir,

R.C. 137/B2-47/ 27-4-47

Sub; Establishment- Karur Municipality- Cobbold Reading Room and Library
Sri. V.S. Nataraja Ayyar - Attender - Service - Extension of

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p 37 ante

Ref; This office R.C. 137/B2-47 dated 26-3-1947

I request that Government may be pleased to pass early orders in the matter.

C. Ganapathy
Commissioner.
28.4.47

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Submitted in continuation of this office Endorsement

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Roc No. 483. G/47 of 8. 4. '47.

K. S. [illegible]ambal
1.5.47
For Director of Public Instruction

To the Secy to Govt
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Library. Karur Mplty. Colbald Reading Room and Library. Sri V. S. Nataraja Ayyar, Library Attender. Extension of Service. Sanctioned

Ry.

C No 18442 — From Sri V. S. Nataraja Ayyar, Library attender, Karur petition dated 6.1.47 — p 3 c/f

From the Commr., Karur Mplty, Rc. No. 137 B2/46 dated 8.1.47

" " Rc. No. 137 B2/47 dated 2.3.47

From the Inspr. of Ml. chs & L. Bds., L. Dis No. 9130/47 d/ 14.3.47 — p 33 c/f

~~p 40 c/f~~ · ~~From the DPI, Roc. No. 483 G/47 dated 8.4.47.~~

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Order 934 Edn dated 7.5.47
M.S

In the circumstances stated, the Commr., Karur Mplty is permitted to ~~continue~~ retain in service Sri V. S. Nataraja Ayyar library attendar, Colbald Reading Room and Library,

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Karur in service for a period of six months with effect from 3.2.47. ~~and the action of the Commr. in having continued Sri V.S. Nataraja Ayyar in service after 3-2-47 is approved~~

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2. The Commr. is ~~asked to~~ informed that he should take immediate steps to secure a qualified hand for appointment as ~~the~~ library attender for the Cobbold Reading Room and Library, Karur.

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To

✓ The Commr., Karur Mply
Thro' the Chairman Ml
✓ The Inspr. of Ml. & Lcl. Bd
✓ The DPI
✓ The Exr. of L.F. A/cs
✓ The PA to HPM

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p1 cf C.No 18442 C2/47 – From the Commr, Karur Munply, letter No Rc. 137 B2/47 d 8/1/47

p 3-23 cf From Sri V.S Nataraja Iyer, petition d 6-1-47

p31 cf From the Commr, Karur Munply, ~~letter No~~ Rc. 137/B2 47 d 2-3-47

p33 cf C.No 22291 – From the Inspr of Ml. cls & Local Bds, letter No L Dis 9130/47 d. 14-3-47

Subject.

Library – Karur Munply – Cobbold Reading Room and Library – Sri V.S. Nataraja Ayyar Library Attender – Extension of Service

Sri V.S Nataraja Ayyar, Library Attender, Cobbold Reading Room and Library ~~he~~ attained the age of 60 on 3-2-47 and was due to retire on that date. He has petitioned Govt for retention in service for two more years. The Commr, Karur Munply, recommends extension of service to the petitioner for one year from 3-2-47 for the following reasons:— p3 cf p1 cf

(1) the petitioner was responsible for building up the library to its present magnitude;

(2) the petitioner possesses abundant health and energy and is efficient;

(3) it is not desirable to appoint a new hand

(4) a qualified person is not easily available at present.

The Commr has also reported that he is continuing the petitioner in service especially because no other arrangement could be made and requests approval of his action. p31 cf

2. The D.E.O., Trichy, in forwarding the petition to the Divl Inspr of Schools Coimbatore did not recommend extension of service on the ground that a young man may be appointed and that young men will be available, the area being an urban one. p25 cf The Divisional Inspr in forwarding the petition to the D.P.I. supported the request of the Munply for extension of service on the ground that it is difficult to secure the services of qualified candidates. p27 cf The D.P.I. in forwarding the case to the Inspr of Ml. cls & Local Bds has made no recommendation; ~~he has made no remarks about the conflicting recommendations of the D.E.O and the Divisional Inspr.~~ The Inspr of Ml cls & Local Bds has not recommended the request of the Munply for extension of service on the ground that qualified p31 cf

en may be available. The Insprs of Schls & local Bds not definite about the availability of qualified candidates. On the other hand both the Commr of the Supply and the Divisional Inspector of Schools Coimbatore are definite ~~about the~~ in regard to the difficulty in procuring ~~availability~~ of qualified candidates. ~~Since the DPI has not had his say, it is for orders whether he may be asked to state whether qualified candidates are available and whether he would recommend extension of service in this case.~~

pp 1-31 c.f.

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In the circumstances the Commissioner may be ~~asked to take steps~~ permitted to continue the existing incumbent, and ~~directed~~ to take immediate steps to secure a qualified hand for appointment as Library attender.

his reemployment may be sanctioned for 6 months from 3.2.47.

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M. (Edn.)

28/4/47

A draft order is submitted for approval.

~~D.A. may see before issue.~~

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
- MAY 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS