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Sub: Accounts - Appropriations for 46: 46
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From
A. Lepper Esq.,
Superintendent,
Government Press, Madras.

To
The Joint Secretary to Government,
Education and P.H. Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

No. Accts. 53/47.

Dated:- 6th August 1947.

Sir,
Sub:- Appropriation Accounts relating to Grant No. XXX - Stationery and Printing - II - Printing - Government Press for 1945-46 Reasons for variations.

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 58695-1 G.I.P.H dated 26-7-47.

I have the honour to furnish below explanation relating to items in respect of which variations exceed Rs. 2000/- or 10% of the final appropriation whichever is greater.

- (1) 56. Stationery and Printing - Government Press - Madras
F. Other Expenditure - 6 other charges (-) Rs. 7577.

The saving is mainly under "Customs Duty" on imported stores which were not received as anticipated on account of abnormal conditions created by the war.

- (2) e. Printing at Private Presses - (+) Rs. 93,286.

The excess under this head on account of heavy printing of Provincial Electoral rolls could not be anticipated with any precision in the absence of accurate data from the Registration Officers, who were entrusted with the printing of rolls at such enhanced rates as they may deem it necessary and direct payment therefor consequent on the abnormal conditions prevailing in the matter of procurement of skilled labour and printing materials.

- (3) Charges in England - High Commissioner for India - A. Leave salaries and deputation pay - Printing - (-) Rs. 1200/-

No provision under this head was made by me, but re-appropriation of fund sanctioned by Government in Finance Department G.O. Rt. No. 243 dated 5-3-46.

- (4) C. Stores for India - Printing

- (1) Cost of stores (-) Rs. 15,830/-

The saving is on account of less supply of printing stores than anticipated at the end of year from England due to war conditions.

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Enclosure.

Copy of letter No.Accts.53/47, dated 6th August 1947 from the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Sub: Detailed appropriation accounts relating to Grant No.XXX - Stationery and Printing - II Printing - Government Presses for 1945-46 - Reasons for variations.

Ref: Govt. Memo.No.58695-1 C/l.P.H., dated 26-7-47. *(in 8.12)*

I have the honour to furnish below explanation relating to items in respect of which variation exceed Rs 2,000/- or 10% of the final appropriation which ever is greater.

- (1) 56. Stationery and Printing - Government Press - Madras
F. Other Expenditure - 6 other charges (-) Rs 7,577/-

The saving is mainly under "Customs duty" on imported stores which were not received as anticipated on account of abnormal conditions created by the War.

- (2) e. Printing at Private Presses - (+) 93,286

The excess under this head on account of heavy printing of Provincial Electoral rolls could not be anticipated with any precision in the absence of accurate data from the Registration Officers

Officers, who were entrusted with the printing of rolls at such enhanced rates as they may deem it necessary and direct payment therefor consequent on the abnormal conditions prevailing in the matter of procurement of skilled labour and printing materials.

- (3) Charges in England - High Commissioner for India - A Leave salaries and deputation pay - Printing - (-) Rs 1,200/-

No provision under this head was made by me, but re-appropriation of fund sanctioned by Government in Finance Department G.O.R.V.No.243, dated 5-3-46.

- (4) C. Stores for India - Printing

- (1) Cost of Stores (-) Rs 15,830/-

The saving is on account of less supply of printing stores than anticipated at the end of year from England due to War conditions.

S. M.

U.O. NOTE No. 41409 Accts. A-2, DATED 15TH JULY 1947.

[SUBJECT.—Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Madras for 1945-6, and the Audit Report, 1947—Preparation of notes for the Public Accounts Committee.]

[Reference.—Memorandum No. 40516 AA-2, dated 12th July 1947.]

In continuation of the memorandum read above, a statement indicating the points on which notes have to be prepared for the consideration of the Public Accounts Committee is furnished to departments of the Secretariat.

2. In preparing the notes, departments are requested to observe the following instructions:—

(1) The notes should be arranged in the following order:—

(a) Reference to relevant paragraphs of the Appropriation Accounts and the Audit Report and the subject matter of the note;

(b) relevant extracts of the Accountant-General's remarks in the Appropriation Accounts and Audit Report; and

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The attention of the departments of the Secretariat is invited to U.O. Note No. 38471-Accts.-A-1, dated 27th November 1943, communicating the observation of the Public Accounts Committee that where disciplinary action is taken against officers and subordinates in connection with financial irregularities and losses, information should be furnished to the Committee on the results of the disciplinary action taken.

(3) As the members of the Public Accounts Committee are non-officials some of whom may not be fully conversant with technicalities of accounts, departments of the Secretariat are requested to take great care to ensure that the explanatory notes prepared for the consideration of the Committee are full and clear and that nothing is left in any way obscure or ambiguous.

(4) The drafts of all notes for the Committee should be sent to the Finance Department for acceptance. After approval by the Finance Department, 20 printed copies of the note should be furnished to the Finance Department. Instructions should be issued to the Government Press to keep the type standing so as to facilitate the printing of the proceedings of the Committee later.

3. (a) *Government Commercial concerns.*—The attention of the Development Department is invited to paragraph 31 of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Accounts of 1929-30, according to which Administration Reports containing reviews of commercial concerns together with the Audit Officer's Reports should be laid before the Public Accounts Committee simultaneously for consideration—see also paragraph 36 of the report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Accounts of 1932-33.

The Development Department is requested to embody in its note placing the Audit Reports, etc., of Commercial concerns before the Public Accounts Committee not merely

a list of the reports but also in regard to each concern information as to the amount of profit or loss (and its percentage to capital) in the year and information regarding any other important points raised in the Audit Report.

(b) *State Trading Schemes.*—The departments of the Secretariat concerned with State Trading Schemes (Development and Food Departments) are requested to prepare a brief note on the general results of each State Trading Scheme in the year or years in question, stating the net profit or loss in each year according to the *pro forma* accounts, and dealing with any points that arise for consideration in regard to the accounts of the years under scrutiny in general and any special remarks of the Accountant-General. The notes should deal fully with the criticisms made by the Accountant-General in regard to the maintenance of the *pro forma* accounts in subparagraphs (iv) (3), (c) and (d) of paragraph 17 on pages 17 and 18 of the Audit Report. As in the case of Government commercial concerns, these notes will be taken up by the Public Accounts Committee along with the other items relating to the department of the Secretariat concerned in each case.

4. The Government desire that the consideration of the Appropriation Accounts and the Audit Report by the Public Accounts Committee should be completed as early as possible. Departments of the Secretariat are, therefore, requested to see that complete notes on all the items relating to them are prepared and furnished to this department as early as possible (and not later than the 20th August 1947). Departments will appreciate that in order to work to this time-table prompt action will be necessary at every stage and this must be impressed on Chief Controlling Officers and Heads of Departments.

5. The departments of the Secretariat are requested to obtain the explanations of the Chief Controlling Officers for all variations exceeding Rs. 2,000 or 10 per cent of the final appropriations, whichever is greater, with reference to paragraph 108 of the Madras Budget Manual (Second edition).

6. Secretaries to Government are informed that they should be prepared to give the Public Accounts Committee at its meetings, if required, the reasons for the variations between the final appropriations and the actuals under the several heads of account with which they are concerned—cf. paragraph 5 above. Notes need not, however, be furnished unless the Committee calls for a note on any specific case of variation between the grant or appropriation and the actuals as shown on pages 20-339 of the Appropriation Accounts and the Audit Report.

7. The heads of departments who are concerned with items specifically included in the agenda should, as far as practicable, attend the meetings of the Committee at which items relating to their respective departments are to be considered.

8. The date of the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee will be intimated later.

D. W. DODWELL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Departments of the Secretariat including Finance (except Legal) (with enclosures).
Copy to the Accountant-General, Madras.

ANNEXURE.

List of items in the Appropriation Accounts, 1945-6 and the Audit Report, 1947 on which further action is required.

Serial number and reference to the Appropriation Accounts 1945-6 and the Audit Report, 1947.	Subject matter.	Department concerned.
(1)	(2)	(3)
<i>Unnecessary or excessive supplementary grants.</i>		
1 Page 9, paragraph 12 (1) (see also page 128).	Grant XVIII—Agriculture—c. Experimental Farms—A. Agricultural Research Stations—2. Contingencies.	Development.
2 Page 9, paragraph 12 (1) (see also page 129).	Grant XVIII—Agriculture—d. Agricultural Demonstration and Propaganda including Public Exhibitions and Fairs—Ordinary areas—(i) Excluding Post-war Reconstruction—8. Scheme for the purchase and free distribution of manure and seeds to poor and deserving ryots.	Do.
3 Page 9, paragraph 12 (1) (see also page 236).	Grant XXX—Stationery and Printing—b. Purchase of Stationery Stores—A. Stationery purchased in India.	Education and Public Health.
4 Page 9, paragraph 12 (1) (see also page 338).	Grant XL—Loans and advances bearing interest—g. Miscellaneous Loans and Advances—F. Advances to Local bodies to cover deficits.	Local Administration.
5 Do.	Grant XL—Loans and Advances bearing interest—g. Miscellaneous Loans and Advances—O. Loan to Salur Estate.	Revenue.
<i>Reappropriations obtained unnecessarily or in excess of requirements.</i>		
6 Page 9, paragraph 12 (2) (see also page 46).	Grant VIII—Irrigation—18. Other Revenue Expenditure financed from Ordinary Revenues—Irrigation works—Works for which no capital accounts are kept—Public Works Department—b. Extensions and improvements—f. Ordinary areas.	Public Works Department.
7 Page 9, paragraph 12 (2) (see also page 48).	Grant VIII—Irrigation—18. Other Revenue Expenditure financed from Ordinary Revenue—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage works—Works for which no capital accounts are kept—Public Works Department—a. Extensions and improvements.	Do.
8 Page 9, paragraph 12 (2) (see also page 153).	Grant XXI—Industries—a. Industries—D. D. Arthur Hope Polytechnic—3. Other charges.	Development.
9 Page 9, paragraph 12 (2) (see also page 155).	Grant XXI—Industries—a. Industries—L. Industrial Engineering Workshops—2. Other charges.	Do.
10 Page 9, paragraph 12 (2) (see also page 232).	Grant XXVII—Famine—b. Relief works—2. Irrigation works	Revenue.
11 Page 9, paragraph 12 (2) (see also page 300).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—c. Grain Supply Schemes—A. Rice—1. Cost of purchase of grains.	Food.
12 Page 9, paragraph 12 (2) (see also page 303).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—b. Standard Cloth Schemes—B. Handloom cloth—7. Payments to the Madras Handloom Weavers' Provincial Co-operative Society.	Development.
<i>Injudicious reappropriations and surrenders causing excesses over allotments.</i>		
13 Page 10, paragraph 12 (3) (see also page 128).	Grant XVIII—Agriculture—c. Experimental Farms—B. Post-war Reconstruction—II. Partially excluded areas—(i) Araku Valley Scheme—3. Deduct—Recoveries from Governments, Departments, etc.	Public (Planning and Development).
14 Page 10, paragraph 12 (3) (see also page 129).	Grant XVIII—Agriculture—d. Agricultural Demonstration and Propaganda including Public Exhibition and Fairs—I. Ordinary areas—(i) Excluding Post-war Reconstruction—7. Bonus for growing food crops in lieu of cotton.	Development.
15 Page 10, paragraph 12 (3) (see also page 301).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—a. Grain Supply Schemes—E. Government depots for rice—3. Suspense (Personal deposits).	Food.
<i>Cases of non-surrender of savings.</i>		
16 Page 10, paragraph 12 (4) (see also page 162).	Grant XXII—Cinchona and Fisheries—d. Cinchona Department—B. Quinine Factory—3. Purchase of Cinchona bark and quinine.	Development.
17 Page 10, paragraph 12 (4) (see also page 232).	Grant XXVII—Famine—b. Relief works—1. Communications	Revenue.
18 Page 10, paragraph 12 (4) (see also page 244).	Grant XXXI—Miscellaneous—63. Extraordinary Charges—a. Charges in India—D. Amount transferred from 85.A. Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—Authorized.	Food and Development.
19 Page 10, paragraph 12 (4) (see also page 300).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—a. Grain Supply Schemes—B. Wheat and Wheat Products—1. Cost of purchase of grain.	Food.
20 Page 10, paragraph 12 (4) (see also page 300).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—a. Grain Supply Schemes—B. Wheat and Wheat Products—3. Suspense (Personal deposits).	Do.
21 Page 10, paragraph 12 (4) (see also page 301).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—a. Grain Supply Schemes—c. Other grains—1. Cost of purchase of grains.	Do.
22 Page 10, paragraph 12 (4) (see also page 301).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—a. Grain Supply Schemes—c. Other grains—3. Suspense (Personal deposits).	Do.
23 Page 10, paragraph 12 (4) (see also page 308).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—c. Other miscellaneous Schemes—L. Purchase and distribution of firewood—1. Cost of purchase of firewood—Authorized.	Do.
<i>Cases of un-remedied or uncovered excesses.</i>		
24 Page 10, paragraph 12 (5) (see also page 43).	Grant VII—Other Taxes and Duties—c. Entertainment Tax—1. Payment of net proceeds to local bodies.	Revenue.
25 Page 10, paragraph 12 (5) (see also page 65).	Grant IX—Heads of Provinces, Ministers and Headquarters staff—j. Civil Secretaries—O. Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards—3. Other charges—Authorized.	Local Administration.
26 Page 10, paragraph 12 (5) (see also page 75).	Grant XI—District Administration and Miscellaneous—u. Other establishments—C. Proprietary estates Village Service—I. Ordinary areas—1. Pay of establishments.	Revenue.
27 Page 10, paragraph 12 (5) (see also page 93).	Grant XIV. Police—c. District Executive Force—A. District Police—6. Petty construction and repairs.	Home.
28 Page 10, paragraph 12 (5) (see also page 130).	Grant XVIII—Agriculture—d. Agricultural Demonstration and Propaganda including Public Exhibition and Fairs—I. Ordinary areas—(i) Excluding Post-war Reconstruction—11. Deduct—Recoveries from Government, Departments, etc.	Development.
29 Page 10, paragraph 12 (5) (see also page 136).	Grant XVIII—Agriculture—k. Grants-in-aid, Contributions, etc.—(i) Excluding Post-war Reconstruction—B. Contribution.	Do.
30 Page 10, paragraph 12 (5) (see also page 243).	Grant XXXI—Miscellaneous—h. Miscellaneous and Unforeseen charges—E. Relief Measures—3. Deduct—Charges recoverable from Governments, Departments, etc.—Recovery from the Central Government on account of test works for Burma Evacuees.	Public Works Department.

Serial number and reference to the Appropriation Accounts, 1945-6 and the Audit Report, 1947.

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Department concerned.

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Cases of un-remedied or uncovered excesses—cont.

31 Page 10, paragraph 13 (5) (see also page 300).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—a. Grain Supply Schemes—A. Rice—3. Suspense (Personal deposits).	Food.
32 Page 10, paragraph 12 (5) (see also page 302).	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war, 1939—a. Grain Supply Schemes—Common suspense for Grain Supply Schemes.	Do.
<i>Other items.</i>		
33 Page 38, paragraph 3	Grant IV—Forest—Loss due to resale of timber in a Forest division	Development.
34 Page 118, paragraph 2 (a)	Grant XVI—Medical—Loss in obtaining supply of rice during 1944-5 to several State hospitals from other sources due to failure of the Contractors to supply rice as per terms of the agreement.	Education and Public Health.
35 Page 118, paragraph 2 (b)	Grant XVI—Medical—Loss due to holding of reaction for the supply of milk to a hospital in 1940-41.	Do.
36 Page 125, paragraph 4	Grant XVII—Public Health—Unprofitable Outlay in connection with Rural Water-supply Scheme.	Do.
37 Page 159, paragraph 3 (i)	Grant XXI—Industries—Loss due to theft of stores in an Industrial Engineering Workshop.	Development.
38 Page 159, paragraph 3 (ii)	Grant XXI—Industries—Loss due to the closure of a demonstration Centre opened in 1943 for teaching the potters improved methods of producing earthenware.	Do.
39 Page 239, paragraph 3	Grant XXX—Stationery and Printing—Loss due to theft of paper from a Branch Press in 1943-44.	Education and Public Health.
40 Page 257, paragraph 2 (c)	Grant XXXII—Civil Defence—Loss due to misappropriation of Government moneys by the Editor and Accountant of a Newspaper concern owned by Government.	Public.
41 Page 291, paragraph 2	Grant XXXVI—Capital Outlay on Electricity Schemes—Loss due to shortage of certain articles in an Electricity system.	Public Works Department.
42 Pages 311-314, paragraph 1	Grant XXXVIII—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes connected with the war—Losses incurred by the Government on (i) Rice, (ii) Wheat and Wheat products, (iii) Other grains, (iv) Agricultural Schemes, (v) Mill-made standard cloth, (vi) Handloom cloth, (vii) Silk Filatures, (viii) Hand-made paper, and (ix) Firewood.	Food and Development.

Sub:- Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Madras for 1945-6 and the Audit Report, 1947 - Preparation of notes for the Public Accounts Committee.

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List of items in the Appropriation Accounts, 1945-6 and the Audit Report 47 on which further action is required.

S.No. and reference to the A.A. 45.6 and the Audit Report 1947.

Subject matter.

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3 page 9, paragraph 12 (1)
(see also page 236)

Grant XXX - Stationery and Printing
b. Purchase of Stationery purchased in India.

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34 Page 138, paragraph 2(a)

Grant XVI - Medical - Loss in obtaining supply of rice during 1944-5 to several State hospitals from other sources due to failure of the Contractors to supply rice as per terms of the agreement

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36 page 118 Paragraph 2 (a)

Grant XVI - Medical Loss due to holding of reaction for the supply of milk to a hospital in 1940-41.

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36 Page 125 paragraph 4

Grant XVII - Public Health - Unprofitable Outlay in connection with Rural Water Supply Schemes

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39 Page 239 paragraph 3

Grant XXX - Stationery and Printing - Loss due to theft of paper from a Branch Press in 1943-44.

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At once. 2. Re Relevant extracts from the u.o. note of Fin. on pp. 3-5 c.f.
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K. Krishna Rao
Superintendent.

3. Losses.-- A sum of Rs.1,766 representing the cost of 165 reams of paper lost by theft from a branch press in 1943-44 was written off by Government. It is reported that security measures to prevent such thefts in future, have since been enforced.

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From

The Asst. Secy. to Govt.; E.P.H. Dept.

To

✓ The S.S.P. (with encls)

Grant xxx - Stationery and Printing -
Loss due to theft of paper from a
Branch Press in 1943-44.

Please print and send very urgently
25 copies of the enclosed note for the
Public Accts. Committee on the subject referred
to above. The matter should be treated as
specially urgent and copies sent not later than
14-8-47. The type should be kept standing

NOTE FOR THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

[Paragraph 3 on page 239 of the Appropriation Accounts for 1945-46 and the Audit Report, 1947]

[Subject:- Grant XXX - Stationery and Printing - Loss due to theft of paper from a Branch Press in 1943-44]

Accountant-General's remarks.

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NOTE BY THE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Two thefts occurred in 1943 in the Govt. Penitentiary Branch Press. On the nights of 30-7-43 and 29-8-43 thieves scaled the wall surrounding the Branch Press at the Chintadri-pet level crossing and gained access to the Press buildings through the windows and stole reams of paper. The loss was then estimated at 21 reams of white printing paper based on the reams found missing from their usual places by the storekeeper following the thefts. The actual quantity removed by the thieves was however much more as was revealed by the stock-taking made subsequently in April 1944. Besides the two thefts on a large scale by outsiders, convicts working in the Press were also responsible for loss of paper. They used to steal small quantities of paper by hiding them under their clothes. Several times during the period from November 1943 to August 1944 they were caught red-handed and handed over to the Jail authorities who inflicted upon them the necessary punishment. When a stock verification was made in April 1944, there was a deficiency of more than 160 reams of paper. The two major thefts which occurred in July and August 1943 were duly reported to the police for investigation but nothing came out of it. The value of the missing stores, namely Rs.1765.13.0, was therefore written off by Govt. in September 1946.

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2. Immediately after the occurrence of the two major thefts referred to in paragraph 1 above, the S.G.P. addressed Govt. for the employment of three (Gurka) watchmen for guarding the Press and it was sanctioned by Govt. Instructions were also issued to make a thorough search at the main gate of the convicts and other persons employed in the Press. Other necessary arrangements to ensure greater vigilance and reduce the possibility of thefts in future were ^{also} made. Since then there has been no theft of paper in the Branch Press.

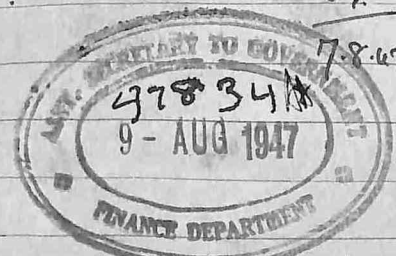
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Appropriation Accounts for 1945-6 and Audit
- loss of paper by theft of the Press
Branch Press - Note for the P.A. Committee

Please see the Finance W.O. note with
C-2. With reference to item no. 39, page 2 of
a draft note for the P.A. Committee is
subm. for approval. It may be sent to
Finance W.O. for acceptance.

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Finance (Accts A) Dept

The draft note below for the Public Accounts
Committee may be accepted and the case returned to EPH.

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A draft T.H. is submitted for approval.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

NOTE FOR THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

[Paragraph 3 on page 239 of the Appropriation Accounts for 1945-46 and the Audit Report, 1947.]

[SUBJECT.—Grant XXX—Stationery and Printing—Loss due to theft of paper from a Branch Press in 1943-44.]

ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL'S REMARKS.

A sum of Rs. 1,766 representing the cost of 165 reams of paper from a Branch Press in 1943-44 was written off by Government that security measures to prevent such thefts in future, have since been taken.

NOTE BY THE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Two thefts occurred in 1943 in the Government Penitentiary. On the nights of 30th July and 29th August 1943 thieves surrounding the Branch Press at the Chintadripet level crossing stole paper from the Press buildings through the windows and stole reams of paper. The loss was then estimated at 21 reams of white printing paper base missing from their usual places by the storekeeper following the thefts.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE - Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Madras for 1945-46 and the Audit Report, 1947 - Preparation of notes for the Committee and explanations of variations.

Please see the U.O. Note from Finance on pages 3-5 c.f. Notes for the Public Accounts Committee were required in respect of the items relating to this Department on pages 4-c.f. Extracts of those items were given to the concerned sections and notes in respect of those items were also sent to Finance.

2. In addition to the above notes, explanations of the Chief Controlling Officers for all variations exceeding Rs. 2000 or 10 per cent of the final appropriations, whichever is greater are also required - vide para 5 of the Finance U.O. Note on page 3 c.f. Please see the Memorandum issued to the Heads of Departments under this Department on pages 7-8 c.f. All the Heads of Departments concerned have sent in their explanations. The explanation of the Surgeon-General on pages 17-22 c.f. perused by Finance may be retained in this file. The explanations of the Board of Revenue and the Superintendent of Stationery on pages 25-28 c.f. perused by Finance may be given to H1 and C2 sections. They may submit the cases separately to Joint Secretary and Secretary for use at the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee. Action has already been taken on the explanations of the Director of Public Instruction, Superintendent, Government Press, Director of Public Health and Chief Engineer, by the concerned sections. Copies of letters from those Heads of Departments are on pages 31-44 c.f. These copies may also be given to the concerned sections for adding to the relevant file and for use at the meeting of the Public Accounts Committee.

3. Notes in respect of the variations referred to in para 5 of the Finance U.O. Note on page 3 c.f. are not required, unless the Committee calls for a note on any specific case of variation between the grant or appropriation and the actuals. Secretaries to Government are however required to give the Public Accounts Committee, if required, the reasons for the variations in respect of the items with which they are concerned. Finance have now intimated that the Public Accounts Committee will meet at 11 A.M. on 21-2-1948 and again at 11 A.M. on 23-2-1948. Secretary and Joint Secretary will have to attend the meeting when the items relating to this Department are taken up by the Committee. The date on which the Committee will take up the items relating to this Department will be known only just before the dates of the meeting.

4. At the instance of Finance, the Heads of Departments concerned under this Department were informed of the probable dates of the meetings of the Public Accounts Committee. Now Finance have confirmed those probable dates and also specified the time of the meetings. The Heads of Departments should now be asked to be present at the meetings of the Committee to answer any incidental questions that may arise in connection with the subjects relating to their Departments. Last year, in this connection, certain Heads of Departments enquired on which of the two dates they will have to attend. At first they were required to attend on both dates. It was possible to intimate the exact date on which attendance was required only two days prior to the meetings. Perhaps in the future now to be sent to the Heads of Departments, it may be mentioned that attendance is required on both days unless informed to the contrary. A draft o.m. is submitted for the meeting may be sent separately.

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actual quantity removed by the thieves was however much more as was revealed by the stock-taking made subsequently in April 1944. Besides the two thefts on a large scale by outsiders, convicts working in the Press were also responsible for loss of paper. They used to steal small quantities of paper by hiding them under their clothes. Several times during the period from November 1943 to August 1944 they were caught red-handed and handed over to the Jail authorities who acted upon them the necessary punishment. When a stock verification was made in April 1944, there was a deficiency of more than 160 reams of paper. The two thefts which occurred in July and August 1943 were duly reported to the investigation but nothing came out of it. The value of the missing paper, Rs. 1,765-13-0, was, therefore, written off by Government in

After the occurrence of the two major thefts referred to in the above, the Superintendent, Government Press, addressed Government and Government. Instructions were also issued to make a thorough gate of the convicts and other persons employed in the Press. Arrangements to ensure greater vigilance and reduce the thefts in future were also made. Since then there has been no theft from the Branch Press.

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remarks about this. Apart from this, a note for the Public Accounts Committee was sent in respect of the item "Unprofitable outlay in connection with Rural Water Supply Scheme." The attendance of the Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue, may therefore be required at the meetings of the Committee as was done last year. A draft D.O. is submitted for approval.

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The case may lie over till 16.2.48

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It has been ascertained from Fin. Dept. that the report of the P.A committee will be received in that Dept within 10 days. The report may be awaited. This may lie over till 20.4.48.

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The explanations offered by this Department have been accepted by the Public Accounts Committee. It is for file. No action seems called for.

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