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G.O. NO. 1219

Dated 15-5-48

[Despatch Abstract.]

Post-war plan — Education Schemes Grant from Government of India — Correspondance — Recorded.

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Fort St. George,
27th January 1947.

Dear Mr. Sen,

I understand from the Departments here that the Government of India will be making only a block grant to Provincial Governments towards the expenditure on un-productive post-war development schemes without specific allocation of the grant among the various schemes. I suppose in the expression of 'un-productive post-war development schemes', Education, Public Health and such other things will come in. You told me definitely the other day in Bombay that the Government of India will be making a definite block grant specifically for Education. I shall be glad to know how the position stands at present. Will you please kindly make the necessary enquiries from the relevant department and let me know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

D. M. Sen, Esq., O.B.E.,
Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Education Department, New Delhi.

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Letter no 7295 B2/47-2 Edn. Dated 25.3.47
Ref:

To
The Secy to the Govt of India
Department of Education
New Delhi

Sir

Sub: Post war schemes on Edn grant from the Govt of India

I am directed to invite a reference to the letter addressed to you personally by Sri T.S. Avinashilingham Chettiar, ~~till recently the~~ Minister for Education on the subject mentioned above and to request that an early reply to the letter may be sent to this Govt, ~~as early as possible~~, ~~if a personal reply was not already been given to Hon'ble Minister~~

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Y.O.S.

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

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No.F.6-1/47-P.
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

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Education and Public Health Deptt. Madras.

POST-WAR SCHEMES ON EDUCATION -
GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 7295 B2/47-2-Edn., dated the 25th March, 1947, on the subject mentioned above I am directed to say that a D.O. reply (copy enclosed for ready reference) was sent to the Hon'ble Sri T.S. Avinashilingham Chettiar, Minister-in-Charge of Education, Government of Madras on the 15th February, 1947.

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

for Secretary.

"GUPTA"

Ed. H. Dept.

The main file has gone to the ~~O&M~~ Sub (O&M) of Finance Dept. for remarks. This may lie over till the file is sent back. Please find ~~out~~ out at what stage the file is and let me know

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10.4.47

As informed

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D.O.
Copy of letter No.D.141/47-P. dated the 15th Feb'47
from Dr. D.M.Sen, to the Hon'ble Sri. T.S.Avanashilingam
Chettiar, Minister for Education, Madras.

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Please refer to your letter dated the 27th January, 1947, regarding block grants to Provincial Governments towards expenditure on unproductive post-war development schemes.

I have had enquiries made from the Development Board, Govt. of India, and understand that they have already intimated the amounts of block grants for 1947-48 to the various provincial Governments and that it is not proposed to make specific allocations of these grants towards the various unproductive heads of development including 'Education'. These block grants will, however, be deemed to have been distributed over the different main heads of development in the proportion which the estimated development expenditure under each head bears to the total of all the development expenditure under the 5-year plan of the Province, vide para 4 of the late Deptt. of Planning and Development circular letter No. 82/RC-Madras, dated the 16th April, 1946.

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The Development Board have since intimated the Govt. of Madras (vide their letter No. 347/RC-Madras dated the 31st January, 1947) that a budget provision for a sum of Rs. 625 Lakhs as Central grant towards the Provl. Governments Development Programme for the year 1947-48 inclusive of 'Grow More Food' schemes has been made subjec to the vote of the Central Legislative Assembly. Payments will be made in two instalments and will in no circumstance exceed the actual expenditure incurred on approved scheme during the financial year ending 31st March, 1948.

"GUPTA"

Copy of letter No.347/RC-Madras from the Secretary, Development Board, New Delhi dated the 31st January 1947, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public (Planning and Development) Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Madras Government's Development Programme for 1947-48.

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With reference to your letters Nos. 160/46-72 and 160/46-75 dated the 31st December 1946, and the 11th January 1947, respectively, I am directed to confirm that as intimated in my telegram of January 22nd the Government of India are making budget provision for a sum of Rs 625 la as central grant towards the Madras Government's development programme for the year 1947-48 inclusive of Grow More Food Schemes. This allotment is subject to the vote of the Central Legislative Assembly which will have to be obtained during the coming Budget Session. Payments will be made in two instalments and will in no circumstances exceed the actual expenditure incurred on approved schemes during the financial year ending March 31st 1948.

2. The sum of Rs 625 lakhs is less than what the Madras Government had asked for, but the Government of India consider it doubtful whether in view of the shortage of personnel and basic raw materials the Government of Madras will in practice be able to spend as much as they proposed.

3. I am to request that any alterations which the Madras Government decide to make in their programme owing to the grant being less than what was asked for may be intimated as early as possible. Meanwhile the schemes shown in the statement forwarded with your letter of December the 31st and the other matters discussed therein are being examined and a further communication will be sent to you regarding them as early as possible.

4. It has been noted that the Madras Government are in correspondence with the Reserve Bank in regard to their loan requirements which, so far as development schemes are concerned, are likely to amount to about Rs 6 crores.

5. The Government of India observe that apart from the provision of about Rs 81 lakhs for Grow More Food schemes the Madras Government do not contemplate making any contribution at all from their own resources towards development during the year 1947-48. It is, in the Government of India's view, essential, if development is to be successful that provincial Governments should play their full part in providing funds. They therefore wish to make it clear that further annual grants will depend in some measure on the extent to which Provincial Government exploit their own resources and that if in future years a Provincial Government's contribution towards development expenditure appears to be, having regard to its individual circumstances disproportionately small, the Central Government's grant may be reduced or withheld. It is relevant in this context to draw attention to the fact that as a result of the recent alteration in incometax arrangements a substantial amount of revenue has been transferred from the Central to the Provincial Governments.

(True copy)

Fort St. George,
23rd June 1947.

Dear Maulana Saheb,

In pursuance of my personal talk with you the other day at Delhi, I am writing the following letter.

You know the Government of India is giving a consolidated grant to each of the Provincial Governments for Post War Reconstruction plans. It is presumed that such nation building departments as Education are coming within the purview of Post War Development but as they have given a limited grant, it is difficult for Provincial Governments in times of stress to allot these monies in proportion to the importance of nation building subjects.

Two other letters are given at 9 & 93 [illegible]

I shall be glad if you will kindly allot a separate amount for Education as such so that that could be utilised

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for the development of Education in the Province.

I shall be obliged if you can kindly consider this as soon as possible and issue instructions.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. T.S.A.
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(T.S. Avinashilingam.)

To
Hon'ble Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad,
Education Member, Govt. of India,
SIMLA.

Copy.

Dear Maulana Sahib,

I was deeply impressed during our visit this time to Delhi at the meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education as well as the Conference of Ministers, by your earnestness in spreading education among all the school-going population as well as adults as soon as possible but, as you already know, very much depends upon finance. I am glad you are appointing a committee to go into this matter but in the meantime, certain circulars have been issued by the Government of India which have really disheartened. In the recent circular issued by the Government of India, they have said as follows:-

"In the next year however, the Development Board of the Government of India have requested the Provinces to initiate as far as possible, only those development schemes, which were likely to increase production of the material wealth of the country. This suggestion has been made with a view to avoid too heavy a drain on the resources of the Central Government, which are already over-burdened with the measures for the relief and rehabilitation of the refugees."

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
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21 JAN 43
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

This has been interpreted to mean that henceforth grants from the Government of India will be given only to those projects which will increase the material wealth of the country such as Grow More Food, ryots, etc. and not to items like education. You were pleased to state during the discussions that this does not mean that grants for education will not be given. We shall be glad if you will kindly make it clear by an official circular, to that effect.

Till now, block-grants have been given and it is unfortunate in that in most provinces, education did not get a good share of these block-grants and so, in future, it will be to the benefit of education, if you can earmark a certain percentage, say about 20% to be utilised for educational development.

I am writing this letter to you in the earnest hope that you will kindly look into the matter immediately so that a decision may be taken and circulars issued before the budget for 1948-49 is finalised.

Expecting an early reply,

Yours sincerely,
Sd. T.S.A.
H.M. Edn.

Hon'ble Moulana Abul Kalam Azad,
Minister for Education, Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

Copy to Secy E H H.
(By Order of HM Edn)
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P.A.

COPY.

OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

21-1-48.

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Sent separately

Dear Sir,

I am herewith sending you a copy of the letter which I am writing to Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister of the Govt. of India. It was the opinion of the representatives of many of the Governments that were present in the recent conference, that educational development did not get as much a share of the Government of India block-grant to Provincial Governments for post-war development as the importance of educational development demanded. This was due to various reasons. You know the importance of education in moulding the future of

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this great country. Having in view the necessity for educational development, we shall be glad if you can kindly earmark a certain proportion of the post-war development expenditure, say about 20% for educational development.

I am writing this letter so that immediate action may be taken in this regard before the budget is finalised and circulars issued clarifying the matter.

Expecting an early reply,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.)T.S.A.

To

Hon'ble Sri R.K.Shunmugham Chetti,
Minister for Finance,
Govt.of India, New Delhi.

Copy to Secy.,EPH ✓

By Order of H.M. Edn
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OFFICE OF THE
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

21st Jan. 48.

Dear Mr. Sen,

sent separately

I am herewith sending you a copy of the letter that I am writing to Moulana Azad. The letter speaks for itself. I shall be glad if you will kindly take early steps in the matter and have a certain percentage of the grants allotted to Provincial Governments for post-war development for educational purposes.

Expecting an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

SD. T.S.A.

To
Dr.D.M.Sen,OBE,MA,Ph.D.,
Under Secy.to the Govt.of India,
Dept.of Education, New Delhi.

Copy to Secy.,E.& P.H.

(By Order)
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P.A.

THE
ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN POST-WAR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT.

Financial Aid to the Provinces.

As reported last year, the Government of India have undertaken to make block grants to the Provincial Governments for Post-War Development. As far as Education is concerned, the Provincial schemes, which conform to the recommendations of the Central Advisory Board of Education, are approved and become eligible for financial aid from the Centre. The entire expenditure incurred by the Provincial Governments on all development schemes approved during 1946-47 is to be borne by the Central Government ; and for 1947-48, grants to the extent of over Rs. 40 crores have been sanctioned for the entire post-war development programme in the Provinces. In the next year, however, the Development Board of the Government of India have requested the Provinces to initiate as far as possible, only those development schemes, which were likely to increase production of the material wealth of the country. This suggestion has been made with a view to avoid too heavy a drain on the resources of the Central Government, which are already over burdened with the measures for the relief and rehabilitation of the refugees.

Central Institute of Education.
Central Library of Educational and Cultural Films.
Uniform Indian Braille.

In regard to the progress made in the execution of the Central Schemes, it may be pointed out that the Central Institute of Education came into being in a nucleus form during the third week of December, 1947. The Institute will not only train post-graduate teachers, but will also provide facilities for high-class research in education.

The stock of the Central Library of Educational and Cultural Films is being increased by a further addition of films. A projector has also been purchased.

P.T.O.

A Uniform Braille Code covering all the major Indian languages including the Perso-Arabic group, devised by a Committee of experts was finally approved by the Expert Braille Committee of the Central Advisory Board of Education at its meeting held in Simla on June 17, 1947. This code known as the Uniform Indian Braille has been finally accepted by the Government of India.

The accepted Code will replace eight Braille Codes in current use and two to be introduced, and this will facilitate the publishing of embossed literature for the Blind on a large scale. The Central Bureau of Education have brought out a new handbook (Pamphlet No. 16 Amended Reprint 1947) containing ink-print Codes, with a short history, and instructions for their use.

The setting up of a Central Braille Press and a Central Library is also receiving active consideration of the Ministry of Education.

Technical Education

The progress made in the field of Technical Education may be summed up under two main headings:-

(1) All India Council for Technical Education.

2) Central Technical Institutions - Development Schemes.

(1.) All India Council for Technical Education.

(a) On the recommendations of the Co-ordinating Committee of the All India Council for Technical Education which met in February, 1947, five Visiting Committees were appointed to inspect some of the high grade technical institutions in the country and to make recommendations in regard to their further improvement. The Reports of these committees were considered by the Council in May, 1947. As the recommendations did not appear to have been based on uniform principles, a small committee was appointed by the Council to scrutinise the reports. The Council also appointed three more Visiting Committees to inspect some other important technical institutions. The reports of the

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Dr

Fort St. George,
30th January, 1948.

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Dear Panditji,

When I was in Delhi recently, I wanted to discuss some matters with you but since you were ~~in a hurry,~~ very busy I could not talk over all these matters. You know how important education is. Our future depends upon education but unfortunately, in our present stress, we seem to forget this basic fact. In the Educational Conference that was recently opened by you in Delhi, you very rightly emphasised the need for intensifying our efforts in education. Money and personnel seem to be our difficulty. Given the money, we can train the personnel necessary for the purpose and launch big schemes.

The Government of India are making certain contributions for post-war development but for various reasons, only a small amount is being spent for education. I impressed upon the Minister for Education, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad the necessity for earmarking at least 20 percent of these funds for education for, that will ensure our educational development plans at least to that extent.

I have given these suggestions to your Finance Minister also but I thought I must put it before you also. I shall be glad if you will kindly consider the matter and do the needful.

Expecting an early reply,

Yours sincerely,

TSA

Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister, Government of India,
New Delhi.

Copy to Secy, EPH.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
2 - FEB 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
28 JAN 1947
7295
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

This is correct. [illegible]

To the Secretary, E.&.P.H.

Mr. Sen, Secretary to the Government of India, Education Department, told me that the Government are giving definite grants for education. I find from the Budget Report that the Government of India will only make a block grant towards expenditure on un-productive post-war development schemes without specific allocation of the grant among the various schemes. I shall be glad if you will kindly get into touch with the Education Department of the Government of India and let us know as to how things stand. The recommendations accepted by the Cabinet over the salaries of teachers was accepted with this proviso that the Government of India would either make grants or otherwise for Education that can be utilized for giving further relief to teachers. And so, the matter is highly important and must be investigated. The necessary correspondence may be opened in that direction.

TSA
27.1-47
H.M.Edn.

P above

It seems desirable to await a reply to the reference made to Mr. Sen by H.M. It is understood from Finance that the ~~question~~ method of grant has not yet been definitely settled. For orders. Finance and Public (P & D) may see for remarks.

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X I think we may send an 'official' reference from the dept. also.

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E&P.H.No. 7295 B2/47-1
31.1.47.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
6280
5 - FEB 1947
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

R.O. (P.H.)

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Finance (PWR)

(Notes from previous page)

The position regarding Central Govt's grants to Provincial postwar development Schemes, so far as is known at present, is as indicated below.

The various Schemes in the five year plan are to be grouped under certain main heads (of development). Education is one such main head. The Central Govt's annual block grants to Provinces should be deemed to be distributed over the different main heads in the proportion which the estimated unproductive development expenditure under each head bears to the total of all the unproductive expenditure under the plan. Thus, for example, if the expenditure on Education in an approved Provincial plan ~~were~~ was 15% of the total expenditure on all subjects, then 15% of the Central annual block grant will have to be regarded as allotted to that subject, i.e. Education. Accordingly, the Statement of the Secy. to the Govt. of India Education Deptt. referred to at K on page 1 above (and at X in the letter placed below) seems correct.

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para 3 on pp 73-75

para 4 on p 75

The Govt. of India have not yet communicated to this Govt the method of distribution of the block grants ~~to Provinces~~ among the Provinces. Apparently they have not yet come to a decision on the point. A copy of the letter regarding Central grant for 1947-8 since received is put up at flag (E).

cf para 2 on p 73 & para 2 on p 59 of Stock file

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2 With the above remarks, the case may be passed on to Pub.(P&D).

C.S.H.
11.2.47

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Pub (P&D)

'A' above. The object of the G of I in suggesting a pro forma allocation of their grants among certain main heads was to see that the plans conformed to All-India policies and targets, and that the expenditure on the main subjects was reasonably well balanced. It was not intended that a rigid appropriation of the grants should be made each year to each main head of devt. on the basis of the pro forma allocation for the five year plan as a whole. At a conference of Provl Ministers and Secretaries held in May 1946 to consider post-war plans, it was suggested by the Hon'ble the Finance Member

cf. 'Z' on P.108 of Stock file below.

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of the G of I that in regard to actual appropriation of the grants from the Centre, adjustments might be made at the end of every two years on the basis of the actual expenditure incurred under the main heads and that in assessing funds which would be required in pursuance of annual programmes, unforeseen variations would be taken into account – See 'X' on P.107 and 'Y' on P.108 of Stock file below. ~~The~~ A rigid allocation of the Central block grant for p.w. devt. for each year among the main heads cannot therefore be made.

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It may also be pointed out in this connection that the G of I pointed out that the expenditure proposed on Education in this Govt's plan was very high compared with that of other provinces except the C.P. and Berar ~~The G of I has~~ and suggested reduction of the expdr. proposed on Education particularly recurring expdr. – See "M" on P.116 and 'N' on P.171 of Stock file below. In the circumstances, they may not agree to the allocation to Edn. of their grant on the basis of the programme in the five year plan.

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The position is that the Central Govt will make a block grant each year towards expr. on the unproductive post-war devt. schemes of this Govt as a whole. For pro forma account purposes this grant will be distributed over the various main heads in proportion to the actual expr. on the schemes under each head. This does not mean that the G. of I. will be making a specific grant definitely & solely for schemes under the head of Education, but only that a certain part of the general block grant will be allocated to "Education" eventually in the pro forma accounts. There will not be any separate grant for Education depending solely on the amount spent on the post-war devt. educl. schemes of this Govt and calculated ~~so~~ as ~~to~~ cover a specified % of their cost.

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Pub. (P&D)

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Assistant Secretary to Government
229
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Department (Planning and Development)

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Public (P + D VI) Department.

Notes at pp. 1-3 ante may be perused. The position regarding the Central Government's grant towards the expenditure on unproductive post-war development schemes of this Government is as stated by Finance at A on p. 3 ante. No

Special ~~block~~ grant for Edn [illegible]

The file may be returned to E & P.H.

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J. S. [illegible]
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
21 FEB 1947
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Pub (P+D VI) Dept
U.O. 229/47-1
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E. & P.H. Dept.

In view of the notes above it is for orders whether an official reference shd. be made to the Govt. of India as desired by H.M. and with refer. to [Secretary's ~~orders~~ observations on the margin of p. 1 ante]

24.2.47
25/2/47

It has now been explained that X in H.M.'s [illegible] is [illegible] the implication of that is only as at A overleaf, I do not think a further reference to the G. of I. is necessary.

2 But I understand H.M.'s point to be that even taking the position to be only as at A at p. 3 ante, that would satisfy the Central [illegible] referred to at p. 1 ante, [illegible] the post-war allocation [illegible] of the G. of I. under the head of Education could be utilised [illegible] further [illegible]. If H.M. (Edn.) [illegible] to be his view, the question will be further examined [illegible] sent to Finance & Pub. (P & D).

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26/3/47

The suggestion made above by the secretary is correct & may proceed.
16.3.47

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
17 MAR 1947

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The file may now be sent to Pub (P+D) and Finance for ~~a~~ further examination, with reference to to the notes of the Secy on page 4 ante.

2 It is for orders whether a reminder should be ~~issued~~ sent for the letter addressed to Mr. Sen by ~~the~~ ~~former~~ HM (Edn): If so, the draft letter below is for approval.

3. After issue the file may be sent to Pub (P+D) and Finance.

21.3.47
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Pub. (P+D)
Fin.

[Issued as letter no 7295 B2/47-2 Edn. d 25.3.47]

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27.3.47

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC [illegible] DEVELOPMENT
25 [illegible] 1947

Public (P + D VI) Department

This department last saw the case on p. 4 ante. Please see the E & P.H. department note and the orders in circulation on p. 4 ante.

The Government of India have made a budget provision of Rs. 625 lakhs ~~for~~ 1947-48 for the post war development schemes of this Province including G.M.F. schemes. It is not known what portion of this amount will form the Govt. of India's grant for education. ~~No~~ ~~I~~ They have been asked separately whether they have retained any reserve amount for later distribution and whether there is any possibility of an increase in the Central Block grant for 1947-48 to this Province, in case the total ~~annual~~ actual expenditure incurred by this Government on post war development schemes in 1947-48 should be larger than what was anticipated by the Govt. of India in fixing their budget provision for the grant. Their reply is awaited.

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Finance, pp 1-2 (4)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
2 - APR 1947

Pub (P+D VI) Dept
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With the above remarks the file [illegible] passed on to Finance.

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1.4.47
J. S. [illegible]
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Finance (P.W.R)

Para 1 of E & P.H. Secretary's note on p.4 above.

It was pointed out in the Finance Secretary's note on p.3 above that there will not be any separate grant for 'Education' depending solely on the amount spent on the Postwar development Education schemes of this Government and calculated to cover a specified percentage of their cost. The distribution of the 'block' grant for postwar development schemes over the main heads such as Waterways, Irrigation, Agriculture, Education, Health, Roads etc. is only for pro forma account purposes. The object of this pro forma analysis is to ensure broadly that development is ~~recently~~ reasonably well balanced as between different heads having regard to All-India policies and the total resources expected to be available. This pro forma allocation does not amount to allocation of a specified sum for a special head each year. It cannot therefore be said that the statement at 'X' on p.1 C.F. is quite correct.

Bottom of p 3 above.

cf: para 3 of the G/I's letter on pp 73-75 of S.F.

Placed below

ibid

2. As regards the allotment of a further grant by the Central Government for the purpose of giving relief to teachers, it may be pointed out that while the total estimated expenditure on postwar development schemes debitable to the Revenue account is Rs.720.75 lakhs, the 'block' grant provided for in the Central Budget for 1947-8 is Rs.625 lakhs including grants for G.M.F. schemes. The expenditure expected to be incurred in 1947-8 on G.M.F. schemes is about Rs.376 lakhs and the Central Government's share will come to about Rs.188 lakhs. The Govt. of India have also said that grants for certain other purposes such as expenditure on schemes for resettlement of ex-servicemen, foreign scholarships etc. should also come out of the 'block' grant for postwar development schemes. Deducting provision for G.M.F. schemes and other miscellaneous schemes mentioned above, a sum of about Rs.4 crores only is likely to be left as grants for postwar development schemes in 1947-8 as against an estimated expenditure of Rs.7.25 crores. Thus, the Central

Q G/I letter on p 301 S.F.

†	Rs lakhs
Well Subsidies	75
Agriculture	58
Irrigation	55
Total	188

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(−) 188 – see above
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~~Central~~ 'block' grant for postwar development schemes in 1947-8 is not likely to be sufficient even for the existing schemes. There will therefore be no amount available for giving further relief to teachers out of the 'block' grant for postwar development schemes for 1947-8.

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Another point to be mentioned is that "Central" grants for postwar development schemes may be given only for a certain period, while extra expenditure on relief to teachers will be permanently recurring. Unless the revenues of the Province are augmented by additional taxation or other measures it will be difficult to meet ~~the~~ recurring commitments of this kind. ~~ments such as those mentioned above~~. ~~It is therefore~~

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15.4.

The provision which the Govt. of India have made for "block" grants to this province in 1947-48 may be deemed to be a sort of payment on account.

11.4.47

KN
11/4/47
AD Secy

The exact principles on which the total sum which may be available with the G. of I. will be apportioned among provinces have not yet been settled, but ultimately what this Govt. will receive as block grants over the quinquennial period will be a certain percentage (to be determined on the principles to be evolved) of the total sum available with the G. of I. for distribution & although it is quite possible that the general financial position of the province concerned, its needs etc will be taken into consideration, the share of any particular province will not have any direct relation to the total unremunerative expenditure to be incurred by the province on all P.W.R. Schemes together, much less with the expenditure on any particular Scheme or class of Schemes in the P.W. plan. The total block grant for any province over the quinquennial period bei

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determined by the general principles to be evolved — (on the information now available population with some allowance for the degree to which the war has affected the province will be the criterion — but the G. of I. are considering the Australian system & if ~~under which~~ this is finally adopted as one of the criteria more importance will be attached to the actual needs of the different units) — it will for purposes of pro-forma accounts be deemed to be apportioned among different classes of schemes of the province in proportion to the unremunerative expenditure incurred on the schemes in each Class. We were expecting to get separate grants i.e. outside the block grants for G.M.F. schemes, schemes for ex-servicemen &c — but the G. of I. have said that these grants will also come out of the block grants. That being their present attitude in regard to these "high priority" schemes there is no chance whatever of our getting any separate grant for education schemes. Any sum required for giving further relief to teachers will therefore have to be found by a corresponding reduction of expenditure on some other post-war scheme.

15.4.47. E.P.H.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Extracts of notes from a Finance Dept's file dealing with a resolution re revision of pay of teachers

Finance Department.

Note for re-circulation.

This file deals with the resolution moved by Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao in the Legislative Council on 12-2-47 criticising the revised scales of salaries for non-gazetted Govt. servants as inadequate, and in particular suggesting that aided-school teachers should be put at a uniform scale of pay with those in Govt. service. There were originally two files, one containing the note on the resolution and one containing a note on the subsequent debate, which I have now combined.

Pages 1-4 of the n.f. above contain a general note on the resolution followed by notes and minutes of Secretary (EPH) and H.Ms(Education) and Revenue. Flag (A) below is a note made for the assistance of H.M.(Revenue) in replying to the points made in the debate. A copy of the record of the debate obtained from the Legislature Secretariat is in the lined file.

The note of Secretary (E&P.H.) on p. 9 n.f. contains references to relevant portions of Mr. Sargent's scheme and the Madras Post-War Development scheme contained in the printed books put up.

It is understood from the Legislature Secretariat that the debate will continue on a day in April after the Budget debate is over.

Governor's Secretary has asked for circulation to H.E. also.

~~H.M.(Fin.)~~ Nothing more can be done now.

A spare copy (B) may be sent to me for my use.

H.E. has seen.

J.B.Brown
27-3-47. G.S.

Finance.

E&PH may take action on H.M's minute. I shall then circulate the file to H.M.(Edn.)

Secy E.P.H.

A spare copy of 'B' is below.

M.V.S.
29-3-47.

Finance.

Recirculated.

H.M.(Edn.)

In the matter of revision of salaries, the teachers have suffered a great deal. My own feeling is that they have not been given a fair deal. There has been such a lot of public agitation in the matter and the Government have been receiving notices of strike from teachers. Many associations have passed resolutions. It is not that we should be affected by these notices but it is a matter of whether there is any justice in their claims. I believe that their case must be considered sympathetically.

Their grievances [illegible] grounds:

(1) There is difference of pay in the various agencies of education such as Government, Local Boards and aided schools. The claim is that for equal qualifications

and equal work, there must be uniformity of pay regardless of agencies.

(2) That, while they have passed the S.S.L.C. and spent two years more for training and after that, qualified themselves for craft, their salary has been fixed at something lower than the salary of the lower division clerks who are mere S.S.L.Cs. In the same way, the pay of Graduate teachers who have undergone one year's training has been made less than the pay of the upper division clerks who are mere graduates or less qualified.

(3) The basic pay of the higher grade teachers has been very low and there is an agitation that it must be increased. Everybody must admit that there is something in these pleas and the only difficulty seems to be finance. I think we should make an earnest attempt to do what we can to satisfy the teachers.

In the Cabinet resolution on the salaries revision, it has been said that if the Government of India made any grants, block or otherwise, for educational purposes, that grant could be utilised for giving an increase to teachers. The Government of India, I understand, have offered to pay a total grant of 3½ crores for post-war schemes such as schemes of education, medicine, public health, etc. In this, there must be a portion for education which, it must be free for the department in pursuance of the Cabinet resolution, to use for the raising the status of the teachers. I would request the Finance Member to consider this matter and bring it if necessary before the Cabinet so that it may be possible for him to make an announcement on the subject on the day the resolution may next come before the house for discussion. 'X'

T.S.A.
1--4--47.

Recirculated to H.M.Fin. for perusal of H.M.Ed's minute.
A spare copy of R is placed before (As regards X on H.M.(Edn's minute, the Govt. of India have in other cases (e.g. Fisheries Dept) declined to contribute merely towards reorganisation or raising of pay of existing staff, but the matter may be further examined by E&PH dept)

H~~.M.(Fin.~~) I request H.P.M. to tell me whether the matter should be taken up just at present. In which case the concerned Departments should examine the issue in the liget of H.M.(Edn.)'s remarks afresh.

B.G.R. 2/4/47

Circulated ~~Order~~ with reference to the minutes at pp 11-13 above.

P.C. 2.4.47

~~H.~~M. This need not be taken up just now.

O.P.R.
6-4-47.

X

Recirculated ~~Re.Ord.~~ for perusal of H.M.(Fin)'s and H.P.M's minutes.

P.C. 2/4/47

~~H.M.(Edn)~~
H~~.M.(Fin)~~

While the General revision of salaries of teachers may be postponed for the present, I suggest that the department may examine the matter at X on ~~page 12 ante~~. This has been definitely accepted by the Cabinet in their resolution on the revision of salaries and there is no reason to have any two opinions over the matter.

M

In the meanwhile, to enable us to find out the allotment for education, steps may be taken to address the Govt. of India asking for particulars of the exact amount they propose to allot for edn. out of the lump grant.

T.S.A/9-4-47.

Education Department may prepare early a draft summarising the position of the teachers and asking for a good bit from the Govt. of India. I shall address the D.O. to Moulana Azad (Edn.Member) I shall also meet him when I go to Delhi for the ~~considerably~~ Constituent Assembly by the end of the month.

B.G.R.
10/4/47.

Extracts may be taken by E&PH Department and the file return to Fin.

P.C. 11/4/47

E&PH.

The proposal in this file is whether any portion of the block grant to be ~~allotted~~ by the Govt of India for the Post War Schemes relating to Edn. ~~may be utilised~~ utilised for revising the scales of pay of teachers further.

2. H.P.M. has ordered that no further revision of salaries of teachers need be taken up at present. The Finance Dept have pointed out that no portion of the block grant given by the Govt of India can be utilised for further relief to teachers. That dept have pointed out that the grants from ~~for~~ the centre may be given only for a certain period, while the extra cost of revision of salaries of teachers is a recurring commitment. According to that dept a further revision of salaries can be taken up only by the levy of additional taxation or by reducing the expenditure on some other Post War scheme. As H.P.M. has ordered, that the question of revision of salaries need not be taken up now, it does not appear that any further action seems called for.

X on p.10 ante

P on p.7 ante

P on p.7 ante

K on p.8 ante

X on p10 ante

3. The file may be submitted to HM (Edn). The reply from the Govt of India to the reference made ~~by~~ to him by HM (Edn) is ~~on~~ at page 7 cf.

22.4.47

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5 'M' at p.10 ante is the minute of HM (Edn):— from the reply at p.7 [illegible]

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Finance (PWR)

(Prev. fin. note on pp 6-~~8~~ above)

The further notes from page 9 above

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may be perused and the case returned to E&P.H. This Depti has no further remarks to offer ~~on the~~ with reference to portion P on page 10 above. Finance may agree with the E&P.H. Secy. ~~that~~ in the view expressed by him at 'K' on page 12 above. There has been no change in the position regarding Central grants for p.w. dept. schemes since this depti. notes on pages 6-8 above

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Edn. & P.H. Dept (B2)

The file may be circulated to HM (Edn.) and HM (Finance)

29-4-47

(Notes from bottom of p. 9 above)

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HM (Edn.)

HM (Fin.)

I am going to Simla on the 24th of this month & will talk over ~~the~~ with Moulana Azad on the matter.

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Government of Madras

The file may be ~~over~~ till 1.6-47. (The conference has been postponed to the 6 and 7th June)

(Postponed again)

11-5-47

5.5.47

HM (Education) has programmed to go to Hyderabad and New Delhi. This file may be circulated so that he may discuss

11-6-47

11/6/47

I returned from Delhi yesterday evening. I had occasion to talk with Moulana Azad over many matters connected with education. I represented to him the following matters:

(1) That ~~[illegible]~~ a block grant may be given for educational development as separate from the other post-war development grants that the Government of India may give from time to time;

(2) that they may consider our application for opening a psychological bureau attached to our training college favourably;

(3) that we are having in view, the opening of a Research Institute under Sir C.V.Raman. Sir C.V.Raman has agreed to come to Madras and organise this Research Institute under his supervision and guidance. He said that about ten lakhs of rupees non-recurring and one lakh recurring may be necessary for the purpose. If it is to be a good research institute, it may even be twenty lakhs non-recurring and 2 lakhs recurring. In view of the fact that any research especially under the guidance of a great scientist like Sir C.V.Raman is bound to have its results felt all over India, I requested Moulana Azad to consider a special grant for this research institute.

(4) As soon as Sri C.Rajagopalachari took up the port folio of education, he made an announcement that the Government of India will be willing to give special grants to such of those institutes which may be of an experimental character and do educational research work. There are in our own province, a few residential institutes which are working with some ideals ~~with few numbers~~. Their cost is enormous and the result is that many such institutions while they are desirable, are not able to be opened because of their high cost. I had requested Moulana Sahib to consider the advisability of allotting a lakh or two tous for distribution to such institutes and for allowing us to recommend a few such institutes for their grant. He has also promised to consider that matter. He has suggested that representations may be sent to him direct, separately on each matter so that he can take whatever action he can on them.

ISA
17-6-47

Please see herewith copies of letters to Maulana [illegible] Education Member of the Govt. of India. These may be kept in the file in which I have noted my talks with him.

ISA
24-6-47

H.M. Education.

This may lie over, till a reply is recieved from the Edn. member to the Govt of India, to the reference made to him by HM (Edn).

LPB
27/6/47

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Please see the correspondence on pages 13-22 cf for order whether the file sh. be kept open or whether it may be closed.

8.5.48

The proposal relating to the Psychological Bureau is under consideration in a separate file. The question of including new schemes in the Post war plan and asking Govt of India for grants is also under consideration separately. These papers may be recorded.

18/5/48

Post-war plan
Education Schemes.
Grant from Govt of India.
Correspondence
Recorded.

G.O.Ms.No 1219 Edn dated 15-5-48