

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

(1948) Department.

SERIES.

G.O. NO. Ms. 1794 Education.

Dated 20th July 1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Establishment - District Board - Salem Secondary Schools - Sri P.R. Subramani Pillai, Headmast - Fixation of pay.

Back Papers.

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From (Name) Khan Sahib G. Abdul Sattar

Sahib Bahadur B.A.,

Designation Special Officer,

District Board,

Station

Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Educational and Public Health
Department,
MADRAS.

Enclosures:

ROC

No. E.21-33681-47

dated

2nd March

1948.

Sir,

Subramania pillai (Sri) P.R..B.A.L.T., Headmaster-Board
High school, Namakkal-refixation of pay-Reconsideration
of orders-representation of.

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I enclose a copy of my letter Roc No.E.21-33681-47
dated 10-1-48 addressed to the Director of Public Instruction on the
representation made by Sri.P.R.Subramania Pillai, B.A.,L.T., Headmaster,
Board High school, Namakkal, regarding refixation of his pay, with a copy
of the reply of the Director of Public Instruction, R.C.No.131-G1-48
dated 7-2-48, and request early orders in the matter.

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For Special Officer,
District Board, Salem

Enclosures - 2

Copy of this office letter No.E.21-33681-47 dated 10-1-48 to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sir,

Subramania Pillai (Sri) P.A.-B.A.,L.T., H.M.B.H.S.-Namakkal
Refixation of pay-reconsideration of orders-Representations of.

I forward herewith a copy of the petition dated 31-10-47 from Sri.P.R.Subramania Pillai,B.A.,L.T., Headmaster,Board High school, Namakkal, with the following remarks and request your views on his representations.

VI Form was opened in the Board High school,Attur, in June 1937. As the school was having only three forms, IV to VI, the question whether the post of a Headmaster in the regular cadre in the scale of Rs.110-10/2-170 had to be sanctioned to this school, was referred to Government. The Government, in their memorandum No.7336-B/38-3-D1, dated 7-4-38, communicated a copy of your reference No.2984-G/37 dated 17-3-38. According to the instructions issued therein, Sri. P.R.Subramania Pillai, who was in charge of the incomplete secondary school, was not considered to have occupied the Headmaster's post on probation because the regular post of Headmaster came into existence only when the pay of the post was raised to Rs.110-10/2-170. For the purposes of pay of the Headmaster for this school after Form VI was opened, it was stated that the school should be classed as a complete secondary school and that the pay of the post of Headmaster of this school might be fixed at Rs.110-10/2-170 with effect from the opening of Form VI. With reference to these orders, the post of the Headmaster of this school, in the scale of Rs.110-10/2-170, was sanctioned in D.B.R.No.82(186) dated 14-6-38 and it was not filled immediately. The District Educational Officer,Salem, was informed in this office letter No.4145-37-A.5 dated 25-6-38, copy enclosed, that there was no pressing need to fill the vacancy of Headmaster and the District Educational Officer,also agreed to the proposal (vide his letter No.1219-38 date 1-7-38, enclosed). Thereafter, the question of filling the Headmaster's post in this school was taken up only on receipt of your letter No.95/G/41 dated 25-3-41 (copy enclosed) and Sri.P.R. Subramania Pillai,B.A.,L.T., L.T.Assistant, incharge of the school was promoted as Headmaster in the regular cadre, in consultation with the District Educational Officer, with effect from 8-7-41. Though Form VI was opened in the school in June 37 and the post of the Headmaster in the scale of Rs.110-10/2-170 was sanctioned in June 38, it was actually filled only in July 1941. Now Sri. P.R.Subramania Pillai, who continued to discharge the duties of Headmaster, drawing his pay in the L.T.scale even after Form VI was opened, and who was subsequently promoted as Headmaster of the same school, requests that he may be considered to have been promoted as Headmaster, in the regular cadre from the date of opening of VI Form in June 37 and allowed to count his service from June 37 for the purpose of increments in the scale of Rs. 110-10/2-170, without monetary benefits for the back period. As the post of the Headmaster was sanctioned only on 14-6-38 without any retrospective effect from the date of opening of Form VI, he could have been promoted as Headmaster, from 14-6-38. If he had been promoted as Headmaster from the date of creation of the post, he would have drawn his pay in the scale of Rs.110-10/2-170 as follows

14-6-38	----	Rs.110.
14-6-40		Rs.120
14-6-42		Rs.130
14-6-44		Rs.140
14-6-46		Rs.150

A and his pay in the revised scale would have been Rs.160/- with effect from 1-1-47 and his services from 14-6-38 would have also counted in his favour for sanctioning advance increments in the revised scales of pay. In the circumstances, I request your views on the representations made by this Headmaster.

Sd.K.P.Sankunni.
For Special Officer.

/True copy/

E.P.H (B1) Dept.

Endt. no. 16569- B1/48-1 E.P.H. D. 8/3/48.

Referred to the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts for early remarks. He is requested to forward his reply through the Director of Public Instruction.

(By order)

Best copy to Government.

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W.S.
8/3/48

To Examiner
The Director of Local Fund
Accounts, Madras.



Copy of letter R.C.No.131 G1/48 dated 7th February 1948 of the Director of Public Instruction to the Special Officer, District Board, Salem.

Sir,

Ref: your letter Roc.E.21-33681-47 dated 10-1-48 regarding refixation of pay on behalf of Sri.P.R.Subramania Pillai, Headmaster Board High school, Namakkal.

The request of the petitioner that his pay may be fixed at Rs.160/- from 1-1-47 seems reasonable, but as the question relates to the post of Headmaster, you may address the Government in the matter.

M.Abdul Haq
For Director of Public Instruction.

/True copy/

Copy of petition dated 31-10-47 of P.R.Subramaniam, B.A., L.T., Head Master, Board High school, Namakkal to the Special Officer, District Board, Salem.

Sir,

Subject: Secondary schools-Headmasters-Revised scales of pay- Refixation of pay- Reconsideration-appeal for submitted.

Ref: (a) order of the Special Officer, District Board, Salem Roc No.E.21-16516-47 dated 11-9-47.
(b) G.O.No.975 Edn.dated 10-5-47 and
G.O.No.1154 Edn. dated 5-6-47.

I beg to submit the following facts for favour of your kind consideration, and orders.

I was first appointed as an L.T.assistant for the newly started High school at Attur in June 1934 on Rs.75/- in the scale of Rs.75-5-125. I was however asked to discharge the duties of the Headmaster of the school. (Vide copy of order enclosed).A.

No Headmaster as such for the Attur High school was appointed for a number of years. When the pay of the members of the Teaching staff was revised and refixed in accordance with G.O.No.4619 L And M dated 20-10-1934, I was fixed at Rs.65+10 and was ordered to continue to act as Headmaster (though there was no post of a Headmaster sanctioned for the school) in Roc No.10813-34-A3 dated 19th May, 1936, (copy of order enclosed) B.

The Attur High school became a full-blown High school in June 1937 when Sixth Form was opened. The first batch of pupils for the S.S.L.C.Examination was sent from the school in March, 1938.

The post of a Headmaster for the High school in the regular cadre of Rs.110-10/2-170 was created in D.B.A.No.82(180) dated 14-6-38. (Copy enclosed separately) C.

Though the post of Headmaster was sanctioned and created as early as June 1938, the post was not filled up. I continued to be in charge of the school, doing all the responsible duties of a Headmaster drawing pay in the grade of an L.T.Assistant.

In the year 1941 in the month of July I was appointed as Headmaster of the school in the regular scale of pay of Rs.110-10/2-170 as per order of the President, District Board, Salem Roc No.B.2/9513-41 dated 8-7-1941. I understand from the copy of the order that this post of Headmaster which had been vacant for a long time was filled up as per instructions of the Director of Public Instruction Re.No.95-G/41 dated 25.3-1941. (Copy of the order of the appointment enclosed) D.

My service in this District Board is 13 years. All these 13 years ~~13 years~~ ever since the date of my appointment, I have been in charge of a school that is to say, the Headmaster of a school.

For seven years I was placed in the scale of an L.T.Assistant and only for the last six years I have been drawing the salary due to a Headmaster.

I may be permitted to say that I have been responsible for the growth of the Attur school and its eventual permanency. The school produced good results uniformly. The strength of the school increased from a small number to a rapidly increasing number. Responsible officers of the Education Department and local gentlemen have appreciated my work.

My services to the school were not, however, weighed when I was appointed as Headmaster. My previous service from June 1937 when the school became a complete High school with Sixth Form was not considered in fixing me in the Headmaster's scale, and I was started in the minimum as a ~~pro~~ probationer.

Thus after my appointment in the regular scale of a Headmaster in 1941, I reached Rs.130/- in July, 1945 and I was eligible for Rs.140/- this year. By this time the revision of pay of School master came in -G.O.No.975 E. & P.H.A., dated 10-5-1947 and the Headmasters' scale of pay is fixed at Rs.150-10-200.

This recent G.O. affects me thus, and I am therefore obliged to submit this application of mine for reviewing the whole case in the light of the above facts, and the following hardship caused to me.

All through my service of 13 years I have been a Headmaster, whether I was designated a Headmaster or L.T.Assistant-in-charge. The Attur High school became a complete school in June 1937, and the post of a Headmaster on 110-10/2-170 was sanctioned in 1938. Before 1941 I had coached up boys for the S.S.L.C.Examination for four years. Up to 1947 I have drawn only 2 increments in the Headmaster's scale and was drawing Rs.130/- till recently.

The present G.O. revising the scale of pay offers Rs.150/- to all fresh appointments and others who have been drawing below Rs.150/-.

This year between June 1947 and August 1947 four individuals have been posted as Headmasters and all of them have been fixed at Rs.150/- the initial pay. Despite my service for these 13 years, I am also fixed in the minimum of Rs.150/-.

My work as Headmaster of Attur had been adjudged as quite satisfactory; I was not found wanting. No adverse remarks or censure had been made against me on my capacity to be the Head of the school. For no fault of mine, the Headmasters' pay in the scale of Rs.110-10/2-170 was denied to me from 1937.

Now that conditions have changed, and my juniors are also fixed on a par with me, I have to necessarily bring the above injustice done to me to the notice of the Special Officer for kind consideration and redress of my grievance.

Had I been fixed in the Headmaster's scale of pay from June 1937 the date of opening Sixth Form in the Attur High school, I would have been drawing Rs.150/- from 1945, and I would be fixed at Rs.160/- in the revised scale from 1-1-1947, and my previous service from 1937 will be taken into consideration for advance increments on the basis of weightage of service.

From the facts set forth in the foregoing paragraphs it will be seen that, consequent on administrative delays and for no fault of mine, the post of Headmaster on Rs.110-10/2-170 was omitted to be created by the District Board with effect from 1-6-37, the date on which the Attur High school became a full-blown one, and I appointed to that post; that I was not formally appointed to the post although I was discharging the duties attached to that post; that even when the post came to be created on 14-6-38 I was appointed to that post only on 8-7-41 and that too only on the intervention of the Director of Public Instruction; that I was unlawfully kept out of the rights that were legitimately mine to have counted service and earned increments in the scale of pay of Rs.110-10/2-170 for the period from 1-6-1937

to 8-7-1941; that the denial of the benefit of the two increments that would have normally accrued to me has seriously affected me both monetarily and in respect of seniority VIS-A-VIS my juniors as Headmaster, and that thus a very grave injustice has been done to me for reasons perhaps best known to the Administration.

Equally anxious as I am not to commit the Board to any liability by way of restoring to me with retrospective effect the benefits legitimately due to me, I am willing, if need be, to forgo the monetary benefits for the back period. But I fervently pray, particularly in view of the expectation that Government will soon be sanctioning advance increments by way of weightage for past services, that the injustice done to me may most graciously be redressed by refixing my pay at Rs.160/- in the scale of Rs.150-10-200 with effect from 1-1-47 in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction, if necessary, and by counting my service from 1-6-37 as Headmaster of a full-blown High school in sanctioning me advance increments when orders Government are received.

/True copy/

SdXXXXXXXX

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copy of letter Roc No.4145-37-A.5 dated 25-6-38 of the President District Board, Salem to the District Educational Officer, Salem.

Education-Secondary filling up of Headmaster's posts-B.H.Schools at Edappady and Attur-proposals requested.

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In pursuance of Government Memorandum No.7336 B.38 3 E& P.H. dated 7-4-38 (copy enclosed) the Salem District Board in its Resolution No.82(186) dated 14-6-38 (copy enclosed) has sanctioned the creation of the posts of Headmasters on a scale of Rs.110-10/2-170 to the Board High schools Edappady and Attur. Agreeably to our personal discussion in the matter of filling up the above Headmaster's posts (Selections/ posts) I am forwarding the undermentioned proposals for offering your remarks officially.

1. To appoint Sri.C.M.Krishnan the present Headmaster of the Board High school, Edappady on Rs.100+5 in the scale of Rs.65-5/2-100 to be Headmaster of the same school on probation on Rs.110 in the scale of Rs.110-10/2-170 in consideration of his satisfactory work and tactful handling a new ~~xxxx~~ High school which is in the backward tract like Yedappady and achieving fairly good results in the S.S.L.C. in the first year itself.

2. To continue the present arrangement in the Board High school, Attur since the school is having only 3 classes Viz IV to VI form with ~~average~~ strength and there is no pressing need of a Headmaster's post borne on the regular scale for the time being.

I request the favour of your early reply in the matter.

SdXXXXXX

For President, District Board, Salem.

/True copy/

Copy of letter Roc.No.1219/1938 dated 1-7-1938 of the District Educational Officer, Salem to the President, District Board, Salem.

Sir,

Ref: Your letter Roc No.4145/A.5., dated 25-6-1938.

I AGREE.

SdXXXXXX

Dist.Educational Officer, Salem.

/True copy/

Copy of letter R.C.No.95-G/41 dated 25-3-1941 of the Director of public Instruction to the President, District Board, Salem.

Sir,

Sub: Board High school, Attur-Salem District Board-appointment of a Headmaster in the prescribed scale.

Although Government have passed orders in their memorandum No.7335/B/38 -3-D Edn., and P.H., dated 7-4-38 regarding the fixation of pay of Headmasters in the Board High schools at Edappady and Attur, it does not appear that action has been taken by the Board so far, in regard to the appointment of a Headmaster for the Board High school, Attur in the Prescribed scale of Rs.110-10/2-160. please therefore appoint a headmaster for the school in the recognised scale, immediately in consultation with the District Educational Officer, as required under the rules.

Sd.V.R.Ranganathan.

For Director of Public Instruction.

/True copy/

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EXAMINER'S OFFICE.
Subject: Subramania Pillai (Sri) P.R., B.A., L.T., Headmaster, Board High School, Namakkal - Fixation of pay - Representation.

Reference: Edn. & P.H. Department Endorsement No. 16569-B1/48-1 Edn., dated 8th March 1948.

As the individual did not hold the post of Headmaster from 14th June 1938, the period from 14th June 1938 to the date of his actual appointment as Headmaster cannot ordinarily be taken into account for purposes of fixation of pay in the scale of pay applicable to the post of Headmaster.

The post of Headmaster is stated to have been deliberately kept vacant with the approval of the District Educational Officer during the period and the question of appointing him, now, as Headmaster for this period without claim to any arrears of pay, with a view merely to allow him some increase in the emoluments is one for the administrative authorities to decide in consultation with the Educational Authorities.

2. The enclosures received with the endorsement are returned herewith.

B.B. Shanker Rao

(B.B. Shanker Rao)
Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.

To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras
Through The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Encls: One file of papers (7 pages).

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, M A D R A S.
R.C.NO.131-G.1/48 dated 3-6-1948
for

District Board - Salem - Secondary Schools - Sri P.R.Subramania
Pillai - Headmaster - Fixation of pay

Ref: Govt. Endt. No.16569-B.1/48-1 Edn dated 8-3-1948 page 1(a) ante

Resubmitted.



43172 From a perusal of the records it appears that the petitioner
not make any representation when his claims for the Headmaster's
post were overlooked from 1938 to 1941. Though the question of his
appointment as Headmaster in 1938 was negated by the Dt.Edl.Officer
in view of the then meagre strength of the three Higher forms of the
school, the Special Officer was seen evading his promotion as Head-
master in successive years without making a reference either to the
Director or to the Inspecting Officers. It is also pointed out that
it was only on Director's persuasion in 1941 that the Special Officer
chose to appoint him as Headmaster.

3. In the above circumstances the request of the petitioner
may be considered as a special case and Government may pass such
favourable orders as they deem fit.

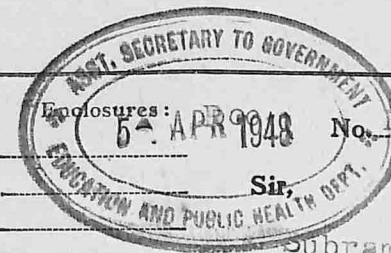
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for Director of Public Instruction.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.
RVR 7/6/-

C.F. 32 (a).

Local Administration Department Received Registered
From (Name) Khan Sahib G. Abdul Sattar To
Sahib Bahadur, B.A.,
Designation Special Officer,
District Board,
Station Salem.
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Madras.



Enclosures: No. 21-33681-47 dated 1st April 1948.

Sir,
Subramania pillai (Sri) P.R.B.A., L.F. Headmaster-
Board high school, Namakkal-Refixation of pay-Re-
consideration of orders-representation of.

This office letter No. 21-33681-47 dated 2-3-48.

I request early orders.

IA.2.4.

For Special Officer,
District Board, Salem.

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Esstt - D^o Board, Salem -

Subramania Pillai (Sri) P.R. B.A., B.F. Headmaster
Board High School, Namakkal - ~~Refixation of pay -~~
~~Reconsideration of orders representation of.~~

Ref. ^{Govt} Endorsement No. 16569 B1/48-1st dated 8.3.48. ^{revised}

~~revised letter dated 8.4.48~~
Memo No. 16569 G3/48-2 dated 8.4.48.

The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts
is requested to expedite his ~~first~~ reply in the
matter.

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The Exr. of L.F.A. 8/5
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Encl.
 Govt. No. 16569 B1/48-1, dated 8-3-48 / and

to request that the reply to it may be expedited
 request that this reminder may be returned at once
 with information as to—

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- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected, and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

Station *Font. St. George*

Dated 29-5-47.

SUBJECT.

Enth. - Dt. Bd - Salem - D. H. S. -
 Ramakrishna Sri. P. R. Subramanian
 Pillai - Headmaster - Fixation of
 pay *22/5/58* [P.T.O.]

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EXAMINER'S OFFICE.

REPLY.

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

L.F. 2232/15-6-48.

A reply was to the Government,
endorsement referred to was sent
through the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras, with this office
L.F. 760 dated 27th April 1948.

Ganapathy

Deputy Examiner of Local Fund
Accounts.

14.6.48

E. & P. H. Dept. (Gr3)

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Estt. - Dt. Bd. - Salem - Secondary Schools -
Sri. P. R. Subramania Pillai, Headmaster -
Fixation of Pay.

From the S.O., Dt. Bd., Salem - NO. E-21-33681/47 d. 2-3-48
Ex. of L.F.A. no. L.F. 760 d. 27-4-48.
The D.P.I. R.C. 131-G.I./48 dated 3-6-48.

Order no. 1794 Edn. 20.7.48.
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The Govt. ~~directs~~ ^{approve the recommendation of the S.O.} that the initial pay of
Sri. P. R. Subramania Pillai, Headmaster, ^{Bond High School, Nannakkal} ~~in the~~ ^{scale of} Rs. 150-10-200 be ~~fixed~~ ^{fixed} from 1st Jan.
1947 at Rs. 160 per mensem in the scale of
Rs. 150-10-200, with effect from 1.1.47.

To The S.O. Dt. Bd. ✓
Salem ✓
Ex. of L.F.A. ✓
D. P. I. ✓

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C.No. 16569 G3/48.

~~E.No. 16569 B.1/48.~~

E. & P. H. Deptt. (G3)

Dt. Bd. - Salem - Secondary Schools -
Sri. P. R. Subramania Pillai - Headmaster -
Fixation of pay.

From the S.O., Dt. Bd., Salem No. 21-33681-47 d. 2-3-48.

From the Ec. of L. F. A. No. 760 d. 27-4-48.

From the D.P.J. R.C. No. 131-G. 1/48 dated 3-6-48.

Please see the remarks of the Examiner of L.F.A. and the D.P.J. on the representation of Sri. P.R. Subramania Pillai, Headmaster, Board High School, Namakkal for the re-fixation of pay at Rs. 160/- in the scale of Rs. 150-10-200 with effect from 1-1-47, at p. 10 and p. 12 cf. The Examiner makes no specific recommendations. The D.P.J. in his ^{Encl.} letter at p. 12 cf. says that the question of the appointment of the Headmaster in question was negatived ^{in 1938} by the D.E.O. in view of the then meagre strength of the higher forms of the school, and the Spl. Officer was seen evading ^{the teacher's} his promotion as Headmaster in successive years without making a reference either to the Director or to him or to the Inspecting officers. The teacher was appointed Headmaster in 1941 by the Spl. Officer, only under the Director's persuasion. In these circumstances the ~~for~~ D.P.J. recommends that the petitioner's request may be considered as a special case.

P. T.O.

It is for orders whether the request made by the Headmaster may be granted and his pay fixed at Rs. 160 in the scale of Rs. 150-10-200 with effect from 1-1-1947. L.A. also may see

18/6/48
The recommendation of the S.P.D. that the pay of the Headmaster may be fixed at Rs. 160 in the scale of Rs. 150-10-200 from 1-1-47, may, perhaps, be approved. L.A. may see.

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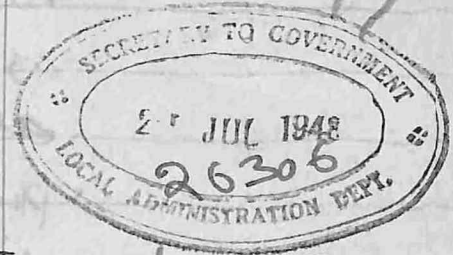
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L.A.

(Is there any similar case? 18/6/48 Govt 2063 Et 2069/1W is not a correct precedent.)

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E.P.H. no. 1656983202 20/6/48.



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He is said to have been doing the duties of Headmaster but was not actually appointed as such.

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May be perused and returned to C.B.H. 18/6/48

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The proxy Headmaster in the High School. There was no doubt sanctioned with effect from 14.6.38. But the post was kept unfilled till 1941, when Sri Subramania Pillai was appointed Headmaster. The fact that the post was created as early as 1938 cannot be ground for granting the Headmaster's scale to Sri Subramania Pillai from 14.6.38. In 1938 the question was specifically considered whether he might be appointed H.M. and the D.E. negatived the proposal in view of the then meagre strength of the three higher forms of the High School. Whatever be the reason for not promoting Sri Subramania Pillai subsequently as H.M., the fact remains that he was appointed H.M. only in 1941. He cannot be allowed to commit

for purposes of advance increment his service prior to 1941 when he was not Headmaster and have his pay revised as Rs. 160 in the scale of Rs. 150-10-200. This Deptt may therefore advise that the request of the petitioner may be negatived. Revision of the scale should not be made on the occasion of setting right alleged old wrongs.

The request is very modest. I think there is sufficient claim to fix his pay at Rs. 160 from 1.1.47. 18/6/48

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E.P.H. (G3)

Please see the L.A. Secy's note above. Draft order is submitted for approval.

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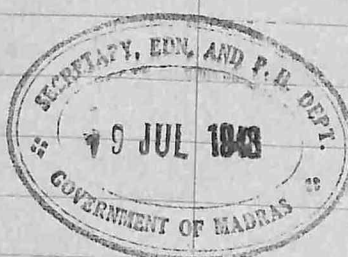
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Diagram: A small sketch of a house or building with a chimney, located in the upper right corner of the left page.

Faint text (mirrored/bleed-through):

- Top right: "The system is very simple."
- Middle right: "It is a very simple system."
- Bottom right: "The system is very simple."

Other faint markings:

- Top left: "A. B. C."
- Middle left: "D. E. F."
- Bottom left: "G. H. I."

Dark, textured surface, possibly a book cover or endpaper, with a large handwritten number '15' in the center.

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