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[Despatch Abstract.]

Hostels - Recommendations of the Madras Provincial
Housing Committee - Proposals Action deferred.

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MADRAS PROVINCIAL HOUSING COMMITTEE

Recommendation 20:--

Hostels for single men and women, boys and girls should be established in the City at convenient places with suitable accommodation such as common halls, dining rooms, common kitchen and canteens. They should be separate for each age group and sex.

Para 56.

Recommendation 22:--

The Government should build hostels for the accommodation of the students and allot to Government servants belonging to low income groups who may later be shifted to residences that may be built specifically for them, the hostels being transferred to the Colleges to which they are appurtenant.

REGISTRAR'S REMARKS:--

Para 57 and 163.

The suggestion of the Housing Committee is that at least one student centre for boys and another for girls should be constructed in the Madras City and that the work of the planning, development and construction should be assigned to the Corporation or the City Improvement Trust. The Chief Engineer considers that recommendation No. 20 is a 'good suggestion', and that recommendation No. 22 is a 'useful suggestion'. He has not however stated whether he has any proposals on hand to carry out the suggestions contained in recommendation 22. The Director of Public Instructions says as follows:--

'Almost all the colleges in the City of Madras, Government as well as aided, have got hostels attached to them. In addition, there are also common hostels managed by private bodies, such as Victoria Hostel, Sri Venkateswara Hostel, etc., the total number of students in the city in all Arts and Professional colleges is about 9,000, of whom, about 1,400 are women while the number of ~~men~~ students living in hostels is only 3,500 (including 500 women). Though a large number of the remaining students (about 5,500 including 900 women) might be living with their parents or guarding yet many students are now forced to live in private boarding houses etc., for want of proper hostel accommodation attached to the colleges in which they are studying. It is to meet the needs of such students that public hostels are necessary. I, therefore, entirely agree with the recommendations of the Housing Committee as to the need for students' centres in the city with hostel accommodation attached both for men and ~~women~~ separately. I may however point out that it may not be necessary now, to aim at such a large scale provision as contemplated by the Committee. I consider that so far as the City is concerned, It will be enough if Public hostel facilities are provided for, for about 5 to 10% of the total number of students.' With regard to recommendation 20, the Acting Chairman of the Madras City Improvement Trust has offered the following remarks:--

'I entirely agree with the suggestion of the Provincial Housing Committee that the student population should be afforded necessary hostel facilities. With that object in view, I have been in search for a suitable site. You will agree with me that for any scheme, site (land) is the most important factor and unless a site ~~(land) is the most important factor and unless~~ which belongs to Government or the corporation is readily available, nothing tangible could be done immediately in the matter of initiating a scheme of this nature. In my efforts for a site, pitched upon the vacant land behind the Corporation Tennis Stadium in Egmore and felt that it was most suitable for the purpose. Firstly it is situated very centrally to the whole of Madras and secondly it

is very near to the Railway station as well as bus routes. I feel that a good hostel could be constructed in this vacant site and with this object in view, a scheme was placed before the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Madras. The subject has been adjourned for further details. I hope to push through a scheme for hostel if the site, which, I understand, belongs to the Corporation, is available for the purpose.

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'In the event of the Trust not getting this site, I will have to think of other suitable sites. If it is a question of securing site by acquisition, there is bound to be considerable delay. While the Trust is very anxious to initiate a scheme like the one in question, I shall be very glad if you could suggest to me suitable sites which are in your mind which might be readily available for occupation for this purpose. I am quite confident that if a site is readily available, the Trust will be able to take up a scheme for immediate execution.

I am not able to agree with the suggestion that Government servants of low income groups should be allowed to occupy such hostels temporarily. For, hostels are meant for bachelors generally and it is too much to expect the hostels to serve Government servants who have families. Further more in the matter of providing accommodation to students, it is always desirable to put up vertical structures, so as to conserve the available space, for the purpose of providing recreational facilities to them. In the suggested site, it was my intention to put up first class lawns all round the building, the building itself occupying a central place and rising vertically. As you will please realise, space is the first consideration in important localities and the only way to effectively deal with the question is to have vertical development.

You will further hear from me as soon as the Board takes a decision in the matter. In the meanwhile, I look forward to receiving your further suggestions in the matter'.

I am sending a copy of my remarks on recommendations 20 and 22 to the Chairman, of the City Improvement Trust and am requesting him to inform Government of further developments. Government may await further communication from the Chairman of the City Improvement Trust.

REGISTRAR.

Office Note.

Recommendation 20:

The C.E. and the D.P.I and Chairman City Improvement Trust support this recommendation. The chairman C.I.T. is investigating the question of constructing a hostel in the city. The Regr. states that Govt. may await further communication from the chairman. For orders whether the recommendation may be accepted and relevant extract sent to E & P.H.Dept. to pursue the question. That Dept. may be requested to intimate the orders passed on the recommendation in due course.

Recommendation 22:

The C.E. considers this as a 'useful suggestion'. The chairman City Improvement Trust does not agree with this suggestion for the reasons stated at 'M' on p. 3 (a) above. For orders whether the views of the chairman C.I.T. will be accepted E & P.H. may see for remarks, if any.

These are matters with which E & P.H. is concerned, may be remitted to them for consideration.

S.G.A/12.6.48

C.V.N/15.6.48.

Abdul Kader
Superintendent

Recommendation 103:--

Students' centres in suitable localities with hostel accommodation and other amenities should be developed, separate for each sex.

REGISTRAR'S REMARKS:--

'The Housing Committee considers that hostels are very necessary adjuncts to Colleges and schools and that the large influx of students in recent times makes the problem very acute. As a remedy, the Committee suggests the provision of accommodation for students not only in Madras but also in other large urban areas like Coimbatore, Madura and Trichinopoly. The Chief Engineer considers that the Recommendation is generally suitable. The Director of public Instruction has reported as follows as regards the position:--

'The number of students studying in all Arts and Professional Colleges in the above cities, and the number living in hostels are furnished below, with separate particulars for men and women students.

Centre.	No. of students in Colleges		No. living in hostels.	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Trichinopoly	2444	450	868	328
Madura	1532	126	604	51
Coimbatore	1043	54	541	--

Considering the small number (viz., 130) of women students unprovided with hostel accommodation in Trichinopoly and the equally small number of students reading in colleges in the other two towns, there seems to be no immediate need for providing Public Hostels in the above places, so far as women students are concerned.

In Trichinopoly and Madura the number of men students not living in hostels is fairly large about 1600 and 900 respectively but no representations from students have so far been received about the lack of hostel facilities in these towns. If a Public hostel is provided in each of these towns it is likely to be made use of by the students who may not find accommodation in the college hostels.

In Coimbatore, almost all the students of the Professional Colleges (496 out of 507) are provided with hostel accommodation. Of the 590 students in the Government Arts College, hostel accommodation is provided for only 45 students. So there is no need for a public hostel, in Coimbatore and it would be enough if the hostel facilities in the Government Arts College are sufficiently augmented.

I agree with the recommendation of the Committee as regards the provision of students' Centres in these towns, but there seems to be no pressing need for providing public hostel facilities for students.

His conclusions are:--

- 1) Considering the small number of unprovided women students, there is no immediate need for providing public hostels for them,
- 2) If a public hostel is provided in each of the towns, Trichinopoly and Madura, it is likely to be made use of by the students who may not find accommodation in the college hostels,

Recommendation 103:- In mufassal places like, Trichinopoly, Madura and Coimbatore, both the Govt. and the management of the aided institutions have established hostels attached to their institutions. At Coimbatore, there are 2 Govt. colleges, one Arts and the other Engineering College. For both institutions there are hostels facilities for students. It is pointed out that there is no need for a Govt. hostel in Coimbatore and that it would be enough if the hostel facilities to Govt. Arts College are sufficiently ^{augmented} provided. The question of increasing hostel accommodation for this college may be considered when proposals in the matter are received from the Director. //As regards Trichinopoly

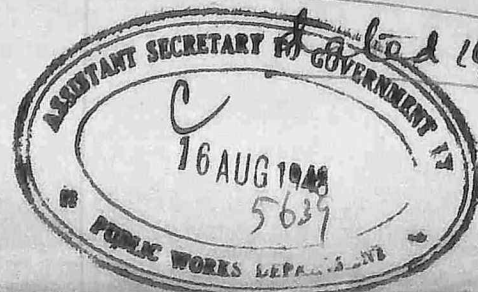
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Madhya and Coimbatore, it is pointed out that the provision of hostel accommodation in these towns is desirable but there is no present need for providing public hostel facilities. It is doubtful whether the finances of the Govt. will allow of their building public hostels in these places now.

For orders as to circulation.

The essence of college education is a good hostel life. In fact our college education has lost its value because of our not providing good hostels and so I should think that as far as possible hostel facilities should be provided in all the places suggested by the Housing Committee.

The Madras Provincial Housing Committee has recommended that public hostels ~~would~~ ^{should} be constructed in Trichinopoly and Madura. In respect of Coimbatore, the Committee considers that the existing Hostel facilities in the Government College, Coimbatore, may be augmented. It is also proposed to open a hostel for City students in Madras under the auspices of the City Improvement Trust.

H.M.(Edn)'s intention is apparently that the Govt. should undertake the construction of public hostels in Trichinopoly and Madura and that steps should be taken to expand the hostel attached to Govt. College, Coimbatore. It is for orders whether the D.P.I. may be asked to send proposals in the matter. It seems that H.M.(Finance) also ^(the file) should see. Before the file is circulated to him, the Finance ~~and P.W.D.~~ may see.



P.W.D. u.o.
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The file relates to the proposal for providing more hostel facilities for students in the Madras City and Mufassal, as well.

E. & P.H. Dept.'s notes from h 4 ante and H.M. (Edn)'s minutes at h 6 ante and further notes of E. & P.H. at h 6 ante may be perused. This Dept may agree with the remarks of E. & P.H. at 'M' on h 6 ante. That Dept may be requested to circulate the case to H.M. (P.W.) also.

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The Madras Provincial Housing Committee has recommended that students' centres in suitable localities with hostel accommodation and other amenities should be developed separately for each ~~sex~~ and has suggested the provision of accommodation for students in Madras and other large urban areas like Coimbatore, Madura and Trichy. With reference to the above recommendations the D.P.I. has remarked as follows:-

1) Considering the small number of unprovided women students, there is no immediate need for providing public hostels for them,

2) If a public hostel is provided in each of the towns, Trichinopoly and Madura, it is likely to be made use of by the students who may not find accommodation in the College hostels,

3) As regards Coimbatore, there is no need for a public hostel. It would be enough if the hostel facilities in the Government Arts College are sufficiently augmented,

4) The recommendation as regards the provision of 'students centres' in these towns is agreed to, but there seems to be no pressing need for providing public hostel facilities for students.

Government may take action on the recommendation taking into consideration the finances they can provide for the purpose.

H.M. (Education) has minuted that the essence of college education is a good hostel life and that, as far as possible, hostel facilities should be provided in all the places suggested by the Housing Committee. Education and Public Health propose to call for proposals from the D.P.I. for the construction of public hostels in Irichy and Madura and for the expansion of the hostel attached to the Government College, Coimbatore. In the absence of definite proposals with information regarding the expenditure involved, no remarks can be offered by this department at this stage. However, in view of the Hon'ble the Premier's orders that all building schemes

should be deferred unless they are considered very immediate and essential, Education and Public Health may be requested to circulate the case to Hon'ble the Premier also in addition to Hon'ble Minister (Finance) before

calling for definite proposals from the D.P.I. Only, if this is considered important & immediately essential, it can be sent forward as a Part II scheme for P.W.D.

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The file may now be circulated for orders whether proposals should be called for from the D.P.I. as proposed at 11 on page 6 ante.

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Even a limited place like Vizag is included in the reference. If we call for particulars immediately it would be better. It may be deferred.

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The file may be recirculated to H.M. & E.H. and P.W. for perusal of the minutes of H.M. (Z.D.) and H.P. on page 8 ante.

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Development may see the orders in circulation before the papers are recorded.

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Dev. Dem.

Notes from p 4 above and orders in circulation on p 8 above may be perused. E.P.H. Dem. may be requested to circulate the case to H.M. (P.D.) also, issue orders and send a copy of the E.P. to the R.C. & this Dem. for information.

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The file may first be circulated to H.M. (Z.D.) as desired by Dev, before orders are issued.

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A draft order is subd. for approval.

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Sub: Hostels - Recommendations of the
Madras Provincial Housing Committee.
~~Papers recorded.~~ ^{Action} ~~Proposals deferred.~~
G.O. No. Me. 3034. Edu. dated 1-12-48.

~~Proposed.~~

To the D.P.G.
Copy to - C.S.
" Dev. Dept.
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29-11-48

The Govt. have decided that action
on the recommendations of the Madras
Provincial Housing Committee so far as
they relate to construction of hostels
should be deferred.

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Notwithstanding these additions and improvements already made, the Commission is of the view that if the large numbers now being admitted are to be adequately accommodated it is necessary:--

- (1) to have more and larger lecture halls;
- (2) to expand the laboratories properly and where verandhas have been enclosed to restore them to their normal use;
- (3) to increase the number of books and provide better facilities for library work;
- (4) to provide more extensive playing fields and more abundant equipment to enable larger numbers to take part in games at the same time;
- (5) to provide adequate and suitable accommodation for the women students admitted in men's colleges in particular.

- (a) retiring rooms and sanitary arrangement
- (b) separate playing fields screened off from the rest of the college grounds;

- (6) to offer increased hostel accommodation in most colleges in the manner to be suggested later;

- (7) to provide amenities for the students and staff in colleges such as common rooms, tiffin rooms, sanitary conveniences and rooms where members of the staff may study, correct exercises and meet students.

E & P.H. (G3)

These suggestions will be considered by the D.P.I. so far as Govt. colleges are concerned (to whom a copy of the Report has been sent by the University) when proposals for improvements are examined by him. It is presumed that managements of non-Government colleges will also remedy the defects. No action seems called for.

26-8-48.

M.V.S.
31-8-48.

The matter of hostels is very important. I think the D.P.I. may be asked to consider this matter and put up proposals wherever hostels are necessary. It may be difficult for us to find funds for all of them, but still we may try to construct one by one.

T.S.A.
5-11-48.

E.P.H. (A)

In the file dealing with the recommendations of the Housing Committee regarding construction of hostels for students, it has been ordered in circulation to K.H.S. (Edu.), (P.W.), (Fin) & H. Pr. that the proposals should be deferred. That file is being circulated to H.M. (F.D.) also, as suggested by Development, before issue of order. This may be seen till that file is received back from H.M. (F.D.).

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Housing Committee
Proposals deferred
File sent to
Dev. Dept.
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w.r.t. the minute of H.M. (Edu) at K overleaf, kind attention is invited to the order in Circulation that the proposals of the Housing Committee in so far as they relate to hostels for Govt. colleges, should be deferred. In view of this, it is for orders whether the D.P.G. should be addressed as suggested at K overleaf. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edu)

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H. (Sec.)

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It is presumed that no action is to be taken now. This may be added to the G.O. at (A).

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