

ANIL K. CHANDA,
Principal,
Visva--Bharati.

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Santiniketan,
Bengal, India.

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Camp.51, Santhome High Road,
Mylapore, Madras.

5th March 1948.

Dear Sir,

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It was very kind of you to have given me an interview when I was able to place before you the financial difficulties of the Visva-Bharati and ask for an annual token grant from the Madras Government to the Visva-Bharati. As desired by you I am giving herewith a separate note giving in brief ~~the~~ important information about the Visva-Bharati, its financial position and the nature of its work. I shall be obliged if you will kindly let us know at an early date what your Government may be willing to do by way of help to the Visva-Bharati.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Anil Chanda.

Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avinashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Fort St.George, Madras.

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Education Branch.

G.O. No 780 Education
dated 5-4-48.

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Grant - The Visva Bharati -
Santiniketan - Grant of Rs. 5,000/-
Sanctioned.

Further papers

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COPY of telegram received from H.E. Sri C. Rajagopalachari
by the Hon'ble Sri B. Gopala Reddi on 2nd March 1948.

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Rajagopalachari.

Copy to 1. The Hon'ble Premier
2. The Hon'ble Minister for Education.

H.M. Finance,
3-3-1948

ANIL K. CHANDA
Principal.

The Visva-Bharati, founded by Rabindranath Tagore, is a public registered body doing its educational work at Santiniketan and Rural Reconstruction Work at Sriniketan.

The President of Visva-Bharati at present is Her Excellency Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, the General Secretary is Mr. Rathindranath Tagore and the Treasurer is Dr.D.M.Bose, Director of the Bose Institute in Calcutta.

The Visva-Bharati has the following branches at Santiniketan for its educational work -

- (1) Patha Bhavana (School)
- (2) Siksha Bhavana (College)
- (3) Viddya Bhavana (Department of Oriental Research)
- (4) Sangeetha Bhavana (Department of Music & Dancing)
- (5) Kalā Bhavana (Department of Fine Arts)
- (6) Cheena Bhavana (Department of Chinese and Buddhist Studies)
- (7) Hindi Bhavana (Department of Hindi Studies)
- (8) Rabindra Bhavana (A department newly started for work on the life and work of Rabindranath Tagore).
- (9) Dinabhandhu Bhavana (A department for Cultural contact between India and the West in memory of Dhinabhandhu C.F. Andrews).

The students are taken from all over India and from all classes. Nearly 40% of the students are from outside Bengal and in no way is it looked upon as a purely Bengali Institution, though located in Bengal.

In recognition of its all-India character and its various contribution to the general culture of India the Government of India has been giving the Visva-Bharati an annual token grant of Rs.30,000 from 1939. It was also given a Capital Grant by the Government of India of Rs.5 lakhs last year for capital expenditure.

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The Institution is faced with great financial difficulties and the present budget shows an annual deficit of Rs.1,10,000.

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Though the friendly intercession of the present West Bengal Governor Sri C. Rajagopalachariar, the Bengal Government has raised its annual contribution to Rs.40,000 from this year and several other friendly Provincial Governments are giving token annual grants to emphasise its all-India character and in recognition of its intrinsic worth. For instance, the Orissa Government maintains a department of Oriya Studies in the Visva-Bharati at an annual cost of nearly Rs.8,000; the U.P. Government, in its last year's budget, provided for Rs.2,000 which, we are unofficially informed, is being raised to Rs.5,000 in this year's budget; similarly the Assam Government in its last budget, made a contribution of Rs.1,500, which again, we are reliably informed, is being raised to Rs.2,500 in the present budget.

Our prayer is that the Madras Government should also help the Institution with an annual contribution, the amount to be fixed by the Government, as a token of its appreciation of the work of Visva-Bharati and its all-India character. It may be pointed out that we have every year a decent number of students from Madras in the Visva-Bharati and several of its prominent members in public life to-day are distinguished alumni of the Visva-Bharati, such as the Hon. Sri Gopala Reddi, Finance Minister, Madras, Sri G. Ramachandran of the Hindustani Talimi Sangh, Sri V.R.Chitra, Deputy Director of Industries, Madras, and several others.

--- Anil K. Chandra
5/3/48.

Hon'ble
Sri B. Gopala Reddi
Minister for Finance



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Fort St. George,
Madras.

17th March 1948.

Dear Mr. Avinashilingam,

Herewith the copy of telegram
from H.E. Sri C. Rajagopalachari on which
the Hon'ble Premier has minuted 'Yes'.

PM Kindly take steps to issue formal
orders sanctioning the grant.

Yours sincerely,

B. Gopala Reddi

Hon'ble Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Madras 9.

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THE VISVA-BHARATI, Santiniketan - Grant - Sanctioned
Grant of Rs. 5,000/- per year - Sanctioned for three years. Sanctioned.

Order/Ms.No. 780 dated 5-4-48.

The Govt. sanction a grant of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) per annum for each of the years, 1948-49, 1949-50 and 1950-51 to the Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, as a token of appreciation of the work of the Institution and its all-India character. The grant will be continued for during 1949-50 and 1950-51.
2. The A.G. is requested to admit the expenditure in audit pending provision of funds.

3. The expenditure will be debited to '37-General - Miscellaneous - A(i) 8 - Other grants'.

4. The D.P.I. is requested to address the Govt. in time for provision of funds.

To
The Principal,
The Visva-Bharati,
Santiniketan, Bengal, India.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
GO. MS. NO. 780, KDN., DATED 5TH APRIL, 1948.

ABSTRACT.
GRANT - The Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan - Grant of Rs. 5,000/- Sanctioned.

ORDER:

The Government sanction the payment of a grant of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) for 1948-49 to the Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal, as a token of their appreciation of the work of the institution and its all-India character. The grant will be continued during 1949-50 and 1950-51.

2. The Accountant-General is requested to admit the expenditure in audit pending provision of funds.

3. The expenditure will be debited to 37-r-General - Miscellaneous - A(i) 3 - Other grants".

4. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to submit the expenditure address the Government in time for provision of funds.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

M.V. SUBRAMANIAN,
Secretary to Government.

To the Principal, The Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, Bengal, India.

" Director of Public Instruction.

" Accountant-General through Finance Department.

Copy to Finance Department.

Forwarded/By order

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SUPERINTENDENT.

SUMMARISING NOTE.

GRANT - The Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan - Annual grant of Rs. 5,000/- Sanctioned.

The Principal, The Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, ^{presented} ~~submitted~~ an application to Govt. for the grant of an annual contribution to the Institution as a token of appreciation of the work done by it. He reported that the Institution was faced with great financial difficulties and that the Govt. of India and several other Provl. Govts. have sanctioned annual contributions to the Institution. H.E. Sri C. Rajagopalachariar, Governor of West Bengal, also suggested that a grant of Rs. 5,000/- per year may be sanctioned by this Govt. In view of the All-India character of the Institution, it was considered that this Govt. may also give an annual contribution as a token of their appreciation of the work of the Institution. Proposals of this kind should ordinarily be treated as Part II Schemes or if they are to be introduced during the course of a year, they should be treated as on 'New Service'. H.M.(Edn.) ^{submitted} ~~however ordered~~ that a grant of Rs. 5,000/- per year may be sanctioned for three years ~~and that a draft order may accordingly be put up.~~ H.M.(Fin.) and H.Pr. also agreed ^{with H.M. Edn.} that a sum of Rs. 5,000/- per annum for 3 years may be granted to the Visva Bharati. Orders were accordingly issued in G.O. No. 780, Edn., dated 5-4-48 sanctioning the payment of a grant of Rs. 5,000/- for 1948-49 to the Visva-Bharati and ^{directly} ~~directing~~ the continuance of the grant during 1949-50 and 1950-51 (copy enclosed).

This note may now be circulated to the other H.Ms. who have not seen the case. Copies of the note may also be sent to the Chief Secretary and the Finance Deptt.

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M. V. SUBRAMANIAN,
Secretary to Government.

Copy of G.O.Ms.No. 780, Edn., dated 5th April, 1948.

Sub: GRANT - The Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan - Grant of Rs. 5000/- Sanctioned.

ORDER:

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VISVA-BHARATI
FOUNDER-PRESIDENT
RABINDRANATH TAGORE

PRESIDENT
ABANINDRANATH TAGORE

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SANTINIKETAN
BENGAL, INDIA.

April 12, 1948

From

R. N. Tagore, Esqr.,
General Secretary, Visva-Bharati,
Santiniketan, Bengal.

To

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The Secretary to the Government of
Madras,
Education & Public Health Department,
MADRAS.

Subject - Grant of Rs.5,000/-.

Sir,

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I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of your order No. 78/Edn. dated the 5th April, 1948 conveying sanction of the Government of Madras of a grant of Rs.5,000/- to the Visva-Bharati for the year 1948-49. I further note that the grant will be repeated during the years 1949-50 and 1950-51.

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

R. N. Tagore

General Secretary.

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Secretary, E. & P.H.

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Please see herewith a telegram from H.E. Sri
C. Rajagopalachariar, forwarded by H.M. (Finance).
Santiniketan stands as a great memorial to Dr. Rabindranath
Tagore, our national poet. Apart from it, it is a cultural
institution for the whole of the country and so I think
that we may accept the suggestion of H.E. Sri C. Rajagopa-
chariar and give it a grant of Rs.5,000/- per year. The
proposal now may be to pay a grant of Rs.5,000 for the next
3 years.

H.M. (Fin.) and Hon. Premier may see and if necessary,
a note for the Standing Finance Committee may be prepared.

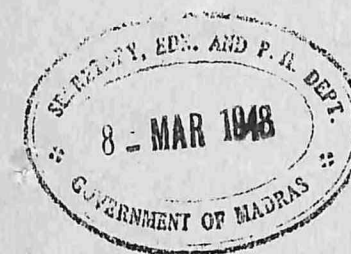


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Secretary, E.& P.H.

Please see herewith the note of H.M.(Finance) and H.Pr.
I had already sent a similar note to you. I do not know what
has happened. That file may be put up. A draft order also
may be put up along with that.



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THE VISVA-BHARATI, SANTINIKETAN - Grant - token of appreciation of work.

C.No.16552/48.

Please see the communications on p.p. 1-8 c.f., the D.O. of H.M.(Fin) and its enclosures on p.p. ⁹⁻¹¹~~9-10~~ c.f., and the minutes of H.M. H.Pr. on p.11 c.f. and the minutes of H.M.(Edn) on p.p. ^{1, 3 and 5 ante.}~~1, 3 and 5 ante.~~ The Principal of the Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, Benal, requests that this Government may make help the institution with an annual contribution as a token of appreciation of the work of Visva-Bharati and its all-India character. It has been ordered that a grant of Rs.5,000/- per year may be sanctioned for the next three years. Proposals of this kind are usually treated as Part II schemes. If the Proposal is to be introduced during the course of a year, it should be treated as a 'New Service' scheme. The current year is almost coming to a close. It seems therefore that the proposal may be sanctioned early next year following the new service ~~procedure~~ procedure. As the cost of the scheme exceeds Rs. 2,000/- per annum, but does not exceed Rs. 5,000/- per annum, it can be sanctioned after approval by H.M.(Edn.), H.M.(Fin) and H.Pr.; a summarising note "Marked Special" explaining the nature of the new service and the amount of expenditure involved should however be circulated to each of the ^{H.Ms.} ~~ministers~~ who did not see the case. H.M.(Fin) and H.Pr. have agreed that a sum of Rs. 5,000/- per annum may be granted to the Visva-Bharati. It is presumed that they agree that the grant may be paid for 3 years as proposed by H.M.(Edn.). A draft order is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Finance for acceptance prior to circulation.



No.16552/48-1

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For m. 19070 A-Edn/48-1

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The draft order may be accepted subject to the remarks at A.O.D. above, and to the amount 1500/- being taken out of the fund for the year 1948-9.

E.P.H.(G3) Dept.

Please see the notes on p. 7 ante. H.M.(Edn) has minuted that the grant of Rs. 5,000/- per annum may be for 3 years. The draft below provides for this.

May be circulated to H.M.(Edn), H.M.(Fin) and H.Pr. for approval.

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We can give the amount for three years at the first instalment when the position could be reviewed then.

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Please see the orders in circulation above. The draft order ^{below} may now issue ~~on the same~~ ^{separately}. Action will be taken with reference to ~~A~~ B on p.7 ante. and for obtaining a supplementary grant from the Legislature.

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(Issued as G.O. No. 780, Edn., dated 5-4-1948).

With reference to 'B' on p.7 ANTE a draft summarising note is submitted for approval.

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② Action re: obtaining of supplementary grants will be taken separately in due course. It is not too early to take action thereon.