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R.C.No.1439-J/47

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction
Madras, Dated 3-11-1948.

From

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

SUB: Libraries--Grant--1948-49-District Boards--Municipal
Councils, Panchayat Boards & Gramasangams--
Proposal for distribution - submitted.
Ref: G.O.No. 1217 Education dated 15-5-1948.

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I have the honour to submit herewith
proposal for the distribution of grant during the current year
to Libraries under the management of local body bodies,
private associations, panchayats and grama-sangams. This is
the first year when Libraries maintained by Gramasangams in
prohibition Districts are to get grants.

2. details regarding applications
received and admitted to aid and the amount of grant recommended
for payment are noted below:

Name.	No. of Applications received.	No. admitted to aid.	Amount of grant.
1. PANCHAYAT	717	668	57490
2. NON-PANCHAYATS:			
i. Dt. Boards.	45	44	10500
ii. Municipalities.	76	75	16970
iii. Co-operative.	24	21	3170
iv. Private.	184	165	23175
3. GRAMASANGAMS:	233	186	13175

In scrutinising and admitting the
applications to aid the usual conditions (viz) Accessibility,
Maintenance of Registers, Willingness of the management for
an equal contribution etc. were adhered to.

23. Some gramasangams have applied
for grant for libraries yet to be opened by them. I do not
know whether it is the intention of the Government to sanction
grants to these sangams which only ~~contemplate~~ contemplate
opening a library at present. I have not admitted these
sangams' libraries to aid but a separate list (List IV) of such
gramasangams is submitted for the consideration of Government--
whether any grant may be sanctioned to them.

4. Three lists of libraries (i)
Panchayats; (ii) Non-panchayats and (iii) Gramasangams; for
which grant has been recommended are submitted herewith and
the amount of grants recommended for each library is noted against
each., having regard to their usefulness, the recommendation

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recommendation of the Inspecting officers and the amount spent by them last year etc. I request that Government may be pleased to approve my proposal and sanction grant as proposed. In the order sanctioning grant the usual conditions may be stipulated.

Yours faithfully,

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G. Sankar
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for Director of Public Instruction.

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time under consideration, the issue
of instructions to the D. P. J.
offices to guide them in
the selection of books for the
libraries which are aided by Gov.
They now issue the following
instructions to the D. P. J. offices.
in the matter: -
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
Education and Public Health Department.
G.O.Ms.No.122 Education dated 19th January 1949.

Abstract

Libraries - Public - Selection of books - Instructions to departmental officers - Issued.

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ORDER:

The Government have had for some time under consideration, the issue of instructions to the District Educational Officers to guide them in the approval of books for the libraries which are aided by Government. They now issue the following instructions in the matter:-

(1) Books abusing any religion need not be allowed. This need not necessarily refer to books written by persons belonging to one religion abusing another religion. There are persons like the Blackshirts who violently abuse certain aspects of Hindu religion. While advocacy of social reform is not to be tabooed, books abusing religion and offending susceptibilities of people should not be encouraged.

(2) Books creating class-hatred need not be allowed.

(3) Books with indecent stories with or without pictures should not be allowed.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

M.V. SUBRAMANIAN,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
To the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras through the Mayor,
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Superintendent.

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From the D.P.I. R.C.No.1439-J/47, dated 3-11-48.

Libraries - Public - Grant for 1948-49 - Distribution - Sanctioning of.

The D.P.I. in his letter read above has submitted proposals to Govt. for the distribution of grants to public libraries for the year 1948-49. As stated by the D.P.I., this is the first year when grants are distributed to libraries maintained by Gramasangams.

2. A provision of Rs.2 lakhs (Rs.84,000/- for libraries under district boards, municipal councils and private associations and Rs.1,16,000/- for libraries under panchayats and gramasangams) ^{has been} ~~was~~ made in the Budget Estimate for 1948-49 for grants to public libraries maintained by the district boards, municipal councils, private associations, panchayats and gramasangams. But the D.P.I. has submitted proposals for the distribution of grants amounting to Rs.1,24,480/- (Rs.70,655/- for libraries under Panchayats and Gramasangams and Rs.53,815/- for libraries under local bodies and private associations) only. He has stated that grants to libraries have been recommended having regard to their usefulness, the recommendation of the inspecting officers and the amount spent by them last year etc. The recommendation of the D.P.I. may be accepted.

3. The D.P.I. has ^{submitted} ~~admitted~~ a list of ³⁹ ~~some~~ gramasangams which have applied for grant for libraries yet to be opened by them (Vide pp. 5-7 c.f.) The D.P.I. has ^{includes for grants} ~~not admitted~~ these sangam libraries which are not existent. He requests the orders of Govt. whether any grant should be sanctioned for them. Certain conditions have been laid down which have to be observed before sanctioning a grant to a library. ~~One~~ One of the conditions of the grant is ^{that} ~~met~~ before a library applies for aid, it should have worked at least for a year and should have been inspected and satisfactorily reported upon at least once by the inspecting officers of the

Educational Deptt. But it is stated in the G.O. that an exception to this condition will be made in the case of ^{mainland} libraries meantime by panchayats and gramasangams, in the prohibition districts. 39 gramasangams have applied for grants to libraries proposed to be opened by them. The question for consideration ^{is} whether they ^{are} ~~may be~~ entitled ~~for~~ grant in view of the fact ~~that~~ that an exception has been made to them in respect of the condition stated above, even inspite of the fact that they have not opened ~~the~~ libraries at all at the time of applying for grants.

For orders. Drafts I & II in respect of the proposed orders.

The file may be sent to Fin. for remarks before circulation.

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15/11/48

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E. P. H. No. 81531-102
18-11-48

Fin (ExpA)

Please see the letter from the DPI with enclosures in the current file.

The two draft orders below may be accepted.

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Fin. No. 99621.8A/48-1
23.11.48



The draft orders may now issue. After issue, action with reference to X above will be taken.

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C. No. 81531/2/48

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This question may be taken up separately.
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The proposal in this file is to sanction grants for the various libraries in the province. The number of libraries to which we are giving these small contributions is very large. I think we must have also certain rules to guide the purchase of books. It has been found that many libraries go in for mere trash, obscene novels and stories. The case in point is one Kambarasam, written by one Mr. Annathurai. He is a good speaker and writer but the subject that he has chosen is to show the indecencies of sex that have been written in Kambaramaynam with the result, I am told, that that book is absolutely vulgar. It is written in an interesting style and the subject is also voluptuous and so, I understand the book has gone into many editions and all the libraries are purchasing it. If the libraries are allowed to purchase their own books, I understand many of them are going in for such books. We will rather have no libraries than help libraries to purchase such books. And so, it is necessary that we must have some restriction by which the money that we give is utilised properly.

I have thought over this matter deeply. First, I thought we shall purchase standard works and give the library books rather than money but that may bring in some criticism as favouritism being shown to certain publishers. Besides, some of the libraries may already have those books. Neither will it be possible for us to recommend all the books that are to be purchased. In the new Magazine that we are starting, we may recommend certain books as good for libraries but only in a general sense. In these circumstances, it is rather difficult to prescribe any hard and fast rules. Neither is it good to do so and so, the result is that we must be satisfied with providing certain restrictions to be observed by libraries. I suggest the following rules may be framed:

- (1) The books to be purchased by recognised libraries for which we are giving grants should be books of a higher cultural value like those of Sri Ramakrishna, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandho, Pandit Jawaharlal and others.
- (2) The books to be purchased, if they are stories or novels, must be by standard authors and must not be of a vulgar type.
- (3) The books to be purchased by libraries must be subject to the approval of the D.F.O.

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4. Books abusing other communities or religion should not be purchased.

5. Books or Magazines which are vulgar or which contain vulgar pictures should not be allowed to be purchased.

Separate instructions may be issued to the D.E.Os. to observe the above rules and to see that as far as possible such standard books as are advised in our Magazine should be allowed to be purchased.

3 These may be examined and put up. I do not think it is necessary to refer this to the D.P.I. as it will involve further time and we have not much time before the grants have to be disbursed before the end of the year.

ISA
9.12.48

Reference to H.M.'s minute above.

It is submitted that the indents for books to be purchased should receive the prior approval of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies, in the case of Co-operative societies' Libraries and that of the District Educational Officer or the Inspectress of Girls' Schools concerned in the case of other libraries maintained by Dt. Boards & Municipal Councils and private associations.

They have to purchase the books and claim the grants before the close of this year. The rules proposed by H.M.(Edn.) may be embodied as Annexure I in the draft I below and reference to the rules may be made in para I (iv) of draft I. Similarly, in the case of Libraries maintained by Panchayat Boards and Gramasangams, reference may be made to para 1 (iv) of draft II and the rules may be embodied in Annexure I to draft order II. Necessary additions have been made the two drafts kept below.

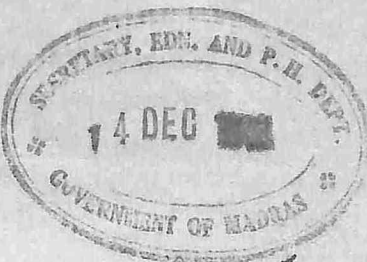
The file may be circulated to H.M.(Education).

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I wonder why this new rule should be put in the Annexure. It put in the main body itself. Secondly, while the administrative



Para 1 (iv) of Draft I



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side of the Co-operative Societies may be with the co-operative Department, the advice for the purchase of books must be with the D.E.Os. and so, the advice of the D.E.O. or the Inspectress to the libraries maintained by the Co-operative Societies should be insisted upon. The draft may be amended accordingly and put up.

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Revised drafts are submitted for approval with reference to the order above.

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The draft may be issued.

I would also like to issue a set of instructions to the D.E.Os. in this matter. That must be detailed and must be able to guide them as to what sort of books must be chosen. After the issue of the draft note, the file may be submitted again to consider that matter.

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16.12.48

The draft has been sent to the Registrar for forwarding to H.M.(Edn.)

Submitted also to the Registrar for forwarding to H.M.(Edn.)

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In the approved drafts which have been sent to the Registrar, the instructions contained in para 2 of H.M.'s minute on pages 3-4 date, have been embodied. Copies of the two drafts will be communicated to the Inspecting Officers and the managements of libraries. The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) with reference to the minutes above.

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Instructions may be issued to the District Educational Officers that the following books need not be allowed to be purchased by any of our recognised libraries:-

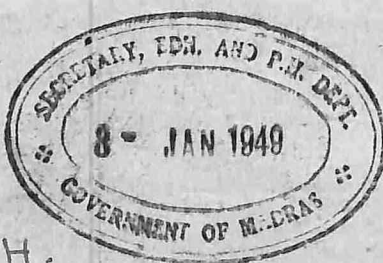
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A draft order is submitted for approval.

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