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[Despatch Abstract.]

Education - Refugees from Pakistan - Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund - Collection in Madras - Balance of the fund - Placed at the disposal of the Director of Public Instruction.

Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund

(For the relief and rehabilitation of Refugees)

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K.M. Nanjappa,
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 c/o Imperial Bank of India, Madras.

Reply should be addressed to—
 Hon. Secretary,
 Sub-Lieutenant (s) N. K. JAIN, R.N.V.R.,
 H.M.S. Naval Office,
 Fort St. George, Madras
 Tel. 4094-4556

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Date. 2nd March 1949

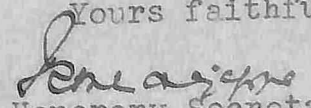
The Chief Secretary
 to the Govt. of Madras,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Re:- Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund.

I enclose herewith copy of a letter addressed by the Fund to the Hon'ble the Premier of Madras under instructions from the Prime Minister of India regarding the disposal of the collections made in this province on account of the abovementioned Fund.

I shall be thankful if you will advise me at an early date in consultation with the Hon'ble the Premier his views regarding the collections made here to enable me to close the account and dispose of the amount at an early date as required by the Prime Minister.

Yours faithfully,

 Honorary Secretary & Treasurer.

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Copy of letter dated 21.2.1949 addressed to The Hon'ble Sri O.P. Ramaswamy Reddiar, Premier of Madras, Madras.

Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund.

With reference to the abovementioned Fund, which at present has a balance of Rs.55,801-8-6, under instructions from the Local Committee I sought the advice of the Prime Minister of India for the disposal of the amount. He has now informed me through his Private Secretary that before taking a decision in the matter, he would ~~very much~~ like to have your recommendations. Further he would very much like to stipulate that the money accrued in Madras be used for affording educational facilities for Refugee children in the province. If it is decided to utilise this amount in the Madras Province for the type of work as indicated above, the money will have to be placed at your disposal.

2. In the meanwhile, we have received a request from the Refugees Relief Committee (Madras), requesting us to retain the amount in Madras for the benefit of the Refugees.

3. I shall be grateful of your advice in the matter to enable me to place the matter before the local Committee of the Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund and then reply the Prime Minister on the subject.

Sd/- K. M. Nanjappa
Honorary Secretary & Treasurer.

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Ref. Date 21st February 1949

*c.s. may see and examine
and put before a committee
and prepare a reply.*
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20th Feb. 1949

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The Principal Private Secretary
to the Premier of Madras,
M A D R A S.

Sir,

Ref: Disposal of Prime Minister Pundit
Jawaharlal Nehru Relief Fund -

I have to state that this Committee consti-
tuted by the Premier has been looking into the educa-
tion of the Refugee students in Madras, in addition to
the management of all the three camps.

As you are no doubt aware that there are
60 Medical Students accepted by the Government of
Madras, now studying in Madras. Their families have
got scattered all over India. The onus of provision
of loans and advances has been put by the Government
of India on the Provinces where their parents are now
settled. After a great deal of correspondence some of
the provinces have accepted this liability while others
like United Province etc., have not. These boys have
been here now for about 18 months. This committee had
no other course but to come to their aid with the
limited means at its disposal. The following expenses
have so far been incurred on their behalf. Had our
resources been greater, much more could have been done.
We are giving one Medical book between 3 or 4 students.
This of course is most unsatisfactory. Specially near
examination time when every student wants his own books;
same applies to instruments.

1. Purchase of Medical Books	...	Rs. 2660	11	3
2. Examination fees	...	Rs. 579	5	0
3. Purchase of surgical instruments	...	Rs. 480	4	6
4. Train fares	...	Rs. 66	0	0
5. Cash allowances to Medical Students	...	Rs. 1025	0	0

A.P.S. may see and
examine and place
before me
C.P.R.
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(P.S.)

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The Refugees Relief Committee
to the Premier of Madras

Not: Disposal of Prime Minister Fund
Jawaharlal Nehru Relief Fund

I have to state that the Committee consists
of the Premier has been looking into the situation
of the Refugees in Madras, in addition to
the management of all the three camps.

As you are no doubt aware that there are
30 medical students in the Government of
Madras, now studying in Madras. Their families have
not been able to pay the fees. The Government
of Madras has been paying the fees for the students
of India on the condition that their families are not
able to pay. After a great deal of correspondence some of
the students have accepted this liability while others
like the student mentioned above, have not. These boys have
been here now for about 15 months. This committee has
no other course but to come to their aid with a
limited means of its disposal. The following expenses
have so far been incurred on their behalf. Had our
resources been greater, much more could have been done.
We are giving one hundred rupees between 5 or 6 students.
This of course is not a very large sum, especially when
examination time comes every student needs his own books
and supplies to his family.

1. Purchase of Medical Books	Rs. 1000
2. Examination fees	Rs. 200
3. Purchase of Medical Instruments	Rs. 400
4. Travel Expenses	Rs. 50
5. Cash Allowance to Medical	Rs. 1000

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Besides the Medical Students, we have admitted
45 refugee children in various schools in Madras for whom
school fees have to be paid in many cases and books purchased
for all of them. The Refugee Camps have schools running
in the camps and books, slates, pencils and other equip-
ments have to be provided by this committee.

Mr. Goenka the Secretary of this Committee wrote
to the Secretary, Prime Minister Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru
Relief Fund, Naval Office, Fort St. George, Madras, on
30th April, 1948, suggesting that the funds of the Prime
Minister Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru Relief Fund, be diverted
to this Committee. As no action was taken in the absence
of Mr. Goenka, I sent a reminder (Copies enclosed).

The Committee now understands that the final
disposal of the Fund at Madras is left to the Premier of
Madras and it is requested that the Premier be pleased to
transfer this fund to this Committee. If the whole
amount is to be spent on education alone, a separate
account will be kept for this purpose. I enclose a report
of the work done to the end of September 48 for information.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

(MADRAS)

90th Feb. 1947

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TO THE BOARD OF
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Short noted on the work done by the Refugee Relief Committee upto the quarter ending 30th September 1948.

There are 3818 refugees concentrated in the three camps viz., Malayan Camp, Avadi, Lutteral Gardens Kilpauk and Jamalia Hostel, Perambur.

The number of refugees in each of the three camps is as follows:-

Malayan Camp, Avadi.	...	3079
Littoral Gardens, Kilpauk.	...	379
Jamalia Hostel, Porambur.	...	360
		3818

The inflow of the refugees in large numbers to the camps has practically ceased and there is a tendency on the part of the refugees in the camps to get back to Northern India.

FINANCE.

A sum of Rs.9840/6/9 was expended during the quarter as per detailed below:-

Items.	Amount spent up to previous report.			Since spent.			Total.		
	Rs.	As.	Ps.	Rs.	As.	Ps.	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Monthly allowance.	2450	2-10-	3	735-	0-	0	2523	7-10-	3
Passage money.	87	3-	4-0	3055-	12-	0	116	9-	0-0
Books and Surgical Instruments.	1570-	8-	0	1566-	1-	6	2936-	11-	6
Train fare and enroute expenses.	4048-	8-	0	1129-	0-	0	5177-	8-	0
Cooking vessels.	3991-	0-	0				3991-	0-	0
Water supply and electricity.	1591-	0-	6	300-	9-	0	1891-	12-	0
Soap and oil.	631-	10-	1	880-	0-	0	1511-	10-	3
Miscellaneous.	295-	6-	6	183-	7-	9	483-	14-	3
Feeding charges.	447-	1-	0	280-0-0			447-	1-	0
Establishment.	220-	0-	0	260-	0-	0	480-	0-	0
Lorry (up keep and cost of station wagen)	427-	2-	3	1586-	6-	0	2013-	8-	3
School fees.	42-	13-	0	39-	0-	0	81-	13-	0
	46531-	1-	9	9840-	6-	9	56371-	8-	6

REHABILITATION.

Three sets of forms have been received from the Government of India for sanctioning loans to refugees. The same have been distributed.

Form A is for individual loans.
" B " joint family loans.
" C " on co-operative basis.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies visited the camp on 23-11-1948 when he was explained the various methods of rehabilitation contemplated. He has promised to establish 1 co-operative dairies and ~~several~~ sweet-meat making co-operatives in the very near future.

Since the last meeting the Government of India have authorised free issue of tickets to certain parts of India and 67 families have been provided with free tickets and rehabilitated.

Unfortunately West Bengal, Bihar, United Province, Delhi and Punjab are declared as closed areas and no free tickets are permitted. The Committee have had to incur travelling expenses in a few cases where the refugees produced evidence of having secured jobs.

The Committee have rehabilitated 28 refugees with their families over-seas by paying their passage money to Penang and Singapore etc., But for this these unfortunate persons would have lost their jobs over-seas and would be perpetual burden on the Government of India.

FOOD:- In addition to the ration money the refugees are now getting free issue of wheat from American Red Cross. Refugees over 12 years of age will get 20 lbs. of wheat, between 5 and 12-10 lbs. and below 5- 4 1/2 lbs. of cereals per month. This will be a great help to them.

CLOTHING:- Second issue of clothing has already been made. So far about 18000 yards of cloth has been issued to the refugees.

EDUCATION:- It is most unfortunate that Mrs. Bhatia who is in charge of education section has not been keeping good health. We hope that she will be back at her work very soon.

So far the Government were exempting refugee children studying in Government schools fees etc., from IV form ~~and~~ upwards. A representation was made through the Director of Public Instructions. The Government have now exempted all refugee children from payment of school fees. The children can also claim a Government grant for the purchase of books etc.,

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The refugee medical students have been helped by the Committee in various ways. Books to the value of Rs. 1326/- have been purchased for them. Loans to the extent of Rs. 405/- have been given to pay examination fees. But for this they would have lost one year. The Committee made a representation to the East Punjab Government to expedite sanction of loans to these students. There has been good response to this representation.

MEDICAL:- The medical arrangements are under the control of the Surgeon General. Each camp has a hospital.

MISCELLANEOUS:- Mr. Sundaram, Officer in charge of Malayan Camp has given all his help and co-operation to the refugees.

Since the last meeting Saidapet Camp has been closed down and a new camp started in Jamalila Hostel, Perambur.

The Madras Race Club sent a sum of Rs. 1567/- further donation. Their station wagon was for sale and they have very kindly given it to the Committee for a nominal price of Rs. 1,000/- The ladies can now make use of the vehicle and travel in reasonable comfort.

On 31-10-1948 Deepavali Day Sweets were distributed to all refugee children. 4000 blankets have been recovered from the Government of India for free distribution to refugees. 1/3 lbs. of soap was distributed to each refugee during the quarter.

R. Goenka.
G. S. Gill.
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Copy of letter dated 30th April 1948 from the Secretary,
Refugees Relief Committee, Madras, to Lt. N. K. Jain, Honorary Secretary,
Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Relief Fund, Naval Office,
Fort. St. George, Madras.

Dear Sir,

As you are doubtless aware, the Madras Refugees Relief
Committee is looking after the welfare, maintenance and management
of the camp of Refugees from North India.

Since a large amount of money is necessary for this
purpose, we shall be glad if you can find your way to divert,
in consultation with Delhi if necessary, the collections in
this Province towards Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru Fund to
this organisation which is in intimate contact with the refugees
from the Punjab, Sind and Hyderabad.

A line in reply will oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Sd. RAMANATH GOENKA,
Secretary.

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8th February 1949.

My Dear Nanjappa,

I enclose a letter from Mr. Goenka, to the Honorary Secretary, Prime Minister Pundi Jawaharlal Nehru Relief Fund, Naval Office, Fort St. George, Madras. As no action has so far been taken, I request you to do it now.

Rehabilitation of Refugees and closing down Camps are under active consideration of the Government. For this purpose, large fund will be required. It is but ~~far~~ fair that money collected for Refugees in this Province should be spent in Madras alone. Hope to hear from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,
(sd) G. S. Gill.

Mr. K. M. Nanjappa,
Superintendent,
Security Department,
Imperial Bank,
First Line Beach, MADRAS.

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PRIME MINISTER NEHRU'S NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

Instructions have been received from the Prime Minister Pandit Nehru to remit to Delhi all the fund at our credit here. A meeting of the General Committee of the Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund will therefore be held on the 17th February 1949 at 6 p.m. in the 'Ashok Vihar' premises (formerly known as 'HOPE CLUB'), People's Park, Madras. A statement of account will be placed before the Committee for ~~their~~ their final decision.

All members are requested kindly to attend.

c/o Imperial Bank of India,
G.T., Madras,
8th Feb. 1949.

K.M. Nanjappa,
Honorary Secretary & Treasurer.

SPECIAL.

PUBLIC (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT.

Memorandum No. 999/29-2 dated 27.3.49

Sub: Displaced persons from Pakistan - Educational concessions.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund at Madras has stated that there is a balance of Rs.55,801-8-6 in the fund and that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India whom he had consulted as to the disposal of the amount has informed him that before taking a decision in the matter he ^{desired} ~~liked~~ to have the recommendation of the Hon'ble the Premier of this Government. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has expressed the wish that the money should be used for affording educational facilities for refugee children in this Province.

The Refugee Relief Committee in Madras has requested that the balance amount referred to may be transferred to it to be used for the same purpose, particularly medical education.

It has been suggested that the relief fund should be used for extension of the concessions and loans ^{to refugee students} financed by the Government of India, for instance, there may be deserving cases where stipends in addition to concessions and loans may be justified. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to submit very urgently proposals for utilising in the best way the balance amount referred to above for providing educational facilities for refugee children in this Province to supplement the Government of India's scheme for financial assistance to refugee students.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

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National Relief Fund

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Date 28th March 1949.

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The Chief Secretary
to the Govt. of Madras,
M a d r a s.

Dear Sir,

Re:- Prime Minister Nehru's National
Relief Fund.

1442.
With reference to my letter to you
of the 2nd instant, please expedite your
reply regarding the Hon'ble the Premier's
views in respect of the collections of the
abovementioned Fund to enable me to close
the account and dispose of the amount at an
early date as required by the Prime Minister
of India.

Yours faithfully,

Hony. Secretary & Treasurer

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Letter Ref No. 999/49-4. Dated 1.4.49.

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The Army Secy and Treasurer,
Prinl. Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund,
C/o Imperial Bank of India, Madras.

Sir,

Prinl. Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund -
Utilisation for educational facilities to refugee
children.

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Ref. your letter 2.28.3.49.

I am directed to state that the matter is
under consideration and that a reply will be sent
as early as possible.

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No. 999/49-3 Dated 1.4.49
 Displaced persons from Pakistan - Educational concessions.
 Ref. for Memo. No. 999/49-2 B 12-3-49 / 210
 In D.O. 9 is requested to expedite this.
 1/4/49
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The Refugees Relief Committee (MADRAS)

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To:
 The Director of Public Instructions,
 Madras.

Sir,

Sub:- Displaced persons from Pakistan-Educational concessions.
Ref:- Your letter No. Roc.431-W.1/49, dated 14-3-1949.

I have to state that although Government concession is not given to refugee children below V Class, extension of this concession will not materially affect the situation because most of the children are in refugee camp at Avadi where there is a well run school in the camp itself.

(about 600)
 There are only a few hundred displaced persons in the two camps (Kilpauk and Perambur). A few children are attending out-side school. Except the Muslim school in Mount Road the other schools like Sri. K. S. Sanatan Dharma Patasala G.T., S. S. Dharama Vidyalaya, Government Christian College High School G.T. Madras, are now giving free education to them irrespective of the classes they attend vide Annexure A.

The committee are paying school fees for children mentioned below in Annexure B.

(p.t.o)

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.....5-4-1949

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ANNEXURE. A.

1. Kishindas, T.
2. Pitamburda, B.
3. Delria, S.L.
4. Lakshman.
5. Narayanadas.
6. Inchmandas, J.G.
7. Rupchand Newandram.
8. Mohan, N.
9. Pareram.
10. Lilaram Basantra.
11. R.L. Delria.
12. R.L. Asudharam.
13. Patmandas, P.
14. Monchhara, N.S.
15. Muralidhar.
16. Hari.
17. Arjanikumar.
18. Dharamdas Moolchand.

ANNEXURE. B.

1. Jogindranath.
2. Sathyapal.
3. Sremathi Ramdular.
4. Tilak Raja.
5. Kanta Devi.
6. Nazindu Kavur.
7. Sri Rajender Kavur.
8. Khana Sulabral.
9. Raja Kumar.
10. Dharampal.
11. Chamanlal.
12. Dharsen Lal.

Expenses so far have been as follows:-

1. A girl Shaktimala belonging to South India but a refugee from West Pakistan has been secured admission in Queen Mary's College. She has been given Rs.200/- advance and some other expenses.

2. There are two refugee Engineering students in the Engineering College, Messrs. Bixinder Singh Rehani and Tilak Raj Sethi. They have been helped with books etc. There were 12 students for whom books etc. were purchased but they have been recalled by Government of East Punjab to join Engineering College at Hissar.

3. There are 60 medical students living in Stanley Club Island ground. These students have been financially helped and books worth about Rs.5,000/- Most of them are now getting on getting help from their relations except a few who are getting ment loans. A few thousand rupees will be enough for finish studies.

4. School fees and transport charges for a few are paid by the Committee as mentioned above.

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It will be seen that there is no scope to spend the whole amount standing to the credit of the Secretary and Treasurer of Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund. If the whole amount is earmarked for education alone it will be putting the money in cold storage without it being utilised for other more useful purpose.

The work of this Committee has enlarged a good deal lately. Only on 28-3-1949 we had 2,300 South Indian Refugees from Burma. Every one of these refugees' men, women and children was given clothing and meal. These batches are now coming regularly and thereby the liability of the committee is also increasing. No donations are coming in now hence the committee can only do its work if a substantial portion of the fund is passed on to this committee.

It is therefore suggested that the amount hitherto spent towards the education of the refugee students of all kinds and of all expenses incurred in connection with their studies, viz. Engineering, Medical College and High School students, may please be reimbursed from the Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund. The expenditure incurred hitherto amounts to about Rs.6,000/- and the same may please be adjusted at an early date. A sum of Rs.14,000/- over and above this 6,000/- may kindly be left in the hands of the Director of public instruction for meeting the future expenditure.

The balance amount may kindly be transferred to the account of this committee.

SECRETARY.

Copy to the Addl. Secretary to Government, Public (Refugees) Department, Madras.

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Education Department

From (Name)

Designation The Director of Public Instruction,

Station Madras.

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To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department, Port St. George,
Madras.

Enclosures: Roc. No. 431-WL/49 dated 5-4-1949

Sir,

Sub: Displaced persons from Pakistan - Educational Concessions.

Ref:- Govt. Memo No.999/49-3 dated 1-4-1949.

I have invited the view of the Secretary, The Refugees Relief Committee, Madras, and the Vice President, Sindhi Refugees Relief Committee, Madras, in the matter. I have received a reply from the latter. The former has not sent his reply so far, and he has been reminded. I shall submit my reply on receipt of a reply from him.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction.

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From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public (Elections) Department,
Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Displaced persons from Pakistan - Educational concessions -
Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund -
Ref: Government Memo. No. 99/49-2 Public (Elections) dated
12-3-49.

With reference to Government Memorandum referred to above and in continuation of my letter Roc 471 WI/49 dated 5-4-49, I have the honour to state that the President of the Sindhi Hindu Refugees Relief Committee and the Secretary, The Refugees Relief Committee, Madras have forwarded their proposals in the matter, vide copies of their replies enclosed

2. The proposals of the President, Sindhi Refugee Relief Committee are as follows:-

(a) Students coming from the Avadi camp to the High Schools in Madras may be paid the cost of the railway season tickets.

(b) Such students may also be helped to purchase clothes to enable them to attend school in neat dress. A grant of Rs 10/- per mensem or some reasonable amount to each student may be given. The number of such students is expected to be 100.

(c) Refugee teachers may be employed to teach the children in the Elementary Schools in the camp in their mother tongue and the schools in the camps may be improved by additional staff and equipment.

(d) A separate High school for the Refugee children may be opened with a Boarding House so that all those scattered in different places may be in one school where their mother tongue can be taught.

3 The proposals of the Secretary, Refugees Relief Committee are:-

(a) that a sum of Rs 6,000 may be credited to the committee for the expenditure incurred by them so far towards helping the college and school boys for various purposes.

(b) that a sum of Rs 14,000 may be left in the hands of the Director of Public Instruction ~~xxxx~~ for meeting further expenditure on Education.

(c) that the balance of the amount, viz. Rs 35,801/- may be transferred to the committees

The Secretary is of the opinion that there is no scope to spend the whole amount in question if it is earmarked for "education" alone and that it will be putting the money in cold storage without being utilised for other more useful purposes. In his view, the educational needs are fairly met by the educational concessions and Government loans and by the help rendered by the Committee. He states that the case of Burma Refugees requires consideration. 2,300 refugees had come from Burma on 23-3-49 and food and clothing had to be provided for them. The committee requires funds for this ~~kind of~~ work.

4 I recommend that the proposals of the President, The Sindhi ~~Committee~~ Refugees Relief Committee referred to in para 2 may be accepted. The suggestion of the president to open a High school at Avadi at Government expense is already under consideration- vide Government Memo 2245-48 of Education dated 7-1-49.

5746/48 dated 18-11-48 from the Special Officer District Board Chingleput
Orders of Government are awaited in this matter.

5. I approve also ~~the~~ the suggestion ~~of~~ that ~~the~~ the fund should be used
for extension of concession to students over and above the concessions
already granted viz. payment of stipends, as such help will be useful
to those preparing for a career.

6 I also recommend the suggestion of the Secretary, The Refugees
Relief Committee that a sum of Rs 6000/- may be credited to the Committee
for the expenditure ~~incurr~~ incurred by them for the refugee college
and school boys so far.

7. I suggest that a suitable sum may be placed at the disposal
of the Director of Public Instruction to be invested in the Bank and
used for the purposes mentioned above by examining all deserving cases.

Yours faithfully,

S. S. Ramani
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For Director of Public Instruction.

MSR 16/4

18th March 1949.

From
The President,
The Sindhi Hindu Refugees Relief Committee,
No. 3 Thambu Chetty Street, Madras.

To
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Sir,

Sub:-Displaced persons from Pakistan--Educational concessions and
Roc.No.431-W.I/49 dated 14.3.1949.

I acknowledge receipt of your 14th inst which was received only on
16th inst. I am grateful on behalf of the Sindhi Hindu Refugee Relief
Committee and I request you to convey my thanks to Hon'ble Prime Minister
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Hon'ble Premier of Madras C.P. Ramaswamy
Reddiar, for considering the needs of refugee students when disbursing the
sum of Rs. 55,801-8-6 the amount remaining in balance in the Fund sponsored
by Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's namely the National Relief Fund. It is a
very fine idea of the Hon'ble Premier of Madras for deciding to set apart this
amount for providing facilities to refugee students. This Committee
acknowledges that students studying in classes 5 to 8 and 9 and 10 are
given a cash grant of Rs. 50/- and Rs. 75/- for purchasing Text Books, Note
Books, etc. etc. That is just sufficient to cover the purchase of text
books, note books and other things and since almost all the students are
inmates of refugee camps at Avadi which is 17 miles away from Madras and they
have to come to School in Madras in train from Avadi, from Perambur and in
trams from Kilpauk refugee camp. Since the allowance given to their parents is
too small to cover their normal rations and since they are given only 2
pairs clothes in a year; therefore it is seen that many a refugee
student attend the High School in Madras by travelling at time without
tickets (few students have been able to purchase season passes by getting some
contributions from other sources, while few were caught for travelling
without tickets). Now these are the circumstances and the economic plight of
refugees is too terrible therefore in these circumstances, this committee
suggests that each High School student may be given a further cash grant of
Rs. 10/- or some reasonable amount per month to cover the purchase of season
pass and to cover their purchases of some clothes so as to enable them to
attend school in neat dress. By the beginning of academic year number of
these students will come to about one hundred.

Re. Students in Primary Classes:

Government has not permitted anything for them by way of cash
grants to purchase slates, slate pencils, note books, text books, etc. etc.
At times this committee supplies slates and note books. As regards this class of
students this committee suggests that each student may be provided with
some cash grant for purchasing of note books, text books, slates, pencils etc.
etc. and also to enable them to purchase some cloth. In this connection
please permit me to say that District Board School at Avadi is not being
conducted in an appropriate way. The teachers in the school are not
sufficiently qualified and there is no doubt about the paucity of the qualified
teachers in the refugee camps here. The salary paid by the District Board to
the teachers is not sufficient. Therefore the committee suggests that the
District Board may be approached to appoint qualified teachers even on higher
salary and such extra mount may be given out of this fund and further the school
at Avadi may be properly equipped. Besides there is no primary school to
cater to the needs of refugee students in Perambur camps and in Kilpauk
camps and if this is due to the number of students being not sufficient and
then some arrangements may be made with some schools nearby; where the refugee
children should be taught in their mother tongue and for that purpose refugee
teachers may kindly be appointed in such school at Government expenses from
this fund.

I fear the Schools nearby otherwise may not agree to make special arrangements for the refugees children in their school to be educated in their mother tongue.

You will appreciate that refugee children cannot be taught in regional language here and because in Madras Christian College High School the medium of instruction is English therefore refugee students prefer to study there. At present in that school there are 50 refugee students and their number will swell to about 100 in the next year to study there. Therefore this committee begs to suggest that Government either may start its own High School for refugee as well displaced students from Pakistan or may give or may agree to give sufficient help to refugee helping organisation for starting school. Such students are not alone in Madras City but they are spread over through out the Province. They specially can be seen in places like Trichy, Madurai, Coimbatore, Bangalore City, Vellore etc. and no where in these places there is any such school where they can be educated in their mother language. This committee is sure that sufficient students will be available for High School. This Committee suggests the Government may kindly start one High School attached with Boarding Home to attend to the needs of such students or in the alternative Government may kindly promise to give a handsome initial cash grant to refugee helping association for starting this kind of school. This Committee trusts that suggestions mentioned here-in may be accepted.

Yours faithfully,
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President,
The Sindhi Hindu Refugee Relief Committee

(True copy).

Copy of letter from the Secretary, The Refugees Relief Committee,
Madras, Dated 5-4-49.

Sub:- Displaced persons from Pakistan - Educational concessions
Ref:- Your letter No. Roc. 431 W1/49 dated 14-3-49

I have to state that although Government concession is not given to refugee children below V class, extension of this concession will not materially affect the situation because most of the children are in refugee camp at Avadi where there is a well run school in the camp itself.

There are only a few hundred (about 600) displaced persons in the two camps (Kilpauk and Perambur). A few children are attending out-side school. Except the muslim school in Mount Road the other schools like Sri K.S. Sanathan Dharma patasala G.T., S.S. Dharma vidyala ya, Government Christian Education College High school G.T. Madras, are now giving free education to them irrespective of the classes they attend vide Annexure A.

The Committee are paying school fees for children mentioned below in Annexure B.

ANNEXURE.A.

1. Kishindas, T.
2. Pitamburdas, B.
3. Delria, S.L.
4. Lakhman.
5. Narayanadas
6. Lachmandas, J.G.
7. Rupchand Newandram.
8. Mohan, N.
9. parsram.
10. Lilaram Basantrai
11. R.L. Delria.
12. R.L. Asudharam.
13. Pamandas, P.
14. Mengharaj, N.S.
15. Muralidhar.
16. Hari.
17. Arjankumar.
18. Dharamdas Moolchand.

ANNEXURE.B.

1. Jogindranath.
2. Sathyapal.
3. Sremathi Ramdular.
4. Tilak Raja.
5. Kanta Devi
6. Narindu Kavur.
7. Sri Rajender Kavur.
8. Khana sulabrai
9. Raja Kumar.
10. Dharampal.
11. Ghamanlal.
12. Dharsan Lal.

Expenses so far have been as follows:-

A girl Shakuntala belonging to South India but a refugee from West Pakistan has been secured admission in Queen Mary's College. She has been given Rs 200/- advance and some other expenses.

2. There are two refugee Engineering Students in the Engineering College, Viz. Messrs. Birinder Singh Rekhi and Tilak Raj Sethi. They have been helped with books etc. There were 12 students for whom books etc. were purchased but they have been recalled by Government of East Punjab to join Engineering College at Hissar.

3. There are 60 medical students living in Stanley club Island ground. These students have been financially helped and given books worth about Rs 5,000/- Most of them are now getting on all right, getting help from their relations except a few who are getting Government loans. A few thousand rupees will be enough for them to finish studies.

4. School fees and transport charges for a few are being paid by the Committee as mentioned above.

It will be seen that there is no scope to spend the whole amount standing to the credit of the Secretary and Treasurer of Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund. If the whole amount is earmarked for education alone it will be putting the money in cold storage without it being utilised for other more useful purpose.

The work of this Committee has enlarged a good deal lately.

Only on 28-3-49 we had 2,300 South Indian Refugees from Burmah. Every one of these refugees' men, women and children was given ~~not~~ clothing and meal. These batches are now coming regularly and thereby the liability of the committee is also increasing. No donations are coming in now hence the committee can only do its work if a substantial portion of the fund is passed on to this committee.

It is therefore suggested that the amount hitherto spent ~~on~~ towards the education of the refugee students of all kinds and of all expenses incurred in connection with their studies, viz. Engineering, Medical College and High school students, may please be reimbursed from the prime minister Nehru's National Relief Fund. The expenditure incurred hitherto amounts at an early date, A sum of Rs. 14,000/- over and above this 6,000/- may kindly be left in the hands of the Director of Public Instruction for meeting further expenditure.

The balance amount may kindly be transferred to the account this committee.

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Letter Ref No 999/49-5. D. 29.4.49

To

The Hon'y. Secy and Treasurer,
Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund
c/o Imperial Bank of India, Madras.

Sir,

Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund
Collections in Madras - Disposal.

p/cf and p/cf Ref your letter of 2.3.49.

With ref to your letter cited. I am directed to state that this Govt recommend that the balance of the Collections made in this Province on account of ^{the} Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund, namely

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Rs 55,801/- may be disposed of as follows -
(Here enter 'A' on p. 8 N.F.)

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Encl. No. 999/49-6. Date 29.4.49

Copy commd to the D.P.D. and the Secy.
R.R.C. and the President, Sindhi Hindu Ref.
Relief Committee, Madras, for information.

2 AS the Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund
was collected for assisting the refugees from Pakistan,
the Govt consider it not correct to utilise any
portion of the fund for the relief of refugees from
Burma as suggested by the Secy. R.R.C. in his
letter to M.D.D. of 5.4.49.

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To the D.P.D.
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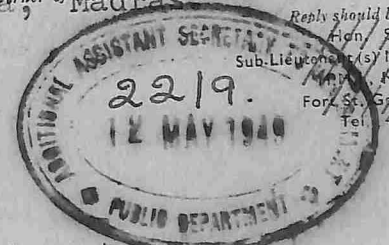
National Relief Fund

(For the relief and rehabilitation of Refugees)

K.M. Nanjappa, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer
c/o Imperial Bank of India, Madras

Ref.

Date 11th May 1949.



The Additional Secretary
to the Government of Madras,
Public (Elections) Dept.,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Sub:- Prime Minister Nehru's National
Relief Fund - Collections in Madras -
Disposal.

I am in receipt of your letter of
the 29th ultimo, contents of which have
been communicated to the Prime Minister of
India for his views in the matter.

I shall revert to you on
receiving his reply.

Yours faithfully,

K.M. Nanjappa
Hon. Secretary & Treasurer.

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R.I.A.F. Station, Tambaram)
Lieut-Commander A. Chakraverti, R.I.N.,
(Resident Naval Officer, Madras)

President: His Excellency Lieut-General Sir ARCHIBALD NYE,
G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C.
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K.M. Nanjappa,
Honorary Secretary & Treasurer,
c/o Imperial Bank of India, Madras.

Reply should be addressed to—
Hon. Secretary,
Sub-Lieutenant (s) N. K. JAIN, R.A.N./R.
H.M.A., Naval Office,
Fort St. George, Madras.
Tel. 4094-4556

Ref.

Date 18th May 1949.



The Additional Secretary
to the Government of Madras,
Public (Elections) Dept.,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

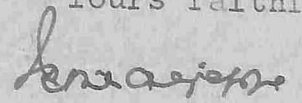
**Sub:- Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund -
Collections in Madras - Disposal.**

In continuation of my letter of the 11th instant, I have to advise that the Prime Minister of India has agreed to the proposals made by the local Government for the disposal of the funds collected here. The Prime Minister, however, desires that a small Committee be formed under the Director of Public Instruction for the utilisation of the funds.

A meeting of the local Executive Committee is being arranged for and I will advise you further in due course.

In the meantime, please advise me how and to whom the payments are to be made.

Yours faithfully,


Hony. Secretary & Treasurer.

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H.M. Naya Office,
Fort St. George, Madras.
Tel. 4094-4556

Ref.

Date 30th May 1949.



The Additional Secretary
to the Government of Madras,
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Sub:- Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund -
Collections in Madras - Disposal.

In continuation of my letter of the 18th instant, the proposals made by the local Govt. regarding the disposal of the Fund's collections and the Prime Minister's consent thereof were considered by the Executive Committee held on 26.5.49 and it was resolved to pay

1. Rs.6,000/- to the Secretary, Refugee Relief Committee towards the expenditure already incurred by them in connection with the education of refugee students, and
2. the balance standing to the credit of the Fund after payment of salary, postages etc. and the item in No.1 to be placed at the disposal of the Director of Public Instruction.

As per the wishes of the Prime Minister, the following gentlemen were elected with powers to co-opt two more to assist the Director of Public Instruction in the disbursement of the amount:-

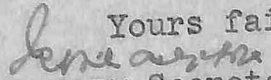
Lt.Col. G.S. Gill, Mr. V.V. Subramaniam and
Mr. K.M. Nanjappa.

I therefore propose to issue the cheques in the following two names:-

(1) Secretary, Refugee Relief Committee.

(2) Director of Public Instruction.

Please confirm.

Yours faithfully,

Honorary Secretary & Treasurer

EDUCATION - Refugees from Pakistan - Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund - Collections in Madras - Balance of the fund - Placed at the disposal of the D.P.I.

ORDER/MS. NO. 1932 EDN., DT 14-6-49.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund collected in Madras has intimated to the Govt, that there is a balance of Rs. 55,801-8-6 ^{in that fund} and that in accordance with the wishes of the Hon'ble the Prime Minister of India the amount may be used for affording educational facilities for refugee children in the Province.

2. The Hony. Secy. and Treasurer is informed that the D.P.I., Madras, is in charge of the provision of educational facilities to the displaced students from Pakistan. He is ^{here fore} requested to place at the disposal of the D.P.I. the balance of Rs. 55,801-8-6 in the Fund referred to, ~~in the letter of the Hony Secy. and Treasurer dated the 21st Feb. 1949.~~

3. The Director is authorized to receive the amount and utilize it for the purposes mentioned below:

(i) Payment of Rs. 6000 to the Secy., Refugee Relief Committee, towards the ~~expre.~~ already incurred by them in connection with the education of refugee children.

(ii) Purchase of season tickets for the refugee students to cover their transport charges from their places of residence to the schools or colleges in which they study and back.

(iii) Payment of allowances to needy refugee students for the purchase of dress, note books, books and other equipment, required for their studies.

(iv) Payment of stipends, if any, required over and above items (i) and (ii) above to enable the refugee students to prosecute their studies, such stipends being paid with the previous approval of the Govt.

(v) Schemes approved by Govt. for improving and extending the existing facilities for the education of

From the Hony Secy,
Treasurer, Prime
Minister Nehru's
National Relief
Fund - Letters

Dated 21.2.1949
and 30.5.1949

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refugee children.

4. The amount should be kept in the name of the D.P.I. in the Current Deposit Account with the Imperial Bank of India and be drawn by the Director as and when funds are required for expre. on the above purposes.

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To

The Hon'y. Secy and
Treasurer, Prime
Minister Nehru's
National Relief
Fund, Imperial Bank
of India, Madras.

The D.P.I.

" Pub (Ref) Dept.

Copy to the
Secretary, The
Refugees Relief
Committee,
2, Pycrofts
Gardens
Nungambakkam
Madras

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The Prime Minister desires that the money collected in Madras, by the Prime Minister's Nehru's National Relief Fund, should be utilised in affording educational facilities to the refugees in this Province, on the recommendation of

Hon'ble the Premier of Madras. The amount available is Rs 55,801-8-6. It is also stated that the Refugee Relief Committee, Madras has requested the Premier to ^{transfer} ~~entrust~~ the sum to the Committee. The Committee proposes to keep a separate account if the whole sum is to be spent on education, particularly medical education.

In this connection attention is invited to the Government of India's financial assistance scheme sanctioned in G.O.No. 272 Edn dated 9-2-48. Under it, refugee students from Pakistan whose parents are without funds, are sanctioned loans for taking up collegiate and technical education in the Province. Under the same scheme, concessions by way of exemption from school and examination fees and a book allowance of Rs 75/- are also granted to pupils in high schools studying in the

9th and 10th classes. The proposal ^{to} ~~of~~ extending the ^{scheme} ~~same~~ to ~~refugee pupils studying in classes 5 to 8, and in kindergarten classes~~ is also under the ~~active~~ consideration of Govt.

The entire cost incurred on the grant of concessions and loans and bonafide losses incurred on the working of the scheme will be ultimately recovered from the Government of India. The Director of Public Instruction has been appointed as the authority to sanction loans under this scheme. He may, perhaps, be consulted on the question of utilising the balance amount of the fund referred to.

The case may now be returned to Pub (Ref) u.o.

The Relief Fund should be for extension of the concessions and loans financed by the Govt. of India. ~~It may be possible~~

~~to extend~~ There may be deserving cases where stipends in addition to concessions and loans may be justified. The Director of Public Instruction may be consulted as proposed.

Secretary.

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E.H.H. note on pp 1-2 ante may be passed.

A draft Memo to the D.P.I. is sent for info.

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- p214 /Issued Memo.No.999/49-2, dated the 12th March 1949./
- p234 /From the Hony. Secretary and Treasurer, Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund, letter dated 28-3-1949./
- p254 /Issued Letter No.999/49-4, dated the 1st April 1949./
- p264 /Issued Memorandum No.999/49-3, dated the 1st April 1949./
- p33-344 /From the D.P.I., ROC.No.431-W1/49, dated the 16th April 1949./

Please see the letter from the Director of Public Instruction and its enclosures on pp.33-40 c.f. With reference to Memo.No.999/49-2, dated 12th March 1949 on p.21 c.f. the D.P.I. has consulted the President of the Sindhi Hindu Refugee Relief Committee and the Secretary, Refugees Relief Committee, Madras. (The former is a purely non-official Committee). They have suggested as follows:-

President, Sindhi Hindu Refugees Relief Committee:

- (1) Refugee students coming from the Avadi Camp to the High Schools in Madras may be paid the cost of the railway season tickets.
- (2) Such students may be helped to purchase clothes to enable them to attend school in neat dress. Each student may be given Rs.10/- per mensem or some reasonable amount to cover these expenses. The number of each students is expected to be 100.
- (3) Refugee teachers may be employed to teach the children in the Elementary Schools in the Camps in their mother tongue and the schools may be improved by additional staff and equipment.

- (4) A separate High School for refugee children may be opened with a Boarding House so that all students scattered in different places may be in one school where their mother tongue can be taught.

Secretary, Refugees Relief Committee:

- (1) A sum of Rs.6,000/- may be credited to the Committee for the expenditure incurred by it so far towards helping some college and school boys for their studies etc.
- (2) A sum of Rs.14,000/- may be left in the hands of the D.P.I. for meeting further expenditure on education.
- (3) The balance of Rs.35,801 may be transferred to the Committee, presumably for the use of refugee welfare in general particularly Burma evacuees.

2. The Director of Public Instruction recommends -

- (1) that the suggestions of the President Sindhi Hindu Refugees Relief Committee may be accepted. The suggestion regarding the opening of a High School is reported to be already under the consideration of Government in the E. & P. H. Department.

- (2) that the fund should be used for extension of concessions ~~xxxxxxx~~ to students over and above the concessions already granted viz. payment of stipends as such help will be useful to those preparing for a career.

- (3) that a sum of Rs.6000/- may be credited to the Refugees Relief Committee against expenditure incurred on assistance to refugee students; and

- (4) that a suitable sum may be placed at the disposal of the Director of Public Instruction to be used for the purposes mentioned above by examining all deserving cases.

The D.P.I. has not recommended the proposal of placing at the disposal of the ^{R.R.} Committee any balance amount. Evidently he has left it to the Government to decide.

3. The amount available from the fund is Rs.55,801-8-6. The Prime Minister has expressed the wish that the fund should be used for affording educational facilities for refugee children in the Province. It may therefore be inconsistent with the Prime Minister's wish if such a large amount (Rs.35,801) is to be transferred to the Refugees Relief Committee

para 2, p 334

para 3, p 334

para 4 to, on pp 33-34.

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for use in connection with the relief of refugees, particularly Burma evacuees. No correct estimate of the expenditure involved in the recommendation of the D.P.I. can be drawn now. There can be no difficulty in utilising the entire amount for the education of refugees children. It is for consideration whether the recommendations of the D.P.I. may be accepted and whether this Government may recommend any portion of the fund to be placed at the disposal of the Committee for refugee relief.

P.W.D. and E. & P. H. may see for remarks.

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I agree

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The recommendations of the D.P.I. may be accepted. The fund need be placed at the disposal of the R.R. Committee for grant of relief of refugees as such action will be opposed to the express wish of the Prime Minister, India.

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As recommended by the D.P.I., a sum of Rs.6,000/- may be paid to the Secretary, Refugees Relief Committee, towards the expenditure already incurred by them in connection with the education of refugee children. The balance may be placed at the disposal of the D.P.I. for giving the assistance required in connection with the education of refugee children over and above the concessions and loans granted to them by the Govt. The assistance may be given under the following heads:

- (1) Purchase of season tickets for the students to cover their transport charges from their place of residence to the educational institutions where they are studying, and back.

(ii) Allowances to needy students for purchasing dress, notebooks, books and other equipment required in connection with their studies.

(iii) Any stipends required over and above (i) and (ii) to enable the students to prosecute their studies, such stipends being paid after obtaining the previous approval of the Govt.

(iv) Schemes approved by the Govt. for ~~including~~ improving and extending the existing facilities for the education of refugee children.

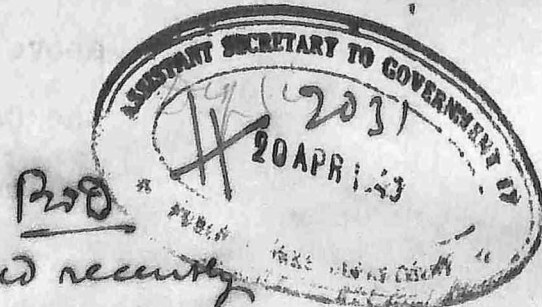
There are many children and young men among the refugees, and this sum will help us to assist the refugee children and young men to ~~have~~ get the education or other useful training for which they are best fitted. as the Refugee Relief Committee does, There is no reason to apprehend that this sum cannot be spent on what can be fairly called 'Educational purposes'. ~~there is no limit~~ for spending the money.

I believe the Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund was collected for assisting the refugees from Pakistan. It does not, therefore, seem correct to utilise any portion of the fund for the relief of refugees from Burma. In any case, it cannot be done without obtaining the concurrence of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. On the whole, it does not seem necessary to raise this question now, as we are dealing with the question of the relief and rehabilitation of ~~the~~ refugees people from Burma separately.

P.W.D. and E.& P.H. may see for remarks before circulation.

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P.W.D. / E & P.H.



It seems to have been decided recently that questions relating to Burma refugees should be dealt with in Public. The connected file is being transferred to them separately. This does not appear to be

Concerned with the subject any more. The file may be passed on to E.



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The previous note of this Dept on p1-2 ante and the notes of Pub. on p3.6 ct may be perused.

The proposals of the Public Dept. as in their notes on pages 5-6 ante, may be accepted in a H.P. The case may be referred to Pub (Elections) -

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PUBLIC (ELECTIONS) DEPARTMENT.

In Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund collected in this Province, there is a balance of Rs.55,801/8/6. On instructions from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India the Hony. Secretary and Treasurer of the Fund in Madras addressed the Ex-Premier of this Province for his advice in the matter of disposal of the amount. The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer also stated in this connection that the Hon'ble Prime Minister wished that the amount should be used for affording educational facilities for refugee children in the Province. The Director of Public Instruction was consulted in the matter, who in his turn consulted the Refugee Relief Committee, Madras, which is an officially sponsored Committee looking after the welfare of

displaced persons and the Sindhi Hindu Refugees Relief Committee, which is ^{an independent} a non-official Committee, ^{working on their own}

The suggestions of the two Committees and the Director of Public Instruction's recommendations thereon are outlined in paragraphs 1 and 2 on pp.3-4 ante.

Based on the recommendations of the D.P.I. it is proposed to recommend to the local Committee of the Fund as follows:-

- (1) A sum of Rs.6,000/- may be paid to the Secretary, Refugee Relief Committee, towards the expenditure already incurred by them in connection with the education of refugee students.
- (2) The balance of Rs.49,801 may be placed at the disposal of the D.P.I. for giving the assistance required in connection with the education of refugee children over and above the concessions and loans granted to them by Government. The assistance may be given under the following heads:
 - (i) Purchase of season tickets for the students to cover their transport charges from their places of residence to the educational institutions where they are studying, and back.
 - (ii) Allowances to needy students for purchasing dress, notebooks, books and other equipment required in connection with their studies.
 - (iii) Any stipends required over and above (i) and (ii) to enable the students to prosecute their studies, such stipends being paid after obtaining the previous approval of the Government.
 - (iv) Schemes approved by the Government improving and extending the existing facilities for the education of refugee children.

As the Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund was collected for assisting the refugees from Pakistan, it is considered not correct to utilise any portion of the fund for the relief of refugees from Burma as suggested by the Secretary, Refugee Relief Committee, Madras. E. & P. H. have accepted the above proposals.

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The file may be circulated to the local Committee of Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund for the disposal of the balance of the Fund may be as outlined above.

25.4.49.

May be approved 26.4.49.

From XXX at 1.7 N.F.

H.P.



Draft very urgently

Drafts subd. for effl.

29.4.49.

Appld. 29.4.49.

Issued letter No. 999/49-5 29.4.49

Encl. No. 999/49-6 29.4.49

From the Hon'g Secy & Treasurer, Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund, letter 29.4.49

The letter from the Hon'g Secy & Treasurer, Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund at 11.45.49 may be perused. E.P.H. & Fin may be consulted with ref to the last para in that letter.

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Please see Pub. (Circs) notes above. As the Govt. have appointed the

the D.P.I. as the Competent authority to sanction loans to refugee students, under the Scheme of Govt. of India, the ~~amount~~ ^{may be placed at the disposal of the Director.} of the fund may be ~~placed at the disposal of the Director.~~

This may now be passed on to

Finance. If there is no objection, the amount may be placed in the Current Deposit Account in the name of the Director, in the Imperial Bank and may be drawn by him as and when funds are required by him for the purposes already agreed to.

The case may be passed on to Finance no.

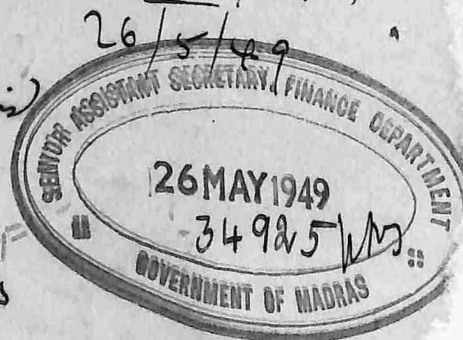
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Please see the notes of Public (Electr.) and E.P.H. Depts. on pp. 9-10 above.

Out of Rs. 55,801-8-6 collected in this Province for the Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund, it has been proposed to pay a sum of Rs. 6,000 to the Secretary, Refugee Relief Committee, towards the expenditure already incurred by them in connection with the education of refugee students and to place the balance at the disposal of the Director of Public Instruction for utilisation on the purposes mentioned in item 2 at 'A' on p. 8 above.

The file has been sent to Finance with

29 P.H. No. 39669/82/49-1



A on p. 8 above



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Please see the notes of E.P.H. and Fin on pp. 9-11 above. Please also see the further letter from the Army Secretary and Treasurer, Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund at p. 47 of which it has been decided that the fund should be used entirely for educational facilities of refugee children it seems appropriate that further action should be taken in the E.P.H. Dept. that Dept may be requested to take over the file

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Asst. Secy

E.P.H.

E.P.H. (2)

The Finance Dept. in the above letter advise that even

reference to the last paragraph of the letter from the Army Secy. and Treasurer of the Fund on p. 45 TF. E.P.H. suggest that the amount may be placed at the disposal of the D.P.I. to be kept in his name in the current deposit account of with the Imperial Bank and to be drawn by him as and when funds are required by him for the purposes mentioned. This Dept. may agree to the proposal. The sum of Rs. 6,000 proposed to be paid to the Refugee Relief Committee may also be disbursed to the Committee through the D.P.I.

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The payment of Rs 6000/- to be made
to the Refugee Relief Fund, Madras,
out of the Prime Minister Nehru's Fund
may be made thro' the D.P.O.
This may be agreed to -
A draft order is submitted
for approval -

11-6-49

[Faint handwritten notes in Tamil script]

Telephone :- 2445.

JAI HIND

Telegram : PARSATRADE.

The Sindhi Hindu Refugee Relief Committee.

NO. 3. THAMBU CHETTY STREET.
MADRAS.

President :

Pararam Jethanand



Sri. S. Venkateswaran, I.C.S.,
Additional Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public (Elections) Department,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

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Dear Sir,

NO. 999/49-5 Government of Madras,
Public (Elections) Department.

Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief
Fund Collections in Madras - Disposal.

All the educational institutions have re-opened
but your recommendation letter No. 999/49-5 dated
29th April 1949 addressed to the Honorary Secretary
and Treasurer, Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief
Fund, C/O Imperial Bank of India, Madras 1, have not
probably given effect to yet. I had a talk
with Personal Assistant to the Director of Public
Instructions, a few days back on the telephone. I
shall be highly obliged if you will kindly see the
matter again and expedite the implementation of all your
suggestions contained in your above letter.

This matter is too urgent thus I shall be
highly obliged if you will have a talk about this
matter with Mr. Nanjappa of Imperial Bank of India,
Limited, Madras, and also with the Director of -

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[Handwritten notes in margin: Transfer to E & P.H. for personal action with 20.6.49]

E & P.H.

P. H. E. B.

u.s. 2999/49-1
20.6.49

Telephone :-2445.

JAI HIND

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Telegram : PARSATRADE.

The Sindhi Hindu Refugee Relief Committee.

NO. 3. THAMBU CHETTY STREET.

MADRAS.

President :

Parsram Jethanand

Dated 17th June 19 49

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Sri. S. Venkateswaram.

Public Instructions in this connection.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

Parsram Jethanand
President.

KRR/PJ.

N.B. You can ring them on
the phone:

The Sindh Hindu Refugee Relief Committee
NO. 3, THAMBU CHETTI STREET,
MADRAS

Ref No. 46937-42/49-1 dated 22/6/49

To
The President,
The Sindh Hindu Refugee
Relief Committee
No 3, Thambu Chetti Street,
Madras.

Sir,

Prime Minister Nehru's
National Relief Fund Collection
in Madras - - Your letter of 26/7/48
June 1948 - -
I am directed to state that
The Govt. have passed final
orders

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Letter
Ref No. 46937-42/49-1 dated 22/6/49

To
The President,
The Sindh Hindu Refugee
Relief Committee
No 3, Thambu Chetti Street,
Madras.

Sir,

Prime Minister Nehru's
National Relief Fund Collection
in Madras - - Your letter of 26/7/48
June 1948 - -
I am directed to state that
The Govt. have passed final
orders

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orders placing the balance in
 the Prime Minister Nehru's National
 Relief Fund, at the disposal of
 the Director of Public Instruction
 to whom you should address
 your request for ~~from~~ any funds.

20.6.49

20.6.49

After issue the papers may
 be filed with G.O. No. 1932 Ed
 dated 14.6.49

20.6.49

Copy to R.
 D.P.P.

Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund

(For the relief and rehabilitation of Refugees)

Members:
 Sri O. P. Ramaswamy Reddiar,
 (Premier of Madras)
 Dr. U. Krishna Rau,
 (The Worshipful Mayor of Madras)
 Mr. S. A. Shafee Mohamed,
 (The Sheriff of Madras)
 Maj.-General A. A. Rudra,
 (General Officer Commanding,
 Madras Area)
 Brigadier J. C. Katoch,
 (Commander, Madras Sub-Area)
 Group Captain Rajaram, R.I.A.F.,
 (Officer Commanding,
 R.I.A.F. Station, Tambaram)
 Lieut-Commander A. Chakravarti, R.I.N.,
 (Resident Naval Officer, Madras)

President: His Excellency Lieut-General Sir ARCHIBALD NYE,
 G.O.S.I., G.C.I.E., K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C.
 (Governor of Madras)

K.M. Nanjappa,
 Honorary Secretary & Treasurer,
 c/o Imperial Bank of India, Madras.

Reply should be addressed to—
 Hon. Secretary,
 Sub-Lieutenant (S) N. K. JAIN, R.I.N.V.R.,
 H.M.I., Naval Office,
 Fort St. George, Madras.
 Tel.: 4094-4556

Ref. _____ Date 17th June 1949

The Director of Public Instruction,
 Madras.

Dear Sir,

Re:- Prime Minister Nehru's National Relief Fund -
 Collections.

Under instructions from the Secretary to Government,
 Education and Public Health Department, Madras (Reference
 G.O. (MS) No. 1932 Education dated 14.6.1949) and in accordance
 with the resolution passed by the Executive Committee on 26.5.1949,
 I enclose herewith a cheque in your favour for Rs. 55,806-5-0
 (Rupees Fifty five thousand eight hundred and six and annas five only)
 being the net amount of collections for disposal as directed in the
 abovementioned G.O.

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosure and send me
 your receipt for the amount.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- K.M. Nanjappa

Honorary Secretary & Treasurer.

Encl.

Copy to: The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Dept.,
 Madras, for information.

E.P.P. 17/92

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 Pub (Election) May 1949 -

24.6.49

Honorary Secretary & Treasurer.

Pub (Cud)

Est. P.H. No. 466/1-4
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Extract of from the note file in G.O. Ms. No. 2917,
Education, dated 19-9-1949.

Sub:- Education - Refugee children at Avadi Camp -
Expenditure from the Prime Minister Nehru's
National Relief Fund.

Public (Elections).

Seen in this Deptt.

The D.P.I. may be told separately that, for
help from this Fund, he should take into account the
future education of the refugee children who are now
in the Relief Camps but whose families will soon be
rehabilitated at various centres in the Province
under the orders in G.O. No. 2286, Public (Elections),
dated 18-7-49 (copy already sent to the D.P.I.)

S.V.,
12-9-49.
Addl. Secretary.

E. & P.H. (G2).

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2. Action re. 'M' above will be taken separately.

J.M.L.P.,
16-9-49.
Secy.

/True extract/

A draft memo is sub-
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Education - Displaced persons
from Pakistan - Rehabilitation -
aid from Prime Minister Nehru's
National Relief Fund -

The D P I is informed that
for

help from the Prime Minister Nehru's
 National Relief Fund placed at his
 disposal in G.O. 1932 on dated 14th
 June 1949, he should take into
 account the future education of
 the Refugee Children who will be
 dispersed from the Relief Camps
 and be rehabilitated at various
 centres in accordance with the
 orders in G.O. 2286 Pub (Edu)
 dated 18th July 1948.

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 Mr
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 To D.P.O

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