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T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore.

Dated ~~23rd~~ 24th June 1947.

From

Sri.T.V. Sadagopachariar, M.A.,B.L.,M.L.A.(Central),
Advocate, Tanjore. (CHAIRMAN.)

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, MADRAS.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
JUN 1947
DEPARTMENT

Sir,

Sub:--Interim Report By Committee appointed by Government by G.O.Ms.No.1119, Education dated 2nd June 1947.

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We beg to submit an ~~xm~~ interim report about the Library which we respectfully invite the Government to peruse urgently. The immediate recommendations therein are urgently necessary for the library and for our carrying on our further work.

// We shall submit our final report as early as possible.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servants
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INTERIM REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENT.

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The Report of the Hony. Secretary of the Library on the present working of the Library was read.(Copy attached.)

The Hony. Secretary states that the present staff is wholly inadequate to deal with even the routine business of the library. The present income which is derived solely from the interest accrued on the investment of the endowment of one lakh of rupees in 3 % Conversion Loan is insufficient and has to be augmented. The present staff has to be considerably increased in number even for the work which is at present carried on.

pp 19-25 infra

The report of Sri.K. Vasudeva Sastri, B.A., Research Pandit of the Library was then read.(Copy attached.)

The report gives as accurately as possible the number of manuscripts in the library and classifies them roughly under various heads. From this report also it is obvious more money is required for even the present work the library is doing.

The total number of the Sanskrit manuscripts given in the descriptive catalogue published in 1934 ~~bm~~ by the library is 24432 whereas their number as given by the research pandit is 35000. The difference is said to be due to discovery of different independant works sometimes found in between what was taken to be one single work. There is also some difference between the figures given by the catalogues and the pandit's report in regard to manuscripts of other languages. (1) Thus a further and more accurate cataloguing seems to be initially necessary. The additional manuscripts so catalogued ~~can~~ can be printed and issued as supplements to original catalogue. It is also necessary to catalogue com(2)pletely the Modi manuscripts in the library. We understand that persons knowing Modi script are rare nowadays and so the work has to be done as ~~exx~~ expeditiously as possible.

PRESERVATION. With regard to preservation, it is stated that with the existing servants of the library, the books or manuscripts can be taken out individually and dusted at best twice in the year. This sort of dusting and replacing the books and manuscripts after slight exposure has to be done at least once i in three months if they are to be preserved from decay. This has to be done immediately. So the first suggestion we make is (3) for the immediate appointment of 3 additional attendants purely for this work. There are at present three attendants. They fetch a pay each of Rs.17,14 and 10 respectively with dearness allowance of Rs.9, 8 and 8 respectively. We suggest that the present attendants who are experienced old employees are given (4) the duty of dusting etc and are paid starting at Rs.25, 20 and 20 with dearness allowance at Rs.8. Three additional attendants may be appointed starting at Rs.15 each with a dearness allowance of Rs.5 each. The Administrative Committee of the library may be requested to fix a reasonable time scale for these attendants old and new.

We understand that small packets of ~~pawax~~ powdered camphor, black cumin seeds, sweet-flag, pepper, cinnamon bark and cloves are placed in the shelves containing palm leaf manuscripts and they are effective for presenting insects for a period of two months. ~~Rxxxk~~ But the cost of materials ~~ax~~ especially camphor has gone up considerably and the present resources it is found impossible to replace these packets even once in six months with the result that the mixture loses its strength. In ~~the~~ addition to the above, special preservatives like citronella oil and naphthelene balls are used whenever possible. The paper manuscripts are preserved by using naphthalene balls. These measures are felt to be totally inadequate and modern methods of preservation have to be adopted. We shall be suggesting the methods we think advisable to use, in this respect later on in our final report. In the meantime we suggest a more libera use of the packets of mixture at present used, spraying of citronella oil and dusting and spraying with D.D.T. as also placing naphthalene balls. For this purpose we suggest that Government give a specific grant immediately of Rs.1500. (5)

We find that about 1000 manuscripts are fast decaying in spite of efforts at preservation and have therefore to be copied urgently. We have requested the Librarian with the permission of the Hony. Secretary to give us an exact list of such ~~manuscripts~~ of the manuscripts which have to be copied immediately. In the meanwhile there are about 200 manuscripts in Telugu character which may be totally lost if not copied immediately. We understand that for want of a qualified man for copying Telugu script, no attempt to copy them regularly or on a decent scale was hitherto made. We are informed that there is now a qualified person who has been recently entertained as a temporary hand who can do this job. We suggest that this temporary man may be made a permanent addition to the staff and he may be entrusted with copying these manuscripts. His pay may be left to be fixed by the Administrative Committee. Since the present budget of the library may not allow for this expense, we suggest that the Government allot a specific sum for this purpose. (6)

Another matter which requires immediate attention is the pay of the present staff and copyists. We shall be submitting in our final report a fairly comprehensive scheme for increase of the staff and establishment and for their salary etc. In the meanwhile, we find that it is imperative to pay the present staff and copyists more than what they get now. Otherwise, we think that some of them may not afford to continue and the management may find it altogether impossible to replace them by others on the existing scale. We are also of opinion that the quality of work will ~~xxxxxxxx~~ improve if the pay of the staff is at least decent for their support. We there

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suggest as an immediate measure payment on the following scale until a final scale is fixed.

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Designation	Present salary and D.A.		Proposed salary & D.A.	
1. Librarian.	Rs.63.	9.	Rs.80.	10.
2. Pandit for examining copies.	Rs.18.	9.	Rs.30.	10.
3. First Copyist.	,, 17.	9.	,, 25.	10.
4. Second Copyist.	,, 17.	9.	,, 25.	10.
5. Third Copyist.	,, 16.	8.	,, 24.	10.
6. Fourth Copyist.	,, 16.	8.	,, 24.	10.
7. First Watchman.	,, 7.	8.	,, 10.	8.
8. Second Watchman.	,, 7.	8.	,, 10.	8.
9. Third Watchman.	,, 7.	8.	,, 10.	8.
10. Sweeper woman.	,, 4-8-0.	2.	,, 5.	3.

Mention has already been made ~~x~~ of the necessaity for ~~addit~~ additional attendants and the pay of both the existing and additional attendants.

Mr.K. Vasudeva Sastri is a graduate of the Madras University and was a lawyer practising at Negapatam. The Administrative Committee availed themselves of his scholarship and special aptitude for research among the ancient works especially Music and Ayurveda. He has been engaged in research work and is retained as a research pandit ~~fx~~ of the library. His services are indispensable. He has been working on a token salary for sheer love of this work and he says he will be unable to continue unless he is placed economically in a better position. We have considered this aspect of the matter and have come to the conclusion that his services have to be retained. So, we suggest he may be paid a salary and allowance on the same scale as the Librarian.

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We have drawn up this interim report for immediate consideration, of Government and we feel that it is necessary that Government take suitable action, thereon so that the object which

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the Government have in view may be fulfilled. We are afraid that unless Government take urgent and immediate steps as indicated above some of the invaluable material in the library may be lost to the nation.

p5cf We shall further consider all the matters referred to us in the G.O.No.1119 dated 2nd June 1947 and submit our final report as early as we can.

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(Sd.) T.V.S. Chari.

(Sd.) R.Rangaswami Iyengar.

(Sd) Prathapasimha Raja.

(Sd.) P.D. Joshi.

(Sd.) V.Srinivasachari.

A REPORT ON THE PRESENT WORKING OF THE LIBRARY

BY

Sri.S. Gopalan, B.A.,B.L.,
Member and Hony.Secretary, T.M.S.S.M. Library,
Tanjore.

This library started functioning as a public institution from 1918 when the Government of Madras framed a scheme for the managem ② of the affairs of the library and appointed a committee for its administration called the Administrative Committee of the Saraswa Mahal Library. In the same year a sum of rupees one lakh was endowed for the library from out of the funds of the Tanjore Royal family. This was invested in Government securities and the ~~admin~~ administration of the library is being carried on with the interes accruing on the above principal amount. It was originally investe in 5½ per cent war bonds of 1920 and afterwards re-invested in 6 pe cent war bonds of 1930. In ~~1~~ 1930 the fund was again invested in 5 per cent Government of India Loan of 1939-44 on account of the termination of the six per cent war bonds of 1930. In 1939 the 5 per cent loan was terminated and re-invested in 3½ per cent non-terminable loan. This was again terminated in September 1946 and re-invested in 3 per cent Conversion Loan. The annual interest from 1918 up to date was as follows:--

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NAME OF THE LOAN.	DURATION.	ANNUAL INTEREST
5½ % War Bonds of 1920	1918-1920.	Rs.5500.
6 % War Bonds of 1930.	1920-1930.	Rs.6000.
5 % Loan of 1939-44.	1930-1939.	Rs.5285.
3½ % Non-terminable Loan.	1939-1946.	Rs.3759-8-0.
3 % Conversion Loan.	1946-	Rs.3222.

Thus the establishment charges and the expenses in connection with some of the progressive schemes of the library have to be met out of the sum of Rs.3222.

The present staff of the library consists of a librarian, a pandit for research, a pandit for examining copies, four copyists, three peons and three watchmen. They are now paid the barest

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minimum for subsistence and the scale of their pay given below will speak for itself.

	Designation.	Grade	Present Pay	Dearness Allowance.
1.	Librarian.	55-2-75.	63	9
2.	Pandit for Research	46-1½-50	47-8-0.	9.
3.	Pandit for examining copies.	18.	18.	9.
4.	Head Peon.	16-1/3-20	17.	9.
5.	Second Peon.	10-1/3-15.	14.	8.
6.	Third Peon.	10.	10.	8.
7	First Watchman.	7	7.	8.
8.	Second Watchman.	7	7.	8.
9.	Third Watchman.	7.	7.	8.
10.	Sweeper Woman.	4-8-0.	4-8-0.	2.

Copyists' Staff.

1.	First Copyist.	17.	9.
2.	Second Copyist.	17.	8.
3.	Third Copyist.	16.	8.
4.	Fourth Copyist.	15	8.

The work of the library at present consists of at present--

1. preservation of manuscripts and books by drying, dusting, patching of torn leaves and the application of insecticides.
2. preparation of copies for the members of the public who apply for such copies on payment of the prescribed fee.
3. Issuing of Books and manuscripts for reference to the public within the library premises.
4. Answering queries oral and written from visitors, learned bodies and individuals.
5. Examining manuscripts, analysing and grouping them.
6. Editing the journal of the Saraswathi Mahal Library which was ~~xkxk~~ started in 1939 and which is devoted to research and also to fine arts.
7. Conducting a circulating library of printed books which are purchased from year to year.
8. Copying manuscripts for preservation and for publication. At present a large number such manuscripts are ready for heir

printed. In particular, a rare manuscript of the well-known work in prose namely MUDRARAKSHASANATAKAKATHA has already been printed and published and the Madras University has been pleased to appreciate the same and prescribe it as a text book for the University fr 1950-52. The library has now to print 3000 copies of this work ~~bef~~ before April 1948 according to the rules of the University.

9. Routine work like maintaining accounts, preparing annual catalogues and the like.

(Sd.) S.Gopalan,
Hony. Secretary.

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V Srinivasachari
Librarian & Convener.

(11) referred to the pandit

A Report for suggesting improvements to the working of the Saraswathi Mahal Library, Palace, Tanjore

By

Sri.K.Vasudeva Sastri,B.A.,Pandit for Research.

I THE VALUABLE CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

A Manuscripts:-(1) The manuscripts of this library number about ~~1xx~~ 35,000; and they are :--

in Sanskrit	30,000	(approximately since new Mss. are brought to light by closer examination.)
in Tamil.	1300	,,
,, Telugu	900	,,
,, Maratti.	2500	,,

These manuscripts represent :--

i the collection of works on Art, Science and Literature of the Tamil Land from time immemorial.

ii the Collection of the works of the Vijayanagar renaissance under Sri Vidyaranya brought to Tanjore and fostered there by the Nayak ~~xx~~ and rulers of Tanjore between 1530-1670.

iii the Collection of works brought to Tanjore by the Maratta rulers from their own province.

iv the Collection of the works of the Vidwans and artists in the country of the Nayak and Maratta kings in Tanjore between 1530 ~~xx~~ and 1855.

v the collection made by Maharajah Serfoji II from all ove India in his ~~xx~~ all-India tour about the year 1820.

vi. the family collections of the learned families of Tanjor or thereabouts added to the Library after the demise of Serfoji Raja.

The number of works and their value in each language

(a) SANSKRIT. The manuscripts have been classified under 18 heads:--

1. Vedas, Samhitas, Brahmanas and Upanishads. Text and commentary; they number about 2000 manuscripts and give the texts of almost all the local traditions of our country. The Sama Veda manuscripts contain the rare text of the chants with old notation where each melodic phrase is indicated by a letter of the Alphabet. we have more than one commentary for the Vedas The Rig Veda Mss. are of exhibition value since they illuminated with coloured pictures.

2. The ~~R~~ Srauta Sutras or Sacrificial Codes. We have i this library the very rare Srauta sutras of Bharadwaj and Drakyanan Drahyayana and the later manuals by th learned authors are of special value. The manuscri in this section number about 800.

3. Kavya or Poetry. The manuscripts which are about 1 00 in number contain, besides unpublished comment- on the Classics, about 100 original works of Poetry which await publication. Each classical work i-

represented by a number of recensions collated from different places. One Chidambara Kavi has written two slesha kavyas Nos 3749 and 3850, the first susceptible of continuous interpretation as summaries of Ramayana, Bharata, and Bhagavata and the other as descriptions of Rama and Lakshmana. We have a rare commentary on Gita Govinda of Jayadeva giving the ab for each word.

4. Kosa or Lexicon. The vocabulary in Sanskrit have be lected and classified in a of different ways in th manu-scripts of lexicon we have in our library. The about 90, uthors who have contributed to this section n the biggest number on Lexicon in any library.

5. Nataka or Drama. The manuscripts number 450 and about 0 original unpublished dramas are to among the manuscripts besides commentaries on th ll-known dramas not yet ished.

lankara or Rhetoric. The num manuscripts is about 200 and the works awaiting publication er this head number about 35.

7 yakarana. This library ecially rich under this section the library of a very rned family of Vaiyakaranas has been to this library number of this is about ~~RRX~~ 650. mber of unpubl d works is 70.

Darsanas or osophical Systems. The works under each are as follows:--

Vaisesika	18.
yaya.	00.
Vada and Miscellaneous tracts.	105.
Sankhya.	8
Yoga.	0.
Purva Mimamsa.	250.
Uttara Mimamsa.	1.

Systems of Vedanta Philosophy.

Advaita.	750	of which about 40 shorter works are to be found printed in the Descriptive catalogue.
Vi istadvaita.	40.	
Dvaita, Saiva, Bhakti, Jaina etc.	431.	

arata, Gita, Ramayana, Puranas. 2405.

The Mahabharata, Ramayanaand the Skandapurana sections contain such varied recensions that critical editions of these three great works can be undertaken with the help of the manuscripts of this library only.

and sangita. 350. The collection under this head is uniq have some 20 rare works ~~at~~ on Natya, some 20 rare works Sangita. About 30 books on old lakshya pieces of Alpha Gita. About 20 books on Jati or Tala phrases. ut 50 books of musical compositions of composers between 1850 containing some 3000 songs. ides excellent manuscripts of the greatest classi sic and Dance namely Bharata's Natya sastra and Sangit of Sarngadeva of which latter we have some ten set scripts and translations into Telugu and Hindi.

12. **Kama Sastra.** We have besides the standard works of Vatsyayana. Kalyanamalla and Kokkoka, some later writers, who are fuller and more informative.

13. **Vaidya.** The number of manuscripts is 302. We have rare
(i) old samhitas like ~~Mkx~~ Bhela's
(ii) later full treatises and their commentaries like Hatakanka's commentary on ASHTANGAHRIDAYA.
(iii) special treatises on:--
eye diseases
dietetics
obstinate diseases.
(iv) modern authors who have written treatises and rare old works on chemistry and alchemy like ANANDAKANDA a tantra work.

14. **Jyotisha.** No. of manuscripts approximately 450. Under this head, we have the largest number of works on mathematical astronomy, rare commentaries on BRIHAD-JATAKA and three monumental works by Tulaja Raja on the three parts of Jyotisha called INAKULARAJATEJONIDHI.

15. **Agamas and Tantras.** The No. of manuscripts in this section is approximately 250. All the Saiva, Sakta and Vaishnava Agamas are to be found here and a large number of later mannuals. An important work on the ~~mdi~~ education of an Emperor is very valuable.

1 . **Dharma Sastras.** The rare digests and recensions of origina samhitas in this library is unparalleled. The number of manuscripts is about 1000.

17. **Prayogas or Domestic ceremonies.**. The number of manuscrip approximately is 2000.

18. **Mantras and Stotras.** The number of manuscripts in this section is about 9000.

B. **TAMIL MANUSCRIPTS.** The total number of manuscripts is ab 1300. There contains:--
1. rare commentaries on Sangam works.
2. unpublished portions of classics like Perundeva Bharatam.
3. Saiva and Vaishnava works.
4. later poetry of all description.
5. Vaidya works which are of exceptional value -- numbering 200.

The number of unpublished works is about 420.

C. **TELUGU.** Of the Telugu works numbering about 900, the ra and unpublished works number about 250.

D. **Maratti.** There contain:--

1. innumerable ~~papas~~ padas.
2. later day dramas on the model of Tamil dramas.
3. Translations of Sanskrit classical works and on Arts and Sciences.

THE PRESENT WORKING OF THE LIBRARY.

We have now a librarian, ~~xx~~ a pandit for research, pandit for examining copies, 4 copyists, 3 peons and watchmen. The scalesof pay of all these members are abnormally low and they are waiting for the grant for a modestly reasonable scale. The present staff out the following [illegible].

1. Preservation of manuscripts by drying, dusting and patching up torn paper manuscripts and application of insecticides.

2. Issuing books and manuscripts for reference to the public in the library premises.

3. Answering queries oral and written of visitors, learned bodies and individuals.

4. Preparing copies for the members of the public.

5. Examining the manuscripts especially the palm leaf manuscripts more closely for a fuller analysis. This has to be done for all the 000 palm leaf manuscripts and the utmost the present research staff can do is to look into 100 manuscripts per year.

6. Conducting the journal by contributing articles of research value - At present the journal is dealing with old texts on music and dance.

7. Conducting the circulating library which now comprises 25 members.

8. Copying manuscripts for preservation which takes place at the rate of about 20 or 30 manuscripts per year.

The total number of manuscripts copied from 1914 up to date for preservation is 1300 of which

170	are Tamil manuscripts.
50	are Telugu manuscripts.
15	are Maratti manuscripts.
1065	are Sanskrit manuscripts.

The Work to be done.

(a) **Copying for preservation** The manuscripts that have to be preserved by copying are mostly the palm leaf manuscripts most of which are more than 300 years old. We have about 6000 palm leaf manuscripts. The rare and valuable manuscripts which require to be copied will number about 10 The cost of copying them will come to about Rs.30,000 at an average rate of Rs.30 per manuscript. The five copyists an one examiner of copies proposed in the memorandum can copy about 100 manuscripts per year at a yearly cost under thi head of Rs.3000.

(b) **Research and Publication.** Out of the 35,000 manuscripts of this library, we have such a large number of rare and valuable works that a large body of research staff can usefully be employed to analyse the contents of the Mss. an present them to the public in their vernaculars. A beginni is all that is proposed in the memorandum. The minimum st of an editor and a pandit to assist him can, it is hoped publish 1000 pages of printed matter per year. and we can usefully divide the publishing work as follows:--

1.	Tamil Medicine	400 pages.
2.	Sanskrit Medicine with translation.	200 pages.
3.	Music and Dance with translation	200 pages.
4.	Historical research	200 pages.

This involves an expense of about Rs.5,500 for the staff a printing and paper.

(Sd.) K.Vasudeva Sastri
Pandit for Research.

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V Srinivasachari
Librarian and Convener

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Library – The Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore – Committee appointed to examine and report – Interim report.

Ref:-

From the chairman of the Committee for the T.M.S.S.M Library, Tanjore, Letter No. Rc. 83/47-48 D/24.6.47

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The chairman of the Committee for the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library is informed that the library should proceed with the work of publication of rare works ~~and for copying these works from manuscripts~~ utilising the grant of Rs.10,000/- recently placed at the disposal of the Hon. Secretary of the library for publication as well as for copying works from mss. The Committee

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Should also send a report showing how the grant has been spent.

2. On receipt of the committee's final report its specific recommendations for the increase of staff and other matters mentioned will be considered by Govt.

Re
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To
Sri T.V. Sadagopachariar
M.A.B.L., M.L.A (Central)
Chairman of the Committee
for the T.M.S.S.M. Lib.
Tanjore

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Libraries – The Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore – Committee appointed to examine and report – Final Report.

Ref:-
From the Chairman of the T.M.S.S.M. Library Committee dated 13.9.47

The final report of the Committee of the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library is forwarded to the DPI for early remarks.

Re
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To
The DPI
(with the report at p 29-73 in origl. to be returned with reply)

Rd. on 27/1/48.
,, ,, 14/2/48.

T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore.
Dated 13th Sept., 1947

From

Sri.T.V. Sadagopachariar, M.A.,B.L.,
Advocate and Chairman of the Special Committee for
improvement of the T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

In accordance with the directions of Government, on behalf of myself and the members of the Committee, I have the honour to herewith submit our Report containing our recommendations as indicated in the terms of reference to us, and hope that it will receive due and favourable consideration at the hands of Government at an early date.

We trust the report and the annexures will be received and found to be in order.

Enclosures.

1. Report.
2. Annexure A
3. Annexure B.
4. Annexure C.
5. Annexure D.
6. Annexure E.

Yours faithfully,
TVchari
Chairman of the Committee.

Despatched

The Report submitted by the Committee appointed by Government under G.O. Ms. NO. 1119, Education dated 2nd June 1947 for making suggestions for the improvement and the preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the Tanjore Maharajah Serjoji's Sarasvathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.

MEMBERS:

1. Sri T.V. Sadakopachariar, M.A., B.L., (Chairman).
2. Sri Prathapasimha Rajah Saheb, Junior Prince of Tanjore.
3. Sri R. Rangaswami Ayengar, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Tanjore.
4. Sri Sardar A. Vedaratnam Pillai, M.L.A., Vedaraniyam, Tanjore District.
5. Sri S. Gopalan, B.A., B.L., Hony. Secretary, T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore.
6. Sri P.D. Joshi, President, Madras Branch, C/o Water Supply Specialists Ltd., Gopathy Road, T' Nagar, Madras.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of the order of Government in G.O. NO. Ms. 1119, Education, dated 2nd June 1947, constituting a Committee for the purpose mentioned therein, we the Chairman and Members of the Committee so constituted have the honour to submit herebelow our report.

The Committee has been requested to submit its report on the present working of the library and to make suggestions for its improvement and the preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the library.

The Committee met on 15th June 1947, 6th July 1947, 20th July 1947, 27th July, 23rd August, 31st August, 7th and gu

and 8th September, 1947, and 9th September 1947. The proceedings of the Committee meeting are given in Annexure F. p75

BRIEF HISTORY:

The nucleus of this library originated under the rule of the Telugu Nayak Kings who ruled Tanjore in about the sixteenth century. It was augmented by the Mahratta Kings who came later. But the really substantial portion of the collection was contributed by Maharajah Serfoji who was himself a great scholar. His successor Sivaji Rajah, the last king, added some more to the grand collection, but after him only a few notable collections have been added to the Library. Thus in 1921, a good number of sanskrit manuscripts representing the collection of the scholarly family of Jambunath Bhat Landagai was acquired for the library. In 1922 some valuable collections known as the Kagalkar and Patanga Avadhuta Collections were received by the Library. The Administrative -- Committee have been adding some modern books from time to time.

THE PRESENT POSITION:

It has been said that in respect of magnitude as well as the range of subjects dealt with, not to speak of the diversity of languages employed, the Tanjore library is probably second to none among oriental libraries in India. Dr. Burnell catalogued a portion of the sanskrit manuscripts and his list contains more than 15,000 of them. Unfortunately this catalogue did not cover the entire contents of the library even then. Subsequently several other collections were received by the library thus rendering Dr. Burnell's catalogue very incomplete. In 1919 a committee was appointed by the Government of Madras to take charge of the library. By their efforts the manuscripts and books were catalogued and published but even here several important books which lay interspersed between the

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the leaves of other bulky works were lost sight of and escaped being listed. Though the attempt at first was to give a descriptive catalogue, the final volumes did not attempt at any description but gave only the titles. Thus even the work of publishing an exhaustive and descriptive catalogue that will be useful to scholars remains to be done. We tried to arrive at a fairly accurate figure of the books and manuscripts in the library and with the help of the Librarian and staff we have arrived at the following figures.

MANUSCRIPTS AND BOOKS.

Manuscripts--~~35000~~ 34700.

Sanskrit.	30,000.
Tamil.	1,300.
Maratti.	2,500.
Telugu.	900.

34,700.

Printed Books about ~~8967~~ 9167.

English.	4,980.
Other European Languages. ...	600.
Tamil.	519
Telugu.	50.
Urudu and Persian.	15.
Hindi.	160.
Maratti.	508.
Periodicals.	500.
Picture Books	75.
European Music.	150.
Sanskrit.	1,610.
Total...	~~8,967~~. 9167. 9167.

The Library contains rare manuscripts on Medicine, Music, Dance and other arts. Some of them are not only very ancient, they are not available anywhere else. Apart from their importance from the point of view of Art and Literature, the manuscripts if published and made available to scholars will be invaluable for scientific and historical research. There are also several objects of interest which may be classified as literary curios. Thus the proper publication of the manuscripts will open a vast field for not only scholars but also persons following the profession of medicine or music. There are also some very ancient and perhaps original or first editions of notable English and European works. Further there are many manuscripts, papers and rare books now out of print which provide splendid raw material for reconstruction of South Indian History particularly that relating to the Post British Period. The times of Raja Pratapasimha and Raja Tulaja which cover a period of fifty years from the seventeen thirties onwards happened to synchronise with some of the most important events in this part of the country as for instance the progress of the East India Company as a territorial power, the Mahratta invasions, the invasion of the South by Hyder Ali and Tippu Sultan, the clash between Tanjore and the Nawab of the Carnatic etc., Tanjore has been the pivot of many of these events especially the battles between the country powers with the English on the one side and the French on the other. The records available in this library throw new light on many of these events. The Hony. Secretary of the library -- Sri S. Gopalan, B.A., B.L., who has been doing research in this department has already suggested to the Indian Historical Records Commission the need for the constitution of a Committee for publishing a new history but it will be in the fitness of things that the library itself takes up this work, and its activity in this direction is greatly encouraged.

PRESENT ADMINISTRATION:

The library was handed over to a public trust by the heirs of the last Raja and thus it passed into Government management. The Library is now administered by an Administrative Committee consisting of the Collector and District Judge, Tanjore, one member of the Royal Family and two non-official members, of whom one officiates as Hony. Secretary. The Library has an endowment of one lak of rupees vested in Government of India 3% loan which fetches an annual interest of about Rs.3000/-- There is no other income except the copying charges paid by the public when they require copies of manuscripts and proceeds realised by way of sale of catalogues. But these are very negligible.

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The income is grossly inadequate even to preserve the manuscripts and books of the library from decay. After persistent requests Government granted in instalments about 15 years ago a total sum of Rs.50,000/-- for publication of the catalogues aforesaid and for purchase of steel cabinets for housing books and manuscripts. This amount was long ago utilised as directed. With this very inadequate income of about Rs.3000/-- only per annum, it is not surprising that the Administrative Committee has not been able to do much by way of copying of manuscripts or for their publication.

What with the present cost of living and the dearth of people interested in the ancient lore ~~for~~ and qualified to do this work, it is difficult to retain even the present staff on their meagre pay and next to impossible to find substitutes. We had therefore submitted to Government even after our first meeting an interim report requesting Government to sanction funds for increased pay and allowances to the existing staff. A copy of that report is ~~also attached herewith~~ already with Government. The Government have directed us to incorporate these recommendations in

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in our final report. We have endeavoured to do so.

PRESERVATION:

The preservation of the manuscripts is naturally the first and foremost concern. Decay of the manuscripts has to be arrested and destructive agents have to be controlled. The manuscripts have to be copied so that the destruction or decay of the original may not result in loss of the particular manuscript or book. So we have thought it fit to suggest ways and means of preservation of the existing manuscripts by preventives and also by making copies.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

The Library at present adopts the method of placing packets of powdered camphor, black cumin seeds, sweet flag, pepper, cinnamon bark and cloves in the shelves containing palm leaf manuscripts. These packets are said to be effective for preventing attack of insects for a period of two months. Every two months therefore these packets have to be renewed. We understand the materials have risen very much in cost and with the funds the library has it is impossible to replace these packets even once in 6 months. In addition to this, special preservatives like citronella oil, and naphthalene balls are used. We addressed several other libraries on the subject of insect preventives and preservatives. We give their suggestions in annexure A. to this report. We find that insects have already ravaged many of the manuscripts and palm leaves and we are therefore anxious that further destruction should be immediately stopped. Otherwise even before an army of copyists can copy out these manuscripts they would have been eaten up by the insects. So, we suggest a judicious combination of the several methods used by various libraries consistent with their cost and availability and would emphasise

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emphasise that expenditure incurred on this head will, even if rather high, be quite well-advised. We suggested in our interim report a specific grant immediately of Rs.1,500/-- But we would put the expenditure on this head at Rs.2,500/-- making it a part of the annual recurring grant recommended below. In addition to these chemical preservatives it is very necessary that the manuscripts and books are taken out, dusted, aired and even sunned a bit and replaced. Each item has to receive this treatment at least once in three months. At 50 books or manuscripts per day per worker, there will be required at least six such workers to cope with the 45,000 items. We ~~we~~ think it is absolutely necessary that six attenders are permanently appointed for the work of taking out these manuscripts and books, dusting and airing them and replacing them.

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The services of an expert to advise on matters relating to preservation and repair or renewal of some of the rare and valuable works which are almost crumbling to pieces may be necessary. This is a question which Government may consider if they think fit through their technical departments. In the meanwhile we suggest continuation of the present methods and the use of D.D.T.

Copying.

We examined individually many of the manuscripts and palm leaves. We have given in annexure B. to this report the several manuscripts which require immediate and urgent copying. Even now some of them are in process of decay. The number of such manuscripts is 327. 700 manuscripts selected by us are very rare and valuable works and they may perish by the hand of time unless copied at once. We have also picked out 2800 manuscripts in Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu and Maratti

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Maratti languages which require to be copied in course of time i.e. with a programme say of five or ten years. There are at present 3 copyists one each for Sanskrit, Telugu and Maratti. It has been found by experience that a copyist can copy only about 15 manuscripts in one year. This is because the manuscripts are very ancient and the letters are indistinct or worm-eaten and often require magnifying lenses for diciphering. Being technical subjects the matter has to be also followed and hence the copyist has necessarily to be a pandit versed in the particular subject. For the 1000 and odd manuscripts which we have selected for immediate and urgent copying not less than 60 copyists will be required if the work is to be finished within one year. If the work is to be spread out to 2 years 30 copyists would have to be engaged for the work. We think that this is the minimum that has to be done. After two years the number of copyists required may be much less. The 2800 manuscripts, which we have specified for copying in course of time, may be taken up in a ten-year plan. So 12 copyists in addition to the existing 3 copyists will have to be permanently appointed and 15 more for the first two years on a ~~contant~~ contract basis. Since the copies have to be compared with the original and corrected, two copyists-examiners are necessary to check the work of the 15 copyists. So we have suggested the appointment of two copyists as examiners. For the first two years, since there are to be fifteen more copyists we gave suggested two additional examiners to cover their work. In all, this makes a total number of 30 copyists and 4 examiners of whom 15 copyists and 2 examiners will be permanent and 15 copyists and 2 examiners will be for 2 years on contract. We have suggested a scale of pay to the copyists; the scale suggested is modest compared with what other libraries are said to pay their copyists. The same scale is applied to the examiners also.

In course of time many of the other volumes which we have not included for copying in our list may get tarnished and may be in necessity of being copied out. So we are of opinion that at least 15 copyists may have to form part of the permanent staff. Further down in our report we have suggested the desirability of bringing into this library collections which may exist, and indeed are said to be, with several families in this and other districts in Southern India. This permanent staff of copyists will be very useful in case such collections come in and they stand in need of being copied.

IMPROVEMENT:

Cataloguing. The first necessity is the preparation and publication of supplemental catalogues. We have already adverted to the fact that the published catalogues contain no description or any particular of several thousand manuscripts. This defect has to be remedied. To our mind a catalogue of an oriental library such as this should be fully descriptive so that it may be a mine of information and guide to scholars throughout the world. This work therefore requires expert supervision. We think there should be a special staff one Tamil, one Telugu, one Maratti and two Sanskrit Pandits for this purpose. They can be retained for such time as the catalogue takes to be completed.

Publication.

Next to cataloguing we consider editing or publishing some of the manuscripts as important. This work requires special study and has to be done by competent scholars. They have to choose valuable and useful works which have not been published hitherto and which would advance knowledge in any department. We would suggest Government invite the help of eminent scholars for selection of such works as have to be published. There are several learned men in our country who will be willing to render this honerary service. In addition to this there should be a small body of learned men attached to the Library. There are at present the Librarian and the research Pandit who are well qualified for this work. We would suggest the inclusion of one more, preferably a person learned in Indian Medicine. We understand there is now one L.I.M. who is rendering part-time service. We would prefer a whole time man receiving adequate remuneration. These three persons may constitute a Research Committee for selecting manuscripts for printing and publishing. Government may send the Committee's suggestions to learned men who can render honorary service by examining and approving these suggestions. The manuscripts so selected and approved may be published by the Library. This will be not only a source for scholars for research, it will also provide a source of income to the Library. Since the income under this head can be even approximately estimated only some time after the publication and sale of books so printed, we have not included this figure in our calculations.

Several of the works cannot be understood even by scholars without adequate notes, references and often times full translations into the regional languages. It is -- necessary therefore that some of the publications are effected with modern methods of giving notes, reference, Bibliography, indices, translation etc.

For the special work that has to be done in connection with such publications higher remuneration is naturally

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naturally necessary. We have suggested in annexure C. a higher scale of salaries for the 3 persons thus specially qualified for this work. Under this Research Committee there will have to be 2 Tamil, one Telugu and 1 Sanskrit Pandit. The medical books that can be profitably published will in Tamil alone amount to 50. The works in music and dancing which are valuable for publication would amount to 70. There is therefore a necessity for retaining the services of the 4 pandits as mentioned by us. These 4 pandits may be retained for a particular length of time on a contract basis, but we should think it better they form part of the present staff.

There should be a Clerical staff for the publication branch. We have suggested one stenographer. We have also suggested a scale of pay for them on a par with other institutions.

Electric Lighting.

Then on the subject of improvements we wish to suggest that the library premises are fitted with electric lights. Though the halls are very spacious and the roof is fairly high, the housing of the book cases necessarily makes the place rather dark even in mid-day. During the fore-noon and after-noon we found it difficult to read even ordinary print except near the few windows. To read palm leaf manuscripts yellowed by age in this light will be a difficult feat. The copyists will not be able to work for the full hours and with efficiency, and many errors may creep in. So it is absolutely necessary to instal electric lighting. We have annexed herewith an estimate of the probable cost of putting up electric lights. (vide--annexure D.) A sum of Rs.2,000/-- may be necessary for the initial cost of installation.

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Collection of Manuscripts:

As part of the scheme for improvement, we think it necessary that an attempt is made to gather collections of ancient manuscripts. of valuable works which are said to be still available with several families in this part of our country. We would suggest a small staff (manuscripts collection staff to be entrusted with the work of gathering information as to the existence of such manuscripts and collecting them for the library. This manuscripts collection staff has to be composed of fairly well informed persons and will have to be paid a retainer and an allowance for going round on this work. Further a manuscripts collection Fund has to be constituted for purchase of such collections if their acquisition is useful and valuable. In this connection, we suggest the desirability of acquiring for this Library the publications of other Oriental Libraries. In talking of Oriental Libraries, we do not confine our ideas to the libraries in India alone. If it were possible to acquire works from such libraries in England, France or Germany, it is worth attempting. It is stated that some manuscripts have been lost from this library probably to other countries. An attempt should be made if possible to trace and reclaim them.

We were surprised to learn that even Government publications are not all of them supplied free to this library. We would suggest that all publications of the Central as well as Provincial Governments are directed to be supplied.

In our opinion this library should not be left at the stage at which it was left in the last century. It should be made into a growing library with modern books as well. We find that when Serfoji augmented this library, he filled it with volumes then current, and he did so in all branches of of knowledge. We are anxious that the same spirit should be continued, and copies of modern publications with special reference to Tamil should be acquired for the lbrary. In our view this library should form a temple of learning and have the facilities of an University of Research. Unless modern knowledge is also made available, there may be a tendency for the library activities to stagnate and decay and the younger generation will fail to be attracted. What is modern now will become ancient in a few more years. It is therefore very necessary that all efforts are made to render this library a living and growing institution. We would suggest an initial grant under this head of a lump sum of Rs.10,000/-- in the first instance and a recurring grant on this specific head of Rs.2,000/-- per year. Government granted Rs.10,000/-- recently for publication and copying of manuscripts. This amount is being utilised for the purpose. Accounts will be submitted for these expenses by the Administrative Committee of the Library in due course. This amount being a lump grant for 1947, it is not taken into account for the future years for which alone we have set out our recommendation.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, we make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Government:--

1. A lump grant of Rs.1,00,000/-- for the first year (1947-48) and of Rs.60,000/-- for the second year (1948-49). The details of expenditure are given in annexures D and E. p ~~69-71~~ 71-73 supra

This lump grant includes the current expense of Rs.35,740/-- per year, as per annexure C. Thus in effect a sum of Rs.60,000/-- is required as lump sum for the first year and Rs.20,000/-- for the second year in addition to the recurring grant of Rs.35,740/-- specified in para 2 below. p69 supra

2. A recurring annual grant of Rs.35,740/-- for payment to the pandits, copyists etc., and for establishment and other maintenance charges as detailed in annexure C.

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The grants have to be given to the present Administrative Committee of the library. They will administer the funds and render accounts under direction of Government.

We have not dealt with the need for provision for preventing fire and other accidents as the Administrative Committee can do all that is necessary for this purpose with the funds we have recommended. We recommend to the Committee the desirability of Fire and other accident insurance in good time.

We understand Raja Serfoji the maker of the library spent a large share of his personal income solely for this library This library is a national asset and deserves to be supported not only by Government by payment out of the State treasury but also by philanthropic bodies and individuals. Government can issue an appeal in this direction and invite contributions of books, manuscripts, and money for the library.

We, the Members of the Committee are grateful to our leaders who are in Government now for having given us the opportunity of seeing the remarkable treasures of knowledge and art that lie buried in palm leaves in this library. We were pained to see that hitherto little attention was paid to this great heritage of our ancients. We have to express our gratitude to the Princes of Tanjore, the descendants of Raja Serfoji who made a gift of this precious library to the Nation.

We thank the Administrative Committee of the Library and particularly the Hony. Secretary Mr. S. Gopalan, and the Librarian, Research Pandit, and staff for their co-operation and invaluable help in our work.

We are anxious that the subject of preservation and improvement of this library receives the immediate and earnest attention of our National Government and submit this report after our careful consideration, with the specific recommendation of a lump sum grant of a lakh of Rupees for the first year, Rs.60,000/-- for the second and recurring grants of about Rs.40,000/-- per annum thereafter, in the hope that this will receive as high a priority in the list of claims as the subject deserves.

We have the honour to be

Tanjore,
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Sd/-- T.V. Satakopachariar,
(Chairman).
Sd/-- P.D. Joshi.
Sd/-- A. Vederatnam,
Sd/-- S. Gopalan, (Convener).
Sd/-- R. Rengaswamy Ayyengar,
Sd/-- Prathapasimha Rajah.
~~and~~ members of the Committee.

(True Copy).

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13.9.47
Chairman.

ANNEXURE A. (referred to on p43 ante)

Suggestions contained in communications from other Libraries.

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1. Research Laboratory, British Museum, London.

(a) For strengthening palm leaves: The solution of one per cent strength of Cellulose nitrate dissolved in a solvent consisting of equal volume of Amylacetate and acetone. A stronger solution may be used later. Poppley oil may be tried also.

(b) Protection from moths and insects:

(i) Dichlor Benzene Crystales are more effective than Naphthalene.

(ii) Organic Thiocyanates are preferred in modern practice to dicholore Benzene.

(iii) Commercial concentrated "Lethane" (from Chas, Leaning & Company Ltd., (Great Britain), 117, West Street, Erith Kent") dissolved to 3% strength in Paraffin oil has been found effective and reliable. It is applied with a pressure spray at about 50 lbs. per square inch.

(iv) If moth growths appear a sterilisation treatment is to be given by wiping the surface with cotton wool charged with a very dilute alcholic solution of para nitrophenol (strength 0.P. per cent).

2. The Director of Archives, Government of India, Imperial Record Department, New Delhi.

(a) The method used for fighting insect pests is to fumigate all paper records by thymol in improvised wooden chambers, and palm leaf manuscripts by pars dicloro Benzene in an air tight steel cabinet. The capital expenditure for this process may not exceed Rs.2,000/--

(b) The ideal process is to use vacum fumigating method with carboxide, a mixture of 9 parts of carbon dioxide and one part of othylene oxide) as the fumigant. This method would involve a capital expenditure of about Rs.57,000/--

(c) Naphthalene bricks in stacks are also used where the records are stored for acting as repellants.

3. Oriental Institute, Baroda.

(a) The ground floor is often cleaned with Phenyle.

(b) Citronella Oil is applied to palm leaf manuscripts before every rainy season.

(c) Naptha balls are placed among manuscripts both paper and palm leaf.

(d) The manuscripts are put before windows for ventilation.

4. Adayar Library, Madras.

(a) Palm leaf and paper manuscripts are periodically dusted and arranged.

(b) Palm leaf manuscripts are oilded at least once in three years with Dhumla Thail prepared in Ceylon. This oil is not available since 1942.

5. Mysore University Library.

(a) Baje powder and Naocid D.D.T. powder are used for books and paper manuscripts.

(b) Manuscripts preserver a kind of oil prepared by a local manufacturer is used for treating the palm leaf manuscripts.

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Librarian.

ANNEXURE B. (referred to on p. 45 ante)

Details regarding manuscripts that have to be copied for preservation.

(a) Number of manuscripts to be copied at once because they are already damaged.

Medicine.	Palm leaf.	Paper.	Total.
Tamil.	14	-	14.
Sanskrit.	18	10	28.
Music and Dancing.	20	15	35.
Other works.	150	100	250.
Total.	202.	125	327.

(b) Number of manuscripts to be copied at once for their rarity.

Medicine:	
Tamil. ...	80.
Sanckrit. ..	30.
Music & dancing.	90.
Other works.	500.
	700.

The number of manuscripts to be copied at once is 1027.

(c) Number of manuscripts to be copied in course of time.

Tamil ...	100
Sanskrit ...	2000
Telugu ...	200
Marathi. ..	500
Total.	2800.

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Librarian.

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ANNEXURE C.

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Recurring Grant.

(a) Staff and Pay:

Staff.	Present No.	Present pay and allowance.	Proposed No.	Proposed scale.	Proposed pay and allowance.	Total.
1. Librarian.	1	80 & D.A 10.	1.	75-2-85-5-110-10-160	100 10	110
2. Research Pandit.	1	80&D.A.10	1.	70-2-80-4-100-10-150	100 10	110
3. Ayurvedic Pandit.			1	70-2-80-4-100-10-150	70 10	80
4. Pandit Tamil No. 1	h		1.	50-2-70-3-100	50 10	60
5. Pandit Tamil NO. 2			1	50-2-70-3-100	50 10	60
6. Telugu Pandit	1	40&D.A.10	1	50-2-70-3-100	50 10	60
7. Sanskrit Pandit	2	40&D.A.10	1	50-2-70-3-100	50 10	60
8. Marathi Pandit.			1	50-2-70-3-100	50 10	60
9. Asst. Librarian.			1	40-2-56-3-80	40 10	50.
10. Permanent copyist	3	30&D.A.10	15	35-2-55-3-70	35 10	45 x 15 675.
11. Copy examiners.	1	30&D.A.10	2	35-2-55-3-70	35 10	45 x 2 90.
12. Attenders.	1	25&D.A.10	6	25-1-35-2-45 (Pres.Inct) (others)	30 10 25 10	40 35 x 5 175
13. Peons.	3	18&D.A.10 12&D.A.10 12&D.A.10 42 30	4	15-1-30	20 10 15 10 15 10 15 10	30 25 25 25
14. Watchmen	3	8 &D.A.10.	3	10-½-15	10 10	60
15 Sweeper.	1	5 &D.A.3	1.	5	5 5	10
16. Stenographer.			1	50	50 10	60.
				Total.		1865.

Total per year.
1865 ~~1685~~ x 12
22,380

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Librarian.

	B.F.	22,380.

(b) Contingencies:

Paper for copying manuscripts and stationary at 15 pages per day per copyist for 25 working days in the month. 300 x 12 3600 pages.. 450 sheets or I ream roughly--for 15 copies ‖ 15 reams at 12 Rs. per ream. ...	Rs.	180
Station~~a~~ery, Blotting paper, nibs ink.	Rs.	180
Paper for printing - on an average of 200 pages per year with an issue of 500 copies - 200 x 500/8 125000 sheets 250 reams at Rs.30/- per ream. about	Rs.	7,000
Printing and binding charges. ...		3,000
Electric charges and other miscellaneous charges.	Rs.	500
Preservation insecticides.	Rs.	2,500
Collection of manuscripts.	Rs.	1,000
Purchase of current publications.	Rs.	2,000
Total.	Rs.	38,740
Less the present income by way of interest on the endowment of 1 lakh of rupees.	Rs.	3,000
Balance.	Rs.	35,740.

Should be Rs 12500 (+85 [illegible])

Annexure-D

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Lump grant for 1st year:

‖ Additional copyists 15 @ examiners 2. 45 x 17 x 12 765 x 12.	9,180
Paper and stationary for copying. ✓	360
Electric Installation.	2,000
Furniture, desk et. for copyists.	2,500
Acquisition of manuscripts.	10,000
Purchase of modern Books	10,000
Initial allotment for insecticides	5,000
Addl. paper and printing for 1st year publication.	5,000
Add as per recurring grant estimate in annexure C.	35,740
Supplemental cataloguing. staff 50-10-60x5-300x12.	3,600
Paper and printing 1000 copies.	10,000
Total.	93,380.

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ANNEXURE E. (referred to on page 57 ante)

Lump grant for Second year.

Additional copyists 15 and examiners 2. Rs. 45 x 17 x 12. ...	Rs. 9180.
Paper and Stationery for copying. ..	Rs.360
Paper and Printing for second year of publication.	Rs. 5000
Add as per recurring grant estimate in Annexure C.	Rs.35740
Supplemental cataloguing staff. --	Rs. 3600
Do. Paper and printing.	Rs. 5000
Total.	Rs.58880

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ANNEXURE F (referred to on p 35 ante)

Minutes of the Meetings.

13th June 1947.

Members Present:

1. Sri T.V. Satakopachariar, M.A., B.L., M.L.A., (Chairman).
2. Sri R. Rangaswamy Iyengar, B.A., B.L.,
3. Srimanth Ry. Prathapasimha Rajah.
4. Sri P.D. Joshi.
5. Sri S. Gopalan B.A., B.L.,

1. Read the report of the Hony. Secretary on the present working of the Library. pages 13-17 ante
2. Read the report of Mr. K. Vasudeva Sastri, Research Pandit of the Library. pages 19-25 ante
3. The interim report was drafted read and approved. pages 3-11 ante

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6-7-1947.

Members present.

1. Sri T.V. Satakopachariar M.A., B.L., (Chairman)
2. Srimanth Ry. Prathapasimha Rajah Saheb.
3. Sri R Rengaswamy Ayyengar, B.A., B.L.,
4. Sri S. Gopalan, B.A., B.L.,
5. Sri Sardar A. Vedaratham, M.L.A.
6. Sri P.D. Joshi, Madras.

The Tamil manuscripts on medicine from Nos. 10-86 and Sanskrit manuscripts 10723 to 10774 were scrutinised and selected for urgent copy.

Further scrutiny adjourned to next meeting.

20-7-1947.

Members present.

1. Sri Sardar A. Vedaratnam Pillai M.L.A. (in the chair).
2. Sri R. Rengaswamy Ayyangar. B.A., B.L.,
3. Sri P.D. Joshi, Madras.
4. Sri S. Gopalan, B.A., B.L., (convener)

The manuscripts from Nos. 10775-10826 were examined and found necessary to the copied.

27-7-1947.

Members present.

1. Sri T.V. Satakopachariar M.A., B.L., M.L.A. (Chairman)
2. Sri Sardar A. Vedaratnam Pillai M.L.A.,
3. Sri S. Gopalan, B.A., B.L., (Convener).

The manuscripts from Nos. 9633-10690 were examined and found necessary to be copied.

23-8-1947.

Members present.

1. Sri T.V. Satakopachariar, M.A., B.L., (Chairman).
2. Sri Sardar A. Vedaratnam Pillai.

The manuscripts from Nos.11506 to 11530 were examined and found necessary to be copied.

31-8-1947.

Members present.

1. Sri T.V. Satakopachariar, M.A., B.L., (Chairman)
2. Sri Sardar A. Vedaratnam M.L.A.
3. Sri P.D. Joshi, Madras.
4. Sri R. Rengaswamy Ayyangar, B.A., B.L.,
5. Sri S. Gopalan, B.A., B.L., (Convener)

The details of the report to be drafted were discussed.

7-9-1947.

Members present.

1. Sri T.V. Satakopachariar M.A., B.L., M.L.A. (Chairman)
2. Sri R. Rangaswamy Ayyangar, B.A., B.L.
3. Sri P.D. Joshi, Madras.
4. Sri S. Gopalan, B.A., B.L., (convener)

The draft final report is read and approved. Adjourned tomorrow to consider the annexures to the report.

8-9-1947.

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4. Sri R. Rangaswamy Iyengar, B.A., B.L.,
5. Sri Sardar A. Vedaratnam Pillai M.L.A.,
6. Sri J.D. Joshi, Madras.

The annexures of the report were considered.

9-9-1947.

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4. Sri Sardar A. Vedaratnam Pillai, M.L.A.,

The report and annexures approved and adopted.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

From
Sri. D.S. Reddi, M.A., (Oxon.)
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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

R.C. No. 2487-G/47 dated 16th March 1948.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
19 MAR 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Libraries - The Tanjore Maharaja Serboji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore - Committee appointed to examine and report - Final Report - remarks thereon submitted to Government.

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REF: Government Endorsement No.52482-C.2/47-3-Education dated 7th November 1947. p. 29 ant

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With reference to the above endorsement, I have the honour to submit the following remarks on the subject.

The Tanjore Palace Library is a reputed institution and should be maintained properly for preserving our cultural heritage. As the resources of the library are slender it is the responsibility of Government to give the necessary financial aid and if necessary to take over the management themselves.

✗ The work of the library and the expenditure to be incurred may be conveniently arranged under the following six heads and dealt with.

(1) Preservation of the originals -palm-leaf and paper manuscripts.

(2) Preservation of the contents - Restoration by copyists and by photostat machine.

(3) Cataloguing.

(4) (a) Publication of rare and ~~mx~~ unpublished Manuscripts and (b) also a quarterly Journal.

(5) Equipment.

(6) Administration.

(a) The preservation of the original manuscripts - palm-leaf and paper manuscripts cannot be over emphasised in a Manuscripts library. Of the various methods mentioned in the report, Fumigation recommended by the Keeper of Records, Government of India, and oiling and use of chemicals in a large measure are quite n necessary; and a sum of Rs.2,000/- for the purchase of a fumigation machine and a recurring expenditure of Rs.1,000/- on chemicals, etc., may be adequate. pages 63-65 ante

Three special attenders who may carefully handle manuscripts may be adequate instead of the six attenders recommended by the Committee. The cost ~~of~~ will be about Rs.35 X 12 X 3 — Rs.1,260/-. p 69 ante

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1-(b). The paper manuscripts will also require continual attention and a permanent binder may be employed. He may also bind the printed books as and when necessary. The manuscripts which are specially valuable and which are decaying, will have to be mended with chiffron with special arrangements at the Madras Record Office. The cost may be Pay R s.600/- plus Rs.400/- cost of binding materials - A sum of Rs.500/- a year may be provided for mending.

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2. Preservation of the contents - Restoration by copying or by photostat machine. Only qualified copyists experience in reading manuscripts should be employed for restoration.-work. Such men are not available in large numbers for the remuneration offered. Further to employ 50 copyists at a time on a monthly pay recommendxd by the Committee will become unmanegable and their work cannot be properly assessed and supervised. Competent copyists upto a limit of ten at a time pay be engaged and paid for ~~x~~ on a contract basis (works charged contract contingencies) the rates being the same as obtains in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library. A sum of Rs.5,000/- a year may be provided for this work. The rarity of the manuscripts and their condition should be taken into consideration in deciding priotity for restoration work. The comparing work should be done by the copyist and a member of the permanent staff. An alternative, more efficient, quicker and cheaper method is by taking photostat copies. The initial cost of the machine may be about Rs.10,000/- and the annual working charges about Rs.1,500/- a year inclusive of the salary of a mechanic.

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The Committee has proposed the use of paper of the value of Rs.12/- per ream for copying manuscripts. Only thin and not durable paper could be had for this sum. 40 Lbs. specially durable paper is necessary for this work, as obtains in the Government Manuscripts Library and the Adyar Library. A sum of Rs.500/- a year should be provided under this item. //

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3. Cataloguing: A descriptive catalogue of about 25 volumes is already available in the library. The Sanskrit manuscripts of Volume 19 which gives only a list of books have to be described ~~xxxxxd~~ immediately and also any subsequent ~~conditions~~ additions. If revision of the existing catalogues is desired supplemental volumes may be prepared referring to the omissions and note worthy details. Two pandits in Sanskrit and one for each in Tamil, Telugu and ~~Majarai~~ maharati will be adequate. Fully qualified pandits with adequate knowledge of English, having experience of doing this work carefully should be appointed. They should be paid adequate salaries as for pandits in colleges. A scale of Rs.80 - 5 - 150 is recommended. The scale proposed by the Committee is very inadequate. The cost of printing the catalogues may be upto Rs.2,000/- a year. A sum of Rs.5,000/- under salaries for five pandits may be provided.

4 (a) Publication of a ~~rate~~ rare manuscripts. The work of the publications may be entrusted to competent scholars who may be invited to be honorary editors for particular works, the library staff helping in respect of preparing the copis, ~~xx~~ proof reading, etc. Three pandit copyists on Rs. 60 - 80 who may be useful for comparing and other work also may be appointed one in each of the language sanskrit, Tamil and maharati (i.e., Rs.2,500/- a year.) The cost of printing may be limited to Rs.3,000/- a year i.e., for about 500/- pages a year.

(b) The library is conducting a Journal and it is desirab that it is put on a stable basis. A sum of Rs.1,000/- may be provided for this.

The cost of paper for printing has been roughly estimated at Rs.7,000/- by the Committee (vide Report - Annexure C.). Ther is a clerical error: 200 X 500/8--12,500/-. Instead of 12,500/- sheets ~~a~~ or 25 reams the committee has estimated 250 reams and the cost is brought to Rs.7,000/- instead of Rs.700/-

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5. Equipment: The Committee has asked for Rs.10,000/- for modern books 2,500 under Furniture and 2,000/- under Electrical installations and Rs.5,000/- under insecticides, etc. non-recurring and Rs.2,000/- ~~under electric installation~~ recurring for current publications. This appears to be extravagent. A sum of Rs.2,000/- under furniture and Rs.2,000/- under ~~electric~~ books, Rs.1,500/- under electric installation all non-recurring and a sum of Rs. 500/- a year for printed books should be adequate. ~~Thexxj~~ The Tanjore library is only a Manuscripts library and not a current circulating library for which large sums are required under purchase of printed books. The insecticides have been provided for under preservation (para 1) p81 ante

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6. Administration: A full time superintendent competent and qualified to direct and supervise the work of the library on a salary of Rs.200 - 10 -400 and a librarian on Rs.100 - 10-200 are quite essential for carrying on the various items of work contemplated in the committee's report and also usually associated with manuscript libraries. A clerk-typist, 3 peons, 1 nightwatchman and one sweeper will be adequate. The peons may be engaged in dusting work also by turns as done in the Government Manuscripts Library. The cost under this item may be about Rs.5,500/- but it may vary if the average cost is worked out. The Committee may also be reorganised to include a District Educational Officer or other administrative officer nominated by the Director of Public Instruction and also a few experts. The expenditure on the library may be subject to audit by the Inspector of Local Funds Accounts. Or if the Government should exercise effective control over the large sums spent on the ~~construction~~ made from library from public funds while the existing resources of the library are very meagre, the administration may be placed under the control of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, assisted by an advisory Committee.

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Contribution

Now to sum up the financial ~~xx xx~~ implications of the above remarks under the various heads:-

	recurring	Non-recurring.
	Rs.	Rs.
I. Preservation of the original materials		
1. Fumigation machine		2,000/-
2. Chemicals, etc.	1,000/-	
3. Attenders	1,260/-	
4. Binder, materials and ~~binding~~ mending.	1,500/-	
II. Preservation of the contents		
Copyists	5,000/- } 5500	
papers	500/-	
OR		
Photostat machine		10,000/-
Maintenance	1,500/-	
Paper	500/-	

III.	Cataloguing:		
	Five pandits' salaries	5000/-	
	Printing charges	2,000/-	
IV.	Publication of rare manuscripts.		
	3 pandit copyists	2,500/-	
	printing charges inclusive of cost of paper	3,000/-	
	Journal	1,000/-	
V.	Equipment Books.	500/-	2,000/-
	~~Books~~ Furniture		1,500/-
	Electric installation		2,000/-
VI.	Administration.	5,500/-	
	Total	Rs. 28,760/- ✓	7,500/- ✓
	OR ~~Plus Dearness allowance Rs.300/-~~	~~500/-~~ or Rs 25260/- ✓	17500/-

Plus dearness allowance Rs.3,000/-

The total estimated recurring and non-recurring cost will be (i) Rs.28,760/- and Rs.7,500/-. If the photostat machine is not purchased, or (2) if the photostat machine is purchas (1) Rs.25,260/- and (b) Rs.17,500/-. If dearness allowance has to be paid a sum of Rs.3,000/- may have to be incurred in addition. As it may take nearly a year before a phostat machine is installed in working condition even if it is decid to purchase one now, the first alternative ismore relevant fr the present. Out of a total of Rs.31,760/- recurring and Rs.7,500/- non-recurring expenditure the library Committee could meet only Rs.3,000/- It is therefore recommended th a grant of Rs.28,800/- recurring and Rs.7,500/- non-recurri be made for the year 1948-49, subject to the conditions th the suggestions made before the reorganisation of the staf and the work of the library are carried out. ed The position for the year 1949-50 may be review in the ligh of the work done about the beginning of January 1949.

The report of the Committee is re-submitted herewith.

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In these connection I may suggest that instead of placing funds at the disposal of the Committee, the Government may consider the question of taking over the library under their management.

K Subramaniam

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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Library - The Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library - Committee's final report.

Ref:- From the DPI., Re. No. 2487-G/47 Dated 16.3.48

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Memo No. 52482 C2/47-6 Edn Dt 28/6/48

With reference to para 2 of his letter read above, the DPI is requested to state the rates at which copyists are paid in the Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library. ~~Further~~ It is presumed that the lump sum provision of Rs 5000/- will be required annually only for a few years until the existing manuscripts

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are copied and that thereafter this amount can be substantially reduced. The DPI is requested to state whether the presumption is correct.

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2. In his letter read above, the D.P.I has suggested the employment of a Supdt, a Librarian, a clerk typist and certain inferior and menial staff. It has been suggested that it would be sufficient if the scale of pay of the existing librarian is raised suitably. The ~~DP~~ Director is requested to offer his remarks on this suggestion and also to propose a suitable scale of pay for the Librarian.

26/6/48

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To
The DPI

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29/6/48

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Library - Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library - committee's final report

Ref:-

Govt. Memo No 52482 C2/47-2 Edn D/ 19.8.47

Memo No. 52482 C2/47-7 Edn Dated 15.7.48

The attention of the Hon. Secretary, Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library is invited to the Govt memo cited above and he is requested to submit to Govt an ~~account~~ audited account of the expenditure for the grant of Rs 10,000/- sanctioned in G.O No. 1372 Edn dated 30.6.47.

To
The Hon. Secy
T.M.S.S.M. Library
Tanjore

Copy to the D.P.I.

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Library Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal committee's trial report

Ref:-

Govt. Memo No. 52482 C2/47-2 Edn. dt 19-8-47

Memo No. 52482 C2/47-2 Edn. Dated 19-8-47

The attention of the Hon. Secy, Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library is invited to the Govt memo cited above & he is requested to send the audited account of the expenditure for the grant of Rs 10,000/- sanctioned in G.O. No 137 Edn. dated 30-1-47.

To the Secy
T.M.S.S.M. Library
Tanjore

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Tanjore 21st. 22 July 1948.

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From

S. GOPALAN B. A., B. L.,
Member and Hony. Secretary,
Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library,
Tanjore.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
23 JUL 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

To

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The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Ref:--Government Memorandum No.52482 C2/47-2 Education dated 19-8-1947.

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With reference to the above memorandum, I have the honour to inform you that the auditing work has just now been commenced and I shall send the statement of audited accounts of the expenditure for the grant of Rs.10000/- as soon as the audit is finished.

Yours faithfully,
S. Gopalan
Hony. Secretary,
T.M.S.S.M. Library Committee.

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A trial report from the Hon Secy, T.M.S.S Mahal Library, Tanjore may be awaited till 26.8.48.

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A final report from the Hon Secy T.M.S.S Mahal Library, Tanjore may be awaited till 26.8.48

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R.C.NO.535-L.4/48

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 11-8-1948.

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From

SRI D.S.REDDI, M.A.(Oxon),
Director of Public Instruction, Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

Sub: Librarary - The Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore - Committee's final report.

Ref: Government Memo.No.52482-C.2/47-6 Edn dated 28-6-48.

I have the honour to state as follows:-

1 Regarding para 1, the rates at which copyists are paid in the Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library at present are as follows:-

for copying 1000 granthas (each grantha is a unit of 32 syllables)

1. Sanskrit Devanagari	... Rs.12/-
2. Tamil	... Rs.11/-
3. Telugu	... Rs.11/-
4. Kannada	... Rs.12/-
5. Malayalam	... Rs.12/-

For copying 60,000 letters in 6 and 7 Urdu and Persian (2 letters will ordinarily make one syllable) ... Rs.12/-

For copying 45,000 letters in 8.Arabic ... Rs.12/-

For two comparers per 1000 granthas or similar extent in 2 Arabic, Persian and Urdu ... Rs.2-12-0

As the manuscripts - both palm-leaf and paper are subject t
gradual process of decay it is necessary that restoration by copy
of the more injured manuscripts should be continually carried on i
an Oriental Manuscripts Library. If, however, the copying of manus
cripts requiring urgent restoration should be completely carried
out in a few years, the allotment under copying charges may be
substantially reduced, though it can never be completely stopped i
any manuscripts Library. Further useful manuscripts with private
owners unwilling to part with them and also important manuscripts
found in other libraries may be got copied for the Tanjore Librar
as is done in the Adyar Library. But that depends on the availabil
of funds. The presumption of Government that the allotment under
copying may be substantially reduced after a few years may be fairly
correct.

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2 Regarding para (2) it has to be stated that it is not merel
a question of raising the salary of the existing librarian; it is
primarily one of placing the library in the administrative charge
one who is duly qualified and competent to carry on the work of
library, viz. (1) Supervising, checking and directing the prepara-
tion and printing of catalogues, (2) The selection of works for
publication, scrutinising the matter for the press and other edito-
rial work including the correction of proofs, (3) Supervision of
the work of the copyists and checking the onerment of their work,
(4) General administration of the Library. It is learnt that the
present librarian is a B.A. with Sanskrit as optional subject; an
however intelligent he might be he could not be expected to disc
the main work of the ~~duties of the~~ library under items 1, 2 and 3 and at best he
discharge the duties of the ministerial head of the library offi
It is therefore necessary that the head of the library should be
master of Arts in Sanskrit, knowledge of other languages like T

and Marathi, ability for research and experience of Library administration being considered additional qualifications in the selection of a suitable person. It matters little whether he is called Superintendent or by some other name. He should be paid also adequately in accordance with his qualifications and responsibilities (i.e) Rs.200-10-400.

3 The present librarian may have had some experience of library administration, but that can never be a substitute for the requisite qualification and scholarly attainments and equipment. It is not desirable that he should be discharged or that he should stagnate: Hence it is suggested that he may work under a full time Superintendent of the Library and his scale of pay may be fixed as Rs.100-10-200. It is however open to the present librarian to acquire the requisite qualification by passing the M.A., Degree Examination in Sanskrit and become eligible for appointment as the head of the Library in any future vacancy.

4 The proposal for the clerk-typist is, ~~ts~~ I believe, very modest. When the activities of the library expand with the provision of additional funds for increased work there will surely be necessity for a clerk as in any office and as a typist may not have full work the clerk himself should be able to attend to the typing of (1)the correspondence with the learned societies, the department of Education and Universities.

5 Any running matter for the press, like introduction to publication or brief articles for the journals.

6 The provision for the menial staff is also necessary for the preservation of the Manuscripts in proper condition (i.e) for doing dusting and binding work. It may be mentioned here that the library of the Sri Venkteswara Oriental Institute, Tirupati has a full-time binder and books are bound as soon as they are found in a condition requiring binding and are not allowed to wait for the convenience of the Government Press or other binding firm to be sent in convenient consignments of about 100 books each. However the number of members on the menial staff may be adjusted with reference to the availability of funds and ability and experience of the existing men (e.g.) a peon or a dusting cooly may be given training in binding work and may be asked to do both of a binder and dusting cooly or peon. Peons may also be engaged to do the work of attenders as ~~the~~ in the Government Oriental Library Madras.

Yours faithfully,

R Subramania

for Director of Public Instruction.

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R.C.No.525-L.4/48

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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 13-12-1948.

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From

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

Sub: Library - The Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi
Mahal Library - Tanjore.

Ref: My letter RC.535-L.4/48 dated 11-8-1948 PP. 95-97 ante

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I invite your attention to my letter cited above and request you to let me know when the orders of Government may be expected in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Education & Public Health Dept.(C2).

PART II SCHEME FOR 1949-50.

Subject:- Libraries - The Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore - Scheme for improvement, preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the Library.

SUMMARY.

Head of account.	Item of expenditure.	Ultimate cost.		Cost in 1949-50.	
		Recurring.	Non-recurring.	Recurring.	Non-recurring.
(1)	(2)	(3) Rs.	(4) Rs.	(5) Rs.	(6) Rs.
37. r. Education - General - Miscellaneous - A. General - (i) Excluding Post-war Reconstruction - 8. Other grants.	Scheme for improvement, preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.	24,900	7,500	24,900	7,500

In pursuance of an assurance given by the Hon'ble the Minister for Education on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 2-4-47 the Government appointed in June 1947, a Committee consisting of six persons for examining the working of the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Mahal Library, Tanjore, and making suggestions for its improvement and the preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the Library. The Committee has examined the question and submitted its report. The Director of Public Instruction who was consulted on the several recommendations made in the report, has offered his remarks on these recommendations.

2. The financial implications of the proposals of the Committee as modified by the Director of Public Instruction and approved by Government will be as follow:-

		Recurring. Rs.	Non-recurring. Rs.
(i)	Preservation of original Manuscripts.	4,012	2,000
(ii)	Preservation of contents -Restoration by copyists. ..	5,500	--
(iii)	Cataloguing. ..	7,000	--
(iv)	Publication of rare and unpublished Manuscripts and also a quarterly Journal. ..	1,700 50,000	--
(v)	Equipment. ..	500	5,500
(vi)	Administration which involves additional staff and revised scales of pay for the Librarian. ..	6,192	--
	Total.	24,904 or 24,900(roundly)	7,500 50000

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3. A proposal is separately under consideration regarding the publication of Manuscripts in the various Manuscript Libraries in the Province. It is proposed to address the Government of India separately for a grant in due course after selecting the manuscripts with the help of a Committee. This will however take sometime. The proposals of the Committee on the working of the Tanjore Palace Library are designed to improve the administration of the Library, the preservation and cataloguing of all manuscripts and the publication of rare manuscripts. The estimated cost is shown in the summary above.

4. Necessary provision may be made in the Budget for 1949-50 as shown in the summary at the top.

M.V. Subramanian,
10-12-48.
Secretary to Government.

H. M. Education may see and is requested to take interest and expediate this
O.P.R.
23/3/49

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SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
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அன்பார்ந்த கனம் பிரதம மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கு

நமஸ்காரம்.

தங்களுடைய விருப்பத்தின்படி தஞ்சாவூர் சென்று சரஸ்வதி மகால் புத்தகசாலையைப் பார்த்தேன். தாங்கள் கேட்டிருந்த விஷயங்களைப் பற்றி என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயங்கள் வருமாறு:

1. சரஸ்வதி மகாலிலுள்ள ஓலைச் சுவடிகளும், கையெழுத்துப் பிரதிகளும் நம் முன்னோர்கள் நமக்களித்த பொக்கிஷங்கள். அவற்றைப் பாதுகாப்பதும் பிரதிகள் எடுப்பதும், கூடுமானவரை அச்சிட்டு வெளியிடுவதும் மிக அவசியமான காரியங்கள்.

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2. அவ்வளவு ஓலைச்சுவடிகளையும் போட்டோ எடுப்பது சிரமசாத்தியமான காரியம். அதற்கு வேண்டிய அவகாசமுள்ள புகைப்படநிபுணர்கள் கிடைப்பது துர்லபம். மேலும், போட்டோ எடுக்கும் முறையில் பணச்செலவு அசாத்தியமாக ஏற்படும். தற்போதைய பொருளாதார நிலையில் சர்க்கார் அவ்வளவு செலவு செய்ய முடியாது என்று கருதுகிறேன்.

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3. ஓலைச் சுவடிகளிலிருந்தும், கையெழுத்துப் பிரதிகளிலிருந்தும் புதிதாகப் பெயர்த்து எழுதிக் கையெழுத்துப் பிரதி செய்வதுதான் காரியத்தில் நடக்கக் கூடியது. இதற்கும் பெரும் பிரயத்தனமும், பணச் செலவும் செய்ய வேண்டிவரும்.

4. ஸ்ரீ எஸ். கே. சடகோபாச்சாரியார் அவர்களைத் தலைவராகக் கொண்ட கமிட்டியார் தீர்க்கமாக ஆலோசனை செய்து சர்க்காருக்கு அறிக்கை அனுப்பியிருக்கிறார்கள். அதிலுள்ள விஷயங்கள் பெரும்பாலும் ஒப்புக் கொள்ளக் கூடியன.

புதிய கையெழுத்துப் பிரதிகளைச் சேர்ப்பதும் இந்தக் காலத்து அச்சுப் புத்தகங்கள் வாங்குவதும் தற்சமயம் அவசியமில்லையென்று நான் கருதுகிறேன்.

5. மேற்படி கமிட்டியார் Annexure-C என்றும், Annexure-D என்றும் குறிப்பிட்டுச் செலவுத் திட்டம் காட்டியிருக்கிறார்கள். 1-71 Annexure-Dயால் புதிய ஓலைச் சுவடிகள் வாங்க ரூபாய் பத்தாயிரமும் புதிய அச்சுப் புத்தகங்கள் வாங்க ரூபாய் பத்தாயிரமும் கேட்டிருக்கிறது. இந்த இரண்டு இனங்களையும் நீக்கிவிடலாம். மற்றச் செலவினங்கள் அவசியமானவையே.

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6. ப்ரதிகள் செய்யும் விஷயத்தில், தமிழில் சித்த வைத்திய நூல்களுக்கும், சமஸ்கிருதத்தில் சங்கீத நாட்டிய கலை நூல்களுக்கும் முதல் முக்கியத்துவம் கொடுக்கலாம் என்று கருதுகிறேன்.

சித்த வைத்திய நூல்களைப் ப்ரதி செய்வதற்கு ஒரு சித்த வைத்திய நிபுணர், ஒரு தமிழ் வித்வான், பத்துப் ப்ரதி செய்பவர்கள் - இவர்களை நியமிக்க வேண்டும்.

சங்கீத நூல்களைப் ப்ரதி செய்வதற்கு ஒரு சங்கீத நிபுணர், ஒரு சமஸ்கிருத வித்வான், பத்துப் ப்ரதி செய்பவர்கள் - இவர்களை நியமிக்க வேண்டும்.

ப்ரதி செய்யும் வேலை ஆறுமாதகம் நடந்த பிறகு சித்த வைத்தியத்துக்கு ஒரு கமிட்டியும் சங்கீதத்துக்கு ஒரு கமிட்டியும் நியமித்து ப்ரதி செய்யப்பட்ட நூல்களைப் பரிசீலனை செய்து இன்னின்ன நூல்கள் அச்சிடுவதற்கு லாயக்கானவை என்று தீர்மானிக்கச் செய்ய வேண்டும்.

அப்படிக் தீர்மானித்த நூல்களைக் தமிழ் நாட்டில் உள்ள பெரிய அச்சுக் கூடங்களுக்கு விநியோகித்து அச்சுப் போட்டுத் தரும்படிக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளலாம்.

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அவ்விதம் செய்தால் ஏககாலத்தில் பல புத்தகங்கள் அச்சிட்டு வெளியாகச் சௌகரியமாயிருக்கும்.

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7. மேற்கண்ட திட்டப்படி காரியங்கள் நடந்தால் எங்கள் "கல்கி" அச்சுக்கூடத்தில் ஒன்று அல்லது இரண்டு தமிழ்ப் புத்தகங்களை அச்சிட்டுக் கொடுக்கச் சித்தமாயிருக்கிறேன்.

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சரஸ்வதி மகால் புத்தகசாலையைப் பார்ப்பதற்கும் அதைப் பற்றி எழுதுவதற்கும் எனக்கு ஊக்கம் அளித்தவர் தாங்களே. இதன் பொருட்டு மனமார்ந்த நன்றி செலுத்துகிறேன்.

இங்ஙனம்.

ரா. கிருஷ்ணமூர்த்தி

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Memo. No. 52482/47-12 C2 Edn., dated, 27-12-4

Library — The Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore — Report of the committee on the library.

P.99 d.7.

Ref: From the D.P.I., R. c. No. 525-L. 4/48, dated, 13-12-48.

With ~~f~~ reference to his letter cited, the D.P.I. is informed that the ~~suggestions of~~ the ~~Special Committee on the~~ (T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore) proposal, for the improvement, preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the ~~library~~ ~~are~~ is bein considered

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Considered as a Part II Scheme for 1949-50.

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To

The D.P.I.

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E.& P.H.(D3).

Sub:- The Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore - Scheme for improvements - Preservation and publication of valuable and useful books and Manuscripts in the Library.

Memo. No. 52462-C2/47 dated 16-5-49

pages 103-106 f

A copy of letter from Sri R. Krishnamurthi, Editor, "Kalki", Madras, dated 21-3-49, is forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, for very early remarks. In this connection he is informed that in pursuance of the recommendations of the Committee presided over by Sri T.V. Sathagopachariar, M.L.A.(Central), it is proposed to sanction grants for the following objects in the current year:-

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	Recurring. Rs. (cost for year.)	Non-recurring. Rs.
(i) Preservation of original Manuscripts. ..	4,012	2,000
(ii) Preservation of contents - Restoration by copyists.	5,500	--
(iii) Cataloguing. ..	7,000	--
(iv) Equipment. ..	500	5,500
(v) Administration which involves additional staff and revised scales of pay for the Librarian. ..	6,192	--
Total.	23,200	7,500

Orders sanctioning these grants will be issued at an early date. It is also proposed to allot a provision of Rs. 70,000/- including the annual allotment of Rs 20000/- for the publication of useful, rare and unpublished manuscripts in the Library. A Committee ~~will~~ has also been constituted ~~shortly~~ to select Manuscripts with a view to their eventual publication.

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To
The Hon. Secretary,
The Tanjore Maharaja
Sarfoji's Saraswathi
Mahal Library, Tanjore,
(with enclosure).

copy to the D.P.I. (Edn)

copy of pages 103-

R. C. No. 82/49-50.

Tanjore 24th May 1949.

Enc. One letter - Sri. R. Krishnamurthi's (Editor "Kalki") letter to the Hon'ble Premier of Madras

From
S. GOPALAN B.A., B.L.,
Member and Hony. Secretary,
Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswati Mahal Library,
Tanjore.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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To

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

Sir,

Sub: Grant - recurring and non-recurring to Sraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.

Ref: Memorandum No. 524$\overset{8}{5}$2-C2/4$\overset{7}{9}$.
Dated 16th May 1949.

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I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Government Memorandum No. 524$\overset{8}{5}$2-C2/4$\overset{7}{9}$, dated 16th May 1949, forwarding for my remarks the letter from Sri R. Krishnamurthi, Editor "Kalki" and also intimating to me the details of the annual and recurring grant.

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2 Regarding the letter of Sri R. Krishnamurthi, I agree with his remarks in general especially as they follow in the main the recommendations of the Special Committee (Presided by Sri T.V. Satakopachariar) referred to by you. I only wish to say that the provision for the purchase of printed books may not be deleted altogether, especially as we require printed books from time to time for reference, research, and editing.

3 I request that the Government may be pleased to issue the payment orders for the annual and recurring grants and also the sum of Rs.70,000 (Rupees Seventythousand) for publication ~~as~~ at an early date to enable us to start the copying editing and printing work atonce, and finish the same before the end of official year.

Separate orders

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Yours faithfully,
S. Gopalan
Hony. Secretary.

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Libraries — The Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore — ~~Scheme~~ Grant of the library, for the improvement,* ~~of the library~~ preservation and publication of valuable and useful books and manuscripts in the library — Sanctioned.

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(L)/5-6 c.7. Read: G.O. Ms. No. 1119 Edn., dated, 2-6-'47.

PP. 31-61 c.7. Ref: From Sri T.V. Sadagopacharior, Chairman of the Special Committee for the improvement of the T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore, dated, 13-9-1947.

PP. 81-87 c.7. From the D.P.I., R.C. No. 2487-G/47, dated, 16-3-'48.

PP. 95-97 c.7. From the D.P.I., R.C. No. 535-L.4/48, dated, 11-8-'48.

P. 110 c.7. From the Hony. Secy., The T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore, R.C. No. 82/49-50, dated, 24-5-'49.

Order Ms. 1938 Edn., dated, 14.6.49

Para 1 on page 101 c.7. In pursuance of an assurance given by the Hon'ble the Minister for Education on the floor of the Legislative Assembly on 2-4-'47, the Govt. appointed

(L)/5-6 c.7. in June 1947, a Committee consisting of six persons, under the Chairmanship of Sri T.V. Sadagopachariar, (M.L.A. (Central)), for examining the working of the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore, and making suggestions for its ~~improvement~~

improvement and the preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the library. The Committee ~~has~~ examined the question and submitted its report. ~~The D.P.I. was consulted on the several recommendations made in the report and he has offered his remarks~~ on ~~these recommendations~~.

PP. 31-79 C.7.
P. 29 C.7.
PP. 81-87 & 95-97 C.7.

2. The proposals of the committee as modified by the D.P.I. and approved by Govt. are as follows:—

(i) Preservation of original manuscripts.

Item (i) on p. 11 N.7.
PP. 1-2 of Sectional Notes.

(Preservation work to be done in consultation with the curator, M.R.O.)	Recurring (Cost per year) Rs.	Non-recurring. Rs.
(a) Purchase of chemicals	1,000 /N	—
(b) Purchase of fumigation machine	—	2,000.
(c) Employment of 3 peons in the scale of Rs. 16-25 plus D.A.	1,512.	—
(d) Binder and cost of binding materials.	1,000.	—
(e) Cost of mending.	500.	—
Total.	4,012.	2,000.

(ii) Preservation of Contents — Restoration by copyists.

Item (ii) on p. 11 N.7.
PP. 3-4(a) of Sectional Notes.

(a) Employment of competent copyists up to a limit of 10 at a time on a contingent basis (at the rates at which copyists in the Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras, are paid).	5,000. ‖ M	—
(b) Cost of paper.	500.	—
Total.	5,500.	—

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(iii) Cataloguing.

Item (iii) on pp. 11-12 N.7.
PP. 5-6 of Sectional Notes.

	Recurring (Cost per year) Rs.	Non-recurring. Rs.
(a) Appointment of 5 Pandits (2 in Sanskrit, 1 in Tamil, 1 in Telugu and 1 in Marathi) (in the scale of ~~on~~ Rs. 80-5-150.)	5,000.	—
(b) Cost of printing catalogues.	2,000.	—
Total.	7,000.	—

(iv) Equipment.

Item (v) on p. 12 N.7.
PP. 9-10 of Sectional Notes.

Z/ (a) Books.	—	2,000.
(b) Furniture.	—	1,500.
(c) Electric installation.	—	2,000.
(d) Printed books.	500 ‖ A	—
Total.	500.	5,500.

(V) Administration which involves additional staff and revised scales of pay for the Librarian.

Item (vi) on p. 12 N.7.
PP. 11-12 (C) of Sectional Notes.

(a) Appointment of 1 superintendent in the scale of Rs. 200-10-400. (D.P.I. to be consulted on the qualifications for the post)	3600	—
(b) Revised scale of pay for the Librarian in the scale of Rs. 100-10-200.	1992	—
(c) 1 clerk Typist ~~on~~ Rs. 50/- p.m.	600	—
Total.	6,192.	—
Grand total.	23,204. (or)	7,500.
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3. The Govt. sanction a grant of Rs. 23,200/- (Rupees twenty

three thousand and two hundred only) recurring and Rs. 7,500/- (Rupees seven thousand and five hundred only) non-recurring for ~~1949~~ the current year. The accounts will be subject to audit by the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.

'A' on p. 12 i/ Sectional Notes below.

4. The expenditure will be debited to the head, "37. Edn. Education – General – Miscellaneous – & other grants."

5. The A.G. is requested to place the amount at the disposal of the Hony. Secy., The T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore. The Hony. Secy. should present the bill at the treasury for obtaining payment of the amount or for getting it adjusted.

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To

The Hony. Secy.,
The T.M.S.S.M. Library,
Tanjore.
Sri T.V. Sadagopachariar, Advocate, Tanjore, M.L.A. (Central)
The D.P.I.
The Exr. of L. F. Accts
(through Fin.)
The A.G. (thro' Fin.)
The Fin. Dept.
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Sectional notes

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Sectional Notes

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Preservation of the originals - palm-leaf and paper manuscripts.

Committee's recommendations.

The Committee observed that insects have already ravaged many of the manuscripts and palm leaves and are therefore anxious that further destruction should be immediately stopped. They therefore suggest that ~~specific~~ annual grant at 2,500 rupees recurring should be made to meet the expenditure. They also recommend that 6 attenders should be permenently appointed for the work of taking out those manuscripts and books ~~dusted, aired and even sunned a bit~~ dusting & airing them and replacing them.

p 43 cf

D.P.I.'s remarks.

p 81-83 cf.

(a) The preservation of the original manuscripts - palm-leaf and paper manuscripts cannot be over emphasised in a manuscripts library. Of the various methods mentioned in the report, Fumigation recommended by the Keeper of Records, Government of India, and oiling and use of chemicals in a large measure are quite necessary; and a sum of Rs.2,000/- for the purchase of a fumigation machine and a recurring expenditure of Rs.1,000/- on chemicals, etc., may be adequate.

Three special attenders who may carefully handle manuscripts may be adequate instead of the six attenders recommended by the Committee. The cost will be about Rs. 35 X 12 X 3 - - Rs. 1,260/-

1-(b) The paper manuscripts will also require continual attention and a permanent binder may be employed. He may also bind the printed books as and when necessary. The manuscripts which are specially valuable and which are decaying, will have to be mended with cliffron with special arrangements at the Madras Record Office. The cost may be Pay Rs.600/- plus Rs. 400/- cost of binding materials - A sum of Rs. 500/- a year may be provided for mending.

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The proposals of the D.P.I. may be accepted. The proposals of the D.P.I. go beyond the recommendation of the Committee.

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The preservation work should be done ~~as advised~~ in consultation with the Curator M.R.O.

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Fin (Exp. A)

The proposals may be agreed to in finance subject to the

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remarks of the Curator, M.R.O., being invited regarding the ~~[illegible]~~ adequacy of the proposed expenditure on mending of the records and their preservation. // It is proposed to allow Rs 35 p.m. to each of the three attenders. It is not clear whether it is the intention that the pay should be a fixed amount inclusive of cost of living allowance. Attenders in the Connemara Public Library are paid in the scale Rs (24-35) exclusive of dearness allowance. Ed.P.H. may be requested to consider whether it will not be sufficient to appoint three peons in the scale of Rs (16-25) plus D.A. as the main duty of these men appears to be taking out of the manuscripts and books, dusting and airing them and replacing them.

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Edn & P.H (C2)

The notes of the Finance Dept on p 1-2 above. This Dept may agree with Finance to appoint 3 peons in the scale of (Rs 16-25) plus D.A.

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Preservation of the contents - Restoration by copyists and by photostat machine.

p 47 cf

The Committee observes that for the thousand and odd manuscripts which they have selected for immediate and urgent copying not less than 60 copyists will be required if the work is to be finished within one year. If the work is to be spread out to 2 years 30 copyists would have to be engaged for the work. The Committee selected in all 2800 manuscripts for copying in course of time and suggest that they may be taken up in a 10 year plan. ~~Form~~ For this purpose, the Committee ~~suggest~~ proposes that a total number of 30 copyists and 4 examiners ~~will be permanent and~~ of whom 15 copyists and 2 examiners will be permanent and 15 copyists and 2 examiners will be for 2 years on contract.

D.P.I.'s remarks.

p 83 cf

2. Preservation of the contents - Restoration by copying or by photostat machine. Only qualified copyists experienced in reading manuscripts should be employed for restoration.- work. Such men are not available in large numbers for the remuneration offered. Further to employ 50 copyists at a time on a monthly pay recommended by the Committee will become unmanagable and their work cannot be properly assessed and supervised. Competent copyists upto a limit of ten at a time may be engaged and paid for on a contract basis (workers charged contract contingencies) the rates being the same as obtains in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library. A sum of Rs. 5,000/- a year may be provided for this work. The rarity of the manuscripts and their condition should be taken into consideration in deciding priority for restoration work. The comparing work should be done by the copyist and a member of the permanent staff. An alternative, more efficient, quicker and cheaper method is by taking photostat copies. The initial cost of the machine may be about Rs.10,000/- and the annual working charges about Rs.1,500/- a year inclusive of the salary of a machanic.

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The Committee has proposed the use of paper of the value of Rs.12/- per ream 40 lbs. for copying manuscripts. Only thin and not durable paper could be had for this sum. specially durable paper is necessary for this work, as obtains in the Government Manuscripts Library and the Adyar Library. A sum of Rs.500/- a year should be provided under this item.

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For orders whether proposal of the D.P.I. at A or B may be accepted. The suggestion at C also may be accepted.

We have addressed the Govt of India for a grant for the publication of the rare manuscripts. If that grant is received

Proposal at 'A' may be accepted. see also 'K' at p. (67)

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Cataloguing.

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The Committee considers that a catalogue of Oriental Library should be fully descriptive so that it may be a mine of information and guide to scholars throughout the world. They recommend that there should be a special staff of one Tamil, One Telugu, One Maratti and two Sanskrit Pandits for this purpose, and they can be retained for such time as the catalogue takes to be completed.

D.P.i.'s remarks.

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3. Cataloguing: A descriptive catalogue of about 25 volumes is already available in the library. The Sanskrit manuscripts of Volume 19 which gives only a list of books have to be described immediately and also any subsequent additions. If revision of the existing catalogues is desired supplemental volumes may be prepared referring to the omissions and note worthy details. Two pandits in Sanskrit and one for each in Tamil. Telugu and Maratti will be adequate. Fully qualified pandits with adequate knowledge of English having experience of doing this work carefully should be appointed. They should be paid adequate salaries as for pandits in colleges. A scale of Rs. 80-5-150 is recommended. The scale proposed by the Committee is very inadequate. The cost of printing the catalogues may be upto Rs. 2,000/- a year. ~~The~~ A sum of Rs.5,000/- under salaries for five pandits may be provided.

p69 cf

p69 cf

Scale recommended by the Committee (50-2-70-3-100)

E. Fin / C2

A | The recommendation of the D.P.I. in this regard may be accepted, tho' the cost according to the D.P.I exceeds that of the Committee.

JD 19.5.48.

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Fin (Exp. A)

Thro' E.I.I. / Accts (B) 31.5.48

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~~'A' above may be agreed to.~~

The scale of pay for Pandits proposed by the Committee is Rs 50-2-70-3-100 while that recommended by the D.P.I. is Rs 80-5-150 on the basis of the scale allowed for Pandits in Colleges. As cataloguing is not likely to be as ~~[illegible]~~ onerous as teaching in Colleges, it seems that the scale proposed by the Committee is adequate. E.&P.H. may be requested to adopt the Committee's Scale.

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Edu & P.A (C2)

Please see the note of Finance on [illegible]. This Dept may agree with Finance to adopt the scale of pay suggested by the committee to the Pandits

Modified vide p8 [illegible]

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Publication of rare and unpublished Manuscripts and

(b) also a quarterly jo[illegible]al.

p.p. 49-53 cf

For this purpose the committee suggest that there should be a small body of learned men attached to the library. There are atpresent the Librarian and the research Pandit who are [illegible] qualified for this work. The suggests [illegible] committee the inclusion of one more, preferably a person learned in Indian Medicine and he should be a whole time man receiving adequate remuneration. They also suggest that for this special work of publication higher [illegible] remuneration is necessary and they have suggested higher ~~salary~~ scales of salaries for the three persons [illegible] the research committee. They also suggest that there should be two Tamil, one Telugu and one Sanskrit Pandit for a particular ~~part~~ length of time on a contract basis, but they should think it better they form part of the present staff for the publication branch. It has also been suggested that the services of one stenographer is necessary.

p.51 cf

p.53 cf

Librarian: 75-2-85-5-100-10-160

Pandit: 70-2-80-4-100-10-150

D.P.I.'s remarks.

p.83 cf

4(a) **Publication of a rare manuscripts:** The work of the publications may be entrusted to compentent scholars who may be invited to be honorary editors for particular works, the library staff helping in respect of preparing the copies, proof reading etc. [illegible] pandit copyists on Rs. 60-80 who may be useful for comparing and other work also may be appointed one in each of the language sanskrit, Tamil and maharati (i.c., Rs. 2,500/- a year.) The cost of printing may be limited to Rs.3,000/- a year i.c., for about 500/- pages a year.

(b) The library is conducting a journal and it is desirable that it is put on a stable basis. A sum of Rs.1,000/- may be provided for this.

p.71 cf

A The cost of paper for printing has been roughly estimated at Rs.7000/- by the Committee (vide Report - Annexure C.). There is a clerical error; 200 X 500/8-12,500/- Instead of 12,500 - sheets or 25 reams the committee has estimate 250 reams and the cost is brought to Rs. 7,000/- instead of Rs. 700/-

p.85 cf

Edn
C2

The D.P.I.'s calculation at A above is correct. The other suggestions of the D.P.I. seem unobjectionable and may be accepted

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22.5.48

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JD
15.5.48

The proposals of the D.P.I. in paras 4(b) ~~(c)~~ extracted at p 7 above may be agreed to in this dept. As regards 4(a) E&P.H. may be requested to consider whether the Pandits proposed for Cataloguing (p. 5 above) may not also be employed for comparing etc. work without employing separate pandits for the purpose.

31.5.48

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D.J. ~~Asst (E) iii~~

Accts(B)
31.5.48

X
(The D.P.I. does not seem to favour the proposal for the apptt. of a Stenographer)

X above This depends on whether there will be full time work for the two sets of Pandits. If not, the best course will be to appoint only one set of Pandits on the higher pay & let them attend to both items of work.

Y

p 5 ante

3.6.48

Edn & P.H (C2)

This Dept may agree with 'Y' above.

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JP 26.6.48

Committee's recommendation

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See Annexure D. on p 7/cf

p 53 cf

p 71 cf

p 57 cf

X

p 53 cf

(5) Equipment.: The Committee has recommended for a grant of Rs.10,000 for modern books, Rs. 2,000 for electric installations and Rs. 5,000 for insecticites etc.,

The Committee observes with reference to the ~~previous~~ provision ~~note~~ under modern books' that unless modern knowledge is available for the library, there may be a tendency for the library activities to stagnate ~~it~~. and decay and the younger generation will fail to be attracted. The committee wants to utilise the 10,000 Rs.- granted recently by Government for publication and copying of manuscript for this purpose.

As for the necessity of electric lighting the committee observes that during the fore-noon and after-noon they found it difficult to read even ordinary print except near the few windows. and to read palm leaf manuscripts yellowed by age in this light will be a difficult feat.

p 85 cf

D.P.I.'s remarks.

5. Equipment: The Committee has asked for Rs.10,000/- for modern books 2,500 under Furniture and 2,000/- under Electrical installations and Rs. 5,000/- under insecticides, etc. non-recurring publications. This appears to be extravagent. A sum of Rs.2,000/- under books, Rs. 1,500/- under furniture and Rs.2,000/- under electric installation all non- recurring and a sum of Rs. 500/- a year for printed books should be adequate. The Tanjore library is only a a Manuscripts library and not a current circulating library for which large sums are required under purchase of printed books. The insecticides have been provided for under preservation (para 1)

p 1 ante

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X above

The Committee's recommendation to utilise the provision of Rs 10,000 granted by Govt for publication & copying manuscripts for the purchase of modern books seems to be wrong in principle. The grant ~~[illegible]~~ made for a particular purpose in G.O. 1372 Edn of 3.6.47 cannot be diverted to any other purpose ~~[illegible]~~ except with the sanction of the Cabinet which ~~granted~~ sanctioned the grant.

The proposal may be negatived by (N)

p 55 cf

| The D.P.I.'s proposals may in toto

be accepted

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19.5.48

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Fin (Exp. A)

Finance may agree with E & P.H that the Committee's proposal at X on p 9 above may be negatived.

E & P.H's proposal to accept the D.P.I's recommendations regarding equipment may be agreed to.

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E & P.H (E2)

No further remarks seem called for.

Re
22.6.48

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28.6.48

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D.P.I's remarks

6. Administration: A full time Superintendent competent and qualified to direct and
supervise the work of the library on a salary of Rs.200-10-400 and a librarian on Rs.100-10-200
are quite essential for carrying on the various items of work contemplated in the Committee's
report and also usually, associated with manuscript libraries. A clerk-typist, 3 peons,
1 night watchman and one sweeper will be adequate. The peons may be engaged in dusting work also
by turns as done in the Government Manuscripts Library. The cost under this item may be about
Rs. 5,500/- but it may vary if the average cost is worked out. The Committee may also be re-
organised to include a District Educational Officer or other administrative officer nominated
by the Director of Public Instruction and also a few experts. The expenditure on the library
may be subject to audit by the Inspector of Local Funds Accounts. Or if the Government should
exercise effective control over the large sums spent on the library from public funds while the
made from the existing resources of the library are very meagre, the administration may be
placed under the control of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, assisted by an advisory
committee.

Contribution

E & P.H
E2

p 69 f

Ibid. wh.
Encl. 2.

There is already a librarian in the library. It is not known whether the staff proposed by the D.P.I. would be in addition to the ~~staff~~ existing staff. The D.P.I. proposes to strengthen the staff as follows:—

1 Supt. ..	200-10-400
1 Librarian	100-10-200
1 Clerk typist	
3 peons	
1 nightwatchman.	
1 Sweeper.	

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The D.P.I also proposes to reorganise the Committee by the inclusion of a D.E.O or other administrative officer nominated by the D.P.I & also a few experts.

The D.P.I also suggests that for effective control, the administration of the library may be placed under his control assisted by an advisory Committee.

It may be noted that the suggestions made by the D.P.I are beyond the scope of the Committee's recommendations. For orders whether these proposals shall be pursued. The administration of the library is vested in a Committee under a scheme

They are designed to secure proper administration & are acceptable.

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approved by Govt. in G.O. 1306 Home (Edn) of 9.10.18. The radical changes proposed by the D.P.I. in the administration of the library will have to be put before the Committee for their views or the scheme may have to be altered. This question may be separately taken into consideration & not in connection with the report of the present Committee. For orders

The question of fixing the [illegible] of [illegible] we [illegible] the [illegible] of the Govt, however, I think be taken up.

The appointment of the staff recommended by the D.P.I. may be supported

JD
15.5.48

Fin (Exp. A)

~~The staff proposed by the D.P.I. & supported may perhaps be agreed to in Finance also.~~

The existing staff of the Library consists of a Librarian, 3 Peons, 3 watchmen and 1 Sweeper among others - please page 69 CF

It is not clear whether the staff proposed at A on page 11 above is in addition to the existing staff and, if so, what is the justification for it.

E & P.H. may be requested to obtain information on the above point. The question whether the administration should be strengthened by the addition of a Superintendent and other staff proposed by the D.P.I. is one of policy [illegible] have to be taken. If it is ultimately decided to reorganize the [illegible] of the library on the lines proposed by the [illegible] D.P.I., the question of agreeing [illegible] audited by the [illegible] may be considered.

31.5.48

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One Librarian should be quite sufficient for supervising the work of a few Pandits, copyists & attenders & there are already peons, watchmen, & sweeper. It would be enough to revise the scale of pay of the librarian suitably 2/6

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12(a)

E & P.H. (C2).

This Department may agree with 'X' on p. 12 ante. after consulting the D.P.I. the Director may also be consulted in re: to the scale of pay to be allowed to the librarian. A para has been added to the draft ~~xxx~~ Memo below.

vide page 90 c.f.

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26-6-48.

M.V.S.
28-6-48.

PP. 89-90 c.f. (Issued as Memo No.52482 C2/47-6 Edn., dated 28-6-1948).

PP. 95-97 c.f. From the D.P.I., No.535-L.4/48, dated 11-8-48.

With reference to para 2 of the Memo on pages 98-90 c.f the D.P.I. has submitted his reply on pages 95-97 c.f. He presses for the staff asked for by him before. He says that the question is one of placing the library in the administrative charge of one who is duly qualified and competent to carry on the work of library and he considers that the head of the library should be a Master of Arts in Sanskirit with knowledge of other languages like Telugu, ~~and Sanskirit,~~ and Marathi and with ability for research and experience of library administration is ~~in the selection of a suitable person~~. He therefore considers that a Supdt. on Rs.200-10-400 is necessary with the above qualifications. He also presses for the appointment of clerk-typist. As for the menial staff, the number of members may be adjusted with reference to the availability of funds and ability and experience of the existing staff (e.g.) a peon or a dusting cooly may be given training in binding work and may be asked to do both of a binder and dusting cooly or peon and ~~and~~ peon may also be engaged to do the work of attenders as in the Govt. Oriental Library, Madras.

p 95 c.f.

In the circumstances, the proposal of the D.P.I. may

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may be accepted.   Finance may see.

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Fin (Exp A)

(Previous Finance note on p 12 above)

Para 2 of the memo on p 90 CF., para 2 of the DPI's letter on pp 95 and 97 CF. and the further note of E&PH on pp 12(a) to 12(b) may be perused.

In the circumstances now stated by the DPI, the additional staff proposed by him may be agreed to in Finance, ie the appointment of a Superintendent on Rs 200-10-400 and a clerk typist on a fixed pay of Rs 50/- pm. The pay of the Librarian may also be revised as 100-10-200. As regards menial staff, it is presumed that the DPI. does not press for additional staff at present — Cf K on page 97 CF.

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H 95-97 CF   5.x.48

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Please see the note of Finance above. This Dept. may agree to the proposal at A above. The presumption of Finance at X above is correct.

2. As for the reorganisation of the Committee referred to by the D.P.I at X — 11 ante, the question may be considered after ~~the~~ a decision is arrived at on the other proposals of the Committee

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D.P. Di remarks

The total estimated recurring and non-recurring cost will be (1) Rs.28,760/- and Rs. 7,500- If the photestat machine is not purchased, or (2) if the photostat machine is purchased (1) Rs.25,260/- and (b) Rs.17,500/- If dearness allowance has to be paid a sum of Rs.3,000/- may have to be incurred in addition. As it may take nearly a year before a phostat madhine is installed in working condition even if it is decided to purchase one now, the first alternative is more relevant for the present. Out of a total of Rs.31,760/- recurring and Rs. 7,500/- non- recurring expenditure the library Committee could meet only ~~Rs. 28,800/- re-curring~~ Rs. 3,000/-. It is therefore recommended that a grant of Rs. 28,800/- recurring and Rs. 7,500/- non- recurring be made for the year 1948-49 subject to the conditions that the suggestions made before the reorganisation of the staff and the work of the library are carried out. The position for the year 1949-50 may be reviewed in the light of the work done about the beginning of January 1949-

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Please see the details of the estimate at pp 65.66 c.p.

71-73 ?

The Committee has recommended that a lump sum grant of Rs 1,00,000 for the first year (1947-48) & Rs 60,000 for the second year (1948-49) & they have given the details of the expenditure in annexures D & E of the report. The lump sum includes the current expenses of Rs 35,740 per year in annexure C.

p 57 c.f.

pp 71-73 c.f.

p 71 c.f.

The recommendation of the Committee with D.P. Di remarks has been dealt with in section notes pp 1-12 ante. The estimates of the D.P.D. will undergo modification in the light of the orders to be passed on the section notes in consultation with Finance & in circulation. No further remarks are at present called for.

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Fin (Exp. A)

No remarks.

31.5.48

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Edu & P.H. (C.L.)

Please see the note of finance on p. 13 ante. No further remarks seem called for

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Statement of Cost.

pp. 11-12 N.F.

	Recurring Rs	Non-Recg. Rs.
(i) Preservation of original MSS. –	4,012	2,000
(ii) Preservation of contents –	5,500	..
(iii) Cataloguing –	7,000	..
(iv) Publication of rare Manuscripts ..	1,700	..
(v) Equipment –	500	5,500
(vi) Administration	6,192	..
Total .. –	24,904	7,500
or	24,900 (roundly)	

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XLI.—RECEIPTS FROM ELECTRICITY SCHEMES—WORKING EXPENSES—*cont.*

I. B.—HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEMES—METTUR HYDRO-ELECTRIC SCHEME.

Sub-heads of appropriation. (1)	Strength. 1947-8. (2)	Strength. 1948-9. (3)	Details. (4)	Figures by detailed account heads. Accounts, 1946-7. (5)	Budget Estimate, 1947-8. (6)	Revised Estimate, 1947-8. (7)	Budget Estimate, 1948-9. (8)
			I. B. b. MAINTENANCE PROPER.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
I. B. b. MAINTENANCE AND OTHER CHARGES.			VOTED— (i) Contribution to the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association	9,61,303	1,200	1,200	1,300
			(ii) Contribution to the Cauvery-Mettur Project		92,000	1,09,000	1,10,000
			(iii) Maintenance and miscellaneous expenses including work-charged establishment— Cost of English Stores ..		..	..	..
			Other expenditure		4,98,000	6,63,300	7,59,600
			Dearness and cost of living allowances (works establishment)		1,30,000	1,20,000	1,20,000
			TOTAL—XLI. I. B. b.—MAINTENANCE PROPER—VOTED	9,61,303	7,21,200	8,93,500	9,90,900
			I. B. e. ESTABLISHMENTS.				
I. B. e. 1. PAY OF OFFICERS.	15	15	VOTED .. .. Permanent—Superintending Engineer 1 (1,000—1,200); Divisional Engineers 3 (500—850); Assistant Engineers 10 (260—500); Chief Accountant 1 (300—560).	82,405	93,500	1,08,000	1,14,000
	6	10	Temporary—Divisional Electrical Engineers 1 (500—850); Assistant Engineer 6 (260—500); Deputy Chief Accountant 1 (200—350); Additional Assistant Engineer (Commercial) 1 (260—500); Stores Superintendent 1 (300—350).				
			TOTAL—I. B. e. 1.—VOTED ..	82,405	93,500	1,08,000	1,14,000
I. B. e. 2. PAY OF ESTABLISHMENTS.	195	195	VOTED .. .. Permanent—Junior Engineers 18 (150—250); Special pay 4 (30); Supervisors (Civil) 2 (100—250); Supervisors, I Grade, 11 (150—250), II Grade, 30 (100—150); Draughtsman, III Grade, 1 (70—120); Tracer 1 (35—55); Chief Storekeeper 1 (140—190); Storekeepers, I Grade, 1 (80—125), II Grade, 1 (80—110); Divisional Accountant 1 (100—300); Account-	2,15,588	2,13,500	3,07,000	3,20,000

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25 cf. C.No 52482 – From the Chairman of the Committee for the T.M.S.S.M. Library Tanjore, letter No Rc 83/47-48 d. 24-6-47

Subject

Libraries – The Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore – Committee appointed to examine and report – Interim report.

p5 cf. (L) In G.O. No 1119 Edn d. 2.6.47, a committee consisting of 6 members was constituted to examine the present working of the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore, and to make suggestions for its improvement and the preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the library. The chairman of [illegible]mittee has submitted p1-11 cf an interim report containing several recommendations for urgent action by Govt. The committee is of opinion that unless Govt take urgent and immediate steps p11 cf some of the invaluable material in the library may be lost to the nation. The recommendations of the committee are as follows:—

p3 cf (1) Accurate cataloguing of the manuscripts of the library;

do (2) Complete cataloguing of the Modi manuscripts in the library;

p5 cf (3) Appointment of 3 additional Attendants for dusting work;

p5 cf (4) Higher salary for the existing 3 Attendants;

p7 cf (5) A special grant of Rs 1500 for purchase of the materials required to keep off insects from the Rec;

do (6). A grant for the Telugu Copyist recently enter for copying out Telugu manuscripts,

(7) the revision of the scales of pay of the existing staff of the library to make them stick on to their posts and do better work, and p 7 c.f. p 7 c.f.

(8) Payment of salary and allowances on the same scale as that of the librarian to Sri. K. Vasudeva Sastri the research pandit of the library. p 9 c.f.

The Committee propose to submit their final report later on. The recommendations contained in the ~~interim~~ report are examined below.

2. Please see G.O. 1372 Edn. d. 30-6-47 sanctioning a grant of Rs 10,000/- for 1947-48 for the library for publishing the rare works of the ~~Tanjore~~ library. The Hony Secy of the library applied for an annual subsidy of Rs 11,000 to enable the institution to copy out and publish the invaluable manuscripts of the library. The basis for this demand is to be found on p 8 c.f. of (N) – i.e., increase of staff and their salaries among other things. This grant may be deemed to cover the ~~proposed~~ recommendations of the committee (1), (2), (3), and (6) to (8) mentioned in para 1 above. As regards Recommendations (4) to (5) inclusive, it is not apparent how the recommendations can be given effect to immediately. ~~The~~ The provision of funds for the purpose has to be examined afresh. On receipt of the final report from the Committee all ~~their~~ recommendations may be examined. The Committee may be informed that the library should proceed with the work of publication of rare works utilising the grant of Rs 10,000/- placed at the disposal of the Hony Secy of the library and that on receipt of their final report ~~all their~~ the recommendations will be

p 55 c.f. (N)

Removed

Not so. We made it clear it is only for the purpose referred to at 'P' above

12.7.47

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Considered by Govt. Finance may see

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Fin (Exps) Dept

The notes of E&PH on pp 1-3 above may be perused & the case returned to E&PH no. The proposal of Edn. H. at A above may be agreed to in Fin.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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21 JUL 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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E & P.H. (C2)

Please see the note of the Finance Depr above.

A draft memo to the chairman of the committee ~~constituted to examine the present working and to make suggestions for improvement~~ of the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, ~~Tanjore~~ is submitted for approval.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H.
11 AUG 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

This is with regard to the Tanjore Saraswathi Mahal Library. ~~While~~ For the increase of the staff as well as for other matters mentioned by the Chairman of the Enquiry Committee, we may await the final report. This amount [illegible] may be spent by them for publication as well as for copying these works from manuscripts for that ~~is~~ is also part of publication. The draft may be amended accordingly.

In the draft it should also be made clear that they should sent a report showing how the grant has been spent.

ISA
10.8.47

Please see the minutes of H.M. (Edn) on p. 3 ante. A revised draft memo is submitted for approval.

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12.8.47

Cwa
14.8.47

16.8.47

[Issued as Memo No. 52482 C2/47-2 Edn dt 19.8.47] pages 27-28 cf

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Secretary, E. & P.H.

Please see herewith a report of the Committee appointed by the Government to go into the matter of the Tanjore Saraswathi Mahal Library. The matter may be gone into.

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30-10-47

H.M. Education.

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Please see the final report at pp 29-77 cf. submitted by the Chairman of the committee of the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library. The remarks of the DPI may be called for in the first instance. A draft endt. is submitted for approval. (Please see the main recommendations on pp 55-57 cf.)

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3-11-47

Cwa
4.11.47

6.11.47

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EDN. AND P.H.
30 OCT 1947
GOVERNMENT

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E.P.H.Deptt.(C2)

p 5 cf (L)

In G.O.No.1119 Education dated 2-6-~~45~~47, the Committee consisting of 6 members was constituted to examine the present working of the Tanjore Maharaja Serfogi's Saraswathi Mahal Library and to make suggestions for its improvements ~~for~~ an the preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the library. The Chairman of the committee submitted an interim report on 24-6-47 consisting of several recommendations on which urgent action of Government was called for. With reference to the minutes of H.M.(Education) on page 3 n.f. the Chairman was informed that the library should proceed with the work of publication of rare works utilising the grant of Rs.10,000/- recently placed at the disposal of the Secretary of the Library for publication as well as copying works from manuscripts. The Committee was also asked to send a report showing how the grant had been spent. He was also told that on receipt of the committee's final report specific recommendations for the increase of staff and the matters mentioned would be considered by Government.

p 3 cf

p 55 cf (N)

p 27 cf

p 28 cf

2. The Chairman has submitted the final report of the Committee. The Director of Public Instruction who was consulted on the several recommendations made in this report has also submitted his remarks. The recommendations of the Committee have been examined in the sectional notes below:-

p 31 cf

pp 81-87 cf.

3. It may be noted in this connection that this Govt. have been in correspondence with the Government of India ~~and~~ on the question of publication of manuscripts which are available in this library and they have asked for contribution from the Govt. of India, atleast half the amount necessary for publishing these books viz., 15 to 25 lakhs. The Hon'ble the Minister for Education, Govt. of India ~~has~~ has asked for certain particulars ~~regarding~~ in connection with the publication of the manuscripts before considering the question of ~~contribution~~ grant. These particulars have been called for from the D.P.I. and others including the Hon. Secy. Tanjore M.S.S.M. ~~Necessary references has been issued to~~ the Librarian, Tanjore library ~~for the information~~. If the Government of India eventually decide to give a grant for the purpose ~~of this Govt.~~ the financial commitments ~~on the part of~~ to this Govt. ~~for~~ on the publication of

cf (p.p.)

p 2 cf (l.f.)

p 3 cf (l.f.)

p 5 cf (l.f.)

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of the manuscripts will be reduced. The remarks of Finance may be invited.U.O.

J.B. 24.5.48

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25.5.48
With a L.F. C.No.34913 C2/48

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
39908
26 MAY 1948
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance (Exp.A)

(Previous Fin. notes on p. 3 above)

The file deals with the suggestions made by the Committee appointed by the Govt. to report about the improvement and preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the Tanjore Maharajah Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library. The Committee's report will be found on pp 33-60 C.F. and the D.P.I.'s recommendations thereon are on pp ~~61-67~~ 81-87 C.F. Edn.H have examined the proposals in the sectional notes below. The proposals involve the preservation of the originals – palm-leaf and paper manuscripts, appointment of copyists and examiners, preparation of catalogues, publication of rare and unpublished manuscripts and a quarterly journal, provision of equipment and necessary staff for administration which include ~~as~~ a Superintendent for a Librarian among others. Edn.H. propose to accept the D.P.I.'s recommendations subject to certain modifications.

(See sectional notes)

2. It is submitted that the scheme of improvement and preservation of the books in the Library proposed involves a large recurring and non-recurring expenditure which is not contemplated in the current year's budget. The Govt. have ~~not~~ given a grant of Rs 10,000/- last year to the Hony. Secy. of the Library towards the ~~pub~~ publication of the rare works of the Library. While considering the Part II proposals for 1948-9 the S.F.C. & the Cabinet recommended a provision of Rs 20,000/- per annum for 3 years from 1948-9 ~~in 1948-9~~ towards the payment of a grant in respect of the Library for publishing the works. This Govt. have also addressed the Govt. of India for a grant towards publication of ~~many~~ various books in the Library which are still in manuscripts. As some particulars were required by India,

(Rs one lakh in 1st year
Rs .60 lakh in 2nd year
Rs .40 lakh each in subsequent years)

G.O. 1372 Edn
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See l.f. II

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See p 237 of C.F.

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they have been called for. It is not clear whether on receipt of these particulars, the Government of India ~~may not be asked~~ would be willing to bear a portion of the expenditure involved in the present scheme which includes increase in staff and other matters in addition to publication of manuscripts. A grant of Rs.10,000 was given last year and it is proposed to sanction another grant of Rs.20,000/- this year for publication of the rare works. It does not therefore seem that the proposals in this file cannot bear postponement for some time. In view of the considerable loss of revenue on account of prohibition and the Government's commitment in respect of national ~~Mission~~ building schemes, it seems that they should curtail new expenditure of a recurring nature. As the present scheme cannot be considered as ~~essential~~ urgent and as it involves large recurring expenditure, Finance may advise that the proposals may be examined in connection with the Part II Scheme for 1949-50 with reference to the criteria to be laid down for admission of such schemes. Meanwhile, the information called for from the D.P.I. and the Honorary Secretary of the Library with reference to the memo. on p.5 C.F. in l.f.I will also be available. ~~Further~~ Remarks of this Depts. ~~are~~ have ~~however~~ been added to ~~therefore offered on~~ the sectional notes below.

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This dept. may suggest that a copy of the report of the Committee & the proposals made in the sectional notes to give effect to the recommendations may be sent to the Govt. of India when sending a reply to their Govt., and we may ask for a grant to cover at least 50% of the recurring & non-recurring cost. The actual expenditure likely to be incurred in publishing the manuscripts for the first ~~___~~ few years after the scheme is introduced may also be estimated & included in the cost to be reported to the Govt. of India. On receipt of the Govt. of I. reply the present proposals may be further considered either as a Part-II scheme or as a "new service" scheme to be introduced in the current-year.

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Edu & P.H (C2)

4 = JAN 1948

Please see the remarks ~~on~~ of the finance dept and further notes in the sectional notes below. With reference to note on ~~p 4~~ pages 4 and 12(a) of the S.N. a draft memo to the DPI is submitted for approval.

2. With reference to 'A' above it is submitted that the DPI has been requested to obtain information ~~as to~~ as to the MSS which have not yet been published in the libraries of the Province and to submit to Govt. a rough estimate of ~~expenditure~~ the cost of publication of the manuscripts and also a scheme for their publication. Only after a receipt of the reply from the DPI, the Govt. of India have to be addressed to bear the entire expenditure or half of it. Perhaps ~~[illegible]~~ this case may lie over till final orders are passed in that case (C.No. 36913 C2/48)

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(C.No. 36913 C2/48)

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[Issued as Memo No. 52482 C2/47-6 Edu dt 28.6.48]

p 89-90 cf

The case may now be circulated to HM (Edu) for orders on 'A' above
(Notes from p. 5 ante)

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It is not necessary to give any further grants than have been provided for in the Part II proposals for this year and even before the grant provided for in this year's budget is given, they may be asked to submit to us an account of the expenditure ~~xxxxx~~ for the grant that we had provided in the last year's budget i.e. Rs.10,000. I shall be glad to know whether any such reports have been received. If not, they may be asked to send us an audited account of the expenditure that they have incurred in the last year.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
9 = JUL 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The minutes of HM (Edu) above may be perused. With reference to 'A' on p 8 ante, it is submitted that the grant provided for in this year's budget to the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library was already sanctioned in G.O. No. 1674 Edu dated 30.6.48.

2. With reference to 'B' above, it is submitted that the Hon. Secy of the T.M.S.S. Mahal Library has not yet furnished Govt. ~~yet~~ the account ~~for~~ of the expenditure for the grant which was sanctioned in G.O. No. 1372 Edu dated 30.6.47. In this connection attention is also invited to Govt. Memo No. 52482 C2/47-2 Edu dated 19.8.47 in which the chairman of the committee for the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library was asked to send a report showing how the grant (of Rs 10,000) was spent. A draft memo to the Hon. Secy, T.M.S.S. Mahal Library is put up for approval

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P.91 c.f. [Issued as Memo. No. 52482 C2/47-7, d. 15-7-48]

In reply to the Memo. on page 91 c.f., the Hony. Secy. of the T.M.S.S.M. Libra Tanjore, has furnished the audited accoun

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of expenditure of the grant of Rs. 10,000/- sanctioned for the library. ~~The~~ It has been noted on and subd. separately.

2/ With reference to the notes of Fin. Dept. on pages 4 and 12 ~~of~~ the sectional Notes, the remarks of this Dept. have been added. The case may be sent to Fin.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
06 SEP 1948
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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E.&P.H. W.O. No. 52482/47-8 C2
24-9-'48.

Finance (Exp A)

(Previous Finance note on pp 6-8 above)

The minute of H.M. (Education) and the note of E&PH on pp 9-10 above may be perused.

2. The further remarks of this Deptt. have been added on pp 4 (a) and 12 (b) of the sectional notes below.

3. As H.M. (Education) has minuted that it is not necessary to give any further grants for this purpose ~~more than that~~ in addition to what has been provided ~~in Part II~~ for in of the Budget for 1948-9, it is presumed that E&PH will not pursue the ~~question~~ proposal ~~of~~ dealt with in this file

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

~~Please see the remarks of Fin.~~

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E & P.H. (C2).

Please see the remarks of ~~the~~ Finance on p. 10 ante., and the further notes in the pp. 4(a) and 12(b) in the sectional notes.

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2. In G.O. No.1119 Edn., dated 2-6-47, in pursuance ~~to~~ of the assurance ~~as~~ given by the Hon'ble Education Minister on the floor of the Legislative Assembly, the Govt. appointed a Committee consisting of 6 members to examine the present working of the Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore, to make suggestions for its improvement and the preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the Library. The Committee has examined the question and submitted its report. The D.P.I. who was consulted on the several recommendations made in this report has also submitted his remarks. The recommendation of the Committee and the remarks of the D.P.I. have been examined in consultation with Fin. in the sectional notes.

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p 8 c.f.

3. The proposals of the Committee as modified by the D.P.I., will involve Government in an ~~estimate~~ expenditure of ~~an~~ Rs. (*) 20,000 (roughly) recurring and Rs.7,500 (non-recurring). A statement of the proposals accepted by Finance is set out below:-

(*) Rs 24,900 - vide statt at (i).

(i) Preservation of Original Manuscripts.

Purchase of Chemicals at	Rs. 1,000/- per annum
Purchase of fumigation machine	Rs. 2,000 non-recurring
Three peons	Rs. 1,512 per annum
Binder and Cost of binding materials	Rs. 1,000 per annum
Cost of Mending	Rs. 500 per annum

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1,000	2,000
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(ii) Preservation of contents - Restoration by copyists.

Employment of competent copyists upto a limit of 10 at a time on a contingent basis	Rs. 5,000 per annum
Cost of paper	Rs. 500 " "

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5,500

(iii) Cataloguing.

Appointment of 5 pandits (2 in Sanskrit, 1 in Tamil, 1 in Telugu

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and 1 in Marathi on Rs.80-5-150	Rs. 5,000 per annum
Cost of printing Catalogues	Rs. 2,000 per annum

Recg 7,000

(iv) Publication of rare and unpublished Manuscripts and also a quarterly Journal.

(a) Publication of rare manuscripts.

Finance ~~propose to employ~~ have agreed to Pandits retained for cataloguing being employed for this purpose also and they have agreed to a higher rate of pay:--

See p. 8 of Sectional notes.

(b) Publication of Quarterly journal	Rs. 1,000 per annum
(c) Cost of paper	Rs. ~~2,000~~ 700 " "

Recg 1,700

(v) Equipment.

Books	Rs. 2,000 N.R.
Furniture	Rs. 1,500 N.R.
Electric Installation	Rs. 2,000 N.R.
Printed books	Rs. 500 per annum

Recg 500 NR 5,500

(vi) Administration. (Addl. staff & revised scale for the Librarian)

1 Superintendent.	Rs. 200-10-400 (Av 300)
1 Librarian (Revised scale).	Rs. 80 to 100-10-200. (Av 166-6)
1 Clerk Typist.	Rs. 50 per mensem. (50)

Recg 300 166 50 516 6,192

4. Finance observe that as H.M.(Edn.) has minuted that it is not necessary to give any further grants for the purpose in addition to what has been provided for during 1948-49, it is presumed that this Deptt., will not pursue the proposals dealt with in this file.

5. It is submitted that the Committee in question was appointed in pursuance of the assurance given by H.M.(Edn.) in reply to an interpellation put by Sri Vedaratnam Pillai, M.L.A., in the Legislative Assembly on 1-4-47. In November 1947 the same M.L.A., asked Government whether the Committee appointed by the Govt. had submitted his report and the H.M. replied that the report was received and was under consideration. It is likely that the M.L.A., referred to above or any other M.L.A may interpellate the Govt. again on the action taken on the report of the Committee. ¶6 The proposals will have to be treated as a Part II scheme for 1949-50.

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~~6.~~ It may also be noted that the H.Pr. has ordered that 12½ of the existing staff should be cut and until that is

This applies to Govt offices & institutions. The Tanjore Library is not a Govt institution.

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done no proposal for increase of staff should be made.

For orders. Finance may see before circulation.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
30 OCT 1948
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance (B.E.IV)

Part II Scheme for 1949-50.

Scheme for the improvement, preservation and the publication of the valuable and useful books in the Tanjore Maharaja Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore.

Cost in 1949-50	
Recurring. Rs.	Non-recurring. Rs.
24,900	7,500

Please see the previous Finance note on page 10 above and the notes following. The proposal involves an additional expenditure of Rs 24,900 per annum recurring and Rs 7,500 non-recurring. E.& P.H. suggest that the proposal may go forward as a Part II Scheme for 1949-50.

Vide Staff at (i)

Gov. Recg's remarks at pp. 7-8 above.

2. The point for consideration is whether the scheme can be considered to be so immediately and imperatively essential as to be introduced in the next year. This department has already suggested that this Government may ask the Government of India for a grant to cover at least 50% of the recurring and non-recurring cost of the scheme, that the actual expenditure likely to be incurred in publishing the manuscripts for the first few years after the scheme is introduced, ~~and~~ may be included in the ~~list~~ cost to be reported to the Government of India, and that on receipt of the Government of India's reply, the present proposals may be further considered either as a Part II Scheme or as a 'New Service' scheme to be introduced in the current year. Apparently, the Govt. of India have not yet been addressed in the matter. If the scheme were to be introduced in the next year, and if the Govt. of India do not agree to make any grant towards the cost of the scheme, then this Govt. will have to meet the

entire cost of the scheme. C2

~~Further~~, The scheme, though a desirable one, does not satisfy any of the criteria laid down for admission of Part II Schemes for 1949-50. This department has suggested in other cases that it is desirable to go slow even in respect of desirable schemes, in view of the need to balance the budget for next year without drawing on the reserves.

3. In the circumstances, Finance may advise that the proposal may be deferred. If E.& P.H. ~~may be requested to~~ desire to press the proposal, they may take orders in circulation including H.M.(Finance) whether the proposal may go forward as a Part II Scheme for 1949-50. ~~E.& P.H. may, however, also consider whether it would not be sufficient to sanction a grant to the Library as was done in the previous two years.~~

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The consideration of this scheme may be deferred at least till the Govt of India have been addressed & their reply has been received. This ~~may~~ means that the scheme may be treated as one for introduction in the course of next year, if necessary, with reference to the circumstances then prevailing.

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E.P.H.Deptt.(C2)

The proposal in this file relates to ~~the~~ giving effect to the suggestions of the Committee for the improvement, preservation and publication of the valuable and useful books in the Tanjore M.S.S. Mahal Library, Tanjore. The details of the scheme are as summarised in this deptt's note on pp 11-13 ante.

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pp 12-13 ante

It is proposed to treat the scheme as a Part II scheme for 1949-50. The estimated additional expenditure on the proposal is ~~stated to be~~ Rs.24,900 (Recurring, and Rs.7500 (Non-Recurring) - Statement at (i)

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2. For the reasons stated at X on p 14 ante, Finance suggest that the proposal may be deferred. If this department desires to press the proposal, they suggest ~~you~~ (Y on p.14 ante) that orders may be taken in circulation including H.M.(Finance) whether the proposal may go forward as a Part II Scheme for 1949-50.

pp 13-14 ante & pp 7-8 ante

3. Finance also in this connection refer to their suggestion sometime back to address the Government of India for a grant to cover atleast 50% of the recurring and ~~the~~ non-recurring cost of the scheme and after the latter's reply is received to treat the proposal as a 'New Service' scheme to be introduced in the course of next year, if necessary. Finl. Secretary also says ~~that~~ that the present scheme may be deferred atleast till the Govt. of India have been addressed and their reply is ~~recd.~~ received.

p 14 ante

4. It is submitted ~~that~~ that in this connection that it was proposed to address the Government of India for help in connection with the publication of the various manuscripts that are in the Manuscripts Libraries in this Province in languages such as, Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi and on subjects like Philosphy, Medicine, Science etc. No doubt under the head 'Publication of Manuscripts' in respect of the T.M.SS.M. Library, Tanjore, with which this file is partly concerned some contribution may be expected from the Govt. of India. But in this file ~~it~~ which relates to the recommendations of the Specl. Committee appointed ~~fr~~ for the improvement of the T.M.S.S.M. Library ~~recommended~~, inter alia, measures are proposed for the preservation of original manuscripts and preservation of contents, publication of quarterly journal and ~~a~~ re-organisation of the staff etc. In these circumstances, the proposal in this file ~~should~~ may be dealt with separately and Govt. of India addressed, if necessary.

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pp 11-12 ante

5. In the meanwhile it is for consideration whether

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whether barring the reason put forward by the Fin. Secretary, orders may be taken in circulation including H.M(Fin.) whether the proposal may go forward as a Part II Scheme for 1949-50.

The suggestion of Finance in the concluding portion of the note on page 14 ante may perhaps be agreed to.

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H.M.(Edn.) for H.M.(Fin.)

J.D. 1/12/48

This was put in on the suggestion of the Premier. I ~~also~~ agree that the scheme is not very urgent. But may go ~~xxxx~~ before the Standing Finance Committee.

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May go as Part 2 for 49-50

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

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H.M.(Edn.)

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 8 DEC 1948 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 8 DEC 1948 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

A draft part II Scheme note is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Finance for acceptance.

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E.H. H. U.O. No. 52482/47-10C2 10-12-48.

Finance (B.E.IV)

11 DEC 1948

(Previous Fin. note on pp. 13-14 above)

The draft Part B Scheme note below may be accepted subject to the amendments indicated in pencil.

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Clean copies carrying out the corrections. The Fin. U.O. 105858/B.E.IV

taken instead.

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pp 103-106 cf

Letter from Sri. R. Krishnamurthy, Editor, Kalki dated 21-3-49.

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H.Pr. handed this over to me. Please put up a note, with reference to what has been done, and what can further be done with reference to the proposals here made.

M.V.S
23-3-1949

Please see the letter from Sri Krishnamurthy, Editor 'Kalki', Madras, on pp ~~1-4~~ 103-106 cf.

p103 cf

As desired by the Hon'ble the Premier, Sri Krishnamurthi, visited the Tanjore Manuscripts Serfoji's Saraswathi Mahal Library, Tanjore and makes the following suggestion:-

(1) The valuable paper manuscripts and palm leaf Manuscripts should be preserved and copied.

p104 cf

(2) The recommendation of Sri Satagopachari, President of the special committee constituted to make suggestions for the improvement of library, may generally be accepted.

p7 cf

(3) He is not in favour of making provision of Rs.10,000 for the acquisition of manuscripts and Rs.10,000 for the purchase of modern books as proposed by the committee.

p105 cf

(4) In regard to the copying of old manuscripts, Manuscripts on medicine and Music should be taken up first

(5) For copying Manuscripts on medicine, one versed in Indian Medicine, a Tamil Pandit and 10 copyists ~~have to be~~ may be appointed ;

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(5) As regards the copying of Manuscripts relating to Music, one music expert, 1 Sanskrit Vidwan and 10 copyists ~~have to~~ may be appointed.

(6) After copying work has been done for six months, one committee for Medicine, ~~one~~ and another committee for Music ~~have to~~ may be appointed. These Committees should

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should examine & select which of the Manuscripts should be fit for publication and ~~after selection~~ then they should be ~~enlisted~~ entrusted for publication and printing to ~~give priority~~ presses. He is prepared to print one or two publications in Kalki Press.

p.106 cf

2. As the result of the recommendations of the Spl. Committee appointed to investigate into the working of the Tanjore Maharaja Saraswathi Mahal Library of which Sri Satagopachari referred to by Sri Krishnamurthi, was the Chairman, Government have made provision in 1949-50. The objects for which provision was made are as follows:-

	Recurring	Non-recurring
	Rs.	Rs.
(i) Preservation of original Manuscripts.	4,012	2,000
(ii) Preservation of contents-Restoration by copyists.	5,500	---
(iii) Cataloguing.	7,000	..
(iv) Publication of rare and unpublished Manuscripts and also a quarterly journal.	~~50,0 00~~	50,000 ..
(v) Equipment	500	5,500
(vi) Administration which ~~invol~~ involves additional staff and revised scales of pay for the Librarian.	6,192	...
Total.	~~24,904~~	7,500 +
or	~~24,900~~ 23,200 (roundly)	50,000

p.101 cf

This provision has been made with reference to the orders of H.Pr. (page 1 of [illegible])

The suggestion of Sri Krishnamurthi may be carried out within the amount provided for the purpose

3. Further, Govt. have appointed a committee consisting of 10 members to select the Manuscripts in Manuscripts Libraries of this Province for publication in language such as Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Maharathi and on subjects like Philosophy, Medicine, Science etc. A lump sum of Rs. 50,000 is also ~~forwarded~~ provided for the publication of Manuscripts in Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library. It is also proposed to address the Govt. of India for help in connection with the publication of the various Manuscripts which are in this province after the Committee referred to above has submitted its report.

H.Pr has since suggested on 25/3 the enlargement of the committee.

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4 The suggestion of Sri Krishnamurthi of Kalki may be placed before the Committee appointed for the selection

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of Manuscripts for publication.

~~The~~ The Curator, Government Oriental Manuscripts is the Secretary of the Committee.

J.D. 26/3

In addition to the amounts referred to on page 18 ante, a provision of Rs.20,000/- has been made in the next year's budget representing the second instalment of the provision agreed to last year by the Cabinet for the publication of manuscripts in the Tanjore Library. The total provision made in the ~~next~~ year's budget for the Tanjore Palace Library is Rs. 1,00,700/- of which a sum of Rs. 30,700/- is for implementing the recommendations of the Committee presided over by Sri T.V. Satagopachariar, as detailed on page 18 ante and the balance of Rs.70,000/- towards the publication of manuscripts. Besides, a sum of Rs. 6,300/- is available with the Committee out of the current year's allotment of Rs. 20,000/- for utilisation in 1949-50.

p.18 ante

Separate file

Separate file circulated to H.M.(Edn) and H.M.(Fin)

H.Pr. has since suggested that Sri R. Krishnamurthi of 'Kalki' may be appointed as a member of the Committee referred to in para 3 on page 18 ante. As suggested in para 4 above, the suggestions of Sri Krishnamurthi numbered (1) and (4) to (6) on page 17 ante need not be placed before that Committee. The remarks of the Hony. Secy. of the Library may be obtained. Orders on suggestion (2)* will be issued ~~next month after the budget is authorised by H.M.~~ shortly after this reference is disposed of. Regarding suggestion No(3) on p.17 ante, it is submitted that no provision has been made for the purchase of printed books.- vide p.9 of the sectional notes below; thus this suggestion has already been agreed to.

The draft below is for approval.

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H.M. (Edn)

H.Pr

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* This is the Part II Scheme - pages 101-102 c.f.

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I see in the draft letter that in addition to the recurring expenditure of Rs.23,200 and non-recurring expenditure expenditure of Rs.7,500, a provision of Rs.70,000 has been made for the publication of useful, rare and unpublished manuscripts in the Saraswathi Mahal Library. I see in the notes above that Rs.50,000 has been provided separately for ~~putting~~ publishing manuscripts in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library. My remembrance was that we provided only one lakh or rupees. The matter may be checked up and put up. Draft This is accounted for by one lakh this year and 20,000 provided for three years in the last year's part II schemes. If that is so, it need not be put up to me again.

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JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
29 APR 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

E&PH

H. Pr. wants the file to be circulated to him after answering the query of HM (Edn)

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JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
29 APR 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The presumption of the former H.M ~~seems~~ correct. Need not be circulated to the present H. Pr. The previous H.Pr wants to see the file.

JD
2-5-49

A sum of Rs 50000/ has been provided in the current year's budget for the publication of manuscripts in the Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library and an equal amount is proposed to be given to the Tanjore Library. This sum is in addition to the amount of Rs 20000/- referred to in the ex-HM's minutes on page 20 ante.

Please see if this note will require revision in view of a letter received from the Tanjore Library Secy. which is lying over for want of this file

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JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 MAY 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

P. 109 c.7. [Issued as Memo. No. 52482 C2/47 Edu., d., 16-5-'4

P.110 c.7. No. 40024. From the Hony. Secy., The T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanjore, R.c. No. 82/49-50, dated, 24-5-'49.

Please see the reply from the Hony. Secy., The T.M.S.S.M. Library, Tanj on page 110 c.7., to the Memo. on page 109 c.7. In the above Memo., the Hony. Secy. of the library was asked to offer his remarks on the letter from PP.103-106 c.7. Sri R. Krishnamurthy, Editor, "Kalki," Madras, dated, 21-3-'49, on the Schem for the improvement of the library. The Hony. Secy., in his reply on page 110 while agreeing in general with the recommendations of the Editor, "Kalki," requests that the provision for the purchase of printed books for the library may not be deleted altogether. It is submitted that the recommendations of the Editor of Kalki have already been examined ~~noted~~ and orders in circulation obtained vide note on pages 17-21 above. It woul appear from the note at the portion marked

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19 ante, that the
purchase of modern
Rs. 10,000/- for the library
negatived. A provision of a sum of
under books (non-recurring)
sum of Rs. 500/- a year for printed
has, however, been made on the
recommendation of the D.P.I. Please
see pp. 7-10 of the sectional notes and
item (v) on page 12 ante. ~~(ii) in the Memo. on page 109 c.7.~~
In the circumstances, no further action
the request of the Hony. Secy. for
the provision for purchase of printed
ks for the library is necessary.
A draft order sanctioning the grants
for the library, mentioned in para 1 of
the Memo. at page 109 c.7., is submitted
for approval. It may be sent to Finance
for acceptance. [Orders regarding the
sanctioning of grants of Rs. 70,000/-
mentioned in para 3 ~~of the Memo.~~ at page
c.7. is in this ~~will be put up~~ separately]
[This file strictly confined to Part II
schemes]

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