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EXAMINATIONS - Question paper parcels - Late acceptance at the post offices - Government of India's decision not to agree - Communicated.

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SUBJECT:-

S.S.L.C. and other examinations - conducted by the Commissioner for Government Examinations, Madras - answer paper packets of afternoon sessions - delivery at the Post Office after the postal hours - acceptance of - Request for.

R.C.No. 55-B/49.

Station:-Madras.

Dated the 26th JANUARY, 1949:

FROM (NAME):--SRI D. S. REDDI, M.A., (OXON), M.B.E.,
(DESIGNATION):--Commissioner for Government Examinations,
M A D R A S.

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose copies of my letter R.C. No. 301-B/48, dated 21st November, 1948, to the Post-Master-General, Madras, and his reply thereto and submit that the rules in regard to the acceptance of registered parcels after the notified hours be relaxed as a special case in the following circumstances.

The S.S.L.C. Examination is conducted for about nine days, (till September 1948 once in a year, but twice in a year from 1948 October). Besides this examination, about a dozen important examinations are also being conducted by me. Whenever the candidates are large in numbers, it has not been found possible in a majority of centres to pack and send the parcels of answer papers of the evening session the same day in time to reach the Post Office. The Postal authorities have no powers to receive such parcels after the registration time is over and hence the Chief Superintendents and the departmental officers are forced to keep the packets in their custody till the next day, and, if the next day happens to be a public holiday, till the following day. Of late, it has been found that, not infrequently, such bundles which are especially kept under the custody of the Chief Superintendents are tampered with overnight. It has been found in a particular centre, a spurious answer book written at home was substituted in the place of the original answer paper book, while the bundle was in the custody of the Chief Superintendent who presumably conspired with the candidate. There have been several instances of other types of fraud and there has been an increasing tendency on the part of the candidates nowadays to resort to undesirable means, it is imperative that the Chief Superintendents should not be entrusted with the custody of such packets in case they are not able to deliver them at the Post Office before the registration time. As stated by the Post-Master-General, Madras, in his letter quoted supra, the Postal Rules do not permit any relaxation of rules in this regard and for acceptance of parcels or packets delivered at the Post Office after the prescribed hours. But as detailed above, it is thoroughly unsafe to pursue the policy in vogue. Some relaxation of postal rules with a view to enable the Postal authorities to accept the parcels after the prescribed hours is necessary.

Hence, I submit in the interest of safe and efficient conduct of the examinations and safe custody of answer paper packets, that the Government may be pleased to address Director-General of Post Offices, Delhi, to suitably amend the rules or issue executive orders in this regard and communicate his decision in the matter to the Post-Master-General, Madras,

P.T.O.

before the second week of March, 1949, so that the Chief Superintendents of the S.S.L.C. Examination may be informed in time about the procedure to be followed.

M. S. Ganayakul
26.1.49

for COMMISSIONER:

R.M./26-1-1949:

Copy of letter R.C.No. 301-B/48, dated 21-11-1948, from the Secretary, Board of Secondary Education, Madras, to the Post-Master-General, Madras.

Sub:--S.S.L.C. and Other Examinations - Answer paper bundles delivered out of time - acceptance of - request for.

The S.S.L.C. Public Examination is held both in the forenoon and in the afternoon for nine days. The examination in the afternoon closes at 4-30 P.M. and it may not be possible in a majority of centres to book the parcels of answer papers to the examiners the same day, as the time for booking registered articles would have past. So the packets of answer papers are sealed with the seals of the Chief Superintendent and Departmental Officer and kept in the custody of the Chief Superintendent till the next day when they are sent to the Post Office for despatch. It is found from experience that it is inexpedient and unsafe to allow the answer paper packets to be in the custody of Chief Superintendents overnight, as the packets are tampered with and fraud practised.

With a view to avoiding such corruption, it has been suggested that the answer paper packets with the address, etc., fully written out and sealed may be handed over to the local postal authorities even after the registration time is over to be in their custody till they leave the place the next day. I consider this proposal as a very sound one and worthy of adoption in the interest of the safety of the examination papers and the efficiency of the examination.

I would therefore request you to be good enough to issue a circular to all post offices to accept parcels containing the examination answer papers of the afternoon session even though they are tendered after the normal registration time is over. The favour of an early reply is requested so that your instructions to the Post-Masters may be incorporated in the General Instructions to the Chief Superintendents of Examination Centres.

/True Copy/.

II.

Copy of letter No.ML/M-1780/U.Exam. dated the 24th November, 1948, from the Postmaster-General, Madras Circle, Madras-2, to the Secretary, Board of Secondary Education, Madras.

Your request to book the registered articles after the closure of the Registration counter and keep them in the custody of the P.O., till the following day for onward despatch cannot be complied with, as the rules of the department do not make provision for such a procedure.

/True Copy/.

R.M./26-1-1949:

M. S. Ganayakul
26.1.49

The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, New Delhi.
(with enclosure)

Sir,
Govt. Examinations - ~~S.S.I.G. Rules~~ - Despatch of parcels containing answer papers.
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I am directed to forward a copy of letter No. 55-B-49 Dated the 26th January 1949 from the Commissioner for Govt. Examinations, Madras, on the above subject and to state that in the circumstances stated, the Government of Madras support the suggestions contained in that letter.

I am to request that necessary action may be taken, if there is no objection, for the modification of the present rules so as to permit the acceptance by Post offices of registration parcels containing answer papers of Government Examinations sent by the Chief Superintendent of the Examination Centres, after the ~~disposition~~ ^{time of execution instructions} has now fixed for the I am to ask that as the matter is very urgent, early action may be taken in the matter and orders communicated to the subordinate authorities concerned, at a very early date.

Y.F.

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Let. Ref. No. 5815/42/49-2

To,
The Director Genl. of Posts and Telegraphs,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Exam. Examinations - Despatch of parcels
Containing answer papers.

I am directed to invite a
reference to this Exam. Letter Ref. 5815/42/49
- d. 7.2.49 on the subject mentioned
above and to enquire when a reply
to it may be expected.

Y. S.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education and Public Health Department
Letter No.58 15-G2/49-2 Education.

From

M.V.Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To

The Director General of Posts and Telegraphs,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Dated Fort St. George, the 12th March 1949.

Sub: Government Examinations - Despatch of parcels containing
answer papers.

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I am directed to invite a reference to this Government
letter Ref.5815/G2/49-2 dated 7-2-1949 on the subject mentioned above
and to enquire when a reply to it may be expected.

Yours faithfully,

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for Secretary to Government.

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An interim
reply has
been received
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No.C-7-2/49
New Delhi March, 49.

To

The Secretary to Govt. of Madras,
Education and Public Health Deptt.
Fort St. George, Madras.

Government Examinations-Despatch of
parcels containing answerpapers.



Sir,

With reference to your letter

No.5315/G3/49-2 Education dated the 7.2.49,

I am directed to say that the matter is under
examination and a further communication will
be sent as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Asstt. Director-General (C).

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education and Public Health Department
Letter No. 5315/G3/49-2 Education

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Fort St. George, Madras.

The Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs,
New Delhi.

Dated Fort St. George, the 19th March 1949.

Sir, Government Examinations - Despatch of parcels containing
answer papers.

I am directed to advise a reference to this Government
letter No. 5315/G3/49-2 dated 7-2-1949 on the subject mentioned above
and to enquire when a reply to it may be expected.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary to Government.

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All communica-
tions should be
addressed to the
Director General
of Posts and Tele-
graphs by title,
NOT by name.

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.



To Govt. of Madras

Education and Public Health Deptt.

Fort St. George Madras.

No. C-7-2/49 Dated New Delhi the 4 May 1949

Government Examination-Despatch
of parcels containing answer papers.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No.
C-7-2/49 dated the 7th March 1949, I am directed
to say that the Director General regrets that he
does not see his way to accept your proposal

Yours faithfully.

Assistant Director General (C)

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Letter/Ref. No. 5815/G3-49-5 Edn., dated 24-5-49.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Communications,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: EXAMINATIONS - Question paper parcels -
Acceptance at post offices.

The Commr. for Govt. Examns., Madras, who conducts a number of Govt. Examns. including the examn. for the Secondary School Leaving Certificate, twice every year, has brought to the notice of the Govt. that it is not possible to pack ~~and~~ and send the parcels of answer papers of the examinees in a majority of examn. centres, to the post offices before the hour fixed for the acceptance of parcels for registration, which is stated to be 4-30 P.M. It is stated that the present rules do not permit the postal authorities to accept these packets after that hour. As a result, the packets of answer papers have to be in the custody of the Chief Supdts. of the examn. centres over-night. Such a detention of the answer papers has been found by experience to be undesirable in view of the possibility of the answer papers being tampered with in the meantime. It is therefore considered imperative that the responsibility for the safe custody of the answer papers during the interval before their actual despatch should be removed from the shoulders of the Chief Supdts. of the centres and that chances of fraud in respect of these papers should be eliminated. For these reasons the C.G.E. had asked Govt. to move the authorities concerned to modify the Postal Rules so as to permit the Post Offices to accept answer paper parcels after the hour ~~now~~ fixed for the registration of parcels. ~~The Govt. of Madras, concerned with the matter, has been in the process of presentation of the Commr. for Govt. Examns., Madras, to the Govt. of India.~~ In this Dept's letter No. 5815-G3-49-2 dt. 7-2-49 the Govt. ~~of Madras~~ ^{Madras} addressed the Director-General, Posts & Telegraphs suggesting that the rules ~~may~~ ^{might} be modified as requested. In their letter No. C-7-2-49 dt. 4-5-49 the Indian Posts & Telegraphs Dept. have intimated that the

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Director-General does not see his way to accept the proposal.

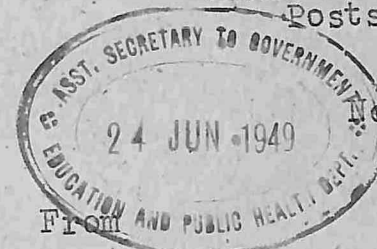
2. The Govt. of Madras observe that no reasons have been given for the decision of the Director-General. They consider that the facility asked for is of great importance and is essential for the efficient conduct of the public examinations in this Province and that, as it will be availed of only for a few days and at certain centres in the year, no great inconvenience will apparently be caused, thereby, to the Postal Authorities.

3. I am to ask that the G. of I. may be moved to ~~authorise~~ *review this matter in the light of what is stated in the foregoing paragraphs and* the Posts & Telegraphs Dept. to grant the facility asked for, as a special case.

Y.F.

Copy to the C.G.E.

No. C-7-2/49
Government of India
Ministry of Communications
Posts & Telegraphs.



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New Delhi dated the 17th June 1949.
18th

V.K.R. Menon Esq., I.C.S.,
Secty. to the Government of India,
Ministry of Communications,
New Delhi.

To

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

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Subject:- Examinations- Question paper
parcels- Acceptance at Post
Office.

Sir,

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With reference to your letter No. 5815/G2/49-5 Edn dated the 24th May 1949, I am directed to say that the reason for the Director General of Posts & Telegraphs not accepting your proposal is that the parcels containing answer papers accepted by post offices after the closure of the registration counter, will not be despatched on the date of receipt and, as such, they will have to be kept in deposit in the custody of the post office till the following day. This will mean transferring the responsibility for safe custody from the examining authorities to the shoulders of the Post Office. It will be appreciated that there is every possibility of the parcels containing answer papers being tampered with overnight while in the custody of the post office, in as much as the contents of these parcels will be known to the office staff, and this might throw great temptation in the way of any dishonestly inclined postal official to commit fraud.
2. In the circumstances, the Government of India regrets its inability to authorise the Indian P&T Deptt. to grant the facility asked for.

Yours faithfully.

Secretary to the Government of India

Motwani.P.

S.S.L.C. and other examinations - Conducted by the C.G.E., Madras - Answer paper packets of afternoon Sessions - delivery at the Post Office after the Postal hours - acceptance of.

Ref: From the C.G.E. R.C.No. 55 B/49 dated 26-1-1949.

Please see the letter from the C.G.E. on p.1-2 of. He has stated that it has not been possible in a majority of centres to pack and send the answer paper packets of the afternoon sessions of the S.S.L.C. and other examinations conducted by him, on the same day, in time ^{to the Post Office} the Registration being closed at 4.30 p.m. It is stated that the Postal authorities have no powers to accept these parcels after the Registration time. The Commissioner has observed that the bundles of answer-papers kept in the custody of the Chief Superintendent are tampered with overnight and that there have been several instances of fraud in this connection. He therefore considers it imperative that the Chief Supdt. is not entrusted with the custody of such packets in case they are not able to deliver them at the Post Office before registration time. For these reasons, the Commissioner has suggested that the Postal Rules may be modified so as to permit the Postal authorities to accept parcels of answer papers ^{from the Examination} for centres after the Registration time, that is, after 4-30 P.M. and that the Director-General of Post Offices may be addressed in the matter.

2/. In the circumstances stated the C.G.E.'s suggestion may be accepted. A draft letter to the D.G. of Post Offices is submitted for ^{approval} P.W.D. may see.



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28 P.H. who above and the draft letter to the D.G. of P.O. below may be present. The file may be submitted to P.W.D. E.P.H.

propose to present the matter.

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The C.G.E.
(with a copy
of 2 letters
from R.
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(Issued as Let. Ref. 5815/92/49-2. d. 7.2.49) - p 5 ante

The draft letter reminder ^① not issued below to the Director Genl. of P & T. is for approval.

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C.No. 19500/92/49. Director of P & T. No. C.7.2/49. d. 7.3.49) p 7 ch

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gr
Please see the interim reply from the Director Genl. of Posts & Telegraphs at p 11 ch. The further report may be awaited till 25/3/49.

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The draft reminder letter below to the Director Genl. of P & T is for approval.

Let over till 1-5-49.

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The draft reminder may now issue.

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(C.No. 34322/49. From the Draft. of P & T. New Delhi. C.7-2/49. d. 4/5/49)

P.T.O.

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Please see the letter from the Director Genl. of Posts and Telegraphs on p 13 ch. He has not accepted the C.E.G.'s suggestion to modify postal rules so as to permit the Postal authorities to accept answer paper parcels after the prescribed time. The C.E.G. may be informed so. The draft memo below is for approval.

P.W.D may see.

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The D.G. has given no reason and I consider we should pursue the matter with the Commissioner Ministry of the Govt of India as the facility asked for is of great importance and can obviously be rendered by the Postal authorities, without excessive trouble for a few days in the year.

17/5/49 P.W.D.

22P.H. C.O. NO
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The note above, and the draft orders below may be perused and the file returned to E & P.H.

11.5.49 E & P.H.

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of S.S. notes on the previous
page. A draft letter to the
Govt. of India is submitted
for approval. It may see it.

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H. N. (Edw) 23/5

[Letter No. 5815 - 92 - 49-5 Encl. D/ 24.5.49]

from the Ministry of Communications - No C-7-2-49
dated 17/18 June 1949.

Attention is invited to the letter to
the Ministry of Communications on pages
15-16 of this for order whether
for the reasons given in that
letter the matter may be dropped,
a copy of the letter being com-
municated to the D.P. If so, the draft order
is for approval.

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