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K.Varadachari, B.A., B.L., M.L.A.,

Chittoor,
25/5/49.

Secy., E & P.H.

To

27 MAY 1949

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Departments.

Please examine and
put up early.

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H.M. (Edn.)



Through

The Hon'ble Sri. A.B.Shetty,
Minister for Education & Public Health.

Sir,

Subject:- Issue of Duplicates of S.S.L.Certificates-
rules governing the same - Interpretation-
need for amendment.

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On an application by one of my sons, K.S.Gandhi for a Duplicate S.S.L.Certificate submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations on the ground that the original certificate had been submitted to the Federal Public Service Commission in connexion with an application to the latter for admission to the Initial Training Wing of the Royal Indian Air Force, the said secretary has found it impossible to furnish the duplicate S.S.L.C., for the reason that, according to the rules, such duplicate could be issued only when it is definitely established that the original had been lost beyond recovery and that since, in the present case, the original is admitted to be in the safe custody of the Federal Public Service Commission, the duplicate could not be granted. I enclose herewith the D.O. letter of the Secretary, office of the Commissioner for Government Examinations, dated 20-5-49 in original, for the perusal of the Government.

I am obliged to point out that either the rules are being too literally interpreted to the detriment of the spirit and

object of the rules regarding regulating the issue of duplicate S.S.L.C's on that it is desirable to amend the rules to meet hard cases. There are numerous instances of Service Commissions or other selecting authorities requiring that certificates of educational qualifications should be submitted in original.

In the case of applications for the R.I.A.F., referred to above, the notification issued by the Federal Public Service Commission says that the Commission do not undertake to return the certificates until orders are passed on their applications, nor can they undertake to supply attested copies to candidates.

The hardship that results from this in the context of the rules referred to by the Secretary to the Commissioner for Govt., Examinations can be easily visualized by the Government when the service commissions pass orders after a long lapse of time.

S.S.L.C. holders are obliged to apply to various public institutions either for appointment or for admission to college courses, and if one of these authorities in original and takes its own time to pass orders on these applications, what has the candidate to do in case another institution wants atleast a duplicate certificate as evidence of the educational qualification? Of course, it is suggested by the secretary aforesaid that he could grant only a certified copy of the marks obtained by the candidate. But it can be easily seen that such a copy may not satisfy the requirements of institutions to which candidates apply for either appointment or for admission to college study.

My son could have easily made a false assertion that he

lost the original and could have submitted some proof to obtain the duplicate to satisfy the rules spoken of by the secretary. My son knew the language employed in the rules and even so thought that the correct interpretation of the same should cover his difficulty. Instances are not wanting of such malpractices. Instead of placing a premium on the honesty of applicants for duplicate S.S.L.C I would suggest that the rules may be suitably amended so as to make these duplicates available to candidates who have submitted the originals to Service Commissions or other public institutions.

I also request that as a special case the Commissioner for Government Examinations may be requested to issue a duplicate S.S.L.Certificate to my son, K.S.Gandhi as per his application dated 24-4-49 to the secretary- my son has, of course, applied to day for a certified copy of the marks as suggested by the Secretary.

Yours faithfully,

K. Vasudha

Copy to

The Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner for
Government Examinations,
M A D R A S.

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Office of the Commissioner
for Government Examinations,
Madras. Dated 20th May, 1949.

D.O.

Dear Sir,

Reference:--Your letter dated 19th May, 1949,
regarding issuing of a duplicate
S.S.L.C. to your son.

According to the rules, a duplicate copy of the S.S.L.
Certificate can be issued only when it is definitely established
that the original has been lost beyond recovery. In this case,
the original is in the safe custody of the Federal Public
Service Commission and so I regret very much that I cannot take
steps to issue a duplicate copy of it. However, if you require
only a certified copy of the marks obtained by your son at the
examination in any year, kindly send me a chalan for Rupee one
for each year's marks and details regarding your son's name,
the centre and year in which he appeared for the examination
and the register number allotted to him at the Examination.
I shall then immediately send you the extract.

Yours Sincerely,

Prasanna Ganayakul
20.5.49.

To

Sri. K. Varadachari, B.A., B.L., M.L.A.,
CHITTOOR.

R.M./20-5-1949.

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40897/49 - Sri K. Varadachari M.L.A. letter dated 25.5.49.

Handwritten notes in margin: "Sri K. Varadachari M.L.A. letter dated 25.5.49."

Memo no 40897/49-12 dated 15/6/49

duplicate certificate to K.S. Gandhi.

A Copy of the letter cited above is forwarded to the C.E.C. - The Comm. is requested to furnish as a special case a duplicate copy of the P.S.L.C. to the Son of Sri K. Varadachari M.L.A. by name K.S. Gandhi. His attention is invited to his Secretary Do. dated 20th May 1949 declining to issue a duplicate Certificate to the candidate. The necessary fee should be recovered from the party. The Comm. is requested to state whether the Rules should not provide for exceptional cases in which for special reasons to the satisfaction of the Comm. a duplicate P.S.L.C. may be granted on payment of a fee which may be fixed by the High - the suggestion may be examined and proposals submitted to

to Govt -

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Approved
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The C.S.E.

Copy to
Sri K. Varadachari
W.L.A.
(Paras only
of Memo)

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Subject:

Secondary School Leaving Certificates - Issue of Duplicates
when the Original is not lost.

R.C.No.537-B/49.
Station:- Madras. Dated 26th July 1949.
From (Name):- Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A., (Oxon).
(Designation):- Commissioner for Government Examinations,
Madras.

To

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



Sir,

Ref:- Government Memorandum No.40897-G2/49-1,
dated 18-6-1949.

According to rule 6 of the Subsidiary Rules of the present S.S.L.C. Scheme, a duplicate copy of the S.S.L.Certificate cannot be issued until the Commissioner is satisfied that the original is lost beyond recovery or is destroyed. I do not consider it desirable or advisable to issue duplicate certificate when the originals are in safe custody, for the following reasons:-

(i) It is not easy to define or prescribe the exceptional circumstances in which the duplicates can be issued when the originals are not lost. Even if the conditions for issue of duplicate copies are restricted, a candidate will be able to get more than one copy of his certificate and this will certainly lead to mis-use of the certificates. There is practically no use in increasing the fee in such cases. People who are bent upon mischief will undoubtedly pay the amount and get copies of certificates. Increasing the fee for the issue of such certificates is objectionable in another way also. The high fee creates difficulties for the poor whose needs are not the less on account of the poverty. It is not therefore proper to give an advantage for those who can afford to pay a high penal fee.

(ii) It is doubtful whether any examining body that issues certificates and diplomas ever issues duplicates when the original is safe. The University of Madras issues duplicate certificates only when it is satisfactorily proved that the originals are destroyed or irrecoverably lost.

(iii) There is already provision to issue Certified Copies of marks obtained by the candidates at the S.S.L.C. Public Examination and this will be sufficient for all practical purposes of selection or appointments.

2. I may in this connection state that the general impression of candidates or their parents who apply for duplicate copies of S.S.L.Cs. is that all the particulars required for the issue of the duplicates are in Commissioner's Office and that they can be immediately given as soon as an application with the prescribed fee is submitted to the office. In fact all the required information such as date of birth, parents' name, identification marks, school record which have to be filled in the duplicate copy are available only in the school or schools in which the candidate studied and hence it takes time for the issue of the duplicate certificates. If this

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fact is known to the Public, no-body will think of applying for a duplicate S.S.L.C. to serve an immediate or an urgent purpose.

3. I, therefore, recommend that no change need be made in the rules regarding the issue of duplicate S.S.L.Cs.

4. With reference to para one of Government Memorandum, steps have been taken to issue a duplicate copy of S.S.L.C. to Sri K.S. Gandhi as a special case. Even in this case, a Certified Copy of marks should be quite sufficient for the purpose for which he is wanting a duplicate certificate.

M.T./26.7.49

for COMMISSIONER.

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 40807-G2/23-1,
dated 13-6-1949.

According to rule 6 of the Subsidiary Rules of the present S.S.L.C. Scheme, a duplicate copy of the S.S.L.C. Certificate cannot be issued until the Commissioner is satisfied that the original is lost or destroyed. I do not consider it desirable or beyond recovery or its destruction. I do not consider it desirable or advisable to issue duplicate certificate when the original is in safe custody, for the following reasons:-

(i) It is not easy to define or prescribe the exceptional circumstances in which the duplicates can be issued when the original are not lost. Even if the conditions for issue of duplicate copies are restricted, a candidate will be able to get more than one copy of his certificate and this will certainly lead to mis-use of the certificates. There is practically no use in increasing the fee in such cases. People who are bent upon mischief will undoubtedly pay the amount and get copies of certificates. Increasing the fee for the issue of such certificates is objectionable in another way also. The high fee creates difficulties for the poor whose needs are not the less on account of poverty. It is not therefore proper to give an advantage for those who can afford to pay a high penal fee.

(ii) It is doubtful whether any examining body that issues certificates and diplomas ever issues duplicates when the original is safe. The University of Madras issues duplicate certificates only when it is satisfactorily proved that the original is destroyed or irretrievably lost.

(iii) There is already provision to issue Certified Copies of marks obtained by the candidates at the S.S.L.C. Public Examination and this will be sufficient for all practical purposes of selection or appointments.

I may in this connection state that the general impression of candidates or their parents who apply for duplicate copies of S.S.L.Cs. is that all the particulars required for the issue of the duplicates are in Commissioner's office and that they can be immediately given as soon as an application with the prescribed fee is submitted to the office. In fact all the required information such as date of birth, parents' name, identification marks, school record which have to be filled in the duplicate copy are available only in the school or schools in which the candidate studied and hence it takes time for the issue of the duplicate certificates. If this

S.S.L.C. - Issue of duplicates - governing rules request for introducing amendments.

Sri K. Varadachari B.A., B.L., M.L.A. dated 25--5--1949.

H.M.'s orders on the letters in the c.f. are:-

"Please examine and put up early".

2. The request in the M.L.A.'s letter below is that as a special case a duplicate S.S.L.C. may be furnished to his son for use in connection with an application for some appointment. The original of the candidate's certificate has been sent to the Federal Public Service Commission, in connection with the candidates admission to the R.I.A.F. Under Rule 6 of the Subsidiary Rules in the S.S.L.C. Scheme "no second certificate shall on any account be issued to a pupil without the sanction of the Board; and in applying for such sanction the clearest possible proof of accidental loss or destruction should be furnished." So the reply of the C.G.E. (on p.5 c.f.) in this case is correct.

The question for consideration is whether the rule itself is defective and needs amendment as suggested by Mr. Varadachari. For no reason can the present rule be considered to involve hardship. The issue of a single duplicate certificate on the loss of the original seems to be reasonable, but this gentleman requires apparently as many copies of the certificate as his son would require for applications for various jobs. If at this rate every candidate is to be supplied with duplicate or triplicate or quadruplicate S.S.L.C., the difficulties of the C.G.E's office can be imagined. In the circumstances, the C.G.E's views may be supported and the M.L.A. informed that he may, if necessary, adopt the course suggested in the reply of the C.G.E's office. H.M. (Education) may see.

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I agree. If more copies are required, they can be certified by a magistrate in any case, some of numbers duplicate, besides involving much work, may open the door to fraud and misuse

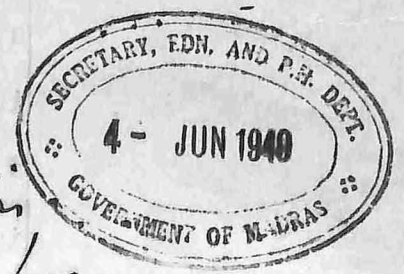
H. N. (Edn) $\frac{12}{6}$

Any number of copies are supplied from Public Office on payment of any document. So why not we supply duplicates if the parties pay.

Can we not change the rule and add after the words "beyond recovery" or for such reason to be in exceptional cases for reasons to the satisfaction of the Commission & prescribe a payment sufficiently high.

I think the rule must be reasonable & there must be some provision for hard cases. In this case a duplicate may be issued as a special case after payment of cost.

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The suggestion of H.N. in his minute above may be sent to the D.P. J. C.E. The draft memo below is for approval.

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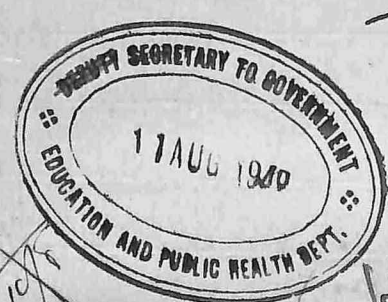
pages 7-8 (Memo No. 40897-42-48-1 Edn D 15/6/49)
pages 9-10 from the C. G. E. No. R.C-537-B-49- D 26. 7. 49.

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With reference to H.N.'s minute on the previous page with on Sri Varadachari's Request, a duplicate S.L.C. has been issued as a special case to the L.A.'s

para 4 - p 10 of

As regards the general question of the amendment of the rules, please see the Commr.'s Remarks in his letter on pages 9-10 of. As observed by him, the present provisions seem to be quite sufficient for all purposes and no amendment of the Rules seems to be necessary at all. H.N. (Edn) may see the C.G.E.'s letter on pages 9-10 of.



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Subject.

Secondary School Leaving certificates - Issue of duplicates when the original is lost - Papers

The papers may now be G.O. No. 2574 Edn. dated 13-8-49

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copy to C.G.E. w.r. to his letter R.C.537-B/49 dated 26-7-49.

