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Hon'ble Sri. Madhava Menon,
Minister for Education,
Madras.

INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

(FOUNDED 1933, REGD.)

QUARTERLY ORGAN: 'ANNALS & BULLETIN'

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S.R. RANGANATHAN, M.A., D. LITT., L.T., F.L.A.

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S. DAS GUPTA, M.A., (CANTAB), DIP., LIB., Sc.

TREASURER:

R. SRINIVASAN

This refers to your No.

of

Subject:

In reply please quote No 212: X72

Dear Sir,

This Association being an All-India body which works for the establishment and improvement of library service in all parts of India through research, publication and advisory activities, its existence and functioning has to depend on patronage by the Union Government as well as the Governments of each of the constituent States. The Government of India has sanctioned an annual grant of Rs. 2000/-. I solicit an annual grant of Rs. 500/- from you and from the Governments of each of the other constituent States.

The Indian Library Association was founded in 1933. It started a quarterly in 1942. Its activities were paralysed in 1946 when disturbances developed in connection with the partition of the country.

At the time of the Eighth All India Library Conference held at Nagpur in the 3rd week of January, 1949, the work of the Association has been revived. It was realised that there is considerable work to be done by the Association in this eventful period when we have to re-adjust ourselves to a politically independent status.

Library movement had come to put on full steam in other countries during the last 100 years, when our country was lying in a helpless exhausted condition. The renaissance which we are now experiencing demands that we must sail on its crest. Hunger for knowledge should be stimulated and satisfied by the establishment of public libraries throughout the land. Libraries in schools and colleges should be vitalised. All the industries in the country are in need of being served by a higher order of documentation work to be done by the business libraries to be esta-

blished by them. The libraries of the departments of governments also ~~should~~ should enter the phase of documentation service.

The library profession of India is anxious to mobilise and develop the techniques needed for such library service. It should also play its part in helping the government by making the public library-minded.

With these ends in view, the Indian Library Association has three programmes:-

1. The first is to run its quarterly organ Abgila (a sample copy is ^{Not recd. sent by separate post in the Dept.} in a bilingual form -- in English and Hindustani. The English portion consists of two parts: the Annals containing learned articles extending the sphere of Library Science and the Bulletin giving Library notes, news and reviews, and also providing opportunity for the beginners in the library profession to express nascent thought. The Hindustani part has, in addition to notes and news, popular and semi-learned articles for general consumption.

2. The second proposal is to publish books on Library Science in Indian languages. India has already got to its credit some 15 basic books on different branches of Library Science which have won international recognition; but most of them are in English. The Indian Library Association desires to bring out renderings of them in the regional languages of India. It is found by experiment that the task of securing uniformity in the designing of terminology in all the regional languages is best done by making a first rendering into Sanskrit and using this as the master copy for the rendering into the regional languages. This work is being done and manuscripts are getting ready for the press.

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Dear Sir, 3. There is also a third activity. The independent status of India has brought her into the library picture of the world. The Indian Library Association is, therefore, having considerable liaison work to do with the Library Association of other countries and international bodies like The International Federation of Library Associations, The International Federation for Documentation and the Department of Libraries of the Unesco.

These and other forms of necessary activities which the Indian Library Association has to perform in the present revival of the country do cost it some money. Here is an estimate of the annual expenditure:-

1. Printing and posting the quarterly organ (about 72 pages per issue)	Rs. 3000/-
2. Publication of books on Library Science in Hindusthani and other languages	Rs. 4000/-
3. Secretariate expenses	Rs. 3000/-
Total	Rs. 10,000/-

In the present smallness of the library profession and the low level of salary which prevails in it, the Indian Library Association is able to secure only about Rs. 750/- as personal subscription and about Rs. 1,250/- as institution subscription, thus making a total of about Rs. 2000/-.

The Association feels that it can be helped in the first few years to establish itself firmly in the kind of service it seeks to do, it may be able to make itself self-supporting eventually. The Library Conference at Nagpur therefore resolved to request the Governments of the Union and of the constituent States to give the Indian Library Association an adequate grant-in-aid. As the Union Government is giving Rs. 2000, it will be sufficient

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if each State Government gives us an annual grant of Rs. 500/- for a period of three years. - I request you to make this grant.

It is the terrible increase in the cost of ^{printing} ~~bringing~~ that makes the cost of the proposed activities of the Association totally unbearable from its income through subscription. As I have already stated, if the Governments in India will help us in the manner suggested, the members will do their work as a work of love in an honorary capacity and the Association is likely to establish itself and develop its activities for the benefit of the country.

Yours sincerely,

S. R. Ranganathan

(S. R. Ranganathan)
President.

P.S. The constitution of the Association will be found in pages B3 to B9 of the Bulletin part of the Agile

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Education and Public Health Dept.

Endt. No. 47532-1C2. Edn., dated, 27-6-49

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.
(By order)

To
The Director of
Public Instruction,
Madras.

Assistant Secretary to Govt.
28/6/49. D. 28/6

R.C.No.17-N/49.

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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s, Dated 12th July 1949.

SUB:-Libraries - Indian Library Association, Delhi - Patronage - Annual grant of Rs.500/- Soliciting of - Remarks.

REF:-Government Endorsement No.47532-1.C2, Education, dated 29-6-1949. P.4 ante

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

=-Submitted.

Kind attention is invited to "The Hindu" dated 10-6-1948 ^{Not} ~~inter~~ which contains the suggestions of the Economy Committee appointed by the Government of India. One of the main recommendations of the Committee, viz., No.9, is as below:

"No.9. The establishment of a copyright library and archaeological museum at Delhi and of All-India Medical Institute should be postponed for at least five years."

If, in spite of this recommendation, the Central Government has released Rs.2,000/- to the Indian Library Association as an annual contribution, it may be presumed that the help is intended on behalf of the entire Indian Union.

3. Within the Province of Madras there are at least four recognised

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recognised Library Associations, namely, (1) The Madras Library Association, (2) The Andhradesa Library Association, (3) The Kerala Library Association, and (4) The Karnatak Library Association. If any subsidy is given by the local Government to the Indian Library Association, immediately quoting that as a precedent, the Associations of this Province may demand similar grant, which, at present, the Government of Madras with a huge scheme to spread Library service throughout the Province, the cost of which will be enormous, can ill-afford to spare.

4. The literature such as the journals and other works of the Indian Library Association can be subscribed for and purchased respectively, if found suitable, by the Connemara Public Library and other Libraries under the control and management of the Local Library Authorities.

5. In view of the above, there does not appear to be any need for the Government to make the annual grant of Rs.500/- solicited by the Indian Library Association, Delhi.

R. J. Annadharan (12.VII.1949)

For Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to Govt., Edn. & Pub. Health Dept.

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The President,
Indian Library Association,
Delhi 2.

Sir,

Libraries - Indian Library
Association, Delhi - Request for
a recurring grant - Reference answered.

With reference to your
letter No. 2 L2: X72, dated, 16-6-'49,
to Honble Sri Madhava Menon,
Minister of Education and Law,
for an annual grant of Rs.500/-
for a period of 3 years to
the Indian Library Association,
Delhi,

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From the President, Indian Library Association, Delhi, No.2 1 2:
X 72 dated 16-6-1949.

From the D.P.I., R.C.No 17.N/49, dated 12-7-1949.

Libraries - Indian Library Association, Delhi - Request
for an annual grant.

Please see the letter from Sri S.R.Ranganathan,
President, Indian Library Association, Delhi, on pages 1-4cf.re-
questing for an annual grant of Rs.500/- to carry on the activities
of the Association, and the remarks of the D.P.I. on the request
of the Association, on pages 5-6 cf. The Director does not re-
commend the request for the annual grant of Rs.500/- on the
ground that similar Associations in the Province may approach
Govt. for like grants. The D.P.I. also invited attention to the
recommendation of the Economy committee appointed by the Govt. of
India and states that in spite of this recommendation the Central
Govt has released Rs. 2000/- to Indian Library Association as
an annual contribution, it may be presumed that the help is in-
tended on behalf of the entire Indian Union. He also states that
if any subsidies given by this Govt. to the Indian Library Asso-
ciation, other similar associations in this province may demand
similar grants which the Govt.of Madras with a huge scheme to spread
Library service throughout the province the cost of which will be
- enormous, can ill-afford to spare. The literature such as the
Journals and other works of the Indian Library Association can be
subscribed for and purchased respectively, if found suitable,
by the C.P.L. and other Libraries under the control and management
of the Local Library Authorities. In the circumstances, the D.P.I.
does not recommend the annual grant of Rs. 500/- requested
by the Indian Library Association. For orders whether the D.P.I.'s
recommendation in this regard may be accepted.

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The real ground appears
to be that this will be a
precedent to the poor library

Delhi, to carry on its activities,
I am directed to say that this
Govt. regret their inability to
comply with the request.

yours faithfully,

Copy to the D.P.I.
(re. H.L. his R.C.No.17.N/49
dated, 12-7-49.)
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Associations in this province
this will depend on their
aims and means, and will
not in any case involve us
in heavy expenditure. The
question therefore must be
judged with reference to our
interest in the Indian Library
Association. Considering its
aims, and the benefit to library
service generally, the contribution
asked for does not appear wholly
undeserved.

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Finance (Exp.A.) Dept.

The President of the Indian Library Association, Delhi has requested that an annual grant of Rs 500/- for a period of three years may be granted to the Association to carry on its activities. The D.P.I. has not recommended the request. The E.&P.H. Secretary is however, of the opinion that the question of grant to the Indian Library Association must be judged with reference to our interest in it and the benefit to library service generally and that considering the aims of the Association, the contribution asked for does not appear wholly undeserved.

2. It is submitted that in view of the present financial stringency only essential schemes are sanctioned for introduction in the course of the year. The present scheme cannot be said to satisfy the criteria laid down in Fin.U.O.Note No.32137 B.G.-1 dated 16-6-'49. The D.P.I. has given clearly reasons for rejecting the request of the Association. Though the objects and aims of the Association may be laudable ~~deserving as pointed out~~ by the E.&P.H. Secretary, it does not seem desirable to undertake

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recurring commitments of the kind dealt with in this file, in the present state of the financial position. In these circumstances, Finance may advise against the proposal.

3. If E.&P.H. wish to press their proposal, they may be requested to bring it forward in connection with the ~~as a~~ ^{scheme} Part II of the Budget for 1950-51, if it satisfies the criteria for such schemes that will be laid down shortly. If the present grant is to be sanctioned in the current year, E.&P.H. may be requested to take orders in circulation including H.M.(Fin.).

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There seems to be force in the objections raised by the D.P.I. (Ms. 64) against the payment of grant in this case. This Dept. may advise against the proposal.

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Please see the note of this Dept. on pages 1-2 ante and the note of Fin. Dept. on pages 2-3 above. It is for orders whether, in the circumstances stated by Finance, the request of the Indian Library Association, Delhi, for an annual grant of Rs. 500/- for a period of three years may be negatived. May be circulated to HM (E.L.)

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S HMC (E.L.)

This very small grant of Rs 500/- per annum for three years is no serious strain on the provincial finances. We have received much help from the Indian Library Association, particularly in implementing the Library Act. It would therefore be gracious to agree to the small contribution asked for.

H.M.(E.&L.) ✓

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Recommendation

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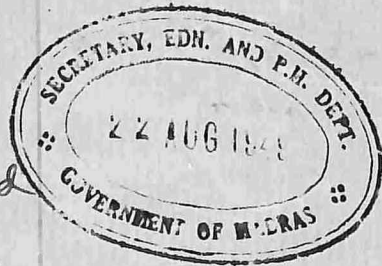
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H. M. (E. & L.)

[Signature]

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A draft letter is submitted for approval.

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