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[Despatch Abstract.]

Colleges - Govt Brown College Tullacherry -
certain financial irregularities - papers recorded

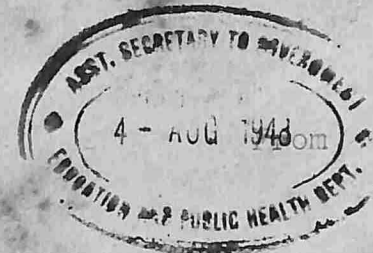
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N.O. 10-8 - Audit/48



Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 3-8-1948.

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

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

SUBJECT: Government Brennen, Tellicherry - Alleged disappearance of Sri T.I.R. Taravanar, Head Clerk and financial irregularities.

The Principal, Government Brennen College, Tellicherry reports that Sri T.I.R. Taravanar, Head Clerk, of the office disappeared from the college on 29-7-48 and that his whereabouts are not known. It is alleged that he had not been keeping the public and quasi-public accounts of the college regularly and that he has taken away the duplicate key of the office. I enclose a copy of the report dated 2-8-48 submitted by the Principal.

I have telegraphically asked the Principal to lodge a police complaint and follow the usual procedure laid down in Arts. 300X to 302 of the M.F.C. Volume I.

I have also asked the Principal to submit a detailed report after investigations to enable me to submit a further report to Government as required in Art. 294 of the M.F.C. Volume I.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction.

Copy to the Accountant-General, Madras.
RVR 3/8/48

Copy of letter of the Principal.

Ref: My Do. letter to the Director dated 26-7-48 (Copy enclosed).
I took charge of the College as Principal on 15-7-48 and I felt it rather strange that Sri T.I.R. Taravanar the Head Clerk had not put up the cash book to me for signature. I had casually noticed that the College Cash Book had no regular entries for many, many months in the past and in the present year and that the College Union and Games Accounts were like wise blank for the same, if not for a longer period. He was evading this important duty all these days when I finally told him at 12 noon on 29-7-48 that he must put up for my signature the college cash book and the college games and Union Accounts Books at least for the period since I assumed charge on 15-7-48. He brought it up to date by 5 p.m. on 29-7-48. He needed to do so and left his room in the college for food at 2-30 p.m. He has not returned to duty yet. He was taken away the keys of the safe and has not yet accounted for the cash in his possession. He has also taken away the duplicate key of the office. His whereabouts are not known. The college cash account and fee collections are to this extent dislocated. I have asked Sri Padmanabhan Nair, second clerk to carry on the work. He is doing so some how or to the best of his ability under the extraordinary circumstances created by the strange and sudden disappearance of the Head Clerk.

Copy of D.O. letter dated 26-7-1948 of the Principal, Govt. Brenner College, Tellicherry to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sub: Cash Book (1) College Accounts (2) Games Account (3) Union Accounts.

I have just noticed that the college cash book has not been written up since 22-1-1947.

The College Games and Union Cash Books have also not been written up for many months.

I am taking steps to regularise the matter.

(TRUE COPIES)

for Director of Public Instruction.

E.P.H. Dept.

This may be over till the detailed report promised by the D.P.I. at A on p1 sent is received. Finance may see.

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B.P.H. no 57974 A-1
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Finance (A) Dept.

The case may be perused & returned to E.P.H. (The copy of the report of the D.P.I. has been sent to the A.S.)

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Further Report

This may be over till 1.10.48 pending the receipt of the D.P.I.

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E.P.H. Dept.

Memo 5-1974 Aug-2 Contd 17-1-48
Govt Brenner College, Tellicherry -
Also disappearance of T.I.R. Tarewara
Head Clerk and financial irregularities
By: D.P.I.'s letter no 8 dated 1/4/48 3.8.48

The D.P.I. is requested to state when the submission of the further report in the matter promised in his letter cited above may be expected

To the D.P.I.

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EDUCATION

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From (Name)

Designation The Director of Public
Instruction,
Station Madras.

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To

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

Enclosures :

No. Roc No. 8 Audit/48 dated 19/2/1949 .

Sir,

Sub:-- Government Brennen college, Tellicherry--Alleged
disappearance of Sri T.I.R. Taravanar, Headclerk
and financial irregularities.

Ref:-- Govt. Memo No. 57974 A/48-2 Edn. dated 17-1-49



In continuation of my report submitted in my letter Roc No.
8 Audit/48 dated 3-8-48 I submit the following further report.

2. The Headclerk sri T.I.R. Taravanar who disappeared from the
station on 29-7-48 returned to duty on 7-8-48. Pending receipt of the
report of the Police investigation in the matter and the institution of
a departmental enquiry into the conduct of Sri T.I.R. Taravanar I kept
him under suspension from 29-7-48 the date on which he was reported to have
disappeared from the station.

3. As Sri T.I.R. Taravanar returned to Headquarters, and at the request
of the Police Department I deputed my audit staff to audit the accounts of the
college for that period. The accounts were audited at the premises of the
college between 7-9-48 and 17-9-1948. The audit of accounts revealed that
there was no fraud or embezzlement of funds but there was gross negligence
in the work of the Principal and the Headclerk in the proper maintenance of
accounts. In the quasi-public accounts as all the vouchers were kept in a
disorderly condition the accounts constructed by the audit staff with the
available vouchers showed an excess expenditure of Rs. 41-5-0 under union funds
and shortage of Rs. 252-5-8 under games funds.

4. The audit report has been forwarded to the Principal and the
Head clerk for their remarks. The Principal has submitted his remarks and the
remarks of the Headclerk are awaited. Further action will be taken on receipt
of the Headclerk's remarks.

Yours faithfully,

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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The D.P. I. is further report in his matter may
be awaited till 29/2/49.

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Memorandum 57974 Aud-3 Edu D 1315/48

Govt Brennen College, Tellicherry - Alleged disappearance of T.I.R. Taravanar, Head Clerk - financial irregularities by D.P.D. letter no 8 Audit (ud D) 19/2/48

The D.P.D. is requested to state when his final report in this matter may be expected -

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R.O.C.No.8-Audit/48

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 27th May 1949.

From The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.
To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,
Subject: Government Brennen College, Tellicherry -
Alleged disappearance of Sri T.I.R. Taravanar,
Head Clerk - Financial irregularities.

Reference: Government Memorandum No.57974-A/48-3 Education,
Dated 13-5-1949.

I have asked the Principal, Government Brennen College, Tellicherry to frame charges against the Head-Clerk Sri T.I.R. Taravanar, now under suspension, to conduct an enquiry in accordance with the procedure prescribed in Rule 15(b) of the Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules and to submit a report together with his findings.

2. Sri P.R.Krishnaswami, who was permitted to retire from service with effect from 15th December 1947 and was re-employed till 1-6-1948 - Vide G.Os.Nos.999 Finance dated 13-12-1947 388 Finance dated 19-4-1948 and 1000 Finance (Pension) dated 25-10-1948 was the Principal of the Government Brennen College, Tellicherry during the period the alleged irregularities were committed. As already reported to Government in para 3 of my letter R.O.C.No.8 Audit/48 dated 19-2-1949, the audit of accounts of the College revealed that there was no fraud or embezzlement of funds but there was gross negligence in the work of the Principal and the Head-Clerk in the proper maintenance of Public Accounts. In the Quasi-public accounts there was a shortage of Rs.211-0-8.

3. In his explanation Sri P.R.Krishnaswami states that he was not thoroughly familiar with departmental rules regarding the maintenance of accounts and that, therefore, he relied on his Head-Clerk who failed to maintain precise accounts of disbursements actually made. He, however, offers to make good the shortage of Rs.211-0-8 referred to above, pending the final findings on the enquiry against the Head-Clerk.

4. On account of the irregularities mentioned above, his pension papers have not been submitted to Government for sanction with reference to Art.300(4)(a) of Madras Financial Code Volume I. As the investigation has revealed that there was no loss to Government and as Sri P.R.Krishnaswami offers to remit the deficit of Rs.211-0-8 in the Quasi-public accounts of the College rather than wait indefinitely for his pension, pending the final findings against the Head-Clerk, I request to be informed whether the amount may be accepted and his pension papers submitted to Government for sanction through the Accountant-General, Madras.

Yours faithfully,

K. Sankaranarayanan

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Memorandum No. 51974 A / 48-5 Edn. dated 8/1/49

Sub:-Government Brennen College, Tellicherry - Alleged disappearance of T.I.R. Paravanar, Head Clerk - Financial irregularities.

Ref:-Letter from the D.P.I. No.8 Audit/48, dated 27-5-49.

The Government agree to the suggestion of the D.P.I. in para 4 of his letter cited. The question whether any further action to reduce the officer's pension is necessary will be considered when the pension is sanctioned. The Director is requested to state how far the Principal can be held to blame, when submitting the pension papers.

2. The D.P.I. is requested to state what steps he has taken or proposes to take to prevent the recurrence of a similar fraud in ~~any~~ other educational institutions under his control. He is also requested to state how the ~~non-maintenance~~ ^{failure to} ~~ce of~~ ^{maintain} the cash book in respect of the Government money in the Government College in question for a year and more (22-1-'47 to 29-7-'48) was not detected by the audit staff of his office. The Director is also requested to instruct the audit staff of his office to check the accounts of the quasi public funds in the charge of Government college staff also to some extent in future, or to arrange for the regular audit of such accounts by an independent private auditor.

To
The D.P.I.
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Roc.No.8 Audit/48 dated 12-7-1949.

From The Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS.
To The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department.

Sir,
SUB:- Government Brennen College, Tellicherry - Alleged
disappearance of Sri T.I.R. Taravanar, formerly
Head Clerk of the College - Financial irregularities.
REF:- This office letter Roc.No.8.Audit/48 dated 27-5-49.

Kindly let me know when the orders of Government
may be expected on the reference quoted above.

For Director of Public Instruction.



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R.O.C.NO.8-Audit/48

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 23--7--1949.

From The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.
To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

Subject: Government Brennen College, Tellicherry - Alleged disappearance of T.I.R.Taravanar, Head-clerk - Financial irregularities.

R e f: Government Memo. No.57974-A/48-5 Edn dated 8-7-1949.

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I have instructed Sri P.R.Krishnaswami to remit the amount of Rs.211-0-8 to the Principal, Government Brennen College, Tellicherry, without prejudice to the final findings on the enquiry against Sri T.I.R. Taravanar and how far he as Principal may be held to blame in that affair and the Principal, Government Brennen College, Tellicherry to accept the remittance and include it in the quasi-public accounts of the College.

2. The pension papers of Sri P.R.Krishnaswami are being submitted to Government through the Accountant-General separately with my remarks as to how far he can be held to blame in this affair.

3. With regard to the query as to what steps I have taken or propose to take to prevent the recurrence of a similar fraud in other educational institutions under my control, I may state that 20 out of 21 Government Arts and Professional Colleges have been so far audited by my audit staff. In all the Colleges it was found that proper accounts have been maintained for all receipts and expenditure both under Public and Quasi-public accounts. And in no other College except the Government Brennen College, Tellicherry, the failure to maintain the cash book was noticed. Therefore, the question of taking any further step to prevent the irregularity noticed in the Government Brennen College, Tellicherry, does not arise.

4. As to why the failure to maintain the cash book in the Government Brennen College, Tellicherry, was not noticed by my audit staff I may state that the staff to audit the accounts of the Government Colleges was sanctioned for the first time in April 1948 under G.O.No.813 Education dated 7-4-48 and the accounts of the Govt. Brennen College, Tellicherry, were not audited by that staff until the omission to maintain the cash book was reported to this office by Sri K.P.G. Menon who succeeded Sri P.R.Krishnaswami as Principal of that College. There was, therefore, no occasion until 7th September 1948 (the date of audit) for the audit staff to notice and report on that omission.

5. Regarding the checking of Quasi-public accounts by the audit staff, the staff is already doing that work under my orders given when the scheme of audit was put on hand.

6. On the question of audit of Quasi-public accounts by independent private auditors the audit of hostel accounts alone will be entrusted to that agency wherever I consider it necessary taking into account the volume of financial transactions. Even now the accounts of the hostels attached to the College of Engineering,

Guindy

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 28-7-1949.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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

Sir,

Subject: Government Brennen College, Tellicherry - Filing the
appearance of T.L.R. Tarsanar, Head-claim - Financial
irregularities.

Re: Government Memo. No. 27374-A-48-5 Rdn dated 8-7-1949.

I have instructed Sri P.R. Krishnaswami to remit the amount of
Rs. 211-0-84 to the Principal, Government Brennen College, Tellicherry
without prejudice to the final finding on the enquiry against Sri
T.L.R. Tarsanar and how far he as Principal may be held to blame
in that affair and the Principal, Government Brennen College, Tellicherry
to accept the remittance and include it in the quasi-public
accounts of the College.

2. The pension papers of Sri P.R. Krishnaswami are being submitted
to Government through the Accountant-General separately with my remarks
as to how far he can be held to blame in this affair.

3. With regard to the query as to what steps I have taken or
propose to take to prevent the recurrence of a similar fraud in other
educational institutions under my control, I may state that 20 out of
51 Government Arts and Professional Colleges have been so far audited
by my audit staff. In all the colleges it was found that proper
accounts have been maintained for all receipts and expenditures both
under Public and Quasi-public accounts. And in no other College
except the Government Brennen College, Tellicherry the failure to
maintain the cash book was noticed. Therefore, the question of taking
any further step to prevent the irregularity noticed in the Govern-
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staff, I may state that the staff to audit the accounts of the
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Brennen College, Tellicherry were not audited by that staff until the
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Sri K.P.G. Menon who succeeded Sri P.R. Krishnaswami as Principal of
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that omission.

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staff, the staff is already doing that work under my orders given in
the scheme of audit was put on hand.

6. On the question of audit of Quasi-public accounts by the
audit private auditors the staff of public accounts along with the
instructed to a that agency wherever it is necessary to
into account the value of financial statements. I have
accounts of the colleges attached to the colleges of Tellicherry.

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Guindy and Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore are
audited by private registered auditors every year with my
sanction. The other Quasi-public accounts like the games and union
may continue to be audited by my audit staff as the slender resources
of those accounts cannot generally afford the payment of lump sums
as fees to private auditors.

Yours faithfully,

K. S. Srinivasan

for Director of Public Instruction.

RVR 25/7/-

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Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction.

CPD 41035A/49; From the D.P.I on 8-4-49.

Govt Brennan College Tellicherry
Alleged disappearance of Rs 7.12. Tare
Head clerk - financial irregularities

Please see the D.P.I's letter on page 7 of C.F. In the circumstances stated by him his suggestion in para 4 there may be agreed to by this dept. The file may be sent to Finance for their remarks.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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This department also may agree to the suggestion of the Director of Public Instruction in paragraph 4 on page 7 C.F. It is presumed that the Director of Public Instruction will make a mention about this irregularity on the part of the Principal, when sending his pension papers to the Government.

2. It may, however, be stated that the explanation of the Principal in paragraph 3 on page 7 C.F. is not quite satisfactory. The fact that he has agreed to make good the shortage, and the funds affected are quasi public funds, and that he was not familiar with the departmental rules, cannot minimise the charge of neglect of control. It is the fundamental duty of every Government Officer to see that proper accounts are maintained in his office, and that the cash is checked by him at periodical intervals. It is this sort of slackness of control, as in the present case, that generally leads to or encourages misappropriation and fraud.

3. This is not the first case of this kind. Some years before there was a similar case of misappropriation of quasi public funds in the Presidency College, Madras.

The Government have a responsibility ~~also~~ for the proper control of quasi public funds entrusted to its care. ³ The Director of Public Instruction may be asked to state what steps he has taken, or proposes to take, to prevent the recurrence of a similar fraud in any other educational institution under his control, how the non-maintenance of the cash book in respect of Government money ~~regularly~~ ^{in the Govt College at Fellicherry} for a year and more (22nd January 1947 to the 29th July 1948) was not detected by the audit staff of his office, and also to instruct his office audit staff to check the accounts of the quasi public funds in the charge of Government College Staff ^{also} to some extent, in future, or to arrange for the regular audit of such accounts by an independent private auditor.

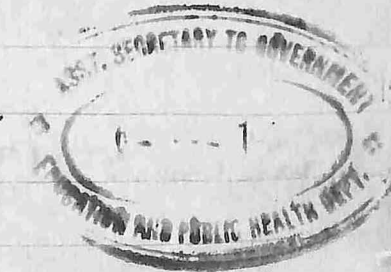
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The Principals' offer to pay the shortage pending the result of the enquiry against the Head Clerk might be accepted. The question whether any further action to reduce the pension may be considered when the pension is sanctioned (the D.P.), may be asked to report how far the Principal can be held to blame when submitting the pension papers.

A above may also be done.

5.7.49. E.P.H.

A draft memo. to the D.P. is sent for approval. ⁴³⁵⁹⁸
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[Memo to the D.P. No: 57974 P/48-5 dated 8.7.49]
From the D.P. No: 8. Audit /48 & 23.7.49

Please see the Memo to the D.P. on page 9 of and the Director's reply to it on pp. 13-15 of the circumstances stated no further action is necessary in this case. The result of the enquiry against the clerk and the receipt of the pension papers of Mr. P.R. Krishnamoorti Sanyal may be awaited. Finance may see.

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Fin no 50137 Accts/49
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The pension papers referred to at 'M' above has been received in Finance Dept. They have taken necessary action on these papers - see the L.F. below - The result of the enquiry against

referred to at 14 app 3 ante
the clerk may be awaited till 1-10-49
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The papers may now be
~~for~~ ~~away~~ recorded for future reference

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