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Dated 28-11-49.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Colleges – A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore – Constn of a water tank – Expre. – Sanctioned

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G. D. NAIDU,
I. T. WORKS,
No. 1-1, U. M. S. Hostel No. 1,
AVANASHI ROAD,
COIMBATORE

Phone No. 248

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JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
1 MAY 19[illegible]

Date 5th May, 1949.
Ref. [illegible] 128

The Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
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Please put up early.
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H. M. (Edn.)

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Dear Friend,

From the beginning of the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, the drinking water is supplied by a Lorry on my responsibility, though the Lorry is registered in the name of Hostel Warden for name's sake. I wanted to cancel the registration of the Lorry two years back. The Principal requested that this could be done the next year. And in the next year he begged me to continue the supply for one year more. This year, I thought he won't come. But he is asking me again to continue for one more year. For several reasons I do not want to continue. At any moment the Lorry may be stopped. Then there will be no drinking water both for the Hostel and the Principal and for the other staff.

Perhaps you do not know about the water scarcity in the College area particularly this year. Around the College one pot of drinking water is sold for four annas. I enquired the people in the sorrounding places. Most of the people say they are taking baths once in a week or ten days.

To-day I come to understand from an officer of the Forest Department that this College Hostel will be removed shortly to the Evacuee's camp and the College to the Agricultural College lands. Of course, I have mentioned on several occasions that the present place selected for the College is more suited for the Tuberculosis Sanitorium than for anything else. If a Sanitorium is not started there with the College, I do not know who will be held responsible for the health of the students. Since you are also the Minister for Health, and if you go through these matters you will be able to understand easily whether the place is suitable or not for the College.

~~EMXx~~ Further, at this time of hard finance, it is advisable for the present Government to consider well before they spend enormous sum in a place which is not at all suitable in any way for this purpose. It is not wise for the Government or for anyone else to take such a responsibility while more healthy and suitable places are available at far cheaper prices.

In case the present scheme is stopped and if you are going to consider the location of the college to a proper and healthy place, I have no objection to help a little more to give this water Lorry for some more time atleast for one year. In case if you follow the blind principles of old policy i.e. if you do not effect any change from the plan of the old ministers, I wish to state plainly I do not want to be party to help the Government for the ruination of the youngsters in the College. I have only to withdraw the Lorry as early as possible.

I want to know the definite decision of the Government in this matter, so that I can withdraw my Lorry within the end of this month if the plans are not changed. May I expect a line in reply?

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

G.D. Naidu

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E.P.H.(A)

Endt. No. 35138-1/49A Edn dated 10-5-49.

Referred to the D.P.I. for remarks. The Director's reply should reach the Govt. by the 16th May 1949.

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w.r.t. the last para overleaf

To the D.P.I. (with copy of letter)

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3 E.P.H.(A)

Memo. No. 35138-2/49A Edn dated 31-5-49.

Sub: A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore _ Shifting to Agrl. College estate _ Letter of Sri G.D. Naidu d. 5.5.49.

Ref: Endt. No 35138-1/49 A Edn. d. 10.5.49.

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The D.P.I. is requested to submit at once his reply to the Endt. read above.

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To the D.P.I.

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E.P.H.(A)

~~A draft note in respect of schemes for which token grants have to be obtained from the legislature is placed below. The file may be sent to Fin. u.o. for acceptance of the draft note~~

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS

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

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH
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Rc.No.183 K2/46 dated 8-6-49

Sir,

Sub:--Colleges--Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore Water supply

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Ref:--Govt. Endt. No.35138-1/49-A Edn. dated 10-5-49 and Govt. Memorandum No.35138-2/49-A Edn. dated 31-5-49

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In enclosing herewith a copy of the letter Rc.No.74/45 (Hostel) dated 1-6-49 from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, I have the honour to recommend an independent arrangement for the supply of drinking water for the College$ proposed by the Principal. Immediate sanction may kindly be accorded for the purchase of a water trailer cart, with a specific direction to the Municipality to permit the Principal to draw the required drinking water from the nearest main to the College.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction

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Copy of the letter Rc.74/45 (Hostel) dated 1st June 1949 from the Principal, A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Ref:--Pros. of D.P.I. Rc.No.183 K2/46 dated 24th May '49 5

Sub:--Drinking water supply to A.H. College by Water lorry service of Mr. G.D. Naidu

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1 This college being located outside municipal limits has no fresh water supply, the well water in the locality being unsuitable for drinking. We have all these past 4 years depended on Mr. G.D. Naidu's water lorry service which takes water from his premises in the town and brings to the College according to our requirements. Mr. Naidu wanted to discontinue the supply even last year, but I managed to persuade him to continue for one more year with great difficulty. I am not hopeful that he will continue any longer. It is therefore very necessary that we should make our own independant arrangements. I suggest the following in the circumstances.

2. The sanction and approval of the purchase of a water trailer cart, which can be filled with fresh water from the nearest municipal main or hydrant, and hauled by the automobile vehicle belonging to the automotive laboratory.

3. This will involve a cost approximately Rs.1000/- (one thousand only) in addition to the charges for the vehicle (petrol, oil, service etc.)

Besides it will be necessary to obtain facilities from the Coimbatore Municipality for filling our water trailer, and for this purpose I request that Government may be addressed to do the needful.

[4. Mr. Naidu has raised the question of changing the plans to locate the permanent buildings of the A.H. College of Technology elsewhere than in the lands of the Agricultural College estate. This is a matter that Government may deal with.]

Sd. xxxxxxx

/True copy/

For Director of Public Instruction

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E.P.H. (A)

Immediate

Memo. No. 35738-E/49A Edn dated 14-6-49.

Sub: Colleges - A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore - Water Supply.

p5 c.f. From the D.P.I. No. 183 K2/46 d. 8.6.49.

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A copy of the letter of the D.P.I. read above, with a copy of the enclosure thereto is forwarded to the Commr., Coimbatore Mty. for very urgent remarks.

To the Commr., Coimbatore Mty. thro. the C.M.C. (with copy of p5-7 c.f.)

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28 JUL 1949

MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

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From
Sri.P.S.Venugopal Naidu,
Commissioner,
Coimbatore Municipality,
Coimbatore.

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

L.Dis.11944/49/D1 dated 23-7-'49.

Sir,

Sub:- Colleges - Arthur Hope College of Technology,Coimbatore-Water Supply.

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Ref:- Memorandum No.35138-2/49-A-Edn. dated 14-6-'49.

I submit a copy of this Council's Resolution No.354 dated 15-7-'49 for favour of information.

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27 JUL 1949

Municipal Civil Engineer,
For Commissioner.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Municipal Council, Coimbatore, held on 15-7-'49.

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Read Government Memo No.35138-2/49-A-Edn dated 14-6-'49, enclosing a copy of letter No.Rc.183-K2/46 dated 8-6-'49 from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, requesting the Government to direct the Coimbatore Municipality to permit the Principal, Arthur Hope College to draw the required water from the nearest main to the College, for urgent remarks.

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Office note dated 21-6-'49 placing the subject before the Council for kind decision.

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M.C.R.NO.354 dated 15-7-'49.

Owing to acute scarcity of water in this city, the Council has refused supply of drinking water to educational institutions in Peelamedu and to other neighbouring villages. Hence, the Council regrets that it is not in a position to supply water till the full duplication of water main is completed.

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(True Copy)

Municipal Civil Engineer.
For Commissioner.

E.P.H.(A)

Endt. No.35138-1/49/Edn dated 1-8-49

Referred to the D.P.I. for very urgent remarks.

30-7-49

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To
The D.P.I.
(with copy of P.U.C.)

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
13 AUG 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

To

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

Roc.No.183 K2/46 dated 10-8-1949.

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Sir,

Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore - Water supply - Pos~~t~~ition reported.

I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of letter from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore on the above question and a report from the Joint Director of Public Instruction, who visited the College on receipt of the report from the Principal. The action now to be taken is indicated in the concluding portion of the report of the Joint Director.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Note submitted to the Director by the Joint Director on his visit to Coimbatore in connection with the question of water supply, accommodation and future location of the A.H.College of Technology, Coimbatore.

Water supply:

I discussed this question at a meeting with Superintending Engineer, the Principal and Sub-Divisional Engineer first and later proceeded to inspect the well in the buildings occupied at present.

Deepening the well.

2. The well is about 110' deep and is an elaborate masonry structure. From the top one can hardly bend low enough to see the bottom. There appears to be at present 18" of water at the shallower end and about twice that or more at the deeper end. The base of the well (bottom), being of rock, is not even and so the level of water is not uniform. I tested the water that is pumped out of it and found it to be clean and good for use. The water was not discoloured. Measures to be adopted to deepen the well at once suggested themselves to me and I discussed them with the Principal who has agreed to adopt them immediately.

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The measures proposed are:

1. Cleaning and digging and scooping out the bottom and clearing the debris;
2. Digging more in the location where the pipe touches the water;
3. To cause gentle explosions in the bed of the well to break the rock gently and without causing severe shock;
4. To open out more in the direction from which the main stream of water flows into the well.

Towards the after-noon yesterday it began to drizzle. If there is a good rain the level of the water may rise.

3. I have asked the Principal to take all steps necessary to conserve the water supply and restrict its use to the barest minimum. I understood from my conversation with the hostel students that they are still in the habit of keeping the taps open while bathing. If this habit is stopped and they are issued strict instructions to take their bath, making more economical use of the water, the present supply may go a longer way. It would be a good idea if the Principal forms a Committee of the students of the hostel and charges them with responsibility for strict vigilance in this matter.

4. In case the worst happens and water has to be brought from outside the following have been suggested:

1. The College lorry could be put into commission for bringing water from the Municipal supply in the Town. I have seen the Commissioner of the Municipality on this matter and he has agreed to this suggestion. Incidentally this has nothing to do with the refusal of the Municipality to supply water.
   at p 11cf.
2. The Principal might get into touch with Sri G.R.Govindarajulu Naidu of the P.S.G. Institute. It was stated by the Collector that this gentleman has a liberal supply of water in his house and that he may be in a position to spare some for the College.
3. The Principal might get into touch with the Station Staff Officer at Red Fields and obtain the use of a hydrant and ~~or~~ or an additional lorry for transporting water. The Collector told me that if Lt.Col.J.M. Shahany, the Coimbatore Military Commander is approached, he may be in a position to place at the disposal of the Principal any ~~xxxxxxx~~ facilities that it may be possible to arrange in the shape of hand water-carts

or in the shape of a lorry to tide ove

There are, therefore, 4 courses open to Principal to adopt: 11

(1) Deepening the well as suggested ab

(2) Making use of the College lorry to the Municipal sources with the perm Commissioner;

(3) Contacting Mr. G.R.Govindarajulu Nai Institute;

(4) Contacting the Military authorities

In this way he could avert any crisis, sho rains fail and the level of the water go down further.

When all these alternatives were explained Principal he agreed to make use of suggestion (4) should the need arise. Suggestion (1) has out in any case.

Note on the position as regards the move to the proposed site.

Extract taken
re. no. 40431/49

5. I inspected the 42 acres site in the Agricult College Estate and A & B hutments in the Forest together with the Principal and Superintendin No construction has begun on the 42 acres sit trusses to be used for the prefabricated sheds painted and kept ready but all the work of co has yet to begin. I impressed on the contrac representative, the importance of going on wi so as to complete it by April next. I feel t persistent vigilance is exercised and the cont to vigorous activity daily and hourly the time may not be adhered to. It is necessary, I cons a special Engineering staff to look to this as business from now until April 1950 and unless there is little chance of the buildings bei College to work there in July 1950.

6. The business of moving all the heavy mac equipment from the present place to the prov is a task that would have to be handled wit

in the new premises in July next year, it is necessary that the ground should be studied carefully now to decide where each of the workshop sheds would be located and the floors of the workshop sheds would have to be prepared carefully having regard to the required pits, holes and pockets that are necessary to accommodate in their respective positions, the various types of machinery. The Principal is aware of the necessity of close collaboration with the Contractor and the Engineering staff in this matter. He has, in this connection, suggested that the theoretical instruction of this year's classes might be speeded up by working during Michaelmas and Christmas holidays so as to finish by the end of January in order to free himself and the college staff for the work of transporting the machinery and erecting it at the new place. In order to make this possible it is necessary to make a start with the walls of the sheds and when the walls are a few feet high, to erect the roofs and to prepare the concrete beds for the machinery. I think that this has to be accepted and work ordered to proceed on these lines.

Hostel accommodation in the new premises.

Extract taken for separate file

1 Since the Forest College want A & B hutments back in two years' time, it is no use our spending very much money to make alterations to fit the place for hostel for the Engineering College as a long range proposition. I understood from my talks with the Superintending Engineer, that it was proposed to demolish connecting walls between rooms in order to provide quarters for the members of the staff. I am very much doubtful of the wisdom of this cours as we have to return these hutments to the Forest College in 2 years' time. What we should really do is to make use of them as they are with the least degree of interference with the present structures and with the minimum alterations required for their use as hostel for the Engine ing College. In this connection, I consider it necessary a advantageous that we should acquire possession of the num thatched sheds known as Maltese evacuee sheds so that we get the land [illegible] purpose of constructing our own

later [illegible] important and

__Insufficiency of the 42 acres site:__

Extract taken for c.no. 40431/49

8. It has been represented that the 42 acres now allotted is inadequate for all purposes including games and that seems to be true. If we want to supplement that space we have the following alternatives:

1. To ask for another slice of land from the Agricultural College contiguous to the present site; this is scarcely likely to be given.
2. To acquire privately owned land, one bit of land may be about 10 acres. The cost would be fairly high ranging between Rs.8,000/- to 10,000/- an acre.
3. We could apprach the Military authorities who hold the land on the other side of Thadagam Road on which there are a few R.I.A.S.C. Butchery sheds. This land, being more extensive, would be more suitable for use as play ground. If we want this we have to negotiate with the Military authorities.

__Use of the Kutcha road that divides the Agricultural College and from the Engineering College site.__

Extract taken for c.no. 40431/49

9. There is a kutcha road between the plot allotted for the Engineering College and the bigger plot reserved for the Agricultural Collge and this has to be made use of by the contractor for transporting building materials to the place where the buildings are to be placed. It is understood that the authorities of the Agricultural College have forbidden the use of the kutcha road by th contractor. The Engineers are now trying to lay anothe road within a few feet of that road and this is going t be a long-drawn and a difficult business owing to the lower level of the rest of the land and its loose bl cotton soil. There would be absolutely no harm done this road, if road-metal is laid on and if it is made us of by the contractor and Engineers. For this we h to get the sanction of Government in the Department of Agriculture. I am certain, if proper representation is made on the subject ———

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they would waive any objection, they have raised.

The plans and estimates for the new college buildings

Extract taken for c. no. 4043/49

10. It is understood that a meeting of the *Engineering* Colleges **Buildings** Committee will be held between the 12th and 20th of this month for the purpose of settling plans and estimates of the new Engineering College here. It ought to be impressed upon the Committee that any costly scheme would necessarily slow up the completion of the work. A good, simple, straight-forward plan of a single-floor building to house the lecture rooms, Principal's Office and Central hall seems sufficient for all the requirements. If that is accepted, then we would have the College building in the centre with the workshops and other buildings at varying distance from it on the model of some of the Technological Colleges in the U.K., like the Air Training School at Hamble Southampton. We do not therefore need to go in for an excessively costly central structure to house the lecture rooms expecially as we have very soon to begin the construction of the hostel buildings also, very probably on the site of the present Maltese sheds. Having inspected the present college building and the proposed site and the connected places, I feel that unless the institution is very carefully planned at this stage, we may have to face delays and difficulties, not to speak of needlessly high cost.

Water supply to the College

11. In connection with the water supply, I met the Collector of Coimbatore, the Commissioner of the Municipality and Mr. G.D. Naidu, the local philanthropist and industrial magnate. I have asked the Principal to render a fortnightly report on the water situation. He **may** be permitted to incur the necessary expenditure in fitting up, (for transporting water) the lorry which is in his possession. The cost would be negligible as the lorry is in perfect condition and is readily capable of being adapted for the purpose. We may also authorise necessary expenditure on the work of deepening the well as out.

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outlined above.

12 In the light of my visit and the ideas discussed above, I cannot help thinking that the Principal's letter No.RC.59-B dated 24-7-1949 presented a needlessly alarming picture, especially in its suggestion to reduce the number of consumers of water by the transfer of half the number of students at Coimbatore. The situation is really not alarming, if any of the suggestions made in the note are acted upon and it is not outside the competancy of the people on the spot to act on them in order to relieve the situation.

13. Action to be taken:

(a) So far as water supply is concerned.

- (i) Deepening the well as indicated in the report.
- (ii) Making use of the College lorry to bring water from the Municipal Sources with the permission of the Commissioner of the Municipality.
- (iii) Contact with Sri Govindarajulu of the P.S.G. Institute and the Military authorities at Coimbatore.

(b) So far as the move to the temporary sheds in the Agricultural College Estate is concerned.

Extract taken for c.m. 60431/49 N

(i) Employment of a special Engineering team to look to the erection of the prefabricated sheds in order that the temporary buildings might be ready for occupation in July 1950.

(c) So far as Hostel accommodation is concerned:

Extract taken for separate file M

(i) Not to propose elaborate alterations to the A & B Hutments which are to be used for hostel purposes and which are to be returned to the Forest College in 2 years time

(ii) Acquisition of the Maltese sheds for purposes of constructing permanent hostel.

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(d) So far as Permanent Location of the College is concerned:

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(i) Construction of an imposing building with a single floor to house the Lecture~~r~~ rooms, Principal's office and Central Hall, the prefabricated sheds being used for the various laboratories and workshops.

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(ii) acquire a portion of the Military land on the other ~~xi~~ side of the Tadagam Raod, being more extensive and suitable for use as playground.

(iii) Permission to use the Kutcha Road that divides the Agricultural College land from the site allotted to the Engineering College.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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From
Prof. A.Viswanath, M.Sc(Lond).,
A.C.G.I., D.I.C., M.I.E.?
Principal, Arthur Hope College
of Technology, Coimbatore.

To
The Director of Public
Instruction,
Madras.

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R.C.59.B/48 dated 24-7-49.

Sir,

On my return after the Admission Committee Meetings, I find the situation confronting this College has become more grave and critical.

Since the reopening of the College this year, the water level in the well which has been supplying water for our labouratories and for bathing and washing purposes in the Hostel has dropped to 18 inches from the well-bed and worms and vermin have begun to breed in the bed. Last year, at this time, the well had 12 feet depth of water, and this got gradually reduced to about 6 feet by March 1949. Nommally we expect a certain improvement by July-August. But now, although the rainy season is finishing, our well has a depth of only 18 inches of water. This level of water will be steadily falling and cannot sustain the College and the Hostel more than a few coming weeks. A complete breakdown of wqter-supply is thus imminent and this is a very critical situation which requires immediate and urgent attention.

Fresh water-supply, which Mr. G.D.Naidu has been giving so long is also to be stopped without further notice. This is the only source for us to get fresh water for drinking and cooking purposes.

I ~~far~~ Can see only two ways to meet the situation:-

(1) Drastically ration out the water supply. This can only be a short-lived solution as water level will be steadily falling from August to April.

(ii) Reduce the number of consumers by transfer of at least half the number of students and staff elsewhere in Coimbatore itself or to other Government Engineering Colleges.

Water-supply has already been restricted to 4 hours a day i.e.

6-00 - 7-00 A.M.
8-30 - 9-30 A.M.
1-00 - 1-30 P.M.
4-30 - 5-00 P.M.
7-00 - 8-00 P.M.

This has put the students, staff and laboratories to great inconvenience as it is not possible for all the 200 boys to complete their bath, washings, etc. within the supply hours and attend classes in time. Even this restricted supply will be only short-lived as the water level in the well will be steadily falling.

The only other alternative remaining is to accommodate part of the students elsewhere in Coimbatore and transfer another lot to other Government Engineering Colleges. I consider that both these are necessary in existing circumstances. A certain number of students, about 75 of II year, can be accommodatd in the British Evacuee Camp Hutments A & B in the British Evacuee Camp in the Forest College Area and a separate mess run with arrangements to transport the students daily to the College. I had already proposed this for accommodating the I year students in my letter R.C.No.59.B/48 dated 4-2-1949 (paragraph3) and in my letter R.C.No.59.B/48 dated 18-2-1949 (item II). I request that this may be immediately acted upon and administrative and financial sanction obtained to transfer part of the students to the British Evacuee Camp in the Forest College with transport arrangements, etc. as indicated in my letters mentioned above. The success of this arrangement is dependent on water-supply being made available to the Camp by the Coimbatore Municipality as stressed in item III of my letter R.C.59.B/48 dated 18-2-1949- The Municipality is not likely to comply unless government intervenes.

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In addition to the above, it is necessary to limit the strength of the III and IV Year classes, which require more advanced laboratory and workshop facilities, to the minimum that the laboratories

will permit consistent with effecient instruction and safety to life and property. Being in temporary premises, with electirc power supply restricted by the small capacity of the transformer installed here, we cannot run all the machines in all the laboratories at ~~a ti~~ the same time. On these accounts and limited accommodation in present premises the laboratories and workshops have put into commission only just the essential machines and equipment to cover University syllabus requirements. None of the machines has pucca concrete or other foundations or electric power lines and panel boards in the way that would be provided in a permanent premises. Under these conditions, students and staff working on machinery involving moving parts or live wire electrical contacts are subject to greater risks and hazards than in other Colleges. The number of students that can work at a time are limited by these factors. The number of staff sanctioned to this College is far less than those of Guindy, and even against the sanctioned posts - laboratory assistants - we are unable to get suitable hands. Under these conditions, I request you to reconsider our special situation and arrange the transfer of the full number of 25 students of the III year Class as per my letter R.C.38.B/49 dated 10-6-1949. At present, the III Year Civil Class has a strength of 42, which is far in excess of what the laboratories can deal with.

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Last year, we had three times cases of small-pox breaking in the Hostel. I am anxious that worse situations should not happen this year. Meanwhile, I am seeking the advice of the District Health Officer whether it is safe to use the well water in its present condition, and also for cleaning the well.

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I am also given to understand that the University Commission is shortly inspecting this College. I do not wish to present them a bad picture.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) ---

Principal.

/True Copy/

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Education Department.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

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

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Roc.183 K2/46 dated 15-8-1949.

Sir,

Sub: A.H.College of Technology, Coimbatore - supply of drinking water.

Ref: Government Endt. No.35138-1/49-A Edn., dated 1-8-1949.

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I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of letter from the Principal, A.H.College of Technology, Coimbatore, explaining the position.

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2. I would invite attention to my letter Roc.183K2/46 dated 10-8-1949 enclosing a detailed report of the Joint Director of Public Instruction who visited the College on 31-7-1949. The Commissioner whom he interviewed on that day assured him of full assistance in this regard. The Commissioner has again been addressed to accord the necessary permission to draw water from the nearest Municipal Main. I request Government may also kindly issue instructions to the Municipality pointing out the need for supplying drinking water to the College. While it is recognised that the supplying of water to those who reside within Municipal limits is and should be the Municipality's primary concern, in a case like this, where a big Institution like this College is in a bad way, temporarily, for water, it is only fit and proper that the Municipality should come to the rescue. After all, the existence of an important institution like the A.H.College of Technology brings credit to the name of Coimbatore; the fact that it is situated a few miles out of the City should not matter.

The supply may, if necessary, be restricted.

Yours faithfully,

1/2 for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter Rc.100 A/49 dated 10-8-1949 from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Ref: Your Proceedings Rc.183 K2/46 dated 4-8-1949.

Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore - Water supply.

This reply has been delayed because the enclosed communication from the Municpal Commissioner contradicted his information supplied to the Joint Director during his visit on the 31st ultimo was received by me only yesterday. It will be seen therefrom that the information supplied by the Commissioner to the effect that he has permitted our institution to draw water from the Municipal mains is a mistake.

Now that the Municipality has refused water supply, Mr. G.D. Naidu may also stop fresh water-supply at any moment and our own well continues to have only about 18" of water level, I have no other option than to enforce a more rigid ration of existing supplies and augment it with ~~wak~~ whatever I can procure from nearby garden wells as suggested by the Joint Director during his visit. With this in view, I am getting ready water tanks with arrangements to mount them in our College motor vehicle. I have once indicated in a previous letter, R.C.No. 100 A/49 dated 2-6-1949, that it may cost me approximately Rs.1,000 to build up a suitable size of water tank mounted on wheels and made suitable for transport. I request that the expenses connected therewith may be approved.

These arrangements can, however, be no permanent solution, particularly, as we progress on towards summer when water in the neighbouring wells will also be scarce. I expect I may be able to carry on, say, till about December. I may state for your information that the minimum quantity of water that with strictly restricted arrangements of cooking, washing, bathing and flush-out etc. is 10 to 12 gallons of water per head for 300 members which means daily 3,600 gallons or the equivalent of 5 lorry loads (each 3-ton lorry having a capacity of 700 gallons) will be necessary. I do apprehend that with the approach of summer months from January onwards, if not earlier, it is likely that the water-supply may lead to a break down and that at a time when the students are busy preparing for the examinations, etc., and when we can ill-afford to divert our attention or efforts from teaching work. Under these circumstances, I request you to approve that this College may work during the Michaelmas as well as Christmas vacations so that there will be no teaching deficiency. All tours, camps and field work, etc. will be postponed to the later part of the year. This arrangement is the best that I can suggest so that students' instruction work will not suffer.

Simultaneously, I request that Government may take such measures as they deem fit to see if the Municipality can be persuaded to supply water. In any case, it is absolutely necessary that before this College can shift to the Agricultural College Estate, the Evacuee Camp Hutment Camps A & B in the Forest College (for which there are already pipe connections, which have been and were intended to be supplied with Municipal Water-supply through the mains now under the control of the Forest College authorities) should get water-supply from Municipal mains to meet the cooking and drinking needs. This may not amount to much as the Public Works Department are putting up separate wells which will provide water-supply for washing, bathing and all the laboratory needs in the new premises of our College.

In a Confidential letter, Rc.No.38 B/49 dated 25-7-1949, I have already indicated that the situation confroning this College is totally different from conditions in a long-established College, like Guindy, and even the other newer Engineering Colleges of Anantapur and Kakinada. I notice from the latest Proceedings of the Director, R.C.No.183 K2/46 dated 2-8-1949 communicating letter No.4081-6/49 A Edn., dated 21-7-1949, that Government have committed to the statement, "the Government have already taken steps to get the temporary buildings completed before April 1950 and for the removal of the College to those buildings by July 1950". The work involved in shifting and building up the College in the new premises within the period April-June is of a magnitude which has not been fully realised. I would like to stress that the work of building up a new College arises only in the life-histroy of a College. It will be a thrilling moment [illegible] to come and deserves the [illegible] stage. After [illegible]

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Ref: Your Proceedings No.183 K2/46 dated [illegible]-8-1949.

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Now that the Municipality has refused water supply, [illegible] may also stop fresh water-supply at any moment. Our own well continues to have only about 18" of water level. I have no other option than to enforce a more careful ration of existing supplies and augment it with whatever I can procure from nearby private wells as suggested by the Joint Director during his visit. With this in view, I am getting ready water tanks with arrangements to mount them on our College motor vehicle. I have once indicated in a previous letter, R.C.No.1060 A/49 dated 2-6-1949, that it may cost me approximately Rs.1,000 to build up a suitable size of water tank mounted on [illegible] suitable for transport. I request that the expenses connected therewith may be approved.

These arrangements can, however, be no permanent solution, particularly, as we progress on towards summer when water in the neighbouring wells will also be scarce. I expect I may be able to carry on, say, till about December. I may state for your information that the minimum quantity of water that with strictly restricted arrangements of cooking, washing, bathing and flushing etc. is 10 to 12 gallons of water per head for 300 persons which means daily 3,600 gallons or the equivalent of 5 lorry loads (a 3-ton lorry having a capacity of 700 gallons) will be necessary. I do apprehend that with the approach of summer months from January onwards, if not earlier, it is likely that the water-supply may tend to break down and that at a time when the students are busy preparing for the examinations, etc., and when we can ill-afford to divert our attention or efforts from teaching work. Under these circumstances, I request you to approve that this College may work during the Mahalaya as well as Christmas vacations so that there will be no teaching deficiency. All tours, camps and field work, etc. will be postponed to the latter part of the year. This arrangement is the best that I can suggest so that students' instructional work will not suffer.

Simultaneously, I request that Government may take such measures as they deem fit to see if the Municipality can be persuaded to supply water. In any case, it is absolutely necessary that before this College can shift to the Agricultural College Estate, [illegible] Camp A & B in the Forest College [illegible] there are already pipe connections, which have been [illegible] were intended to be supplied with Municipal water-supply through the mains now under the control of the Forest College authorities) [illegible] water-supply from Municipal mains to meet the cooking and drinking needs, [illegible] may not amount to much as the whole works [illegible] separately with wells [illegible] provide water-supply for [illegible] all the laboratory needs in the permanent site of the College.

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it can stand a certain amount of dilution in staff and even expert attention; but at this stage, when we are in the process of building a College we can ill-afford to do so.

Under these circumstances, I suggest that more concentrated attention to the shifting and building of the College in its permanent premises may be given even from now so that when the P.W.D. construction work have come to the stage of building the side-walls and roofs, the College staff can work thereafter in co-ordination with the Public Works Department on transporting and erection work. The estimated transport work involved is roughly as follows: (These are exclusive of work and time involved in erection) and confining only dismantling, transporting & unloading at new site.

Machinery and laboratory equipment approximately 110 tons i.e. assuming truck-loads in 4-ton lorries.	28 lorry loads.
Furniture and other bulky items 18,000 c.ft. (approximately)	50 lorry loads.

Such co-ordination is essential and indispensable because considerable part of the work like providing concrete foundations, construction of tanks, waterways, fitting water-pipes, steam pipes, gas pipes and stagings, fixtures, electrical supply connections, etc., etc. have got to be done during the building-up stage. If the Government approve, I will put up proposals shortly on these.

The water-supply problem is an added difficulty which we have to face without in any way handicapping the arrangements for shifting and building up the permanent institution in the new premises. I have every confidence that I can tackle all these subjects to one thing as the man on the spot having to face them I look to the Director & Govt. for the necessary support and encouragement for setting the necessary conditions and atmosphere that will enable me to tackle difficult situations to the best of my ability and to discharge my responsibilities and safeguard the educational interests, dignity and honour of the institution and government.

I request that Government may be informed of these special situations and ~~maycom~~ my remarks as above.

Copy of letter L.Dis.No.11944/49 D1/ dated 9-8-1949 from the Commissioner, Coimbatore Municipality to the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

Ref: Your letter No.NIL dated 1-8-1949.

I find from the records that the reply mentioned by me during our discussion, was the one sent to the Principal, Sir Arthur Hope's Polytechnic Institute and not to your institution. I regret for the mistake.

As for the supply of water to your institution, the Council has expressed its inability to arrange for the supply - vide copy of the Resolution enclosed.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Municipal Council Coimbatore held on 15-7-1949.

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Read Government Memo No.35138-2/49-A Edn., dated 14-6-1949 enclosing a copy of letter No.Rc.183-K2/46 dated 8-6-1949 from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, requesting the Government to direct the Coimbatore Municipality to permit the Principal Arthur Hope's College to draw the required water from the nearest main to the College. For urgent remarks.

Office note dated 21-6-1949 placing the subject before the Council for kind decision.

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M.C.R.No.354 dated 15-7-1949.

Owing to acute scarcity of water in this city, the Council has refused supply of drinking water to educational institutions in Peelamedu and to other neighbour villages. Hence, the Council regrets that it is not in a position to supply water till the full duplication of water main is completed.

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Memo. No. 35138-4/49 A Edn. dated 31-10-49.

Sub: A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore
Municipal w.s. to the college.

Ref: on the D.P.I. No. 183 K2/46 d. 15-8-49.

The D.P.I. is informed that the M.C., Coimbatore, having ~~resolved regretting~~ expressed its inability to supply water to the college, the only course left open to the Govt. to ensure Municipal w.s. to the college is to compel the Council to supply water to the college, but the Govt. consider that it is at present very inadvisable to take coercive action against the Council. The Director may therefore issue instructions to the Principal, to augment the college w.s. by effecting improvements to the well

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in the College Compound and by ~~adopting~~ other means as far as possible

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

FROM

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS

To

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

Rc. No.183 K2/46 dated 29-10-49

4 NOV 1949

Sir,

Sub:--Colleges--Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore--Supply of drinking water.

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Ref:--1) Government Memorandum No.35138-1/49-A Education dated 10-5-49

p 3 ante 2) Govt. Memorandum No.35138-2/49A Edn.dated 31-5-49

p 11 ante 3) " " No.35138-3/49-A Edn. " 1-8-49

p 5 & 35 ante 4) This Office letters Rc.No.183 K2/46 dated 8-6-49 and 15-8-49.

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p 45 infra

In enclosing herewith a copy of the letter Rc.No.100A/49 dated nil-10-49 from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, I have the honour to request immediate orders of Government on my letters referred to above. As the Principal should take urgent steps for the supply of drinking water to the College, I request to be informed whether the Principal may be permitted to incur an expenditure not exceeding Rs.1,008/- to build up a water-tank of suitable size on mounted wheels so that he may obtain drinking water from any available source, should necessity arise, pending provision of funds.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction

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Copy of the letter from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore to the Director of Public Instruction Madras, Rc.No.100-A /49 dated [illegible]-10-49

Sub:--Arthur Hope College of Technology--Coimbatore--
Water Supply.

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p 37-39 ante

In my letter Rc.No.100A/49 dated 10-8-49 in reply to your Proceedings Rc.No.183 K2/46 dated 4-8-49, I have requested sanction for incurring an expenditure of about Rs.1008/- to build up a suitable size of water tank mounted on wheels and made suitable for transport for meeting any contingency when the existing arrangements for water supply break down. I request that early sanction may kindly be accorded so that I may get ready the water tanks immediately.

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Principal

/True copy/

For Director of Public Instruction

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Sub: Colleges - A.H. College of Technology, Combatore - Constn. of a water tank - Expre. - Sanctioned.

p 43 c.f. Fr. om the D.P.I. No. 183 K_2/49 d. 29.10.49.
p 41-42 c.f. Read: Memo. No. 35138-4/49 A Edn. d. 31.10.49.

G.O. Ms. No. 3659 Edn. dated 28-11-49.

The Govt. sanction an expre. not exceeding Rs 1,008/- (Rupees one thousand and eight only) in the current year on the Construction of a watertank of suitable size on mounted wheels in the A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore.

2. The expre. will be debited to "37. Edn. - d. Uty. - Govt. Professional Colleges - E. P.W.R. - (I) A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore - ~~④~~ 5. Other Charges."

3. The A.G. is requested

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to admit the expr. in audit, pending provision of funds.

4. The D.P.I. is requested to apply for the necessary addl. funds in due course.

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To the D.P.I. ✓
" A.G. thro. Fin. ✓

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Sub: Colleges - A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore - Water Supply
From Sri G.D. Naidu, Coimbatore dated 5.5.49.
From the D.P.I. No. 183 K_2/46 d. 8.6.49.

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p 1 c.f
p 5 c.f

The A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore, is at present located in the buildings originally belonging to Sri G.D. Naidu of Coimbatore and later made over to the Argus Engg. Co., Bombay. The college ~~was~~ has been depending so long for its water supply on Sri Naidu's water lorry service which takes water from his premises in the town and brings to the College, according to its requirements. Sri Naidu now proposes to discontinue this practice of supplying water from his premises to the College. Independent arrangements have therefore to be made to supply the College with the required water. The D.P.I. recommends the proposal of the Principal to purchase a water trailer cart, which can be filled with fresh water from the nearest municipal main or hydrant, and hauled by the automobile vehicle belonging to the automotive laboratory of the College. The purchase of a water trailer cart at about Rs 1,000/- capital may be sanctioned. The Municipality may also be directed to permit the Principal to draw the required water from the nearest main to the College. ~~Finance may see.~~

vide p 7 c.f
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p 3 c.f
p 5 c.f
p 7 c.f
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The remarks of the Commr., Coimbatore City, may be obtained in the first instance.

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A draft memo is subd. for approval.

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From the Commissioner, Coimbatore Municipality, L.Dis. 1944/49 D1 dated 23-8-1949.
From the Director of Public Instruction No.183 K2/46 dated 10-8-1949 and 15-8-1949.

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pp 13 & 35 cf

pp 11 & 39 cf

The Municipal Council, Coimbatore, has resolved regretting its inability to supply water to the A.H College of Technology, Coimbatore, till the full duplication of the Municipal water main is completed, owing to acute scarcity of water in the City. There seems to be no alternative now but to compel the Municipal Council to supply water to the College.

The A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore, is situated outside the Coimbatore Ml.Cl. limits. Under sec. 19 of the M.P.H. Act, the Govt. have power to take water from any water main belonging to a local authority for supplying water to any other area subject to such payment being made to the local authority concerned and subject to such other conditions as the Govt. may consider reasonable. Before taking action under this section, the Govt. should communicate to the local authority the grounds on which they propose to do so, fix a reasonable period for the local authority to show cause against the proposal and consider its objections.

p 621 of Bk No. 18

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The residential population of the College is reported to be about 300. It is seen from the Administration Report of the Sanitary Engineer for 1946-47 that the supply of water within the Mty. is 12.8 gallons per head per day. The inmates of the college who live outside the Ml. limits and who therefore do not pay any tax to the Ml.Cl. cannot claim any preferential treatment over those who live within the Ml. limits and pay taxes to the Cl. On this basis, the requirements of the college may be restricted to 3,900 gallons of water per day. This procedure was adopted in the case of supply of water by the Palni Ml.Cl. to the Special Armed Police Unit.

A similar suggestion has been made in the file of the Dev. Deptt. re. supply of water to the Forest College, Coimbatore.

The file may now be circulated to H.M.(P.W.) & H.M.(P.H.) for orders.

B.K.
6.10.49.
A.G.M
11.10.49.

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p 621 of Book No 18

The proposal to invoke the provisions of section 19 of the M.P.H. Act, calls for the following remarks:

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During 1945, the Govt sanctioned the execution of the scheme of the duplication of the gravitation main on half-grant half-loan basis. Subsequently, when plans and estimates for this work as well as that of the construction of a service reservoir were submitted by the C.E., the Finance Deptt suggested that ~~this~~ the question of providing grant and loan should be considered as a Part II scheme for 1948-49. But, the orders of the Cabinet on this proposal, were that the grant might be reduced to one-third and that the balance might be given as a loan. The repeated requests of the Cl. for enhancing the grant from $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ have been negatived by the Govt. The work is under execution but due to the difficulty in obtaining pipes etc, it will be some considerable time before the work is completed.

Probably a year or two

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In connection with the improvements of W.S. ~~within~~ for the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, the question of ~~excercising~~ excercising the powers vested in Govt under section 19 of the M.P.H. Act, was considered. But, the Govt decided that ~~this~~ the provisions of this section need not be invoked and that gements might be made to ~~any~~ existing water-supply in the Agricultural College, without having recourse to the Municipal W.S.

In the file of the Development dept, re: supply of water to the Forest College, this depts has noted that ~~if~~ the council will resent any action being taken under the P.H. Act and that alternative sources should be tapped before recourse is ~~made~~ had to Section 19 of the M.P.H. Act.

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In the present case though the Principal of the College has stated that the well water in the locality is unsuitable for drinking, the Joint Director of Public Instruction has after a personal inspection of the place stated that the water that is pumped out of the well within the A. H. College of Technology, is clean and good for use. The Joint Director has also made suggestions for deepening this well. If this suggestion is carried out, it may not be necessary to indent upon the M.W.S. system. There seems to be no reason why a different course of action should be adopted in the case of the A. H. College of Technology alone. As stated at 'x' above, the Council will resent ~~a~~ coercive action being taken especially when its requests for enhancing the grant have been negatived. After all the C. has pleaded acute scarcity of water in the town and has pleaded its inability to supply water till such time as the work of the duplication of the gravitation main is completed.

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The note on p. 2 of the first sheet is obviously intended to be pasted over. This sho have been done before returning

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A draft memo to the D.P.I. is subd. for approval

H.M. (P.W.) may see

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
31 OCT 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Draft is self explanatory

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H.M. (P.W.)

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p 43 c.f.

The memo has been issued and is on p 41-42 c.f. The letter d. 29.10.49 since received from the D.P.I. may ~~the papers may be recorded for facility~~ be perused. A draft order is submitted for approval ~~of future reference~~ Finance may see for acceptance.

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E.P.H. u.o. 35138-5/49A
dated 8-11-49

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Fin (Expr)

The draft order below may be accepted, subject to orders being taken in circulation including H.M. (Fin)

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D/S. /EPH

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