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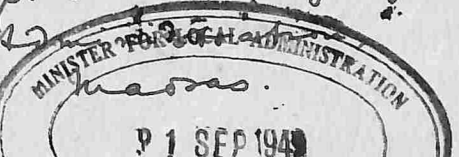
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P.O. KODIALBAIL,
Mangalore,

Dated 8-9-1949.

To
The Hon'ble Minister in charge of
Local Administration
Mangalore.



Dear Sir,

On the 23rd of July 1949
the "Hindu" of Mangalore published a news
item saying that the Udipi Sanskrit
College, built at a cost of Rs two lakhs,
& nearing completion, collapsed on
the morning of July 18th, and that
the loss is estimated at rupees one
lakh.

I shall be much obliged if you
will kindly let me know whether the
Government has ordered an enquiry
into the causes for the collapse
of this College Building when it
was nearing completion.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully
V. D. Kamath

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Ref: Letter from V.D. Kamath B.A. B.E., Consulting
Engineer, Kodiyalbail. D/ 8.9.45.

Memo. 71209-49/49 - 1 Edn D/ 4. 10. 49.

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

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Note There is no information
regarding the collapse of

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of the building reported by Mr. Kamath.
 No action seems to be necessary -
 If considered necessary the D.P.'s
 remarks may be called for - In this
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EDUCATION Department

From (Name) To

Designation THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Station MADRAS.

The SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
 FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

Enclosures: ROC. No. 513-D2/49 dated 10th November 1949.

Sir,

Sub:- S.M.S.P. Sanskrit College, Udipi - Collapse of building.

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 71209 G2/49-1 Edn., dated 4-10-1949.

I submit herewith a copy of the report received from the Correspondent.

I shall submit a further report after the Inspector of Oriental Schools visits the College in December.

Yours faithfully

K. S. Narayana
 Director of Public Instruction.

SJ/11/11.

Copy of letter Rc.No. 95/49 dated 31-10-1949 of the Inspector of Oriental Schools, Madras 6, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Ref:- Pros. Rc.No. 513-D2/49 dated 11-10-1949 of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, communicating Government Memo. No. 71209-G2/49-1 Edn., dated 4-10-1949.

In reply to the above Proceedings, I am submitting herewith a copy of the Correspondent's letter Rc.No. 40/49 dated 25-10-49 which furnishes full information, regarding the reported collapse of the college building.

2. I shall be visiting the college for my annual inspection for the year 1949-50 during the 3rd week of December 1949, when I shall also go into this matter personally. If any new facts are brought to my notice, I shall also submit a further report to the Director.

Copy of letter Rc.No. 40/49/25-104 dated 24-10-49 from the Correspondent, S.M.S.P. Sanskrit College, Udipi to the Inspector of Oriental Schools, Madras.

Ref:- Your Memo Rc.No. 195/49 dated 15-10-49 - Report Submitted.

It is observed that Mr. V. D. Kamath, B.A., B.E., consulting Engineer and Architect, Mangalore, in his letter to the Hon'ble Minister for Local Administration dated 8-9-49 has made reference to the announcement in the 'Hindu of Madras' dated 23-7-49 about the damage caused to the Sanskrit college, building, Udipi, under construction. While quoting this he is presumably ignorant of the fact that the said announcement giving highly exaggerated figures has subsequently been corrected in their own esteemed columns sometime in the 2nd Week of August 1949.

A sum of about Rs.10,0000/- has been spent over the entire construction and the loss caused by the fall of a small portion of it is only about Rs.10,000/-. These figures compared with the figures originally published in the Hindu which is "That the building was built at a cost of Rs.20,0000/- and the loss is estimated at Rs.10,0000/-" will show how very exaggerated and unauthentic the publication originally made is. The building is not even half finished and the statement made by Mr. Kamath that it was nearing completion is incorrect.

It is only a small portion of the building under construction that fell down in July 1949 due to heavy and incessant rains. The construction which was commenced 3 years ago could not be completed speedily due to paucity of building materials such as cement and iron and delay in getting them. The sad demise of His Holiness Sri Raghunanaya Thirtha Swamier of Sri Palimar Matt and of Sri M. Venkobachar of Sri Admat Matt who originally undertook the construction work partly contributed to the delay in the completion of the building.

A portion of the laterite masonry walls became exposed to wind and rain during rainy seasons. The rain water soaked into the laterite stone wall which was exposed and only a portion of it fell down.

After consulting and inviting suggestions from several qualified Engineers who inspected the building very minutely, we are proceeding with the work under the direct supervision of a qualified Civil Engineer who is a B.A., B.E., and who has retired from the Government Service. With a view to relieve the pressure from the laterite masonry and as a precautionary measure extra walls have been put up wherever necessary. The damaged laterite walls are being replaced with brick walls.

A detailed inspection report by qualified Engineers with suggestions for diminishing the pressure on laterite stone walls and for strengthening the construction has been submitted to the Local Municipal Authorities for their information and the construction is now being carried on, on the lines suggested by them.

It is regretted that Mr. Kamath should have made a reference without either inspecting the works or even taking care to ascertain any details from us. He is not far off from Udipi and if he had any bonafide apprehensions in Public Interest he could have atleast had an inspection of the building under construction and for this we would have afforded him all facilities.

It may be noted that the building is being put up without any Government grant.

/True Copy/

For Director of Public Instruction

SS/11/11.

Colleges - Oriental - Udipi -

Sanskrit College - Collapse of building under construction

Memo No. 71209-42-49-1 ES. Dated 4.10.49
From R. D.P. I No. ROC-573-D2-49-dated 10.11.49.

The case has arisen from the letter from Sri V. D. Kamath on p1 of a complaint of the collapse of the building of the Sanskrit College, Udipi, under construction in July last and suggestion an enquiry into the causes of the collapse.

2. The Correspondent's Report shows that Sri Kamath's letter is grossly exaggerated and that the collapse was due to heavy and incessant rains. It stated that the building is being constructed without a Govt. grant.

3. No action seems to be necessary in the matter -
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