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[Despatch Abstract.]

Grant - Vaishnava Theological University, Brindaban -  
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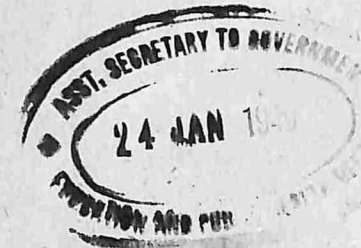
His Holiness Swami B. H. Bon,

PRESIDENT, VAISHNAVA THEOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY,  
BRINDABAN (MATHURA)

The 20th January, 1949.

To

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



Your Reference No. 1842 Education.

Subject:— Recurring & non-recurring grants to  
the V.T. University, Vrindaban.

Dear Sir,

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I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the MEMORANDUM we have just submitted to the Government of India. You will please note that we have already approached the Hon'ble the Prime Minister of India to lay the foundation of the University in April next or on any other early date that may suit the Prime Minister. We have also written to H.E. the Governor-General, requesting him to kindly consent to "Open" the University in July this year.

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I beg to request you that the Government of Madras may come to an early final decision regarding the grants we have prayed for, which we were assured by the Hon'ble Premier and the Hon'ble Finance Minister when I interviewed them last.

Thanking,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

B. H. Bon.  
(SWAMI B. H. BON).

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प्रिय स्वामी जी,

आपका पत्र और विश्व-विद्यालय संबंधी पत्रिका मिली। गांधीजी को वे बता दिये गये। उनका कहना है कि यह बड़ों का काम है और आप उनसे मिल ही लिये हैं। वे आपको काफी मदद देंगे ही। आपका प्रयत्न अच्छा है।

आपका :  
महेशदत्त मिश्र.

I have ventured to quote the Private Secretary's letter in full.

9. Eminent educationists, including three Ex-Education Ministers & Seven Vice-Chancellors of Indian Universities, have not only acclaimed the Scheme, but joined the University as Members of its Syndicate and Senate ( Vide Schedule I Pages 1-3 ).

10. The "Scheme & Constitution" of the "Vaishnava Theological University" or "Paramarthic Vaishnava Viswa-Vidyalaya", Vrindaban, has duly been registered under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, dated Lucknow, 4th February, 1948, No. 171 of 1947-1948.

[ The Memorandum of Association is enclosed herewith : Vide Schedule I, Pages 1-5 and Pages 12-19 ].

11. The Government of the United Provinces have already acquired 84 bighas of land at Vrindaban, under the Land Acquisition Act, for the establishment of the University [ Vide G. O. No. A-135/XV/93-47, dated Lucknow, September 19, 1947 ], and given possession over the said land to the authorities of the University on January 10, 1949 [ Vide Collector's Order No. V. F.-77/43, dated Mathura, January 10, 1949 ].

Our Financial Position :

12. Seth Sher Singh of Delhi has been kind enough to contribute Rupees Three Lakhs for the construction of the High School under the University in memory of his late beloved brother Lala Ranbir Singh. [ This amount has been deposited in a Bank at Delhi by the donor, ear-marked for the specific purpose ].

13. Shri Ashim Krishna Dutt, M. Sc., Solicitor, of 22 Loudon Street, Calcutta, [ a Member of the All-India Committee of the Gandhi Memorial National Funds ] has been generous enough to volunteer to donate personally a monthly scholarship of Rs. 150/-, now for Five Years and to be extended there-after, and have assured the President of the University of another monthly scholarship of Rs. 150/- and two Professorships of Rs. 300/- each per month. This means that the University will receive Rs. 10,800/- annually [ now for 5 years ] through the munificence and recommendation of Shri Ashim Krishna Dutt.

14 OUR ACTUAL TOTAL COLLECTION UP-TO-DATE is Rs. 3,72,000/- as under :—

|                                            |                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| [a] Seth Sher Singh of Delhi ... ..        | Rs. 3,00,000/-       |
| [b] Bettiah Estate, Bihar ... ..           | Rs. 30,000/-         |
| [c] A devotee of Vallabha School, Calcutta | Rs. 35,000/-         |
| [d] Shri Ram Kumar Himmatsingka, Gauhati.  | Rs. 5,000/-          |
| [e] Maharaja of Balarampur ... ..          | Rs. 1,000/-          |
| [f] Shri Vridhi Chand Karia, Dibrugarh.    | Rs. 1,000/-          |
|                                            | <hr/> Rs. 3,72,000/- |

AMOUNT PROMISED IN WRITING is Rs. 1,01,000-0-0, as under :-

|                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| [a] Maharaja Dr. Vikramadeo Verma,<br>Jeypore Estate, Orissa ... ..                                                                                                                             | Rs. 10,000/-          |
| [b] Shri Kai Khusro [ A Parsi gentleman ]<br>Hodal, Gurgaon ... ..                                                                                                                              | Rs. 10,000/-          |
| [c] Rai Bahadur Jibanram Goenka, Shillong.                                                                                                                                                      | Rs. 5,000/-           |
| [d] A few respectable Seths of Agra                                                                                                                                                             | Rs. 10,000/-          |
| [e] Shri Ashim Krishna Dutt, M. Sc., Solicitor,<br>Calcutta, ... Two Scholarships of Rs. 150/- each<br>per month and Two Professors of Rs. 300/- each<br>per month in Five Years will amount to | Rs. 34,000/-          |
| [f] Seth Sher Singh of Delhi [ to be<br>paid during the 2nd year of the<br>working of the High School ... ..                                                                                    | Rs. 12,000/-          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <hr/> Rs. 1,01,0000/- |

AMOUNT ASSURED is Rs. 1,50,730/- as under :—

15. His Highness the Maharaja Bahadur of Manipore State and his Council of Ministers have been generous enough to recommend a grant of Rupees One Lakh for the V. T. University to the State's Assembly for ratification [ Vide Memo No. 849-SO [c], dated Imphal, the 3rd August, 1948 ].

16. The University expects a donation of Rs. 50,000/- from Cooch Behar State. The President of the University interviewed His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur, Her Highness Maharani Indira Devi Sahiba, and the Chief Minister of the State's Government, in this connection. A final decision is awaited;

17. Shri Sujan Chand & Shri Ramkissore of Agra will donate monthly Rs. 30/- and Rs. 25/- respectively and The Mathura Farms Ltd., have been pleased to offer Rs. 70/- annually to the University as a mark of their support to the University and a deed has accordingly been executed and registered in favour of the President of the University.

18. Seth Jugal Kishore Birla has assured the Founder-President of his full agreement with the Scheme and

19. Shri Kamal Narayan Bajaj [ Treasurer of the All-India States' People's Congress ] has been very kind to assure the President of the University, after discussing with him about the entire Scheme and its future possibilities, that he would offer financial assistance to the University if and when it will take up its Department as mentioned in Paragraph 5 of this Memorandum. Similar encouraging assurances have been received from other private individuals of high standing in society. The Scheme of the University has not yet been announced to the general public nor have the authorities of the University approached so far the general public for financial support.

**Encouragement received from the Central and All the Provincial Governments :**

20. Since the very inception of the Scheme the Founder-President has been in communication with the authorities of the Government of India, Ministry of Education, and approached them not only for financial assistance but also an effective recognition of the University of its All-India character by a Token Grant. The Founder-President has nothing but deep gratitude for the advice and continued encouragement received from time to time from the authorities concerned. Indeed their sympathetic attitude to the Scheme has sustained his efforts to go ahead with the work. In reply to the President's application for a non-recurring grant of Rs. 4 Lakhs. and an annual recurring grant of Rs. 44,000/-, the Ministry of Education, Government of India, informed him that the Government would consider such grants "when they are assured that the University has the support of the Public and the Provincial Governments" [ Vide Letter No F. 41-16/47-E. 1., Government of India, Ministry of Education, New Delhi 3, the 17th October, 1947 ].

21. On receipt of the above advice from the Government of India, the Founder-President interviewed the Hon'ble Premiers, the Hon'ble Education and Finance Ministers and been in communication with the authorities of the Provincial Governments of the United Provinces, West Bengal, Assam, Orissa, Madras and Bombay, and he has been greatly encouraged by the warmth and sympathy with which they have responded to his appeal for both recurring and non-recurring grants-in-aid. All these Provincial Governments have assured the University of their financial support "when it begins to function". Assurances so far received are as under :—

- [a] The Government of Aasam have promised to give Two Scholarships of Rs. 100/- each per month, tenable for two years. and One Professorship. The question of a non-recurring grant of Rs. 1,00,000/- as prayed for will be considered after the start of the University.
- [b] The Government of the United Provinces have assured Five Scholarships of Rs. 100/- each per month, tenable for two years and the request for a non-recurring grant of Rs Two Lakhs, and One Chair of Rs. 600/- per month at the Research Institute will be decided after the start of the University, as assured by the Hon'ble Premier and the Hon'ble Education Minister of the U. P. Government to the Founder-President of the University.
- [c] The Premier and the Finance Minister of the Govt. of Madras, having jointly discussed the Scheme with the Founder-President of the University have kindly assured the University of a non-recurring grant of Rs One Lakh, and a recurring annual grant of Rs. 12,000/- when the University will begin to function.
- [d] The Government of Orissa have written to the Founder-President about their co-operation and financial grants when the University will get going, though the amount may not be a large sum "just at present".
- [e] For similar non-recurring and recurring grants-in-aid, the University authorities have approached the remaining Provincial Governments of Bombay, West Bengal, Central Provinces and Bihar. The President of the University has been assured co-operation & financial help by the Premier of Bombay and the authorities concerned of the Govt. of West Bengal. Replies are awaited from the Government of C. P. and Bihar.

22. Finally the President of the University approached the Government of Jaipur State for their kindly placing the State's temple-buildings & premises at Vrindaban temporarily for a period of over two years, i. e. till the end of 1951, at the disposal of the University for the purposes of the University, so that we may at once give a start to the University from July, 1949. The President interviewed Her Highness Maharani Gayatri Devi, Sir V. T. Krishnamachari the Dewan, General Amar Singh the Home Minister, Shri Tewariji the Education Minister and other officials of the State in this connection, and they have all assured the President of their support by allowing the University free use of the State's magnificent buildings at Brindaban for this specific period, by which time the University free own buildings in the land already acquired. The President has assured the State's authorities that the University will vacate the State's building and premises by the end of 1951. A final order is awaited.

23. Raja Shri Surajpal Singh Saheb of Awagarh has kindly consented to be one of the PATRONS of the University and promised to serve it in every possible way.

**Programme for the immediate future :**

It has been decided at a meeting of the Syndicate of the University that immediate action be taken to bring the University into existence in accordance with the following plan :—

- A. that the Foundation-stone of the University be laid in April, 1949;
- B. that the Research Department and the High School under the University be started in July, 1949;
- C. that the Post-graduate and Collegiate Classes be opened in July, 1950.

[ Budget enclosed. Vide Schedule II. ]

### CONCLUSION

In conclusion I should like to add that the Scheme has been conceived without any sectarian or communal bias. Although, no doubt, a great emphasis will be laid on the vast religious literature of the Vaishnava Movements in the religious history of the country no religion professed at the moment by the minority communities will neither be ignored nor neglected. When the full scheme materialises there will be professorships and teaching staff for a comparative study of such religions and theologies as Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism, and even Zoroastrianism. The education provided will be so designed as to broaden the religious outlook of those who come under its influence; and this liberal attitude towards other religions will be as carefully and systematically cultivated as possible in the University. It is hoped, therefore, that instead of encouraging any communal or sectarian prejudices the University will make by its liberal education any such dangerous tendencies difficult, if not impossible, to make their appearance in the country. For, History has shown repeatedly that sectarian and communal troubles owe their origin to narrowness of out-look and ignorance of other peoples, points of view, and they disappear with the appearance of the enlightenment and liberal thought.

### I, THEREFORE, PRAY

- I. that the Government of India may be pleased to establish and incorporate the **Vaishnava Theological University, Vrindaban**, by an Act of the Central Legislature;
- II. that His Excellency the Governor-General of India be its permanent CHANCELLOR;
- III. that the Government of India kindly sanction a Token Grant of Rupees Four Lakhs, and an annual recurring grant of Rs. 48,000/-, already prayed for.

Copy of a resolution of the Syndicate of the University authorising the Founder-President to approach the Central Government with the above prayers is attached herewith [ Schedul III. ].

Thanking you in anticipation of your support,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

*B. H. Bon.*

[ SWAMI B. H. BON ].

President, Vaishnava Theological University, Vrindaban.

Copy forwarded to :-

1. His Excellency Shri Chakraborty Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India
2. All the Cabinet Ministers of the Government of India, including the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister.
3. Their Excellencies the Governors of all the Provinces.
4. The Education Ministers of all the Provincial Governments.
5. Their Highnesses the Maharajas of Manipore, Cooch Behar and Jaipur States.
6. The President of the Indian National Congress.
7. The President of the Constituent Assembly.

## SCHEDULE II.

Budget estimate of the V. T. University, Vrindaban, 1949-1951.

Research Department. We shall take 10 scholars selected Provincewise as far as possible, paying due attention to the efficiency of the students, who must have passed their M. A., preferably in Philosophy or Sanskrit, from any Indian or foreign University.

For 1949 to 1950  
10 scholarships of Rs. 100/- each per month ... .. Rs. 1,000/-  
4 Professors on an average pay of Rs. 250/- each per month

[ This will be a provisional arrangement, as some renowned retired educationists have very kindly volunteered to offer their free services to the University for at least two years—the small sum of money will be paid for their local expenses. In future, the regular salary for a Professor of the Research Dept. will be Rs. 600/- each per month]

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Registrar @ Rs. 200/- per month               | ... | Rs. 1,000/- |
| One Clerk @ Rs. 85/- per month                | ... | Rs. 200/-   |
| One Peon @ Rs. 30/- per month                 | ... | Rs. 85/-    |
| Postage & other incidental expenses per month | ... | Rs. 30/-    |
|                                               | ... | Rs. 200/-   |

Total per month : Rs. 2,515/-  
Therefore for One Year : Rs. 30,180/-

Furniture : Rs. 5,000/-

SAY : Rs. 35,000/-

For 1950 to 1951 We shall have 20 research students.

Therefore there will be an increase of Rs. 1000/- more expenses per month, i.e. Total for the Second Year Rs. 42,180/-  
Total expenses for 1949-1951 : Rs. 77,360/-

### Monthly expenses of the High School under the University :

We shall select 150 boys to start with from all over India. As it will be a residential School, there will be four classes in 1949-1950, and five classes from 1950-1951, i. e. 5th to Matriculation classes only.

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| 8 Teachers @ Rs. 100/- each per month on an average | ... | Rs. 800/- |
| One Clerk @ Rs. 85/- per month                      | ... | Rs. 85/-  |
| One Peon @ Rs. 30/- per month                       | ... | Rs. 30/-  |
| Postage & incidental expenses per month             | ... | Rs. 25/-  |

Per month Rs. 940/-

SAY ... Rs. 1,000/-

Therefore, for One year : Rs. 12,000/-

For Two Years : Rs. 24,000/-

Furniture for Class Rooms & Hostel : Rs. 10,000/-

Total : Rs. 34,000/-

The sum of money we have so far actually collected as well as the definite promises from the various Provincial Governments and private individuals, will be sufficient enough to meet the expenses of the University as per estimate stated above. We shall also be able to start immediately construction work of some of the permanent buildings of the University with the money already paid and promised for the same specific purposes.

## SCHEDULE III

The Sydicate of the V. T. University, Vrindaban, passed the following resolutions unanimously on the 26th October, 1948 :—

1. That the Government of India be approached for recognition of the Vaishnava Theological University Vrindaban by an act of the Central Legislature;

2. That His Excellency the Governor-General of India be requested to be the permanent CHANCELLOR of the V. T. University in view of its all India character;

3. That the Government of India be requested to sanction a non-recurring grant of Rs. 4 Lakhs, and a recurring annual grant of Rs. 48,000/- to the University, for which the Founder-President has been in communication with the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India;

4. That arrangements be made for the laying of the Foundation-stone of the University as soon as possession has been given over the land under acquisition by the Collector of Mathura to the authorities of the University, and that the Founder-President may approach the Prime Minister of India, the Hon'ble Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, with the request of kindly laying down the foundation stone of the University in April- or on any date that may conveniently suit the Prime Minister;

5. That the Research Department of the University and the High School under the University be started from July, 1949 and the Founder-President is to approach His Excellency Shri Chakravorty Rajagopalachary, the Governor-General of India, with the request that His Excellency may be kind enough to honour this First Theological University of India by declaring it open on any date in July, 1949.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
Education and Public Health Department.  
Letter No. 480 Education.  
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From M.V. Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,  
Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To The President,  
Vaishnava Theological University,  
Brindaban (MATHURA.)

Dated Fort St. George, the 22nd February 1949.

Sir,

Sub: Grant - Vaishnava Theological University, Brindaban - Declined.  
Ref: Your letter dated 20-1-1949.  
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I am directed to state that the Government of Madras regret that they are unable to make any grant for the proposed Vaishnava Theological University, especially in view of the present financial stringency.

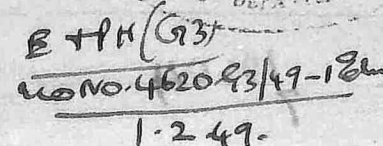
Yours faithfully,

Secretary to Government.

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As the University has not yet begun to function, it is for orders whether the ~~university~~ President of the University may be ~~informed that the university is~~ invited to the orders in this Govt.'s letter at p.5 e.f. (A) and he be asked to renew his application after the University actually begins to function in July 1949. Finance may see prior to circulation.



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Please see the notes on page 1 above.

Finance may agree to the proposal at A in p. 1.

above.

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Exp. A

Fin no. 6051/Act. A.  
5.2.49.

The case may be circulated to HM (Edn) for orders on A on the previous page -

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I don't think we need encourage them to apply again. They may be told that we regret we are unable to do anything in the matter, esp. in the present financial emergency.

TSA

SECRETARY, EDN, AND P.E. DEPT.  
14 FEB 1949  
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Please see the minutes of HM (Edn) above.

A draft letter is subd for approval. Finance may see before issue.

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Fin (Exp. A)

Exp. A (63)

The minutes of HM (Edn) and the draft letter below may be perused.

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