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No.D.133/48-D.II
Government of India,
Ministry of Education,

New Delhi, the 24th August, 1948.

Dr. Tara Chand, M.A., D.Phil.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Sir,

I am directed to say that Dr.(Miss) Helen Keller, the well-known American Deaf-Blind author, lecturer and philosopher is expected to visit this country early next year under the auspices of the National Christian Council of India, Burma and Ceylon. She has undertaken a tour of several countries in the far and middle East, under the aegis of the John Milton Society of New York, with a view to giving an impetus to the cause of the physically handicapped in these countries. She will be accompanied by her Secretary, Miss Polly Thompson, Dr. Milton T. Stauffer and Mrs. Stauffer and a few other associates. Dr. Helen Keller and the party are expected to land in Calcutta on or about the 15th of January, 1949.

The Government of India have decided to accord Dr. Helen Keller an official reception on her arrival in Delhi and in this connection a formal invitation was sent to her through the Indian Embassy in Washington, which she has accepted.

The Government of India request that as your Province/State has been included in Dr. Keller's tour programme, you may also be good enough to arrange to accord her a fitting reception on her arrival in your Province/State.

Details of Dr. Keller's tour programme will be intimated to you as soon as they are received.

Dr. Stauffer has suggested that Dr. Keller might require an interpreter while she stays in your Province/State. The Government of India shall be glad if a suitable interpreter is placed at her disposal during her stay in your Province/State.

The Government of India shall also be glad if they are intimated sufficiently in advance as to what steps are being taken in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

(R.M. Halder)
For Secretary.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
New Delhi

1 SEP 1948

It is directed to say that Dr. (Miss) Helen Keller, the well-known American deaf-blind author, lecturer and philanthropist, is expected to visit this country early next year under the auspices of the National Indian Council of India, which has undertaken a tour of several countries in the Far and Middle East, under the patronage of the Indian Council of New York, with a view to giving an impetus to the cause of the physically handicapped in these countries. She will be accompanied by her secretary Miss Betty Thompson, Dr. Milton T. Steinberg and Mrs. Steinberg and a few other associates. Dr. Helen Keller and the party are expected to arrive in India in the first week of January, 1949.

It is directed to record Dr. Helen Keller's arrival in India and to ensure that she is met through which she has accepted. It is that as your Province's Government, you are to record her arrival in your Province.

It is directed to be intimated to you that they are to be met by Dr. Steinberg has suggested that Dr. Keller might require an interpreter while she stays in your Province. The Government of India shall be glad if a suitable interpreter is placed at her disposal during her stay in your Province.

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Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

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To the DP I. (with copy of letter)

Education - Special - Visit of Dr (Miss) Helen Keller the American Deaf- Blind Author

From the Govt of India no D. 12748-27 24.8.48

Memo No. 64815 B. 1/48-1 Edn. d/28.9.48

A copy of the letter from the Govt of India cited above is communicated to the DP and he is requested to report the arrangements to be made to accord a fitting reception to Dr (Miss) Helen Keller on her arrival in this Province. The

Director is also requested to state whether it will be possible to provide an interpreter while she stays in this Province.

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No.F.1-1/48-D.II
Government of India,
Ministry of Education,

New Delhi, the 23th October, 1948.



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Dr. Tara Chand, M.A., D.Phil.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education Department, MADRAS

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith the itinerary of Dr. Helen Keller and party, and a copy of a letter dated Tokyo, 9th September, 1948, from Dr. Milton T. Stauffer, Secretary, John Milton Society of New York, who is accompanying Dr. Helen Keller.

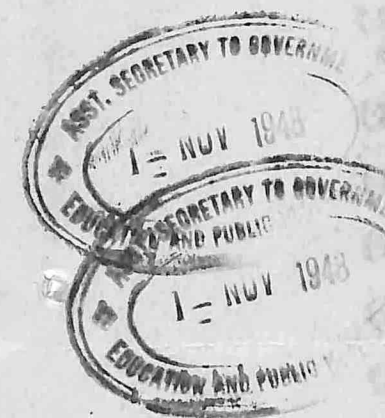
This Ministry shall be very glad if arrangements are kindly made for Dr. Helen Keller's visit keeping in view the instructions contained in Dr. Stauffer's letter.

It shall be appreciated if this Ministry is informed in due course of the plans drawn up by you for Dr. Helen Keller's visit.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten signature of R.M. Halder]

(R.M. Halder)
For Secretary.



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ITINERARY FOR MISS HELEN KELLER AND MISS THOMSON

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22-22	"	Madras	(By Train)
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31-31	"	Madras	(By Train)
1-2	FEBRUARY	Bombay	(By Train)
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5-6	"	Lahore	(By Train)
7-8	"	Delhi	(By Train)
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JOHN MILTON SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

Tokyo, Japan Sept. 9, 1948.

To Chairman of Helen Keller Committees:

Miss Helen Keller and Miss Thomson have just completed five days of reception and meetings here in Tokyo and Yokohama. May I share the results of my observations and express the hope that these will be passed on to local city committees as well.

GENERAL The fact that Miss Keller visited Japan 11 years ago, that a National Campaign on behalf of the physically handicapped has been set up under her name and that the two most powerful newspapers in Japan have actively supported this campaign and given wide publicity to Miss Keller for six months in advance explains the enormous crowds and the numerous demands upon her. We do not expect this in other countries, nor could we stand up under its demands. The Japanese are an extremely hospitable people and have almost deified Miss Keller making her a symbol of their present resolve to wrest victory out of defeat. The many who met her years ago all want to meet her personally again and the effort to protect her and to explain why she cannot be reached and why she cannot consent to appear here or there and speak briefly to this group or that has run us ragged.

DAILY PROGRAMME ON WORKING DAYS No more than two appointments should be made for Miss Keller on any one day. These should be so timed as to allow several hours for rest after lunch. If there is an after-noon reception or meeting there should be no evening meeting. Free evening will permit early retiring and restful nights. Once the programme for a city is set up it should be rigidly followed. No extra commitment for Miss Keller should be made. It should be publicly announced in advance, that much as Miss Keller would enjoy meeting and exchanging greetings with distinguished friends personally, her present age and the continuing demands of her long and strenuous programme during this world tour, make it imperative, on doctor's orders, that she be excused from greeting friends individually and conserve her strength and that of Miss Thomson for their important public appearances.

RECEPTIONS AND MEETINGS Miss Keller's great contributions is one of inspiration. She is most interested in appealing to influential groups, such as industrialists, doctors, legislators and College students. The value of ~~her~~ official receptions can be enhanced if an opportunity is given to Miss Keller for a very brief word of greeting and inspirational appeal. Questions which concern legislation and education for the blind on which Miss Keller's views are desired must be presented in advance, thus allowing her time for considered judgement.

The mass meetings at the palace Plaza (40,000 people) and at the Tokyo Bowl (5,000) were impressive sights but only those near enough to see the expressions of Miss Keller's face got the full thrill and inspiration of her personality.

Such big gatherings may have certain values but it is my judgement that Miss Keller's most effective work will be done in smaller assemblies of influential and selected citizens. Halls holding 1,000 or more should be provided with amplifiers and spotlights to lighten the faces of Miss Keller, Miss Thomson and their interpreter. Most meetings here thus far have had too many and too long preliminary addresses of welcome or addresses on the needs of the handicapped. Allow 25 to 30 minutes for Miss Keller and her interpreter. If and where the people of any local city wish to present her with a gift in token of their admiration and affection, this has been most effectively done here immediately after her inspiring address. A Solo or better, a song by the entire audience or a choir from a school for the blind or sighted have been most effective here. Miss Keller beats time for the singers and is greatly thrilled by music. The meetings should not be much over an hour to an hour and a quarter in length. Miss Keller should be given an opportunity to withdraw before the audience leaves, thus avoiding her being asked to meet too many individuals. Her interpreter should be a national, experienced with a good voice and if possible should be assigned to her throughout her stay in any city. Where not obtainable, a missionary, man or woman interpreter, should be secured. The presiding officer in every case here has been a Japanese, prominent and interested in humanitarian projects.

I think it would save Miss Keller's strength and time if her interview with the news men and photographers could be arranged in advance shortly after her arrival in any city, preferable in the Hotel where she is to be entertained. This will get adequate publicity started in the local press the day before receptions and meetings are held. I assume that material for news articles on her life and this world mission of her's will be distributed several weeks in advance.

Miss Thomson and Miss Keller would appreciate it greatly if some local H.S. or College girl student could be assigned to them throughout their stay to do typing for them, and assist them in their rooms in the care of their personal effects.

In the itinerary there has been set apart one day of rest at the beginning after arrival. We must try to keep this day absolutely free of intrusions or demands. It will be a day of complete quiet, withdrawal and orientation and preparation for the addresses to follow.

Miss Thomson carries a very heavy load in this ambitious program which Helen Keller has dedicated herself to. They both want to make their mission everywhere highly successful. We have no advance agents to prepare the way but we are confident that through the National Christian Councils and other representative agencies, and through the local committees effective plans will be made within the limits set forth in this and previous letters.

Most gratefully and cordially yours,

Signed: Wilton T. Stauffer.

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JOHN WILSON SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

Sept. 2, 1948 Tokyo, Japan

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Most respectfully and cordially yours,

Signed: Winton E. Smith

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In reply, please quote number, date and short title.

Education DEPARTMENT.

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

Rc. No. 622/D2/48, dated 3-11-1948.

Sir, Sub:- Education - Special - Visit of Dr. (Miss) Helen Keller, the American Deaf Blind Author.

Ref:- Govt. Memo No. 64815-B1-48-1 Edn., dated - p3 ante 28-9-48.

I have the honour to offer the following suggestion regarding the reception to be accorded to Dr. Keller.

2 The Government may arrange for the stay of Dr. Keller and Party at the Connemara Hotel as state guests while they are in the City. A public reception may also be given to the distinguished visitor at the Connemara or in the Rajaji Hall and about 200 guests may be invited.

3 Dr. Keller and Party may be supplied with full details about the existing schools for defectives and the important Training Institutions in this Province, so that the visitor may prepare her tour programme, as early as possible, and copy of such tour programme may be furnished to me to prepare further details, about the arrangements to be made by the Department in the City and other places included in the tour.

4 If necessary, I can arrange for one of the Correspondents of the Schools for the Blind and Deaf-mute to act as interpreter.

Yours faithfully,

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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No.D.1-1/48.D.II
Government of India,
Ministry of Education,

New Delhi, the 26th Nov., 1948.

From

7 DEC 1948

To

Dr. Tara Chand, M.A., D.Phil.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education Department, Madras.

Sir,

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I am directed to say that Dr. Helen Keller, the well-known deaf-blind American author, lecturer and philosopher who was expected to visit this country early next year, has been obliged to cancel her visit on account of the illness of her Secretary, Miss Poly Thomson. A copy of the important notice announcing the cancellation of Dr. Helen Keller's visit is enclosed for your information.

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I am to add that Dr. Milton T. Stauffer and Mrs. Stauffer who were to accompany Dr. Helen Keller will visit India on the scheduled date. The Government of India have decided to give them a reception on their arrival in the capital. It shall be very much appreciated if you would also give them a suitable reception on their arrival in their province or state.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
For Secretary.

U.S. D. I. 1-1-48
 Ministry of Education
 Government of India

New Delhi, the 28th Nov., 1948

Dr. Tara Chand, M.A., D.Litt.,
 Secretary to the Government of India

From

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
 Education Department, India

I am directed to say that Dr. Helen Keller, the well-known deaf-blind American author, lecturer and philosopher who was expected to visit this country early next year, has been obliged to cancel her visit on account of the illness of her Secretary, Miss Polly Thomson. A copy of the important notice announcing the cancellation of Dr. Helen Keller's visit is enclosed for your information.

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Yours faithfully,

For Secretary.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

HELEN KELLER CANCELS WORLD TOUR

Miss Helen Keller, internationally known deaf-blind lecturer and author, and her companion, Miss Polly Thomson, announced on October 24, 1948 in Tokyo, Japan, that they are compelled to cancel the remainder of their world tour and return immediately to the United States, due to Miss Thomson's ill health.

At Miss Keller's urgent request, Dr. Milton T. Stauffer, General Secretary of the John Milton Society for the Blind, under whose auspices Miss Keller and Miss Thomson were to have visited the other countries of the Orient and Near East, will continue the tour as scheduled.

Dr. and Mrs. Stauffer plan to leave Tokyo, October 30, by plane for Seoul, Korea on the first leg of a journey which will take them to China, Siam, India, Pakistan, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Egypt. They will carry personal messages to the blind in these countries from Miss Keller, will visit schools, consult with workers among the blind, study conditions and needs as these concern the well being of the blind.

Dr. Stauffer can be reached by letter or cablegram as follows-

- Nov. 6-Dec. 5 c/o National Christian Council
 169 Yuen-Ming-Yuen Road, SHANGHAI, China.
- Dec. 5 - Dec. 25 C/O Mr. Tsinform wong
 Bank of China, 65 the Bund, Canton, China.
- Dec. 25 - Feb. 1 c/o J.W. Sadiq, M.A., B.D.,
 Christian Council Lodge, NAGPUR, C.P. India.
- Feb. 1-28 c/o Dr. E.E. Elder
 American Mission, CAIRO, Egypt.

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Dr. Stettin can be reached by letter or telephone as follows:-

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 o/o Dr. H. E. Rhyer
 American Mission, CAIRO, EGYPT.
 Dec. 28 - Top. 1 o/o J. V. Sedid, M.A., B.L.
 Christian Council Lodge, NADWAT, C.P. India.
 Dec. 28 - Dec. 28 o/o Mr. Tashiro Wong
 Bank of China, 22 the Bund, Canton, China.
 Nov. 28-Dec. 28 o/o Harold I. Christian Council
 125 Kuen-Ming-Tsun Road, SHUNGHAI, China.

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change in the personnel of the party.

From Dr. Stauffer No. Nil d/9-9-48

.. the Govt of India No. F.-1/48B II d/29-10-48

and No. B1-1/48 BII d/26-11-48

.. the B.P.G. Re. No. 622/92/48 d/3-11-48.

Memo No 64815 B, /48-4 Edm. d/8-12-48.

Copies of the letters and the enclosures thereof,
received from the Govt. of India on the above subject are
communicated to the D.P.G. He is requested to report
the details of the arrangements to be made for
Dr. Stauffe's visit, ~~keeping in view the instructions~~
~~given in the doctor's letter cited above~~

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2. The Director is informed that he may take steps to arrange for the ^{stay of the} party at the Connemara Hotel during their stay in Madras at Govt. expense and to arrange for one of the correspondents of the schools for the blind and deaf-mute to act as the interpreter ~~for~~ ~~it is presumed that Dr. Stauffer may also require the services of one.~~

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To
The D.P.I.
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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 17-12-1948.

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My Dear Mr. Subramanyam,

Please refer to Government Memo.

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No. 64815/48-4 Edn dated 8-12-1948. May

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I know if Dr and Mrs. Stauffer are expected to arrive here on the 21st of January as originally proposed in the itenarary of Dr. Keller?

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)
(D.S. REDDI)

To

M.V. Subramanyam, I.C.S., Esq.,
Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

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E & P. H. (B.).

D.O. No. 64815 B, /48-5 Edm d/27.12.48.

My Dear Sri Reddi,

Education - Special - visit of Dr and Mrs. Stauffer.

Ref:- your d.o. d/17.12.48.

I am to invite your attention to the letter No. B, -1/48. BII d/26.11.48 from the ^{Sent to the} G. of. G. and the important notice cancelling Dr. Keller's World Tour, copies of which were sent to you with memo No. 64815 B, /48-4 Edm d/8.12.48. It is expected that Dr. and Mrs. Stauffer will be touring this province on the dates originally proposed in the itinerary of Dr. Keller. I am therefore to request you to make necessary arrangements with reference to para 2 of the Memo and to report the action taken in the matter.

Yours sincerely,
by *[Signature]*

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To Sri B.S. Reddi, M.A (Oxon)

B.P.G.

[Handwritten note: 24/12/48]

RC. 622-D2/48.

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, dated 7th January 1949.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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

Sir,

Sub: Visit of Mrs. and Dr. Stauffer to
Madras - Arrangements for reception.
Ref: Your D.O. No. 64815-B1/48-5 Education
dated 27/12/1948.

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I have the honour to submit the following
remarks and suggestions in connection with the arrange-
ments being made for the reception of Dr. & Mrs. Stauffer
in Madras:-

(a) One double suite of rooms has been booked in
the Connemara Hotel for Dr. and Mrs. Stauffer for the
dates 21st to 24th January. If additional accommodation
is required for members of Dr. Stauffer's party, if any,
the Hotel Manager has requested that at least ten days'
advance notice be given for reservation of rooms.

(b) The public reception to Dr. Stauffer can
be held in the Rajaji Hall or the Senate House.

(c) It is desirable that, invitations should issue
in the name of the Honourable Minister for Education. As
regards the invitees for the reception it is suggested,
that, all ministers, Heads of Departments like Industry,
High Court Judges, a few secretaries to Government,
Heads of Institutions for the Blind and the Deaf, the Arch-
bishop and Bishops of Madras, Heads of Social Service Organiza-
tions etc. making a total of about 200, may be invited.
Catering may be at about Rs. 2/8/0 or Rs. 3/- per head.

(d) A special meeting can be arranged for the students
and staff of the Training colleges in the city and of
schools for Defectives.

2. The Correspondents of all the schools
for Defectives have been requested to suggest each a
suitable interpreter to accompany Dr. Stauffer. The name
of the one finally chosen will be reported to Government.

3. Another item suggested for inclusion in the
programme of Public reception is a colour film depicting the life
of innates in the Deaf-mute school at Palamcottah. The
Correspondent has requested me to give an opportunity to her
for exhibiting this film--"The Palamcottah Deaf film" during
the visit of Dr. Stauffer, so as to rouse interest among the
public in the work for defectives. If possible a place
can be given in the programme of Public Reception, for this
film. It is suggested that a small grant be made to the
School towards the cost of conveyance and screening of the
film.

4. It is presumed that there is need only for

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for arranging a reception to Dr. Stauffer in the city. In Vellore very likely the visitors will be the guests of the Medical College staff. If any arrangements have to be made for the party's stay in Vellore also, I may be specifically informed of it, so that necessary arrangements can be made.

Yours faithfully,

G. Sankaranarayanan
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for Director of Public Instruction.

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It is desirable that invitations should issue in the name of the Honorable Minister for Education. As regards the invitees for the reception it is suggested that all ministers, heads of departments like Industries, High Court Judges, a few secretaries to Government, Heads of Institutions for the blind and deaf, the Arch-Bishop and Bishops of Madras, Heads of Social Service Organizations etc. making a total of about 200, may be invited. Catering may be at about Rs. 25/- or Rs. 30/- per head.

A special meeting can be arranged for the students and staff of the Training colleges in the city and of schools for Deaf-blind.

3. The Correspondents of all the schools for Deaf-blind have been requested to suggest each a suitable interpreter to accompany Dr. Stauffer. The name of the one finally chosen will be reported to Government.

4. Another item suggested for inclusion in the programme of public reception is a colour film depicting the life of the deaf-blind. It is suggested that a small group of the school towards the cost of conveyance and expenses of the

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Education - Special - Visit of Mrs. and Dr. Stauffer to Madras - Arrangements.

From the B.P.G. Rc. No. 622 B2/48 d/7.1.49.

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In the circumstances stated, the B.P.G. is informed that he may reserve another ~~double~~ double suite of rooms for the accommodation of Dr. Stauffer and party during their stay in Madras, as a precautionary measure.

2. The proposals of the B.P.G. in ~~respect~~ ^{the program} for the public reception to Dr. Stauffer and for organising ~~of the~~ special meeting are approved. The B.P.G. is requested to arrange for the reception in the Senate Hall ^{itself} ~~for the Rajaji Hall may not be available during the period of stay of the visitors,~~ on the lines suggested in his letter cited above. He is requested to report to Govt the date on which the reception is to be held.

3. The Govt do not consider it necessary to arrange for the exhibition of the film "Palam-cottah Deaf Film" on during the public reception to Dr. Stauffer. As regards the visit to Vellore, arrangements ~~if necessary~~ ^{if required} for the stay of the visitors at Vellore may be made after their arrival in Madras.

4. The Director is permitted to incur the necessary expenditure ~~for~~ ^{on} making arrangements for the visit of Dr. Stauffer and party and to report the amount to Govt in due course for specific sanction being accorded.

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Education - Special - Visit of Mrs and Dr. Stauffer -
Expenditure incurred - Particulars called for

From the D.P.G. R.C. No. 622 S₂/48 d/7.1.49 and
Subsequent T.M. p. 7 nf.

Memo No 64815 B₁/48-7 Edn d/22.1.49.

The D.P.G is requested to report to Govt. the
expenditure actually incurred ~~in connection with~~ ^{in connection with} the visit
of Dr. Stauffer and party to Madras ~~for the account of~~ ^{so that sanction}
~~formal sanction~~ maybe accorded to the expenditure

To
The D.P.G.

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EDUCATION Department		Received	Registered
From (Name)		To	
Designation	The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.		The Secretary to Government, Education & Public Health Department, Madras.

Enclosures: No. RC 622 D2/48 dated 26-2-1949.

Sir,

Sub:-- Education--Special visit of Dr. Stauffer to Madras--Expenditure incurred--Report--Submitted.

Ref:-- Government Memo. No. 64815 B1/48-7 Edn. dated 22-1-1949.



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I have the honour to submit herewith a detailed report on the expenditure actually incurred in connection with the visit of Dr. Stauffer and party and to request that the total sum of Rs. 281/- shown below, may kindly be sanctioned.

i)	Connemara Hotel Bill No. 20657	Rs. 141 0 0
ii)	" " " 56515	4 0 0
iii)	" " " 56366	2 0 0
iv)	" " " 56272	6 0 0
v)	"Hindu"--Bill No. 268/35 for notification about the Public reception.	72 0 0
vi)	"Mail"---Bill No. 255528 " "	20 0 0
vii)	"Express" Bill No. 18888 " "	8 0 0
viii)	Bill from Taxi Owner--Sri Jayaraman for taxi used for visits of the party to schools.	21 0 0
ix)	Banquets and Garlands for the Hon'ble Dr. Rajan and Dr. Stauffer at the public reception.	4 0 0
x)	Wicker basket for carrying the flower.	0 4 0
xi)	Conveyance charges as shown in the margin.**	1 4 0
xii)	Amount paid to menials for arranging 700 chairs for the reception.	1 8 0
Total.		281 0 0

2. The original bills in respect of items (i) to (viii) on the reverse are available and will be submitted if required. No bills have been obtained in respect of items (ix) to (xii) as the petty vendors and menials concerned could not be prevailed upon to issue bills for the small items of expenditure incurred.

**** Details of conveyance charges.**

1.	Conveyance for bringing flowers and garlands.	0 4 0
2.	Conveyance charges to the three News-paper officers "Mail", Hindu and Express.	0 8 0
2.	Conveyance to Muhammadan college.	0 8 0
		1 4 0

Yours faithfully,

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Education - Special ^{Education of defective children} Visit of Dr. Stauffer to Madras -
Expenditure incurred - Sanctioned.

From the B.P.S. Rc. No. 622 B2/48 d/ 26.2.49.

Order No. **688** Edn. dated. **12.3.1949**
Ms.

The action of the B.P.S. in having incurred an expenditure of Rs 281/- (Rupees two hundred and eighty one only) in connection with the visit of Dr. Stauffer to Madras, is approved.

2. The expenditure ~~already incurred~~ should be debited to "37 Edn - O. General - Direction - C. Other charges" in the estimate of expenditure for the year 1948-49.

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Education - Special - Visit of Dr. (Miss) Helen Keller,
the American Deaf-Blind Author.

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Ref:- Memo No. 64815 B, 1/48-1 Edn d/ 28-9-48.

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From Dr. Stauffer No. Nil d/ 9-9-48.
.. the Govt. of India No. F.1-1/48 B II d/ 29-10-48
.. the D.P.G. Re. No. 622/B2/48 d/ 3-11-48.

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A copy of the itinerary of Dr. (Miss) Helen Keller and party and copies of the letters from the Secretary, John Milton Society of New York d/ 9-9-48 and the Govt of India No F.1-1/48 B II d/ 29-10-48

[O.T.O]

Please see the draft and the note of the E & P.H. Department on pp 1 and 2 ante.

Government of India have intimated that ~~Dr.~~ Dr. (Miss) Helen Keller, the well known American ~~Deaf~~ Deaf-Blind author, lecturer and Philosopher and her party are expected to visit India early 1949. They will arrive in Madras on ~~16-1-49~~ 16-1-49 and leave for Vellore on 19-1-49. The Government of India therefore request this Government to accord a fitting reception to her on her arrival in Madras. The E & P.H. Department has sent the file to this Department with reference to ~~the~~ suggestion of the ~~D.P.I.~~ in para 2 of his letter on p 13 c.f.

~~As regards the question of treating her as State Guest it is submitted that only the Hon'ble Ministers of the Government of India, other Governments and States and Ambassadors etc. are treated as State Guests. As Dr. Keller has therefore no claim to be treated as a State Guest. If, however, the E. & P.H. Department consider it necessary to treat her as such, they may take orders in circulation to H.H. (P.H.).~~
If she is treated as a State Guest, ^{and} she may be accommodated in the Government Guest House ^{at Govt House, Mount Road} Necessary orders in this regard will be issued in this Department.

(It is presumed that the total number of the party will not be more than ~~ten~~ as State Guest House will accommodate ~~not~~ to a maximum of about ten only)

This Department is not concerned with the public ~~reception~~ reception mentioned in para 2 on p 13 c.f. With these remarks the file may be ~~passed on~~ returned to the E. & P.H. Department.

The D.P.I. definitely suggests that Dr. Keller and party should be accommodated in the 'Connemara' Hotel as 'State Guests'. By 'State Guests' he perhaps means ^{should} that their bills may be paid by the Government. Obviously it is not intended that they should be accommodated in the Guest House within the Govt. House premises. In the Guest House at the ~~more~~

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are communicated to the D.P.G. He is requested to report the details of the arrangements to be made for Dr. Helen Keller's visit, keeping in view the instructions given in Dr. Stauffer's letter cited above

2. The Director ~~is~~ is informed that he may take steps to arrange for one of the correspondents of the Schools for the Blind and Deaf-mute to act as the interpreter and for the stay of the party at the Connemara Hotel during their stay in Madras. ^{at Govt. expense.}

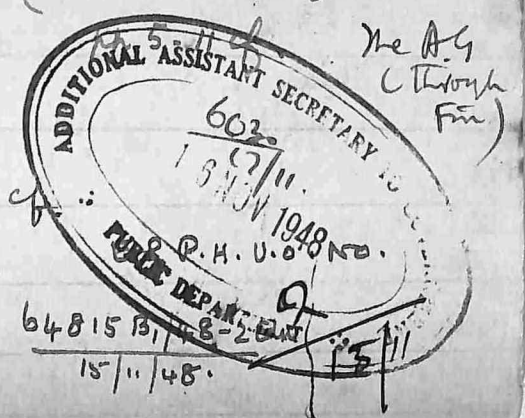
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Public may see with reference to para 2 on p 13 c.f. ^{5/11/48} ^{15/11/48} Pub. ✓

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To
The D.P.G.
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and even for them there is not enough furniture. Further the question of providing food is more difficult. There is no arrangement for supplying meals on European ~~xxx~~ style. In the circumstances, it is better to accept the suggestion of the D.P.I. that the party should stay in the Connemara Hotel.

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Yes - E.P.H. will no doubt Circulate the Case

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E & P.H. (B.)

Please see the note of Public. above. They agree with the D.P.G. that Helen Dr. Miss Helen Keller and party may stay in the Connemara Hotel at Govt. expense.

2. Necessary additions have been carried out in the draft memo. It may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) for acceptance. Finance may see prior to circulation

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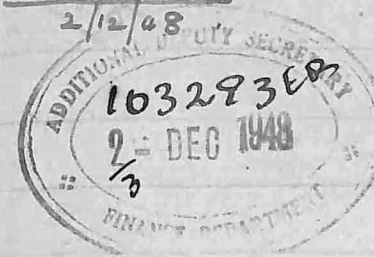
A communication since received from the G.O.F.G. has been added to the current file. It is now announced that due to the illness of her secretary, Dr. Helen Keller not able to make the ^{proposed} trip. Dr. and Mrs. Stauffer who were to accompany Dr. Keller will however visit according to schedule. Copies of all the documents to be sent from the G.O.F.G. may be

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B.I A letter has come in today's paper from the Govt of India. This must mean to require revision

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Finance (Exp.B)

The notes of E.P.H. and Public on 11-2 above and the draft memo below may be perused. E.P.H. will no doubt accept necessary sanction to the exp. actually incurred on account of the arrangements made for Dr. Stauffer's visit.

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E & P.H. (B.)

The file relates to the proposed visit of Dr. Min Stauffer. They are connected with the Stauffer and party to this province. The visit has been arranged by the Ministry of Education of the Govt of India who have suggested that the party proper arrangements may be made for the reception and stay of the party in Madras. The D.P.G. who was consulted in the matter, has suggested that the party may stay at the Connemara Hotel at Govt. expense. Public and Finance Depts. have agreed to this suggestion. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) for orders whether the D.P.G. may be asked to make arrangements for the proposed visit of Dr. Stauffer and party and for approval of the draft memo.

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The D.P.G. has not yet replied to the memo at pp 19-20 of.
A draft reminder to the D.P.G. is submitted for approval
Ltr no HL 3-1-49.

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C.No. 96380. D.O. d/17.12.48 from the D.P.G.

With reference to the Director's query at p 21 of, it is submitted that Dr. and Mrs. Stauffer will be visiting this province as per the original schedule drawn for the proposed tour of Dr. Helen Keller - vide pages 5 and 7 of. The D.P.G. may be informed accordingly.

2. A draft D.O. is submitted for approval.

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[D.O. No. 64815 B, 148-5 Edn. d/27.12.48]

C.No. 1724 from the D.P.G. Re. No. 622-D2/48 d/7.1.49. H 25-26 of

Please see the letter from the D.P.G. at pp 25-26 of. He reports that a double suite of rooms has been reserved for Dr. and Mrs. Stauffer for 4 days from 21st to 24th inst. the no. of persons accompanying Dr. Stauffer and the extent of accommodation required for the party is not known. It is, therefore, for consideration whether the D.P.G. may be instructed to book another double suite of rooms in the Connaught Hotel as a stand-by if there is any further demand for accommodation.

2. The arrangements proposed by the D.P.G. in connection with the public reception of the guests seems to be acceptable. He may be informed that the reception may be held in the Senate Hall of the Rajaji Hall. The date on which the reception is to be held, may be fixed in consultation with the D.P.G. and reported to Govt. In regard to the exhibition of the film "The Blind and the Dumb" proposed by the D.P.G., it is desired that

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With ref. to 'A' on p 25 of.

It is seen from p 17 of that Dr. and Mrs. Stauffer will visit this country. As however 10 days' notice is necessary for the reservation of rooms, another double suite of rooms may perhaps be reserved.

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It is for notes whether a tea party is necessary. The cost will vary from Rs 500 to Rs 600.

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Dr. Stauffer and party are visiting India for the promotion of education among the Blind and the exhibition of this film depicting the conditions in a deaf and dumb school, may not be quite in keeping with the ~~object~~ ^{aim} of the party. It may not be possible to include this item in the already crowded programme of the visitors during their stay in Madras. The D.P.G. may therefore be informed that the proposal to arrange for the exhibition of this film may be dropped.

4. Regarding the stay of the party at Vellore, the D.P.G. feels that no arrangements are necessary as they are likely to be the guests of the local medical college. This seems probable and the D.P.G. may be instructed to make any arrangements if necessary after the arrival of the party in Madras.

5. The D.P.G. may be authorised to incur the necessary expenditure and report the amount to Govt. A draft memo to the D.P.G. is submitted for approval. Finance may see prior to circulation.

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from the D.P.G. to the Govt. to show interest in advance of their programme - to be in the manner of accommodation in the Connaught Hotel. The D.P.G. may be instructed to book another double suite of rooms in the Connaught Hotel as a stand-by if there is any further demand for accommodation. The cost of the tea party may be Rs 500 to Rs 600. It is for notes whether a tea party is necessary. The cost will vary from Rs 500 to Rs 600. 21/1/49 (21.1.49 to 24.1.49) p 25-26 of

Sanction may be given in the B.R.

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Finance (Exp B)

(Previous finance note on page 5 above).
The notes of EPH Secretary on page 7 above may be perused. At this dept. may agree with EPH Secy. Formal sanction may be accorded to the actual expre incurred after obtaining particulars of expre from the D.P.I.

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E & P.H. (B.)

With reference to the notes of Fin. Deptt. a draft memo to the D.P.G.'s submitted for approval.

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[Memo No. 64815 B, 148-7 Edn d/ 22.1.49]

C.No. 14997. from the D.P.G. Re. No. 622 B2/48 d/26.2.49.

The D.P.G. has furnished the particulars of the expenditure incurred in connection with the visit of Dr. Stauffer. Formal sanction may be accorded now for this expenditure already incurred.

2.) Finance may be requested to suggest the head of account to which this expenditure should be debited.

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Other charges may be debited to E & P.H. no

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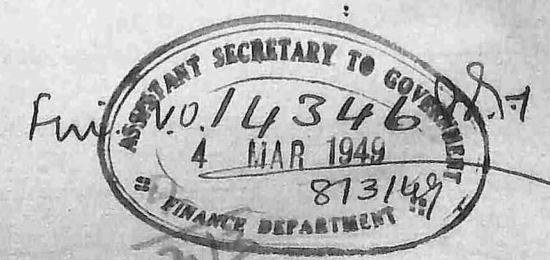
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E & P.H. (B.)

Please see the note of Fin. Deptt. at p 8 ante. A draft order sanctioning the expenditure of Rs 281, already incurred, is submitted below for approval.

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Order of exp. was done under the sanction of the E.P.H. Secretary on 11.3.49 for Rs 281. The same was sanctioned by the D.P.G. on 11.3.49. The same was sanctioned by the D.P.G. on 11.3.49. The same was sanctioned by the D.P.G. on 11.3.49.

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