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G. O. No. Ms. 998 Edm.

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Argus Engineering Company Ltd.

Managing Agents: TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LTD.

WORKS AT
COIMBATORE

Regd. A/D.

WARDEN HOUSE,
FORT, BOMBAY.

Ref. 790/17/-

18th March 1948.

Sri T.S. Avinashlingam Chettiar,
Honourable the Minister of Education,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Re: Arthur Hope College of Technology,
COIMBATORE.

We thank you for granting an interview to the Chairman and Directors of our Company in connection with the accommodation of the above institution which is at present accommodated in our premises at Peelamedu, Coimbatore and for having discussed the matter openly with great care and attention. As per the discussion that has taken place and as per the inclination shown by your Honour to purchase a portion or the whole of our buildings for the benefit and welfare of the -- institution and Technical Education, we have pleasure to submit hereunder our offers for sale of the same.

noticed.
For the purpose of getting the clear idea, we are enclosing herewith a Blue Print of our whole factory having marked boundries in different colours which is in context with the offers hereunder. The boundries marked in Red shows the premises with the institution at present.

1. (a) If the Government is pleased to purchase the land and buildings as per the boundries marked in yellow on the enclosed blue print, our final offer for sale is Rs. 15,00,000/- (Rs. Fifteen lakhs net). This will be the outright sale of the complete premises of our factory.

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1. (b) Alternatively, if the Government is pleased to purchase

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a portion of our Land and Buildings as marked by black boundries, in the enclosed Blue Print, we are prepared to part with that for Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rs. Ten lakhs).

In case of the Government choosing to buy the premises outright as referred above in para 1 (a) (bounded by yellow marks) we humbly submit that we may be given facility to continue in the premises that is with us for one year. This is only with a view that it will take some time for us to construct new structures in adjoining lands and remove our plants and machinery over there. In this case and to reciprocate our gesture, the Government may also be pleased to give us a special priority for availing building - materials for our new construction.

We submit that we would have considered the proposal of renting these premises to the Government, had it not been for the sole reason that unless the premises occupied by the said institution are available to us, we cannot proceed with the expansion of our concern as per our plans; as also that to all Industrial concern such a space as occupied by the college at present has a tremendous value since much of our Technical staff from mofussil can be -- accommodated there. This will therefore be more remunerative to the business rather than earning something by way of rent by leasing the premises. From the point of view of financial and economical aspect, leasing the premises to yeild rent means a greater part of invested Capital remains blocked up instead of the same being utilised as rolling capital which would yeild more to the business and flourish the industry. As against it if we sell out the entire premises or a part of it, the -----

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Capital so realised can be utilised more profitably to construct fresh quarters to provide amenity to the Labour.

In conclusion, with a view to close the matter without any more delay and discussions, and with a view to avoid any -- scope of bargaining, we have quoted you the lowest prices that we should equitably get and we trust that the Government will find it the most reasonable. However, if the Government has any tentative suggestion in the matter, we shall be too glad to meet again and discuss the matter to arrive at a final and -- satisfactory conclusion.

We shall thank you to consider this from the angle which will benefit the Education and Industry both as well.

Anticipating a prompt reply,

We remain,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,
for ARGUS ENGINEERING CO. LTD.,
for TECHNOCRACY (India) LTD.,

DIRECTOR
MANAGING AGENTS.

Do. No. 22449-1/48 A Edu. d. 5-4-48 Edu and P.H. Dept

Dear Mr. Viswanath,

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A. H. college of Technology,
Bombay - accommodation.

I am to enclose copy of a letter
from the Argus Eng. Coy: No. 790/178/18-2-48
offering for sale their premises in Bombay for
locating the Eng college. Now that arrangements
are being made to shift the college to the Burma
Evacuee Camp, it may not be necessary to
negotiate with the company. I am however to
request you to offer your remarks in the matter.

Yours truly,

Prof. A. Viswanath

Municipal, A. H.

College of Technology

Bombay
Copy to the D.P.D.
(with copy a.c.)

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(with copy)
copy of letter + plan (to be
retained with records)

From
Prof. A. VISWANATH M.Sc(Lond).
A.C.G.I., D.I.C., M.I.E.,
Principal, Arthur Hope College
of Technology, Coimbatore,
Peelamedu P.O.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H. Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.
Through the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.



R.C.33.B/48 dated 12-4-1948.

Ref: D.O.No.22449-1/48.A Education dated 5th April 1948
from the Secretary to Government, Education & Public
Health Department, Madras. (copy enclosed)
Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -
Accommodation.

In reference to the letter of Messrs. Argus Engineering
Co., dated 18th March 1948 Ref. No. 790/17/- addressed to the
Hon'ble Minister for Education, offering the sale of their
premises for locating the Arthur Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore, I give my remarks as below:--

E.P.H. (A)
The remarks of the
D.P.G. may be
awaited.
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1. The purchase of only a portion of the lands and buildings of the Argus Engineering Co., leaving the remainder to be occupied by the Argus Engineering Co. will not be a satisfactory arrangement as it will lead to many complications.
2. The sale price of Rs.15,00,000/- for the entire land and buildings of the Argus Engineering Co. is probably high. On this point, the P.W.D. and the Collector may be addressed for a correct valuation.
3. The purchase of the entire lands and buildings of the Argus Engineering Co. will help in immediately tiding over the difficulties in respect of accommodation. But in the long run, it will not be an advantageous proposition due to the following:--
 - (a) The Hostel and Residential Accommodation will be inadequate to accommodate even the additional expected students next July and for this additional construction work will have to be put up.
 - (b) The position of water-supply is unsatisfactory. Water from the local wells is brackish and will not be suitable for running machinery, boilers, etc. as it will lead to corrosion. Drinking water at present is conveyed in water lorry. The supply is inadequate and this arrangement cannot be relied upon for all time.
 - (c) The entire building and structure of the Argus Engineering Co. cannot be considered pucca and will entail heavy expenditure in repairs and maintenance.
 - (d) The water-supply system as well as electric distribution lines have already shown signs of failure and rectification will involve completely renewing the water-supply lines and electric wiring.
 - (e) With all the accommodation now available, the College will still require additional construction for offices, class-rooms, drawing hall, lecture classes, residential accommodation, etc. when it comes to full working condition.

As already decided by Government, I request that arrangements to shift the College to the Forest College Estate may be expedited.

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PRINCIPAL.

✓ Copy submitted to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Endorsement R.O.C.No. 183/K.2/46 dated 24th April 1948.

SUB:- Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore - Accommodation:



REF:- (1) D.O.No.22449/1/48 A Education, dated 5th April 1948.
(2) Letter RC.No.33/B/48 dated 12th April 48 from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

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2. I agree with the remarks of the Principal of the College in his letter read above. In view of the fact that the Evacuee Camp has already been purchased by Government for locating the college, there is no need to consider the offer made by the Argus Engineering Company, Coimbatore.

To
for Director of Public Instruction.
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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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, Peelamedu P.O.

To The Secretary to Government, Education & P.H. Department, Fort St. George, Madras. Through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

R.C.33.B/48 dated 12-4-1948.

Sir,

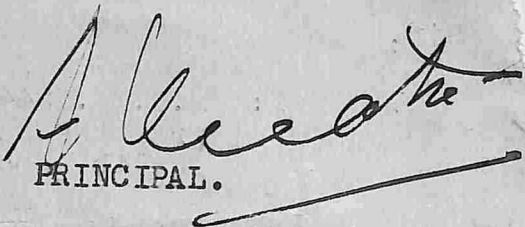
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PRINCIPAL.

Copy submitted to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

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I have had a talk since with Professor Viswanath, Principal of the Arthur Hope College who happened to be in here. When I put to him the point at 'M' above he said that it was not feasible, and that all that we can do now, in view of the latest development, is to see that the Pre-fabricated sheds are erected in the area in the Agricultural College Estate ear-marked for the construction of permanent buildings, to be made use of along with other arrangements to be made, a year hence, and that for the ensuing year, it is imperative that we should arrange to continue the College in the existing premises, and that even in that case it would not be possible to make new admissions to the college and that the batch to be newly admitted, as for that college, will have to be sent to the Engineering College, Guindy. I have asked him to send his proposals immediately through the D.P.I.

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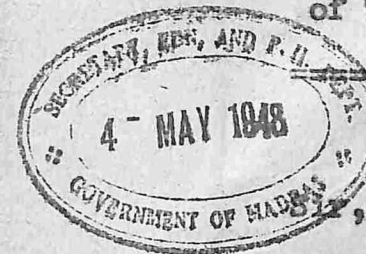
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From
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A.C.G.I., D.I.C., M.I.E.,
Principal, Arthur Hope College
of Technology, Coimbatore,
Peelamedu P.O.

To
The Secretary,
Education & P.H. Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.
Through the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.



R.C.33.B/48 d. 3-5-1948.

Sub: Shifting of the Arthur Hope College of
Technology, Coimbatore, from the present
premises of Argus Engineering Co.

I. In our discussions last week (28th April 1948) on the above subject, you had indicated that the buildings of the British Evacuee Camp in the Forest College Estate may not be available for the Arthur Hope College of Technology as all the lands and buildings (except 2 blocks A & B which serve as students' Hostel) are required by Central Government for expansion of the Forest College. This would mean that the proposals and estimates submitted by the P.W.D. for immediately erecting the prefabricated steel sheds from Cochin and Trichy in the Forest College Estate will also have to be given up. In these circumstances, you wanted me to suggest any other proposals for running the College.

II. With barely 9 weeks for the reopening of the College, it does not seem practicable to build up new construction for class rooms, laboratories, workshops and quarters to house the College with all amenities of water, electricity and sanitation. Under the circumstances, to run the College next year, the only course open is to continue in the present premises for one more year, and during this one year period, expedite with utmost speed the construction of permanent buildings in the site allotted by Government, in G.O.No. Ms.1943 Edn. dated 11-10-1946.

III. According to existing arrangement with Mr. G.D. Naidu, the present premises will have to be vacated by end of June 1948 to its present owners, the Argus Engineering Co. If the proposals to obtain and shift into the British Evacuee Camp is to be definitely abandoned, the only alternative is to take immediate steps for continuing occupation of the present premises for one more year by having recourse to requisitioning or any other measures, and Government may take the necessary steps immediately. With regard to the prefabricated steel sheds for the erection of which proposals and estimates have been put up by the P.W.D., orders may be issued to erect these in the 100 acre site allotted in G.O.No.Ms.1943 Edn. dated 11-10-1946 so as to form part of the permanent workshops and laboratories for the College. This work may be started immediately so that the workshops and laboratories equipment that remain unerected as well as new machines that will be arriving in coming months can be installed in these sheds.

IV. Simultaneously, in order to expedite the construction of the main buildings, quarters, etc., it is requested that instructions contained in G.O.No.Ms.1943 Edn. dated 11-10-1946 (copy enclosed) may be reissued to all departments concerned stressing the need for utmost expediency.

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V. Even with the requisition of the present premises for another year, the available accommodation of class rooms, laboratories and Hostel will not permit the admission of the 75 additional students in the I Year Class, in addition to the IV Year Classes which will be opening for the first time. As a solution to this, I request that the quota of new students selected for the College may be admitted in Guindy College, making use of the facilities vacated by Anantapur College Students, who will be shifting to Anantapur.

VI. Summing up, in case the British Evacuee Camp in the Forest College Estate is not available, the only course open is to continue in the present premises for one more year and simultaneously expedite construction of permanent buildings so that at least by July 1949, the College will be able to shift to its own permanent buildings. In this case, the following steps will have to be taken immediately:--

1. Steps for continuing occupation of present premises by the Arthur Hope College of Technology for one more year by requisitioning or other means.
2. Instructions to be issued to the P.W.D. for erecting the pre-fabricated steel sheds in the 100 acre site assigned to this College in G.O. No. 1943 Edn. dated 11-10-1946 so as to form part of the permanent workshops and laboratories, as per lay-out plans supplied to the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore.
3. Expedite construction of permanent buildings, quarters, etc. for the College in accordance with G.O. No. 1943 Edn. dated 11-10-1946 so as to enable shifting by July 1949.
4. Arrange admission of new students selected for this College at Guindy Engineering College in replacement of the Anantapur College Students, who will be moving to Anantapur, and making use of all the facilities vacated by them.

I request early action may be taken on these.

PRINCIPAL.

✓ Copy (in advance) to the Secretary, Education & P.H. Dept., Madras
" to the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, Coimbatore.

D.O. No. 61715-45/4/1 A Edn. 29.4.48

Dear Mr. Reddi,

A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore -
Accommodation.

It has almost been decided that the ^{major} ~~major~~ portion of the Burma Evacuee Camp should be allotted to the Forest College which is to be handed over to the Government of India from the next academic year. Yesterday Professor Viswanath, Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, was here in connection with a Conference convened by H.M.(Edn.) and I had a talk with him about matters ^{connected with his college} ~~connected with his college~~. He says that it will be practically impossible to remove the college to the limited space allotted to the college in the Forest College Estate and that it is imperative that arrangements should be made to continue the college in the existing premises and that even in that case it would not be possible to make new admissions to the college and that the batch to be newly admitted, as for that college, will have to be sent to the Engg. College, Guindy. He also says that the prefabricated sheds which we propose to purchase from the Military for the College may be erected in the site earmarked for the College in the Agricultural College Estate, to be made use of, along with other arrangements to be made, a year hence. I am to request you to obtain the Principal's proposals and forward them to Government with your remarks as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

D.P.I. (by name)

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Copy of G.O.Ms.1943.Edn. dated 11-10-1946,
Education & Public Health Department.

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SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -
Selection of a Site for the construction of new
buildings - Orders passed.

Read: From Sri T.A.Ramalingam Chettiar, Letter dated
7-6-1946; from the Director of Agriculture, D.O.No
XI-208/46 dated 16-8-1946.

ORDER.

The Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore
is now located in the buildings and Workshops belonging
to Sri G.D.Naidu and temporarily placed by him at the
disposal of Government for a period of three years
ending with July 1948. The question of constructing
permanent buildings for the College has been under the
consideration of the Government for sometime and in
the connection various proposals for the selection of
a suitable site for the buildings have been examined.
The Government have finally decided that the buildings
should be constructed on the site to the North of the
Agricultural College, Coimbatore, in the Agricultural
estate measuring about 100 acres as shown in the plan
enclosed. The Director of Public Instruction is
requested to obtain from the Public Works Department
and submit to Government at a very early date, plans
and estimates for the construction of new buildings
for the Engineering College on the site proposed.
The matter should be treated as especially urgent
as the new buildings will have to be completed before
June 1948, without fail, as by that time, the lease
on the buildings in which the College is now located,
will expire.

/BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR/

M.V.Subramanian,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, with a
plan.

To the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General, etc)

To the Director of Agriculture, Madras.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras

Copy to the Public Works Department.

Copy to the Collector, Coimbatore.

/TRUE COPY/

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Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s, 6th May 1948.

Dear Mr. Subramanian,

Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore - accommodation.

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Please see your D.O. letter D.O.No.61715-45/46

A, Edn., dated 29-4-48. I have just received the proposals of Mr. Viswanath, Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore. I am not, however, submitting it to you as a copy has been sent to you direct by him and I am merely offering my remarks on the four proposals that he has made.

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(1) I do not know if Government have power to requisition the present premises. If they have, I suggest that immediate action may be taken in this regard. If you desire I shall also request Mr. Viswanath to see if he can negotiate for lease of the buildings. The representatives of the Argus Engineering Company demanded a fabulous rent (Rs.10,000/-per month). - When I met them sometime ago at Coimbatore. Though I understand they are

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anxious to wind up their business at Coimbatore, it is possible that they may insist on this rent if they realize that Government is not in a position to vacate the premises. It would, perhaps, be desirable to request the Collector also to intervene.

(2) Instructions may be issued to the P.W.D. to erect the prefabricated steel sheds in the site assigned to this college.

(3) It is doubtful if within one year the permanent buildings, quarters etc., can be completed on the new premises.

(4) As regards the admission of new students at Guindy I am consulting the Principal. I expect, however, that there will be no difficulty in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature

To

M. V. Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H. Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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Routine:

Sub: A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore - Allotment of British Evacuee Camp. *13A 15 22 E.P.H. (4)*



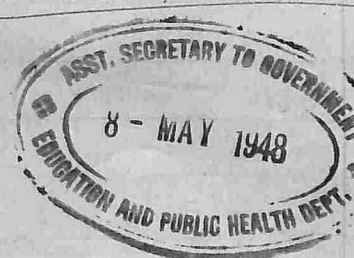
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E.P.H. no. 61715-46/sub A

Dated 7-5-48



The file asked for by Edu & P.H. is linked with this dept file regarding the ~~to~~ *whitewashing* of the Evacuee buildings & lands in the Forest College Estate, Coimbatore & has been circulated to H.M. Agri & H.M. Edu. as desired by Edu & P.H. It will be destroyed & returned to Edu & P.H. when the main

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Dear Mr. Viswanath,

A.H. College of Technology,
Bombay. Accommodation.

Ref your letter No. Re No:
33 B/48 & 3.5.48.

I am ~~to request~~ ^{to request} you to fix in
consultation with the Executive or Superintending
Engineer, Bombay, ~~as to what~~ ^{the reasonable}
rent which ~~you~~ ^{you} pay if the college is to continue
in the present premises and to submit a report to
govt as soon as possible.

Yours truly

To Mr. A. Viswanath
Principal.

A.H. College of
Technology
Bombay

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Letter No. 22449-3/48 A Edn. 2. 11.5.48.

Ref to

The Managing Director,

Anglo Eng Coy. Ltd
Bombay.

Sir,

As matters stand the A.H. College of
Technology, ^{Bombay} will have to be located in its present
premises for a few more years. I am to request
you to state the terms and conditions under
which ~~it can be done~~ ^{you will agree}
to ~~continue~~ ^{continue} the college remaining
in your buildings

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Yours faithfully
11/5/48.

From (Name) Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A. (Oxon),
 Designation Director of Public Instruction
 Station MADRAS.

To

The Secretary to Government,
 Education and Public Health Dept.,
 MADRAS.

Enclosures:

ROC.No. 183 K2/46 dated 17th May 1948.

Sir,



SUB: ARTHUR HOPE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, COIMBATORE & accommodation

REF: D.O.No.61715-45/46.A Edn., dated 29.4.48.

I have the honour to invite attention to the letters

Re.250/47 dated 3.5.48 and Re.33B/48 dated 3.5.48 from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, copies of which have been submitted to Government direct and also to my D.O. dated 6.5.48 on the above subject.

2) In para 2 of his letter dated 3.5.48, the Principal has suggested that the College may be continued in the present building for one more year and during this period to expedite the construction of permanent buildings in the site allotted in C.O.No.1943 Edn., dated 11-10-46.

In the absence of any other suitable buildings the continuance of the college in the present building has become a necessity but as there may not be any possibility of the permanent buildings being completed within a year, I would suggest that Government may kindly consider the question of continuing the lease for a longer period. The Chief Engineer may kindly be requested to inspect the building and fix its rent from June 1948.

3) The Principal has also suggested that the prefabricated sheds should be erected in the permanent site allotted to the college and that an expenditure of Rs.3000/- for dismantling and conveying them to Coimbatore may be sanctioned urgently.

4) In regard to the admission of the first year students of the college in the College of Engineering, Guindy, the Principal states that as the first and second year students of the Anantapur Engineering College will be leaving for Anantapur in July 1948, the College can admit 75 students of the Arthur Hope College provided the same additional teaching staff is

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sanctioned as was done 1946-47. The question of additional staff may be taken up after the admissions are actually made.

It is however necessary to obtain the permission of the Syndicate for the admission of additional students in Guindy.

I request that Government may issue very early orders, so that the permission of the University may be obtained in time.

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for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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Ramu. 18.5.48.

It is requested that all communications should be addressed to The Registrar, University of Madras, Triplicane P. O., Madras, and not to any person by name.



No.

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS,
CHEPAUK, MADRAS.

Enclosures.

FROM

THE REGISTRAR,
University of Madras.

20 MAY 1948



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

38112 Sir,

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Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology - Coimbatore -
Permanent location.

Ref: Correspondence ending with your letter No.
61715-44/46-A.Edn. dated the 21st April
1948.

I am to enquire whether the report of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, has been received and when it may be expected in this Office.

I have also to request you to let me know at what stage the arrangements made to shift the College temporarily to the British Evacuees Camp, Coimbatore, now stand and whether the College will be able to move there before the beginning of the academic year 1948-49.

The favour of a very early reply is requested.

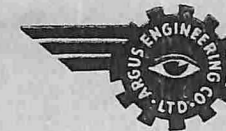
Your obedient servant,

R. R. R. R. R.
Ag. REGISTRAR.

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras

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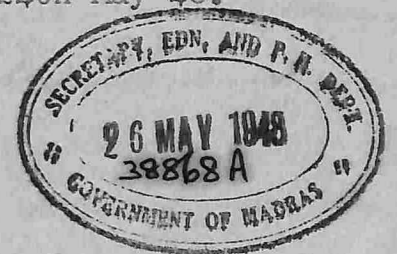
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24th May 48.

M.V. Subramanian Esqr., I.C.S.
Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
M A D R A S.



Your Ref.No.22449-3/48 A Edn. of 11th inst.
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Sir,

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We acknowledge your above reference and invite your attention to our letter of 19th March 1948 addressed to Hon'ble the Minister of Education. We have clarified the entire position in that letter and have stated that we are not interested in leasing the premises to the Government as we intend to expand the factory.

However in view of your letter under reply we shall be too willing to co-operate with the Government and as it is essential to have a personal discussion in this matter, our Directors Sheth Himatlal Kalidas Mehta and Mr. S.H. Thaker, will call on you during the 2nd week of June. Kindly let us know immediately the day and time suitable to you as we would like to decide this matter finally and as early as possible without wasting any more time.

Awaiting your early Telegraphic reply,

Yours faithfully,
FOR ARGUS ENGINEERING CO. LTD.
FOR TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LTD.

H. A. Mehta
DIRECTOR,
MANAGING AGENTS.

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A.H. College of Technology,
 Bombay. Accommodation

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 Ref letter from the D.P.D No: (8362)
 of 17.5.48

The D.P.D is informed that steps
 are being taken for the continuance of
 the College in its present premises even
 after June 1948. Orders have already
 been issued for the erection of the T.G. shed
 bought from Cochran in the site reserved
 for the college in the Agricultural college
 estate, and the B.E. has been asked
 to submit urgently an estimate for the
 work. The ^{Director} ~~Director~~ may now make arrangements
 for the admission of the 75- Bombay
 students in the Eng. college, Sind and
 also obtain the necessary permission for this
 from the university. Proposals for the employment
 of add staff, if necessary, may be
 taken in due course.

In D.P.D. ✓ 29/5/48
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Indian Engineering Company Ltd.



Letter No. 22449-7/48 A Edu. d. 29.5.48

Ref

The Registrar, University of Madras.

Sir,

A. H. College of Technology - Coimbatore
Accountant General

Ref your letter No. A. 20592/294
20.5.48.

The Director's report referred to in your letter has not yet been received.

As regards shifting of the college to the Burma Evacuee Camp a new complication has now arisen. The Govt of Madras require the major portion of the Camp for the Forest college which they have taken over and the Camp is not now available for the Eng college except a very small portion. In view of the new development steps are being taken to continue the college in the present premises pending the construction of permanent buildings. A further report will be sent to you after the arrangements for the continuing of the college in the present premises are finalized.

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Education Department
From (Name) Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A.,
(Oxon),
Designation Director of Public
Instruction,
Station Madras.

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

Enclosures: Rc.No. 183 K2/46 dated 31-5-1948. 194



Sir,

Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -
Trouble between the Principal and Messrs. Argus
Engineering Company - Settlement - Report.

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the

letter P.No.1/48 dated 24-5-48 from the Principal, Arthur

Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, reporting that an

amicable settlement was arrived at in the trouble that arose
between him and Messrs Argus Engineering Company, Coimbatore.
Maybe added to the
file dealing with
continuance of college in
present premises.
(See K on p. 4 in file)

3.6.48

S.N.1-6.

for Director of Public Instruction.

2/6.

Copy of letter P.No.1/48 dated 24-5-1948 from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Following the incidents reported in my letter to the District Superintendent of Police dated 21-5-1948, in order to clarify the rights of the Argus Engineering Co. in respect of the buildings, well, watersupply and other installations offered to the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, Mr. G.D.Naidu was good enough to arrange on 22-5-1948 a meeting of the following in his house:

Mr. Sharma, Engineer and General Manager of the Argus Engineering Co.

Mr. Metha, Resident Administrative Head of the Argus Engineering Co. in Coimbatore and myself.

At the meeting, Mr. G.D.Naidu explained the position and rights of the Arthur Hope College of Technology in its present premises in accordance with the terms of his offer to house the College and help its running initially for a period of three years in his National Electric Works (subsequently sold and renamed as Argus Engineering Co.). He explained to both Mr. Sharma and Mr. Metha that:--

1. Mr. Naidu had handed over to the P.W.D. the entire hostel blocks with kitchen, outhouses, watersupply installation, pump house, well, as well as part of the main buildings and workshops with equipment, furniture and a certain amount of tools together with rights to use certain open space, bath rooms, urinals and sheds and also half right for use of the main entrance to the company.
2. These items were handed over to the P.W.D. in order to help the Arthur Hope College of Technology to be started and run for a period of three years in these premises.
3. The sale of the entire factory to the Argus Engineering Co. stipulates the condition that the portions of lands, open spaces, buildings, installations, outhouses, well, pumping sets, bath rooms, urinals, sheds, etc. offered for the use of the Arthur Hope College of Technology will come into the ownership of the Argus Engineering Co. only at the termination of the three year period.
4. During the three year period, the Government of Madras, through the P.W.D. and Education Department, own and operate the equipment, installations, watersupply system, well, pumping sets, etc. for their exclusive use and that the Argus Engineering Co. have no right or claims on these.
5. The entire hostel blocks are offered to the College for housing the students and staff and that the servants or staff of the Argus Engineering Co. have no right to claim any part of these for their own residence.
6. If the Arthur Hope College of Technology has permitted the Argus Engineering Co. to make use of the watersupply system, certain rooms in the hostel, etc., it is purely a matter of personal arrangement with the permission of the Principal and out of good neighbourly relationship.

7. The Principal of the Arthur Hope College of Technology has the right to refuse accommodation to the Argus Engineering Co. staff in the hostel premises as well as to stop supplies of water from the college watersupply system.

8. A separate borewell has been provided for the use of the Argus Engineering Co. to enable them to have an independent watersupply of their own.

Mr. Sharma and Mr. Metha of the Argus Engineering Co. being thus convinced that their actions in interfering with the college watersupply system and claiming rights of residence in the hostel premises as well as supply of drinking water were unlawful, agreed on the spot to give no more trouble. The key of the College Pump House which was locked up by Mr. Sharma was handed over to me on the spot and he and Mr. Metha agreed that they will act up to the terms and conditions of Mr. G.D.Naidu's benevolent gift to the Arthur Hope College of Technology.

The matter has thus amicably ended in this way. As Government are now thinking of requisitioning these premises to continue the College for the next year, I recommend that the terms and conditions should be so drawn up as to leave no room for the company to claim any rights in the College, Hostel, and all its services and installations.

(True Copy)

for Director of Public Instruction.
13/6.

A. M.

From
Prof. A. Viswanath, M.Sc(Lond).,
A.C.G.I., B.I.C., M.I.E.,
Principal, Arthur Hope College
of Technology, Coimbatore,
Peelamedu P.O.

To
The Hon'ble Minister for Edu-
cation,
Government of Madras.
Through The Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.

Recd: 33 B. 4 8

Dated 4-6-48

Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
Occupation of the existing building for another
year from 1-7-48.

According to the existing arrangement the present premises will have to be vacated by the end of June 1948. As the shifting of the College to the Forest College Estate before July 1948 cannot be given effect to, I request Government to take necessary steps to arrange for the continuity of occupation in the present premises for another year on the same terms and conditions on which Mr. G.D. Naidu has offered to us. These terms and conditions are explained in his letter dated 21st February 1947 (copy enclosed).

* The premises as detailed overleaf.

A. M.
PRINCIPAL

Advance Copy handed over to the Hon'ble Minister for Education in person.

These premises mentioned in the letter comprise the following:

- (1) Portions of the main building, Workshops with Equipment, Furniture and certain amount of tools and the right to use the heavy Log Sawing Machine.
- (2) Hostel Blocks complete with kitchen, outhouses, Bathrooms, Latrins, Urinals, Sheds etc.
- (3) Water Supply Installations including Pump House, Pump sets, well, etc.
- (4) Sanitary Installations.
- (5) The right to use certain passages and open spaces, entrances, etc., as handed over to the Public Works Department by Mr. G.D. Naidu and indicated in a Blue Print Drawing attested by Mr. G.D. Naidu on 26-5-45.

Copy of letter dated 21st February '47 from G.D. Naidu, Hon. Director, Arthur Hope Polytechnic, Avanashi Road, Coimbatore, to the Director of Industries & Commerce, Chepauk, Madras.

On this subject I received some correspondences from the Principal, College of Technology, Coimbatore and from some other Departments asking particulars of the same nature as asked in this reference. I am sorry I mislaid their letters and was hence unable to reply them yet. This reply will satisfy all the correspondences.

As regards your query, this building is not at all in any way connected with the Arthur Hope Polytechnic.

For the various questions raised by the other departments I am giving my reply in my personal capacity.

In the beginning of 1945 the U.M.S. Workshop at the Central Station and a portion in "Gopal Bagh" was given for the duration for the war to situate the Arthur Hope Polytechnic. Of course, the war ended long ago and in September '46 it was officially declared. With the end of the war this term also has expired.

To open the Arthur Hope College of Technology, a portion of the buildings at the premises "U.M.S. Central Works" was given to the Government for the duration of the war. But before the opening of the College the then Principal of the College asked me to extend the term for 3 years i.e., from July 1945 to June 1948 to which I agreed. It was also agreed to give the necessary equipments. Accordingly the necessary buildings and equipments were completed and handed over charge to the P.W.D. in June or July '46. But when handing over charge there was a slight alteration in the plan when compared with the original plan. In the original plan the sheds behind the hostel was agreed to be handed over but in the subsequent plan the portion of the shed behind the hostel were not given charge as some materials were stocked there. But it was agreed that soon after the materials are removed they will be handed over. Further, one of the rooms in the old blocks and two rooms in the new blocks also were not given actual possession as some of the staff were occupying them and at that time those rooms were not required for the College. Theoretically those portions were given charge. Of course, these places are to be handed over when the College is in need. The Staff certainly had my consent as well as that of the Principal.

Though the original understanding was that after finishing the bore well for the factory the present well should be given charge to the College, as the bore well was not tested last year, half of that portion was given charge to the P.W.D. In this building some equipments consisting of cement benches, cement tables, cement cots, sanitary equipment etc., belong to the factory building. But the cement benches and tables which were not shown in the plan (which were fitted in the end of last year) does not belong to the factory. Other wooden tables, chairs, machinery and equipments given for the temporary use of the College belongs to Trust and the Radio Factory. For this premises no rent was demanded and fixed. But there was an understanding that for the whole term of three years a rent should be paid to the College of Technology Scholarship Fund and that amount is to be given to the poor students of the College as scholarships. A letter was written on this point but it has not yet been decided. Subsequently it was agreed that until the well was completely handed over charge to the hostel a nominal water charge and until a separate meter has been fixed for the hostel, half the current charges also should be paid to the scholarship account. But

either myself or the new owners have no right to claim any rent or any charges. Of course, on December 16th 1946 I have sold the factory and handed over charge to the new owners. From December 16th the College should pay half of the current charges to the Factory as agreed till they have a separate meter and if the College has not taken full charge of the well, they should pay the water maintenance charge also to the factory. Of course, the new owners have every right to claim any rent soon after the expiry of the term. Only on this condition the sale of the factory was effected.

I hope this will clear the misunderstandings created by the College and the new owners.

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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,
Peelamedu P.O.

To
The Secretary to Government.
Education and Public Health
Department,
Government of Madras.
M A D R A S
Through the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.

R. e no: 33/2 - B.48 . Dated: 4 -6-48

Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
Handing over of the site-selected-from the Agri-
cultural Department to the Public Works Department

I understand from the Superintending Engineer, B.W.D. Coimbatore Circle that the 100 acres site allotted for the permanent buildings of the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore in G.O.No.MS.1943-Education, dated 11-10-46 has not been handed over to the Public Works Department by the Agricultural Department. The Public Works Department state that they are unable to start the construction until the site is handed over to them. I request Government to expedite necessary action in this matter.

A. Viswanath

PRINCIPAL

Advance copy handed over to the
Hon'ble Minister for Education in person.

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Through
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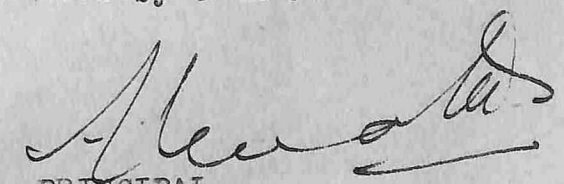
Dated 4-6-48

Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
Construction of main buildings, quarters, etc.,
in the site allotted for this College in the
Agricultural College Estate.

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In order to expedite the construction of the main buildings
quarters, etc., simultaneously with the construction of the pre-
fabricated Steel Sheds in the new site in the Agricultural College
Estate, I request that the instructions contained in G.O.No.MS.
below 1943-Edn-dated 11-10-46 (copy enclosed) may kindly be re-issued
to all Departments concerned emphasising the utmost urgency so as
to facilitate occupation of the new premises by 30th June 1949.


PRINCIPAL

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person.

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Copy of G.O.Ms.1943-Edn., dated 11-10-1946.
Education & Public Health Department.

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore Selection
of a Site for the construction of new buildings-Orders
Passed.

Read:- From Sri T.A.Ramalingam Chettiar, Letter dated 7-6-1946,
from the Director of Agriculture, D.O.No.XI-208/46 dated
16-8-1946.

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ORDER:

The Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore is now
located in the buildings and Workshops belonging to Sri G.D.Naidu
and temporarily placed by him at the disposal of Government for a
period of three years ending with July 1948. The question of
constructing permanent buildings for the College has been under the
consideration of the Government for sometime and in the connection
various proposals for the selection of a suitable site for the
buildings have been examined. The Government have finally decided
that the buildings should be constructed on the site to the North
of the Agricultural College, Coimbatore in the Agricultural estate
measuring about 100 acres as shown in the plan enclosed. The
Director of Public Instruction is requested to obtain from the

P.T.O.

Public Works Department and submit to Government at a very early date, plans and estimates for the construction of new buildings for the Engineering College on the site proposed. The matter should be treated as especially urgent as the new buildings will have to be completed before June 1948, without fail, as by that time, the lease on the buildings, in which the College is now located, will expire.

From
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Principal, Arthur Hope College
of Technology, Coimbatore,
Peelamedu P.O.

To
Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Government of Madras.
Through
The Director of Public In-
struction, Madras.

R. no: 33 - B-48
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Dated 4 -6-48

Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
Construction of permanent buildings on the site
in the Agricultural College Estate-Provision of
water supply.

In connection with the construction of permanent buildings for the Arthur Hope College on the site of 100 acres allocated in G.O.No.MS.1943-Edn- dated 11-10-46 the Public Works Department have pointed out that arrangement should be made for adequate supply of water from Coimbatore Municipal Water Supplies for the College. The Hydraulic, Textile, laboratories, Hostel, Workshops, etc., are dependent on efficient water supply. I request Government to take necessary action so as to enable the Public Works Department to provide an adequate water supply and distribution system for the College and its Hostel in its permanent site. *from the Coimbatore Municipality.*

As this matter is of urgent importance and the supply of Siruvani water by the Coimbatore Municipality may involve delay, sanction may be given to the Public Works Department to put up temporary Water Supply arrangements by installing pumps and motors in a well.

A. Viswanath
PRINCIPAL

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A.C.G.I.,D.I.C.,M.I.E.,
Principal, Arthur Hope College
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To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
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Government of Madras.
Through
The Director of Public Ins-
truction, Madras.

R.C.No.33-B/48 dated 17-5-48

Sir,

SUB: Accommodation-Arthur Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore.
Ref: Government Memorandum No.34620.A.1/48.A dated
13-5-1948.

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The Hutment Camps A & B in the Forest College Estate provide the only means of securing hostel accommodation when the Arthur Hope College of Technology shifts to the new premises to be constructed in the 100 acre area permanently allotted to this College. These Hutment Camps A & B may, therefore, be allotted to this College and the P.W.D. directed to make the necessary alterations and improvements to serve as Hostel. These Hutment Camps may be immediately placed at the disposal of the College for use as follows:--

1. For storing machinery and equipment that are arriving and which cannot be erected in the present premises at Peelamedu.
2. For providing temporary accommodation for office and workshops staff who will look after the erection of the machinery, which will be carried out simultaneously with the erection of the steel pre-fabricated sheds by the P.W.D.in the 100 acre site.
3. For temporary quarters for such members of the staff who have no accommodation now.

Regarding the 42 acre area in the North East of the Forest College Estate, I request that this may be allotted for the construction of permanent staff quarters for the College. This area will be in addition to the 100 acres already allotted, in which there is no spare accommodation for staff.

A. Viswanath
PRINCIPAL

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Principal, Arthur Hope College
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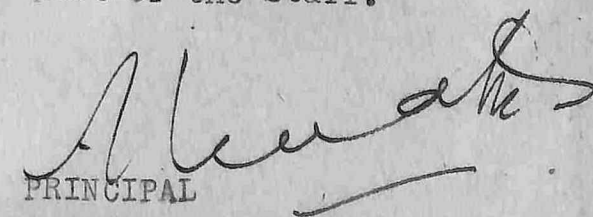
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Dated 4-6-48

Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
Accommodation.

-- not further
In Paragraph 10 of Letter No. 1031 S.E. dated 1-5-48
of the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore addressed to the Superin-
tending Engineer, it is stated that in the lay-out plan of the
Engineering College no provision for a Hostel has been made and
that as two of the British Evacuee Camp Blocks (11-1 and 11-3)
will be available they can be made use of as Hostel by carrying
out necessary improvements to them and by constructing new dining
Halls and kitchen and that the Principal, Forest College, has no
objection to the alienation of the area to the Engineering College.
I request that necessary sanction for carrying out the required
improvements to the Camp Blocks may kindly be accorded, to make
them serve as Hostel and residence for part of the Staff.


PRINCIPAL

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in person.

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Through
The Director of Public Ins-
truction, Madras.

R.C.No. $\frac{33}{6}$ B-48

Dated 4-6-48

Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
Shifting of the College to the new site-
Transport.

In order to enable the College to shift to its permanent site next year it will be necessary to shift and re-erect all the laboratories and workshop Machinery in the pre-fabricated Steel Sheds which the P.W.D. will be putting up. This work should be done simultaneously with the P.W.D. and will extend throughout this year; only in this way the laboratories and the Workshop can be ready for next year. A part of the College Staff and labour will have to be engaged in this work throughout the year and it is necessary to provide transport arrangements for them as well as the Laboratories and Workshop equipment etc. To meet this, I propose to make use of one Transport Vehicle and One Station Wagon which have been procured under equipment for the Automobile Laboratory. I request Government to permit me to use these vehicles for the above transport. This will save Government much of the cost involved in shifting the College. Besides, it will also minimise loss and breakages to costly and delicate machinery that will be inevitable if the work is entrusted to an outside agency.

In addition to the above, it has been found necessary to use the Transport Vehicle in emergencies as occurred during the Examination period last year when our arrangements made with Mr. G.D.Naidu for conveying students to the Practical Examinations in the Government Arts College failed and also for procuring drinking water from the town.

(Advance Copy handed over to the Hon'ble
Minister for Education in person.)

Principal

From
Prof.A.Viswanath, M.Sc(Lond).,
A.C.G. I.,D.I.C.,M.I.E.,
Principal, Arthur Hope College
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Peelamedu P.O.

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To
The Hon'ble Minister for Education
Government of Madras.
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R. no: 25/C 747 Dated: 4-6-48

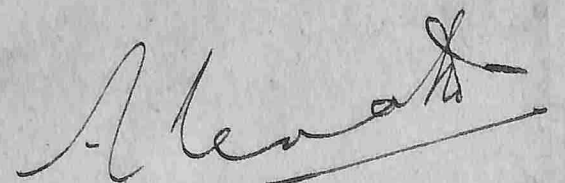
Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
I.E.M.E.Workshop-Disposal of- 2 Double M & B sheds
2 Nissen Sheds-procurement of.

I submit herewith a copy of my letter R.C.No.25-C/47 dated
16-4-48 regarding procurement of 2 Double M & B Sheds and 2 Nissen Sheds
at the I.E.M.E.Workshops at Coimbatore for the use of the Arthur Hope
College of Technology, Coimbatore and request that necessary orders may
kindly be issued to the Public Works Department for dismantling and
erection on the site to which the College is proposed to be shifted.

The approximate cost of erection will be Rs.8,000/- and this
may also be sanctioned.

Advance Copy handed over to the
Hon'ble Minister for Education in
person.


PRINCIPAL

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Copy of letter No.25-C/47 dated 16-4-48 to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, regarding procurement of 2 Double M & B Sheds and 2 Nissen Sheds at the I.E.M.E.Workshops at Coimbatore.

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In connection with the above, I invite reference to my letter No.25-C/47 dated 24-3-1948 wherein I had suggested that 4 T.G. Sheds available at the Base Camp, Avadi, may be procured for this College. After inspection of the I.E.M.E.Workshop, Coimbatore, I find that there are 2 double M & B Sheds of the same size as the one at Avadi Base Camp. I request therefore that these may be procured in lieu of the T.G.Sheds in Avadi Base Camp.

In addition, there are 2 Nissen Sheds at the I.E.M.E.Work-Shops, Coimbatore, which may also be procured for the use of the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

As the above-mentioned prefabricated Steel Structures are located in Coimbatore itself, their dismantling, transportation and re-erection can be effected much more expeditiously than the structures from Avadi. I request that orders may be issued sanctioning the purchase of these for our College and for the erection in the Forest College Estate.

From
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A.C.G.I.,D.I.C.,M.I.E.,
Principal, Arthur Hope College
of Technology, Coimbatore,
Peelamedu P.O.

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To
The Hon'ble Minister for Educa-
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Government of Madras,
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Through the Director of Public
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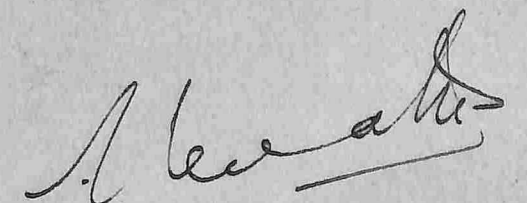
Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
allotment of prefabricated sheds at Trichy Airfield
(Bellman Hangar).
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I have the honour to bring to your notice that one Bellman Hangar at the Trichy Airfield has been allotted to this College. I request that necessary orders may kindly be issued to the Public Works Department to arrange for dismantling of the Hangar immediately on the expiry of 4 months (early in October '48, during which period it will be used for storage of food grains by the Civil Supplies Department) and for its erection on the site allotted to this College in Coimbatore.

The shifting of this College next year depends on the early completion of the above work.

Noted
in PWD-30/10/48
and


PRINCIPAL

Advance Copy handed over to the Hon'ble Minister for Education in person.

Prof A. Viswanath, M.Sc(Lond).,
A.C.I., D.I.C., M.I.E.,
Principal, Arthur Hope College
of Technology, Coimbatore,
Peelamedu P.O.

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To
The Hon'ble Minister for Educa-
tion,
Government of Madras.
M A D R A S
Through the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.

Cur no. 86-A/48

Dated: 4-6-48

Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
Deficiency of Staff.

I have the honour to bring to your kind notice that this
College is deficient in the following Staff which has been sanctioned:

- 1/10/48
w/10/48
- (1) Professor in Electrical Engineering
 - (2) Senior Workshop Instructor
 - (3) Junior Workshop Instructor
 - (4) Laboratory Assistant -- Strength of Materials Labora-
tory.
 - (5) --do-- -- Mechanical Laboratory
 - (6) --do-- -- Hydraulic Laboratory
 - (7) Assistant Lecturer in Geology.

1. Sri K.N.Ramanathan, Professor of Electrical Engineering of
this College was transferred to the College of Engineering,
Cocanada at the tail end of the academic year 1947-48 ie.,
9-2-48 and the post continues to be vacant. For arranging
and equipping the Electrical Laboratory the personal
supervision and direction of the Head of the Department is
necessary. Mr.Ramanathan has placed orders for most of the
machinery and for continuity in planning and development
and to avoid dislocation the same person should complete
the erection and running of the machinery he has ordered.
I would therefore request that Professor K.N.Ramanathan be
transferred to this College to complete the works he has
started.
- ii. Senior Workshop Instructor:- Mr.A.P.Jambulingam is expect-
ing to leave us shortly for prosecution of foreign studies.
He is now awaiting passage.
- iii. Mr.K.M.Savanah, the Junior Workshop Instructor was relieved
on 2nd March 1948 to join the post of the Technical Educa-
tion Officer and the post remains unfilled for want of a
suitable candidate.
- IV. The posts of Laboratory Assistants, Strength of Material-
and Mechanical are vacant from July 1947 for want of
qualified and suitable candidates.
The post of the Hydraulic Laboratory Assistant is also
vacant from the 16th of May 1948 as the officiating incu-
bant (under Emergency Provision) has been recruited to
post of Supervisor, Public Works Department as a regular
Probationer and has been relieved.
- V. The post of the Assistant Lecturer in Geology is vacant
from the 7th of May 1948 as the acting incumbant (under
Emergency Provision) had to be relieved from the commence-
ment of the Summer Vacation as per orders of the Director
of Public Instruction.

The normal instructional work in the College and the heavy work involved in shifting the College and erecting the equipment in the Prefabricated Steel Sheds that will be put up by the Public Works Department will suffer greatly if the posts are not filled immediately

A. Venkatesh

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From
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A.C.G.I., D.I.C., M.I.E.,
Principal, Arthur Hope College
of Technology, Coimbatore,
Peelamedu P.O.

To
The Director of Public Instruction,
M A D R A S

Remo. 71-A-47

Dated 4-6-48

Sir,

SUB: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-
Improvements and repairs to the existing premises.

I have the honour to bring to your notice that the terraced portion of one of the rooms in the Hostel Block has been damaged during the recent rain and is on the verge of collapse. The Public Works Department who inspected the buildings last week have pointed out that urgent repairs to the roof should be carried out. As it has now been decided to continue occupation of the existing buildings for another year, improvements and urgent repairs should be taken up for execution immediately. The building has had no repairs or even annual white-washing for the last three years. I request that the Public Works Department may kindly be instructed to execute the necessary repairs urgently, lest greater and more serious damages should occur to the building.

add. 10/10/48

A. Venkatesh

PRINCIPAL

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From
Sri Rao Sahib D. Rajagopalan,
B.E., A.M. Am. Soc. C.E., M.I.E.,
Executive Engineer,
Coimbatore Division,
Coimbatore.

To
The Secretary to
the Hon'ble the Minister for
Education,
Fort St. George, Madras.
dated 6.6.48

Sir,



Arthur Hope College of Technology, Peelamedu, Coimbatore - Valuation for purposes of fixing rent.

In accordance with the oral instructions issued by the Minister for Education on 4-6-1948, I submit herewith to you the statements of valuation and reasonable rent for the portion of the buildings and land belonging to Messrs. The Argus Engineering Company which the local representative of the Company desired that we should take over for purposes of accommodating the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore. I would request you to place these before the Hon. Minister on 7-6-48, as he desired to have the particulars on that date.

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placed below

2. A plan showing the proposals is also enclosed. Portions hatched red in this plan are those at present occupied by the College. Portions hatched green are the additional portions (that are not at present occupied by the College but) which the local representative wishes we should take over for purposes of the College. The Hon. the Minister expressed himself in favour of taking over these additional portions also. The valuation statements therefore cover the portions hatched in red and green - (i.e.) the total area we have to take over.

3. The nature of construction in each of the buildings included in the area to be taken over by us is indicated in the relevant description for the particular building in the valuation statement. Each building is identified by a number in the blue print plan enclosed. The valuation takes into account the nature of construction of each building or structure and is based generally on the P.W.D. schedule of rates. It is sufficiently correct for purposes of fixing rent for the buildings.

4. The value of the land is assumed as Rs.1000 per acre. The total area of the land proposed to be taken over by us is about 8 acres. There was no time to consult the Revenue Department and obtain from them their opinion regarding the value of the land. A reasonable figure based on local enquiry has therefore been assumed. It may however be stated that in view of the fact that the cost of the buildings concerned is many times that of the land, the value will not affect the rent payable materially.

5. The rent is calculated as follows:

10% of the present estimated cost of the buildings is deducted for depreciation and 6% of the net estimated value of the buildings ~~and 6% of~~ plus 6% of the value of the land is taken as the annual rental payable.

6. The salient figures are given below.

(a) Value of all buildings proposed to be taken over.	Rs. 6,56,184
(b) Value of the land proposed to be taken over	8,000
(c) Total value of the buildings and land proposed to be taken over.	6,64,184
(d) (i.e.)	
(i) Net value of buildings XXXX deducting 10% for depreciation.	5,90,566
(ii) Value of land as above.	8,000
(iii) Total value for calculating annual rental.	5,98,566 or
(iv) 6% of above total value.	5,98,500
	35,910.

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52 (37)

7. On the above basis, an annual rental of Rs. 35,910/- or say Rs. 35,900/- will be reasonable.

(The above valuation is sufficiently correct for purposes of fixing rent, but may require some modification if the property is to be acquired).

Yours faithfully,

Rajagopal
6/6/48

Executive Engineer, P.W.D.,
Coimbatore Division.

Enc. 1 valuation statement.

1 Blue print plan

Copy to the Supg. Engr., Coimbatore Circle ~~fix~~ with two spare copies.

The Principal, Arthur Hope College of Engineering.
Subdivisional Officer, Coimbatore.

Valuation of Hope's College Buildings.

Item no. as per plan.	Quantity.	Description of work.	Rate.	Per.	Amount.
1	2	3	4	5	6
(a) College portion.					
3	28760 sft.	G.C.I. sheet roofing over angle iron trusses purlins, rafters etc. and old channel iron posts 9"x4" x 3/8" with G.C.I. sliding doors and windows, walls being in coursed rubble second sort 309' x 93'0".	2-3-0	Sft.	62913.
Porting 7 & 9	480 sft.	Portion of item (7) G.C.I. sheet roofing over angle iron purlins and with open sides. 30 x 16 = 480	1-13-0	do.	870
8	16800	Item nos. C.C.I. sheet roofing over angle iron used as purlins, rafters &c. with channel iron posts 9"x4" xxxxxxx 3/8" average height. 12'0" 420' x 40'0".	1-13-0	Sft.	30450
10.	760	Portion of item (7) G.C.I. sheet roofing over angle iron purlins and with open sides. 38 x 20 = 760	do.	do.	1378
11, 12 (	15540 ((((sft.	Mangalore tiled roofing over country wood basus, posts purlins rafters etc. and countrywood reepers average height about 10'0". Stores. 355 x 28 = 9940 sft. do. 200 x 28 = 5600 sft.	2-0-0	Sft.	31080
13.(		----- 15540			
14.		Not in existence.			
15.	1940 sft.	Store sheds and Engine room. Random rubble in mudwalls with G.C.I. sheets or asbestos sheet roofing over iron purlins and G.C.I. sheet doors and windows. Average height of walls 10'0". 36 x 18. 648 do. 30 x 18. 540			
16.		do. 47 x 16. 752.			
17.		Total. 1940.	1-13-0	sft	3516
37.	1564	Roofing as per item 8 with G.C.I. sheets over suitable angle iron purlins and rafters and posts, closed type with walls all round R.R. in mud concrete flooring. 45 x 34'9".	2-3-0	sft	3421
38	1859 sft.	do. do. Data Nil. 53'6" x 34'9".	1-13-0	sft	3368
39.	1166 sft.	Lecture Hall shed with closed walls 1'6" thick concrete flooring, plastered over with cement mortar 1:3, roofing with asbestos xxxxxx C.I. sheet			

		over built up light beams with angle iron purlins etc. height of walls at one end 14'3" at the other end 12'3". area. 53 x 22. = 1166 sft.	1-13-0	Sft.	2113
40	3576	Pamp testing G.C.I. sheets roofing			
&		over angle iron rafters purlins etc. with			
41.		1'6" walls. random rubble in mud plastered over with lime mortar cement washed one side wall country brick in lime mortar height 12'0". 33'6" x 14'9". { 33'6" x 92'0". {	1-13-0	Sft	6482
42	151	sft. Flush out latrines and urinals with brick in lime 9" thick walls roof at 9'0" with Hourdies tiles - with glazed chinaware fittings 15'6" x 9'9" = 151	3-4-0	Sft.	491
43 to					
49.	10786	Store shed. G.C.I. sheet roofing over sft. angle iron rafters purlins etc. with 1'6" wall etc. as per item 40 above.			
		43. size. 33'6" x 14'9". = 494.			
		44. do. 33'6" x 14'9". = 494			
45, 47, 48 & 49		Store G.C.I. sheeting with angle iron purlins etc. with 1'6" walls roof 12'0" high at eaves. size. 185'0" x 33'6" = 6196			
		46. Workshop G.C.I. sheet roofing with angle iron purlins, rafters etc. over channel iron columns with brick in lime mortar 1'6" thick walls alround with windows. 90'0" x 40'0" = 3600			
		Total. 10786	1-13-0	Sft.	19713 ✓
50.	8290	sft. Store shed (foundry) Mangalore tiled roofing, plain over countrywood bazus, rafters one side walls and the other side open height 10'6" at one, at other end 8'0". 70 x 19 = 1330			
51.		45 x 15'0". 675			
52. & 53:		62 x 29'0". 1798			
54.		Tiffin shed in front 196 x 13'6". = 2548			
55		do. 86'6" x 13'6". 1168			
		Verandah of 43 to 44. 2 x 33'6" x 11'6". 771			
		8290	2-0-0	Sft.	18590
56 to 61.	9486	Sft. Garages, Lecture halls, Central Enquiry hall, Principal's room etc. Main block building with Random rubble in lime mortar walls 1'9" thick roofing with Hourdies, over countrywood joists, beams etc. & flooring with 4" lime mortar concrete plastered over with 1/2" thick cement mortar 1:3 279 x 84	5-3-0	Sft.	49209

68	486 sft.	Watchman's quarters with random rubble walls with (C.R. furnished) in lime mortar pointed with cement mortar walls 1'6" thick height of roofing 8' 1 1/2" flooring with shingle concrete in lime mortar and plastered over with cement mortar 1:3, 1/2" thick.	5-3-0	Sft	1260
69	2295 sft	Cycle shed with old G. C. I. sheets over countrywood burlins and countrywood posts. 153 x 15'0".	0-13-0	Sft	1865
70	586 Sft.	Flush out latrines with stone in mud and brick in lime mortar, roof in with ^{wood} Monkies tiles - height at 7'0" average with open passages and with chinaware water closets and with glazed tiles, door and roofing.			
		23' x 14' = 322			
		33' x 8' = 264			
		Total. 586.	3-4-0	Sft.	1905
72.	686 Sft.	Compound Country wall with Random rubble in mud pointed with cement mortar and lime mortar, outside finish with covered Coursed rubble etc. 8' x 12" height.			
		front 434'0"			
		East of 54. 132'0"			
		South of 53 & east of 17 126'0"			
		686'0"	13-0-0	Rft.	8918
73.	5 Nos.	Gates of steel bars and flats of G. E. sheet moving on rollers or on hinges.	176	each	880
about 1870	2500 sft.	Pavement in front and rear main building 3'0" wide with retaining wall 1'6" at sides and lime concrete 6" thick between walls plastered at top with cement mortar. (1/2 of the whole pavement).	100 50ft		5200
			280		
		Total. 251612			
		Electrification at 7% 17613			
		Drainage and water supply at 7% 17613			
			296838 ✓		
76.	L.S.	Masonry well cut in hard gravel of inside dimensions 32'0" x 20' roughly depth about 100' with all ladders, steps etc. complete.	L.S.		20000
77.		Overhead pressed steel tank of 5000 gallons over steel trestle work erected to a height of about 15'0".	L.S.		5000
		Total. 311,838			

Inside Hostel Block. South East Corner.

A and D Mangalore tiled roof over countrywood ballies and countrywood burlins reeper and post etc. complete open with one side random rubble in mud wall.

side random rubble in mud wall.

A. 70 x 12. = 840

D. 141 x 24 = 3384

Total. 4224

1-8-0

B.F. 6536

B and C.

Asbestos corrugated sheet roofing over angle iron purlins. Random rubble wall in mud plastered over with cement mortar front side open.

40 x 7-0 = 280

40 x 8-0 = 320

1-13-0

1060

Average height of wall 8'0" (as per

item 39). 4356

Depreciation at 10%. 720.

Total 7396

Hostel blocks.

- (1.) 4095 Terraced portion with Bourdies tiles and countrywood joists, height of walls 14'0", cement floor, interior walls 1'-1 1/2" in lime mortar, plastered with cement mortar, countrywood door and windows with iron bars.

273' x 273' x 15'0"

One
sft

31224

7-10-0

- 5187 Sft. Front and rear portion with asbestos cement sheets roofing, cement floor height of wall 8'0" at lower end countrywood door and windows - interior wall brick in lime mortar. 1' 1 1/2" thick. Exterior wall coursed rubble in lime mortar pointed with cement mortar

2 Nos. 273 x 9'6".

5-15-0 do.

30798

273
Sft.

Front verandah open - Cement floor front wall 8'0" high coursed rubble lime mortar pointed with cement mortar. masonry benches on 2 sides of wall.

One
rft

5187

19-0-0

1488
sft

Latrines and bath rooms Madras terraced, glazed floor with mosaic tiles pointed with cement mortar exterior walls 1' 1 1/2" interior walls 0'9". 24 Nos. x 62 sft.

6-6-0 Sft.

9486

Total.

Sanitary installations at 7%.

76695

Electrification at 7%.

5369

5369

Total.

87435 or
87500

(2.)

Quarters for the Principal and Staff (Total length of building 300'0" less length occupied by Argus Engineering Company. 25'0". Total. 275'0".

4125
sft

Portions with terrace with bourdies tiles or countrywood joists, height of wall 14'0" countrywood doors

and windows, wall plastered with cement
mortar, main wall for terrace 1'6".
other walls 1' 1 1/2".
concrete floor 275 x 15.

7-10-0 Sft. 31453 ✓

(2.)
Contd.

5225
sft.

Front and rear portions with asbestos
cement corrugated sheets on angle iron
purlins cement floor, interior walls
brick in lime mortar 1' 1 1/2" Exterior
walls (front) coursed rubble in lime
mortar height of walls 8'0" at lower
end. 2 x 275 x 9'6".

459
91.

4 x 17 x 6'9".
Bath rooms for 4 qrs. 4 x 3'3" x 7'0"

648

do. for 8 qrs. 8 x 12 x 6'9".

130.

8 x 3'3" x 5'0".

473.

do. for 10 qrs. 10 x 7'0" x 6'9".

7026 ✓

5-15-0 Sft. 41717 ✓

275

Rft. Front verandah open, cement floor
Coursed rubble in lime mortar pointed
with cement mortar wall 8 ft. height
with masonry benches two sides,
275'0".

19 ✓ Rft. 5225 ✓

418
sft.

Latrines and bath with asbestos sheets
roof xx flooring with glazed or mosaic
flooring 9" wall countrywood rafter
etc.

22 x 4 x 4'9".

4-11-0 Sft. 1959 ✓

Total.

80354

Electric supply at 7%.

5625

Sanitary installations 7%.

5625

Total.

91604 or
91600 ✓

(3.)

2039
sft.

U.M.S. Trust. Education Block No.1.
Terrace with Houndies tiles in country-
wood joists cement floor wall plastered
on both sides with cement mortar coun-
trywood doors and windows (186-35)=151'0".
x 13'6".

(35'0" of the length is occupied by Argus
Engineering Company).

7-10-0 Sft. 15547 ✓

1510

Sft.

Front portion with asbestos cement sheet
roofing no wall in front cement flooring
countrywood roof timbers, central 30'
alone with Mangalore tiles 151 x 10

4-11-0 Sft. 7078

4077

Rear Portion with Mangalore tiles over
ceiling tiles over countrywood rafters &
reopers. Double collared roof 12'0"
wide with a valley gutter in between
cement floor countrywood posts.
151 x 27'0".

5-7-0 Sft. 22169 ✓

Total.

44794 ✓

Electric installations at 7%.

312 3136

Sanitary and water supply installation.

3136

Total.

51066 or
51100 ✓

51 43 58

1 2 3 4 5 6

4. 784 sft. Shed with Mangalore tiles in country-wood rafters, reepers cement floor, height of wall 8'0" at lower ends. 56 x 14'0". 5-7-0 sft. 4263 or 4300

5. Dining block. (115 x 32 x 36'6"), (25'9" x 24'6").

4829 Roof with corrugated asbestos cement sft. sheets, over angle iron trusses, cement floors, doors countrywood, windows with iron bars glazed tiles for washing room 1' 1 1/2" wall Plastered both sides main wall and washing room. 4-2-0 sft. 19920 ✓

575 Roof cantilever for verandah 5'0". sft. wide cement floor ~~xxxxxx~~ 115 x 5 ft 2-8-0 sft 1438 ✓

Total. 21353 ✓
Electric supply at 7%. 14351495 ✓
Water supply and sanitary arrangement 1495 ✓
Add for glazed tile ~~sixxxxxx~~ 652 ✓
Total. 25000 ✓

6. 1216 Sanitary blocks. Madras terrace or terrace sft. work with Houndies ~~tiles over~~ countrywood joists 9" wall plastered with cementmortar, cement flooring glazed tiles for inner portions only, wall 8 ft. height.
1) 10 x 5 = 50. 2) 13'9" x 5'0" = 69.
3) 43 x 18'6" = 796. 4) 43 x 7 = 301. .
Total. 1216 sft. ✓ 6-6-0 Sft. 7752 ✓

L.S. Cost of sanitary fittings. 7250 ✓

Septic tanks with manholes ventilating shaft etc. complete. } L.S. 13998
29000 ✓

7 and 8. Open shed random rubble in mud Mangalore tiles on teak bally rafters country-wood reepers. mud floor, old structure. 39 x 12'0". 1-0-0 Sft 468 ✓

✓ 1355 Shed in rear Mangalore tiled roof on countrywood rafters and reepers cement floor with countrywood door and windows. 63'0" x 21'6". 5-7-0 sft 7368 ✓

Total. 7836 or 7850 ✓

9. 1280 Watchman's rooms at the main entrance sft. coursed rubble in lime mortar, pointed with cement mortar, terraced, cement floor, countrywood doors & windows
2 x 16 x 16 = 512. Terraced garages.
2 x 2 x 12 x 16 = 768. 6-6-0 Sft. 9160 ✓

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BF 8160

45000 sft.	Cement paved area over ^{4"} concrete with lime shingle plastered over with cement mortar forming pathways including extra foundations for Badminton court and tennis court.	0-4-0	sft	11250
800 rft.	Compound wall with coursed rubble in lime mortar pointed with cement mortar average height of wall 8'0" 9'0" panels in 1'6" pilasters.	10/-	Rft.	8000
700 rft.	Compound wall with random rubble in mud average height of wall 8'0".	6/-	rft.	4200
600 rft.	Surface drains behind dining block and on the edge of main road.	4/-	Rft.	2400
L.S.	Cost of one culvert with decking and masonry parapet 2'0" at the entrance		L.S.	1000
2 Nos.	G.I. gates 16'0" x 8'0".	176/-	each	352
210 Nos.	R.C. benches and tables in hostel blocks dining hall etc.	25.	each	5250

				40612 or
				40600

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60 (45)

Total Abstract. (Haste/ B/ou)

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	Rs.
1. Students Blocks. (item ① of abstract).	87,500 ✓
2. Staff quarters. (item ② of abstract)	91,600 ✓
3. U.M.S. Trust Block. (item ③ of abstract)	51,100 ✓
4. Mangalore tiled shed attached. (item ④ of abstract).	4,300 ✓
5. Dining block. (item ⑤ of abstract).	25,000 ✓
6. Sanitary blocks. (item ⑥ of abstract).	29,000 ✓
7. Fuel rooms etc. (items ⑦ and ⑧ of abstract).	7,850 ✓
8. Other sundry items as gates etc. (item ⑨ of abstract).	40,600 ✓
Total.	3,36,950 ✓
Deduct 10% for depreciation (The buildings are only 2 years old).	33,695
	3,03,255 or
	3,03,200. ✓

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Abstract. (continued)

	Rs.
Main college building.	3,11,838 ✓
Hostel South East portion now proposed to be taken over.	7,396 ✓
Total.	3,19,234
Less 10% for depreciation.	31,923
Total less deductions.	2,87,311 or Rs 2,87,300

III

Add cost of land.	8,000
8 acres at 1000/-.	
(Hostel portion area. 2.7 acres plus	
College portion. 5.3 do.	2,95,311 or 8
Total. 8.0)	2,95,300 8

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GENERAL ABSTRACT.

	Rs.
I Hostel block. - - - - -	3,03,200
II Main buildings of College including South east corner of Hostel block and land value. - - - - -	2,87,300 2,95,300 8,000
III Cost of Land - - - - -	
Grand total.	Rs. 5,98,500 ✓

Rajagopalani
6/6/48

Executive Engineer in charge,
Coimbatore Circle, Division,
Coimbatore.

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All communications should be addressed to the Registrar, University of Madras, Triplicane P.O., Madras, and not to any person by name.

From

THE REGISTRAR,
UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

To

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

No.

Enclosure

Sir,

Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology -
Permanent Location etc.

Dated,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.22449-7/48-A Edn., dated the 29th May 1948.

In view of the difficulty that has arisen about shifting the College to the Burma Evacuee Camp, it is obvious that new admissions to this College should be deferred till arrangements are finalised for the continuance of the College in the present premises.

The situation that has now arisen makes it imperatively necessary to complete urgently the plans for permanent buildings referred to in your letter No.61715-36/46.A, Education, dated the 2nd March 1948.

The further report referred to in your letter is awaited.

Your obedient servant,

R. R. S. S. S.

Ag. REGISTRAR.

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, for information, in continuation of this office letter No.A.2057 dated the 20th May 1948.

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Edu and P.H. Dept

Memo. No. 22469-8/48A Edu. & 9.6-48
A.H. College of Technology,
Bombay - Deficiency in Staff

Ref letter from the Principal,
A.H. College of Technology No: 864/48
of 4.6.48.

p48CF

Mr D. P. S is requested to offer
his remarks on the suggestions
contained in the Principal's letter
cited above.

my
8/6/48

DBM
3/6/48

Detd
4/11
To Mr D. P. S.

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Sri T.S. Avinashlingam Chettiar,
Hon'able Minister of Education,
Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

Dear Sir,

RE: Arther Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore - arrangement for rent-
ing the Building for accomodation.

With reference to various interviews our Directors had with you in connection with the above, we beg to submit most respectfully that our Directors in spite of their best desire to accommodate you, cannot do so without harming the entire future development of our concern.

We have taken the Factory on 28th September, 1946 and from that date we have been most earnestly awaiting the day when we get the premises occupied by the College so that we can sufficiently carry on our expansion programme. Our Industry is of a highly technical nature and unless we recruit large staff from various centres in India, we cannot go on with our production programme in full swing and we have found it absolutely impossible to get staff unless we have arrangements to accommodate them with houses. You will be sorry to find this but due to this difficulty, we are actually working in loss.

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We agree to sell the space occupied by the College only as a solution to help the Government and with a view that this will enable us to build up immediately our requirements with your

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Argus Engineering Company LTD.

Managing Agents: TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LIMITED.
WARDEN HOUSE, SIR PHIROZSHAH MEHTA ROAD, FORT, BOMBAY.
Works: at: Coimbatore

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co-operation and we are still willing to sell it to you at a reasonable price which can be decided by further negotiations. We are prepared to undergo an independent valuation of the property if the Government so desires.

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As for renting the premises, our Directors feel, it is absolutely impossible to let out the same for any period or rent whatever as such an action would put our industry to a great loss and therefore we once again most respectfully request you to arrange to vacate the premises without any further delay and hand over the possession to us. We pray that this may be done under any case not later than a couple of weeks.

We know how glad we will be if we can help the Government and cause of Education but we have our own responsibility as a Public Company and we have to run an Industry on a profitable basis.

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Respectfully yours,

FOR ARGUS ENGINEERING CO. LTD.
FOR TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LTD.

Himadri K. Das. Mehta
DIRECTOR,
MANAGING AGENTS.

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co-operation and we are still willing to sell it to you at a reasonable price which can be decided by further negotiations. We are prepared to undergo an independent valuation of the property if the Government so desires.

As for renting the premises, our directors feel it is specially important to let out the same for any period of time whatever as such a action would put our industry to a great loss and therefore we are not willing to let it out for a long period. We are prepared to vacate the premises without any further delay and hand over the same to you within a couple of weeks.

We know how glad we will be if we can help the Government and cause of education but we have our own responsibilities as a Public Company and we have to run an industry on a profitable basis.

Respectfully yours,

For the Managing Agents,
Argus Engineering Co. Ltd.,
Coimbatore.

7th July, 1948.

Dear Mr. Mehta,

Thanks for your letter of the 29th June. I very much appreciate your difficulties in the matter, but I am very sorry that we are not able to vacate it just now and the College cannot be shifted elsewhere. In these circumstances, we have no other alternative except to request you to allow us to be there for two years on a reasonable rental basis. I hope you will kindly consider the difficulties of Government and co-operate with us.

Yours sincerely,

To
Sri H. K. Mehta,
Managing Agents,
Argus Engineering Co. Ltd.,
Coimbatore.

Copy to Secy. 4/4

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Edmund P. H. Dept

Memo No. 22449 A/189 dated 10-7-48

A. H. College of Technology,
Bombay - accommodation

The A. H. College of Technology has to continue in its present premises for some years as the Burma Evacuee Camp to which it was proposed to transfer the College is not available. The Executive Engr, Bombay Division, considers that a rent of Rs 35,900 per year for the building is reasonable. But the authorities of the ^{Eng} Hydro Electric Company demand a rent of at least Rs 72,000 per year. The L. E. is requested to contact the authorities of the Company immediately and suggest a rent which will be acceptable to the Company and the Govt. The authorities of the Company have

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stated that they are not willing to rent out
the building and that they are only agreeable
to sell it. The L.E. may explain to them
that there is no use ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ Govt. buying the building
as the College cannot be permanently located
there, and that Govt. have no other ~~way~~ ^{option}
than to ~~construct~~ ^{take it} ~~on rent~~.

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To the L.E. (Pine)
6/24/48 D.P.S. ✓
2/18/48 C.P.S.

Strictly Confidential.

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From

Sri Rao Bahadur A.R. Venkatachari, B.E., I.S.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General).
Chempauk, Madras.

To

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

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No. 5694 Ac/47-9 dated 19th July 1948.

Sir,

Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -
accommodation -

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and

Ref: Government Memo No. 22449 A/48-9 Edn. dated 10-7-1948.

I have discussed the matter with the Executive Engineer,
Coimbatore Division (and now also Supg. Engineer). I understand
the principals are in Bombay and the local people are only
servants of the Company. I have asked him to collect some
further particulars about the possibility of providing
alternative accommodation in new military type of sheds in the
Forest College area and the cost of such structures; also about
provisions of Rent Control Act etc. I shall report to
Government the best course to follow in the circumstances,
taking all things into account and after also consulting the
owner firm as soon as possible.

Amarendra
19/7/48

Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General).

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Strictly Confidential.

Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,
(General),
Chepauk, Madras.

No. 5694 Ac/47-10.

23rd July 1948.



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

Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -
accommodation -
Ref: My letter No. 5694 Ac/47-9 dated 19-7-1948.

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In continuation of my letter under reference, I have to state that reports from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, make it appear that the local agent of Messrs. Argus Engineering Company is awaiting further instructions from his Principals at Bombay in regard to negotiating in the matter of fixing the rent. I do not know if there was any such offer by the Director of Public Instruction as stated by local agent or they are only giving some plausible reason just for claiming Rs. 72,000/- while the Executive Engineer's proposal was only Rs. 36,000/-. Copies of the agreement with Mr. G.D. Naidu or of Sri G.D. Naidu and the Argus Engineering Co. are probably with Government and they may be referred to, to know from what date the building in question passes over to the Company from Mr. G.D. Naidu. If it is 31-7-1948, as presumed by the Executive Engineer, I think it is quite necessary to adopt the procedure suggested by the Government Pleader immediately to place Government in a strong position in the conduct of future negotiations. As it is already 23rd July, I request immediate action by Government on the lines suggested by the Government Pleader, pending such further action as may be possible.

2. I am also looking into the question of putting up some T.C. and P.T. sheds from Army surplus and having the College into these if possible.

3. I request that action taken in the matter may kindly be intimated to me within the next few days.

Approved
23/7/48
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Copy of Executive Engineer's (in charge of Coimbatore Circle) D.O. dated 21-7-1948.
do do 22-7-1948.
Copy of letter of Govt. Pleader, Coimbatore, d/22-7-48.

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Copy of D.O. dated 21-7-1948 from the Executive Engineer in charge of Coimbatore Circle, Coimbatore, to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General).

Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore - Buildings -
Lease agreement - negotiation -

I met the Chief Engineer of Messrs. Argus Engineering Co. Ltd., Coimbatore Branch, immediately after my return to Coimbatore on the 20th morning. His address is Mr. R.S. Sharma, Chief Engineer and General Manager, Argus Engineering Co. Ltd. (near Peelamedu), Coimbatore. The Managing Director of the Company at Bombay with whom negotiations will have to be conducted is understood to be S.H. Tucker Esq., Director, Argus Engineering Co. Ltd., Warden House, Sir Therozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bunder, Bombay. I was informed unofficially and confidentially by Mr. R.S. Sharma, the local Chief Engineer, that he was present when the negotiations took place with the Hon. Minister for Education at Madras sometime ago. He also told me that he has received a communication more or less permitting him to negotiate the lease on behalf of the Company. But he wanted to get certain doubts regarding his position cleared by addressing Mr. Tucker of his Bombay Head office before he could proceed further in the matter. He said he would refer to Mr. Tucker by air-mail on the 20th. I shall be contacting him again in a day or two to know the result of his reference to Mr. Tucker.

2. When I was in Madras, the Chief Engineer asked me how Messrs. Argus Engineering Co. came to ask for a rental of Rs.72,000/- per annum. I said I had no idea, but I was a bit surprised as the figure happened to be exactly double the amount recommended by me. I understood from Mr. Sharma, the local Chief Engineer of the Company, that Mr. Reddy, the present Director of Public Instruction offered the Company unofficially Rs.60,000/- per annum as rental sometime ago. I do not know if the present figure of Rs.72,000/- is based on that alleged offer of Rs.60,000/-. Mr. Reddy had perhaps no authority to negotiate the lease and the above was only a kind of general conversation which had no particular significance. Anyway, if the Chief Engineer considers it necessary, he may contact Mr. Reddy and find out the particulars that he might like to have in the matter.

3. I also met the Principal of the College, Mr. Viswanath, on the 20th morning to find out the details of the sale deed by which Mr. G.D. Naidu transferred the property to Messrs. Argus Engineering Co. Ltd. This sale deed has been effected on 16th December 1946. It would appear that it gives the right of full ownership of all the buildings in the compound now occupied by the Engineering College to the purchasing company with effect from July 1948, i.e. from then, the Engineering College becomes a tenant of Messrs. Argus Engineering Company. It is not known definitely whether ownership by the Argus Engineering Company of the present Engineering College commences from 1st July 1948 or 31st July 1948. It has to be remembered that Mr. G.D. Naidu originally offered to place at the disposal of the Government of Madras the buildings required for the Engineering College free of rent for 3 years from July 1945 and therefore it seems to have been provided in the sale deed that Messrs. Argus Engineering Company Ltd. could have possession of the portions now occupied by the Engineering College only after the expiry of the 3 years, that is, after July 1948. The Principal, Mr. Viswanath, told me that he has sent a true copy of the relevant sale deed (obtained from the Registrar's office, Coimbatore), to the Director of Public Instruction officially. This may be obtained from the Director of Public Instruction, officially if considered necessary and referred to. (The buildings have so far been occupied free of any rent by the Engineering College).

4. The buildings in which the Engineering College, Coimbatore, is now accommodated are all outside the Coimbatore Municipal limits.

5. I have consulted the Government Pleader confidentially and

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and personally to-day regarding the legal aspects of the question and he has promised to give me his considered reply tomorrow morning. I shall report further in the matter after receipt of the Govt. Pleader's reply.

6. I shall also furnish the other information required by the Chief Engineer regarding estimates etc. in the next few days.

Copy of D.O. dated 22-7-1948 from the Executive Engineer in charge of Coimbatore Circle, to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General).

Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -

In continuation of my D.O. dated 21-7-1948, I enclose herewith the opinion of the Government Pleader, Coimbatore, in original obtained by me this evening.

It will be seen therefrom that if any difficulty is expected in the matter of the settlement of the lease and we want to prevent the party from going to the Civil Court and claiming exorbitant rental, the Government may have to extend the application of the Madras Buildings Act, 1946, to the revenue village No. 13, Velankurichi, Sarkar Samakulam Firka, Coimbatore taluk, wherein the buildings under reference are situated. It is not known if this firka is already included in that Act or not. The information could not be obtained here. The Government Pleader also informed me that action to extend the Act cannot be taken by moving the District Collector here, but will have to be taken up with the Government at Madras.

It may be noted that the Government Pleader says that the extension of the Act if required to be done should be done before the end of July. This is on the presumption that the sale deed by which these buildings were conveyed by Mr. G.D. Naidu to the Argus Engineering Company gives rights over the portions occupied by the Engineering College only after the expiry of July 1948 to the Argus Engineering Company. As already intimated, a copy of this lease is available with the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, and it may kindly be obtained and referred to, and further action taken as considered necessary.

This letter completes all the information called for by you in Confdl. D.O. No. 5694 Ac/48-8.

Copy of letter dated 22-7-1948 from Sri/Talaniswami Gounder, Government Pleader, Coimbatore, to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore.

Continuation of the occupation of the present premises occupied by the Engineering Colleges, Coimbatore.

If it is not possible to settle the matter amicably, the course open is as follows:-

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The aid of "Madras Buildings Act", 1946 can be invoked. The buildings and lands in question are in the Revenue village of Velankurichi, Coimbatore taluk, as your note shows. If the above Act has been extended to the Revenue firka, where this village is, it is well and good. If not, the application of the Act can be extended by the Government to that firka in question or to such areas as is necessary, under Sec. 1(2) of the Act which must be done before the end of July, by which time, the right to occupy the premises by the College expires. In which case, the owner cannot go to ordinary civil court with a suit for possession. He can go to the Rent Controller for any such relief. He may notify to the Rent Controller within seven days from 1-8-1948 that the buildings become vacant from 1-8-1948. The Government may move the controller to allot the building for the College and this can be done under Sec. 3(2) of the Act.

MR 25.7.48

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
ABSTRACT

ACTS AND RULES - The Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1946 - Extension to Vilankurichi village, Coimbatore Taluk, Coimbatore District - Notification under Section 1(2) - Issued.

PUBLIC (GENERAL G) DEPARTMENT

G.O. MS. NO. 1652

Dated the 30th July 1948.

ORDER:

The following notification will be published in an extraordinary issue of the Fort St. George Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(2) of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1946 (Madras Act XV of 1946), His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby notifies that the said Act shall apply to the area, for the time being, comprised within the limits of the Vilankurichi Village, in the Coimbatore Taluk, Coimbatore district.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

K. Ramani Menon,
Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Superintendent, Government Press, for
publication in the Fort St. George Gazette
Extraordinary dated 30-7-1948.

The Collector of Coimbatore.

The President, District Board, Coimbatore.

The District Judge, Coimbatore.

The Commissioner of Municipal Council, Coimbatore,
through the Chairman.

✓ The Board of Revenue.

The Education & Public Health Department.

Forwarded/ By Order/

DVK. 30/7

V. Srinivasan

Superintendent.

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Works: at: Coimbatore

Regd. AD.

JULY 21, 1948.

Dear Hon'ble Mr. Avinashlingam Chettiar,

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Many thanks for your letter dated the 7th inst. Your letter has really honoured me and I cannot express, how very much I wish, that I should carry out the desire expressed by you therein. You have treated us with kindness during all the interviews that had with you and the cause being one of Education, we dared not ordinarily refuse you an accommodation but things are greatly different and are very serious from financial angle, as well as from public responsibility to our Shareholders and to the Industry.

You know very well Sir, that unless a highly Technical Staff is collected from different places, we cannot run this Factory profitably and such staff as we require, demands accommodation to stay. Unless this is provided, staff is not willing to come. Moreover, our Factory is situated far away from Coimbatore City and even if we get some accommodation for our Staff, the conveyance will be a problem. Moreover, we have to go in for production of our materials on three shift basis which we cannot undertake unless the place occupied by you is given to us. In fact, due to lack of accommodation for our Technical Staff and Officers, we are working at a loss and if you wish, we can send you our Balance Sheet for your perusal.

To be very frank we purchased this Factory only because this place was definitely to be available to us on 1st July, 1948, and we were assured by Mr. G.D. Naidu the Vendor that the Government shall vacate positively on that date. In fact, he guaranteed this possession on 1st July, 1948. Had we contemplated this difficulty, we are afraid, we would not have taken the Factory at all. Our not getting the possession from you now on 1st July or immediately now in next four weeks, will amount to breach of agreement on part of Mr. Naidu and we shall have a great cause for damages against him, if we do not get this premises.

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Pray - put for a moment yourself in our position and ponder that what would you do if you were in awkward box like this. As a friend who has kindly treated us always, I ask sincerely your advice and guidance.

Is it, Sir, really too much for the Government to purchase this space as originally contemplated and solve the problem both of Education and Industry? You have already occupied this space without any rent for last three years and we are an important Industry struggling and losing for the want of space for which we have invested huge capital.

Let fairness prevail. If you purchase it outright with a fair price, your College and Hostel has a home and with the money that you give us we can build cheaper quarters immediately required for our purposes and develop our Industry, which also looks up to Government for help and assistance. And if education be placed first for help, such a developing National Industry much needed in India be ranked with Education.

In conclusion I declare that I would like to co-operate with the Government and extend every possible help that I can give but I only expect for justice and fair play. Please try with equanimity to understand our view points and difficulties.

With respects,

Yours sincerely,

Sri T.S. Avinashlingam Chettiar, *Himavall Kalidas Menon*
Hon'ble The Minister of Education,
Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

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Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,
(General) Chepauk,
Madras, Dated 10th August 48.

My Dear Menon,

With reference to our talk over the Phone just now I am sending my Assistant Engineer Sri S.Ramachandran to you with this letter. Kindly send through him the copy of the Agreement specifying the terms and conditions of the occupation of Mr.G.D.Naidu's buildings at Coimbatore by the Arthur Hope Engineering College, Coimbatore. It will be returned as soon as the Chief Engineer has done with it.

Yours Sincerely,

S. Ramachandran
10.8.48

Addl.Dy.Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,
(General)

To Sri I.Balakrishnan,
Assistant Secretary to Govt.,
Edn. & Public Health Department,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Recd. from the Asst. Secy. to Govt. Dept.
the Sale deed between G.D.Naidu & Arthur
Engineering Co. — ten pages (10) only.

S. Ramachandran
10.8.48
Asst. Engineer P.W.D.
Office of the CE (Genl)

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

Received _____ Registered _____

From (Name) Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A. (Oxon.),
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,
Post Box _____, (STATION) Madras.
Telegraphic Address 'INSTRUCTION'.

To

The SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.
R.G.No. 185-K2/46, dated 23rd July 1948.

Sir,

Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -
* Accommodation.
Reference: - Government Memorandum No. 22449-A/48-9
Education dated 10.7.1948.

ENCLOSURES _____

SPARE COPIES _____

With reference to the Government Memorandum
cited above, I have the honour to submit herewith a
copy of the letter No. R.G.No. 35-B/48 dated 16.7.1948
from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore, stating the urgent need to take preventive
measures against any inconvenience to the proper
functioning of the college in future and request that
necessary instructions may be issued to the Collector
pending a satisfactory settlement with Messrs. Argus
Engineering Co. on the question of rent.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter R.G.No. 35-B/48 dated 16.7.1948 from the Principal,
Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore to the Director of
Public Instruction, Madras.

Since Mr. G.D. Naidu's agreement is finished with 30.6.1948, we
are continuing in the existing building without any definite under-
standing with the present owners i.e. Messrs Argus Engineering Co.
This situation may give rise to trouble any time. I, therefore, request
Government to have the position clarified and issue instructions to
the Collector or the District Magistrate that on no account the present
owner or their local agents will interfere with the premises and
services including lighting, water, etc.

With the full complement of the college working, even the
slightest interference will dislocate the running of the College.
2. In this connection, I invite attention to letter Ref. G.C.
5/22/949 dated 15.7.1948 (copy enclosed) received this day from the
Argus Engineering Co. in reply to my circular dated 14.7.1948 (copy
enclosed) issued with the best of intentions to prevent total failure
of supply of water from the well in our charge. I also enclose
herewith a copy of my reply to Messrs. Argus Engineering Company being
sent today.

/True copy/. (P.T.O.)

(Advance copy submitted to the Hon'ble Minister
for Education, Fort St. George, Madras).

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Copy of letter Ref. G.C. 5/22/949 dated 15.7.1948 from Messrs. Argus Engineering Co. Ltd., Coimbatore to the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

It is surprising that we received a notice from you for water supply of our Pumping set property and your new creation of restrictions etc. in your letter of 14.7.1948.

In this connection, we refer our H.O. Bombay letter No. 1052/14 of 16.6.1948 addressed by them to you.

We have already made it clear to you that this Engineering Works require continuous water for 24 hours and we handed over the Pumping set key to you subject to the confirmation of our H.O. and continuous water for over 500 workers of this company.

As you have failed to supply water for the last few days and as there has been several complaints from our workers not having any water, we shall be glad if you will please return us the keys immediately to run our machinery ourselves.

We also refer our letter of the 14th inst. and point out that the Motor that was rewound recently was shown to your instructors who took proper trial at our works before taking delivery. We cannot hold ourselves responsible for your working. We have however requested you to send the Motor immediately for test which you have so far failed to do.

Copy of Notice dated 14.7.1948 of the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

As both the water pump sets have developed defects, in order to prevent the total failure of supply of water, the supply will be restricted to the following hours:

6 A.M. to 10.30 A.M. 12 Noon to 1.30 P.M.
6 P.M. to 9 P.M.

/True copy/.

Copy of letter No. 534B/48 dated 16-7.1948 from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, to Messrs. Argus Engineering Co. Coimbatore.

Ref:-Your letter Ref. G.C. 5/22/949 dated 15.7.1948.

From the copy of the notice sent to you, it will be quite clear that the restriction has to be resorted to as the water pump sets have developed defects and the total failure of supply of water has to be prevented.

2. The correct position as explained by Mr. G.D. Naidu in letter dated 21.2.1947 and also personally to the local Agent of the Argus Engineering Co. Ltd., is that the entire well and the water supply system has been handed over to the Public Works Department by Mr. G.D. Naidu for the college use and pending installation of separate Electric power supply and motors, the maintenance of the pump was done by the Argus Engineering Company Ltd. till December 1947 on a monthly payment of Rs. 100/- by the College. Subsequent to December 1947 we have installed separate power supply and motors for the college and the maintenance of the water-pump etc. has also been taken over by us.

3. The defects in the pump sets so far traced are due to bearings having worn out.

/True copy/.

P. M. —

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Memo. No. 56095 A/48-1 Edm & 11.8.48

A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore -
Continuance in the present bldg.

CF. From the D.P.I. No 183-Kn 146 & 22-7-48

The D.P.I. is informed that necessary instructions have already been given to the Collector of Coimbatore in the matter, on receipt of a copy of the Principal's letter referred to in the Director's letter cited.

To The D.P.I. *14/8/48**6/8/48**14/8/48*

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Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,
General, Chepauk, Madras.

Post copy of Telephonic Message No.5694 Ac/47-11 dt.29-7-'48.

From The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(General), Chepauk, Madras.

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

Sub: Anthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore - accommodation

Re: letter(Confidential) No.5694 Ac/47-10 dated 23-7-48.

Kind attention is invited to my confidential letter under
reference and early orders solicited as today is the 29th.

/True Copy/

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S.K. Subramaniam
SUPERINTENDENT.

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Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,
(General),
Chepauk, Madras.

D.O.No. 5694 Ac/47-22. 25th August 1948.



Dear Subramaniam,

Arthur Hope College of ^{Engineering} Technology,
Coimbatore - accommodation -

I called for a statement of particulars about the cost of the new Engineering College buildings for which Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.3 lakhs in G.O.No.2846 Public Works dated 6th August 1948 from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore. As I told you personally, the cost includes the cost of the shed materials - iron and steel and other fittings which are being taken over from the Military Engineering Parks, Avadi and Cochin - and also provision of new Electrical, Sanitary and Water-supply arrangements to the several sheds, including cost of materials. We do not know as yet what the Military will charge for the sheds taken over from Avadi and for corrugated iron roof sheeting to be purchased from stockists, and at the moment the details

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are not complete to frame accurate estimates. This report is however to show that the cost already given to Government is not for mere erection but includes also cost of all materials involved in the ~~the~~ structures.

Yours sincerely,

M. V. Subramaniam

To

M. V. Subramaniam, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.

Strictly
Confidential.

Special.

No. 5694 Ac/47-



Office of the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.,
(General),
Chepauk, Madras.

23rd August 1948.

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To

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

Sir,

Sub: Fixation of rent of the private premises of the
Argus Engineering Co., Coimbatore, used for
Arthur Hope Engineering College, Coimbatore.
Ref: Correspondence resting with my No. (Confid.)
5694 Ac/47-12 dated 28-7-1948.

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| 4) do 26-7-48. | neering Company's repre- |
| 5) do 11-8-48. | sentatives at Coimbatore. |

From these, it is clear that the local representatives who had applied to the head office for permission to negotiate, have not been empowered to carry on any negotiations and the latest letter shows that they refer to negotiations with Government. This is as I should have expected. Judging from the course of the previous negotiations, when the Supg. Engineer, Coimbatore, was told by the firm that the buildings were not for rent but only for sale, I do not think it will be possible to make any progress. Besides, a stage has been reached when the matter for settlement has ceased to be a technical matter, but is purely an administrative one and as intricate legal issues are also involved, I would suggest that the further negotiations may be conducted by Government with the help of their legal advisers.

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2. In this connection, I enclose also a copy of the Executive Engineer's report and latest opinion of the Government Pleader (on the records made available to him) on the operation of the Madras House rent Control Order (E.E.'s letter dated 17-8-1948 and Govt. Pleader's letter dated 17-8-1948). I do not have copies of all correspondence between Government, Mr. G.D. Naidu and the Argus Engineering Co. and in fact, there

there has been considerable difficulty in knowing the different stages in correspondence and direct negotiations, as all such had been previously carried on either by the Principal, Director of Public Instruction or by Government. In view of this, Government may get the views of the Government ~~Subordinate~~ Pleader confirmed, if necessary, with reference to the full background behind all these, starting presumably from Mr. Naidu's letter No. 203/46 dated 26-2-1946 in which mention is made of a rent to be fixed by Government. This is also an additional reason why it is desirable that further moves are made by Government.

3. Coming now to the question of rent, a rate was first suggested by the Principal and later, the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, recommended an annual rent of ~~Rs. 28,800/-~~ Rs. 28,800/- based on approximate plinth area rates. Later, when asked to prepare more accurate estimates of costs on details of quantities, the Executive Engineer prepared more detailed estimates of cost and after deducting 10% of their estimated value, suggested a rent of Rs. 36,000/- per year on a 6% basis. This was not acceptable to the leasing firm. The Government Memo refers to Rs. 72,000/- as one demanded by the firm. This is too high. The only increase that I can suggest to the Executive Engineer's figure is the deletion of 10% allowance for depreciation (though this deduction is made for Municipal tax purposes even for new buildings) and an addition of 15% as is allowed for the compulsory nature of the lease as in case of compulsory land acquisition. This will add roughly 25% to the rent or give a rent of nearly Rs. 45,000/- per annum. As the occupation is for a period of about one year, in the interest of ^{early} settlement, Government may perhaps agree to this. This is near the figure of Rs. 50,000/- mentioned by the Executive Engineer as a likely figure - vide extract from his letter dated 11-8-1948. It is best to start negotiations with Rs. 40,000/- and close up with Rs. 45,000/-. If necessary, and the rent control order does not cover it, the lease may be for one year but provision to extend it on the same terms for a longer period may be stipulated in

in the lease deed, so that we can continue in these buildings till the new buildings are ready. Provision for the lessee terminating it earlier on one or two month's notice may also be there, within 1 year or extended periods.

4. Another alternative is to put the case before the Rent Controller for fixation of fair rent under Section 4(1) of the Madras Act XV of 1946. The Principal may move the Rent Controller through the Government Pleader for fixing the rent and the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, will assist the Principal in technical matters about valuation where necessary.

Anuradha
Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General).

- Enc: 1) Copy of E.E.'s letter d/21-7-48. } already sent with C.E.s
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4) do 26-7-48.
5) do 11-8-48.
6) do 17-8-48.
7) Copy of Govt. Pleader's letter dated 17-8-1948.

3.

Extract from D.O. letter dated 23-7-1948 from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D., (General), Madras.

Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -

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I met Mr. R.S.Sharma, Chief Engineer and General Manager, Argus Engineering Company, Coimbatore, this morning for finding out if he had addressed his Head office at Bombay and if so with what result. He told me orally that he had written to the Company after meeting me on the 20th and also had a 'phone talk with their Director, and that the Company is holding a Special Board meeting tomorrow at Bombay for deciding (among other things) this question and that soon thereafter, they are likely to write to him whether he could negotiate the lease and if so on what basis.

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4.

Extract from D.O. letter dated 26-7-1948 from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D., (General), Madras.

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The local agent of Messrs. Argus Engineering Company has told me that he would let me know immediately he hears anything definite from his Bombay Head office; x if and when he does so, I shall immediately submit the information to the Chief Engineer.

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5.

Extract from D.O. letter dated 11-8-1948 from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General), Madras.

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I hurried back to headquarters this morning and as the local staff of the Argus Engineering Co. had not contacted me so far, I went to their place and had a talk with them. I understand that they have not been empowered to conduct any negotiations in regard to the lease of the Engineering Y College Building. They told me that the Hon. Minister for Education is corresponding with their Chief Director in Bombay and that therefore they felt unable to interfere in the matter unless they got specific permission from their Managing Director to do so. I however gathered that they might be willing to give the building on lease for a year for a sum of Rs.50,000/- per annum. (This information is purely unofficial). This works out to about 8 1/3 per cent on our valuation of the present cost of the building. (In working out the rental of about Rs.36,000/- per annum, we had previously assumed in our calculations only 6% as per relevant Code rules.

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Extract from letter dated 17-8-1948 from the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (General), Madras.

Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore - accommodation - ...

1. I enclose herewith in original the opinion of the Government Pleader, Coimbatore, in respect of the legal position.. The Government Pleader considers that this answers all the queries raised by the Chief Engineer in his D.O. dated 12-8-1948.

2. The Government Pleader is of the opinion that tenancy is clearly established from the correspondence and that even if Messrs. Argus Engineering Co. did not give a notice of vacancy, we can take action to negotiate the rent and if the negotiation is not satisfactory, we can request the Rent Controller to fix a proper rent.

3. Although in the correspondence, Mr. G.D.Naidu has wished that a nominal rent might be paid and earmarked for scholarship funds, it is understood from the Principal that no rent has been actually paid for want of a decision on the subject by Government. No rent has been even attempted to be fixed for the College portions, but the rent paid by the students for the hostel rooms and by the staff for their quarters has been remitted into the treasury and kept as a separate account under the head "26 - Education - Miscellaneous". The Government Pleader is of the opinion that even though no rent has been actually paid, still the tenancy is established from the correspondence. We were tenants of Mr. G.D.Naidu till 31-7-48 and we are now the tenants of Messrs. Argus Engineering Co. from 1-8-1948.

4. The terms of future occupation will have to be the same as those of the present occupation as described in Mr. G.D.Naidu's letter dated 21st February 1947 and the sale deed.

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7. Copy of letter dated 17-8-1948 from Sri Palaniswami Gounder, Govt. Pleader, Coimbatore, to the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore.

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After our personal discussion and after considering the facts in the matter, I have arrived at the following view.

The tenancy between Sri G.D.Naidu and the Government is admitted, in the correspondence between Sri G.D.Naidu and the Government. This tenancy is also admitted by the present owner, the Argus Engineering Co. Hence, we can safely further proceed on the basis of tenancy.

The rent was not fixed and it seems no rent was paid to Sri G.D.Naidu, though his correspondence discloses the fixing of a nominal rent.

The period of tenancy admittedly expired on 31-7-48. The Government may invite the Company for a discussion to fix a proper rate of rent from 1-8-48. Such a discussion by way of bona fide attempt at settlement of rent, will not prejudice the case of the Government, nor give the present owner a right superior to the existing relationship of land-lord and tenant.

Hence, by negotiation, an attempt may be made to fix a proper rent, with other necessary conditions incidental to tenancy.

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Honble. Sri Avinashilal
Chettar Education Officer

Re my letter dated 21.7
July Not replied so far
Kindly finalise matter to remove
suspense in convenience
and loss.

Hematlal Mehta
Chairman Argus Engineering
Company Limited

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Argus Engineering Company LTD.

Managing Agents: TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LIMITED.
WARDEN HOUSE, SIR PHIROZSHAH MEHTA ROAD, FORT, BOMBAY.
Works: at: Coimbatore

9th September 1948.

Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avinashlingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Re. Arther Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore

On 31st August 1948 our Chairman, Seth Himatbhai

Kalidas Mehta had sent you a telegram reading as follows:-

" REGRET MY LETTER DATED 21st JULY NOT
REPLIED SO FAR KINDLY FINALISE MATTER
TO REMOVE SUSPENSE INCONVINIENCE AND
LOSS "

I am now directed to remind you of the same
and it will oblige us to have an early reply.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
FOR ARGUS ENGINEERING CO. LTD.,

SECRETARY.

Letter No. 22449-17/48A Edn., dated 17-9-48

To The Director,
Managing Agents,
Argus Engineering Co., Ltd.,
Warden House,
Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road,
Fort., BOMBAY.

Dear Sir,

Arthur Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore.

With reference to your letter, dated 21st July 1948 and subsequent reminders to it addressed to the Hon'ble Minister for Education, I am directed to state that the Govt. very much regret that they are unable to vacate for some time to come your buildings in which the Arthur Hope College of Technology is located. They are however prepared to pay a reasonable rent for the building. The P.W.D. authorities of this Govt. have considered that a rent of Rs. ^{35,900}~~35,000~~ a year would be a fair rent for the building. The Govt. are prepared to pay a maximum rent of Rs. ^{40,000}~~40,000~~ a year. I am to request that the Company may kindly allow the Govt. to occupy the building for this rent.

Yours faithfully,

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Taylor

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Delivered
14/9/48

R.C.No. 183 K2/46

dated 10th Sep. 1948.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

From The Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s.

To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.



Sir,

Subject:- Arthur Hope College of Technology -
Coimbatore -- Accommodation.

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E.P.H.(A)

Maybe added
to the main
file re: rent.

14-9-48

The Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, reports an instance of unauthorised tapping of electric energy from the Main Supply Line to the College and Hostel by the Engineer and General Manager of Messrs. Argus Engineering Company, Coimbatore and requests that in any negotiations that may be proceeding to continue occupation of the existing premises, a definite condition should be imposed that on no account should the present owner or his agents interfere with the premises and services including pump sets and electric installation and that the Argus Engineer and two other members of their staff who are at present living in the Hostel premises should not be permitted to reside therein. Necessary safe-guards against misuse of the kind reported by the Principal may be considered in settling the terms of agreement for continuing the College in the existing premises. I enclose for the information of Government a copy of the letter from the Principal.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Re.

Copy of the letter of No. 33-B/48 dated 20--8--1948 of the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, Peelamedu P.O., to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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Subject:- Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -- Unauthorised tapping of Electric Energy from the Main Supply Line to the College and Hostel by the Engineer and General Manager of the Argus Engineering Co., Coimbatore-Reported.

I have to bring to your notice the following instance of unauthorised tapping of Electric Energy from the Main Supply Line to the College and Hostel by the Engineer and General Manager of the Argus Engineering Co., Coimbatore.

On 3-8-48, I received a note (copy enclosed) from the Engineer and General Manager of the Argus Engineering Co., Coimbatore, and subsequently on 8-8-48, a letter (copy enclosed) from the Line Inspector of the Pykara Electricity System indicating that there is somewhere an earthing in our power lines. I deputed our Professor of Electrical Engineering to investigate and from the report (copy enclosed) it is found that the Engineer has been tapping power to his quarters in the Hostel Premises from the Main Supplying power to our College and Hostel. In this unauthorised tapping there was a defective insulation which gave rise to leakage and earthing. I am bringing this to your notice for such action as you may like to take.

I therefore reiterate my remarks that in any negotiations that may be proceeding to continue occupation of the existing premises, a definite condition should be imposed that on no account should the present owner or his agents interfere with the premises and services including pumpsets and electrical installations and that the Argus Engineer and two other members of their staff who are at present living in the Hostel Premises should not be permitted to reside therein.

Copy of Note dated 3-8-1948 from the Engineer & Manager, M/s. Argus Engineering Co., Ltd., Coimbatore, to the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

It seems that the earthing is connected with the water pipes and on account of rains the wooden pole is wet, my whole house is having shocks. Kindly arrange with your Electrician to see to it. I have sent my Electrician as well.

Copy of letter dated 8-8-1948 from the Line Inspector, Government Electricity Department, Peelamedu, to the Principal, Arthur Hope College, of Technology, Coimbatore.

On my inspection of the electrical service in the College my wiremen on 8-8-1948 afternoon, my wiremen got a shock while cleaning the meter in the service box and the same was found only with your main switch was in ON position. The same was due to some earth fault and the shock received by the wiremen was a mild one only.

I would therefore request you to take very early action to set right the same without any further delay and avoid accidents please.

Copy to SO/Central for favour of information please.

Copy of Note dated 14-8-1948 from the Professor of Electrical Engineering, A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore, to the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

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Herewith I attach the report of my Mechanic who was deputed to find the cause of leakage. The cause was traced to a connection taken from our Mains to the quarters of the Argus Engineering ~~College~~ Company's Engineer. The connection is direct over head cable which is an old one. After the connection was removed, the fault disappeared and the insulation now is correct.

The above fact was notified to the Engineer by me when I was examining the fault and the Engineer was also there. He also agreed that the possible leakage was from that connection to the water heater.

On enquiry I find that this connection has been taken taken without our knowledge.

Copy of Noted dated 10-8-1948 from the Mechanic, Electrical Laboratory, A.H.College of Technology, Coibatores.

The voltage across the neutral and earth was found to be 150.V. The supply side was allright. When the tapping to the Argus Engineer's Quarters was isolated the fault was rectified.

By isolating that tapping the shocks were eliminated and the supply system was normal as before.

So it was inferred that the fault was only due to the new tapping to the Argus Engineer's ~~College and~~ Quarters and it was rectified by isolating the same.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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Letter No. 22449-18/48A Ed dated 21-10-48
E.P.H. (M)

To
The chairman, ⁷⁶
Argus Engg. Co., Ltd., ⁽⁷⁸⁾
Warden House,
Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road,
Fort, Bombay.

Despatched
on 21/10/1948.
CAR
21/10

Dear Sir,
Sub: A. H. college of Technology,
Coimbatore.
Ref: ^{The 1st} letter No. 22449-17/48A Ed
dated 17.9.48.

I am to enquire when
a reply may be expected to my
letter recd above. Yours faithfully,

20.10.48
AM
21/10/48

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your letter No.22449-17/48A, Education dated the 17th Sept. 1948 and we are grateful for the reply to our letter in connection with "ARTHER HOPE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND HOSTEL" for vacating the premises occupied by them in our works.

2. While we appreciate your offer we feel that our case has been viewed from quite a different angle than what it ought to have been. The place occupied by the College and Hostel is not an ordinary residential place. It is a portion of a most important Industry which has its technical staff. The delay in delivering possession of which is harming industry considerably every day.

At the cost of repetition, we again tell you that this Factory was taken by us with the sole object of putting up a great National Machinery Industry but for want of living accommodation for our technical staff, we could not carry out our plans and had to defer all our plans until we get possession of this place. Your delay is putting us in a very awkward and serious situation. We waited patiently and hopefully for the day when the date of arrangement with the Government expires but to our great surprise we find that not only we do not get the place but we are given injustice all over. The Government is not getting us loss but giving us injustice by offering a very small almost nominal rent and for period unfixed. A property built for investment may have an ordinary rent, but to an Industry, space, much more the homes for its highly Technical Staff is a necessity, especially in our Machinery Industry. We are afraid whatever we describe, You will not be able to estimate, to what loss, we shall be put for our not having this place, unless you consult an expert on the line. Can you not help the Industry to grow by accommodating them by giving us forthwith possession.

4. The Government is a powerful body. It helps in many ways an Industry by subsidizing and financing. Can the Government not oblige this Industry by purchasing the space at a fair value this will help the cause of education as also that of an Industry. We would not have cared to sell the space but if the Government wants to occupy the place, what else can be done, than to ask you to purchase and help us so that we can build more quarters for our staff and use the surplus of money if any to develop our Industry. Is this too much for the Government to do, for cause of education and Industry simultaneously? We are agreeable to accept a fair price as may be fixed by Architect of Government and one appointed by ourselves.

5. If the Government is not prepared to purchase, then we are at least entitled to a fair rent, considering the value of the place to us and difficulty and loss we suffer. The rent quoted by you is too small and we are confused how to impress upon you, the great utility of this place and the loss we are suffering. Can you at least be not fair to us in this item. May we suggest that least that we should get in view of present time and other too many relevant factors to be decided by at least Rs.60,000/- per annum. This is the least we must get under any circumstances. Anything less than this shall be a punishment to us our concern and Industry. We do not for what purpose this is being done.

6. But the most important is the period for which the place is required. If you look to only Government difficulties and not fix a period, neither can we go on with our development programme nor do we get the benefit of the space we purchased. If you undertake for a specified period, we can put our own further money and build something for our workers and may go on with our plan of progress. If the Government occupies only until it suits them for a year or two, this decision shall certainly ruin us. Neither can we get the place nor can we build because if we spend further money and when you vacate we may have too much space and unnecessary additional money we have to sink and block.

We trust that this is a fair view point for both angles. We want that the agreement may be at least for 5 years certain. Anything less than this shall be harsh and creates confusion for us.

Before concluding we once again request the Government to consider our case sympathetically and carefully and give us justice. We request first to purchase the place or to at least lease it for 5 years and at Rs.60,000/- so that we can get responsible rent and go with our programme of expansion.

7. Kindly consider the case and let us know without any further delay.
Yours faithfully,

SD. FR. TALAL KALTRAS MCHTA

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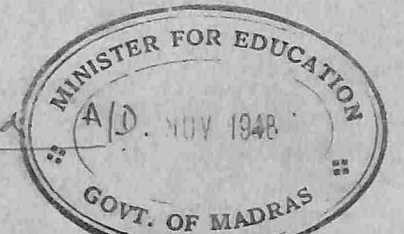
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Works: at: Coimbatore

4th October 1948.

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main file
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Sri T.S. Avinashlingam Chettiar,
Hon'ble The Minister for Education,
Govt. of Madras,
MADRAS.

Regd.



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Kindly consider the case and let us know without any further delay.

Yours faithfully,

Himanshu K. K. K.

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
ARGUS ENGINEERING COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Strictly Conf.)
Very urgent

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Edn and PH Dept

Memo No. 22449-26/48A Edu. & 15-11-48
D. H. College of Technology, Bombay.
Accommodation.

P 103 cf

Ref letter from the B.E. (Sue) No. 5694/48

P 117 cf

of 23.8.47, and letter from
the D.P.S. No. 183/K2/46 of 10.9.48

P 127 cf

A copy of the letter from the Chairman
of the Board of Directors, Anglo Eng Coy. of

P 115 cf

4.10.48 in reply to Govt's letter No. 22449-17/48
of 17.9.48 (copy enclosed) is forwarded to

the B.E. (Sue) and the D.P.S. They are requested
to report very urgently whether it is
necessary to enter into a five year lease
with the company or whether it will be possible
to find alternative accommodation for the college
within that period. a shorter

Done
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Lo the D.P.S. } with
B.E. Sue } encls.

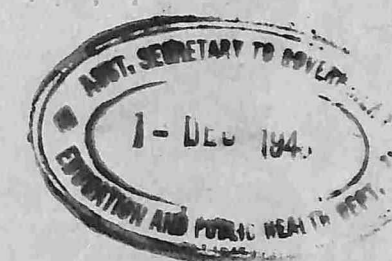
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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction.
Roc. No. 183-K2/46.

Madras, dated 29th November 1948.

FROM
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS.

TO
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.



SIR,

Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -
Accommodation.

Ref: Govt. Memo. No. 22449-20/48.A Education dated
15/11/1948.

REC

I have the honour to enclose herewith
a copy of D.O. letter dated 28/11/1948 from the Principal,
Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore ~~xxx~~ and request
that as suggested by him the present premises may be taken
on lease for a period of two years.

Yours faithfully,

P. M.

for Director of Public Instruction.

Copy of letter from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of
Technology, Coimbatore.

Ref: Your D.O. No. 183.K2/46 dated 17/11/48
enclosing copy of Govt. Memo. No. 22449-20/48A
Education dated 15/11/1948.

In reference to the above, I have to
indicate that according to the present proposals, the P.W.D. will
put up in the Agricultural College Estate accommodation which
will at least be equal to what we now possess in the present
premises at Peelamdu, making use of the pre-fabricated
steel sheds from Cochin, 8 P.P. sheds from Avadi and a Bellman
Hangar from Trichy. For Hostel and Staff Quarters, the A & B
Blocks of the British Evacuee camp in the Forest College
Estate have already taken possession of by the P.W.D. and
an amount of Rs. 3,00,000/- has also been sanctioned to
carry on with the necessary erection, alterations, etc. This
college can move from the present premises as soon as the above
construction work is ready and the present equipment of the
college transported and re-erected. It has been our expecta-
tion that if the P.W.D. can start on the construction work early
this academic year, they can complete the work by April and
during the vacation, I will arrange for the transport and re-
erection of our equipment in the newly put up pre-fabricated ~~sh~~
sheds. As we have already lost nearly 6 months in the academic
year, I wonder if we can keep up to this programme. I would,
therefore, suggest that subject to the P.W.D. immediately taking
up and expediting the construction work, the present premises
may be leased for a period of 2 years. I say this because
if the construction work by the P.W.D. cannot be completed
before June or July and once the next academic session starts
it is impossible for the workshop and laboratory equipment of
the College to be removed during academic sessions as it
will dislocate instruction work.

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In any case, I wish to emphasise the need for the P.W.D. starting and expediting their part of the work. This will be the factor that will determine how soon we can shift from the present premises.

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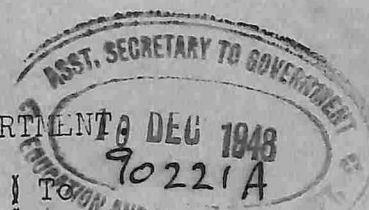
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M.Am.Soc.C.E., I.S.E.,
Chief Engineer (General), P.W.D.
Chepauk, Madras.



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Assistant Secretary to Government of
Madras,
Edn. & Public Health Dept.
Fort St. George, Madras.

Letter No. 5694.Ac/47-25 Dated 9-12-1948.

Sir,

Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore - Accommodation.
Ref: Govt. Memorandum No.22449-20/48-A Education dated 15-11-48.

I am enclosing a copy of letter No.317 Cfl. dated 30-11-48 from the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle. I agree with him in that the building need not be purchased. The period of lease may be for two years in the first instance with option to extend it for an additional period if found necessary later on. A higher rent may also be agreed to, if it is found that such a course is absolutely necessary to make them agree to a reduction in the period of lease.

A. R. Venkatachari

for Chief Engineer (General).

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From

Sri T.C. Venkatarama Ayyar,

To

The Chief Engineer,

B.E., I.S.E.,

General,

Superintending Engineer,

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Coimbatore Circle,

Coimbatore.

no. 3174 dated 30.11.48.

Sir,

Sub. Arthur Hope College of Technology - Coimbatore - accommo-
dation.

Ref. Your no. 5694-Ac-47-24, dated 24-11-48.

I inspected recently the buildings in which the College of Technology and hostel are now located. These buildings appear to have been run up in a hurried manner and with materials not of the best quality. Some of the countrywood roof timbers have already shown signs of deterioration and the terrace roof is badly cracked in some places. In these circumstances the question of outright purchase of the buildings does not arise unless they could be acquired at a very cheap price.

2. Government appear to have also decided to have separate buildings put up for the College and hostel. The hutments in the refugee camps A and B have already been taken over and materials for sheds acquired from the Army for locating the college have also been received. What is holding up the erection of these sheds is the delay in coming to a decision with regard to the site in which the College is to be built. The Executive Engineer reports that the 100 acre block of the Agricultural College estate which was originally allotted for the College of Technology is not likely to be obtained as the Agricultural Department wishes to retain it for their own use. If a decision with regard to the site could be arrived at before the end of this calendar year, it would not be difficult

difficult to get the new buildings ready by the middle of 1950. If a quick decision with regard to the site can be taken, it could be enough if the buildings now occupied by the College are taken in lease for two more years. It would be unnecessary to lease the buildings for five years. Having decided to put up new buildings, it is desirable that the scheme is speeded up so that unnecessary expenditure in fitting up laboratories and workshops in the present buildings and their subsequent transport may be avoided. I therefore recommend the lease of the building for not more than two years.

cc. C.E.'s office file
C.No. 5694. Ac-47 containing 138
pages.

Copy to Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division for information.

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/True copy/

A. K. Raman
9.11.48

for Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
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21st December 1948.

Secretary,
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Ref. No. 22449-17/48A Education of 4th Oct. 48
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K. M. S. Kalidas Menon

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Enclosures.

FROM

THE REGISTRAR,

University of Madras.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s.

Sir,

Sub: ~~Am~~ Arthur Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore - Permanent buildings.

Ref: Correspondence ending with your letter
Rec. No. 183k2/46 dated 11-10-48.

I have the honour to request you to let me know the present position in regard to the question of constructing permanent buildings for the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore. In this connection I have to invite your attention to my letter No. A. 3263 dated 29-7-48 granting permission for the admission of 75 students of the first year of this college in the Madras Engineering College for the academic year 1948-49 only, and to request you to let me know what arrangements are proposed to be made next year.

The favour of a very early reply before the 20th instant is requested.

Yours faithfully,

R. R. Sundar
AG. REGISTRAR.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras for information.

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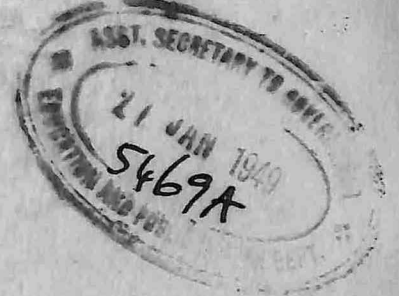
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and immediately and decide whether they want to purchase or vacate which are only two alternatives that we can offer.

Awaiting your favourable and early decision,

Yours faithfully,

CHAIRMAN.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Copy to: Sri O.P. Ramswamy Rediar,
Hon'ble the Prime Minister,
Government of Madras, Madras.

Sri T.S. Avinashlingam Chettiar,
Hon'ble the Minister for Education,
Government of Madras, Madras.

Sri H. Gopala Reddy,
Hon'ble the Minister for
Commerce & Industries,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

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Letter No. 22449-23/48A Edu dated 2-2-49.

To
The chairman, Board of Directors,
Argus Engg. Co., Sir Phiroz Shah Mehta Road,
Fort, Bombay.

Sir,

Sub: A. H. college of Technology, Coimbatore
Ref: your letter dated 18-1-49.

I am directed to inform
you that this Govt. have ^{absolutely} no idea of
purchasing the premises in which the A.H.
college of Technology Coimbatore is at present
located and that they ^{hope} to vacate the
premises by about July 1950. ~~It is~~ I am also
to state that the Govt. regret their inability
to pay anything more than Rs 45,000/- p.a. as
P.T.O.

rent for the premises. I am to request
you to move your company to be so good
as to agree to the terms. ^{if your company is not}
~~agreeable~~ to these terms the Govt. have no option but
to continue the college in the present premises, leaving it
to you to take such action as you deem fit in the
meantime.

4/2/49.

Encl. No. 22449-24/48A Edn. d. 4.2.49.

Commnd to the C.E. (Pub) and the D.P.S.

The C.E. is requested to push on with the
construction of the temporary buildings in the
Agricultural College estate and finish them as soon
as possible.

4/2/49.

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To the C.E. (Pub)
H.D.P.S.

It is requested that all communications should be addressed to The Registrar, University of
Madras, Triplicane P. O., Madras, and not to any person by name.



UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

No.

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS,
CHEPAUK, MADRAS.

Enclosures.

FROM

THE REGISTRAR,

University of Madras.

TO

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Sir,

Ref: Correspondence ending with your letter R.O.C.No.183 K/46
dated the 11th October 1948 - Arthur Hope College of
Technology, Coimbatore - construction of permanent
buildings.

I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that
the Syndicate considered the above correspondence and resolved that
you be informed that the Syndicate notes with regret that no steps
have been taken for the proper and adequate accommodation of the
Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, and views with concern
the difficulties and disabilities under which the students and staff
have to work. I am further to state that the Syndicate is of opinion
that the Government should be pleased to order immediate steps
being taken so as to complete the buildings and equip the laboratories
and workshops before July 1950.

In this connection I am to point out that permission was
granted for the admission of 75 students in the College of Engineering
Guindy, as a temporary measure for this year (1948-49) only.
Please let me know the arrangements proposed to be made in regard
to admission of first year students of Arthur Hope College of
Technology from the next academic year.

I am to request you to let me know what action has been taken
by the Government in regard to the final location of the College and
construction of permanent buildings. It is requested that Government
may be addressed in the matter so that the question of accommodation
and equipment may be expedited.

An early reply is requested.

Yours faithfully,

R. R. R. R. R.
Ag. REGISTRAR.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health
Department for information.
Copy to the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore
for information.

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Telegrams:
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TECNOCRACY, COIMBATORE.

Registered A.D.

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ARGUS ENGINEERING CO., LTD.

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H. O. & SALES OFFICE
WARDEN HOUSE
SIR PHEROZESHAH MEHTA ROAD,
FORT, BOMBAY.

WORKS:
PEELAMEDU POST,
COIMBATORE.

Ref:GC/3/.....

Coimbatore D/8th-Mar-'49

To
Hon'ble The Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

Dear Sir,

Your Departmental Letter No.22449-22/48A Education, dated Fort St.George, the 29th December, 1948 to hand and we are very sorry to get a most disappointing reply to a very fair request and appeal of considering our case sympathetically and fairly from the view point of supporting a Budding National Industry; we have been requesting the Government to view our case from altogether a different angle where as the adamant attitude of the Government of forcibly continuing in the premises for such a period as the Government may choose as also on payment of meagre rent is absolutely a policy destructive and detrimental to an Industry, which if it grows will be a matter of pride to our Country.

We, therefore, repeat onceagain our difficulties. We were expecting the Government to vacate the premises by August, 1948. Having this in mind we planned to augment production by getting skilled labour from other Provinces, as it is not available locally. Now we must have sufficient accommodation to house these people. Unless therefore the premises are handed over to us, neither we can put our plan into operation nor we have been able to do it so far. And so long as we suffer from this handicap we cannot produce and are pilling up losses.

We, therefore, ask you in all fairness whether is it the Policy of the Government of Madras to kill a growing Industry for the sake of their P.T.O.

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Telegrams:
TECNOCRACY, BOMBAY.
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unremunerativeness of the rent and period that you have offered and --
hence the Industry is being killed by the Government's unbending adamant
attitude of forcibly occupying premises of an Industrial Concern.

Hope to have an early reply.

Yours faithfully,
For ARGUS ENGINEERING CO. LTD.,

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Secretary

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Telegrams :
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TECNOCRACY, COIMBATORE.

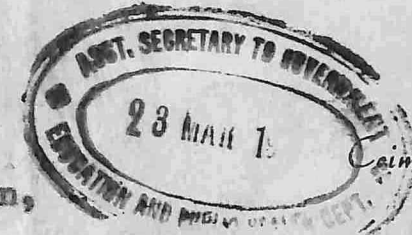
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We, therefore, request you to review the entire case again and either move the Government to purchase the buildings or offer us rent remunerative to the invested industrial Capital and enter into a lease for at least 10 years.

If you can give us a chance to explain and understand we are prepared to put up the whole thing before you and the Cabinet, personally facts and figures of the mounting losses that we are suffering, the unremunerativeness of the rent and period that you have offered and hence the Industry is being killed by the Government's unbending adamant attitude of forcibly occupying premises of an Industrial concern.

Hope to have an early reply.

Yours faithfully,
For ARGUS ENGINEERING CO., LTD.,

A. J. Munson
Secretary

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MANAGING AGENTS: TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LTD.

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To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department,
Fort, St. George, Madras.

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Letter No. 22449-25/48A Edn. dated 25-3-49.

To

The Secretary, The Argus Engg. Co.,
Sir Phirooz Shah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay.
(with enclosure)

Sir,

Sub: A.H. college of Technology, Coimbatore
Ref: Your letter d. 8-3-49 addressed
to the H.M. (Edn.).

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I am to invite your attention
to my letter No. 22449-23/48A Edn. d. 4-2-49
addressed to the chairman, Bd. of Directors
of your Co. and to state that Govt. have
nothing more to add to that letter.
Yours faithfully,

22-3-49/49
23/3/49

JMD
23/3/49

P.T.O.

TELEGRAMS:
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TECHNOCRACY, COIMBATORE.



TELEPHONES:
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WARDEN HOUSE, SIR PHIROZSHAH MEHTA ROAD, FORT, BOMBAY.
Works: at: Coimbatore

Regd. A.D.

22nd March 1949.

Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Dept.
MADRAS.

Dear sir,

Ref. Your No. 22449-23/48A Education
dated 4th February 49.

Sub: Arther Hope College of Technology.

In connection with the above reference we would like to mention that the question of lease etc., is still under negotiations for which we have addressed a separate letter to Hon'ble the Minister of Education. But under your above reference you have offered us a rent of Rs. 45000/- per annum. We feel in the interest of the Company not to block up the invested Capital without the same being remunerative and as such we shall thank you to remit us the due rent for the months of August 1948 till March 1949 i.e., Eight Months. on the basis of your offer which we shall accept without prejudice, under protest and reserving to ourselves the right of our possession and appeal and any other legal action that we may be advised to take by our advisers.

Awaiting to have early remittance.

Yours faithfully,

FOR ARGUS ENGINEERING CO. LTD.
FOR TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LTD.

DIRECTOR,
MANAGING AGENTS.

Memo No. 22449-26/48A Edu. dated 25-3-49.

Sub: A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore - Shifting from the premises of the Argus Engg. Co. - Provision of temp. accommodation.

Ref. Endt. No. 22449-24/48A Edu. d. 4-2-49

The C.E., P.W.D., Genl. is requested to state urgently the stage in which the matter stands at present. The Executive Engr, Coimbatore, informed H. M. (Edu) that it may not be possible to finish the work before June. The C.E. is requested to see that the work is finished at least before December if not earlier.

The C.E., P.W.D., Genl.

Copy to the D.P.S.
Copy to the
Principal, A.H.
College of Technology
Coimbatore

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Argus Engineering Company Ltd.

MANUFACTURERS OF: TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LTD.
WARDEN HOUSE, 112, PHEROZESHAH MEHTA ROAD, FORT, BOMBAY.
WORKS: COIMBATORE.

22nd March 1949.

Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Dept.,
MADRAS.

Ref: Your No. 22449-22/48A Education,
dated 17th February 49.
Sub: Request for release of Technocracy.

In connection with the above reference we would like to mention that the question of release of Technocracy is still under consideration for which we have addressed a separate letter to Hon'ble the Minister of Education. But under your above reference you have offered us a sum of Rs. 45000/- per annum. We feel in the interest of the Country not to block up the invested Capital which the same being remunerative and as such we shall thank you to remit us the sum for the month of August 1949. All March 1949 A.C. since we have no other means of other than we shall accept without prejudice, under protest and reserving to ourselves the right of our possession and arrears and any other legal action that may be advised to take by our advisors.

Awaiting to have early reply.

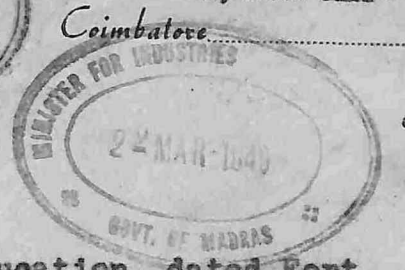
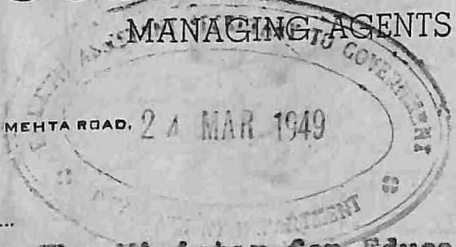
Yours faithfully,
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MANAGING AGENTS: TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LTD.

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FORT, BOMBAY.



WORKS:
PEELAMEDU POST,
COIMBATORE.
D/8th-Mar-'49.

Ref: To
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TECHNOCRACY, COIMBATORE.

CC to the:-

The Honourable the Minister for Industries & Commerce,
Government of Madras, Madras.

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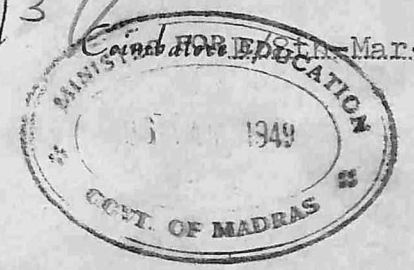
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WORKS:
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MANAGING AGENTS: TECHNOLOGY (INDIA) LTD.

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CC to:-
The Premier to the Govt. of Madras,
MADRAS

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Edn and P.H. Dept

Colleges. A.H. College of Technology,
Bombay - Payment of rent for buildings.
Sanctioned.

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Ref. letter from the Managing
Director, Argus Eng. Co. 22.3.49.

Order N^o 998 Edn 5-4-49
MS

The Govt sanction the payment of
a rent of Rs 45000 (rupees forty five
thousand) ^{from 1.8.48} per annum for the portion of
the lands and buildings of the Argus
Eng. Company ^{in which the} A.H. College of
Technology, Bombay, is located. The D.P.S.
is requested to pay to the company as soon
as possible the proportional rent from 1.8.48
to 31.3.49.

2. The expenditure will be met from the
provision under: 37. d. - Education - University
Govt Professional Colleges - E. Post-war
Reconstruction (1) A.H. College of Technology
Bombay - E - Other Contingencies - Other
Contingencies. The D.P.S may apply for
addl. appropriation under this head, if
necessary, in due course.

Spd. 22.4.49
SP
24/4/49

To the D.P.S.
" A.G. (Mrs. L.)

" Managing Director
Argus Eng. Co.

" Principal ^{Bombay} College of
Technology, Bombay

" C.E. (Mrs.)

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29/3/49

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By Registered post

Memo. No. 22649-28/4 Ed. dated 6-4-47.

Sub: A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore - Sale deed etc. returned

(N/10481240)

from the D.P.I. No. 183 K₂ / subd. 10.8.47 & 8.12.47.

The copy of the sale deed executed by Sri G. D. Naidu and the Agents Engg. Co., and the letters of Sri Naidu d. 26.2.47 and 21.2.47 in original received as enclosures with the D.P.I.'s letters read above are returned herewith.

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7/4/47
To the D.P.I.
(with 2 & 55)

6.4.47
6/4/47

Note: These papers were obtained from the D.P.I. in connection with the question ground for the Agents Engg. Co. builders. They are no longer required here.

From
Prof. A. VISWANATH, M.Sc(Lond).,
A.C.G.I., D.I.C., A.I.E.,
Principal, Arthur Hope College
of Technology, Coimbatore,
Peelamedu P.O.

To
The Director of Public
Instruction,
Madras.

No.R.C. 33 0/48 dated 16-7-1948 116

Sir,

Sub: Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore -
continuance in the existing premises.

Since Mr. G.D.Naidu's agreement is finished with 30-6-1948, we are continuing in the existing building without any definite understanding with the present owners i.e. Messrs. Argus Engineering Co. This situation may give rise to trouble any time. I, therefore, request Government to have the position clarified and issue instructions to the Collector or the District Magistrate that on no account the present owner or their local agents will interfere with the premises and services including lighting, water, etc.

With the full complement of the college working, even the slightest interference will dislocate the running of the College.

2. In this connection, I invite attention to letter Ref.G.C. 3/22/949 dated 15-7-1948 (copy enclosed) received this day from the Argus Engineering Co. in reply to my circular dated 14-7-1948 (copy enclosed) issued with the best of intentions to prevent total failure of supply of water from the well in our charge. I also enclose herewith a copy of my reply to Messrs. Argus Engineering Company being sent today.

Yours faithfully,

A. Hope
PRINCIPAL.

Advance copy submitted to the Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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Copy of letter Ref.GC/3/22/949 dated 15-7-1948 from Messrs. Argus Engineering Co. Ltd., Coimbatore, to the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

It is surprising that we received a notice from you for water supply of our Pumping set property and your new creation of restrictions etc. in your letter of 14-7-48.

In this connection, we refer our H.O. Bombay letter No.1052/14 of 16-6-48 addressed by them to you.

We have already made it clear to you that this Engineering Works require continuous water for 24 hours and we handed over the Pumping set key to you subject to the confirmation of our H.O. and continuous water for over 200 workers of this company.

As you have failed to supply water for the last few days and as there has been several complaints from our workers not having any water, we shall be glad if you will please return us the keys immediately to run our machinery ourselves.

We also refer our letter of the 14th inst. and point out that the Motor that was rewound recently was shown to your instructors who took proper trial at our works before taking delivery. We cannot hold ourselves responsible for your working. We have however requested you to send the Motor immediately for test which you have so far failed to do.

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Copy of Notice dated 14-7-1948 of the Principal,
Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

As both the water pump sets have developed defects, in order to prevent the total failure of supply of water, the supply will be restricted to the following hours.

6 A.M. to 10-30 A.M.
12 Noon to 1-30 P.M.
6 P.M. to 9 P.M.

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/True copy/

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

117 3 119 207
To
Messrs. Argus Engineering Co.,
Peelamedu, Coimbatore.

No. 33 B/48 dated 16th July 1948.

Sir,

Ref:- Your letter Ref. G.C/5/22/949 dated 15-7-1948.

From the copy of the notice sent to you, it will be quite clear that the restriction has to be resorted to as the water-pump sets have developed defects and the total failure of supply of water has to be prevented.

2. The correct position as explained by Mr. G.D. Naidu in letter dated 21-2-1947 and also personally to the local Agent of the Argus Engineering Co. Ltd., is that the entire well and the water supply system has been handed over to the Public Works Department by Mr. G.D. Naidu for the College use and pending installation of separate electric power supply and Meters, the maintenance of the pump was done by the Argus Engineering Company Ltd., till December 1947 on a monthly payment of Rs.100/- by the College. Subsequent to December 1947 we have installed separate power supply and meters for the College and the maintenance of the water-pump etc., has also been taken over by us.

3. The defects in the pump sets so far traced are due to bearings having worn out.

Principal *Atan*

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Edn and P.H. Dept
Do No: 53526(A)/48-1A Edn d 26-7-48

My dear Morris,

A. H. College of Technology,
Bombay - Accommodation

I am to forward a copy of
a letter from Mr. Viswanath, Principal, A. H.
College of Technology, Bombay No: 3813/48
d 16.7.48 on the subject cited and to say
that the Govt have asked the C. E. (Gen)
to negotiate with the authorities of the Arjun
Eng Company and settle a reasonable rent
for the building. In the meanwhile I am to
request you to give protection to the college
at all times from being ^{infringed} ~~interfered~~ with
by the Bomas or their agents.

Yours truly

Recd
26/7/48

F. W. A. Morris Esq
Secy.

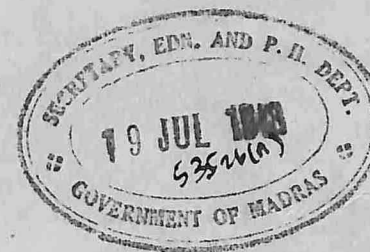
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Secretary, E. & P. H.

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Please see herewith the letter of the Principal,
Engineering College, Coimbatore. The Collector ^{x DSP} may be
informed confidentially that the Government propose
taking steps to acquire the building for rent and the
Collector must at all times give protection from being
interfered with by the landlord.

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19.7.48
H.M. Education.

Please see the letter of the Principal, Eng College, ~~Benibabur~~, in the cf and H's minute on the previous page. According to the agreement with Mr L.D. Naydu the Govt had to vacate the building on 1.7.48. The Govt's occupation of the building after 1.7.48 is not in order. The Govt have asked the L.E. to get into touch with the authorities of the Angus Eng company and suggest a rent which will be acceptable to the company and the Govt and probably the L.E. is now negotiating with the company. The company could have gone to a court of law to evict the college from the buildings. The fact that they have not done so shows that they are showing great consideration for Govt. The Principal's statement at A on page 16 is therefore not correct. There may be some fine points here and there. But the Principal is making big of these small things. In the circumstances it is respectfully urged that it is better not to take any notice of the Principal's letter. If there is any trouble the Collector will surely interfere without any special instructions from Govt. If we issue any instructions and if the company comes to know about them the L.E.'s position will become difficult for orders.

As regards requiring the building for rent, please see the minutes and notes on pp 15-16 NF, LF.

He is right. He is Mr. L. D. Naydu. He is probably he is not. He is best in his position. He is a good man.

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No harm in sending a Confidential D.O. to the Collector.

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A draft D.O. is submitted for approval.

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From

F.W.A. Morris Esq., O.B.E., I.C.S.,
District Magistrate, Coimbatore.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Public (General-A) Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.



Ref. 2532M/48 D-3 Dated 9.8.48.

Law and order-- Coimbatore District-Arthur Hope College of
Technology -Removal of property and assault on staff by Argus
Engineering Company - Report.

Ref:-- Government Memorandum No. 3750/48-1, Public (General-A)
Department dated 26.5.48.

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I enclose herewith a copy of the detailed report
L.Dis. 3177/48, dated 4.8.48 from the Sub Divisional Magistrate,
Coimbatore on the above subject. The trouble started in May last
on account of a petty quarrel over the right of taking drinking
water from the water-tap in the College premises. It is reported
that when the matter took a serious turn, Mr. G.D. Naidu interviewed
and effected a compromise between the Principal of Arthur Hope
College and the Engineer of the Argus Engineering Company Limited.
There is no possibility of any breach of the peace at present.
I have however asked the District Superintendent of Police,
Coimbatore to give protection to the College at all times from
interference by the owners or their agents.

2. As regards fixation of fair rent for the building,
the matter has already been taken up by the Government in the
Education and Public Health Department, through the Chief Engineer
(General).

sve. 9.8. Enclosure: *W.C. J.V.K. 8/10/48* For District Magistrate.

Copy submitted to the Secretary, Education and Public Health Depart-
ment with ref. to his D.O. No. 53526 A/48-1, A. Edn. dated 26.7.48.

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Copy of letter L.Dis.No.8177/48, dated 4th August 48 from the
Sub Divisional Magistrate, Coimbatore to the Dt. Magistrate, Coimbatore

Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore-Accommodation-
Complaint against Messrs. Argus Engineering Co., Peelamedu-Report
submitted.

Your Ref. No. Nil dated 29.7.48.

I visited the Arthur Hope College of Technology to-day and made enquiries. The College is situated in one of the two blocks of a building while the Argus Engineering Company is situated in another block. The entire building belonged to Sri G.D. Naidu of Coimbatore. In 1945 Mr. Naidu handed over the block in which the College and the hostel are located to the Madras Government for a period of three years free of any rent. There is no written agreement between himself and the Government of Madras. The Public Works Department took charge of the building in July 1945. Subsequently Mr. Naidu sold the whole building and its premises to Messrs. Argus Engineering Company, Bombay for about 25 lakhs of rupees. I understand that there is a specific recital in the sale deed that the Company could claim possession of this block only on the expiry of the period of three years. This period expired last month. The question of extending the period of tenancy is now under the consideration of the Government of Madras. The matter is under correspondence between the Government and the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company has claimed a fantastic amount of Rs. 8000/- as the monthly rent. The Executive Engineer, Coimbatore has inspected the buildings recently with a view to fix a reasonable rent. I understand that the Government have decided to take the buildings on rent for a further period of three years. The buildings are situated in the village of Vilankurichi, Coimbatore Taluk. With a view to facilitating matters, the Government have extended the provisions of the Madras Building (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1946 to this village. A notification to this effect has been published in the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 30.7.48.

2. As directed by the District Magistrate, the District Superintendent of Police had deputed police to give protection to the Principal. But the Principal did not want Police bandobust as he did not apprehend any imminent trouble. He only wanted help when necessity arose. The trouble started in May last. The immediate cause was a private quarrel between the wife of Mr. Sharma, the Company's Engineer and the maid servant of the Principal over the right to take drinking water from the water tap. Mrs. Sharma wanted the key of the room in which water tap is installed. The Principal was not prepared to hand over the key. Drinking water is taken from Mr. G.D. Naidu's bungalow at Coimbatore in water lorry and stored in a tank in the College premises. When the tap is open, all those who reside in the premises take water. Mrs. Sharma is living in a building attached to the College hotel. I understand that he and the Principal had unpleasant exchange of words when this petty matter took a serious turn. Mr. G.D. Naidu intervened and effected a compromise before the reopening of the College on 7.48.

3. Now further troubles are brewing. There is a very big well in the College premises fitted up with electric pump installations. The water in the well is brackish. The Argus Company has been getting unrestricted supply of water from the well. The Principal told me that the Company wants water throughout day and night and that a lot of water is wasted by them. He has therefore restricted the supply of water. I submit herewith copies of correspondence that has passed between the Principal and the Company recently. The Principal also told me that he is giving the Company sufficient quantity of water to meet their actual requirements. The well and the pumping sets were handed over to the Government along with the College and its buildings. The Company cannot therefore

claim possession of the well and the pumpset. The Principal does not anticipate any breach of the peace. He does not want any Police help also now. He wants the Police help at a moment's notice if any necessity arises. I do not expect that the Company officials will take law into their own hands. The Principal says that the Engineer Mr. Sharma is an unreasonable man and that he is responsible for the whole trouble.

4. There are only about 20 refugees from Kashmir now under the protection of the company. They are not creating any trouble.

I resubmit herewith the District Magistrate's current file sent to me.

Sd/A. Appu,
Sub Divisional Magistrate.

(True Copy)

For Dt. Magistrate.

Telegrams:
TECNOCRACY, BOMBAY.
TECNOCRACY, COIMBATORE.

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MANAGING AGENTS: TECNOCRACY (INDIA) LTD.

H. O. & REGISTERED OFFICE

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FORT, BOMBAY

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PEELAMEDU POST
COIMBATORE.

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Coimbatore D/19-4-49.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department,
M A D R A S.

Dear Sir,

REF:- Your No. 22449-23/48A Educn. D/4-2-49.

30627 Sub:- "Arthur Hope College of Technology".

We like to invite your attention to our letter of the 22nd ultimo which is still not acknowledged by you. A copy of the same is enclosed herein for your perusal.

In view of what we have stated therein, we request you to let us have the remittance.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:1.

CC to :-
Director of Pub. Instrn. Mds.
Hon'ble the Minister for Edcn. Madras.
The Principal, A.H. College of Tech. CBE.

Secretary,

ARGUS ENGINEERING CO. LTD.,

E. P. H. (A)

TRS/pvm:

Orders have already
been issued re: payment
of rent, with copy to the Co.
These papers maybe lodged

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ARGUS ENGINEERING COMPANY Ltd.,

Managing Agents: TECHNOCRACY (INDIA) LIMITED.
Warden House, Sir. P.M. Road, Fort, Bombay.
Works: Coimbatore.

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D/22nd March 1949.

Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department,
M A D R A S.

Dear Sir,

Ref: Your No.2249-23/48A Education,D/4--2--49.

Sub:- Arthur Hope College of Technology.

In connection with the above reference we would like to mention that the question of lease etc., is still under negotiation for which we have addressed a separate letter to Hon'ble the Minister of Education. But under your above reference you have offered us a rent of Rs.45000/- per annum. We feel in the interest of the Company not to block up the invested Capital without the same being remunerative and as such we shall thank you to remit us the due rent for the months of August 1948 to March 1949 i.e. eight months on the basis of your offer which we shall accept without prejudice, under protest and reserving to ourselves the right of our possession and appeal and any other legal action that we may be advised to take by our advisers.

Awaiting to have your early remittance.

Yours faithfully,
For Argus Engineering Co.Ltd.,
For Technocracy India Ltd.,
Sd/- S.H.Thaker,
Director,
Managing Agents.

====TRUE COPY====
FOR ARGUS ENGINEERING CO., LTD.

Secretary

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Ref. AC/3/5/3225

Coimbatore D/19--4--49.

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[Signature]

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WORKS
PEELAMEDU POST. COIMBATORE.

GC/3/6H/346H.

To
The Director of Public Instruction,
Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

Dear Sir,

RE:-RENT OF ARTHUR HOPE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY-COIMBATORE.

Read:- Our H.O. Letter dated 19--4--49, addressed to you-our copy
of letter No.GC/3/5/3325, Dtd.19--4--49, addressed to the
Secretary, to the Government of Madras, Education and
Public Health Department.
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We would invite your attention to the letters referred above
which are yet to be complied with by the Department.

We have morethan once reiterated our position regarding the
College premises to the Government and after long persuasion the
Government has fixed the rent under G.O.M.S.No.998 dated 5th March
1949 and our opinion for the same is stated in our letter dated 22nd
March 1949 to the Secretary Education and Public Health Department.

We are unable to know the reason for the nonfulfilment of this
remittance which, as stated already, a long overdue one. The Company
is losing heavy interest by this Departmental delay. We would request
you to kindly look into this and oblige us with the remittance.

We will be highly favoured if you will instruct the Department
to send us the remittances every month regularly.

Awaiting the favour of your early compliance.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary,
ARGUS ENGINEERING CO.LTD.,

TRS/pvm:

C.S.G.

The Secretary, Educational & Public Health Dept. Madras.

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To the D.P.O.

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E.P.H. (A)
Memo. No. 36219-1/49A Edu dated 13-5-49.
Sub: Colleges - A.H. college of Technology, Coimbatore.
Payment of rent for Argus Engg. Co. buildings.
Ref: From the Secy., the Argus Engg. Co., Ltd.,
Coimbatore No. 9C/3/64/3464 d. 11-5-49.

The attention of the D.P.O.
is invited to the letter addressed to him
by the Secy., Argus Engg. Co., Ltd. Coimbatore
read above, and he is requested to
state whether payment has since
been made to the Co. of the arrears
of rent due to it according to G.O. No.
948 Edu. d. 5-3-49.

the rent has been paid to the Company
up to date and if not, when there has
been delay so far

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R.C.NO.834-A.2/49

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 30--5-1949.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.



The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

Subject: College - A.H.College of Technology, Coimbatore
Payment of rent for Argus Engineering Company.

R e f: Government Memo.No.36219-1/49-A Edn dated
13-5-1949.

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The Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore has since been instructed to pay the rent in full to the
Argus Engineering Company. As the Company is occupying 4 rooms in
the hostel compound the Principal asked to be informed whether
the rent for these rooms should be recovered from the rent to be
paid to the Company. As it might take some time to decide the ques-
tion of the recovery of the rent for the four rooms, I have
instructed the Principal to pay the rent in full to the Company.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction

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No further action seems called for
the papers may be filed with
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SIR A. L. MUDALIAR,
M.D., LL.D., D.SC., F.R.C.O.G., F.A.C.S.,
VICE-CHANCELLOR.

15th April 1949.

Dear Mr. Shetty,

I am sorry to trouble you with this letter, but as the matter is urgent, I felt I could not wait. Much correspondence has passed between the University and the Government regarding the location and the buildings of the Arthur Hope College of Technology in Coimbatore. I saw in the supplementary budget that a provision of nearly 3½ lakhs of Rupees had been set apart for temporary buildings in connection with the College, and the scheme of permanent buildings will be taken on hand.

I understand from the Principal of the Engineering College, Guindy, of whom I made enquiries regarding the nature of the temporary construction, that it is proposed to purchase three large Nisson Huts, and to utilise them temporarily for certain purposes.

I very much regret that the Government have not thought it necessary or desirable to consult the University in regard to the construction of this College or of any temporary arrangements that may be made. It is usual, and the Government should be aware, that the University has to be satisfied as to the nature of the accommodation to be provided for any of the Colleges which is to be affiliated. Apart from this question, I feel that this will be an absolute waste of public funds to spend such a large amount as Rs. 3½ lakhs on temporary buildings. I have no desire in my capacity as Vice-Chancellor to offer any remarks about how the Government may expend its resources. But interested as I am in the College as an affiliated Institution of the University and in seeing to it that

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the College satisfies the requirements of the University as may be laid down by an Inspection Commission, I feel bound to bring to your notice that the present method of constructing temporary structures is wholly unnecessary and that other arrangements should be made and could be made while permanent buildings are being expedited. I have alternative suggestions to offer to meet the temporary needs of the College and will be glad, if with your usual courtesy, you would discuss the matter and in the meantime hold in abeyance the construction of these temporary structures.

I am sending a copy of this communication to the Hon'ble Finance Minister and to the Premier, and request that urgent steps may be taken to review the position, as I feel that public funds will be wasted in the manner in which they propose to utilise for these temporary structures.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. Muthaiah

The Hon'ble Sri A.B. Shetty,
Minister for Education and Public Health,
Government of Madras, Fort St. George, Madras.

HON'BLE
SRI B. GOPALA REDDI



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FORT ST. GEORGE

18th April 1949;



Dear Mr. Shetty,

Please see the letter from Sir A.L. Mudaliar.

There is some force in what the Vice-Chancellor says..

Will you invite him for a personal discussion where

I can also be present? Evidently he wants that we

should take up the big building scheme immediately.

Kindly look into this.

Put up file
advice 19/4

Yours sincerely,

B. G. Reddi

Hon'ble Sri A.B. Shetty,
Minister for Education,
Fort St. George,
Madras.



UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

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VICE-CHANCELLOR.

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UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS
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MADRAS

15th April 1949.

Dear Mr. Gopala Reddy,

I am taking the unusual step of addressing the letter direct to the Minister for Education and sending you a copy. I feel that it would be unwarranted if such a large amount is spent on temporary structures when it is quite feasible to make other arrangements and push on with the permanent buildings for the College of Technology of Technology.

I shall be glad if you will, in consultation with the Hon'ble Minister for Education look into the matter urgently and stop further steps being taken pending consultation with the University, if the Government so pleases.

Yours sincerely,

Admasalai

The Hon'ble Mr. B. Gopala Reddy,
Minister for Finance,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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A. M. S. A. M.

The Hon'ble Sri A.B. Shetty,
Minister for Education and Public Health,
Government of Madras, Fort St. George, Madras.

Copy to the Finance Minister.

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Edu. H. Dept
30-4-49

Do 29007A-1/49A

Dear Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar,

A. S. College of Technology,
Coimbatore - Accommodation
Ref your Do D 15.4.49 to
the Honble Minister for Edu.

Received
29/4/49
11.30 a.m.

I am directed to ~~state~~ state that the Honble Minister for Edu is willing to discuss the matter with you. He thinks that the discussion may be held on the 10th May at 4 p.m. in his room in the Secretariat.

The Honble Minister proposes to invite the Honble Minister for Finance, the D.P.D., the G.E. (Genl) and the Principal of the College to be present at the discussion.

I am to enquire whether the time and date suggested above will suit your convenience. On hearing from you the engagement will be finally fixed up with the others also.

Yours truly

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Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami
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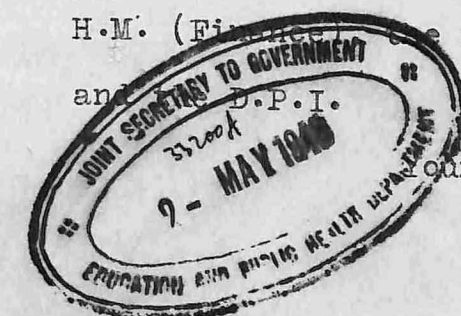


"Cooum House",
1st May 1949.

Dear Mr. Lobo Prabhu,

Dr. A.L. Mudaliar says that
he will be going to Bangalore on
the 10th. The proposed conference
may therefore be held on the 9th
at 12 O'clock at noon. The change
of date may please be intimated to
H.M. (Finance) and the Chief Engineer

and D.P.I.



Yours sincerely,

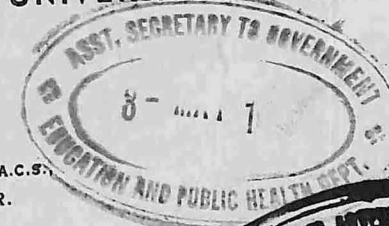
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SIR A. L. MUDALIAR,
M.D., LL.D., D.SC., F.R.C.O.G., F.A.C.S.,
VICE-CHANCELLOR.

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2nd May 1949.

Dear Mr. Prabhu,

32824 I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th April. I regret that I have to be in Bangalore on the 10th May. I have telephoned the Hon'ble Minister requesting him to have the meeting either on the 9th, or 12th, or 13th, any time convenient to him. I hope it will be possible for the Hon'ble Minister to do so.

Yours sincerely,

Aswathar

L. Prabhu, Esq.,
Jt. Secretary to the Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Madras.

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Edn and P.H. Dept

No. 2900) A-2/49A Edn. d. 2.5.49.

Dear Mr. Bhadrach ✓
Dear Mr. Venkatachari ✓
Dear Mr. Viswanath ✓

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A. H. College of Technology,
Coimbatore - Accommodation

I am to inform you that H. M. (Edn)
proposes to convene a conference of the
following persons to discuss the question of
accommodation of the A. H. College of
Technology, Coimbatore, on the 9th May
1949 at 12 A.M. in his room in the Secretariat.

- H. M. (Edn)
- Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras
- D. P. S. X
- B. E., P. W. D. (Gen) X
- ~~Principal, A. H. College of Technology~~ X
- Principal, A. H. College of Technology, Coimbatore.

I am to request you to ~~make it~~ ^{make it} convenient
to attend the conference.
Yours truly

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X by name
copy to the V.C. units ✓
of Madras.

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Minutes of the Conference held by the Hon'ble Minister for Education in his Office on 9th May 1949 to consider measures for expediting permanent buildings for the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

Date and Time: 9th May 1949 12 Noon

Present:

1. The Hon'ble Mr. A.B. Shetty, Minister for Education and Public Health
2. The Hon'ble Mr. B. Gopala Reddi, Minister for Finance
3. Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor of Madras University.
4. Sri A.R. Venkatachari, I.S.E., Chief Engineer, P.W.D. General
5. Sri P. Bhadrachari, Director of Public Instruction, Madras
6. Prof. A. Viswanath, Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.
7. Sri D. Rajagopalan, Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Coimbatore

The Hon'ble Mr. A.B. Shetty has initiated a general discussion on the present progress and future plans of the Arthur Hope College of Technology in which all members present took part. The following decision were then arrived at.

1. That the Agricultural Department has promised to give the 110 acres of the Arthur Hope College, Coimbatore which was formerly allotted for the Arthur Hope College of Technology and a conference of the Hon'ble Minister for Education and Agriculture and other officials connected may be convened in Madras as soon as possible.
2. The Punjab Evacuee Camp sheds A and B (proposed to be constructed in the hostel and staff quarters) which the President of the Forest Research Institute requires, be retained for the use of the Arthur Hope College of Technology at least for a period of 2 years during which the Government of Madras will take steps to construct new Hostel Buildings.
3. The A and B hutments may be handed over to the Forest Research Institute after the new hostel buildings for the College are completed. The sale value of the A and B hutments may fixed on the basis of their purchase price plus cost of alterations and improvements effected by Madras Government.
4. That the P.W.D. may proceed with the construction of the pre-fabricated steel sheds as well as improvements to A and B hutments as per their present plans as expeditiously as possible.
5. That plans and estimates and measures to start the Main buildings, staff quarters etc. for the Arthur Hope College of Technology as expeditiously as possible.
6. The University be apprised of these measures taken by Government and requested to continue the admission of the 1st year class of students in the Arthur Hope College of Technology in the Guindy College for the next 2 years also.

Principal,
Arthur Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore.

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Letter Ref.No. 29007A-3/9A Edn., dated 13-5-49

To The Registrar,
University of Madras. (with enclosure)

Sir,

Sub:- Arthur Hope College of Technology,
Coimbatore - Accommodation.

Ref:- The Vice-Chancellor's letter to the
Hon'ble Minister for Education,
dated 15-4-49.

The question of construction of the temporary buildings
for the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore ~~in progress~~
and other matters connected with the College
were discussed at a Conference held by the Hon'ble Minister
for Education in his room on the 9th May 1949 at which the
following persons were present:-

The Hon'ble Mr. A. B. Shetty
The Hon'ble Mr. B. Gopala Reddi
Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar
Sri A. R. Venkatachari
Sri P. Bhadrish
Prof. A. Viswanath
Sri D. Rajagopalan (Exe. Engineer, Coimbatore)
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A copy of resolutions passed at the Conference is
enclosed. Steps are being taken to implement these
resolutions. It may be ~~mentioned~~ ^{mentioned} that the Govt. have

already appointed a Committee in G.O. No. 2775-Edn.,
for the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of buildings for
dated 5-11-48 (copy enclosed). I am directed to request
that as ~~required~~ ^{requested} in resolution 6 the University will

be so good as to ~~xxx~~ permit the admission of the 1st year students of the A.H. College of Technology into Guindy College for the next ^{two} years. also.

Yours faithfully,

10/5/48
12/5/48.

Copy to the D.P.S.

Memo No. 29007A-4/49 A Edu. 2. 13-5-48.

A.H. College of Technology,
Coimbatore. - Construction of
temporary buildings.

The C.E. (Pul) is requested to report what progress has been made for the construction of the temporary buildings for the college and when the ^{is likely to be completed} expects to complete the work. He is

also requested to report whether the Committee appointed in G.O. No. 2775 Edu, 3 5-11-48 for the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of buildings for the new Eng College has met and if so what progress has been made in the matter.

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Secretary, E. & P.H.

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Please see herewith a letter from the Argus Engineering Company Ltd., Coimbatore. Now that we are making arrangements for shifting the college to the evacuee camps in the Forest College compound, I don't think that we should negotiate with them. They may be informed that the Govt. expect to shift the college away from their place in the beginning of the next year. If necessary, the Principal of the College may be consulted through a D.O. before sending a reply.



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H.M. Education.

A further complication has since arisen in this case. It has been decided that the Forest college should be handed over to the Govt. for being run as an all India college. The Dev dept have stated that some

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 buildings in the Burma Evacuee Camp
 must be given to the Govt. of India for use
 in connection with the Forest College. This dept
 have however noted that it is impossible
 to hand over any buildings in the Camp
 to the Forest College and that all the buildings
 in the Camp must be retained for the Eng College.
 The main file has been sent to Dew for taking
 orders in circulation including ~~those~~ of H.M. (Educ)

The reference suggested at A on the
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 of the question ~~raised~~ ^{adverted} to above. A draft DO
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H. M. Education himself take interest and settle
because it is a huge sum. because it is in
his own place.

SECRETARY, EDR, AND P. H. DEPT.
10 MAY 1948
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edu) with reference to the H.M. Premier's minute on the previous page. H.M.'s attention may be invited to the letter of the Principal and the D.P.'s Do on pp. 17-21 of.

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I have been this in an authoritative which on his behalf of me moves of registering; before we Market. by (the main file on this subject is in circulation (sent to Do)

Note sent to office on 7-5-48 A note from Do sent to Do for main file + it was sent on 8-5-48 to the Do + on 10-5-48 to the Do

H.Pr. has written his note on the 6th. I don't see any reason why it should take 5 days for this note to be put up to me. In matters like this which are really urgent, I think there should be greater expedition.

With regard to the ~~requestion of the Anti-Drift~~ ~~taking up the matter of fixing of rent,~~ the matter may be examined separately by Legal. In the meantime, we may address the Principal confidentially to fix, in consultation with the Executive or Superintending Engineer, as to what may be the reasonable rent to pay. The matter must be treated as very confidential. In the meantime, the Argus Engineering people may also be addressed and told that the present buildings occupied by us will be necessary for us for a few more years and they may be asked to state their terms. As the matter is immediate, immediate action should be taken.

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A draft Do and a draft letter are subd.

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The file may be sent to Legal for remarks with reference to A on the previous page. Attention is invited to the Dev. Secy's note on page 1 of the papers at (N). The file containing the ~~Do~~ ^{Do} is linked for reference by Legal.

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E.P.H. u.o. 22449-4/48A (Bd) dated 13.5.48



LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

Section 4 (1) of Madras Act XIV of 1946 permits the requisitioning of property only for the purposes specified therein. Under that section a building cannot be requisitioned for an educational institution. Nor is there any other provision under which Government can requisition immovable property. Section 10 (1) of Madras Act I of 1947 authorizes the requisitioning of movable property only and that too for the purposes specified therein. Nor does section 3 (3) of Madras Act XV of 1946 authorize the Government to requisition any building. All that the Government can do under that section is to require the landlord, on receipt of a notice of vacancy of a building from him, to let it out to Government, at ^{such} ~~any~~ rent not exceeding the 'fair rent' as may be agreed upon, that is to say, the Government can compel him to let ^{his} ~~the~~ building to them.

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In the circumstances stated by Legal the only way by which ~~the~~ ^{the} Govt can secure the building for the college is by private negotiation. The Principal's reply to the Do on page 24 may be awaited. In the meanwhile Dev may see with reference to the Dev. Secy's note on page 1 of the papers at (N).

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B on page 8 ante: If no rent is payable for the building by the Government or on their account, the Government will not be a "tenant" within the meaning of section 2(4) of Madras Act XV of 1946 and consequently the provisions of the Act relating to eviction cannot be invoked in this case.

X on page 8 ante: In the circumstances now explained, this Department agrees that section 3(1) will not apply to the case.

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In the circumstances stated, the only course is to secure the building by private negotiation.

Attention is invited to the D.O. to the Principal, A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore and the letter to the Managing Director of the Argus Eng. Coy. on page 24 cf. The Principal's reply has not yet been received. The reply of the Company will be found on page 28 cf. The Managing Director of the Company desires to have a personal discussion with the Secretary and requests that the day and time suitable may be intimated to him. It is understood that H.ell (Edn) is going to Coimbatore to day. Perhaps he may take the opportunity to discuss the matter with the authorities of the Company.

Attention is invited to the D.O.'s letter on pp 25-26 cf. The points raised in the letter are noted on below:—

Point (1)

The ^{Govt's} ~~present~~ idea is to continue the college in the present premises for some years. The Chief Eng. was asked

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Public (General-C) Department.



The file has been sent to this Department with reference to the Development Secretary's note on p.1 of (N). The Development Secretary has held the view that the Government cannot be evicted from the premises except as provided for in the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1946. It is submitted that Mr. G.D. Naidu made a gift of the use of the premises to Government for a period of 3 years which ends with June 1948. ^{Therefore,} ~~As such~~ no rent has been

paid by the Government to Mr. Naidu for the use of the premises. In the circumstances the Government cannot be deemed to be ^a tenant of Mr. Naidu within the meaning of the term "tenant" as defined in section 2(4) of the Act. The new purchaser of the premises does not also appear to have taken any rent. It does not therefore appear that the provisions of the Act can be invoked in this case. One of the objects of the Act is to prevent unreasonable ~~eviction of tenants~~ ^{eviction of tenants} from residential and non-residential buildings.

With reference to Z in the Legal Department's ^{on p.7 ante,} note it is submitted that the landlord in this case need not give notice of vacancy of the premises ^{and} when the Govt. vacate, as there is no question of termination of a tenancy or the landlord ceasing to occupy the building -- vide Section 3(1) of the Act. In the circumstances the only course out of the difficulty is to secure the building by private negotiation with the landlord.

With the above remarks the file may be returned to E.&P.H. through Legal. Development Secretary may also see. ^{perhaps}

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Some time ago to fix the rent for the buildings. He has not yet sent his reply in spite of reminders. In view of the Do or Die ultimatum with the Executive Eng. page 24 of the Principal would have arrived at some amount by this time.

Point (2)

Orders have already been issued for the erection of the shed bought from Boardman in the site reserved for the Eng College in the Agricultural College Estate. The B.E. has also been asked to submit urgently an estimate for the work. So no further action is necessary in this matter.

Point (3)

The D.P.I. may be asked to arrange for the admission of the 75 Coimbatore students in the Guindy College and apply for sanction to employ the addl staff necessary in due course. He may also be asked to obtain the necessary permission from the University. A draft memo is subd.

Attention is invited to the University letter on page 27 of the report of the D.P.I. referred to has not yet been recd. The Regr may be informed of the new development and of Govt's proposal to continue the College in its present premises for some more years. A draft letter is subd.

After issue of the memo and the letter the file may be circulated to all (pdr) with reference to A on the previous page.

May 29/6/48

29/5/48 S/H

I went to the College and met Mr. Mehta who is in charge of the Argus Engineering Co. workshop at Coimbatore. I have informed him that we will be able to meet the Chairman and the Managing Agent of the Co. in Madras on the 8th and 9th or 13th, 14th and 15th to fix up rent for the building. We will talk it over with them and fix a reasonable rent. In the meantime, I have asked the Executive Engineer to send me his estimate of the rent we may pay to the building.

With regard to point (2), I understand from the notes of the Principal sent herewith that the land allotted to the Engineering College has not been placed in the possession of the P.W.D., so that they may undertake the work. Necessary orders may be issued immediately.

With regard to point (3), in the present circumstances, I believe there is no other alternative than to admit the 75 Coimbatore students in the Guindy College, and apply for sanction to employ additional staff in due course. That matter must be done immediately. I suppose the staff that is employed for the Anantapur College may be retained in the Engineering College even for this year. The D.P.I. may be asked to retain that staff pending further orders in view of this, and while inviting applications we may invite it for the Guindy College and not for the Coimbatore College.

Please see also the other letters of the Principal of the Arthur Hope college of Technology in Coimbatore. He thinks that we must be able to shift to our new site at least in one year and wants arrangements to be made from now and the suggestions made by him in these various letters may be considered and given effect to as soon as possible. He wants permission to use the transport already in his hands for the purpose of looking after the putting up of the necessary buildings in the Agricultural

Rs 35,900 per annum
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tural College estate. That also may be permitted.

He has also sent a note about the staff of the Coimbatore College which may be gone into and the needful done.

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The Executive Engr. has since sent his report. please see 51-62 cf. He considers that a rent of Rs 35,900 per year as reasonable. N on the previous page.

An extract of the minute may be sent to Deo and that dept may be requested to instruct the Agricultural dept to hand over the site immediately.

Q on the previous page.

The D.P.S has already been informed that he should make arrangements for the admission of the 75 Coimbatore students in the Eng College. Giving & that the necessary permission of the University should be obtained.

P on the previous page

The staff sanctioned for the Arantapur college will go to Arantapur when the college is removed to that place vizby. The D.P.S has stated that some addl staff will have to be appointed at Yind on account of the Coimbatore students and that he will submit proposals in due course. This may be awaited.

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The last date for applications is over and by this time all the



I believe, in fact, there is no official from whose preferences are noted by the landlady & the principal of the C. U. is usually the authority of selection.

applications would have been read. There is no harm in admitting the Coimbatore students at Yind as was done in the case of Arantapur students previously. In fact all students are eager to get admission into the Yind College instead of into the other colleges.

R+S on page 9 ante

It is not known how the college can be shifted to its permanent site in the Mysore College site next year. The plans and estimates for the permanent building are not ready. The D.P.S was reminded even on 27.5.48. There is not much point in the Principal's saying that the college can be removed next year. After the plans and estimates are ready the financial sanction of Govt. should be obtained. In short the college will have to remain in its present premises for some years.

T on page 12 ante

The D.P.S may be asked to expedite his proposals for the employment of addl staff in the college. A draft memo is subd.

After view the file may be circulated to S. all (Edn) for use at the next conference with the authorities of the Mysore Eng. Coll.

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Mr. S.H. Thaker, Director, Technocracy (India) Ltd. Managing Agents for the Argus Engineering Co., Ltd., who is the owner of the buildings in which our engineering

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(Delinob. will also be sent to Deo)

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College is situated met me on Saturday as per engagement. He demanded a rent of Rs.10,000/- per month for the portion occupied by the Engineering College. He says that ~~they~~ bought it for Rs.21 lakhs and this is nearly half the building and as business men if they would let it to business use, it will give them a lot of profit and they must be given atleast ~~Rs.10~~ Rs.10,000/- a month. I said we cannot go anywhere near that figure. He asked for the figure and I suggested Rs.30,000/- per year. This is somewhat less than suggested by our own Engineers. He said that he will consult the Headquarters and let me know. Today he and Mr. Kirlakhar Mehta, Attorney for Managing Agents, Argus Engineering Co., Ltd., met me. They want atleast Rs.6,000 per month atleast i.e., Rs.72,000/- per year. I told them that it will be difficult for us to agree to this but we are agreeable to appoint an Arbitrator who will go into the matter and suggest a suitable rent. They said they will consider and say. I think we can go up to the figures suggested by our Engineers which is found in page 12 or else refer the matter for arbitration. H.Pr. may kindly see.

They have promised to come within a week. The file may be put up to me by about the 27th.

After his talks H. W. Education may send it to me again

G.P.R
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It is not known whether H. W. (Edu) met the authorities of the Argus Eng. Company. The file may be circulated to H. W. (Edu) with ref to the Honble Premier's minute.

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6/7/48 H. (Pr.)



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This came to me as an open file. On the other hand, I think it ought to have come as a 'confidential' file in a box. It may be treated as 'confidential' hereafter.

Please see herewith the letter that I have received from the Managing Agents of the Argus Engineering Co., Ltd., who are the owners of the buildings which our Engineering College in Coimbatore is occupying. They are not willing to rent out the buildings. They are only agreeable to sell it, but there is no use of our buying the building and the price that they are demanding also is too high. In these circumstances, I think we have no other way than to acquire it for rent. H.Pr. may see.

The matter must be treated as very new inquiry as the period of loan of the building to the Govt ended on 1-7-48.



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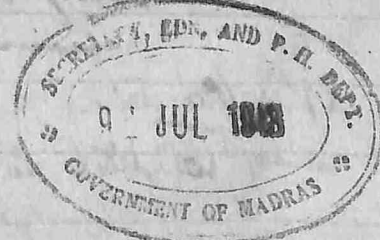
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The file may be circulated to H.Pr.

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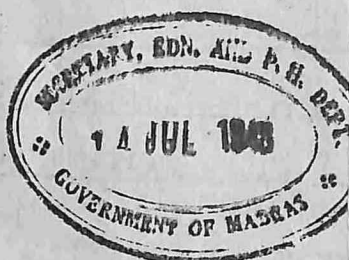


The authorities of the Argus company wanted a rent of Rs 72,000 per year. Our Engineers consider that Rs 36,900 per year is ~~reasonable~~ ^{reasonable} whether the Govt. may be asked to contact the authorities and suggest some via media. The draft memo is subd.

MM
9/7/48 S / H.Pr.

Steps may be taken to take legal proceedings for

rent
acquiring it for ~~any other purpose~~ as suggested above by H.Pr.



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Attention is invited to the notes of the Legal and Public Depts on pp. 7-9 ante. The private ~~negotiation~~ method was suggested because it is not possible to ~~take action under any law~~.

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14.7.48

H.Pr. may see the note of Legal above. In that case, we must make law for such requisition. I suggest that ⁱⁿ the recent Bill that we are introducing in the House, we may take that power. This seems to be absolutely necessary.



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May be circulated to the House Premier with reference to the minutes above.

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This file may wait for H.Pr.

This may be put up to H.Pr. as soon as he comes.

ISA

21.7.48

The power to compel the landlord to let the building to us on rent & the power to fix fair rent will serve our purpose.

E.P.R.
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Please see the minutes of H.M.(Education) and H.Pr. on page 16 ante. Apparently, H.Pr. agrees with H.M.(Edn.).

The point whether it is necessary to take power generally to requisition buildings for educational purposes was considered in connection with the Madras Educational Buildings (Requisition of Property) Bill and the Cabinet decided that this need not be incorporated in the Bill. If the provision to that effect is ^{to be} included in the Bill, the matter will have to be placed before the Cabinet again. Besides, H.M.(Edn) has desired that the Bill should be introduced in the Legislature as soon as possible. The Bill has already been published for public information and it is likely that it will be introduced in the Legislature within a short time. If the amendment proposed is to be incorporated in the Bill it will have to be amended almost clause by clause and this will hamper the progress of the Bill.

The question was also considered whether the Government had power under Section 4 (1) of the Madras Essential Articles Control and Requisition (Temporary Powers) Act of 1946 to requisition buildings for educational purposes and it was decided that the Government had no such powers under the Act - vide the notes of Legal on p. 7 ante.

It is seen from a copy of the deed executed between Mr. G.D. Naidu and the Argus Engineering Company that the Government have a right of possession of the present buildings, in which the College is situated, up to 1-8-48. The Government Pleader, Coimbatore, whom the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, has consulted in the matter, has suggested that the aid of the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act 1946 may be invoked and that the Act may be extended to the area in which the buildings are located before 1-8-48 and the Rent Controller may then be requested to allot the buildings for the College. The Chief Engineer (General), P.W.D., has suggested that this procedure may be adopted.

Public and Local Departments may be consulted whether there

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~~is any objection to this procedure.~~

Attention is invited to the notes of the Public and the Legal Departments on pages 8-9 ante wherein the question of application of the Act in this case was considered. It was ruled that the Act could not be invoked because the Government were not paying ~~the~~ rent for the building and as such they could not be considered as a tenant as defined in Section 2(14) of the Act. But, the Government will be liable for rent from 1-8-48. The Company is also demanding rent from Govt. and it can be assumed that they are treating Govt. as a tenant, for all practical purposes. It is not clear whether the Act can be applied to this case after 1-8-48. The Act is now in force only within the Coimbatore Municipality. The building is outside the Municipal area and the Act has to be extended to the village Villankurichi if the Act is to become applicable to this case ~~even after~~ 1-8-48.

Public and Legal Departments may be requested to advise. They may be requested to treat the case as specially urgent.

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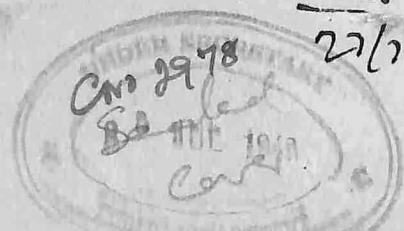
PUBLIC (GENERAL-C) DEPT.

(This Department saw the case previously on p.8 ante)

Please see the notes and orders in circulation at pp.8-18 above

The point for consideration in this department is as to how to acquire the building on fair rent. With reference to the opinion of the Govt. pleader Coimbatore at A on p.83 c.f. it is submitted that the Madras buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Acts 1946 has not been extended to the Revenue Village of Villankurichi where the building and lands in question are situated. There is no objection to extend the act to the above village. Subject to orders necessary action

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is taken in the linked file.

After the Act has been extended the point for consideration is whether the Government can be deemed to be the tenants within the meaning of the Act in respect of the buildings from 1.8.48. With reference to notes on pp.8-9 ante the Govt. cannot be deemed to be tenants till 31.7.48 as no rent was is payable as per the gift deed and sale deed. From 1.8.48 the position appears to be that the rent for the building is payable for by the Govt., though the amount of rent has not been agreed upon. Reference in this connection is solicited to the letter from H.M. (Edn) the owners of the buildings. It does not appear that they have sent any reply to this letter refusing to allow the Govt. to occupy the building on rental basis. In the circumstances Legal may advise whether the Govt. can be deemed to be tenants from 1.8.48 as the rent becomes payable on their account from that date. If they can be deemed to be tenants, there is no further difficulty.

If the Govt. cannot be deemed to be tenants the alternative is for the Govt. to agree to pay the rent demanded by the owners and establish their tenancy. After this is done the Rent Controller can be moved to fix the fair rent for the building. Any agreement for the payment of ~~any sum~~ any sum in excess of fair rent is null and void vide sec.6(b) of the Act.

In this connexion mention may be made of the provisions relating to the requisition of lands proposed to be included in 2 Bills now under the consideration of the Government. Reference is solicited to clause 3(1) of the Bill under consideration in Revenue. The requisition of this Building may be brought under "for any other public purpose". It is expected that the Bill will be moved in the next session of Legislature. In the other Bill relating to Act 1948 it is also proposed to make a provision for requisitioning immovable properties.

With the above remarks the file may be passed on to Legal.

Legal may see for remarks first
28-7-48

Legal Department

The present position of the Government in relation to the building is substantially that of a licensee. By merely holding on to the building and refusing to vacate it after the period of the licence has expired, Government cannot convert their possession as a licensee into that as a tenant. Their offer to pay rent is not sufficient to make them tenants. That offer will have to be accepted by the Company. In other words, there must be an agreement to create a tenancy. Once a tenancy is established, it will be open to Government to move the Rent Controller to fix a fair rent for the building.

Pub (S.C.) Dept

please see this kept order on pp 18-19 ante and the remarks of legal above. In the circumstances stated by legal the only course open for the Govt. is at 'X' on p 19 of ante to agree to pay the rent demanded by the landlords and create a tenancy by entering into an agreement. with remarks The file may be returned to E.P.H.

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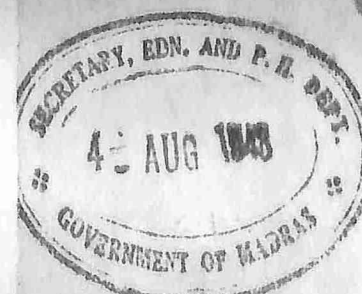
Please see the notes and the orders in circulation from page 15 ante. The position now is that under none of the existing enactments the Government can compel the Company to let the building to them on rent. The Govt. will have this power if the two Bills referred to by Public on page 19 ante become law. This will however take time.

The Public Department have issued a notification extending the Madras Buildings (Lease and Rent Control) Act, 1946 to the Vilankurichi village in which the Arthur Hope College of Technology is now located.

The next step to be taken is to accept the rent that may be finally agreed to by the Company for the buildings and thereafter apply to the Rent Controller to fix a fair rent for the buildings as suggested at 'X' on page 19 ante and the Legal Department's note on page 20 ante. Of course, if the Company is willing to accept a rent lower than what it is asking now, but not much higher than that considered reasonably by the P.W.D., the Govt. need not resort to the Rent Controller. Orders may be taken in circulation whether this may be done.

We may await the result of the negotiations which the CE is making with the Company. If a mutually agreeable rate is arrived at, the Govt. will make any further action as a result of the above being taken.

On 11/3/7



Please see herewith the latest letter that I have received from the Argus Engineering Co. They would like us to purchase the building which is not in our interest. Let steps be taken to fix up a fair rate and we shall agree. As stated by Legal, if there is no power under the existing rules, we may have to take power under the recent bills that are coming. But that will be looked into when they come.

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4.8.48

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I believe the Expert Committee, which was set up in connection with the establishment of the Coimbatore, Anantapur and the Cocanada Engineering Colleges, went into the matter of the type of buildings that have to be built and evolve a suitable type design. I would like to know whether these estimates are on that design. The matter may be enquired into and put up.

No Government is in a position to spend so much amount. Nowadays this expert committee and others want to spend more money on buildings. I had a talk with the Principal Engineering College Guindy. Please ask him also.

G.P.R.
21/1



With reference to the minutes above, it is noted that a Sub-Committee of the Expert Committee has been entrusted with the work of preparing plans and estimates for the permanent buildings of the Coimbatore Eng. College. The recommendations of this Sub-Committee have not yet been read. In June last the D.P.S. reported that he had reminded the Principal of the Eng. College, Guindy, who is the convenor of the Sub-Committee about the matter. The Principal may be asked to report the stage at which the matter now stands. He may also be instructed to see that the cost of the buildings is kept at the lowest minimum. He may also be asked to state the number of years in which the work will have to be spread. The Principal may also consult the Consulting Architect.

2 With reference to the Huddle Preamble minute at X on page 22 ante the Chief Engineer.

HP 101-102

has sent a further letter explaining the nature of the expenditure of Rs 3 lakhs ^{sanctioned for} the construction of sheds. In the circumstances stated by the ^{here} ~~there~~ no further action seems necessary in that matter.

HP 103-105

3 The D.E. (Sul) has sent his final reply to the Memo on pages 75-76 of. His conclusions are as follows:—

- (a) the Aggar company is not willing to let the building on rent but only proposes to sell it.
- (b) the ~~matter~~ ^{matter} is no longer one which has to be handled by him ^{and} that further moves must be made by Govt themselves.
- (c) the Govt may start negotiations with Rs 40,000 per annum as rent and else ~~up~~ with Rs 45,000 per annum.
- (d) if the company does not agree the Govt may take the matter to the Rent Controller as advised by the Govt Pleader, Coimbatore.
- (e) the opinion of the Govt Pleader that tenancy has been admitted in this case and that Govt can safely proceed on the basis of tenancy may be got confirmed by reference to Govt's legal advisers.

The file may be sent to Legal for remarks with reference to (d) and (e) before circulation.



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Legal Department

The legal position of Government vis-a-vis Mr. G.D. Naidu in respect of the occupation of the buildings by Government has been fully explained in the note of this Department at pages 39-41 n.f. in the linked file ^xII

2. Briefly put, the position of Government is not that of a tenant, but of an invitee for a term of three years, that is, a licensee.

3. It is no doubt true that the Argus Engineering Co. have asked Government to enter into a "fresh rent deed". But Government have not acceded to that demand so far. The important point, however, is that no demand for a definite rent appears to have been made on Government either by Mr. G.D. Naidu or the Company. This shows that there was no definite stipulated rent. On the contrary, there are various statements in the file to the effect that Government were to have the use of the college free of any rent or charge for three years.

4. In the letter of the G.P. at page 109 c.f. it is stated that the tenancy between Mr. Naidu and the Government is admitted ^{by} the correspondence, that this fact has also been admitted by the present owner (the company) and that Government can safely proceed on the basis of tenancy. It is also stated that the G.P. arrived at this view after personal discussion and after considering the facts. It is not known what statements were made during the personal discussion between the Executive Engineer and the G.P. and on what facts the G.P. arrived at his conclusion. Portion marked X on page 71 c.f. and the letter on pages 87-89 c.f. do not, however support the theory of tenancy. But one thing appears to be certain. If the Government now take up the stand that they were tenants, this will necessarily mean that they admit their liability to pay rent as a tenant to the landlord for the period of three years which ended on 31-7-1948. The amount that they will have to pay on this account will not be

inconsiderable. Whether this should be done or whether it will not be better to arrive at some sort of settlement with the Company (even if the amount be somewhat high for the time being) first so as to establish the position of Government as tenants of the Company from 1-8-1948, are matters which require careful consideration.

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30-8-48.

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The file may be circulated to H.M. (Agr.), H.M. (P.W.), H.M. (Fin) and the Honble Premier, H.M. (Agr.) also may see.

For three years the Govt are "invitees" or licensees and no rent need be paid. At the end of 3 years we are in the position of a person holding over. Any how we are in occupation and possession. Since we do not claim to retain possession under the H.R. Control Act I ask the Govt to take to fix a fair rent. Legal may examine this.

Please see the further wire that I have received today put up below. The matter must be expedited. Legal may examine as suggested by H.M. (Agr.) above and put it up

suit for eviction in which case, the Govt. will have to pay a fair rent to be fixed by the Court after only 15-7-48. But there will be no defence for the suit, the only thing possible being to drag on the suit for 2 or 3 years in the Original and Appellate Courts. We can tell the party that we are not prepared to surrender but to pay a fair rent, and if they are not agreeable to this, they can take such steps as they think fit. The only step that they can take is civil suit and it will take 3 years to decide it. In the meanwhile we can find out another building.

If we are prepared to pay fair rent from the date the College we can come under the Rent Control Act.

What is suggested above is not a very respectable way for Government or any tenant to adopt. In the present circumstances, we do not seem to have any other way. It may be circulated to H.Pr. first and then put up to me. As the matter is urgent, action has to be taken without delay.

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7-9-48

But it is not fair on our part.

G.P.R.

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My letter to the Hon'ble
to the Hon'ble, who has not seen yet
in his address.

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H.P. may suggest as to what
may be done.



I have already
accepted H.M. Agri's
suggestion but only
said that it is not
fair

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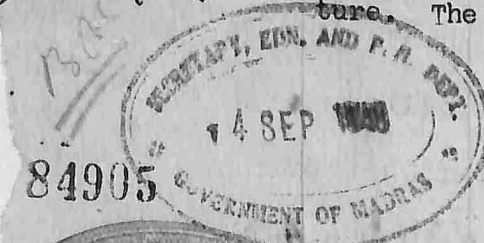
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The Hon'ble Premier has accepted the suggestion of H.M. (Agri.) at 'Y' on page 30 ante. H.M. (Education) may see.

It is proposed to erect temporary sheds at a cost of about Rs.3 lakhs for the Engineering College on a portion of the 100 acres site allotted to it in the Agricultural College Estate with a view to remove the College from its present premises before the end of the year. This proposal has been approved by Government.

In the meanwhile it is understood from Development that the site reserved for the Engineering College in the Agricultural College Estate will not be released as it is required for the Agricultural College itself. It has therefore become all the more necessary to retain possession of the buildings of the Argus Engineering Coy., till a fresh site is selected.

I have just now received the letter from the Argus Engineering Co. which is put up below. H.Pr. also accepted the suggestion of H.M. Agriculture. The letter on those lines may issue.



E.P.H. no. 22449-16/48A

dated 14-9-48

(with two 3's)



P.W.D. no. 6229

15/9/48

A draft letter is sent for
consideration. P.W.D. need not
perhaps see the file but
may see by the time of the
meeting of the committee.

The file may be perused and
passed on to Finance Department.

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Finance (Exor.C) Deptt.Continued

The case relates to the occupation of the building belonging the Argus Engineering Co., Ltd., in which the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, is located. The building originally belonged to one Mr. G.D. Naidu who had temporarily placed it at the disposal of the Government for a period of three years ending with July 1948. Before the expiry of the period, the buildings were sold away ^{by Sri Naidu} to the present owner, viz., the Argus Engineering Co., Ltd. The owners were first inclined to let out the building to the Govt. on a rent of Rs 72,000/- per annum, against a rent of Rs 35,900 assessed by the P.W. Department, but are not now prepared to lease the building. However, ~~there~~ they are willing to sell the building outright to the Government for a fair price. As separate arrangements were proposed to be made for locating the College in the British Evacuee Camp which had been purchased by the Government, the question of purchasing the building was not considered. ~~But, therefore, proposed to continue occupation of the building with separate arrangements could be made for locating the college.~~ As the British Evacuee Camp was ^{subsequently} proposed to be handed over to the Government of India, it was decided to make arrangements for locating the College by putting up pre-fabricated sheds in a portion of the site in the Agricultural College Estate earmarked for the construction of permanent buildings for the Arthur Hope College of Technology. It is stated that even this arrangement is not possible now, as the ~~site~~ site in the Agricultural college Estate is required for the Agricultural College itself. E. & P.H. have noted that in the circumstances it is ^(in which the A.H. College is now located) all the more necessary to retain possession of the building till permanent buildings are constructed for the College on a different site.

It has been decided in circulation, after consultation with the Legal Department, that the Government should continue occupation of the building and that the owner should be told that, while the Government are not prepared to vacate the building, they would pay a fair rent for it. It is proposed to offer a ~~maximum~~ rent of Rs 40,000 per annum for the building - please see item (c) in para 3 of E. & P.H. note on page 25 above and the

subsequent notes and orders in circulation. Although the orders in circulation are not specific on the question of the rate of rent to be offered, Finance may, perhaps, agree to ^{an} ~~the maximum~~ offer of Rs 40,000 ^{per annum} being made. The draft letter below may be accepted.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

The reference is to buildings - see page 1 c.f. The draft may be altered accordingly.

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Legal no. 11248 C/27
12.2.48.



H.M. Agriculture and myself visited the Agricultural College spot. We agreed that out of the 110 acres of the Agricultural College estate, 45 acres adjoining the present plot that is sought to be acquired, may be allotted to the Engineering College and the 70 acres sought to be acquired may be reduced by 20 acres and a convenient square block of about 50 acres acquired. The block of land opposite to the present Engineering College research buildings being available, a land from the point of view of agriculture, need not be transferred to the Engineering College. Instead of the 45 acres now being transferred, an area of 20 or 25 acres may be acquired adjacent to the research buildings for the Agricultural College purposes.

The Director of Agriculture and the Principal of the Engineering College, Coimbatore were present. The Principal of the Agricultural College has been asked to submit plans for implementing the suggestions.

H.M. Agriculture may also see.

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15.10.48

The file may be circulated to H.M. (AGP) for perusal of the minute of H.M. (Edn) on page 33 ante.

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to H.M. (AGP)

See my remarks on the previous page margin.



This file relates to the payment of rent for the Argus Eng. Company. The question of site need not be mixed up with this file. Extracts of the minutes of H.M. (Edn) and H.M. (AGP) have been taken and a separate file has been started. This file may lie over till the reply to the letter on page 115 of is recd. For orders whether the chairman of the Company should be reminded.

DM
18/10/48

A draft letter is submitted for approval.

20.10.48

[I enclose as Letter No. 22469-17/48A Edn.d. 21-10-48]

c.no. 8056 from the chairman, Bd. of Directors, The Argus Engg. Co., Bombay d 29-10-48.

The chairman, Bd. of Directors,

Argus Engg. Co. has sent a copy of the letter d. 4.10.48 sent to H.M. (Edn) in reply to the letter on p 115 of. The Company desires that the property in question be purchased by the Govt., or, in the alternative, that it should be taken on lease for a minimum period of five years on an annual rental

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x this is proposed to be entrusted to a committee consisting of Principals C.E. & J.L.C.A.

E.P.Ku.O. 22469-17/48A
dated 4-11-48
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P.W.D. NO. 7186 C/48
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of Rs.60,000/- as against Rs.40,000/- p.a. proposed by the Govt. The C.E., P.W.D., General, suggested to Government that the negotiations might be started with an offer of Rs.40,000/- p.a. and closed with an offer of Rs.45,000/- p.a. The Company may now be informed that, as a special case, they will be given even Rs.45,000/- p.a. but nothing more. For orders.

2. As regards the period of lease, the C.E. suggested that it might be for a period of one year, with provision for extension and for termination of the lease at one or two month's notice by Govt. But it does not seem that the Co. will agree to this. There, however, does not seem to be much harm in agreeing to a five year lease, as asked for by the Co., as it is ~~not~~ ^{most unlikely} that the college can be provided with alternative accommodation within five years. The site for the college has not yet been settled. The plans and estimates have also yet to be prepared. ^{Further it seems better to annex the D.P.S. and the C.E. about the period of the lease. A draft memo is sent.} 3. The file may be sent to P.W.D. and Finance for remarks before circulation.

This dept may agree to the proposals of P.W.D. The file may be passed on to Fin.

(Perkins his note mbb 32-33 ante) Fin (14/11)

Please see his for his notes from his post page 34 ante.

2. Finance may agree with P.W.D. that the Argus Engineering Co. may be informed that they would be paid a rent of Rs 45,000 p.a. for the building. The draft memo below may also be passed.

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P.T.O.

This does not appear to be a compulsory acquisition in the circumstances, as the P.W.D.'s highest estimate was Rs 35,900, and it is not exactly a compulsory acquisition but one by negotiation, Rs 40,000 appears a quite sufficiently high sum to offer. Finance Dept. may suggest that this be the limit.

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Edm and P.H. Dept

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The Chairman of the Company was informed that the Govt are prepared to pay Rs 40,000/- a year. But he demands Rs 60,000 per year. The figure Rs 45,000 was suggested by this Dept. ~~the figure suggested by the C.E. himself.~~ For orders whether the rent of Rs 45,000 per year may be given.

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The draft, quere below may issue. After the Director's reply is recd; the Company can be addressed.

(Issued as Memo no. 22449A-20/48A) 15.11.48

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From the D.P.S. No. 183K2/46 d 29.11.48.
From the C.E. No. 5694-Ac/47-25 d 9.12.48

Please see the letter from the D.P.S. and the C.E. on pp. 137-142 cf. The C.E.'s suggestion at A on page 139 cf may be accepted. A draft letter is subd. Instructions have already been issued to the P.W.D. to expedite the erection of the sheds on the site in the Agricultural college estate since allotted to the Eng. college. Finance may see before circulation.

E.P.H. no. 22449-21/48A
dated 11.12.48
10/12/48



P.W.D. (C)

The draft letter and E & P.H. Deptt note above may be perused and the file may be placed in the Finance Deptt.

P.W.D. U.O. no. 22449-21/48A
80960/48-1 at 14.12.48
14.12.48



Please see the order in circulation on page 36 and the letters from the D.P.S. and the C.E. (GL) on pp 137 and 139 cf. The draft letter below may be accepted.

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15.12.48
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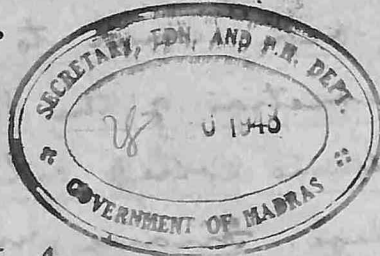
For order as to circulation.

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When I was in Coimbatore, the Superintending Engineer met me, and I had a talk with him over the matter. He thinks it will not be safe to presume that buildings for the new Engineering Colleges will be finished by June. He would like to have some more months. And so, in these circumstances, this letter may go and we may take for rent for 2 years including the current year.



C. no. 97135 from the Argus Engg Co., dated 21-12-48.

A letter d. 21.12.48 from the Argus Engg. Co. since received, is added to the c. 7. ^{It is only a reminder.} ~~The draft below may issue.~~

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H 145-146 (Issued as ~~letter~~ No: 22449-22/48 d. 29.12.48)
H 153-159 of B. No. 5469 A. From the Argus Engg. Co. d. 18.1.49.

Please see the minutes and notes from page 29 ante and the letter to the Argus Engg. Co. and its reply on pp 145-146 and 153-159 of. The company now says that the question of renting the premises cannot be considered at all and that the Govt should either purchase the portion occupied or vacate it forthwith.

There is no question of purchasing the premises at all as it will not be sufficient for the purposes of the Eng. college. Further, the Govt have already taken steps to erect temporary buildings on a site allotted to the Eng. college in the Agricultural College Estate. It is expected that these temporary buildings will be ready by Dec. 1949. But it may not be possible to shift the college at the end of the academic year. The shifting can be effected only from July 1950, the vacation months of May and June 1950 being utilised for the removal of the machines, equipment etc to the new premises.

The company ~~may~~ therefore be informed that the Govt have absolutely no idea of purchasing the premises, that they hope to vacate the premises by about July 1950, that they are not prepared to pay anything more than Rs. 45,000 per annum as rent and that it is open to the company to take such action as it ~~deems~~ ^{deems} fit.

Please see H. 146 (Edw) minutes on page 38 ante.

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Please see H. 146 (Edw) minutes on page 29-30 ante.

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in the meanwhile.

The Chief Engr. may also be requested to push on with the construction and finish it as soon as possible.

The file may be circulated to H.M. (Pri), H.M. (Edu), H.M. (P.W), H.M. (Fin) and the Honble Premier.

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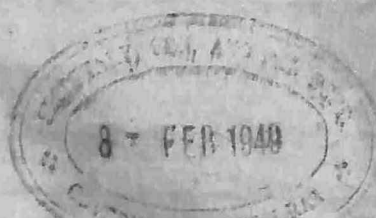
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A draft letter ^{and a draft Engr are} submitted for approval.

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Secretary, M. & P.W.

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please see herewith the letter of the Argus Engineering Co. It may be considered and a draft reply put up. We had allotted funds for the putting up of buildings to shift the Engineering College. The P.W.D. may be enquired into as to in what stage the building operations are. The Executive Engineer told me that they may not be able to finish it before June. It will be a great thing if they can finish it at least in September or December.

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19.3.49

H.M. Education.

The letter from the Argus Engg. Co. d. 8.3.49 to H.M. (Edu) may be perused. They refer to the pro Govt.'s letter d. 29.12.48. Govt. have since addressed another letter to the Co. on 4.2.49. The Co.'s attention may be invited to that letter and they may be told that Govt. have nothing to add to it. A draft letter is submitted for approval.

The C.E. may be asked to state the present stage of the building (temp.) constr. A draft memo is submitted for approval. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edu), after the draft is approved.

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[Issued as Letter No. 22449-25/48A Edu. d. 25.3.49 and Memo No. 22449-26/48A Edu. d. 25.3.49]
From the Director, Managing Agents, Argus Engg. Co., Bombay dated 22.3.49.

Please see the letter from the Argus Eng. Co. on page 191cf. The company is now prepared to accept rent at Rs 45,000/- per annum under protest and

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E.O. 12812-2/489
dated 3/3/49

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The draft order below may be perused
and the file passed on to him.

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(Last seen in Fin on p 37 above)

Please see the notes from the foot
of p 41 above.

The draft order below may be accepted.

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E. & P. H. Dept. (A)

Please see the D.O. on pp. 1-2 ante. In 1945 Govt. sanctioned the opening of an Engg. College Coimbatore called the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore, with the following courses:-

- (1) Textile Technology
- (2) Automotive Engineering
- (3) Electrical Engineering
- (4) Civil Engineering

The Govt. had no buildings of their own for the college. So it was temporarily located in a portion of Mr.G.D.Nayudu's Motor Factory which he lent to Govt. free of rent. As accommodation was not sufficient, the courses in Electrical and Civil Engineering only were actually opened.

The idea then was to locate the college in Mr. Nayudu's premises temporarily and to construct permanent buildings for the college on a site of 100 acres in the Agricultural College Estate reserved for the Engg. College.

In 1947, Mr. Nayudu sold his factory to a Bombay Company called the Argus Engineering Company. In the sale deed executed between Mr. Nayudu and the Company, provision had been made for the continuance of the college in the buildings up to 31-7-48. After the Company came into possession of the property, it began to press Govt. to vacate the premises on the specified date or to pay rent at an exorbitant rate. The Govt. then purchased a set of military buildings at Coimbatore called Burma Evacuee Camp for locating the college. When the necessary alterations and improvements to these buildings were about to be carried out, the Govt. of India themselves wanted a major portion of these buildings for the Forest College which they had taken over from this Govt.; only two buildings in the Burma Evacuee Camp called A & B hutments were left over for the Engg. College. The Govt. had therefore to make other

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arrangements for locating the college, as the Argus Company was continuously pressing Govt. to vacate their premises. The Govt. therefore purchased some prefabricated sheds from the Military and sanctioned the construction of temporary buildings with these sheds on the site reserved for the college in the Agricultural College at a cost of Rs.3 lakhs. It is this expenditure that is referred to by Dr.A.L.Mudaliar in his D.O. It is proposed to locate the college in these temporary buildings, till permanent buildings are constructed. The A. & B. Hutments referred to above are also available for the college.

There is no information as to the exact stage of the construction of the temporary buildings and the expenditure incurred so far. Last month the C.E. was requested to see that the work was finished at least before December, if not earlier. If the work is suddenly stopped, all the expenditure incurred so far will be a waste.

The plans and estimates for the construction of permanent buildings are under preparation by an expert committee consisting of the C.E., the Consulting Architect to Govt. and the Principals of the Engg. Colleges.

The temporary buildings now under construction will not become useless even after permanent buildings are constructed. It has been reported to Govt. that they can be used as workshops, laboratories, etc.

It was only after making every attempt to secure other buildings that the Govt. decided to construct the temporary buildings referred to above. Dr. A.L.Mudaliar says that he has alternative suggestions to offer to meet the temporary needs of the college. His suggestions may be considered. H.M.(Edn.) may agree to discuss the matter with him. H.M. may also perhaps invite the C.E. (General), the D.P.I. and the Principal of the College to be present at the discussion.



12.7 (Edn)
 19/4/49
 (A do need to be all (Edn) at place below)
 The meeting may be held on 2/5/49 at 12 noon. if this will suit the convenience of N.H. (Edn)
 2/5/49

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The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn) with reference to the minutes of the 15/4/49 on page 4 and 5.

14.7 (Edn)



I want to know on the 24th if it is 30th, it will not be. I want on the 15th and relation on the 7th May.
 23.4

The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn)

12.7 (Edn)



10th May 4 P.M. may be fixed.
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A draft D.O. to Dr. Lakshmanarao Mudaliar is subd.

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[Issued as D.O.No.29007A-1/49A Edn. d. 30.4.49]

Please see H.M.(Edn)'s D.O. to J.S. on 15/4. A draft D.O. is subd. for approval.

A note to H.M. (Edn) is at place below. The H.M. is on leave. His work is being done in Dept.

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Edn + P. H. Dept

A. S. College of Technology, Banimbali.
Accommodation. Discussion with Vice-
Chancellor, University of Madras.

I won't be here on 2nd. If it is 30th
it will suit me. I leave on the 18th and
return on the 7th May.

B. G. R.

23.4.49.

The proposed conference may be held on
the 9th at 12 o'clock at noon.

A. B. S.

1.5.49.

This ~~note~~ may be circulated to H. C. (Fin)
for information. The B. E. (Gen), the D. P. S. and
the Principal, A. S. College of Technology are
being asked to attend the conference. The Vice-
Chancellor also has agreed to the date and
time.

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(Main file
retained in
dept)

H. C. (Fin)

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Please see the proceedings of the Conference held by H.M.(Education) on the 9th May 1949 and the minutes of the H.M. at page 21 c.f.

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File in Dev.
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96 sent to P.W.D. 21.4.49
Rev. 21.4.49
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Item (1):- In 1945 a site of about 110 acres in the Agricultural College Estate was earmarked for the Engg. College, Coimbatore, for the construction of permanent buildings. Last year the former H.M.(Edn.) and H.M.(Agri.) inspected the site and decided that only about 45 acres of that site need be reserved for the Engg. College, the remaining portion being essential for the Agricultural College itself, and that the Education Deptt. might take steps to acquire an addl. site of about 50 acres elsewhere. The Principal, Engg. College, Coimbatore, has sent a proposal for the acquisition of this addl. site (about 50 acres) and it is being examined separately. In view of the present decision a Conference may be convened to ascertain whether it will be possible to secure the entire site of 110 acres for the Engg. College. The D.P.F., the Dir. of Agriculture, the C.E.(Genl.), the Principals of the Engg. and Agricultural Colleges and the Executive Engineer, Coimbatore, may be asked to attend the Conference. Orders of H.M.(Edn.) and H.M.(Agri) may be taken as to when the conference may be held. Dev. may see.

File in Dev.
B
Item (2) and (3):- The A and B hutments have been allotted to the Engg. College. Recently the Dev. Deptt. at the instance of the Principal, Forest College, wanted to know whether these buildings also could be handed over to the Forest College. This Deptt. then stated that it would be impossible to do that. The question of handing over the buildings to the Forest College and fixing their sale value may, it seems, be considered later on.

Item (4):- Instructions have already been issued to the P.W.D. to this effect. The C.E. may be asked when he expects to complete the work.

Item (5):- In G.O. No. 2775-Edn., dated 5-11-48,

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a Committee has been constituted for the preparation of plans and estimates for the construction of buildings for the new Engg. Colleges. The C.E. may be asked what progress has been made so far in the matter.

Item (6):- The University may be addressed.

A draft memo to the C.E. and a draft letter to the Registrar, University of Madras are submitted.

E.P.H. u.o. 29007A-5/49A

dated 13.5.49



Development Department.

To Asst. Secy.

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The file has come to this Department with reference to item ¹⁶³ of the proceedings of the Conference ^(at p 21 c.f.) held by the Hon'ble Minister wkkh for Edn. with certain Heads of Department, on 9.5.1949 to consider the measure for expediting the construction of permanent buildings for the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore. The notes of E. & P.H. on the above resolution at pp. 7-8 above may be perused.

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2. At the Conference held on 9.5.49, it has been ~~decided~~ ^{suggested}, among other things, that the Agricultural Dept. may be persuaded to give the 110 acres of the Agricultural College Estate, Coimbatore which was originally ordered to be allotted for the Arthur Hope College of Technology and a conference of the Hon'ble Ministers for Education and Agriculture and other officials connected may be convened at Madras as soon as possible, for arriving at a decision in the matter.

3. It may be noted that, in October 1946, the Govt. ordered that a site of 100 acres ~~of~~ of the land in the Agrl. College Estate might be handed over to the Engineering College, Coimbatore for the construction of permanent buildings for that college. It was also proposed to acquire 70.22 acres of land lying to the North of the Agrl. College, Coimbatore in ^{lieu of the} ~~exchange of the portion of~~ 100 acres of the Agrl. College Estate ordered to be made available for the Engineering College. The Collector of Coimbatore and the Board of Revenue recommended the acquisition of these lands at an estimated cost of Rs. 6,96,600. The D.A. who was consulted, reported, in August 1948, that the lands proposed to be acquired in lieu of the 100 acres of land to be made available to the Engineering College was unsuitable for agricultural farming and he was not for their acquisition for the Agricultural College. He, therefore suggested that the sites allotted to the Engineering College might be retained for the Agricultural College itself and that steps might be taken to acquire the land

~~With the above remarks the case may be returned to E. & P.N.~~

6.5.49
 4 items (2) and (3) of the minutes of the
 Conference in p. 21 of: - 9 is submitted
 that in his latest letter dated 9.5.1949, the D.P.9. has
 stated that the H. M. 1. Blocks A + B should be
 returned for the College of Technology for at least a
 period of two years. That file has been submitted
 separately for circulation to H. M. Law for orders
 in regard to the reply. It is sent to President F. R. I.
 and Colleges, Dehra Dun.

5. The question of levying a rent for the land and

old buildings occupied by the Fort. College or
by asking for a defense from the Govt of India
towards the Coast. paid by the Govt. just for the
Evacuee buildings and Hutment. Camps
in the Fort College building separately under
consideration. 2

After orders are passed in para 3 in p. 10 above, the file may be returned to Cdn. H. H.

The decision already reached regarding the transfer of lands belonging to the Agricultural College Estate to the Education Dept. for the building of Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore based as it is on the joint inspection of H.Ms. (Edn.) and (Agr.) may be allowed to stand as any alternative course would probably be more inexpedient. Regarding the proposal for convening a conference to reconsider the matter, H.M. (Law) should see.

E. & P. H.

Edm and P.H. Deh

The Proceedings on page 21 of and the notes from page 7 ante may be read. The file may be circulated to H. H. (Edw) and H. H. (Law).

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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I take it that 100 ⁱⁿ acres
 are required for the Engineering
 college. We have got 45 acres
 already from the Agr. College
 and it was proposed to acquire
 about 50 acres more. Objections
 to this proposal may be
 ① That 50 acres are not contiguous
 to the 45 acres. Map showing
 the distribution of land
 ② That the original site of 100 acres
 is better suited. It appears however
 to have been agreed by the late H.M.
 on inspection that this site is more
 essential to the Agr. College.

If the proposal as accepted by
 the late H.M. is to stand ① Can
 construction begin and proceed in
 the 45 acres transferred ② What
 steps have been taken to acquire 50
 acres. Examine quickly

The file relating to the acquisition of addl.
 land of about 50 acres is linked. In that file
 there is also a sketch plan. The Principal originally
 proposed acquisition of an area of 64.91 acres.
 If acquisition had been proceeded with on that
 basis the addl. area to be acquired would
 have been contiguous to the present site of 40 acres.
 But in view of the high cost of the lands the
 D.P.S. asked the Principal to revise his proposals
 restricting the acquisition to 50 acres. According
 to the revised proposals the addl. land proposed

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It is 40 &
 not 45 as
 stated above

to be acquired will not be contiguous to
 the present 40 acre site. Some bits of land
 especially S. Nos 575 and 561 ^{which are proposed to be omitted} will break
 the ~~contiguity~~ ^{contiguity}. But these survey numbers
 (575 and 561) have buildings standing
 on them and they ~~are not of any use~~ ^{have been omitted in}
 the revised proposals apparently because
 the cost of acquiring them will be prohibitive.
 Prefabricated sheds are being erected
 now on the 40 acre site and permanent
 buildings will ^{be} probably constructed both
 on the 40 acre site and the new site to
 be acquired.

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H.M. may see the note of Development at p. 11

If the intention in asking for a plot of 100 acres
 from the Agricultural College is to have one consolidated
 block, this intention could be achieved if the land to
 be acquired, in addition to the 40 acres already given
 by the Agricultural College, is made contiguous by the
 acquisition also of plot No. 575 shown in the map in
 the Linked File. This may be discussed at the conference
 proposed to be convened.

H.M. (Edn) 27/5

H.M. (Law)

I do not know
 what is the conference that is
 being concerned. In any case
 that may be no further action of
 the land from Agr. College Estate can be
 taken. X on page 7 is wrong
 10 acres from Agr. College Estate was
 never even marked for the Engineering College



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Please see the minute of H. all (Law) on the previous page. The conference is proposed to be convened with reference to the decision on page 21 of.

As regards A on the previous page it is respectfully ^{about} ~~stated~~ that it is a fact that a site of 100 acres in the Agricultural college estate ^{is} ~~was~~ reserved for the construction of permanent buildings for the A. H. College of Technology, Coimbatore - please see Jo No: 1943 Edn 7 11-10-46.

(M) pp 61-62 of P. 15/49

The file may be circulated to H. all (Edn) for orders whether the conference is necessary.

My 30/5/49.

DM 30/5/49

Id. 7 (Edn) since the Agricultural Dept is unwilling to part with any more land the S.P.O.'s proposal may be accepted and land acquisition may be proceeded with.

DM 31/5

Further action in re: to acquisition of addl lands is being taken in the top file. A separate file will be started ^{re: preparation} ~~at the Dept~~ of plans & estimates for permanent buildings for the college and hostels. There is already another file about addressing the 'body' for permission to continue the 187 year classes in the Hindu College. No ~~more~~ further action is necessary in this file. May be added to Jo No: 998 Edn 7 5-4-49.



My 27/6/49.

DM 27/6/49

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