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Dated 13-6-50.

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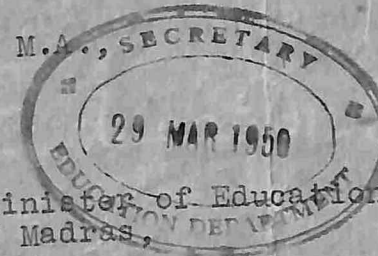
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SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND, PALAMCOTTAH.

Dated. 27-3-1950.

Rev. M.C. Langton, M.A., SECRETARY
Principal.

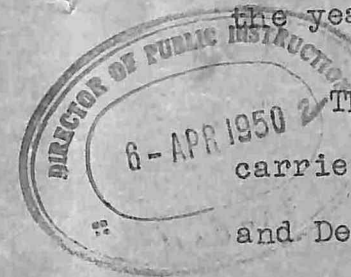


To The Hon'ble Minister of Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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Sir, gm

The Grant-in-aid to the above School for the Blind (Girls) for the year 1948-49 just received shows a reduction of Rs. 1073/- on last year's grant, in spite of the fact that the expenditure for the year showed an increase.



The management of this School has scrupulously and promptly carried out all Government Orders relating to Salary Scales and Dearness Allowance. We cannot understand for what reason we have been penalised in this way.

This School has served the blind of S. India for the past sixty years. In the last few years we have been severely hit by the rise in the cost of living, yet the Department in spite of all our appeals has not increased the Boarding Grant by one pie since 1922.

This year also we have been seriously affected by the slump in handloom prices and our Industrial Section has not been able to pay its way.

Now this cut in the Teaching Grant is the last straw. I can see no alternative but to call a meeting of the Governing Board to consider the closure of the School. Without money we cannot buy food, without food to feed these blind children it is a sheer impossibility to reopen in June 1950.

Encl 5220 B/50-1 Dnd 5.4.50 Edn dep. W Yours faithfully,

Referred to the Director of
Public Instruction for every early
remarks (By order)

Principal.
THE EDUCATIONAL & INDUSTRIAL
SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND,
PALAMCOTTAH.

V. Ramanammi
Assistant Secretary to Govt

To
The Director of Public Instruction

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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

Roc.No.147-D7/50 dated 29-4-1950.

Sir,
Sub: Teaching Grant for 1948-49 - School for the
Blind (Girls), Palamcottah.
Ref: Government Endorsement No.5220-B/50-1 Edn, *plante*
dated 5-4-1950.

The Government endorsement quoted above is herewith
resubmitted.

2. The main points in the representation of the Corres-
pondent, School for the Blind (Girls) Palamcottah are
(i) that the amount of grant for 1948-49 ~~is less than the~~
~~amount of grant for 1947-48~~ is less than the amount paid
for 1947-48; and (ii) that the Boarding Grant for the
school has not been increased since 1922.

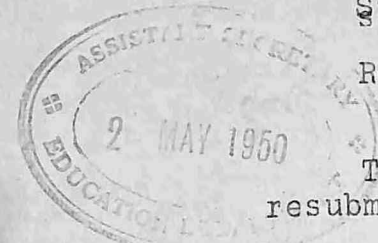
(i) Regarding the first point I furnish below the parti-
culars of the Grant paid to the School for the last two years:-

Year	Approved expenditure	Basis of as- essment	Grant paid.
1947-48	Rs.5,914	2/3	3,707
1948-49	5,468	1/2	2,734

Until the issue of G.O.Ms.No.3236 Education dated 17-12-1948
the Director had discretion to fix the grants for the
schools for Defective Children taking all circumstances
into consideration. Accordingly the grant for 1947-48
was paid on the basis of two thirds of the approved net
cost irrespective of the scales of pay adopted for teachers.
Such a procedure could not be followed in respect of the
grant for 1948-49 ~~increase~~ with reference to the G.O. quoted
above, the basis of assessment of grants to these schools
was raised from one-half to two-thirds of the approved net
cost with effect from the date of introduction of the
revised scales of pay or 1-1-1949 if the scales had been
introduced earlier. As the school for the Blind (Girls)
Palamcottah had to be paid grant for 1948-49 on the basis
of half the approved net cost for the period ending 31-12-1948
(i.e. for ten months during 1948-49), the grant for the year
is less than that for 1947-48. Further grant was disallowed
on behalf of two unqualified members of the staff who do not
possess the certificate of competency.

(ii) Regarding the second point, the Boarding Grant for the
school was limited to Rs.3,000/- with reference to G.O.No.1550
Education dated 15-12-1922. This grant is no doubt insufficient.
In their Order Ms.No.1207-Education dated 17-4-1950, Govern-
ment have approved the proposal to pay boarding grant to this
school on the basis applicable to orphanages in general and
hence the ~~correspondence~~ can have no grievance in this regard
hereafter.

3. In this connection, I submit that the orders in
G.O.No.Ms.3236 Education dated 17-12-1948 have caused some
hardship to the schools for Deaf, Dumb and Blind under
private managements in that they cannot be paid grant on
the basis of two thirds of the approved net cost unless
the revised scales of pay have been introduced. As these
schools were paid grant in the past on the same basis irrespec-
tive of the scales of pay adopted for the teachers, it is not
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Schools - Special - School for Blind (Girls) Palayamcottai

Grant for 1948-9 - Reduction - Representation from the management - Orders passed

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From the Principal and Correspondents Schools for the Blind Palayamcottai 27-3-50

From the DP 2 Ro.C. no 147-D-7/50 29-4-50

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Order No 1776. Education dated 13-6-50

The grant paid to the management of the School for the Blind (Girls) Palayamcottai for 1948-9 was less than the amount paid for the previous year as the grant for the period from 1-4-48 to 31-12-48 was assessed on the basis of $\frac{1}{2}$ the net cost and for the subsequent period on the basis of $\frac{2}{3}$ net cost instead of on the basis of $\frac{2}{3}$ net cost for the entire period as was done in the previous year and grant was also disallowed in respect of two unqualified teachers.

As the revised scales of pay fixed in G.O. no 3236 Dn 17.11.48 have been adopted by the management, the DP 2 is requested to assess the grant for 1948-9 on the basis of two thirds of the net cost of maintenance and disburse the arrears of grant due to the management in the current year.

2 With reference to G.O. no 1207 Edu 17.4.50, the school will be eligible for boarding grant from the current year onwards calculated at a flat rate of Rs 8 per pupil or on the basis of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the net maintenance boarding charges whichever is less. This will afford necessary financial relief.

3 As the grant due to the schools for defective children are assessed and disbursed by the Director of Public Instruction, the Principal & Correspondent of the Schools for the Blind Palayamcottai should ascertain from the Director the reasons for the reduction in the amount of grant paid to the schools and then address the Govt if necessary in the matter. He is requested to follow this procedure in future.

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The Govt do not consider it necessary to permit the D.P.I. to assess grants for the schools for defective children on the basis of ~~2/3~~ ^{2/3} approved two thirds of the approved net cost of maintenance irrespective of the scales of pay adopted by the managements and to reduce the grant at his discretion in cases where satisfactory reasons for not adopting the revised scales of pay are not adduced. The Director may submit such cases for consideration by the Govt with his recommendations on their merits.

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To

The D.P.I.

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3 ✓ Finance (whole order)

4 Copy to the
Principal,
School for the
Blind,
Palayam (this
paras 1 & 2
garden only)

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From The Rev. M.C. Langton, M.A.
Principal & Correspondent
Schools for the Blind,
Palamcottah.



Dated 16--6--1950.

To The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Sir,

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Ref: G.O. Ms. No. 1776, Education, dated 13-6-1950.

In the above communication it is stated that grant was disallowed in respect of the unqualified teachers. vide A on p 2 of 5. Since exemption was granted by the Insp. Inspectress V Circle, Madras in the case of all unqualified teachers employed in the School we request you to take this into account in calculating the arrears of grant and also to inform us which are the two teachers in respect of whose service grant was disallowed and the reason for such disallowance in order that we may avoid any irregularity in future.

3 We would also point out that in Special Schools teachers newly appointed are required by the rules of the Department to spend two years in teaching the blind before they are permitted to sit for the Govt. Examination for award of Certificate of competency to teach the Blind; vide Gazette notification from the Secretary to the Commr. for Govt. Examinations, Madras dated 7th January 1949.

4 Hence during those two years it would not be fair to disallow Grant on the grounds of lack of special qualification.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Principal & Correspondent.

Copy Submitted to the Secretary to Government,
Education Department.

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The representation at plante is addressed to the D.P.G. who will take necessary action in the matter. No action is called for on the representation at plante. May be lodged.

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SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND
PALAYAMKOTTAI

REV. M. C. LANGTON M.A.,
PRINCIPAL AND CORRESPONDENT
(BOYS' SCHOOL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL)
MRS. KATHLEEN E. LANGTON
CORRESPONDENT (GIRLS' SCHOOL)

PALAYAMKOTTAI,
S. INDIA.

27th June 1950.

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Sri. R.D. Paul,
Secretary to the Government,
Educational Department,
183, Royapettah,
Madras.

Dear Mr. Paul,

I am really most grateful to you for all you have done for the School. The revision of Boarding Grant rates, the restoration of the cut on last year's Girls' School Grant, and now the sanction of grant on Edward Jonathan's salary while he is in America are no doubt due to your kind offices. We are most grateful.

There is one more point in which we should be glad of your help. The Department has recently made a new rule that teachers in Special Schools must have two years of teaching experience in a Special School before they are permitted to sit for the examination in competing to teach the Blind. This means that if a teacher joins the School in June 1948, he or she cannot apply to sit for the examination till June 1950. But according to rules application must be sent to the Secretary to the Commissioner for Govt. Examinations in February only. This means February 1951. So for three years the teacher is technically unqualified. We have a case in the Girls' School of a teacher on whose salary grant was disallowed for 1948-49 on these grounds. We fear it may also be disallowed for 1949-50-51. And a further complication is that she wishes to leave and get married in September 1950.

The only fair principle would be that grant should be disallowed only after the teacher has sent for the examination and failed.

Yours sincerely,

(Rev. M.C. Langton)
(Principal.)

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Memo No. 17794 B/50-1 Edn d/3.7.50. 4

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Schools - Special Schools for the Blind Palayamkottai
Disallowance of grant for unqualified teachers
after they have sat for the examination for the award
of certificate of competency to teach defective children

From the Principal & Correspondent Schools for the
Blind Palayamkottai dated 16.6.50

Memo

The attention of the D.P.I. is drawn to the letter
from the Principal of the above school
The D.P.I. is requested to offer his remarks
on the suggestion contained in the letter cited
and to state whether in the circumstances stated
therein, the grant disallowed in respect of two unqualified
teachers will be authorised for payment in the
current year as under chapter VI of the Grant-in-
Aid Code. The Director may assess the grant taking
into account all the circumstances of the case.

To
The D.P.I.
Copy to the Correspondent
Schools for the Blind Palayamkottai
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education Department
Memorandum No. 17794 B/50-1, Education, Dated 3rd July 1950.

Sub: Schools - Special - Schools for the Blind, Palayamkottai - Disallowance of grant for unqualified teachers after they have sat for the examination for the award of certificate of competency to teach defective children.

Ref: From the Principal and Correspondents, Schools for the Blind, Palayamkottai dated 16-6-1950.

The attention of the Director of Public Instruction is drawn to the letter to him of the Principal referred to above and he is requested to offer his remarks on the letter.

Rajaiah D. Paul,
Secretary to Government.

To The Director of Public Instruction.
Copy to the Correspondent, Schools for the Blind, Palayamkottai.

Forwarded/By order.

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Superintendent.



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Schools - Special - School for the Blind (girls), Palayamkottai - Assessment of grant on behalf of unqualified teachers.

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From the Principal, School for the Blind, Palayamkottai d/ 27-6-50.

From the D.P.S. Roc. 147. D/ 50 d/ 26-8-50.

Memo No 17794 B/50-2 Edn d/ 2-9-50.

The Principal, Schools for the Blind, Palayamkottai is informed that the question of exempting the two unqualified teachers employed in the Blind School for girls from the possession of qualifications prescribed for the posts and allowing admitting their pay for purposes of assessment of

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maintenance grant due to the school is under the consideration of the D.P.I. and that the Director will issue necessary orders in the matter.

The Principal have applied for exemption of the Teachers' Schools for the Blind Palayamkottai The D.P.I.

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Education Department B

Schools - Special - School for the Blind (Girls)
Palamcottah - Grant for 1948-9 - Reduction - Representation from the management

From the Principal and Correspondent, the Schools for the Blind Palamcottah dated 27-3-50
From the D.P.I. R.O.C.No 147 D7/50 dated 29-4-50

The Principal and Correspondent of the schools for the Blind Palamcottah has petitioned to H.M. (Edn and Law) against the reduction made in the recurring grant for the school for the Blind (Girls) at Palamcottah for 1948-9. He has pointed out that inspite of the increased cost of living steps have not been taken by Govt to sanction boarding grant at higher rates and that if the institution does not receive enhanced aid from Govt, the management will be compelled to close it.

2. Boarding grant According to G.O. No 1207 Edn dated 17-4-50 the institution will be eligible for boarding grant from the current year onwards calculated at a flat rate of Rs 8 p.m. per pupil or on the basis of threefourths of the net boarding charges whichever is less instead of on the basis of onehalf of the net boarding charges as done hitherto. This will afford the necessary financial relief. No further action is called for.

3. Maintenance grant for the school

The D.P.I. has explained that the reduction in the annual recurring grant was due to the operation of G.O. No 3236 Education dated 17-12-48 according to which grant was assessed on half the net cost basis up to 31-12-48 and on the ~~threefourths~~ basis of twothirds net cost for the remaining period instead of on the basis of twothirds of the net cost for the entire period as was done by the Director at his discretion hitherto. He has also pointed out that grant was disallowed in respect of two unqualified teachers on the staff of the school.

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In as much as the revised scales of pay have been introduced in the school ~~concerned~~ the D.P.I. may be permitted to assess the grant for the year 1948-9 on the basis of two ~~thirds~~ ^{thirds} of the approved net cost as a special case and disburse the balance of grant due in the current year.

In order to obviate the difficulties arising out of a strict application of the orders passed in G.O. No 3236 Edn dated 17-12-48 in respect of managements which are not in a position to adopt the revised scales of pay fixed by Govt and for which grants were hitherto paid by the Director at his discretion on the basis of two ~~thirds~~ ^{thirds} net cost irrespective of the scales of pay adopted by the managements, the Director suggests that he may be permitted to assess grants on the basis of two ~~thirds~~ ^{thirds} of the approved net cost irrespective of the scales of pay adopted by the managements and to reduce the grant at his discretion in cases where satisfactory reasons for not adopting the revised scales of pay are not adduced. The Director's suggestion may be accepted.

The remarks of the Finance Department may be invited u.o. prior to circulation.

Finance (Exp. A.) Deptt.

Edn U.O. No. 5220 B/50-2 Edn. 27-5-50.

The notes of Education on pp. 1-2 above may be perused.

The remarks of this Department are invited on the following two proposals supported by Education.

(1) to recalculate the maintenance grant (1948-49) of the school for the blind at Palamcottah ^{at} 2/3 net cost ^{to end of Decr. '48} instead of the 1/2 net cost ^{basis ordered in G.O. 3236 Edn. dated 17-12-48} and to disburse the arrears in the current year.

(2) to give discretion to the D.P.I. to assess the grant on the basis of 2/3 net cost irrespective of the ^{scale of} pay adopted by the managements and to reduce it ^{where} ^{or not} satis-

satisfactory reasons for not adopting ^{the} revised scales ^{are} ~~do~~ not ~~exist~~ given.

Item (1) Before ^{the} issue of G.O. No. 3236 Edn. dated 17-12-48, the D.P.I. has been assessing the grant payable to ^{Palamcottah} the school on the basis of 2/3 of the approved net cost. In the above order Government ^{fixed} found the adoption of the revised scales of pay as a condition for assessing the grant on the basis of 2/3rds net cost. As the date fixed for the introduction of the revised scales was 1-1-49, the D.P.I. assessed grant ~~till now~~ for the institution on the basis of 1/2 ^{net} cost till 31-12-48 and 2/3 net cost thereafter. Consequently, the grant payable to the school was reduced from ^{Rs.} 3707 (47-8) to ^{Rs.} 2734 (48-9). The representation of the Principal is against ~~this~~ ^{the} reduction. Edn. has supported the recommendation of the D.P.I. to assess the grant on the basis of 2/3 net cost, for the entire period and to disburse the arrears in the current year.

~~Proposals for the enhancement of grant payable to institution should ordinarily be brought forward as Part II Schemes. But in the present case~~ The Principal has stated that the authorities have no other option except to close down the institution if the reduction in grant is not made good. The amount involved will be round about Rs. 1000. In view of the special circumstances of the case, Finance may agree to the arrears being disbursed in the current year. The expenditure will be debited to '37 Education--n. Direct Grant to non-Govt. Special Schools--A. General--i. Excluding P.W.R. --5 School for defectives.

Item (2) The proposal is made to ^{obviate} ~~abrogate~~ the difficulties arising out of the strict application of the orders in G.O. 3236 Edn. dated 17-12-48 in respect of managements which are not in a position to adopt the revised scales of pay. The discretion asked for is in effect to go against the orders in the G.O. at (D). This does not seem to be proper. ^{The D.P.I. may submit such cases for} If representation of the type under ^{by the Govt. with his recommendation on these merits} consideration are received they can be dealt with on merits. Finance may ^{keep} ^{the} ^{propose} advise against the grant of discretion to the



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D.P.I. as proposed although it is supported by Education.

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The case relates to the representation from the Principal Schools for the Blind, Palayamcottai that the amount of grant paid to the school for the Blind (Girls) for 1948-9 has been less than the amount paid for 1947-8 and (ii) that the Boarding grant for the school has not been increased since 1922.

(i) Maintenance grant: The D.P.I. was assessing the grant payable to the school on the basis of two-thirds of the approved net cost. In G.O.No.3236 Edn. dated 17-12-48, the adoption of the revised scales of pay fixed by Govt. was made a condition for assessing the grant on the above basis. As the date fixed for the introduction of the revised scales was 1-1-49, the D.P.I. assessed the grant to this institution on the basis of half net cost till 31-12-48 and 2/3 net cost thereafter. He also disallowed grant in respect of two unqualified teachers on the staff of the school. Consequently, the grant paid for 1948-49 was less than that paid for 1947-48 by about Rs.1000. The Finance Deptt. have agreed to the proposal of this Department to ask the D.P.I. to assess the grant on the basis of 2/3 net cost for the entire period and to disburse the ~~amount~~ ^{amount} in the current year.

(ii) Boarding grant: The boarding grant for the school was hitherto assessed on the basis of one-half of the net boarding charges. According to G.O.No.1207 Edn. d/17-4-1950, the institution will be eligible for boarding grant from the current year onwards calculated at a flat rate of Rs.8 p.m. per pupil or on the basis of three fourths of the net boarding charges whichever less. This will afford necessary financial relief. The principal may be informed accordingly ² Discretion to D.P.I. to assess grants on two-thirds net cost basis even in respect of schools for defective children which have not adopted the revised scales of pay.

In order to obviate the difficulties arising out of a

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strict application of the orders in G.O.No.3236 Education dated 17-12-48 in the case of managements which are not in a position to adopt those scales, the D.P.I. suggested that he may be permitted to assess grants on the basis of two-thirds of the approved net cost irrespective of the scales of pay adopted by the managements and to reduce the grant at his discretion in cases where satisfactory reasons for not adopting the revised scales of pay are not adduced. The Finance Deptt. consider that this will not be proper as it will go against the order referred to above. They suggest that the D.P.I. may be asked to submit such cases for consideration of Govt. with his recommendations on their merits. The suggestion may be accepted.

3 As the grant to the schools for defective children are assessed and disbursed by the D.P.I., the Principal should have ascertained from the D.P.I. why the grant had been reduced and if he was not satisfied with the reasons given, he should have moved the Govt. in the matter. He may be asked to follow this procedure in future.

4 A draft order is submitted below for approval. May be circulated to H.M.(Education and Law) with reference to his minutes on page 1 cf.

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Schools - Special - Schools for defective children -
Assessment of teaching grants in respect of
unqualified teachers.

From the Principal, School for the Blind, Palayamkottai
d/27-6-50

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para 1 on p 4 of (S) In G.O.M.S. No. 1776 Edn dated d/13-6-50,
the management of the School for the Blind, Palayam-
Kottai was informed that grant was disallowed in
respect of two unqualified teachers who do not
possess the certificate of competency.

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The Principal has now pointed out that
according to the notification issued by the Secretary
to the Commissioner for Joint Examinations only teachers
with two years of teaching experience in a special
school can sit for the examination for the award
of certificates of competency. As the applications should
reach the C.G.E. in January itself, the Principal has
pointed that it will take a minimum period of three
years before an unqualified teacher can appear for
this examination. In view of this he has suggested
that grants in respect of unqualified teachers should
be disallowed only after they sit for the examination
and do not come out successful. Attention is invited
in this connection to his earlier letter at p 1 of wherein
he has requested the D.P.S. to reconsider his orders
disallowing grant in respect of unqualified teachers.
The Director has discretion under Chapter VI of the
Grant-in-Aid Code to assess grants to these schools
after taking into consideration all the circumstances.
It does not seem necessary to take any action in the
matter.

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The D.P.S. may be asked to offer his remarks
on the point raised in the letter at p 1 of an
order to state whether in the circumstances stated therein
he will allow ~~grant~~ the grant withheld as he has
discretion under Chapter VI of the Grant-in-Aid Code
to fix the amount of grant taking into consideration

all the circumstances of the case.

A draft memo is submitted below for approval

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Issued as Memo No. 17794 B/50-1 Edn d/ 3-7-50

C.No. 25872 From the D.P.G. Rec. No. 147-B7/50 d/26-8-50.

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The file relates to the request of the management of the schools for the Blind Palayamkottai, for the payment of grants towards the expenditure incurred on the employment of unqualified teachers in the school for the Blind (Girls).

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2. The D.P.G. to whom the matter was referred, has reiterated that the disallowance of the grant in respect of the two teachers in question is in order as they do not possess the qualifications prescribed. He has further stated that in cases where managements are compelled to employ unqualified persons, they should apply to the Director for the grant of necessary exemption and not to his subordinates as the latter are not competent under the rules to grant such exemptions. He has however reported that the question of relaxing the qualifications in respect of the two teachers is under consideration and if he decides that they deserve exemption, he will allow the grant due to the management in respect of these two teachers. In the circumstances no further action seems necessary except to inform the management that the Director will issue necessary orders in the matter. Subject to orders a draft memo is submitted below for approval

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