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R.C.No.373/46-47

Cuddalore.N.T
9-7-49

From

The Correspondent,
St. Anne's Girls'High School,
Pudupalayam,Cuddalore.N.T.

To

The Secretary to Government
Education & Public Health Dept.
M A D R A S.

Sir,

Sub:Acquisition-Extention of St.Anne's Girl'High School,Cuddalore.N.T Acquisition of site and building-T.S.No.439/2 of Cuddalore Taluk.

Ref: Director of Public Instruction's Rc.468 D3/49 dated 23-6-49 granting temporary recognition to St.Anne's Girls'High School,Cuddalore.N.T.

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I have the honour to submit the following for your kind consideration and favourable orders.

My above school is rapidly growing in strength from year to year due to the great popularity which ~~the~~ it enjoys. The high levels of efficiency with which it is being run and for which the Dirctor of Public Instruction,Madras,has been recently pleased to congratulate the school, is one of the several reasons for its popularity, besides the very good results the school turms out every year in the S.S.L.C.Public Examinations, and also the all round education that it awards to every pupils in the school. For the past three years we felt the keen necessity both for school space and play-ground space. We approached the owner of the above site T.S.No.439/2 of the Cuddalore taluk to sell the site to us. He promissed to do so for Rs.20,000/- We immediately applied for a half grant to the Director of Public Instruction and the same was sanctioned by the Government in their Memorandum No.37031-B/45-46 Edn. dated 24-12-45. Immediately after getting this sanctioning order for the grant,we approached the owner again to sell us the land for the already mentioned price. He was willing to give it to us and by the time the matter came to the final steps,some one intruded in the matter and influenced him to refuse selling us the site. As private negotiations failed, we tried to acquire the site by compulsory Acquisition Act. As ~~even~~ the Government who felt our necessity for the Acquisition of the said site,were pleased to publish the matter in the Gazette, for the first time.Objections were raised both by the owner and our neighbour. All of them were satisfactrily answered to.The Director of Public Instruction in his recent proceedings Rc.468 D3 49 dated 23-6-49 granting us only temporary recognition,desires us to acquire the said site which will

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provide us with the necessary school place and play-ground space, if we want to be recognised permanantly. Besides, he has also addressed the matter to the Collector, South Arcot District asking him to finish the matter early in his letter No. 66502/45 dated 18-8-46. The Collector has replied to hay in his R.O.C. No. A6.24399/48 dated 1-10-48, that he is waiting for the second notification to appear in the gazette, to take final steps in the matter. I beg to request you therefore to kindly publish the draft declaration ~~matter~~ under section 6 of the land ~~compulsory~~ Acquisition Act, so that the matter may come to a successful end at an early date.

Sr. Pascal Mary
HEADMISTRESS AND CORRESPONDENT
ST ANNE'S GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
PUDUPALAYAM, CUDDALORE N. T.

Enclosed :

1) Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction Madras R.C. 468-D3/49 Dt 23-6-49
2) Government of Madras - Memorandum No. 37031-B/45-46 Edn-Dt 24-12-45
3) The Dt. Collectors R.O.C. No. A6-24399/48 Dt 1-10-48
4) ~~A plan to show the nearness of the site to our school~~

Government of Madras.
Education and P?H?Department.

Memorandum No 37031-B/45-6-Edn. Dated the 24th December 1945.

Grant- Buildings-St. Anne's Girls' High Schoo, Cuddalore-Acquisition of a building and site adjoining the school-From the Correspondent St. Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore, Roc. No. 373/45-46, dated ~~14~~- 14-8-1945 and 14-11-1945-From the Director of Public Instruction, N.Dis. No. 3765/45, dated 8-11-1945 and no. 1339-D/45 dated 13-12-45.

The Director of Public Instruction is informed that he may place the scheme for the acquisition of a building and site adjoining the ~~St.~~ St. Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore, at an estimated cost of Rs. 20,000/- on the approved list and that the proposal to give a half grant not exceeding Rs. 10,000/- for the purpose has been treated as a part II Scheme for 1946-47. The grant payable will be restricted to one half of the valuation of the building and site or of the actual cost of the purchase which ever is less as recommended.

M.V. Subramanian,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
Copy to the Correspondent, St. Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore.

Forwarded/By order.

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(sd) Superintendent.

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Sr. Pascal Mary
Headmistress & Correspondent
St. Anne's G. H. School,
Cuddalore N.T.

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To
The Inspectress of girls Schools, III Circle, Madras

Copy to the Correspondent, St. Anne's Girls' High School, Pudupalayam
Cuddalore. N.T.

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Copy of the letter ROC.No.A6.24399/48 dated 1-10-48 from the Collector of South Arcot, Cuddalore to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Land Acquisition-Cuddalore Taluk and Town St. Anne's Girls' High School-Stage reported.
Your latter Roc.665 D2-dated 11-9-48

The draft declaration under section 6 of the land acquisition act submitted to Government has not yet been published in the Gazette. It is not possible to say with certainty now whether the acquisition will be completed before the end of 1948, as further proceedings have to be taken after the publication of the declaration in the gazette.

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Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction: MADRAS
Rc.468 D3/49 dated 23-6-1948

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Sub:-Recognition-Secondary School Aided-Temporary Recognition up to the end of the school year 1940-51 in respect of classes 1 to V and Forms I to VI in the St.Anne's Girls High Schoo,Pudupalayam Cuddalore Granted.

Read:- Eddt.Roc.No.3-42-C/49 dated 10-5-49 of the Inspectress of Girls'schools,III Circle,Madras.

Temporary recognition is hereby granted up to the end of the school year 1950-51 in respect of classes 1 to V and Forms 1 to VI in the St.Anne's Girls'High School,Pudupalayam,Cuddalore.N.T subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:-

(1) Adequate accommodation should be provided to the growing strength of the school.

(2) The male science graduate Assistant Tamil Pandit and Sanskrit Pandit should be replaced before the commencement of the school year.

(3) Early steps should be taken to acquire the required playground space and thus provide the minimum play area required,

The question of permanent recognition will be considered after all the defects are satisfactorily rectified.

V.K.Keishna Menon
For Director of Public Instruction

(True copy forwarded by order

(Sd)Superintendent.

To

The Inspectress of Girls'schools'III Circle,Madras.

Copy to the Correspondent.

Copy to the D1 section.

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Sr. Pascal Mary
Headmistress & Correspondent

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Land Acquisition - Cuddalore, South Arcot District - St. Anne's Girls' High School - Acquisition of site and building

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From the correspondent, St. Anne's Girls' High School,
Cuddalore, N.T. Rc. No. 373/46-47 d/9-7-49

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Memo No 52484 B1/49-1 Edn d/15-7-49.

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A copy of the letter Rc. No. 373/46-47 d/9-7-49 from the correspondent, St Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore is forwarded to the Board of Revenue and it is requested to state whether the draft declaration referred to in the letter has been received from the Collector of South Arcot and if so to forward ~~the draft declaration with its~~ it to govt with its remarks

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~~recommendations thereon~~ at an early date.

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To

The Bd. of. Revenue.
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Copy to the Collector of
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Subject:

Land Acquisition -(South Arcot)- Cuddalore Taluk and Town- for St.Anne's Girls' High School - acquisition of site and building- Draft declaration- submission

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Madras. Rc.I.5201/48-5 Dated 1- 8- 1949

From

N.C.Thomas Esq., B.A.,
Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue.

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Sd

W.R.S. Sattiamthan Esq., I.C.S.,
~~V.N.Kudva Esq., I.C.S.,~~
Commissioner of Land Revenue,Excise,Separate
Revenue and Prohibition

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Read: [illegible] From the Director of Public Instruction, Rc.665-AD.2/46 dated [illegible]6-7-49.

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Government Memo.No.52484-B.1/49-1 Edn. dated 15-7-49.

pp 9-10 ante

Reference:-

pp 9-10 ante

With reference to the Government Memorandum read above the Board submits that as there are strong objections to the acquisition, the matter has been referred to the Director of Public Instruction for his remarks. His report in the matter is awaited. The Board's remarks will be submitted soon after the report of Director of Public Instruction is received. -

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received and considered.

for Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to the Government,
Education & P.H. Dept.
Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras
who is requested to expedite his remarks.
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The report from the Board of Revenue may be awaited till 1-9-49.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
14 SEP 1948

From
A.F.Mascarenhas Esquire.,
Collector of South Arcot.,
Cuddalore.

To
The Secretary to Government,
(Education & Public Health Department).,Madras.
Through.
The Secretary to the Board of Rev.,
Land Rev.& Irrigation, Madras.

R.Dis.25651/47 dated 8-9-1948.

Sir,

LAND ACQUISITION - Cuddalore taluk and town - T.S.439/2 - extension of Saint Ann's Girls School - draft declaration - submitted.
Ref:--G.O.Ms.No.2408 Education dated 8-11-47. (B)/p 20 of

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The draft notification under Section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act approved in the Government Order cited above was published at page 554 of the Fort Saint George Gazette dated 9-12-47. The notices under Section 5(A) of the Act were served on the parties interested and the enquiry under 5 (A) enquiry was held by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore on 26-1-48.

2. The owner of the site proposed to be acquired Rao Sahib Sri A.Subbaraya Chettiar and Sri P.T.Srinivasan,owner of the adjacent land have put in objection petitions. The main objections raised by Rao Sahib Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar are (i) that the site now in question was purchased by the District Judge in 1939,during his minority and that this is the only building at his disposal for residential purposes in the town and (ii) that the convent is in possession of vast extent of building sites in the town and that in most of the sites only rain trees and coconut trees are grown.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,Cuddalore reports after inspection that all the buildings owned by the Mission including the Saint Ann's School are under the control of the Pondicherry Mission,that excepting the two buildings let out and used as Incometax Office and District Educational Officer's residence all other buildings are used for specific purposes and that it is not possible to merge the one with the other. The Revenue Divisional Officer's report shows that the two buildings referred to above are not adjacent to the St.Ann's ~~High~~ Convent and that it is impossible to use them for playground purposes.

4. Sri P.T.Srinivasan,the other objector,complains that if the site is acquired the school authorities would put up high compound walls and his dwelling house would be denied of the sea breeze from the east. It has already been reported to Government in thisoffice Roc.B4-14216/46 dated 1-4-47,that the objection cannot be held as valid. These objections deserve to be overruled. The objection petitions and their statements are submitted herewith. p54 of (B)

5. The Revenue Divisional Officer has fixed the value of the site after inspection as follows:--

(a) Cost of the main building, compound wall, garage etc.,as estimated by the Public Works Department.	Rs.26,000--0--0
(b) Cost of surplus land 21380(i.e.) $\frac{42760}{2}$ Sq.ft.@ Rs. Rs.6,750 per acre. ..	3,313--0--3
(c) Value of the well as estimated by the Minor Irrigation Overseer.	300--0--0
(d) Valueof the trees at the market rate. ..	344--0--0
Total.	29,957--0--3
15 % allowance. ..	4,493--8-10
Total cost.	34,450--9--1

p14 infra 6. I request that the draft declaration under Section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act submitted herewith may be approved and published in the Gazette.

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for Collector of South Arcot.,
Cuddalore.

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NOTIFICATION.

nderSection 6 of the Land Acquisition Act His Excellency the ernorof Madras hereby declares that the land specified below and measuring acres 0.42760 Sq.ft. ~~kkm~~ be the same a little more or less, isneeded for a public purpose, to wit, for the extension of St.Ann's Girls' High School, Cuddalore N.T.and underSections 3 and 7 of the same Act, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore is appointed to perform the functions of a Collector under the Act and directed to take order for the acquisitionof the saidland. A plan of the land is kept in the office of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore and may be inspected at any time during office hours.

Schedule.

District - South Arcot.
2. Taluk - Cuddalore.
3. Village - Manjakuppam.
4. Description of land, wet or dry, inam or poramboke, with Survey or Paimash number - T.S.439/2 Government Dry. Natham private.
5. Name of owner oroccupier:--Rao Sahib Sri A.Subbaroya Chettiar.
6. Extent to be taken up - 42760 Sq.ft.

South Arcot Collector's Office,
Cuddalore., dated 8--9--1948.
GS/10-9.Exd.

for Collector ofSouth Arcot,
Cuddalore.

Copy of letter No.Ref.A6.24399/48 dated 15-12-48. from the Collector of S.Arcot to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue Chepauk, Madras.

Sub:- Land Acquisition - South Arcot District -
Cuddalore Taluk and Town - T.S.No.439-2
Extension of St.Ann's Girl's School - Draft
Declaration - Further report submitted.
Ref:- Board's Ref.I.5201/48-1 dated 5-10-48 and
No.1.5201/48-2 dated 28-10-48

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In their memorandum No.37031.B-45-6 Education dated 24-12 -45 (copy enclosed), the Government have sanctioned the scheme of acquisition and also half grant. The site proposed to be acquired in T.S.No.439/2 in reported to be required for school purposes, viz., for the playground and the accomodation of classes. There is another site T.S.No.432/1.A(o.75) South west of the school which is reported to contain 69 coconut trees and 94 other trees without any building on it. But the ground level of this alternative site is half a foot lower than the adjacent playground of the school, and, it is not suitable for school purposes. There is a building on the site proposed to be acquired. Both the building and the site have been porposed for acquisition.

pages 5-6 infra Ⓑ

2. The main points referred to in the mahazer petition forwarded with Board's reference No.1.5201/48-2 dated 28-10-48 have already been considered while submitting the draft 4(i) notification in my No.Roc.B.4.14216/46 dated 1-4-47. The total extent owned by the Mission is 75.32 acres and not 125 acres as stated by the signatories to the mahazer. The Headmis-tress of the Saint Ann's School states that the Sacred Hearts Training School for Women is not to be closed down as alleged in the mahazer.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer Cuddalore after inspection of the school reports that the school building is slightly higher in level and that the entire locality will be water logged for a few days in the year. The file relating to the land acquision of the pathway as alleged in the mahazer is not available for reference as the matter was disposed of in Collector's L.Dis.13115/42 which was destroyed by efflux of time. As regards the suggestion in the mahazer that the mission authorities may get the required site from Mr.Paul Pushpanathan, Advocate Cuddalore, who is prepared to sell away, it has been ascertained from him that he is not willing to dispose of any land to the mission. The site belonging to Mr.Pushpanathan is T.S.No.432/1.A(0.75 cents).

4. The records noted below are submitted herewith.

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1. A topo sketch showing the existing school building its compound, the site proposed to be acquired and the alternative sites suggested by the objectors,
2. A topo sketch showing the sites owned by the Roman Catholic Missionaries near and round the Maidan.
3. Copies of the Cuddalore Revenue Divisional Officer's report Roc.A.4723/46 dated 14-12-46, Roc.7164/46 dated 18-2-47 19-2-47, and Roc.B.7757/48 dated 9-12-48. — pages 27-31 infra
4. Copy of Collector's Roc.B4.14216/46 dated 1-4-47 and the other records of enquiry and the mahazer petition. — pages 22-25 infra; pages 29-30 infra
5. A copy of the Cuddalore Revenue Inspector's report dated 8-12-48 dealing with all the allegation. — pages 32-33 infra

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For Joint Secretary.

Copy of letter No.Ref.I.5201/48-3 dated 14-2-49. from the Asst. Secretary to the Collector of S.Arcot.

Sub:- Land Acquisition (South Arcot) - Cuddalore - Taluk and Town - T.S.No.439/2 - Extension of St. Ann's Girl's School - Draft Declaration further particulars called for.
Read:-Collector R.Dis.25651/47. dated 8-9-48.
Collector Ref.A.6.24399/48 dated 15-12-48.

It is seen from the Collector 's report fir~~e~~st cited above that the total cost of acquisition comes to Rs.34450-9-1 In view of the prohibition cost of acquisition and the searcity of houses at present in towns, the Board considers that it is not desirable to acquire building site with building ~~site~~ for play ground and the like. It is not clear whether the building also is really necessary for the purpose of the school. Further, the Mission authorities themselves have vast extents of land (75.32 acres) at their disposal. Though the different Missionary Institutions may be independent of one another there is no reason why one Institution should not sell surplus land to another . If necessary, such land may be acquired from the concerned Institutions under the Land Acquisition Act, and handed over to the St.Ann's Girl's School. The Collector is therefore requested to inspect the area and to submit a further report after considering the points above.

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Copy of letter No.Ref.A6.24399/48.dated 5.3.49 from the Collector of S.Arcot to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, Madras.

Sub:- Land Acquisition - South Arcot District - Cuddalore taluk and town - ~~further particulars~~ - T.S.No.439/2 - extension of St.Ann's Girl's School - Draft declaration further particulars - report submitted.
Read:- Board's Ref.1.5201/48-3 dated 14-2-49. pirante

The Board has called for a report on two points viz., (1) whether the building on the site to be acquired in really necessary for the purpose of the school, and (2) whether one institution cannot sell surplus land to another when the mission authorites themselves have vast extents of land (75.32 acres) at their disposal.

Point 1:- As required by the Board. I inspected the area concerned on 1-3-49. There is only one building on the site to be acquired. It is not intended to demolish the building, but to use it as an extension of class rooms, some of which are now located in varandahs and dark rooms, about which the Inspectress of Schools/raised objections as noted below:- /has

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"Accommodation - Inadequate . Some of the classes are hold in usuitable rooms with bad lighting or ventilation".

" Inspectress VII Circle, Tanjore 7-2-48."

The building on the site is therefore necessary and suitable for the purpose of the school. This property is next to the school and has been rented out by its owner and therefore its acquisition will not cause undue hardship.

As regards point 2, I furnish below particulars of lands owned by the several Mission authorities:-

1.	Saint Ann's Girls High School.	
11.	Sacred Heart Training School for Women.	4.19 acres.
iii.	Sacred Heart Elementary School.	1.48 "
iv.	St.Agnes Seminary	0.35 "
v.	Incometax Office building.house nearby	8.12. "
vi.	Bishop Bangalow.	6.68 "
vii.	Church Elementary School.	1.18 "
viii.	Saint Joseph High School.	6.05 "
ix.	Saint Mary's Home.	41.80 "
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Item (i) is the school which is in need of more land.

Item (ii) - This is across the main road with heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The ground is insufficient even for the present school which it is proposed to convert into a basic training school.

Item(iii) - This is next to No.(ii) and has too little space for its own purpose.

Item(iv) - This is also across the other road and away from the school. It is fully occupied by the institution of 42 persons most of whom are older boys and youngmen. They board and lodge there and have their recreation grounds. In another part are middle class houses under construction.

Item(v) - This is too far away and is half a mile away along the road.

Item (vi) - This is also/far away, is now used as a Hindu hostel and is not available.

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Item (vii) - This is about 3 furlongs away across the road, having a big church and a higher elementary school consisting of 530 boys. This is sufficient for its own purpose.

Item No.(viii) - This is avout three- fourth of a mile away and it is the premier institution of this place with a strength of 2000. The grounds are sufficient for its own purpose.

Item No.(ix) - This is also half a mile away. The authorities have their own school of 150 pupils and a home for destitutes.

It will thus be seen that there is no surplus land near the school which is owned by the mission authorities and which can be conveniently used as play ground or the girls of the Saint Ann's High School, except the plot of ground newly purchased from Mr.James Vincent by the mission and comprised in T.S.No.423.

The present strength of the school is 650/- According to the rules prescribed by the education department, the school has to provide playground space of 6½ acres at the rate of one acre for every 100 pupils. The existing play ground of 3½ ~~1-1/2~~ acres is comprised in T.S.Nos.432/1.B (0.02), 429(0.15), 430 (0.68), 431/2B (0.74) and includes a portion referred to by Sri. Subbaraya Chettiar (i.e.) in T.S.42~~8~~ (1.60).

432/1B (0.35),

The site now proposed to be acquired is T.S.No.439-2 (0.98 acres). This gives a total extent of 4.52 acres. The nearest portion to the convent which can be made use of by spending money on walling, etc, is the one belonging to the South Arcot Diecesan Corporation (T.S.No.423 purchased from Mr.Vincent). Only an extent of 1-1/2 acres has been purchased, a part of which is occupied by a pond and uneven ground and is situated by the side of a row of houses. To make it fit as a playground for grown up girls,it will have to be properly enclosed and level it. The mission is willing to give about one acre of land to the St.Ann's institution.

The main point for consideration is not the availability of space elsewhere, but the necessity for acquiring it in contiguity with the school so as to avoid the taking of grown up girls every day along public roads over long distances for purposes of play and recreation and away from the school atmosphere and protention. I met some parents during my inspection who objected to have their daughters sent out of the school premises to isolated blocks, and involving walking through the streets.

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For Joint Secretary.

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U.O.Reply No.665 D2/46 dated 24-8-49.

Retransmitted.

2. Shifting the primary Departmentto the places owned by the Mission is not desirable, as the places are far off from the main school and proper supervision by the Headmistress is not possible.

3. The school is in need of adequate accommodation and playground. The proposal of acquire the building has been pending for nearly 4 years. The several points raised by Government were answered in my U.O. to Government dated 13-6-47. Notification for the acquisition of the land was ordered to be published - vide G.O.Ms.No.2408, Education, dated 3-11-47.

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4. The proposed property is gifted with a sufficiently vacant site nearly an acre of land which will well serve the purpose of playground at present and at later stages, Can be utilised for accommodating additional sections if opened in future.

5- As no other suitable building is available near the school and as the proposal serves the twofold purpose (Building and playground of 1 acre) and as the proposal is pending for nearly 4 years, I request that the property may be acquired for the school.

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For Joint Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD
16 DEC 1948
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From

Rao Sahib A. Subbaraya Chettiar,
Shrotriemdar & Banker,
"BALA VILAS",
PANRUTI. (S. Arcot Dt.)

To

The Secretary,
Revenue Board,
Chepauk,
MADRAS.

The humble petition of Rao Sahib A. Subbaraya Chettiar most respectfully showeth:

That in regard to the steps taken for the proposed acquisition of his bungalow No.13-A in Pugh's Road, Cuddalore N.T., he may submit that in as much as the District Collector happens to be a Roman Catholic, he fears that he may not get justice at his hands, for the proposed acquisition is for the St. Anne's School, a Roman Catholic institution,

That in regard to the enquiry conducted recently about the statements contained in the mahazar submitted by the public of Pudupalayam, he has painfully to state that it was not made satisfactorily,

That in the interests of equity and justice he requests that the Government might call for the document relating to the purchase of properties by the institution known as the Christian Corporation, an institution of which the Archbishop of Pondicherry is the managing head,

That therein one can specifically see that the properties are purchased by that Corporation and that there are several mutual adjustments later on,

That for instance the building and site which now house the Sacred Heart's Training School and Technical School was formerly a church, then a middle school and now a training school under different names,

That in much the same way the site now purchased by the Corporation opposite to the St. Anne's High School authorities,

That it is a site best suited for the purpose for which steps are now taken for acquisition of No.13-A, my house and town residence,

That the road which separates the site from the school is a very quiet road and as much cannot impose any difficulty,

That there are several cases of schools where the playground occupies such a place,

That it is learnt that the then R.D.O., Mr. Joseph also wrote that all the institutions are under the management of the same diocese viz. the Archbishop of Pondicherry,

That in the circumstances he most humbly requests that a thorough enquiry might be made and thereafter drop the proceedings for which he shall feel most grateful in as much as consistent with his standing and prestige he will be having the only building in the town which he can use as his residence while in town.

Yours faithfully,

A. Subbarayachettiar.

14.12.48.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
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To The Secretary Board of Revenue,
~~THE HONOURABLE SRI O.P. RAMASWAMI REDDIAR~~
Madras.
~~PREMIER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS~~

Honoured Sir,

We, the citizens of Cuddalore beg to bring to your kind notice that we strongly protest against the proposed acquisition of the Banglow 13 A. Pugh's Road belonging to Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar. for the alleged extension of SAINT ANN'S ~~HIGH~~ SCHOOL for girls.

2 The mission authorities already own nearly 125 acres of buildings and sites which they have acquired by purchase and by starting acquisition proceedings by the exercise of influence. Under the guise of needing more space for school, they are extending their Convent and Christian Hostel. Now, that it is proposed to take up training of Secondary School teachers by the Government the Secondary Training School for Women run by the Missionary authorities (just before the bungalows in question). will have to be closed and the said premises will be available for the St.Ann's authorities and hence even if space is needed at all, they can move to that premises. Further we feel that in this town there are no building sites at all because the mission authorities have occupied all available space and enclosed them. It is also felt that the School should be in a place more sanitary since the present site is a water-logged one and during times of flood, the school is knee-deep under water. The School Children are subject to epidemic diseases as a consequence.

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3 We also wish to point out that besides this 125 acres under the Roman Catholic missionary authorities, large extents of lands and buildings are occupied by the Y.M.C.A. and S.P.G. and English Mission authorities in and around the Maidan wherein alone there are possibilities for the expansion of the town and construction of residential buildings.

P.T.O.

Chairman of the Committee

4 KHAN SAHEB MAHOMED ISMAIL SAHEB BAHADUR a former District Collector had characterised the mission authorities' request to acquire even a pathway adjacent to the present building as not bonafide and had rejected it. Now they are exercising their utmost influence to grab at the banglow and its compound as this is the only solitary building left to complete their occupation of the entire Pugh's Road and sites around the maidan.

5 If the mission authorities are genuinely in need of space, they can very well get the next adjacent sites from Mr.Paul Puspanathan, Advocate who has already sold some portion and who is prepared to sell the rest. They are not prepared to buy it and this shows that their action is not bonafide.

6 The mission authorities have rented several of their own buildings which they can occupy if really needed.

7 In the circumstances setforth above we submit that the proposed acquisition is unjust and malafide and it is only an attempt to make the whole place around the maidan a missionary Christian Colony. Hence we request that you may be so good as to direct the authorities to drop the acquisition proceedings.

We beg to remain,
Honoured Sir,
Your most obedient Servants,

1. P.T. Srinivasan M.A. Editor 'Desabhimani' Cuddalore N.T.
2. K. Srinivasan. Krishna Rao. Cuddalore N.T.
3 T. S. Ranganathan Rao. Main Road. Cuddalore N.T
4) L. Meenakshisundaram Iyer Pleader. Cuddalore N.T.
5) R. Natesan, advocate, Cuddalore N.T.
(6) K. Jagadisa Iyer. Pleader Cuddalore. N.T.
(7) R. Krishnaswami Aiyangar, Advocate, Cud. N.T.
(8) D. Sundararajan. Pleader Cuddalore

C. R. Krishnamachari, Advocate, Cuddalore N.T.

K. Sreenivasan. Advocate Cuddalore N.T.

Raghavendran Advocate Cuddalore N.T.

V. Srinivasaraghavan Pleader Cuddalore N.T.

S. Satagopan, advocate, Cuddalore N.T.

C.N. Muthukrishna M. H. School. Cuddalore

V. Ramachandran Pillai Landlord Cuddalore N.T.

S. Muthukrishnan Asst. Municipal High School Cuddalore.

[illegible] Retired Accountant Collector['s] office Cuddalore

[illegible] Cuddalore N.T.

S. [illegible] Landlord Cuddalore N.T.

A. [illegible] Pillai. for. Madras watch co. C. N. T.

V. R. [illegible] Pro. [illegible] cycle stores Cud. N.T.

V. Natarajan Propr. Bhima Vilas, Cuddalore N.T.

L. Pattabiraman 37, Vilvavinayagar koil St. Vandipalayam

Sundara Raman No. 8 Kattiyakaran Lane Tiruppapuliyur

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~~R. B.~~ Sundaramurthy [illegible]..

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K. [illegible]

[illegible] Pudupalayam. Cuddalore N.T.

P. Kuppuswami [illegible]

R. Rajan.

T. A. Lakshmanan. Tiruppapuliyur

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R. Thirumengan watch (company)

S. Rathinaswamy. Sreenivasa Pillay St.

S. Rahiman Cuddalore. N.T.

G. [illegible]

[illegible] Venkatraman. Cuddalore N.T.

K. [illegible] Cuddalore N.T.

R. Govindarajalu Cuddalore N.T.

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Ananthadas Cuddalore N.T.

K. Subbiah Pillay Lawyer Cud. N.T.

~~A. Ramaswamy~~

H. Ramachandra Rao Patriot Press Cuddalore N.T.

P. Mahalakshmi Cuddalore N.T.

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S. [illegible] Cuddalore N.T.

K. R. Sreenivasan. Cuddalore N.T.

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Copy of letter Roc.A.4723/46 dated 14-12-46 from the ~~Collector~~ Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore to the Collector of South Arcot, Cuddalore.

LAND ACQUISITION - Cuddalore taluk and town - T.S.No.439/2 - extension of St.Ann's Girls' School.
Ref:- Collector's B4-14216/46 dated 20-7-46.

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The Correspondent of St.Ann's Girls' High School,Pudupalayam, Cuddalore N.T.,has applied for the acquisition of T.S.439/2 of Manjakuppam village to provide accommodation for the several sections and classes the strength of them has increased. T.S.No.439/2 of is contiguous to the present school buildings and it situates to the west of the buildings. The Government have sanctioned a grant of Rs.10,000/- being the half the cost of acquisition. The proposal has been treated as a part II scheme for 1946-47.

T.S.No.439/2 measuring 0.98 acre stands registered in the name of one Rao Sahib Subbaraya Chettiar of Panruti. It was purchased together with the buildings etc.,thereon in 1939 during the minority of the present owner by his guardian Pappal alias Gnambal for a sum of Rs.12500 Records of enquiry go to show that the correspondent negotiated with the present owner to purchase the site and the buildings thereon for a sum o Rs.20000/-through Dewan Bahadur T.R.Chakrapani Ayyangar and one Amirthasami Pillai a retired Shristadar of the Dt.Court and the owner who at first consented to the sale subsequentlyappears to have changed his mind and refused to sell it. The correspondent appears to have moved the Director of Public Instructions for the subsidy on the strength of theowner's willingness to part with the land. The owner now objects to the acquisitions. His main contention is that he is a resident of Lingareddipalayam near Panruti and thepresent site is required for his own use as a town residence and also a place of business. Ever since the purchase of the site the owner has not occupied it and the building on the site is only occupied by tenants. The contention that is required for his personal occupation after it has been made known to him that the site and buildings have been proposed for acquisition is not therefore tenable. Sri P.T.Srinivasan,M.A.,Proprietor and Editor 'Desabimani' and Secretary to Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society and President,South Arcot Dt.Journalist's Association, Cuddalore N.T.,has presented an objection to the acquisition. He is the owner of the site to the west of the one under reference. He states that the site under reference originally belonged to his father who had to sell it to the present owner out of necessity and that an account of the sale he has been put to inconveniences and that when he approached the present owner to reconvey the site in his name,the owner refused to agree to it saying that he was badly in need of it. He further states that if the site is acquired,the school authorities would put up high compound walls and his dwelling house would be denied the eastern breeze,and as the school authorities have acquired all the sites around,his house cannot be expanded. He further suggests that if the school authorities require site for expansion they can acquire a site familarly known as "[illegible] Again in his second objection petition forwarded to me along with the Collector's letter B.4-14216/46 dated 2-12-46 he alleges that the request of the school authorities four years back for the acquisition of the site was rejected as not bonafide,that the school has got enough open space on the northern side where coconut palms are reared that a site was recently purchased by the school authorities for play ground and that the school authorities have got enough and more for school purposes and that many buildings in the school compound are rented to residential quarters while the authorities got grants for them.

The correspondent has already stated in her petitionto the Collec that the strength of the school has risen upto 635 and that to accommodate the growing strength buildings are required. In his Proceedings D.Dis.1101/46 d/-8-4-46 the Director of Public Instructions has stipul a condition that playground should be acquired at 1/2 an acre for every 50 pupils. At this rate alone the school has to maintain 6½ acres as pl ground. The rearing of coconut palms in a portion of the compound of building unfit for use as play ground cannot be taken as a serious objectionto the acquisition. Of the site which is essential for the continuance of the school under the educational rules. The buildings which are reported to be in the compound are all essential to the proper working of the school and if there is any building which is in the occupationof anybody who is not connected with the institution the Educational authorities would have taken objection to such occupation. There are no records in this office to show that the attempt of the school authorities to acquire the site 4 years back was negatived by the Collector. After all Sri P.T.Srinivasan is the owner of a site lying adjacent to the one to be acquired and his objections cannot therefore stand. I understand from the correspondent of the school that the Government grant was sanctioned after a personal inspection by Sri Norman Strathie the then Advisor of Government.

As regards the market value of the site, the Tahsildar has fixed the value of it at Rs.20,000/- based on the sale deed of Mr. Paul Pushpanathan and added to it the estimated cost of the buildings, wells, walls, garages, as estimated by the Minor Irrigation Overseer and the value of the standing trees as reported by the Revenue Inspector. The total value so estimated comes to Rs.19,788/- The cost of acquisition including the 15% solatium comes to Rs.20088/- This amount appears to be reasonable and this may be accepted.

The records of enquiry, a copy of the report of the Tahsildar together with a draft notification under 4 (1) are submitted.

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Copy of letter Roc.A.7164/46 d/-18-2-47 from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore to the Collector of South Arcot, Cuddalore.

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LAND ACQUISITION - Cuddalore taluk and town - T.S.No.439/2 - extension of St.Ann's High School.
Ref:--Collector's No B4-14216/46 d/-6-2-47 and 12-2-47.

The Executive Engineer, South Arcot has been addressed to value the buildings in the site and his report on the subject is awaited. In reply to a reminder the Public Works Department Sub Divisional Officer has stated that as they are at present engaged in other urgent work their reply could be expected only by 10-3-47.

A topo sketch (in duplicate) showing the several sites owned by the mission in Pudupalayam and the buildings marked in it is submitted herewith.

A list of lands owned by the mission with the extents noted is also submitted herewith.

3. I also submit herewith a letter from the Correspondent with its 6 enclosures in original.

4. All the buildings owned by the mission including the St.Ann's school are under the control and jurisdiction of the Pondicherry Mission. Excepting the two buildings let out and used, as Incometax Office and Dt.Educational Officers' residence all other buildings are used for specific purposes under different managers and it is not possible to merge on with the other. The position is the same as that of several Government buildings (Hospitals, officers, schools Hostel etc.) owned by Government maintained by Public Works Department which are incapable merging one with the other. This position is explained by the correspondent of St.Anns' School in her letter enclosed. As regard the building used as Incometax Officeand Dt.Educational Officer's bungalow, they are not adjacent to St.Anns' convent and it is impossible to use them as a play ground for the High School Girls for the reasons given by the correspondent.

Moreover they are at present serving a useful purpose and it is not quite easy to find alternative accomadtion for the present

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occupants in Cuddalore. The allegation that in most of the buildings only coconut trees and rain trees are reared and that they do not serve any purpose is not also based on facts. The coconut tope in St.Anns' High School compound was converted into a play ground a year back, by cutting the trees and putting up 5 courts as pointed out by the correspondent.

5. The letter of the Congress M.L.A. (Sri K.S.Venkatakrishna Reddy and Sri P.R.Srinivasa Padayachi) and letters from other leading non-officials supporting the proposed acquisition transmitted by the correspondent are enclosed.

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Copy of letter Roc.A.7164/46 dated 19-2--47 from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore to the Collector of South Arcot., Cuddalore.

LAND ACQUISITION - Cuddalore taluk and town - T.S.No.439/2 - extension of St.Ann's High School.
Ref:--Collector's B4.14216/46 d/-17-2-47.

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I beg to state that a report on the objection petition presented by RaoSahib Subbaraya Chettiar was submitted by me in my No.A.7164/46 dated 18-2-46. This report deals in extense the several objections raised and the facts reported already may be taken into consideration in answering to the interpellations.

It has not been stated in the question when the application for acquisition of 13 A was presented and when it was rejected. A pathway leading from Pugh's road to the rear portion of the school premises has already been formed and it is now in use.

C. The total extent of the building sites now under the control of the mission authorities in the town is 62.63 acres. (XXX) (Vide reverse

3. There are some rain trees in St.Joseph's School compound. The compound of the building is 28-29 acres. The site occupied by the School is locally called 'Colonel Garden' and the trees are old ones. This a boys school and far away from St.Ann's Convent and its compound is not useful for playground for the girls of St.Ann's High School. Coco nut trees in the compound of the St.Ann's HighSchool were cut a year back and the space was converted into play ground for the school.

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Copy of letter Roc.B4.14216/48 d/-1-4-47 from the Collector of South Arcot, Cuddalore to the Secretary to Government, (Education and Public Health) Department, Madras THROUGH THE Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Irrigation, Chepauk, Madras.

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LAND ACQUISITION - Cuddalore taluk and town - T.S.439/2 - extensio of St.Ann's Girls' HighSchool - proposals.

The correspondent of the St.Ann's Girls' High School, Pudupalayam, Cuddalore N.T., has applied for the acquisition of T.S.439/2 of Manjakuppam village measuring 0.42760 Sq.ft to provide additional accommodation to the school. The additional accommodation required is for extension of the existing school building and for playground. The site applied for is contiguous to the present school compound and it contain a building - used for residential purposes.

2. The owner of the site and of the building is one Rao Sahib Subbaraya Chettiar, a resident of Lingareddipalayam near Panruti. He objects to the acquisition stating that the site is required forhis ow use as a town residence and also as a place of business. The site together with the building, was purchased in 1939 during the minority of the present owner, by his guardian Pappal alias Gnanambal ammal. Ever since the purchase, the owner has not occupied it and it is occupied only by tenants.

3. He has also alleged that the Roman Catholic Mission authoritie who are running the school, own vast extents of buildingsites in the to and that in most of the sites only rain trees and coconut trees

grown. A copy of the list furnished by the Correspondent of the School, in respect of the buildings owned by the Mission with details as to the extent covered by each is enclosed. It is stated that with the exception of two buildings which have been let out, one for use as Incometax office and the other for Dt. Educational Officer's residence, all the other buildings are used for specific purposes under different managers as shown in the list and that it is not possible to merge one with the other. The Revenue Divisional Officer reports that none of the sites referred to, is contiguous to the school compound and suitable for use as playground.

4. Sri P.T.Srinivasan, Proprietor and Editor of "Desabhimani" and owner of the site adjacent to the one now proposed for acquisition, is another objector to the acquisition. His complaint is that if the site is acquired, the school authorities would put up high compound walls and that his dwelling house would be denied the sea breeze from the east; but this cannot be helped.

5. ~~The~~ As against the above objections there is agitation by one section of the public (which includes among others, three M.L.As.) in favour of acquisition of the site for the school and they have sent petitions requesting me to proceed with the acquisition.

6. The present strength of the school is a little over 600 and I understand that according to the rules prescribed by the Educational department, the school has to provide playground space of 6 acres - at the rate of 1/2 an acre for every 50 pupils. It is reported that the school now possesses playground only to the extent of 3½ acres. The Government in their memo No.3703/B.4.45-6 Edn., d/-24-12-45, have sanctioned a sum of Rs.10,000/- as half grant to meet the cost of acquisition of the site. The need for the additional space seems in the circumstances real. The objections may all cancel out by the time of the 5-A enquiry. I, therefore submit herewith a draft notification under Section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act for the acquisition of T.S.No. 439/2 of Manjakuppam village and request that it may be approved and published in the Gazette.

7. The value of the site and building is estimated by the Revenue Divisional Officer at Rs.19,788/- I am asking the Revenue Divisional Officer to submit a detailed report with data for valuation before sending the Draft Declaration and and also to examine in detail the objections to the acquisition at the time of the 5-A enquiry.

8. The objection petition of Sri A.Subbaraya Chettiar received with Government Endorsement No.78958/B2-46-1 d/-3-12-46 is enclosed.

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for Collector.

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List of lands owned by the mission with extents.

St.Joseph School.	28.29
Church and School.	6.99
Dt.Educational Officer's Bungalow - Incometax.	8.06
Seminary.	8.12
Convent.	6.54
Sacred Hearts' School.	2.83
St.Mary's Home.	1.80
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Copy of the report of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore to the Collector of South Arcot Roc B.7757/48 d/9-12-48.

LAND ACQUISITION - Cuddalore taluk and town - T.S.439/2 extension of St.Anns Girls High school - objection petition - report.
Ref:Collector's Roc A6.24389/48 dated 4-12-48.

The points raised in the mahazar petition are not new. These points have been met by my predecessor in the reports submitted to the Collector in this office Roc A.4723/48 dated 13-12-46, 18-2-47 and 19-2-47 with reference to collector's B4.14216/46 dated 20-7-46, 20-1-47, 6-2-47, 12-2-47 and 16-2-47. The objections have been considered not valid.

The points mentioned in the mahazar are.

1. That the mission authorities already own nearly 125 acres of buildings and sites.

(ii) that the Sacred hearts Training school for women opposite to the near of the St.Ann's convent will be closed consequent on the introduction of Basic Training and that the Training school building and compound can be utilized by this school.

(iii) that the present site is water logged and that the school itself be shifted to a more healthy locality.

(iv) that an application for acquiring a pathway to this institution was rejected as not bonafide by the then collector Khan Sahib Mohammad Ismail Bahadur.

(v) That one Mr.Paul pushpanathan is willing to sell the remaining part of the field already sold by him to the school.

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1. An illustrative sketch showing the site owned by the Roman Catholic missionaries near and around the Maidan is enclosed. It is seen from the extracts furnished from the Revenue accounts that the extent owned by these Missionaries total upto only 75.32 acres. I understand that though all these Institutions go under the general management of the South Arcot Diocesan corporation Limited, each Institution is independent of each other, especially financially. They are situated in different places and are used for **different purposes.**

2. The Headmistress has stated that the Sacred Hearts Training school for women is not to be closed down as alleged in the mahazar and that two L.T assistants have been sent from the school for training in Basic training courses so that they may be employed in giving tuition in the latest system of education.

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(iii) The school building is slightly higher in level. It is no doubt true that during very heavy rains when there is flood there may be water stagnation in the compound. This cannot be helped. As a matter of fact the entire locality will be waterlogged for a few days in the year. So far this year there has no water logging yet.

(iv) The file relating to the acquisition of the pathway as alleged is not available having been placed in L. in 1943.

It is unofficially ascertained from the Collector's office that this matter was disposed of in collector's L.13115/42.

(v) It is seen from the letter from Sri Paul pushpanathan Advocate, that he is not prepared to sell any portion of the remaining land to the Mission. He states that the observation in the petition that he is prepared to sell the rest is unauthorised, misleading, mischievous and a deliberate falsehood. I have inspected all these sites including the one opposite to the entrace of the St.Ann's Girls High School said to have been recently purchased by the Mission. From the extract of the document relating to the purchase of the site by the South Arcot Diocesan corporation Limited it is not ascertainable that the site has been purchased for the purpose of playground for this school. The Headmistress tells me that this site is not meant for the school or for playground.

The connected records of enquiry and collector's reference are enclosed.

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Copy of the report of the Revenue Inspector, Manjakuppam dated 8-12-48 to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore after inspection with the records of enquiry.

It is a fact that the correspondent of the St.Anne's Girls High school Pudupalayam has applied for the acquisition of T.S. 439/2 measuring 42760 sq.ft in Manjakuppam village to provide additional accomodation to the school ie. for extension of the existing school building and for play ground. The site applied for is contiguous to the present school compound and it contains a building used for residential purposes.

3. The matter has now passed the 5 A stage. The 4(1) notification was published at page 554 of the Fort St.George Gazette dated 9-12-47. The 5 A enquiry was held on 26-1-1948 No objection to the proposed acquisition was received from the Public either at the time of Preliminary enquiry or at the time of 5A enquiry except from two interested persons viz. Rao Sahib Sri A.Subbaraya Chettiar (Owner of the site) and from Sri P.T. Srinivasan, M.A, Editor, Desabhimani, Cuddalore (Owner of the adjacent land and building) This fact clearly shows that no public interest stands to suffer by the proposed acquisition. As regards the objections presented by both the objectors referred to they have been met in Revenue Divisional Officer's A.4723/46 dated 14-12-46, 18-2-47 and 19-2-47 with reference to Collector's B4. 14216/46 dated 20-7-46, 20-1-47, 6-2-47 and 12-2-47 and 16-2-47. The objections were not held valid.

4. Now that the objections presented by them individually have been ruled out (or did not have the desired effect) one of the objectors viz. Sri P.T.Srinivasan has hit upon the idea of sponsoring an agitation in the name of the citizens of Cuddalore togive a colouring to his objections as that of Public interest at stake but the content of the objection is the same. It is oldwine in new bottle. There is nothing new in the Mahazar petition from that of the petition presented individually by each of the objectors. The main signatories to the petition have been drawn from the Cuddalore Bar but they seem to be more actuated by sympathy towards the sponsor sri P.T.Srinivasan than by any concern to the facts of the case. I believe it is to clothe the petition with certain status and importance that Sri P.T.Srinivasan has drawn upon the support of the members of the Cuddalore Bar. The lawyer have not said anything new in the nature of objection to the acquisition.

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The points raised in the Mahazar are that the Mission authorities already own nearly 125 acres of buildings and sites that the proposed acquisition is only for extending their convent and christian hostel, that the Sacred Heart Training school for women opposite to the rear of the St.Anne's convent is to be closed down consequent to the introduction of Basic Training in which case the Training school building and compound can be used by the St.Annes school, that the present school itself is located in not a healthy place that the Mission authorities are exerting their utmost influence to grap at the Bungalow unmindful of the fact that some of their own buildings have been rented out that a former collector characterised the request of the Mission authorities to acquire even a pathway as not bonafide and rejected the application that one M.R. Paul Pushpanathan is willing to sell the remaining part of the field already sold by him to the school that any encouragement to the Mission to go on acquiring further sites will leave no building sites in the town for other people and other purpose and that it is already time to cry a halt to this.

It will be seen from the above said objections that there is no relevant or direct point in any of them vis a vis the proposed acquisition. The objections xxxx are general and they are against the Mission and christians enterprise in general. It is not the fault of the Missionaries if they are enterprising. Now to the objections. A statement of buildings and sites owned by the several christian bodies is attached herewith. It will be seen therefrom that the total extent owned by the Roman

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Catholic Missionaries xxxxxxxx is only 75.32 acres (inclusive of buildings) It should be noted in this connection that the various catholic institutions in the Town even though run by Catholic Missionaries are under different managements and in different localities. They are financially independant of each other though all are units of the south Arcot Diocesan Corporation Ltd. It is therefore not possible to use the Playground of one institution by another institution on the single reason that these are situated in different places. The correspondent of the St.Annes Girls High school has made it perfectly clear that it is not possible to take up grown up girls all the way from the school alongside of the public roads to other places of the Mission for play and sports even if the other bodies should agree to the arrangement. There is no ~~binding~~ building or site contiguous to the school which is owned by the Mission. . The Sacred Heart Training school for women is not to be closed down as so forcibly alleged in the Mahazar It will be seen from the statement of the Head Mistress of the School (filed herein) that the school is to continue on the revised lines and so this objection has to be ruled out. The Head Mistress has also made it clear that the proposed acquisition is not for extending their convent and christian Hostel. The St.Annes School is no more badly situated in point of sanitation and health as the Municipal High school or the Municipal office or the residence of the Chief objectors viz. Sri P.T.Srinivasan. The reference to certain remarks of a former Collector in the Mahazar is said to have been gleaned from a certain file in the Collector's office which on the reference I find has been disposed of in L Dis (Collector's L.13115 dated 27-2-43) In the absence of records it is not possible to say the exact remarks ~~fax~~ and in what connection made. ~~Remakrs~~ Remarks have to be viewed with relvant contexts.

The Y.M.C.A occupies 7-95 acres, West of maidan, the S.P.G church and compound , the English church 2-34 acres. The reference to these has absolutely no bearing on the present issue on the sole point that they do not form part of the South Arcot Diocesan coporation but belong to different persuasions in Christian faith.

Mr.Paul Pushpanathan who was enquired by ~~tke~~ me regarding his willingness to dispose off the remaining part of land already sold to the school told me that it was a mischievous and irresponsible statement to make by so respectable citizens and that he is not prepared to part with any bit of the remaining part of the land. The question of acquiring this piece of land was gone into previously and dropped out as it was not suitable for the purpose. His statement is enclosed.

In ~~fine~~ fine, it will be seen that all the objections are the old objections raised number of times before and that none of them can be held valid. It is the fear of Mr.P.T.Srinivasan that if the site is acquired the school authorities would put up high compound walls and his dwelling house adjacent to the wall would be denied of the sea breeze from the East. This cannot be helped.

A He told me that a site recently purchased by the South Arcot Diocesan corporation Ltd in document No.870 of 1948 from Mr. Vincent and lying vacant opposite to the entrace to the St.Annes Girls High school can conveniently be taken up for use as play ground by the school dropping out the acquisition of the present site. This suggestion was examined by me. The site in question has been purchased for the corporation but the sale deed does not contain any prticular regarding the use to which the site would be put to. The Head Mistress told me that the site is intended for a different purpose that it is low lying and will not be suitable for a playground as the girls will have to cross the public road and there will be no compactness to enforce discipline and order. This is reasonable as the proposed site for acquisition abuts the present compound wall of the convent and that after acquisition the site can be enclosed with the present site of the convent by a bigger compound wall thus maintaining the compactness and seclusion that is needed of a Girls institution.

Sd.V.Dandapani
Revenue Inspector.

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To
The Revenue Divisional Officer
Cuddalore Division
Cuddalore

Sir

It is not true that I am prepared to sell the portion of land over & above what was sold by me to the Roman Catholic Mission, to the said Mission authorities. The signatories to the Mahazar have made the statement without consulting me & without any sense of responsibility.

Yours faithfully
Paul Pushpanathan
Advocate
7/12/48

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Catholic Missionaries ~~extent~~ is only 75.32 acres (inclusive of buidings) It should be noted in this connection that the various catholic institutions in the Town even though run by Catholic Missionaries are under different manangements and in different localities. They are financially independant of each other though all are units of the south Arcot Diocesan Corporation Ltd. It is therefore not possible to use the Playground of one institution by another institution on the single reason that these are situated in different places. The correspondent of the St.Annes Girls High school has made it perfectly clear that it is not possible to take up grown up girls all the way from the school alongside of the public roads to other places of the Mission for play and sports even if the other bodies should agree to the arrangement. There is no ~~binding~~ building or site contiguous to the school which is owned by the Mission., The Sacred Heart Training school for women is not to be closed down as so forcibly alleged in the Mahazar
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Girls High school can conveniently be taken up for use as play ground by the school dropping out the acquisition of the present site. This suggestion was examined by me. The site in question has been purchased for the corporation but the sale deed does not contain any prticular regarding the use to which the site would be put to. The Head Mistress told me that the site is intended for a different purpose that it is low lying and will not be suitable for a Playground as the girls will have to cross the public road and there will be no compactness to enforce discipline and order. This is reasonable as the proposed site for acquisition abuts the present compound wall of the convent and that after acquisition the site can be enclosed with the present site of the convent by a bigger compound wall thus maintaining the compactness and seclusion that is needed of a Girls institution.

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Sd.V.Dandapani
Revenue Inspector.

(True Copy)

Statement of the Head Mistress
St Annes Convent Girls High School
Cuddalore N.T

Though the St Annes Convent Girls High School is one of the units of the South Arcot Diocesan Corporation Ltd it is under separate management & the school is financially quite independent of the Corporation. The site ~~proposed~~ for acquisition is purely for school purpose. The vacant sites around buildings & chapels owned by the South Arcot Diocesan Corporation cannot be useful for this School inasmuch as they are under different managements (which are independent bodies by themselves) and as they are not contiguous to the school. We totally deny the allegation in the Mahazar that the proposed acquisition is only for extending

the Convent and Christian Hostel
36 ~~the building~~ There is no more
truth in this allegation as is the
other allegation that the second[illegible]
Trg. School for women run by this
Convent is to be closed down consequent
to the introduction of Basic Training.
In fact we have sent two L.T.
Assistants from this School to get
themselves trained in Basic
Training etc. The School is not to be
closed at all.

Read over & admitted to be
correct.

S. Pascal Mary

HEADMISTRESS AND CORRESPONDENT
ST ANNE'S GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
PUDUPALAYAM, CUDDALORE N.T.

Before me

V. Janaki
8.12.48.
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Let me see the papers immediately
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
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From
RAO SAHEB A.SUBBARAYA CHETTIAR,
Shortriemdar & Banker,
P A N R U T I.
(S.Arcot District)

To

THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION,
Government of Madras,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
MADRAS.

Respected Sir,

RE: NOTIFICATION under Section 4 (1) - Land Acquisition Act regarding Bangalow No.13-A Situate in Pugh's Road, Cuddalore N.T.

I beg to submit the following few lines for your sympathetic consideration and favourable orders:

1. I was a Ward of the District Court of South Arcot and I was declared a Major in January 1940 having completed my age of 21 then. As I wanted a Bangalow in Cuddalore so that I may reside in Headquarters and be in touch with prominent Officials and non-Officials and do business and social work my then guardian moved the District Court of South Arcot for the purchase of this Bangalow and the then District Judge Mr. P. Rajagopalan, I.C.S., was pleased to sanction the said purchase. After purchase, a compound wall was constructed and repairs were done to thebuilding. But owing to the out-break of the War and in view of the scare in Coastal towns, I could not move to this Bungalow. Added to this, as many Bungalows on the beach side which were originally occupied by Officials came to be occupied by the Military and as number of new Offices came into existence, the demand for accommodation became pressing and several Officials pressed me to let the building for their use for the time being, and hence my occupation had to be postponed. Only a few months back I had to apply to the Rent Controller to evict my last. tenant, a Deputy Collector who retired at Cuddalore.

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2. I have also arranged with a Contractor to build an out-house, a garage and lay a tennis Court for which I have asked a plan to be prepared and submitted to the Municipality for sanction. When Bungalow was not available, I was obliged to stay in my Vakil's house or in the house of my caste-men. I was obliged to stay in this fashion for at least 15 days in the month. Only recently, the Bungalow was made available for my occupation. The Bungalow was not purchased as an investment for my money. It was for my personal use and occupation.

3. The St. Ann's School authorities approached me for sale and I said I am not going to sell the same. Before that, the South Arcot Co-operative Bank through its president, Sri K. Sitarama Reddiar who is also the President of the District Board, South Arcot, approached me with a very tempting offer, saying that it was urgently needed for a public purpose of first-rate importance, viz. Co-operative Banking business; but I explained to him that with a view to have a bungalow in the headquarters for my occupation and business purposes, I have purchased the same, and there was no question of parting with the same, and thereupon the matter was dropped.

Each christian institution independant
(MDO's report d 9.12.44)
p 63cf

4. I beg to submit that the St. Ann's High School is under the Control and jurisdiction of the Pondicherry Mission. The said diocese owns vast sites in this town which are superfluous for their purposes. The following are in their possession:-

All the sites were inspected by the Collr. on 1.3.49.
pp 93-95cf

(1) St. Ann's High School Compound (2½ acres)
(2) Sacred Heart Training School - (2 acres)
(3) Sacred Heart Elementary School (2 acres)
(4) Agnes Seminary - (5 acres)

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(5) Income-Tax Office buildings and adjacent buildings - -	(5 acres)
(6) Bishop'sBangalow - (rented out) -	(2 acres)
(7) Church Compound - East of the Church is full of Cocoanut trees	(3½ acres)
(8) St. Joseph's High School with all the newly acquired sites in the northern and eastern directions	(30 acres and more)
(9) St. Mary's Home --	(5 acres)

They are financially independent - page (33 ante) (RDO's report dt 9.12.48 p 63 cf)

All the aforesaid sites and buildings are more or less contiguous and in the heart of the town. In most of them, only cocoanut trees and rain trees are reared and it is indeed very regrettable that it should be so when the crying need of the town is for more sites for buildings. In fact, almost the entire portion in Pough's road is occupied by them.

5. The mission authorities go on getting possession of lands and buildings year after year by acquisition proceedings for the past 10 years. I may point out that in one instance their prayer was rejected as not BONA FIDE . Three years back, the St. Ann's High School authorities approached the then District Collector to get the path-way leading to the School from Pugh's Road, acquired. The District Collector after personal Inspection, rejected the petition as not BONA FIDE. I may add that the aforesaid pathway is next to my compound and is running parallel to it.

Reported as file not available in Coll's ref A6-24399-48 dt 15-12-48 p 67-68 cf

6. The School has got enough space on the northern side which is full of cocoanut trees. On the South, the School authorities have recently purchased a portion of a very big site from Mr. Paul Pushpanathan. If more space is found necessary then they can purchase more of land from the same Gantleman . I may here point out that the Mission Authorities have recently purchased from one Mr. T.A.J. Vincent an open site, just opposite

Said to be low-lying and unsuitable (land) (para on p33 ante) Coll's report dt 15-12-48 p 67 cf

He is unwilling - (p34 ante) Coll's report dt 15 12 48 p 68 cf just opposite to the school, measuring one acre and more. It is eminently fitted for play-ground purposes as well as for the construction of new buildings. Only after the acquisition proceedings in respect of my bungalow were started, the aforesaid site was purchased. Since the site is situate in a very silent road and since it is exactly opposite to the School and since it is bigger than mine the purpose for which acquisition proceedings were started in respect of my bungalow has been very well served. The Mission authorities continue to press for the acquisition out of a vindictive spirit to wrest from me my only residence in Cuddalore New Town where most of my wested interests are situate. From the start, the Mission authorities whose influence is felt every where have been busy to canvass support for their action. It was most fortunate for them that the then Revenue Divisional Officer who started the Proceedings, the District Collector who continued it happen to be very orthodox Roman Catholics. I may even humbly state that Mr. R.C. Jospph who was then the Revenue Divisional Officer and Mr. Mescarenhas who was the District Collector had both given their wholehearted support to the Mission authorities and all their reports were one-sided without affording an opportunity for me to explain my case. After all my building and the site measures less than an acre and for an institution like St.Ann's it is better that a far-sighted policy is followed. The primary departments of the School might be shifted to some other place. In many cases in respect of big schools in growing cities, the primary and Secondary departments are in a different places. In regard to the present case the Primary Department might be moved to the mission buidlings where the Income-Tax Office was located. When the Mission Authorities have recently built eight houses on the grounds of the St. Agnes Seminary and when they are letting it for rent, they can as well build buildings for school in any one of the ~~part~~ vast open ~~spaces own by them~~. spaces owned by them.

7 Most of the prominent people of the town are against the acquisition on a matter of principle and a Mahazar has also been sent to the Revenue Board signed by respected people stating that they are against the acquisition.

pages 22-25 ante.
The R.D.O's remarks
on the mahazar
are at page 31 ante

Pp 63-64 of
(Coll's file)
24399-48
current file.

8 In fine, I beg to request, honoured Sir, that I may be left in possession of my only building in the town and that the acquisition proceedings may be dropped once for all.

9 For which act of equity and justice I shall in duty bound ever pray,

I beg to remain,
Honoured Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

A. Subbarayachetty.

Cuddalore N.T.
1-11--1949.

Encl. to Coll. Ref. Ab. 24589-Lt

1-12-49

To
The Secty to the Bd
of Rev, Madras

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Land Acquisition - South Arcot Dt - Cuddalore Taluk and Town - St. Anne's Girls' High school, Cuddalore - Extension of playground and building.

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p 13 cf — From the Collr. of South Arcot, R.Dis no. 25651/47 d/8-9-48
p 15 cf — From the Bd. of Rev. B.P. Rt 5989 d/28-10-49.
pp 37-41 cf — Petition from Sri A. Subbarayachettiar, Panruti d/1-11-49.

Memo No 52484 B1/49-2 Edn. d/ 5.11.49.

pp 37-41 cf

The petition d/1-11-49 from Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar, Panruti, against the acquisition of his building and site for the St. Anne's Girls' High school, Cuddalore, is forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot. He is requested to submit very urgently a report in the matter with particular reference to the petitioner's

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contention that the Mission authorities have recently built eight houses on the grounds of the St. Agnes Seminary and ~~letting~~ have let them out on rent and that they can very well construct buildings for the school in any one of the vast open spaces owned by them.

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To

The collr. of South Arcot
(with pp 37-41 cf)
Copy to the Bd. of Revenue.
" D.P.I.

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Ref. A6. 24399/48 Dated 1-12-49. 49

From
Sri H.S.Paul, B.A.,
Collector of South Arcot,
Cuddalore.

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

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF ...
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Through
The Secretary to the Board of Revenue,
Madras.

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Sir,

Land Acquisition - South Arcot District - Cuddalore taluk and Town - Saint Ann's Girls' High School Cuddalore extension of playground and building- objection petition of Sri A. Subbaraya Chetti- Report submitted.

Ref:- Government Memorandum No.52484-B1-49-2, Education dated 5-11-49. pp 42-43 ante

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Sri A. Subbaraya Chetti, the owner of T.S.No.439/2 in Cuddalore town which land is proposed to be acquired for extension of playground and building for the Saint Ann's Girls High School, Cuddalore, presented to the Collector and the Board several objections before, similar to the one now forwarded with the Government Memorandum cited above. The contentions raised by the objector were all considered already before, and detailed reports were already submitted to the Board in this office reference A6. 24399-48 dated 15-12-48 and 5-3-49. Copies of the reports are submitted herewith for ready reference. ⊗ pp 37-41 ante; pp 42-43 ante; pp 51-53 infra

2. The contentions raised by the objector Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar in his present objection petition are dealt with in detail below: pp 37-41 ante

Paras 1, 2 and 3 of the objection petition call for no remarks as they describe the personal difficulties of the petitioner. pp 37-38 ante

3. As regards the vast sites owned by the several Mission Authorities referred to in para 4 of the objection petition, all the nine items referred to were personally inspected by my predecessor, and he has reported in detail in his letter Ref. A6. 24399-48 dated 5-3-49, about the conditions of each site and in conclusion he has stated that there is no surplus land near the school which is owned by the mission authorities and which can be conveniently used as a play ground for the Girls of the Saint Ann's High School, except the plot of ground newly purchased by the mission and comprised in T.S.No. 423. (vide para 5 below) pp 38-39 ante; pp 51-53 infra; p 52 infra

4. Regarding the allegation in para 5 of the objection petition, that the request of the Saint Ann's High School authorities for acquisition of a pathway was rejected by the Collector as not bonafide, 3 years before the records relating to this allegation are not available for reference as the matter was disposed of in Collector's L.Dis. 13115 of 42 which was destroyed by efflux of time. This fact has already been reported to the Board in this office letter Ref.A6.24399-48, dated 15-12-48. p 39 ante; p 51 infra

5. As regards the alleged purchase of Mr. Paul Pushpanatham's site, referred to in para 6 of the objection petition, this site viz. T.S.No. 432/1B is also now used for the school as playground. As regards the suggestion in the objection petition that the school Authorities may, if more space is found necessary, they can purchase from the same gentlemen Mr. Paul Pushpanathan, it has been ascertained from Mr. Paul Pushpanathan that he is not willing to dispose of any land to the Mission Authorities. These facts and the fact that his land T.S.No. 432/1A (OA-75 C) was not pp 39-41 ante

not suitable, as it is ½ foot lower in level than the present playground and as it contains coconut and other trees, were reported to the Board on 15-12-48. The site recently purchased from Mr. T.A.J. Vincent, is T.S. No. 423, belonging to S.A. Diocesan Corporation is 1½ acres and the above corporation has consented to give one acre out of it. Even after this site is given to theSt. Ann's Girls' High School more land is required as explained in the last para of this office report dated 5-3-49 to the Board.

p51 infra

p53 infra

6 The eight houses referred to in the last portion of para 6 of the objection petition, which have been recently built on the grounds of the Saint Agnes Seminary, were under construction at the time of inspection of the ground by the previous Collector. This case is item IV inthe list of lands owned by the several Mission Authorities given in the Collector's report dated 5-3-49 and it has been reported to be fully occupied by the institution of 42 persons most of whom are older boys and young men who board and lodge and have their recreation grounds there.

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7. A topo sketch showing the existing school building, its compound, the site proposed to be acquired and the alternative sites suggested by the objector was already submitted along with the report dated 15-12-48 to the Board. The objection petition of Sri A. Subbaraya Chetti, dated 1-11-49 received with the Government Memorandum cited above is enclosed. pages 37-41 ante

Yours faithfully,

for Collector.

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

Copy of South Arcot Collector's Letter No.A6. 24399/48 dated 15-12-48.

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Same as p16 ante

Land Acquisition - South Arcot District- Cuddalore taluk and town - T.S.No. 439/2 - extension of Saint Ann's Girls School - Draft Declaration further report submitted.

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Ref:- Board's Ref. I. 5201/48-1 dated 5-1048 and No.I. 5201/48-2 dated 28-10-48.

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In their memorandum No. 37031-B 45-6- Education dated 24-12-45 (copy enclosed), the Government have sanctioned the Scheme of acquisition and also half grant. The site proposed to be acquired in T.S.No. 439/2 is reported to be required for school purposes, viz., for the playground and the accommodation of classes. There is another site T.S.No. 432/1 A(0.75) South-West of the school which is reported to contain 69 cocoanut trees and 94 other trees without any buildings on it. But the ground-level of this alternative site is half a foot lower than the adjacent playground of the school, and not suitable for school purposes. There is a building on the site proposed to be acquired. Both the building and the site have been proposed for acquisition.

2. The main points referred to in the mahazar petition forwarded with Board's reference No.I. 5201/48-2 dated ~~1x-x-47~~ 28-10-48 have already been considered while submitting the draft 4(1) notification in my No.Roc. B4. 14216/46 dated 1-4-47. The total extent owned by the Mission is 75.32 acres and not 125 acres as stated by the Signatories to the mahazar. The Head mistress of the Saint Ann's School states that the Sacred Hearts Training School, for Women is not to be closed down as alleged in the mahazar.

pages 5-6 & 7 (B)

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore after inspection of the school reports that the school building is slightly higher in level and that the entire locality will be water logged for a few days in the year. The file relating to the land acquisition of the pathway as alleged in the mahazar is not available for reference as the matter was disposed of in Collector's L.Dis. 13115 of 42 which was destroyed by efflux of time. As regards the suggestion in the mahazar that the mission authorities may get the required site from Mr.Paul Pushpanathan, Advocate, Cuddalore, who is prepared to sell away, it has been ascertained from him that he is not willing to dispose of any land to the mission. The site belonging to Mr. Pushpanatham is T.S.No. 432/1A (0.75 Cents)

The records noted below are submitted herewith.

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1) A topo sketch showing the existing school building, its compound the site proposed to be acquired and the alternative sites suggested by the objectors.

2) A topo sketch showing the sites owned by the Roman Catholic Missionaries near and around the Maidan.

3) Copies of the Cuddalore Revenue Divisional Officer's report Roc.A. 4723/46 dated 14-12-46. Roc. 7164/46 dated 18-2-47, 19-2-47 and Roc. B. 7757/48 dated 9-12-48. pages 27-31 ante

4) Copy of Collector's Roc. B4. 14216/46 dated 1-4-47, and the other records of enquiry and the mahazar petition. " 29-30 ante pages 22-25 ante

5) A copy of ~~the~~ Cuddalore Revenue --- Inspector's Report dated 8-12-48, dealing with all the subject. " 32-33 ante

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Copy of South Arcot Collector's Ref. A6. 24388/48 Dated 5-3-49.

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Same as page 18 ante

Land Acquisition -South Arcot District - Cuddalore taluk and town - T.S.No. 439/2 - extension of St.Ann's Girls School- draft declaration - further particulars report submitted.

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Ref:-Board's Ref.I. 5201/48-3 dated 14-2-49.

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The Board has called for a report on two points Viz., (1) whether the building on the site to be acquired is really necessary for the purpose of the school and (2) whether one institution cannot sell surplus land to another when the mission authorities themselves have vast extents of land (75.32 acres) at their disposal.

Point. 1. As required by the Board, I inspected the area concerned on 1-3-49. There is only one building on the site to be acquired. It is not intended to demolish the building, but to use it as an extension of class rooms, some of which are low located in Varandhas and dark rooms, about which the Inspectress of schools has raised objections as noted below:- " Accommodation - Inadequate. Some of the classes are held in unsuitable rooms with bad lighting or ventilation".

"Inspectress VII Circle Tanjore, 7-2-48".

The building on the site is therefore necessary and suitable for the purpose of the school. This property is vest to the school and has been rented out by its owner and therefore its acquisition will not cause undue ~~come under~~ hardship.

As regards point 2, I furnish below particulars of lands owned by the several Mission authorities:-

i.	Saint Ann's Girls High School.	4.19 acres.
ii.	Sacred Heart Training School for women.	1.48
iii.	Sacred Heart Elementary School.	0.35
iv.	St.Agnes Seminary.	8.12.
v.	Income tax office building houes. nearby.	6.68.
vi.	Bishop Bungalow.	1.18.
vii	. Church Elementary school.	6.05
viii.	Saint Joseph High School.	41.80
ix.	Saint Mary's Home.	5.47.

Item (1) is the school which is in need of more land.

Item (ii) This is across the main road with heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The ground is insufficient even for the present school which it is proposed to convert into a basic training school.

Item (iii) This is next to No.(ii) and has too little space for its own purposes.

item (iv) This is also across the other road and away from the School. It is fully occupies by the institution of 42 persons, most of whom are older boys and youngmen. They board and lodge, there and have their recreation grounds. In another part are middle class houses under construction.

item (v) This is too far away and is half-a mile away along the road.

item (vi) This is also for away, is now used as a Hindu Hostel and is not available.

item (vii) This is about 3 furlongs away across the Road having a big church and a higher elementary school consisting of 530 boys. This is sufficient for its own purpose.

Item No.(viii) This is about three-fourth of a mile away and it is the premier institutionof this place with a strength of 2000. Its ~~The~~ grounds are sufficient for its own purpose.

item No (ix) This is also half a mile away. The authorities have their own school of 150 pupils and a home for destitutes.

It will thus be seen that there is no surplus land near the school, which is owned by the mission authorities and which can be conveniently used as play ground for the girls of the Saint Ann's High School, except the plot of ground newly purchased from Mr. James Vincent by the mission and comprisedin T.S.No. 423.

The present strength of the school is 650 according to the rules prescribed by the Educational department, the school has to provide playground space of 6½ acres at the rate of one acre for every 100 pupils. The existing play ground of 3 1/2 acres is comprised in T.S. Nos. 432/1B(0.35),432/2 B(0.02), 429 (0.15), 430(0.68), 43102B (0.74) and includes a portion referred to by sri Subbarays Chettiar (ie.,) in T.S. 428 (1.60)

The site now proposed to be acquired is T.S.No.43[illegible]/2 (0.98 acres) .This gives a total extent of 4.52 acres.The

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The nearest portion to the convent which can be made use of by spending money on walling, etc., is the one belonging to the South Arcot Diocesan Corportion (T.S.No.423 purchased from Mr.Vincent) Only an extent of 1 1/2 acres has been purchased, a part of which is occupied by a pond and uneven ground and is situated by the side of a row of houses. To make it fit ~~for~~ as a playground for grown up girls, it wil have to be properly enclosed throughout . The mission is willing to give about one acre of land to the St.Ann's institution.

The main point for consideration is not the availability of space elsewhere, but the necessity for acquiring it in contiguity with the school so as to avoid the taking of grown up girls every day along public roads over long distances for purposes of play and recreation, and away from the school atmosphere and protection. I met some parents during my inspection who objected to have their daughters sent out of the school premises to isolated grounds and involving walking through the streets. ~~through the streets~~.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Subject.

Land Acquisition - (South Arcot) - Cuddalore Taluk and Town - Saint Ann's Girls' High School, Cuddalore - Extension of play-ground and building - objection petition of Sri.A.Subbaraya Chetti - Report submitted.

L.Dis.I 6708/49 ~~dakx~~ Station:Madras. Dated the 21st Dec. 1949.

From

Sri.N.C.Thomas B.A. Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras.
Sri.S.Ranganathan I.C.S. Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Read: B.P.Rt.5989 dated 28-10-49.
Govt. Memo. 52484-B1/49-2 dated 5-11-49. Pp 42-43 ante
Collector of South Arcot Ref.A6 24399/48 dated 1-12-49. Pp 49-50 ante

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Submitted to the Government with reference to their memorandum read above.

For JOINT SECRETARY.

To The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.
(with collector's letter and enclosure)

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A.S. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
25 DEC 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Land Acquisition - South Arcot District - Cuddalore Taluk and Town - St. Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore - Extension of playground and building - Objection petition of Sri A. Subbaraya chetti - Report called for.

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pp 37-41 cf Petition from Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar, Panruti d/ 1.11.49.

pp 49-50 cf From the collector of South Arcot. Ref No. A.6. 24399/48 d/ 1.12.49

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9/7/1/50 Memo No 52484 B1/49 - 3 Edn d/ 7.1.50.

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pp 37-41 cf A copy of the petition d/ 1.11.49 from Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar, Panruti, against the acquisition of his building and site for the St. Annes' Girls' High School, Cuddalore and

pp 49-50 cf the report of the Collector of South Arcot thereon are forwarded to the D.P.I. He is requested to arrange for an inspection

Orders in O on p 4 nf of the area either by himself or by the Divisional Inspector ncerned, after giving notice to the objector, to consider his objections to the acquisition and to submit a report in the matter. The attention of the Director is in this connection invited to his reference No 665 D2-46, dated 24-8-49 addressed to the Board of Revenue.

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To

The D.P.I (with enclosures)

Copy of Pp 37-41 cf and Pp 44-48 cf in orgl.

Copy to the Bd of Rev

Copy to the Collector & S. Agst.

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Education Department

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department

Rc 665 D2/46 dated 24.2.50

Sir,

Subject: Land Acquisition - St. Ann's Girls High School Cuddalore - acquisition of property in Cuddalore - objection - Remarks

Reference Government Memo No. 52484-B1/49-3 Edn dated 7.1.50 — M 55-56 ante

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The site proposed for acquisition was inspected by the Central Inspectress on 13.2.50 along with the Inspectress of Girls Schools, IIIrd Circle, after giving due notice to the "objector" and the management of the school to be present on that date. The parties were examined separately.

2. The whole plot including two houses in the north-west corner was, it is stated, mortgaged to the Mission for Rs 8,000/- in 1933 or 34 for a period of 5 years. When the Mission pressed for redeeming the mortgage, the owner offered to sell the site and one building but the Mission refused to buy the same unless he parted with the whole property inclusive of the second building. Subsequently the site and building was purchased in 1939 on behalf of the present owner Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar, the objector, who was then a minor.

3. The site contains a residential building. Next to it is the house and office of one Sri P.T. Srinivasan, Proprietor of the Press and Editor "Desabhimani". If the site and building of Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar are ~~requir~~ acquired, it may eventually be desirable to acquire the other building owned by Sri P.T. Srinivasan M.A., Proprietor of the Printing Press and Editor "Desabhimani" also so that there may be no private house close to the playground of the school. The objections of Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar are all private and need not stand in the way of acquisition of the land and building for a public purpose. But there is no compelling public necessity to proceed with the acquisition in view of the circumstances stated below.

4. (a) The valuation of the whole site and building is Rs 34,450-9-1. The area of the site is 70 cents including the built up portion of 20 cents. The extent of open land that can be used as playground is only 50 cents.

(b) The Correspondent, St. Ann's School reported at first that the mission would be willing to pay Rs 24,450-9-1 towards their share of the cost of acquisition after deducting Rs 10,000/- being the grant promised by Government. Now the management seems to be contemplating a request for half grant on the actual cost of acquisition, (i.e. Rs 17,425/- being half the assessed value of the whole plot.

(c) The building on the site would be of no use for the school. If it is necessary to use it for additional accommidation, it will have to be completely remodelled at a heavy cost. The Public Works Department has valued the building at Rs 26,000/-

(d) The school already owns three plots totalling 3½ acres of play area of which 1¾ acres of ground to the north of the school is not being fully utilised, the major portion being a cocanut tope. The land could be made suitable for use as play ground.

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(e) In addition there is a ground measuring 1½ acres just opposite the school on the eastern side, which is within ~~in~~ their easy access from the school. This land belongs to the Dioceson Mission which manage~~s~~ the school. If this is made available to the school, the total extent of play ground for the school will be increased from 3½ to 5 acres.

5. Considering that the proposed acquisition will give the school only half an acre of additional play ground and a building which will not serve any useful purpose unless it is ~~rem~~ remodelled at a heavy cost,it is not worthwhile to press the acquisition of the site and building at a high cost of Rs 34,450/- The advantage accruing thereby to the school will not be commensurate with the expenditure involved. Further the school is not at present fully using all the available play ground of 3½ acres and it can have more play ground space if necessary, by adding the ground referred to in para 4(e) above. Even if it should need more than five acres on the basis of half an acre for every 50 pupils, this condition of recognition may not be strictly enforced. The present strength of the school is 698.

In the circumstances explained above, the proposal to acquire the Objector's site with the building for the St. Ann's Girls High School Cuddalore may not be pressed.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction

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4 Land Acquisition - South Arcot District - Cuddalore Taluk and Town - St. Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore - Extension of playground and building - Proposals dropped -

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B p2 cf Read :- G.O. Ms. No. 2408 Edn. dated 8-11-47.

pp 49-50 cf From the Collector of South Arcot Ref. A.6. 24399/48 d/ 1-12-49

p 54 cf From the Bd. of Revenue L. Dis I.6708/49 d/ 21-12-49

pp 57-58 cf From the D.P.I. Rc. No. 665 D_2/46 d/ 24-2-50.

Memo No 52484 B/49-5 Edn d/ 15-3-50.

A copy of the letter Rc. No. 665 D_2/46 d/24-2-50 from the D.P.I. is forwarded to the Collector of South Arcot. In the circumstances explained by the Director, the Collector is informed that the proposal to acquire certain sites with the buildings thereon required for the St. Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore, may be dropped. He is, therefore, requested to

orders in O n on p 5 cf

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submit the necessary withdrawal notification for publication in the Fort. St. George Gazette.

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The collector of South Arcot (with copy of pp 57-58 cf)

The Bd of Revenue (with copy of pp 57-58 cf)

The D.P.I

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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D.Dis 24399/48 dated [illegible]-50.

From
Sri H.S.Paul B.A.,
Collector of South Arcot,
Cuddalore.

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub: Land Acquisition-South Arcot District-Cuddalore Taluk-and town-St.Anne's Girls High School-Cuddalore-extension of play ground and building-proposals dropped.

pp 59.60 ante

Ref: Govt.MemoNo.52484-B/49-5 Education dated 15-3-50

p 62 infra

I submit herewith the draft withdrawal notification under Sec.48 (1) of the Act in respect of the above acquisition and request that it may be approved and ordered to be published in the Fort St.George Gazette.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Cuddalore reports that no entry was made on the sites proposed for acquisition and that the owner suffered no damage watever.

Yours faithfully,

P. Venkata

For Collector.

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WITHDRAWAL FROM ACQUISITION OF LAND:

Under Section 48(1) of the Land Acquisition Act. 1 of 1894 (Central Act I) of 1894) His excellency the Governor of Madras hereby withdraws from the acquisition of the lands mentioned below in respect of which the notification under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act was published at page 554 of the Part 1 of Fort St.George Gazette dated 9-12-47 as being required for extension of playground and buildings for St.Anne's Girls High School, Cuddalore N.T. South Arcot District, Cuddalore Taluk.

Government Dry. T.S.No.439/2- Natham private belonging to Rao Sahib Subbraoya chettiar, 42,760 Sq.Feet.

Sd. A. Mahalingam.
30.6.50
For Collector

True Copy.

For Collector 5/7

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Land Acquisition - South Arcot District - Cuddalore Taluk and town - St. Anne's Girls High school, Cuddalore Extension of playground and building - Withdrawal notification - Published.

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p20 cf of (B) Read:- G.O. Ms. No. 2408 Edn d/ 8-11-47.

pp59-60 cf Memo No. 52484 B/49-5 Edn d/ 15-3-50

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p61 cf From the Collector of South Arcot

D. Dis No. 24399/48 d/ 30-6-50

Order Ms No. 1976 Edn. dated 10/7/50

10/7/50

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p62 cf The draft withdrawal notification under section 48(1) of the Land Acquisition Act,

p61 cf submitted by the Collector of South Arcot with his letter cited above, is approved and will be published in the Fort St George Gazette.

Sd 7/7/50.

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Desp. by R.P. Rao 11/7.

To

✓ The Collector of South Arcot (with enclosures). Encl: desp. RK 11/7

✓ The S.G.P. with page 62 cf for publication in the Fort St George Gazette.

✓ The Bd. of Revenue.

✓ The D.P.I.

Land Acquisition - South Arcot Dt - Cuddalore Taluk and Town - St. Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore - Extension of playground and building.

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(B) p20cf Read :- G.O. Ms. No 2408 Edn d/8-11-47.
pp 1-3cf From the correspondent, St. Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore Rc No. 373/46-47 d/9-7-49
p13cf From the Collr. of South Arcot R Dis 2565/47 d/8-9-48
p15cf From the Bd of Rev. B.P. Rt. 5989 d/28-10-49
pp 37-41cf Petition from Sri. A. Subbaraya Chettiar, Panruti d/1-11-49.

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The St Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore, is a private institution under the management of the Pondicherry Mission. At the instance of the management, (pp 5-6cf of (B)) the collector of South Arcot submitted in 1947 the draft notification (p-7cf of (B)) under section 4 (1) of the Land Acquisition Act for the acquisition of T.S. No. 439/2 in Cuddalore Town required for the extension of the playground and building of the school. After a careful consideration of the need for the acquisition, orders were obtained in circulation that the acquisition proceedings ~~may~~ might go forward. Accordingly the draft notification under Section 4 (1) of the Act was approved and ordered to be published in the Fort St. George Gazette in G.O. M.S. No. 2408 Edn. d/8.11.49. (p20cf of (B))

The site was inspected by the previous Minister in company with Sri Venkatakrishna Reddiar M.L.A as well as the President of the Dt. Congress Committee. (p-5cf of (B))
2-11-49

2. The Collr. of South Arcot has now submitted (p13cf) through the Board of Revenue the draft declaration (p14cf) under section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act for approval and publication. There are two objections to the acquisition - one by Sri A. Subbaraya Chettiar of (p21cf) Panruti and the ~~an~~other by Sri P. T. Srinivasan of Cuddalore, editor of the magazine 'Desabhimani.' Several persons have also signed in the petition. (pp 22-25cf) For the reasons stated in paras 3 & 4 of his letter on page 13 cf, the collector considers that the objections are not valid. (His further remarks are at pages 16 and 18-19 cf.) (p15cf) The Board of Revenue, in consultation with the D.P.I, considers that the acquisition of (p20cf)

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the building and site is quite essential for the School. The Board has recommended that the objections may be over ruled and the draft declaration submitted by the Collector may be approved and published. p15 n/f

3. Meanwhile Sri Subbaraya chettiar has represented that the acquisition of his building and site will cause him hardship. pp 37-41cf

The petition at pp 37-41cf and the minutes of H.M. (E&L) thereon at p37cf may be perused. It may be mentioned that Sri Subbaraya chettiar had represented against the acquisition even while the question of approving the 4(i) notification was under consideration. Attention is ~~solicited~~ solicited to the notes on pp 3-4 nf and the orders in circulation thereon at p 5 nf of G.O. No. 2408 Edn d/ 8-11-47 wherein the ~~need for~~ additional accommodation for the school has been considered necessary. In view of this and in view of the fact that Sri Subbaraya chettiar has not been residing in the building ever since it was purchased, it is for consideration whether the recommendation of the Board of Revenue may be accepted and the objections to the acquisition over ruled.

pp 1-4 cf of (B)

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'X' on p27cf
The reasons for not taking up his residence are given at p37cf.
2-11-49

4. The file may be circulated to H.M. (E&L) for orders with reference to his minutes on p 37cf.

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Please see X on Page 41. If they have their own buildings I donot think we should disturb others. A report may be called for from the Collector on the petition of Chettiar with particular reference to X on page 41.

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4 NOV 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Please see the minutes of H.M. (E&L) above. A

draft memo to the collector of South Arcot is submitted below for approval.

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pp 42-43cf

[Issued as Memo No 52484 B,/49-2 Edn d/5-11-49]

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pp 49-50 cf From the collector of South Arcot Ref. A 6. 24 399/48 d/ 1-12-49.

p54cf From the Bd. of. Revenue L. Dis I. 6708/49 dated 21-12-49.

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The Board of Revenue has forwarded the report (p54cf) of the collector of South Arcot on the objection petition submitted by Sri Subbaraya chettiar against the acquisition of his building and site for the St. Anne's Girls' High school, Cuddalore.

x pp 49-50cf

pp 37-41cf

2. The Collector has stated that the contentions of the objector are only the old ones which were already considered and were recommended to be overruled. He has reported that the management of the school has no surplus lands near the school which can be conveniently utilised for the purposes of a play ground for the school. The only site which is available for the purpose measures about an acre in area and it is stated that the S.A. Diocesan Authorities to whom this site belongs are willing to offer ~~this~~ an acre of this site to the school and that even then additional land is required. The collector has also reported that apart from the building and site belonging to Sri Subbaraya chettiar no other suitable site or building is available for the school.

para 1 on p49cf

para 3 on p49cf

para 3 on p49cf and para 5 on p50cf

p53cf

Para 5 on pp49-50cf and p53cf

para 6 on p50cf

3. As regards Sri chettiar's contention that the management of the St. Anne's Girls' High school, Cuddalore have recently constructed eight houses and let them out on rent, the Collector states that they are reported to be fully occupied by 42 persons of the institution itself. It would appear that the buildings referred to by the petitioner

seem to serve as a hostel for some of the older boys and young men of the institution.

4. As the building and the site proposed to be acquired for the extension of the playground and building of the St. Anne's Girls' High School, Cuddalore are contiguous ~~with~~ to the school and as the various objections raised in the petition have already been considered to be untenable ~~not tenable~~, it is for consideration whether the objections to the acquisition may be overruled. The file may be circulated to H.M. (E&L) for orders: HM's previous minutes are at page 2 ante.

p 53 cf

pp 3-5 nf of (B)

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H.M. (E&L)

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I want the D.P.I or the Dist. Inspector to see the area & the objections raised after giving notice to the objector & give me a report

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4 JAN 1950

With reference to the orders in circulation above, a draft memo to the D.P.I. is submitted below for approval.

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USRC
5.1.50.

6-1-50

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[Issued as Memo No. 52484 B1/49-3 Edn dated 7.1.50]

pp 55-56 cf

C. No. 14832 From the D.P.I. Rc. No. 665 D2/46 d/ 24.2.50.

pp 57-58 cf

The D.P.I. has reported that the Inspectress of Girls schools inspected the ~~pa~~ site proposed to be acquired for the St. Ann's Girls' High School, Cuddalore. The objectors and the management were given due notice and they were examined separately. As a result of this inspection, the D.P.I considers that the objections of the petitioner

para 1 p57cf

para 3 on p57cf

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Sri A. Subbaraya chettiar, are all private and need not stand in the way of acquisition of the site and building for a public ~~pu~~ purpose. But for the reasons stated in para 4 of his letter at pp 57-58 cf, the Director has recommended that the proposal to acquire certain sites with the buildings thereon for the St. Anne's Girls High School, Cuddalore, need not be pressed. As the management is reported to be contemplating to apply ~~a request~~ for a half grant towards the cost of acquisition ~~(instead of the grant of Rs 10,000 already sanctioned)~~ and as the acquisition will not confer much benefit to the school, (the existing building will have to be remodelled at considerable cost and the additional play area acquired will be negligible) it is for consideration whether the Director's recommendation may be accepted and the proposal dropped.

para 3 on p57cf

para 4 on pp 57-58 cf and para 5 on p58 cf

para 4 on p57cf

para 5 on p58cf

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May be dropped.

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The file may be circulated to H.M. (E&L) for orders with ref. to his minutes on p 4 ante.

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USRC
28/2/50.

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HM (E&L)

May be dropped

H.M. (E&L)

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3 MAR 1950

With reference to the orders in circulation, a draft memo is submitted for approval. It may be sent to Revenue for acceptance.

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Notes from p1 above and the draft memo below may be perused and the file returned to Edn. dept.

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[Issued as Memo No. ~~584~~ 52484 B/49-5 Edn d/ 15-3-50] pp 59-60

C. No. 18557 From the collr. of South Arcot D.Dis 24399/48 d/30-6-50 p61cf

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The collector of South Arcot has submitted the draft withdrawal notification under section 48(1) of the Land Acquisition Act in respect of the acquisition of certain sites ~~purpos~~ for the St. Anne's Girls High school, Cuddalore. The draft notification may be approved and ordered to be published in the Fort St. George Gazette. The draft order below is for approval.

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p62cf

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