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Hostels - Ice House Hostel
for widows - Conversion into
a General Hostel - Change
in number and value of Scholarships
Proposals - Not approved.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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From

SRI D.S. REDDI M.A., (OXON).,
Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS.

TO

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



51720

R.O.C.NO. 63-A2/48 dated 8th July 1948.

SIR,

Sub: HOSTEL - Ice House Hostel for Widows - Conversion
into a general hostel - change in number and
value of scholarships for widows.

(A) In their order No. 25 (Press) Education dated 6th January 1927 Government approved the continuance of the Ice House Hostel attached to the Lady Willingdon Training College as a separate hostel for Widows. Though the hostel is intended mainly for Widows some non-widows studying in the training and secondary sections of the College are also admitted into it. I am of opinion that there is no longer any need, and it is also undesirable, to gather at Madras widows from all parts of the Province and maintain a separate hostel for them with special residential scholarships. I therefore recommend that the Ice House Hostel should cease to be a separate hostel for widows and that it might be converted into a general hostel for secondary grade and B.T. students of the Lady Willingdon Training College for whom adequate hostel accommodation is not now available. This general hostel will not take in girls (non-widows) reading in the high school attached to the College.

2. The discontinuance of the Ice House Hostel as a separate hostel for the widows will necessitate the distribution of the special residential widow scholarships which are now tenable only in the Lady Willingdon Training College, Triplicane. There are at present 47 such scholarships of the monthly value of Rs.18/-each, and these may be distributed throughout the Province and made tenable in any Government hostel for Girls in conjunction with the usual fee remission. Such widows as are already in receipt of these scholarships will be allowed to retain them and study in one of the Government High Schools in or near their own district or in the Lady Willingdon Training College if Madras is the nearest place for them.

3. The scholarships referred to above are awarded to Hindu Widows studying in Forms I to VI. As we no longer have child widows I consider that it is not necessary to continue these scholarships in Form III and below and that they should hereafter be available only from Form IV and above. The existing scholarship-holders in the lower forms will be permitted to retain them, and all future awards of fresh and lapsed scholarships will be made to widows studying in Forms IV to VI in pursuance of the policy enunciated by Government in para 4 of their Order No. 25 (Press) Education dated 6-1-27. This proposal does not involve any additional expenditure to Government as the value of their ~~order No. 25 (Press)~~ ~~XXXXX~~ scholarship is the same in all forms.

4. In this connection I also recommend that the existing scheme of widow scholarships, ordinary and residential should be modified so as to increase the number of such scholarships in stds. VI to VIII of Elementary Schools and forms IV to VI of secondary schools. At present there is obviously in Class IV to Form III of

secondary schools....

*no need to award widow scholarships
ordinary or residential*

secondary schools and in standards IV and V of Elementary Schools. The scholarships available in these classes and forms may be withdrawn without affecting the present holders as and when they fall vacant and the provision utilised to increase the number of scholarships in standards VI to VIII of Elementary Schools and in Forms IV to VI of secondary schools as proposed below:

(i) ORDINARY-WIDOW SCHOLARSHIPS:- The total number of scholarships awarded to Hindu and Muslim Widows is 70 of which 46 are tenable in secondary schools and 24 in elementary schools. The scholarships are tenable for nine months or ten months according as the holders are studying in secondary or elementary schools. The present number and value of these scholarships in each class or form are as follows:-

IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.				IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.			
Cl. or Form.	No.	Value.	Annual Expr.	Std. No.	Value.	Annual Expr.	
Cl. IV.	3	Rs. 4/-	each Rs. 108	IV	3	Rs. 4	Rs. 120
V	3	5	135	V	3	5	150
F. I.	6	6	324	VI	6	6	360
II.	6	7	378	VII	6	7	420
III.	7	8	504	VIII	6	8	480
IV-VI.	7	8	1512				
(each-21)							
Total.	46			24			

The withdrawal of 31 scholarships as proposed in para 4 above, (25 from class IV & V and Forms I to III in secondary schools and 6 from IV & V in Elementary Schools) will result in a saving of - Rs. 1,719/- per year (Rs. 243 + 1206 + 270 = 1719). I recommend that this amount may be utilised for (i) increasing the number of -- scholarships tenable in Forms IV to VI from 7 to 12 in each form (ii) increasing the number of scholarships from 6 to 8 in each of the three standards VI to VIII, and (iii) raising the value of the scholarship tenable in standard VI from Rs. 6/- to Rs. 7/- a month. The cost of these three proposals works out to Rs. 1580/- only, thus leaving a saving of Rs. 139/-.

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE ON ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:-

- (i) Forms IV to VI = 5 in each form 15 x 8 x 9 = Rs. 1080
- (ii) Stds. VI to VIII = 2 in each std. 2(6+7+8)x10 = 420 Rs. 1580/-
- (iii) " VI Increase of value for Rs. 6 to 7/- 8 x 1 x 10 = 80

(ii) RESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HINDU AND MUSLIM WIDOWS:- The number of these scholarships is 42 of the monthly value of Rs. 8/- each. (G.O. No. 1480 Edn. dated 29-6-39). They are tenable in Class IV to Form VI of secondary schools and standards 4 to 8 of elementary schools and in any institution having a recognised hostel of its own. The number of these scholarships either in each class, form and standard or as between secondary and elementary schools is not fixed. As the present amount of this scholarship (Rs. 8 a month) is not at all adequate to meet the needs of residential scholar, it is necessary and desirable to increase its value by reducing the number suitably so that the total expenditure may not be increased. I, therefore, recommend that these 42 scholarships of the monthly value of Rs. 8/- each, be gradually converted as and when a sufficient number of scholarships fall vacant into 18 scholarships of Rs. 18/- each a month and be made tenable under the same conditions as the residential widow scholarships referred to in paras 2 and 3 above. The present holders of this scholarships will continue to retain it at the existing rate until they complete the school course or gain scholarships at the higher rate.

5. The effects of the proposals made in para 4 above are (i)

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(i) that the number of ordinary widow scholarships will be reduced from 70 to 60 (36 tenable in Forms IV to VI of secondary schools and 24 in standards VI to VIII of elementary schools) and (ii) that the number of residential scholarships for widows available throughout the Province will be ultimately 65 (i.e. 47 + 18) which will be tenable in Government hostels only.

6. I request the early orders of Government on this letter.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

Ram. 10/7/48.

Edn and P.H Dept

T. M. by Post No 51720 H 18R du
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From

The Secy to Govt, Edn and P.H Dept

To the D.P.S.

Ice Hostel for widows - conversion
into a general hostel.

Ref your letter No. 63-12/48
d 8.7.48.

Please give a brief history of
the hostel viz when it was started, whether
it is Govt property or trust property, by
whom it is managed, who all are
admitted into the hostel, how many
inmates there are at present, whether there
are any endowments connected with the
hostel and all other relevant information.

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Telephone Message by Post

From

Mr. Mr. Leg to Foot., Edna and P.H. Dept

To

Mr. joint D.P.S.

Mr. Mr. Mr.

Re Home Hostel for Widows. Conversion into a general hostel. Change in number and value of scholarships for widows

Ref D.P.S.'s letter no: 6342/48 D.S. 7.48 and Govt. t. m no: 51720A-48 D. 26.7.48.

Please send the reply to the t. m. quickly. Please also say whether the proposal in the Director's letter will involve any additional expenditure or result in any saving and if so how much.

Sent to Mr. Harned 11/11/48

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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

31 SEP 1949

To
The Secretary to Government
Education and Public Health Department
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.
R.C.No.63 A2/48 dated 28th Oct. 1949.

Sir,

Subject:- Ice House Hostel for widows -- Conversion into
a general hostel - Change in the number
and value of Scholarships for widows.

Reference:- Your T.M. by post dated 21-10-1949.

My reply to Government T.M. No.51720 A/48 dated
26-7-48 was submitted in my letter No. 63 A2/48 dated 11-10-1948,
a copy of which is enclosed for ready reference.

2. The financial implication of the proposal has been
explained in detail in paras 4 and 5 of my letter Rc.63 A2/48
dated 8-7-1948.

Yours faithfully

J. O. Panthavan

For Director of Public Instruction.

Copy of letter Rc.No.63-A2/48 dated 11th Sep. 1948 of the
Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Sec., to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Sub:- HOSTEL -- Ice House Hostel for widows - Conversion
into a general hostel.

Ref:- Govt., Telephonic Message No.51720-A/48- Edn., dated
26-7-48 (By Post).

In their order No.735 Edn., dated 26-8-12 Government
sanctioned the opening of a widow's home attached to the Presidency
Training School for Mistresses, Egmore. This Home was opened
with a view to affording facilities for the general education of
Hindu widows and securing a supply of Hindu women teachers. With
the transfer of the Tamil Training Section of the Egmore School to
the Secondary School for girls, Triplicane, the opening of which
was sanctioned in G.O.No.586-Edn., dated 21-6-13, the Widows' Home
was also removed to Triplicane and it now forms an adjunct to the
Lady Willington Training College and is known as "Ice House Widows'
Hostel." In G.O.No.117 (Misc.) dated 14-6-26 a Committee of
four members with the Director as the President was appointed to
examine and report on certain matters relating to this hostel. The
Committee recommended inter alia that the Widows' Hostel should
be maintained as a separate institution and that its amalgamation
with either the Non-Brahman Hostel or the Indian Christian Hostel
was not practicable. This recommendation was accepted by Government
in their order No. 25(Press) Edn., dated 6-1-1927. In para 7 of the
same G.O. the number of widow scholarships tenable in this hostel

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was fixed at 63. At present the number of scholarships is only 47, and the value of each has been raised from Rs.15/- to Rs.18/- a month from 1947-48.

2. The Ice House Hostel is under the direct management of Government. It is mainly intended for Hindu Widows who are awarded the Residential Widow Scholarships tenable in the Lady Willingdon Training College. Widows not receiving Scholarships students under training, and non-widows are also admitted into the hostel. The present strength of the hostel is 91 as shown below:-

	Widows	Non-widows	Total.
(i) No. undergoing Teachers' Training.	13	22	35
(ii) No. studying in the High School Department.	51	5	56
TOTAL	64	27	91

3. The building in which the Ice House Hostel is located was purchased by Government in 1915 for Rs.80,000/- and it is the absolute property of Government. There are no endowments connected with the hostel which is purely a Government Institution.

/ True Copy/

G. O. Pantanahil
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For Director of Public Instruction

33/28/10.

Hostel - Ice House Hostel for
Widows - Conversion into a general
hostel - Change in number and
Value of scholarships for widows.

From the D.P.I. No. 63-A/48 of 8.7.48

Memo No. 51720 A/48-2 Dated 25.11.48

The proposals for the abolition of the scholarships tenable in lower forms and classes are based on the presumption that there are no child widows eligible for admissions into these forms and classes. Though there may be a decrease in the number of child widows, the fact remains that scholarships in the lower classes & forms still continue to be held, which may imply that even adult widows are only fit for the lower classes & forms. The D.P.I. is requested to examine this point and to state whether it is his intention that such widows should not be encouraged, being backward in their educational progress.

In respect of increasing the value of the residential scholarships, the D.P.I. is requested to state whether any change is necessary when the lower value of the scholarships enables more widows to be helped. He is also requested to state whether he finds that residential scholarships are not awarded on account of their lower value.

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To
The D.P.I.

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conversion into a general hostel - change in
no. and value of scholarships for widows

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The D.P.O. is requested to
expedite his reply to the memo cited

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From
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the Secy Edm Dept
the D.P.D.

Hostel - Ice House Hostel for widows
Conversion into a general Hostel -
Change in ~~value~~ no. & value
of Scholarships for widows
Govt Memo. no 51720 of 18.2.50 and 25/1/50
and 27/7.3.50

Please expedite your
reply in the matter at once

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I. M. Baydon
From the Secretary to Govt, Education Dept

To the D. P. 2

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your letter no 121355/1972.1.3.50

Please very urgently withdraw

Dr. P. B. Jambhara Rao in a proposition, approved
propositions or a permanent one in connection

Why this reference
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Memorandum 51720 A/48-4 Edm 07 20-4-50

Hostel - the same Hostel for widows - conversion
into a general Hostel - change in no. and value
of Scholarships for widows.

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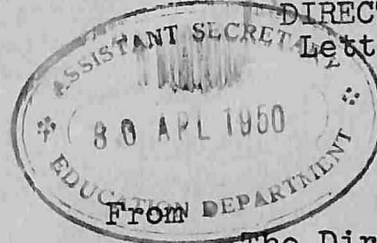
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The attention of the D. P. 2
is limited to the references cited and
he is requested to expedite his
reply in this matter.

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Office of the
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.
Letter: R.C.No.3689-E.3/50

Madras, Dated 28th April 1950.

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Madras.

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Sir,

Subject: Ice House Hostel for widows - Conversion
into a General Hostel - Change in number
and value of Scholarships for Widows.
R e f: Government Memo.51720-A/48-3 Edn dated
20-4-1950.

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The D.P.I.'s final reply
may be awaited till
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The matter is under correspondence with the
Principal, Lady Willingdon Training College, Madras who
has been urgently reminded. A final reply to Government
will be submitted to Government soon after I am in posses-
sion of full particulars.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

for Director of Public Instruction.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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

Roc.No.3489-E3/49, d/9-5-50.

Sir,

Sub: Hostel - Ice house Hostel for widows - conversion into a General Hostel - Change in the number and value of scholarships.



Ref: Government Memorandum No.51720-A/48, dated 20-4-50.

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It is my intention that the admission of aged widows into the lower classes need not be encouraged. In view of the limited number of scholarships available, it is better to help those who can complete their education quickly and join some useful profession like teaching etc.

2. With regard to the query raised in para 2 of the above Memorandum, I may state that the present value of residential scholarship viz Rs.8/- is all too meagre to meet boarding charges and that therefore its enhancement to Rs.18/- corresponding to the rate of stipends paid in residential institutions like the Basic Training schools and the Ice House Hostel, was proposed.

Yours faithfully,

N. Panikar
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For Director of Public Instruction

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Office of the
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Letter: H.O.No.3489-E.3/50

Madras, Dated 28th April 1950.

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Madras.

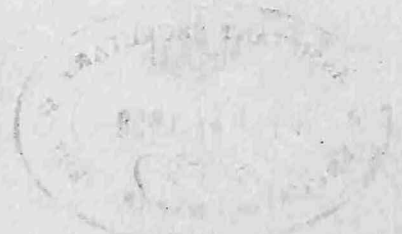
Sir,

Subject: Ice house Hostel for widows - Conversion into a General Hostel - Change in number and value of scholarships for widows.
R o f: Government Memo.51720-A/48-3 Ebn dated 20-4-1950.

The matter is under correspondence with the Principal, Lady Willington Training College, Madras who has been urgently reminded. A final reply to Government will be submitted to Government soon after I am in possession of full particulars.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction.



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The D. P. I.

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your ref no. 63-A2/48 & 8.7.48
re. ^{House} Hostel for widows and
widow Scholarships.

It is presumed that there is
no special fund or ^{endowment} ~~allocation~~ for the
maintenance of Hindu widows and that
the expenses in respect of Hindu widow
Homes, Scholarships etc are met from
the general revenues only. Please
confirm urgently.

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Telephonic Message No. 3489 E3/49 dated 28-6-1950.
(Post Copy)

From the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To the Secretary to Government, Education Department, Madras.

Ice House Hostel for Widows and Widow Scholarship.

Ref: Your Telephonic Message dated 23-6-50.

The expenditure on Ice House Hostel and Widow Scholarship is entirely met from General revenues as presumed in the Telephonic Message referred to above. There is no other special fund for the purpose.

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Telephonic Message No. 3489 E3/49 dated 28-6-50.
(Post Copy)

From the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To the Secretary to Government, Education Department, Madras.

Ice House Hostel for Widows and Widow Scholarships.

Ref: Your Telephonic Message dated 28-6-50.

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The expenditure on the Hostel and Widow Scholarships is entirely met from General Revenue as provided in the Budget. The Hostel referred to above. There is no other special fund for the purpose.

For Director of Public Instruction.

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D.O. No. 51720 A/48 - 6 Edn., dated 27/7/50

My dear Reddi,

Sub: ~~HOSPET~~ - Ice House Hostel for widows - Conversion
into a general Hostel - Change in ^{Number} No. and value of
Scholarships for Widows.

Ref: Your letter No. 3489 E3/49 dated 9-5-50.

I am to say that H.M. (E. & L.) desires to inspect the
Ice House Hostel along with you on a holiday this month-either on
the 16th or 17th instant-and to ask you to state which of the
dates suits you.

To

Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A. (Oxon),
D.P.I.

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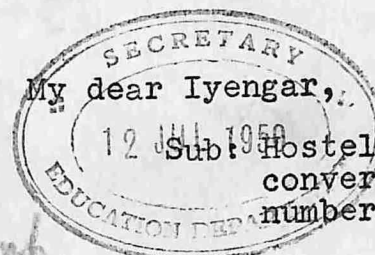
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D.O.No.3489 E3/49.

Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s, 11th July 1950.

My dear Iyengar,

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Sub: Hostel - Ice House Hostel for widows -
conversion into a general hostel - Change in
number and value of scholarships for widows.

Please see D.O.No.51720-A/48-6, Edn., dated 8th
July 1950 written by Mr.R.D.Paul. I wish to inform you
that 16th July would be convenient for a visit to the
Ice House hostel. If it is not inconvenient to the
Hon'ble Minister I would suggest 8-30 A.M. for the
visit. As the Hon'ble Minister has desired me to
arrange for a conference of Headmasters to discuss
certain questions regarding the place of language in
Secondary Schools on the same date it would be possible
for me to have it at 10 o'clock if he will agree to
visit the hostel at 8-30 A.M.

Yours sincerely,

S. A. Iyengar

To
S.A.Iyengar, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

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D.O. No. 3489-Edn. dated 11/7/50

Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 11th July 1950.

My dear Reddi,

Reference is made to your letter of 11th July 1950 regarding the conversion of the Ice House Hostel for widows into a general hostel - Change in number and value of scholarships for widows.

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Please see D.O. No. 3489-Edn. dated 11/7/50. I wish to inform you that I have been conversing with the Hon'ble Minister for Education regarding the conversion of the Ice House Hostel for widows into a general hostel. It is his intention to do so. As the Hon'ble Minister has desired me to visit the hostel for a conference of heads of schools in connection with the conversion of the hostel into a general hostel, I would be pleased to do so. I have no objection to your accompanying me. I will be visiting the hostel at 8-30 A.M.

Yours sincerely,

S. A. Iyer,
Secretary to Government,
Public Instruction Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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D.O. No. 51720 A/49-7, Edn., dated 14.7.50

My dear Reddi,

Sub: Hostel - Ice House Hostel for widows -
Conversion into a general hostel - Change in
number and value of scholarships for widows.

Ref: Your D.O. No. 3489-Edn/49 dated 11-7-50.

I am to inform you that the Hon'ble Minister for Education has agreed to visit the Ice House Hostel in your company at 8-30 A.M. on the 16th instant.

Yours sincerely,

To
Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A. (Oxon),
D.P.I. ✓

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Education Department.

Hostels - Ice House Hostel for widows -
Conversion into a general hostel - Change in
No. and value of scholarships - Proposals -
Not approved.

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Letter from the DPI, No. 63 A2/48, dated 8-7-48

ORDER (Ms) 2137 Ed Dated 29/7/50

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The Government do not ^{Consider that the} approve the proposals
submitted by the D.P.I. in his letter cited for the
conversion of the Ice House Hostel for widows into a
general hostel and the change in ^{number} No. and value of widow
scholarships as they consider that ^{suggested by the D.P.I.} no changes need be
made at present. They, however, consider that care
should be taken to see that only deserving and needy
widows are awarded scholarships.

To
The D.P.I.

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Sub: Hostel - Ice House Hostel for widows - conversion into a general Hostel - change in number and value of scholarships for widows.

Ref: From the D.P.I. No.63.A2/48 dated 8-7-1948 and 28-10-1949.

I. There is a hostel known as the Ice House Hostel for widows attached to the Lady Willingdon Training College, Triplicane, Madras. For a history of the Hostel, please see the D.P.I.'s letter at pp.9-10c. The Hostel intended for Hindu widows and a special residential scholarship tenable in forms I to VI is attached to it. The present number of scholarships is 47 of the value of Rs.18 each p.m.

The D.P.I. proposes that the Hostel should cease to be a separate hostel for Hindu widows and that it may be converted into a general hostel for Secondary grade and B.T. students of the Lady Willingdon Training College for whom adequate hostel accommodation is not now available and that the residential scholarships attached to it may be distributed throughout the Province and made tenable in any Govt. hostel for girls (Such widows as are already in receipt of these scholarships will be allowed to retain them and study in one of the Govt. High Schools in or near their own districts or in the Lady Willingdon Tr. College or if the Madras is the nearest place for them.) He also proposes that as there are no longer child widows it is not necessary to continue these scholarships for widows studying in Forms I to III as now and that they should hereafter be available only in Forms IV and above. (The existing scholarship holders in Forms I to III will be permitted to retain them).

Though the Ice House Hostel is intended for widows, others are also admitted into it now. Of the present strength of 91, widows number 64 and the rest 27, are non-widows. The Director's proposals may be

There may not be child widows, but it is possible that some widows may be fit only for Form I to III. In any case, if scholarships are being drawn in two forms, it is evident there are widows.

In Elementary Schools.

Std.	Existing position.			D.P.I.'s Proposal.		
	No.	Value	Annual Expre. (10 months)	No.	Value	Annual Expenditure.
IV	3	Rs. 4	Rs. 120	No Scholarships in Stds. IV & V.		
V	3	5	150			
VI	6	6	360	8	Rs. 7	Rs. 560
VII	6	7	420	8	7	560
VIII	6	8	480	8	8	640
Totals Rs.			1530	Total Rs.		
			1530			

The D.P.I.'s proposals (1) to abolish the scholarships tenable in class IV to Form III in Secondary Schools and in Standards IV & V in Elementary Schools, (2) to increase the number of scholarships tenable in Forms IV to VI from 7 to 12 in each form and from 6 to 8 in standards VI to VIII and (3) to raise the value of the scholarship tenable in standard VI from Rs.6 to Rs.7 p.m. may be accepted. The present expre. on these scholarships is Rs.4491. Under the D.P.I.'s proposal the expre. will be Rs.4352, leaving a saving of Rs.139/-.

(b) The residential scholarships for Hindu and Muslim widows are tenable in schools and standards IV to VIII of elementary schools and in any institution having a recognised hostel of its own. They number 42 and are of the value of Rs.8 each p.m. As the amount of scholarship is not at all adequate now to meet the needs of residential students, the D.P.I. considers it necessary and desirable to increase its value by reducing the number suitably without increasing the total expre. He therefore recommends that the 42 scholarships of the value of Rs.8 each be gradually converted as and when sufficient number of scholarships fall vacant, into 18 scholarships of Rs.18 each a month without affecting the present holders. There will be no extra expre. but ultimately a small saving. This recommendation also may be accepted as otherwise there will an unnecessary distinction between the present scholarship holders (value of scholarship Rs.8) and those who will be brought to these hostels after the

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I am not in favour. A little help to make it better than present help to a few

be agreed to. // One point for consideration is whether the widows in the Hostel who now enjoy the scholarships should be asked to go back to their own districts now or whether they may be allowed to continue there until they finish their courses. Some of them may be willing to go back to their own districts and they can be easily sent away. As regards others, perhaps it may be laid down that no compulsion should be used in sending them back to their districts and that those who show adequate reasons may be allowed to continue in the Ice House Hostel. For orders.

II. In addition to these scholarships, there are other scholarships, both ordinary (i.e. non-residential) and residential, awarded to Hindu and Muslim widows tenable in class IV to Form VI of Secondary Schools and in standards IV to VIII of Elementary Schools in recognised schools and hostels throughout the Province. In respect of the ordinary (i.e. non-residential) scholarships, the D.P.I. proposes to abolish them in class IV to Form III in Secondary Schools and standards IV and V in Elementary Schools. With the savings thus effected, he proposes to increase the number and value of the scholarships in the higher classes, as shown below.

Ordinary scholarships (non-residential)
In Secondary Schools.

Class or Form.	No. of scholarship.	Existing position.		D.P.I.'s proposal.	
		Value.	Annual Expre. (9 months)	No.	Value Annual Expre. (9 months)
Class IV	3	Rs. 4 each.	Rs. 108	No Scholarships in Class IV to Form III	
V	3	5	135		
Form I	6	6	324	12	Rs. 8 Rs. 864
II	6	7	378	12	8 864
III	7	8	504	12	8 864
IV	7	8	504		
V	7	8	504		
VI	7	8	504		
Total		Rs.	2961	36	Total Rs. 2592

abolition of the Ice House Hostel (value of scholarship Rs.18).

2. If the above proposals are accepted, the number of ordinary (i.e. non-residential) widow scholarships will be reduced from 70 to 60 (36 tenable in forms IV to VI of Secondary Schools and 24 in standards VI to VIII of elementary schools) and that the number of residential scholarships for widows available throughout the Province will be ultimately 65 (i.e. 47 of the present Ice House Hostel Scholarships plus 18).

The remarks of Fin. may be invited before circulation.

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While we may agree not to restrict the Ice House Hostel to widows I am not sure that we should agree to the other proposals which are based on the presumption that there are no widows eligible for admission in the lower forms. Though there may be a decrease in child widows, the fact remains that scholarships in the lower classes still continue to be held, which may imply that even adult widows are only fit to the lower forms or classes. Unless the D.P.I. considers that such widows should not be encouraged, being backward in their educational progress, the proposed change seems unnecessary. We may consult the D.P.I.

In respect of increasing the value of the residential scholarships we may ask whether any change is necessary when the lower value of the scholarship enables us to help more widows. Unless the D.P.I. finds that this help is so small that residential scholarships are not availed of, it seems unnecessary to change the present position. Consult the D.P.I.

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[Note in pp 1-4 may be used]

With reference to the orders of the former Secy. the D.P.I. was consulted on the points raised by him. The D.P.I. has in his letter on p 21 of stated that his intention for the discontinuance of Scholarships in the lower classes is to discourage the admiring aged widows in lower classes. He considers that it would be better to help those who can complete their education quickly and join some useful profession like teaching. This may be approved.

As regards the other point raised in p 4 ante the D.P.I. states that he has proposed for the enhancement of the Residential Scholarships from Rs. 8/- to Rs. 18/- p.m., as the present value is too meagre to meet the boarding charges, as the analogy of the stipends paid in Residential Institutions like the Basic Trp. Schools, Ice House Hostel.

This may also be approved. After orders are passed the file may be sent to Finance for their remarks.

The D.P.I.'s proposals are:
(1) that the Ice House Hostel for widows may be converted into a General Hostel for Secondary Grade and B.T. students of the Secondary Billington Training College.
(2) that the non-residential scholarships tenable in Class 10 to 12.

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Form III in Secy Schools and Standards IV & V in ele. schools be abolished and that with the savings the scholarships tenable in the higher classes may be increased in number and value, and (3) that the Residential scholarships for Hindu & Muslim widows tenable in class IV to Form VI in Secondary Schools and Standards IV to VIII of ele. schools be gradually reduced in number from 42 to 18 and that with the savings the value of each scholarship may be raised from Rs 8 to Rs 18 p.m.

For order. The remarks of Mr. may be inserted before circulation.

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It would seem that this whole system of widow scholarships based on custom prevalent decades ago should be abolished and the money available distributed as scholarships to poor and deserving students belonging to all communities. The name "widow Home" should also be changed and the building converted into a decent hotel for girls. If approved the Director will be asked to send revised proposals to implement the suggestion. Finance may see before circulation.

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may let this dept. see for remarks after obtaining revised proposals based on the suggestions above with the financial implications involved. The proposal at 'A' calls for no special remarks in Fin. at present.

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SUMMARISING NOTE.

Sub: ~~Hostel - Ice House Hostel for widows - Conversion into a general Hostel - Change in number and value of scholarships for widows.~~

The question of widow homes and widow scholarships is considered in this file.

In 1912, the Govt. sanctioned the opening of a Home for Hindu widows attached to the Presidency Training School for Mistresses, Egmore. In 1913, the Widows' Home was removed to Triplicane and it now forms an adjunct to the Lady Willingdon Training College and is known as the Ice House Widows' Hostel. The Hostel building was purchased by the Govt. in 1915 for Rs. 80,000. Though the Hostel is intended mainly for Hindu widows who are in receipt of the Residential Widow Scholarships tenable in the Lady Willingdon Training College, widows not receiving such scholarships and non-widows, are also now admitted. The present strength of the hostel is 91 of whom only 64 are widows.

The Residential Widow Scholarships referred to above, number 47 and are of the value of Rs. 18 each p.m. They are awarded to Hindu widows studying in Forms I to VI. The D.P.I. is of the opinion that there is no longer any need and it is also undesirable, to gather at Madras widows from all parts of the Province and maintain a separate hostel for them with special residential scholarships. He has therefore proposed (1) that the Ice House Hostel may be converted into a general hostel for Secondary grade and B.T. students of the Lady Willingdon Training College for whom adequate hostel accommodation is not now available, (2) that the residential scholarships attached to it may be distributed throughout the Province and made tenable in any Govt. hostel for girls, and (3) that as there are no longer child widows it is not necessary to continue these scholarships for widows studying in forms I to III and that they should hereafter be available only in Forms IV and above.

2. Apart from these scholarships there is another scheme of widow scholarship (for Hindu & Muslim widows) tenable in elementary and secondary schools throughout the Province. They are non-residential scholarships and Residential scholarships. The former is tenable in class IV to Form VI in Secondary schools and in Standards IV to VIII in elementary schools and are of the value of Rs. 4 to 8 each p.m. They number about 70. The D.P.I. has now proposed that these scholarships be

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be abolished in classes IV to Form III in Secy. schools and in standards IV and V in elementary schools and that with the savings thus effected the number and value of the scholarships in the higher classes may be increased. The residential scholarships number 42 and are of the value of Rs. 8 each p.m. As the amount is not adequate to meet the needs of residential students, the Director has proposed that these scholarships may be gradually converted into 18 ~~sch~~ scholarships of the value of Rs. 18 each p.m.

3. In the conditions prevalent years ago the institution of widow homes and special scholarships for widows was perhaps necessary. But in the absolutely changed conditions obtaining now, there seems to be no need to have separate ^{homes or} scholarships for them. This Deptt. has therefore proposed that the system of widow homes and scholarships be abolished and that the savings be utilised for the award of more general scholarships available to all ^{the} poor and deserving students. The Ice House Hostel for Hindu widows and other separate Homes for widows, if any, will be converted into general hostels. It is proposed to ask the D.P.I. to submit revised proposals on the above lines. Finance have no objection.

The case may be circulated for orders.

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Is there any particular fund or donation out of which Hindu widows alone are maintained or are the ~~total~~ payments from general Revenues to

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I am not sure if the time has come yet for such abolition. This may also lead to some agitation.

In view of 20/6/50.

H.M. (E.L.)

H.C.M.

(I have been ascertained from the D.P.I. plan his reply on p. 25 of)

With reference to H.M. (E.L.)'s query on the previous page it is noted that the expenses in respect of Hindu Widow Homes, Scholarships are met from the general revenues only and that there are no special funds or endowments for the purpose.

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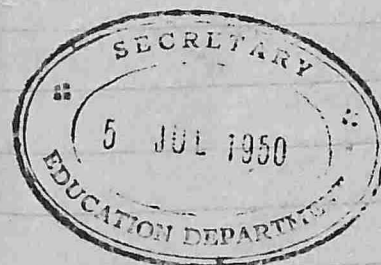
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H.M. (E.L.)

Let me go to see this with D.P.I. on a holiday this month, 16th or 17th if suits the D.P.I. KM 5/7



With reference to J. M. P. minute above a draft d.o. to the D.P.I. is submitted for approval.

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C.M. 7/7/50

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The D.P.I. says that at Sunday, the 16th July would be convenient for him and suggests 8-30 A.M. for the visit. The file may be circulated to H.M. (E.L.) for orders whether the time suggested by the Director will suit him.

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H.M. (E.L.)

yes - KM 10/7

Draft D.O. is submitted.

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Visited the Hostels
with the D.P.I. I do
not think we need make
any change at present.
Care should be taken
that deserving & needy
widows are admitted to
Scholarship.

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A draft order is submitted.

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