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Letter (Ms)	2254
Date	10/8/50

Grant in aid - publication of a
'Modern History of India' in English.

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BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN

PRESIDENT
DR. K. M. MUNSHI, B.A., LL.B., D.LITT., M.P.
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CHIEF JUSTICE OF SAURASHTRA.
VICE-CHANCELLOR, GUJARAT UNIVERSITY
SMT. LILAVATI MUNSHI, M.L.A., J.P.

Personal.

TELEPHONE: 45037.
TELEGRAMS: BHAVIDYA.

CHAUPATTY ROAD,
BOMBAY, 7.
March 10, 1950.

5-733 Dear Mr. Kumaraya

Perhaps you know that in 1944 I made a scheme for a History of India in English in 10 volumes like the Cambridge History, to be written by historians entitled 'The History and Culture of the Indian People.' I engaged Dr. R. C. Majumdar, after Sir Jadunath Sarkar our best historian, as the General Editor and Dr. A. D. Pusalkar, a rising scholar of reputation as the Assistant Editor.

The Krishnarpan Trust was good enough to promise me Rs. 1,50,000/- for the preparation of this history. Most of this is spent in preparation. Five volumes are ready for the press and the other five volumes are under preparation. The 1st volume is ready for publication and the other volumes will go to Press in a week's time. They will consume more than Rs. 1,50,000/-.

There were 2 or 3 schemes of this kind in India for the last 15 or 20 years, but this is the only one which has succeeded to this extent. It is in a sense a monumental work for, our best historians have contributed to this history.

The problem that faces now is how to finance the publication costs. Each volume with maps and plans elaborately got up would cost about Rs. 18,000/-. The present economic situation does not permit of my being successful in any further campaign of begging. I have therefore

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Yours truly
Ken Munch

The Hon'ble Shri P.S.Kumaraswami Raja,
Premier, Madras Government,
Madras.

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Grant - Publication of a Modern History of India
in English by the 'Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan'
Bombay - request for.

Pl-347 From 200. 12. M. Minshi M.P., President, Bharatiya
Vidya Bhavan, Bombay, letter d 10. 3. 50.

Endt. No. 5733/E/50-1
 Referred to the P.P. Edu. d. 10/4/50.
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 H. Reman Rs. for early

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The P. P. I. (with
copy of pp 1-3 etc)
(En R. 445100)
Original of part ⑤
being called for
separately

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Remain Rs
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IR (not returned): 19/5/50.
next Rr. on 1/6/50. R 29/5

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

FROM The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras-6.

TO The Secretary to Government,
Education Department, Madras.

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R.C.No.584-14/50 dated 30--5--1950.

Sir,

SUB: Grant - Publication of a Modern History of India
in English by the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay
Request for - R e m a r k s.

REF: Your Reminder dated 18--5--1950. - not put up (sub-angle)

The Principal, Presidency College, Madras, has been
requested to offer his remarks in the matter. I shall sub-
mit my report on receipt of his reply.

Yours faithfully,

[Handwritten signature]

for Director of Public Instruction.
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The P.P.I's report promised above
may be awaited and the P.P.I. will be reminded
on 20.6.50. - if necessary.

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5.6.50.

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Returnable by 15-7/50

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The Education Department

REMINDER

To The Director of Public Instruction
27 JUN 1950
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I am directed to invite attention to

No. 5735/E/50 dated 10.4.50 and your R.O.
No. 584-24/50 of 30.5.50.

request that this reminder may be returned ~~at once~~ by
15.7.50 with information as to--

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is, and
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected, and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

Office Secretary
Station ~~St George~~
Dated 23/6/50.

Signature. *N. V. Krishna Rao*
Asst. Secretary to Govt.
Designation.

SUBJECT. Grant Publication of a Modern
History of India in English
by the Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan,
Bombay. request for P.T.O.

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 REPLY.
 To The Secretary to Govt.
 18100 Edn. Dept.
 1 JUL 1950
 Resubmitted.
 The matter is under consideration
 with the Principals, Presidency College,
 Madras. I will send my reply shortly.
 A copy is being submitted
 for Director of Public Instruction
 29/6
 30/6
 'A' above may be
 awaited till 15/7/50.
 4/7/50
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Education Department. 11
 From The Director of Public Instruction,
 Madras.
 To The Secretary to Government,
 Education Department,
 Madras.
 18335
 4 JUL 1950
 Sir,
 Rc.No.574 I4/50 dated 30-6-1950.
 Sub: Grant - Publication of a Modern History of India in
 English by the "Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan", Bombay -
 Request for - Remarks - submitted.
 Ref: Govt.Endt. No.5733/F/50-1 Edn., dated 10-4-1950.
 With reference to the Government Endorsement quoted above,
 I have to state that I recommend the payment of the publication
 grant of Rs.20,000/- if Government's financial position could
 admit it. As for the purchase of 200 copies of each of the
 volumes I recommend that as many copies as there are Government
 Colleges may be purchased.
 Yours faithfully,
 for Director of Public Instruction.
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BHARATIYA ITIHASA SAMITI

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHA
CHOWPATTY ROAD,
BOMBAY 7.

June 30, 1950.

Ref No.

Hon. Secretary
SHRI SHANTILAL GUJAR, BAR-AT-LAW

General Editor
DR. R. C. MAJUMDAR, M. A., PH. D.

Asst. Editor
Dr. A. D. PUSALKER, M.A., LL. B., PH. D.

Dear Sir,

Re: History & Culture of Indian People
Publication grant.

We beg to refer to your letter dated 31st Mar 1950 in reply to our President, Hon'ble Shri K.M. Munshi letter dated March 10, 1950, on the above subject.

May we request you when a decision in the matter will be arrived at?

Yours faithfully,

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/ Hon. Registrar.

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DR. C. MAJUMDAR, A. S. S. D.

DR. A. D. FUSKLER, A. S. S. D.

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Let. Ref. No. 2254

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To. The Hon'y. Registrar, Bharatiya Itihasa Samiti,
Chowpatty Road, Bombay (7).

Sir,

Grant-in aid - publication of a
'Modern History of India' in English.

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Your letter dated 30.6.50.

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I am directed to refer to the
Hon'ble Sri. H. M. Munshi's letter dated the
10th March 1950 on the above subject and
to ~~inform~~ ^{state} you that this Govt. ~~have~~ ^{of Madras}
already sanctioned a sum of Rs 20,000

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Grant - Publication of a Modern History of India
in English by the 'Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan' -
Bombay - request for.

From the President, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan
dated ~~10-3-1950~~ 10.3.50

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In his letter on pages 1-3 of addressed to
H.C.M., the President, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay
has requested this Govt. for the payment of a grant
of Rs.2000 per volume towards the publication of the
'History of India', entitled 'The History and Culture
of the Indian People' in 10 volumes of 500 to 600 pages
each, to be ^{Compiled} ~~compiled~~ by famous historians of India.
He has also suggested that 200 copies of each of the
books may be purchased for distribution among educa-
tional institutions and Offices where the History
would be more valuable. It is observed from the
letter of the President, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan,
that 5 volumes are ready for the press and that 5
volumes are under preparation.

The D.P.I. whose remarks were called for
has recommended the payment of ~~the~~ grant of Rs.20,000
for the publication, if the Govt. financial position
could admit ~~under~~ and has suggested that ~~as many~~ ^{as}
as many copies as there are Govt. Colleges may be pur-
chased by the Govt. There are about 12 Govt. Arts
Colleges and according to the ~~recommendations~~ recommen-
dations of the Director, the total cost comes nearly
Rs.22,500. It is submitted in this connection that
a grant of Rs. 10,000 a year for the years 48-49
and 49-50 was sanctioned to a similar institutions,
Bharatiya Itihas Parishad, ^{Wardha,} towards the cost of pre-
paration and publication of a "Modern History of India"
in English and Hindi, - Vide G.O.1297 Edn. dated
21-5-48, and that ^{the} Parishad was asked to supply 50

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Publication grant 20,000
12 sets of 10 volumes
at the rate of Rs.20 } 2400
= 12 x 10 x 20 }
24,000
Total Rs.22,500

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for the publication by 'Bharatiya Itihas Parishad',
Wardha of a 'Modern History of India', in English
and Hindi ~~and that~~ in view of the present contribution
of the President, they regret their inability to make a grant
to provide a further sum of Rs.20,000
to the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan for an almost similar
publication.

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50 sets of that publication in English free of cost when ready.

It is seen that this Govt. have already sanctioned a sum of Rs.20,000 towards the publication of a 'Modern History of India'. It does not therefore seem desirable to incur a further sum of Rs.22,500 for a similar publication in view of the present financial stringency. & 1-8 Adv.

For orders. Finance may see prior to circulation,

It is observed that the publication now undertaken by the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan as described in the Honble Sri K.M. Munshi's letter on pages 1-2 of is "The History and Culture of the Indian People". It has been proposed to model it on the Cambridge History Series and is to be of ten volumes. State Govt's assistance is asked for for this venture - The Director has recommended a grant of Rs 20000 towards the publication if the Govt's financial position will admit it and the purchase of as many copies as there are Govt. Colleges -

In 1948 the present President of India brought to the Govt's notice a scheme for the publication of a Modern History of India. The Govt. have given a grant of Rs 20000 to the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan for that publication - It

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now transpires that that Scheme has been amalgamated with the Scheme of the Indian History Congress for a history of India. The publication of these books is to consist of 12 to 13 volumes - In the nature of things, the scope of the publication of Vidya Bhavan (Sri K.M. Munshi's letter in the y) can not be very different from that of the other publications referred to - If it is not considered to be outside our province to do so, we may perhaps suggest that this scheme may also be amalgamated with the other schemes adverted to - This, however, is for the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan to consider - So far as financial aid is concerned, it is feared that the present difficult position of the State's finances will not permit it -

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we are in a position to sign away
Rs.20,000 for the publication of another
"History of India" when we have
already contributed Rs.20,000 towards
a similar enterprise.

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The Deptt. may agree with the view of
Education ~~Deptt.~~ on pp 3-4 above.

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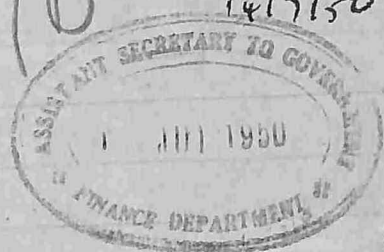
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The proposal in the file relates to the
request of Sri K.M. Munshi, President, Bharatiya Vidya
Bhavan, Bombay for the payment of a grant of Rs.20,000 ~~over~~
towards the publication of the 'History of India'
entitled "The History and Culture of the Indian People" (to be published
in 10 volumes of 500 to 600 pages each) to be ~~compiled~~ ^{compiled} by
famous historians of India. The D.P.I. has recommended
the payment of a grant of Rs.20,000 for the publication
of the Govt. financial position could admit and has
suggested that as many copies as there are Govt. Colleges
may be purchased by the Govt. As the Govt. have already
sanctioned a grant of Rs.10,000 a year for the years 1948-49
and 1949-50 to a similar institution 'Bharatiya Itihas Parishad',
Wardha, towards the cost of preparation and publication
of a 'Modern History of India' in English and Hindi,
this Deptt. ^{has proposed that} ~~considers~~ there is no need to ~~incur~~ incur an
expenditure of ~~amount~~ of Rs.20,000 in the present condition
of State Finances for the publication of another "History

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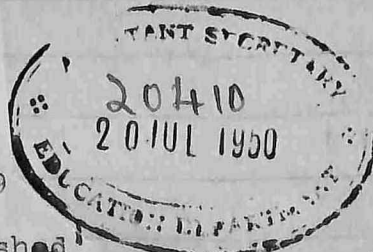
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on 11.3.51



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of India". Finance have agreed with this department.
In view of the present financial stringency and of the
fact that the publication proposed seems to be a mere
duplication of the effort of the Indian History Con-
gress and the Bharatiya Itihas Parishad who have
undertaken the publication of a 'Modern History of
India' for which a grant of Rs.20,000 has been given
by the State Government, it is proposed to inform the
authorities of the Bharatiya Itihasa Samiti that
Govt. are unable to make a grant towards the publi-
cation proposed.

H.M. (E. & L.) and H.C.M. may see the case
for orders on M above -

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M above ^{has} ~~not~~ agreed to

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H.M. (E. & L.) ^{RM}
H.C.M. ^V

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Please See the orders in
Circulation above.

The draft letter below to
the Registrar, Bharatiya Itihasa Samiti
is for approval.

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