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KALAKSHETRA
President: Rukmini Devi

ADYAR, MADRAS 20
Phone: 84326

Date 29.10.1949
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From
The President
Kalakshetra
Adyar Madras 20

To
The Hon'ble Minister for Education
Government of Madras
Madras

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to submit the following for kind and favourable consideration of Government:-

This institution which was started in 1936 has been expanding steadily and winning increasing popularity and appreciation from all connoisseurs of art. Our Music Diploma Course (not the Sangita Siromani Course of the University) prepares persons for becoming experts, in theory and in practice in the art of Music, and the artists we have turned out of our Diploma Course so far have been making a mark and acquitting themselves very creditably.

As for our Dance Course it is well known that this institution is almost unique in this respect. Perhaps there is no other institution which is giving training in classical Dance true to Indian art traditions. We are providing not only an ordinary dance diploma course of 4 years but also a course for dance teachers in Bharata Natya as well as Kathakali.

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In addition we are providing for instruction being given in painting and artcrafts, relating to Temples, Rural Life, Homes and Dancing.

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We have been undergoing financial difficulties all through as the enclosed financial statements will show, incurring on the average a deficit of Rs.20,000/- per year, and when our scheme for a separate teachers diploma is in operation we shall require over Rs.50,000/- a year for this course alone. (I am enclosing a scheme for the teachers diploma course in Natya giving all relevant details), so on the whole, when all these courses are in full swing, we may have to incur a heavy deficit possibly going up to Rs.70,000/- per year.

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In these circumstances I request that Government may be pleased to give us a block grant, to enable us to run these much needed and much appreciated courses without any fear of having to close them down at any time for lack of funds.

Yours faithfully,

Rukmini Devi

Kalakshetra Teachers' Diploma Course in Natya - Bharata Natya and Kathakali.

Kalakshetra has opened this course to train teachers in Natya particularly to provide teachers for the bifurcated scheme recently introduced in the Secondary School Education by the Government of Madras.

The Period of study is four years, at the end of which Kalakshetra will award diplomas to successful candidates.

Admission to this course is available to those:

1. Who are over 16 years of age; and possess adequate physical fitness.
2. To those who have proficiency in Music at least to the standard of the Government Higher Grade Technical Examination in Indian Music.
3. Who have good proficiency in any of the regional languages or Samskrit, to the S.S.L.C. standard. (It will be advantageous to have some working knowledge of English also)
4. Who pass a preliminary admission test conducted by Kalakshetra.

SUBJECTS:

Preliminary

(a) Vocal Music - Theory and Practice of Karnatic Music

(b) Bharata Natya and Kathakali - Theory
2. 2 years of practical training covering the syllabus of the Kalakshetra students diploma course in Natya

Final

(a) Bharata Natya and Kathakali - Theory

(b) Practice in Nattuvangam

(c) A minimum of 30 lessons for every trainee in practice teaching in Natya for Model Classes

(d) Stage Craft

(e) Observation and Practice in teaching - General

EXAMINATIONS:

The examination for the Title shall consist of two parts: the Preliminary and the Final - the Preliminary Examination at the end of the second academic year and the Final Examination at the end of the Fourth academic year.

GENERAL:

Those who have already taken diplomas in Bharata Natya after completion of 4 years study in Kalakshetra are also eligible to this course. They will be required to undergo a further training for one year, particularly in Nattuvangam and Practice Teaching in Natya to Model Classes.

FEES:

Registration fee, with application, non-recoverable	Rs. 3
Admission fee, (on admission)	Rs. 5
Caution Money, on admission (refundable)	Rs.25
Tuition Fees: I Term on admission	Rs.90
II Term before the 5th working day of the term	Rs.60

The Kalakshetra Natya Teachers' Training Course

(Recurring Expenditure in a year)

No.	Particulars	Amount
1.	Teaching Staff as per attached statement	Rs.35,280 0 0
2.	Clerical Staff	Rs. 1,920 0 0
3.	Servants	Rs. 840 0 0
4.	Rent	Rs. 6.600 0 0
5.	Provident Fund Contribution	Rs. 1,855 0 0
6.	Ordinary Repairs and Upkeep	
7.	Contingencies: a. Stationery	Rs. 1,500 0 0
	b. Repairs of Furniture c. Postage d. Telephone Charges e. Office expenses	Rs. 1,550 0 0
8.	Scholarship: (a) Three Full Students @ Rs.50/-	Rs. 1,800 0 0
	(b) Three Half Students @ Rs.25/-	Rs. 900 0 0
9.	Library (Recurring)	Rs. 250 0 0
10.	Outlay - Audit Fees.	Rs. 150 0 0
		Rs.52,645 0 0

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akshetra Natya Teachers' Training Course

ng the expenditure incurred in the teaching staff for
a year.

Designation	Monthly Salary	Total Salary for a year.
	Rs.350/-	Rs.4,200
ya (Instnuctor I)	200/-	Rs.2,400
(Instructor II)	200/-	Rs.2,400
(Instructor I)	200/-	Rs.2,400
(Instructor II)	200/-	Rs.2,400
(Instructor I)	200/-	Rs.2,400
(Instructor II)	200/-	Rs.2,400
Assistant	150/-	Rs.1,800
dwan	150/-	Rs.1,800
wan	150/-	Rs.1,800
ccompaniment	200/-	Rs.2,400
dit (Part time)	60	Rs.2,880
do	60	
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or (incharge of direction production and costume)	300/-	Rs.3,600
signing etc.	200/-	Rs.2,400
	Total	Rs.35,280

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Kalakshetra, Adyar – request for a block grant ~~for training~~ diploma ~~courses in music, dancing painting etc~~.

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From the President, Kalakshetra, Adyar dated ~~[illegible]~~ 29/10/49

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Memo No: 86194/49-1 G2 Edn. dt. 10/11/49

A copy of the letter from the President, Kalakshetra, Adyar on the subject is forwarded to the D.P.I. for urgent remarks which may be submitted after consultation with ~~He may consult~~ the Principal, College of Karnataka Music, if necessary.

To
The D.P.I.
with a copy of pp1-34)
and the pamphlet
~~and to the Principal~~
~~College of Karnataka~~
~~Music~~

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~~Nil P.T.O~~

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Kalakshetra Natya Teachers' Training Course

Statement showing the expenditure incurred in the teaching staff for a year.

S.No	Designation	Monthly Salary	Total Salary for a yerr.
1.	Principal	Rs.350/-	Rs.4,200
2.	Bharata Natya (Instructor I)	200/-	Rs.2,400
3.	do (Instructor II)	200/-	Rs.2,400
4.	Kathakali (Instructor I)	200/-	Rs.2,400
5.	do (Instructor II)	200/-	Rs.2,400
6.	Music (Instructor I)	200/-	Rs.2,400
7.	do (Instructor II)	200/-	Rs.2,400
8.	do Assistant	150/-	Rs.1,800
9.	Mridangam Vidwan	150/-	Rs.1,800
10.	Maddalam Vidwan	150/-	Rs.1,800
11.	Instrument accompaniment	200/-	Rs.2,400
12.	Samskrit Pandit (Part time) Telugu do do Tamil do do Malayalam do do	60 60 60 60	Rs.2,880
13.	Stage Director (incharge of direction production and costume)	300/-	Rs.3,600
14.	Painting, designing etc.	200/-	Rs.2,400
		Total	Rs.35,280

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MADRAS 26 JAN 1950

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Edn & P. H DEPARTMENT.

REMINDER. Edn Branch.

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To The Director of Public Instruction

I ~~have the honour to invite~~ am directed to invite ~~invite~~ attention to Govt Memo

No. 86194/49-1 Edn dated 10 . 11 . 49 and

to request that the reply to it may be expedited

request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—

(1) the stage at which the matter now is,

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, ~~and~~

(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay

Office Secretariat

Signature. N V Srinivasan

Station Fort St. George

for Assistant Secretary

Designation.

Dated 24. 1. 50

SUBJECT.

Kalakshetra - Adyar - Request for block grant.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 - FEB 1950
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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REPLY.

To The Secretary To Government,

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Education and Public Health Dept
Madras.

Roc. 562-D2/49 dated 4-2-50.

Ref:-- Government Reminder dated 24-1-50 on G.M. 86194/49-1 Education dated 10-11-49.

Resubmitted.

The ~~requests~~ remarks of the Principal, the Central College of Carnatic Music, Mylapore in the matter are awaited and on receipt thereof, a reply to Government will be submitted. The Principal has been reminded.

For Director of Public Instruction.

E&P.H (G2)

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PRIME MINISTER,
INDIA.

New Delhi,
February 3, 1950.

My dear Chief Minister,

For some time past I have known of the work done by the Kalakshetra of Madras. Recently we had occasion here in Delhi to see some of the artists of the Kalakshetra and to discuss with Shri Rukmini Devi the work of this centre of artistic training. I am impressed by their activities and consider that they are important from the national point of view. Our Education Ministry has been helping them to a small extent. I hope it may be possible to increase that help.

Speaking as a Northerner, I must say that the real home of classic Indian art today is South India. One of the joys of going to South India is to hear and see classical music and dance. In recent years Bharat Natya has become popular all over the country and has been greatly appreciated in foreign countries. Practically all the important exponents of Bharat Natya come from South India. This is something of which South India and the Madras Presidency have reason to be proud. I hope that they will help in every way in keeping this precious heritage and in encouraging it. The Kalakshetra has already a record of 14 years of service to these forms of art. During that period they have done much to train people in the highest traditions of our music and dancing. I think they deserve every help. It will be a great pity if their work was hampered or had to close down.

Yours sincerely,

Jawaharlal Nehru

The Hon'ble
Shri P. Kumaraswami Raja,
Chief Minister, Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Examine at once. Have they asked us for any help? If not, we should enquire what help they are expecting

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D.O. No. 86194/49-G2-2 Edn., dated 21-2-50.

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Dear Panditji,

I acknowledge ~~In acknowledging~~ the receipt of your letter of the 3rd February 1950 regarding Govt. assistance to the Kalakshetra Centre of Arts and Crafts, Adyar, Madras, I may state that the Govt. of Madras are at present giving the institution a grant of about Rs. 2,300/- a year. Srimathi Rukmini Devi, the President of the institution has now made two requests namely, (1) that in view of the financial difficulties with which the institution is faced, it may be given a block grant, and (ii) that the diplomas of the Institution may be recognized by Govt. as qualifications for appointment as teachers in Music & Dancing. Both the requests are under the Govt's x consideration.

x DPI's remarks are awaited

2. I shall let you know the final decision of the Govt. on the requests, in a later communication.

Y.S.

To

The Hon'ble Pandit
Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi.

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Kalakshetra, Adyar - Request for a Block Grant.

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Ref: Govt. Memo No. 86194/49-1 G2 Edn dated 10.11.49.
From the D.P.I. ROC. 562. D2/49 dated 4.2.50.

Memo No. 86194/49-3 G2 Edn dated. 22.2.50.

The D.P.I is requested to ~~expedite~~ Submit his reply to the memo cited above at ~~an~~ a very early date.

To
The D.P.I.

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Education Department.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department.
Madras.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
8 - MAR 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Roc.No. 562 D2/49 dated 6-3-50.

Sir,

Sub: Kalakshetra, Adyar - Request for a Block Grant.

Ref: Government ~~Memo.~~ No.86194/49-3 G2 Education dated 22nd February 1950.

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The Joint Director, Kalakshetra, Adyar has been addressed to furnish certain particulars on receipt of which I shall submit my remarks on the request for block grant.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

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D.P. I may be reminded again on 20.3.50.

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Expr issued on 12/5/50

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The D.P.I.'s reply to ~~Memo~~ the Memo d 10.11.49 on p13 ante is still due. The Director has sent an interim reply on 6.3.50. Two Exchange reminders of one Memo Rt. have so far been issued. I/d orders whether a Memo Rt. may now be sent.

p23 ante

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Yes please - Pl. ask the DPI to expedite his reply to the × reference in another file re the same institution

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× with the G.I.'s letter is dealt with

Noted
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Sub: Kalakshetra, Adyar - Request for a Block grant.

Ref: Govt. Memo. No. 86194/49-1 Edu. Dated 10-11-49.

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Memo No. 86194-F/50-4 Edu. Dated 24-5-50.

The attention of the D.P.I. is invited to the Govt. Memo. cited above and he is requested to ~~expedite~~ submit his reply [illegible] ~~in the matter~~.

~~The D.P.I. is also requested to expedite his reply to Govt Memo. No. 10026 F/50-2 Edu. Dated 6-5-50. regarding the request to Govt of India grant by the same Institution.~~

To D.P.I.

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at a very early date.

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To the D.P.I.

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Kalakshetra, Adyar — Request for a Block grant.

Ref: Govt. Memo. No. 86194/49-1 Edn. Dated 10-11-1949.

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Memo. No. 86194-F/50-10 Edn. Dated 16-6-50

The attention of the D.P.I. is ~~requested~~ invited to the Memo. cited above, and he is requested to submit his reply thereto at an early date.

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To The D.P.I.

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D.O.No. 86194F/49-6 Dated 13-7-50

Education Department

My dear Reddi,

Kalakshetra, Adyar - Request for a block grant.

I am to invite reference to Official Memorandum No. 86194/49-1 G2 Edn., dated 10-11-1949 and to the various reminders thereon issued to your office from time to time on the subject. I am to point out to you that it is regrettable that even after ~~five~~ eight months ~~an official reply~~ a final reply to the official Memorandum has not been received. Hon'ble the Minister for Education and Law and the Hon'ble the Chief Minister are anxious that a decision should be taken very urgently in the matter. I am therefore to ask that your final reply may be submitted ~~without further delay~~ in a week.

Yours sincerely,

appd by Secy.

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To
Sri D.S. Reddi,
D.P.I.

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KALAKSHETRA
President: Rukmini Devi
ADYAR, MADRAS 20
Phone: 84326
Date 13. 7. 1950
Ref.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT 14 JUL 1950 19801

SECRETARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT 14 JUL 1950

To the Hon'ble Sri. K. Madhava Menon,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Madras

Edn Secy
I want to dispose this of without further delay. This has been hanging fire for so long
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Dear Mr. Madhava Menon,

There is perhaps one small misapprehension prevalent in governmental circles with regard to Kalakshetra. This misapprehension is with regard to the number of students studying in the institution. This misapprehension has had its origin in the statements that we have made to the Government year after year with regard to a recurring grant for our Sangitha Siromani section. It is true that this particular section has only a few students and the lack of strength here is due to the extraordinarily high preliminary qualifications that the University prescribes for admission and, secondly, because of the recent establishment of the Central College of Karnataka Music. Actually the total number of students studying in Kalakshetra is 69 as to-day. Of this 41 are students of the Dance, 22 students of Music and 6 Siromani students.

For an institution that trains its students up to the professional level in these arts you will agree with me that our numbers are very good and will compare favourably with the strength of other art institutions elsewhere, where a similarly high standard is exacted from the students.

I hope this will be kept in mind when the amount of the sum to be given to us as a block grant is decided.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

K. Sankara Menon.

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19 JUL 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

D.O.No.562-D7/49.

Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 19th July 1950.

My dear Iyengar,

Sub: Kalakshetra, Adyar - Request for a block grant.

p.29 ante. Ref: Your D.O.No.86194 F/49-6, Edn., dated 13th and 14-7-50. p.29 ante

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I am enclosing the reply to Government Memorandum No.86194/49-1 G2 Education, dated 10-11-49. p.13 ante

Examine very urgently
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I am very sorry for the delay.

Yours sincerely,

To

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

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Education Department

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras-6.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Madras.

Rc. No.562-D7/49 dated 19--7--1950

Sir,

Sub: Kalakshetra, Adyar - Diploma in Music, Dancing, Painting etc. - Recognition of - Block grants from State Government and Government of India -

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13 ante Ref: Government Memorandum No.86194/49-1-G2 Education dated 10-11-1949.

cf in L.F I 2. Government Memorandum No.10026F/50-2, Edn. dated 6-5-1950.

18 cf in L.F II 3. Government Memorandum No.86193-F/50-5, Edn. dated 20-6-1950.

I have the honour to submit the following remarks on the subject quoted above:

1. The management of Kalakshetra, Adyar, have applied to Government for recognition of the Diplomas awarded by them for purposes of appointment in the schools of this State and for a block grant. The block grant has been asked for mainly to meet the deficit caused by the running of certain unrecognised courses for which Government grants are not paid. Except the Sangita Siromani course which is affiliated to the Madras University and is aided by this Department, all the other courses of the Kalakshetra do not have any sort of recognition nor do they receive any aid from this Department.

The unrecognised courses are:--

(1) Preparatory course in Music
(2) Diploma course in Music
(3) Diploma course in Natya
(4) Teachers' Diploma course in Natya
(5) Diploma course in Arts and Crafts.

The Principal, Central College of Karnatic Music was consulted in the matter as directed by Government and his remarks are (i) that before the diploma holders (Music and Dance) of the Kalakshetra are passed as fit for appointment as teachers of the respective Arts, their practical skill and ability to teach the Arts should be tested by competent persons, and

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(ii) that the request for block grant deserves special and sympathetic consideration. A copy of his letter dated 22-12-1949 is enclosed. p 45 infra

2. Recognition of the courses and the Diplomas: The question of recognising any of the five courses is not now under consideration but it may call for examination if and when the Diplomas are approved as qualifications for purposes of appointment in recognised institutions. The position regarding the recognition of each course and its related diploma is as follows:--

(i) Preparatory course in Music (ii) Diploma course in Music: These are ordinary Music courses - the first preparing candidates for the higher grade Technical Examination in Indian Music and for admission to the Kalakshetra Diploma course. The Diploma course in Music is a four years' course either in vocal or instrumental Music, which is intended for those who are not qualified for admission to the recognised Sangita Siromani course. These courses are not eligible for recognition as it has been ordered in G.O. 1758, Education dated 10-6-1950 that the recognition of ordinary Music schools be dropped.

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The Diploma course in Music which is admittedly intended for turning out professional Artists, cannot be recognised as sufficient qualification and training for appointment as Music teachers. In their order quoted above, Government have permitted the recognition of schools for training Music Teachers subject to the condition that each school has a minimum strength of 20. If the Diploma course in Kalakshetra is recognised as a Training school for Music teachers, the question of its recognition and aid can be considered. In any case there seems to be no need for recognising the Diploma as an alternative qualification for Music teachers, because it is easy for such of the Diploma holders as wish to seek employment in educational institutions, to pass the higher grade Technical Examination in Music and Technical Teachers' Certificate Examination and thus fully qualify themselves. N

(iii) Diploma Course in Natya: Government have been addressed to approve this Diploma in Natya as a sufficient qualification for appointment as teachers for Dancing course under the Bifurcated courses of studies, and their orders in this regard are awaited - vide their Memorandum No.10779-B/50-1, Education dated 31--5--1950. When the Diploma is recognised for the purpose, the full time course will also be recognised and aided as a special school.

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(iv) Teachers' Diploma Course in Natya: The management have introduced a four years' Teachers' Diploma course in Natya, which scheme is estimated to cost them an additional expenditure of Rs.52,000/- a year. They have made pointed mention of this fact in justification of their application for block grant. The institution of this course which is partly a duplication of the Diploma course in Natya is, unnecessary from the point of view of departmental needs. The reasons for this view are:--

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(a) The Diploma in Natya is itself proposed to be recognised as qualification for appointment of teachers for Dancing course. Hence the Teachers' Diploma course in Natya of 4 years' duration is not necessary.

(b) It is desirable that this course of teacher-training should be a post-diploma course, i.e., for Diploma holders who have attained both theoretical and practical proficiency in the Art. This point is also borne out by the view of the Principal, Karnataka College of Music, who has suggested the testing of the Diploma holders' skill and ability to teach the Art. A separate four year Teachers' Diploma course in Natya is costly and unusual, and its advantages are not commensurate with the extra expenditure involved.

(c) The training scheme drawn up by the management provides for (i) a four year Teachers' Diploma course in Natya for those with no previous proficiency in the Art and (ii) one year Teachers' Diploma course for holders of the Diploma in Natya. If any separate training for teachers of Dance is necessary, it would be better and more economical to confine such training to Diploma holders only for a year, whereby the large estimated additional expenditure of over Rs.52,000/- can be avoided.

It has been stated that the four year course will be concurrent with the ordinary diploma course, which means that most part of the teacher-training will be occupied in learning the theory and practice of the Art along with the students of the ordinary course and that only a little part of the training will be devoted to the technique of teaching the Art including practice teaching. So, it is not an independent course. No doubt, the total period of study and training in the four year course is one year less than in the case of Natya Diploma holders taking the training, who have to put in a period of five years' study and training, but this advantage is insignificant in view of the considerable additional expenditure involved in the institution of a separate four year Teachers' course.

(d) Granting that the four year Teachers' Diploma course in Natya is also necessary and that this diploma be also recognised as an alternative qualification for purposes of appointment, it is unlikely that the course will entail an additional expenditure of Rs.52,000/- as estimated by the management. If the course is to be concurrent with the ordinary Diploma course, as it is admitted to be, then there can be no need for a separate staff of over 12 teachers for the training course as the candidates belonging to both the courses will receive instruction and training together. At

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present only nine candidates are reported to be undergoing the teachers' training. In view of the above reasons, I am of opinion that the Teachers' Diploma course in Natya, according to the scheme of the management, need not be considered for the purpose of either recognition or aid by way of block grant from this State.

(v) Diploma course in Arts and Crafts: The number of students in this course was only 4 in 1948--49. The question of recognition of this Diploma as a qualification for appointment of teachers in Arts and Crafts may be considered after the opinion of Sri D.P. Roy Choudry, Principal, School of Arts and Crafts, is received. In this connection, I may invite the attention of Government to para 2 of my letter R.C. 607. E3/50-d. 8/6/50.

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3. Block grant: (A) In their letter No.T.81/49 dated 29-10-1949 the management of Kalakshetra have stated that a deficit of Rs.20,000/- a year on the average is being incurred on its maintenance. The deficit for the year 1948--49 is found to be as follows:--

	Deficit	
(i) Sangitha Siromani Dept.	Rs.11,963	(9 students)
(ii) Tuition department	3,994	(Courses not recognised)
(iii) Mylapore branch -do-	1,796	
(iv) Office	5,610	
	23,363	

Item (ii) appears to comprise Music and Dance Diploma courses. The largest deficit was on the Sangitha Siromani course which received a grant of Rs.2,258/- for 1948-49 despite its poor strength. This course had only nine students in 1948-49; the income from tuition fees was Rs.900/- while the total expenditure was over Rs.15,000/-.

The request of the management for a block grant from this State Government does not deserve consideration for the

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following reasons:--

(i) The request of the management for a block grant from the Central Government is under the consideration of that Government. They seem to be willing to pay a grant of Rs.10,000/- a year for the institution. So there does not appear to be any justification for a block grant from the State Government in addition to the annual grant-in-aid in respect of the recognised courses, particularly when there is no need to have a Teachers' Diploma course in Natya which entails an avoidable expenditure of over Rs.52,000/-.

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(ii) The institution is already in receipt of an annual grant-in-aid for the Siromani course, which is liberal in relation to the strength of the course. The Diploma course in Natya will also receive grant in due course, as a similar course in 'Natana Niketan' is permitted to be recognised and aided - vide in this connection G.O.1156, Education dated 12--4--1950.

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(iii) The deficit on Kalakshetra is an inevitable result of the circumstances of the institution. The strength is uneconomic; the number of students in most of the classes varies from 3 to 8; for a strength of 89 students in 10 classes, in 1948--49, there were 15 well paid teachers. To run the Sangitha Siromani course at a cost of over Rs.11,000/- a year for the benefit of nine students is far too uneconomical. Such large deficits on courses of uneconomic strength cannot justify the sanction of a block grant from this State.

(iv) The position of Kalakshetra is not different from that of any other school for Music and Dance nor is it the only school for such Arts though the standard of instruction here in the Arts may be of high order. There are a number of institutions in this State offering courses in Music and in Dance. One institution has already been approved, namely 'Natana Niketan' managed by Gopinath. It is likely that the Tagore Academy in Coimbatore under Sri Lakshmanan may also seek recognition and aid. The payment of a block grant to this institution may provoke requests from others for a similar grant. At present no block grant is paid to any aided school of any type.

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(v) As a special school, Kalakshetra can be paid any grant at the discretion of the Director upto the full approved net cost. The grant for the school has been hitherto paid on half net cost basis. If Government are in favour of increasing the grant, it would be better to raise the proportion of grant to 2/3 or full net cost for the courses recognised by this Department instead of paying an annual block grant regardless of the circumstances of the institution from year to year.

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(B) Central block grant: In relation to the conditions prescribed by the Government of India for payment of ad hoc grants, the position of Kalakshetra is shown below:

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Condition:	Kalakshetra's position:
1. The institution should be of all India character.	The institution imparts instruction in South Indian Music and Dance. It can be considered to be of an All India character in that it is open to students from all parts of India, desirous of learning the south Indian Music and Dance, and is an outstanding centre of instruction in South Indian Music and Dance. The management propose to add courses in North Indian Music.
2. Reports from Local Government and receipt of grant from the Government.	At present the institution is not inspected by the officers of the Department as the only recognised course, viz., Sangitha Siromani, is affiliated to the Madras University. If

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Condition:	Kalakshetra's position:
The Govt have been paying a grant of Rs 2300 a year and this amount has now been increased to Rs10,000, which will be the maximum payable under the orders which have just now been issued	2. Government of India wants annual reports on the institution, the officers of this department will be instructed to visit the institution and submit reports in future. As regards grant, Kalakshetra is in receipt of grant from this State for the Sangitha Siromani course only. The other courses in the institution are not recognised by this department and do not therefore receive any grant from this State. The Diploma course in Natya will be recognised and aided by this Department in due course, if and when that Diploma is approved as a qualification for appointment of teachers in Dancing.
3. Percentage of students from other Provinces.	So far as the recognised Sangitha Siromani course is concerned, there are no students from other Provinces. Admission to the institution is open to students of other Provinces also.
4. There should be equal opportunity of employment of men and women of all Provinces in the staff.	For employment in this institution, candidates have to be proficient in South Indian Music and Dance. Subject to the fulfilment of this condition, equal opportunities for employment of men and women of all Provinces may be considered to exist.
5. Equal opportunity of scholarships and freeships:	The prospectus of the institution does not make mention of any fee concessions or free studentships. The opportunity given to the students in this regard may be available to all irrespective of the Provinces to which they belong.
6. The institution should fulfil a real All India need:	Though Kalakshetra is not the only institution giving instruction in Music and

Condition:	Kalakshetra's position:
	6. Dance, it is no doubt an outstanding centre of Art as indicated against item 1 above.
7. Whether the institution is required in the general plan of development, educational or cultural:	Yes, an institution of this kind aiming to foster the fine Arts at their best is necessary.
8. Scales of salaries of the staff of the institution should be on the basis approved by the Central Government:	The existing scales of pay for members of the staff of Siromani course are fairly good. The pay of the Principal is Rs.250/- a month and that of the lecturers in Music Rs.100/- a month. (It is open to the Central Government to suggest any higher scales of pay.)
9. The institution should be open to inspection by Central Government.	The sanction of block grant may be subject to appropriate conditions in regard to these matters.
10. Annual Reports and Audited Accounts should be submitted.	
11. Except in very special cases, grants should be for projects considered essential by the Government of India.	Kalakshetra appears to have been treated as a special case in this regard as the Government of India had made a grant of Rs.5000/- to this institution last year, regardless of the fulfilment of the conditions referred to above.
12. The constitution of Managing Body should be approved by Central Government which should have the right to nominate its representative on it.	The sanction of block grant by the Government of India may be subject to appropriate conditions in regard to this matter.

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4. I recommend that Madras Government may agree to the proposal of the Government of India to pay a grant not exceeding Rs.10,000/- a year to 'Kalakshetra'.

Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Central College of Karnataka Music
'Bridge House', Adyar, Madras-20

Dated 22..12..1949.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras

Sir,

Sub:-Kalakshetra, Adyar--Sanction of block grant and recognition of the diplomas amended by the institution.
Ref:-Your letter Roc.No.562-D2/49 dated 21st November 1949.

I have perused the enclosures to your letter very carefully and I have also had an opportunity to visit the institution recently.

There is no doubt that the Institution is doing very good work in the cause of our ancient and almost forgotten arts. To my knowledge, this is the only kind of Institution for dance in the Presidency. It is said to be working at a loss and the request for a block grant deserves special and sympathetic consideration.

Regarding recognition of the Diplomas awarded by the Kalakshetra for purposes of appointment as music and dance teachers in Schools in this Presidency, I feel that the standard of instruction is sufficiently high in Kalakshetra according to the syllabus to justify such recognition. I would, however, like to add that capacity for teaching these two arts requires practical skill on the part of the teachers and not mere theoretical proficiency. Therefore, it is desirable that such applicants should be interviewed by competent persons and their practical skill and ability to teach the concerned arts ascertained by a practical demonstration of their own attainments before they can be thought for appointments.

The enclosures received with your letter are returned herewith.

Yours faithfully,
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Principal.

Encl.-Letters dated 29.10.1949 from the Director, Kalakshetra, Adyar and enclosures
- Regulations regarding teachers diploma course in Natya.
- Statement showing the recurring expenditure, in a year.
- Statement showing the expenditure incurred on the teaching staff for a year.
- Prospectus etc.

(True copy).

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GENERAL:

Those who have already taken diplomas in Bharata Natya after completion of 4 years study in Kalakshetra are also eligible to this course. They will be required to undergo a further training for one year, particularly in Nattuvangam and Practice Teaching in Natya to Model Classes.

FEES:

Registration fee, with application, non-recoverable	Rs. 3
Admission fee, (on admission)	Rs. 5
Caution Money, on admission (refundable)	Rs.25
Tuition Fees: I Term on admission	Rs.90
II Term before the 5th working day of the term	Rs.60

The Kalakshetra Natya Teachers' Training Course

(Recurring Expenditure in a year)

No.	Particulars	Amount
1.	Teaching Staff as per attached statement (as per details below)	Rs.35,280 0 0
2.	Clerical Staff	Rs. 1,920 0 0
3.	Servants	Rs. 840 0 0
4.	Rent	Rs. 6.600 0 0
5.	Provident Fund Contribution	Rs. 1,855 0 0
6.	Ordinary Repairs and Upkeep	Rs. 1,500 0 0
7.	Contingencies: a. Stationery b. Repair of Furniture c. Postage d. Telephone Charges e. Office expenses	Rs. 1,550 0 0
8.	Scholarship: (a) Three Full Students @ Rs.50/-	Rs. 1,800 0 0
	(b) Three Half Students @ Rs.25/-	Rs. 900 0 0
9.	Library (Recurring)	Rs. 250 0 0
10.	Outlay - Audit Fees.	Rs. 150 0 0
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Grants - Kalakshetra, Adyar-~~Block~~ Maximum grant of Rs.10,000/- per annum - Payment - Sanctioned.

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Ref: From the President, Kalakshetra, Adyar, Madras d/1-8-1949 and 13-7-1950.

From the D.P.I. Roc.No.562 -D7/49 d/19-7-50.

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Order/Ms. No. 2456 Edn. d/ 1-9-1950.

The Govt, as a special case sanction the payment of an annual block grant ~~of~~ equal to one-half of the net cost of the maintenance, subject to a maximum grant of Rs.10,000 per annum to the Kalakshetra, Adyar, in view of the representation of the management that they face a deficit in running the institution. The grant will be assessed on the basis of the audited accounts of the institution from 1950-51 onwards and will be in lieu of the teaching grant hitherto paid to the institution.

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An advance payment of Rs 10000 will be made in the current year subject to adjustment later on the basis of the audited accounts.

2. ~~A copy of~~ An extract of the remarks of the D.P.I. in ~~peras 1 to 3 (A) of~~ his letter cited ~~above~~ is communicated to the President of the 'Kalakshetra' who is requested to see that every effort is made to ~~keep down~~ reduce the annual recurring deficit ~~as low as possible and that it~~ which should not ~~in any case~~ be allowed in any case ~~to~~ to exceed Rs.20,000/- per annum. The President is also requested to submit to the Govt. annually a copy of the audited accountsof the institution. ~~to Govt.annually.~~

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3. The expenditure ~~which~~ on account of the grant will ~~initially be met from out of the contingency fund to be constituted by the Govt. and ultimately~~ be debited to "37.n.Education - Special - Direct grants to Non-Government Special Schools - A.General - (i.)Excluding Post-War Reconstruction - (n) A.(i) - Teaching - Voted" after the sanction of the Legislature is obtained to a Supplementary Estimate of expre. The D.P.I. is requested to apply for the additional appropriation of funds in due course.

p 146 of the Budget

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To

The D.P.I.
" A.G. thro' Fin. Dept.
" Pt., Kalakshetra, Adyar. (with copy of portion marked A at pp 37-39 & 40 c.f.)
The Fin. Dept. (3 sets)

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Government of Madras
Education Department.
G.O.Ms.No.2456 Education dated 1-9-1950.
Abstract

Grants - Kalakshetra, Adyar - Maximum grant of Rs.10,000 per annum-Payment-Sanctioned.

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Read the following:-
From the President, Kalakshetra, Adyar, Madras dated 1-8-1949 and 13-7-1950.
From the Director of Public Instruction Roc.No.562-D7/49 d/19-7-50.

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ORDER:

The Government as a special case sanction the payment of an annual block grant equal to one-half of the net cost of maintenance subject to a maximum of Rs.10,000 per annum to the Kalakshetra, Adyar, in view of the representation of the management that they face a deficit in running the institution. The grant will be assessed on the basis of the auditdd accounts of the institution from 1950-51 onwards and will be in lieu of the teaching grant hitherto paid to the institution. An advance payment of Rs.10,000 will be made in the current year subject to adjustment later on the basis of the audited accounts.

2. An extract of the remarks of the Director of Public Instruction in his letter cited is communicated to the President of the Kalakshetra who is requested to see that every effort is made to reduce the annual recurring deficit which should not be allowed in any case to exceed Rs.20,000/- per annum. The President is also requested to submit to the Government annually a copy of the audited accounts of the institution.

3. The expenditure on account of the grant ~~be~~ will be debited to "37.n.Education-Special-Direct grants to Non-Government Special Schools - A.General-(i)Excluding Post-War Reconstruction-(n) A.(i)-Teaching-Voted".

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

S.A. Iyengar,
Secretary to Government.

To
The Director of Public Instruction.
The Accountant General thro' Finance Department.
The President, Kalakshetra, Adyar.(with enclosure)
The Finance Department.

True copy/forwarded/By Order.

Superintendent.

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From
The Secretary to Govt.,
Education Deptt.,

To
The D.P.I.

Sub: Grant - 'Kalakshetra', Adyar
Payment of an advance
Grant of Rs 10000/- in
the current year - G.O. No.
2456 Edn D/ 27/9/50.

Ref: your P.C. of T.M D/27/9/50.

The advance of Rs 10,000 referred to in para 1 of G.O. No. 2456 Edn D/27/9/50 may

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be authorised for payment pending provision of funds in the current year.

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ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARY
7 OCT 1950
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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Note:- The ~~T.M.~~ draft T.M. may issue after perusal by Fin.

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Please see the minute of H.M. on p. 17 n.f. of G.O. No. 2456 Edn dated 1.9.50 and the orders in Cir. on p. 20 n.f. of that G.O.

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

New Delhi, 3, the 2[illegible]th August, 1950.

SECRETARY
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31 AUG 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Kalakshetra, Advar, Madras.

Dear Mr. Iyengar,

~~Will~~ you kindly refer to Mr. Humayun Kabir's d.o. letter No.1190/50-A.I.(I) dated the 1st May 1950 addressed to Mr. R.D. Paul, M.A., former Secretary of your Department on the question of a proposal for Government grant to Kalakshetra, Adyar, Madras?

Subsequent reminders on the subject dated the 17th June 1950, 26th July 1950, and 16th August 1950 have so far elicited no reply yet. We would be very grateful if you would kindly enquire into the matter and favour us with the reply of the Madras Government as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Janak Kumari Asghar
(Mrs) Janak Kumari Asghar
Assistant Educational Adviser.

S.A. IYENGAR, Esquire, I.C.S.
Secretary,
Education Department,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

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Letter/Ref.No. 86194 F/49-11 Edn. d 1-9-50

To

The ~~Deputy~~ Secretary to the Govt.of India,
Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

Despatched 1/9/50

Sir,

Kalakshetra, Adyar, Madras, Payment of block grant.

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With reference to Mr. Humayun Kabir's D.O. letter No.D.1190/50-AI(A) d-1-5-1950 on the above subject, I am directed to furnish ~~herewith~~ replies ~~in respect of the conditions~~ to the points mentioned in the statement enclosed with that letter and to state that the ~~Madras Govt. of Madras have~~ This Govt. have themselves decided to give a recurring block grant equal to one half of the cost of maintenance subject to a maximum of Rs.10,000 per annum to the institution with effect from 1950-51.

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Govt. of Madras support the proposal of the Ministry to make an annual grant of Rs 10000 to the Kalakshetra Adyar.

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Copy to the D.P.I.

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Condition:	Kalakshetra's position:
1. The institution should be of all India character.	The institution imparts instruction in S.Indian Music and Dance. It can be considered to be of an All India character in that it is open to students from all parts of India, desirous of learning the south Indian Music and Dance, and is an outstanding centre of instruction in S. Indian Music and Dance. The management propose to add courses in North Indian Music.
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3. Percentage of students from other Provinces.	So far as the (recognised) ~~cognised~~ Sangitha Siromani course is concerned, there are no students from other ~~Provinces~~ States. Admission to the institution is open to students of other ~~Provinces~~ States also.
4. There should be equal opportunity ~~of~~ for employment of men and women of all Provinces in the staff.	For employment in this institution, candidates have to be proficient in S.Indian Music and Dance. Subject to the fulfilment of this condition, equal opportunities for employment of men and women of

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	of all ~~Provinces~~ States may be considered to exist.
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6. The institution should fulfil a real All India need:	Though Kalakshetra is not the only institution giving instruction in Music and Dance, it is no doubt an outstanding centre of Art as indicated against item 1 above.
7. Whether the institution is required in the general plan of development, educational or cultural:	Yes, an institution of this kind aiming to foster the fine Arts at their best is necessary.
8. Scales of salaries of the staff of the institution should be on the basis approved by the Central Govt.	The existing scales of pay for members of the staff of Siromani course are fairly good. The pay of the Principal is Rs.250/- a month and that of the lecturers in Music Rs.100/- a month. (It is open to the Central Govt. to suggest any higher scales of pay.)
9. The institution should be open to inspection by Central Government. 10. Annual Reports and Audited Accounts should be submitted.	The sanction of block grant may be subject to appropriate conditions in regard to these matters.
11. Except in very special cases, grants should be for projects considered essential by the Govt. of India.	Kalakshetra appears to have been treated as a special case in this regard as the Govt. of India had made a grant of Rs.5000/- to this institution last year, regardless of the fulfilment of the conditions referred to above.
12. The constitution of the Managing Body should be approved by Central Govt.	

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2. The constitution of Managing body should be approved by Central Govt.	The sanction of block grant by ~~The~~ the Govt. of India may be subject to appropriate conditions in regard to this matter.

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Letter No 86194 F/49-12 Edn dt 1.9.50 Edn Deptt (F)
Ref

To

Srimathi Rukmini Devi
President, 'Kalakshetra'
Adyar
Madras

Despatched 1/9/50

Madam,

Sub: Grants - Kalakshetra, Adyar - Block grant - Payment of.

Reference: Your letters d 29/10/49 & 13.7.50 addressed to the H.M (E & L)

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The Govt have decide to sanction a block grant of Rs

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Rs 10,000/ to the 'Kalakshetra' Adyar.
Orders in this regard ~~will issue shortly.~~ are under issue, separately.

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D.O. No 86194F/49-13 Edn
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Dear Panditji,

Kalakshetra, Adyar, Madras.
Payment of block grant.

In continuation of my D.O. No 86194/49-G2-2 Edn d 21.2.1950, I write to inform you that the Govt of Madras have sanctioned, as a special case, the payment of an annual block grant equal to one-half of the net cost of maintenance subject to a maximum of Rs 10,000/ per annum to the Kalakshetra, Adyar. The grant will be assessed on the basis of the audited accounts of the institution from 1950-51 onwards and will be in lieu of the teaching grant hitherto paid to the institution. An advance payment of Rs 10,000 will be made in the current year subject to adjustment later on the basis of the audited accounts.

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To
The Hon'ble
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru,
Prime Minister of India,
New Delhi

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No. D.1190/50-AI(A)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

New Delhi-3, the ~~29th~~ APRIL '50 XXX .
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SECRETARY
5 MAY 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANT S
5 MAY 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Subject :- Kalakshetra, Adyar, Madras :
Request to Govt. of India for recurring grant of Rs. 20,000/- a year.

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Dear Mr. Paul,

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I am to draw your attention to Madras Government's letter No. 77305-BI/49-2-Education, dated 3.12.1949, and to enclose herewith a copy of rules relating to conditions laid down by the Government of India in respect of grants made from Central Revenues to non-official institutions. Mrs. RUKMINI ARUNDALE has approached Government of India for a recurring grant of Rs. 20,000/- a year for KALAKSHETRA. Government of India are examining the proposal, but before we can take a decision on her request or determine the amount of a possible grant to the Institution, I would like to have your replies :

(a) in respect of all the conditions mentioned in the enclosed statement, and also

(b) whether Madras Government would agree to a recurring grant that would be approximately half the amount required by Mrs. Rukmini Arundale for the institution.

You are probably aware that Mrs. Rukmini Devi has been constantly in touch with this Ministry for the last three years in connection with the development of Kalakshetra, and also in connection with her cultural activities and as a member of the Indian National Commission for co-operation with UNESCO. Last year we made a grant of Rs. 5,000/- to the Institution. I need not mention in this connection that Government of India incurred an expenditure of

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Rs. 7,000/- in 1949-50 in connection with the performance of Kalidas's "Kumara Sambhavam" on 27.1.1950 by Shrimati Rukmini Devi's Troupe attended by the President, the Prime Minister, Diplomatic Corps and others.

The Expert Committee appointed by the Government of India comprising of Mrs. JANAK KUMARI ASGHAR, Assistant Educational Adviser, and Dr. D.R. BHATTACHARYA, Vice-Chancellor, Allahabad University, who visited Madras in December 1949 in connection with the Central College of Karnatak Music, also visited Kalakshetra, and were of opinion that the standard of instruction in that institution is higher than that of the Madras University which was also visited by the Committee. I am to request you to consider her application in the light of the above facts and give your replies at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

Humayun Kabir

(HUMAYUN KABIR)

R.D. PAUL, Esquire, M.A.,
Secretary,
Education Department,
Government of Madras,
Fort. George,

MADRAS

Enclo: (To be attached by [illegible])

All requests for financial assistance for development of culture and art received from non-official bodies in India are considered on their merits and ad hoc grants made to them if they fulfil certain conditions laid down by the Government. The conditions are as follows:-

1. The institution should be of an all India character.
2. Grants should be made subject to satisfactory reports by the Governments of the areas in which the institutions are located and to the receipt of grant from the Govt.of the area
3. At least 25% of the students of an Educational Institution must be from Provinces or States outside the Provinces and States in which the institution is located. This percentage need not,however, be rigid and might be allowed to depend upon the amount required from the Govt. of India. Amongst these 25% students those other Provinces and States should have a fair distribution.
4. There should be equal opportunity of employment of men and women of all Provinces in the staff.
5. In the distribution of any aids, scholarships or freeships given by the Institutions to students, the same principle should be observed.
6. The institution should fulfil a real all India need; for instance, it may be the only institution of its kind,dealing with a subject or class of students with which no other institution is concerned or a case is made out that although other institutions of the type exist, there is need for additional institutions.
7. The institution is required in the general plan of development-educational(scientific,humanistic etc.) or cultural.
8. Scale of salaries of the staff of the Institution should be on basis approved by the Central Government.
9. The institution should be open to inspection by Central Govt.
10. Auual Reports and Audited Accounts should be submitted regularly to the Government of India.
11. Except in very special cases, our grants should be for projects considered essential by the Govt. of India.
12. The constitution of Managing Body should be approved by Central Govt. which should have the right to nominate its representative on it.

N.B. In making the grants it should be borne in mind that the institution should not, as far as possible,deviate from standards or principles laid down for institutions of similar kinds by the Central Government.

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KALAKSHETRA, ADYAR, MADRAS - Request to Govt. of India for recurring grant of Rs. 20,000/- a year.

From the Govt. of India, No.1190/50AAI(A) dated 1-5-50.

MEMO. NO. 10026 F/50-2 EDN., DATED 6/5/50

A copy of the letter cited above is communicated to the D.P.I. and he is requested to ~~furnish reply urgently to the conditions specified therein.~~ Offer his remarks very urgently on the proposals contained therein.

2. The Director's attention is invited to this Dept's memo No. 86194-49-1 G2-Edn. dated 10th Nov. 1949 regarding the request for a block grant for the Kalakshetra —

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To—

The D.P.I. ~~(with a copy of the letter)~~.

To the D.P.I. (with encls)

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Education DEPARTMENT.

II REMINDER. 13 JUN 1950 F. Branch.

To The Director of public Instruction,
Madras.

I ~~have the honour to invite~~ am directed to invite ~~invite~~ attention to Govt. Memo. No. 10026-F/50-2 Edn, dated 6/5/50 and ~~to request that the reply to it may be expedited~~ request that this reminder may be returned ~~at once~~ by 20/6 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 Secretariat.

Station Madras, 9.

Dated 10/6/50.

Signature. N. Srinivasan
Assistant Secretary to Govt. Designation.

8/10/6/50
15/10/6/50

SUBJECT.

Kalakshetra, Adyar, Madras.
Request to Govt. of India for recurring grant of Rs 20,000/- a year.

P.T.O.

Re 562 Dr/49 d/ 19.6.50

C.F.

REPLY.

To The Secretary to Govt.
Edn. Dept, Madras.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
20 JUN 1950
16463
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Resubmitted [illegible]

2. The matter [illegible] consideration and a reply will be sent to Govt. by 25-6-50.

for Director of Public Instruction

Sd
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The D.P.I.'s final reply may be awaited till 27th June 1950.

Sd
21/6/50

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
16642
21 JUN 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

No.D.1190/50 -D.II(Arts)
Government of India,
Ministry of Education,

New Delhi 3, the 17th June, 1950.

Pl. put up on interim reply

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary,
Education Department,
Fort St.George,
MADRAS.

21/6

SUBJECT: KALAKSHATRA, ADYAR, MADRAS.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Mr. Humayan Kabir's D.O. letter of even number, dated the 1st May, 1950, about the proposal to give a recurring grant to the Kalakshetra, Madras, and to request the favour of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,

Janak Kumari Asghar
(J.K.Asghar)
for Deputy Secretary.

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Edn Deptt (F)

Please see the interim reply of the D.P.I. on p. 10 ante. His final report may be awaited till 27.6.50

21/6/50

Draft interim reply to the Govt. of India submitted below is for approval.

23.6.50

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Letter/Ref. No. 10026-F/50-3 Edn. Dated. 24-6-50

28/24/6

DPlm 26/6.

To
The Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.
Ministry of Education.
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub. Kalakshetra, Adyar, Madras – Request for recurring grant of Rs 20,000/- a year.

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Ref. Your letter No. D. 1190/50-D II (Arts) dated 13th June 1950.

I am to state that the matter is under ~~the consideration of the Govt.~~ correspondence with the D.P.I. Madras & a reply will be sent soon.

Y.f.

(approved by AS in [illegible])

Pl. see on P10 the reply from the D.P.I.

DPlm 26/6

11/24/6 Copy to the D.P.I.

8/[illegible]/6/50

26/6/50

(44) 82 Edn (7)

D.O. 10026F/50-4 d/13 7/50.

My Dear Redd;

Kalakshetra Adyar
— Request for a grant of
Rs 20000 from the Govt.
of India.

I am desired to invite your attention to Official Memorandum No 10026-7-50-2 Edn. dated 6th May 1950 on the above subject & to state that the Govt. of India have asked for an urgent reply-
will

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Will you please look into the matter & see that a reply to the memo is sent without further delay.

Yours sincerely

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Sri D. S. P[illegible],
D.P.I.

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No.F.6.3/50-D.II(a).
Government of India,
Ministry of Education,
New Delhi 3, the 26th July, 1950.

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From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education Department,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

SUBJECT: GRANT TO KALA KSHETRA ADYAR, MADRAS.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to Prof. Humayun Kabir's d.o. letter No.D /190/50-AI,(A), dated the Ist May, 1950, to the Rajaih D.Paul, and Madras Government's letter No.10026/F/50-3 Education, dated the 24th June, 1950, and to request the favour of an early reply.

Yours faithfully,.

Janak Kumari Asghar

(J. K. Asghar)
for Deputy Secretary.

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Edn. 'F'

May be filed.

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No.F.6-3/50-DII(A).
Government of India,
Ministry of Education,

New Delhi 3, the 16th August,1950.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
17 AUG 1950
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary,
Education Department,
Fort St.George,
MADRAS.

SUBJECT: KALA KSHETRA, ADYAR, MADRAS.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Mr.Humayun Kabir's d.o. letter No.1190/50-AI(A), dated the Ist May,1950, and subsequent reminders dated the 17th June,1950, and 26th July, 1950, respectively and to request the favour of an early reply.

The matter has been pending a very long time and it is requested that it may kindly be expedited as much as possible.

Yours faithfully,
Janak Kumari Asghar
(J.K. Asghar)
for Deputy Secretary.

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No.F.6-3/50-G2(A),
Ministry of Education,
Government of India,
New Delhi, 3, the 28th March 1951.

From

The Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To

Mr.K. Sankara Menon,
Joint Director,
Kalakshetra, Camp. 29, Prithvi Raj Road, New Delhi -

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
31 MAR 1951
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Sir,

I am directed to state that the President of India is pleased to sanction an ad hoc grant of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) for the Kalakshetra for the year 1950-51. Payment will be made from Demand No.81 Resettlement and Development C04-Education.

2. Sanction has been accorded with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance vide their u.o.No.2182-E.D./51, dated 28th March 1951.

3. Payment will be made by the Accountant General Central Revenues against a bill for the amount of Rs.10,000/- countersigned by Mrs.J.K.Asghar, Education Officer, Ministry of Education.

Yours faithfully,
Sd.
(J.K. Asghar)
for Deputy Secretary.

Copy with a spare copy to Finance Ministry with the request that it may kindly be forwarded immediately so that payment can be made before 31st March 1951.

Advance copy forwarded to Accountant General, Central Revenues New Delhi for action with specimen signatures of Mrs.J.K.Asghar duly attested by Mr.H.S.Verma, Under Secretary, Ministry of Education.

✓ Copy to the Government of Madras with reference to their letter No.8619/F/49-11-Edn, dated 1st September, 1950.

P.59 of (L) in the Top file.

By order
Janak Kumari Asghar
for Deputy Secretary

Edn.'F'

May be filed with the G.O. at (L) in the top-file

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12/4/51

This grant was recommended by us in the letter on p.59 cf. of (L) in the top file

13/4/51

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C. No.
86194/50

From the President, Kalakshetra Adyar
Letter Dt 29.10.49.

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E.& P.H.(G2).

Extract of the minutes of H.M.(E.& L.) dated 5-11-19

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"Call for a report from the D.P.I. He may consult the Principal of the College of Carnatic Music if necessary. Urgent please."

K. M(adhava Menon),
5-11-49
H.M.(E.& L.)

The request of Srimati Rukmini Devi, President, Kalakshetra, in the current letter below is for a block grant to the Institution to enable the management to run the Art Centre. It is stated that the management is faced with a deficit.

In accordance with HM's orders extracted above, a draft memo is submitted for approval.

(The Pt.'s request for the recognition by the Govt. of the Diploma Courses of this Institution is dealt with in the linked file II)

9.11.49

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10/11/49

E & P.H.(G2)Deptt.

Ref:- Letter from the Prime Minister of India dated 3rd Feb

"Examine at once. Have they asked us for any help? If not we should enquire what help they are expecting?

J.M.L./10.2.

In his letter dated 3rd Feb. found on p 11 c.f. the Prime Minister of India has expressed his deep apprecia tion of the work of Kalakshetra, Adyar and has observed th the activities of that institution in the field of artistic training are important from the National point of ~~training~~ and expressed the opinion that they deserve every help.

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Sri Rukmini Devi has already written to Govt. stating that the Institution has been under~~going~~ financial difficulties and is faced with an average deficit of Rs.20,000 which may increase to Rs.70,000. She has asked for a block grant from Government. The amount of the grant required is not specified, but apparently a grant of the deficit amount referred to (Rs.20,000) is apparently required. The institution is at present given a recurring grant of about Rs.2,300 a year. Under H.M.'s orders a report has been called for from the Director of Public Instruction on the request. The Director has called for the remarks of the Principal of the Carnatic School of Music in the matter and as soon as a final report is received, the matter will be further proceed with.

Sri Rukmini Devi has also written to Government requesting the recognition by Government of the diplomas ~~offered of~~ the Kalakshetra, for purposes of appointment in schools. This has also been referred to the Director of Public Instruction whose report is awaited.

If necessary, an interim reply may go to the Prime Minister, from the Chief Minister. A draft interim reply ~~[illegible]~~ is for approval.

H.M.(E & L) and H.C.M. may see the files.

11.2.50

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H.M. (E & L)

H.C.M.

Yes

Issue over H.C.M.'s signature

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A draft is here is subd.

13.2.50

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Ask D.P.I to expedite his report

KM

Tell the D.P.I that it is regrettable even after 5 months he cannot send a reply. Phone him up to ... the report is ...

KM

20.2.50

H.C.M. directed me to remind the DPI about this on the 'phone & I have done so.

13.7.50

P.A. to H.M.

~~Draft~~ 1.

p13 cf

p16 cf

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
21 FEB 1950
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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H.M. (E&L) wanted to see the file yesterday & has made the minute on the previous page. H.C.M. wanted to see it today & has directed his P.A. to ask the D.P.I to send his reply to our memo of 10.11.49, in a week.

With refce to H.M.'s minute a draft D.O. is submitted for approval.

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13.7.50

[Issued as D.O. No 86194 F/49-6 Edn d 13/7/50]

From Sri K. Sankara Menon d 13.7.50

please see the letter from Sri K. Sankara Menon on p31 Cf and the minutes of H.M. (E&L) thereon. The D.P.I whose final ~~reminded~~ report in the matter is awaited was reminded demiofficially on 13.7.1950. He ~~report~~ will be reminded again on 20.7.1950, if necessary.

17/7/50

The strength of 69 mentioned in the letter on p.31 cf cannot be considered to be bad. As ordered by H.M. the D.P.I's Office has been asked informally by phone to expedite the report. A D.O. reminder to the D.P.I (p.29 cf) has also issued & a reply has been asked for in a week's time.

H.M. (E&L) may see

18.7.50

HM (E&L)

informally

p13 cf

p29 cf

p31 cf

p29 cf

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The President of the Kalakshetra, Adyar, has written to Government requesting them to make a grant from State funds, to cover the heavy deficit the management incurs every year in running the institution. The average deficit is stated to be Rs 20,000/- per year, and it is stated that when the Teachers Diploma Course in Natya is started the deficit will increase to Rs 70,000/- The amount of grant required is not specified by Srimathi Rukmani Devi. She requests a block grant to enable the management to run these courses.

pages 1-3 cf

p. 3 cf

p-3 cf

Independently of the request to the State Govt., Srimathi Rukmani Devi has approached the Central Govt. for a grant of Rs 20,000/- for the institution. In connection with that request, the Government of India have asked for this Government's replies on the following points:

letter on p 1 cf in Linked file I (C 10026-50)

- p 1 cf in LF I.

(i) whether the institution fulfils the Central Government's conditions for a grant (as on p. 5 c.f. in linked file I

(ii) whether the Madras Government would agree to a recurring grant of approximately half the amount required by Mrs. Rukmani Arundale.

It is observed ~~from her report~~ that the Government of India gave a grant of Rs 5,000/- to the institution last year. (1949-50)

- p 1 cf in LF I

2. The Director of Public Instruction who was consulted on the subject has submitted a report on the recognition of the courses offered by the institution as also the request for a grant. It is seen from the prospectus of the Kalakshetra and the Director's report that the following courses are at present offered by the institution:

pages 35-44 cf

X in p 35 cf

(1) Sangitha Siromani (affiliated to the University of Madras)
(2) Preparatory course in Music
(3) Diploma Course in Music
(4) Diploma Course in Natya
(5) Diploma Course in Arts and Crafts

e position regarding the recognition of the above

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courses, according to the Director's suggestions, is as follows:

The first named course is affiliated to the University. There is no question of a separate recognition by Govt.

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p 36 cf

Items (2) and (3) are not eligible for recognition as Government have ordered that the recognition of ordinary Music schools be dropped. The Director's opinion is that the Kalakshetra Diploma in Music is admittedly intended for turning out professional artists and cannot be recognised as an alternative qualification for Music teachers as it is necessary for these diploma holders to pass the higher grade technical examination in Music conducted by the Government.

pages 36-37 cf

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The Diploma course in Natya (item (4)) has been separa ly proposed by the Director of Public Instruction ~~for recognition~~ as a qualification for appointment as teachers for "Dancing" under the scheme of diversified courses of Secondary Education. ~~When this is so recognised for the purpose~~ This full-time course will also be recognised and aided as a special school, when the Diploma is so recognized.

p 39 cf

With regard to item (5), Diploma Course in Arts and Crafts - expert opinion is considered necessary before the question is proceeded with. The Director has referred the matter to an expert Committee of which Sri D.P. Roy Choudhar Principal, Government School of Arts and Crafts is a member, among others, ~~and~~ A further report has been promised in the matter.

pages 17-18 cf in LF II

p-38 cf

The new four-year Teachers' Diploma Course for trainin in Natya is considered by the Director to be a mere duplication of the Diploma Course in Natya and unnecessary. His opinion is that even granting that it is (a necessary course and is) also to be recog- as a qualification even as the main Diploma Course is propo to be, the expenditure on the new course is not likely to b as large as Rs 52,000/- as stated by the Management.

- ibid.

3. On the basis of the views summarised above, the Director suggests that the Management's request for a grant does not deserve consideration. The following reasons are given for the suggestion:

M at the bottom - p. 39 cf

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(i) When there is a proposal by the Government of India to make a grant of Rs 10,000/- a year for the institution, there does not appear to be justification for a block grant by the State Government;

p 40 cf

(ii) The institution is already in receipt of a grant of about Rs 2,300/- for the Sangitha Siromani Course and the Diploma Course in Natya will become eligible for a grant;

M' — ibid

(iii) The deficit of Kalakshetra is the inevitable result of the circumstances of the institution: its strength is uneconomic.

— ibid

(iv) The position of Kalakshetra is not different from that of any other institution of this type, e.g. the ~~National~~ Natana Niketan of Gopinath. A block grant to the Kalakeshtra will provoke similar requests from other similar institutions.

— ibid

— pages 40-41 cf

(v) As a special school, Kalakshetra can be paid a grant at the discretion of the Director upto full approved net cost.

p-41 cf

The Director's recommendation is that it would be better to raise the proportion of the grant to the institution from one-half to two-thirds of the net cost rather than to pay a block grant.

4. The following points seem to deserve consideration; in connection with the Director's recommendations:

(a) The Institution offers the Sangitha Siromani Course which is a recognised course affiliated to the University and a grant of about Rs 2,300/- is paid for it on the basis of one-half of the net cost. If two-thirds of the net cost is allowed to the institution as a concession, as now suggested by the Director, a grant of Rs 3000/- will be payable.

N on — p41 cf

[(b) The Director himself has recommended that the Diploma in Natya (Dancing) offered by the institution may be prescribed as a qualification for teachers in 'Dancing' to be employed in secondary schools. He has also suggested that if the Diploma Course is so recognised, a suitable grant will be payable to the institution in respect of the course. Now no secondary school appears to offer this course under the scheme of bifurcated studies. Schools are likely to

— item (iii) on p 37 cf

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make provision for it in due course and in this view the Director has made the recommendation adverted to above. ~~Therefore~~ The usefulness of this course is thus admitted by the Director.

(c) The points mentioned above in connection with the Diploma in Dancing will apply with equal force to the four-year Teachers' Diploma Course in Dancing. The Director thinks that this is a superfluous course in view of the Diploma referred to in (b) above, but the Director's reasons for that suggestion do not seem to have force. This course is apparently intended as an advanced course for a teacher and like the other course is also likely to be useful as a teacher's qualification.]

pages 37-38 cf

(d) The Director's suggestion in respect of the Diploma Course in Music is not quite understandable. He does not explain why this course cannot be considered to be equival to the course in Higher Technical Examination in Music. He recognises however that this is a course for turning out professional artistes: this itself is a recognition of the high~~er~~ proficiency of the holders of the diploma.

✓ pages 36-37 cf

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(e) The proposal under the consideration of the Govt. of India for a grant of Rs 10,000/- cannot be any reason fo rejecting the Management's request for an increased grant especially when the statement that the institution faces a deficit is not denied and when it offers the useful courses referred to above -

(f) The Director has, doubtless~~ly~~, viewed the question from the standpoint of departmental needs. Where the fine arts of India ~~xx~~ are concerned and the ~~advanced~~ developmen of those arts is the objective, departmental needs may not be the sole criterion, and reference to uneconomic strengt sounds somewhat technical.

(g) The Prime Minister of India has evinced interest in the institution as will be seen from his letter on pag 17 c.f. His interest and the interest of the Government India will be evident from the fact that the Government India spent Rs 7,000/- on the performance by the Kalaksh

✓ vide letter on p17 cf

pages 1-3 cf in L.7I

artistes of Kalidasa's "Kumara Sambhava" in 1949-50. The Director himself has stated that the institution is an outstanding Centre of Art.

(h) The Director's suggestions will ~~ordinarily~~ normally be acceptable in the case of an ordinary 'Special School' ~~but~~ but the point to be considered here is whether the ordinary principles of the grant-in-aid Code need be applied to an ~~institution~~ outstanding Centre of Art which 'Kalakshetra' is recognised to be, ~~or whether~~ and whether its case may not be distinguished from that of ordinary special schools.

In view of the above considerations, there seems to be no objection to supporting the Management's request for an increased amount as block grant. The deficit in the running of the institution is not likely to be less than Rs 20,000/- The Central Government may give the institution a grant of Rs 10,000/- if we support their proposal for a grant. The State Government may also consider whether they may make a grant of Rs 10,000/- from their own funds, if funds are available; and it may be subject to suitable conditions regarding the submission of audited accounts etc. to Government annually.

5. With reference to the letter from the Ministry of Education on pages 1-3 c.f. in Linked File, asking for the views of the State Government on the Central Government's proposal for a grant of Rs 10,000/- to the institution, the Director has suggested replies to the points raised in the Government of India's letter- Please see pages 41-44. His suggestions therein may all be agreed to and a reply embodying them may be sent. The decision regarding a grant from State Government may also be included in the reply as soon as it is reached.

6. Finance may see the case for remarks before circulation.

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para 3 on p 39 cf

The institution is sponsored by Govt of India and is undoubtedly one of the leading centres of art in the country. For the sake of its survival it is desirable that assistance is forthcoming. We may agree to the block-grant of Rs 10,000/-

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

This may be regarded as [illegible] urgently as H.M. wants to pass orders without delay

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Edn. U.O. 86194 F/48-7 3/8/50.

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Finance(Exp.A.)Department.

(a private institution which conducts Diploma Courses in Music, Dancing etc)

'H' on p. 3 cf

p 1 cf L.F I below

ibid

'K' on p. 3 cf

p. 40 cf and 'M' on p 6 N.F above and p 3 cf 7 (H)

pp 35-44 cf

(I)

'N' on p. 41 cf

The average deficit incurred by the Kalakshetra, Adayar is reported to be Rs. 20,000 p.a. The President of the institution, (Rukmini Devi) has approached the Government of India for a grant of Rs. 20000 apparently to cover the above deficit in full. The Government of India have enquired whether this Government would agree to meet one half of the above grant i.e. Rs. 10,000. This question has not yet been decided.

2. The President of the Institution has also addressed this Government for a block grant (amount not specified) to enable her to run the much-needed and much-appreciated courses without any fear of having to close them down at any time for lack of funds. In this connection she has referred to an average recurring deficit of Rs. 20,000 p.a. which may increase to Rs. 70,000 p.a. when the scheme for a separate teachers' diploma (in Natya) contemplated by the Institution is in operation.

3. The only course so far recognised by the Education Department and admitted to aid is the Sangeetha Siromani Course for which an annual grant (about Rs. 2,300) based on half the net cost of maintenance is given to the institution from 1946-7 onwards. The D.P.I. has examined in detail the question of recognition of the other unrecognised courses and consequently of extending financial aid for these courses, and has pointed out that the only new course that may have to be recognised and admitted to aid (in due course) is the diploma course in Natya (c.f. precedent in G.O.1156 Edn. dated 12-4-50) and that the other unrecognised courses need not be recognised nor admitted to aid. His recommendations are:--

i) that if the aid to be granted by this Govt. is not to be linked up with a grant by the Govt. of India, it may be confined to the courses recognised by the Education Department and the basis of the grant for such courses may, if considered necessary, be raised from ½ to 2/3rd or even full net cost of the courses; or

ii) if this Government's grant is to be decided in conjunction with what the Government of India may be inclined to give to cover the full deficit ~~of~~ (about Rs.20,000) this Government may agree to a grant not exceeding Rs.10,000 p.a.

p.44 CF

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4. Education agree to a block grant of Rs.10,000 p.a. It is submitted that the effect of this grant from this Government and an equivalent grant by the Government of India is that unrecognised courses also will be admitted to aid. The question is whether there is justification for making such a departure from the settled policy of the Education Department not to give grants for unrecognised courses. The D.P.I. fears that this ~~they~~ will constitute a precedent and similar claims/ from ~~for~~ other institutions may arise which it will be difficult to resist. There is considerable force in the D.P.I's view not to admit to aid unrecognised courses. Finance may agree with the D.P.I's view at 'N' on p.41 C.F. and suggest that this may be put to the Government of India as this Government's view on the question of a grant to the Kalakshetra. The question of giving a larger grant to the institution including unrecognised courses also may be further considered after knowing the Government of India's attitude.

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Please see below
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The Govt. of India gave a grant of Rs 5000 to the Kalakshetra in 1949-50. When approached by the Institution for a larger grant of Rs 20,000 this year, they have enquired of this Govt whether the amount will be shared equally by both and also whether the conditions mentioned on page 3 CF in L.F. I are fulfilled in this case. From the D.P.I's remarks on pp 41-43 C.F. ~~it appears~~ that the conditions are generally satisfied and Edn. propose to communicate his ~~the~~ remarks to the Govt. of India.

p 1 CF in L.F. I

+ paras on p 8 above

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* Edn. accept remarks on p 8 above

Attention, in this connection, is invited to the letter from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to H.C.M. on p.17 C.F. Finance may agree with Education that there seems to be a case to relax the usual basis of grants-in-aid to educational institutions, in favour of the Kalakshetra, as a special case, and that a grant not exceeding Rs 10,000 may be agreed to, subject to the remark that the actual grant may be limited to one half of the actual net cost of the institution to be arrived at on the basis of audited accounts for 1950-51.

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In this connection, it is submitted that it would seem better to communicate a copy of the D.P.I.'s remarks in paras 1 to 3 (A) on pp.35-41 C.F. to the President of the Kalakshetra with the request that every effort should be made to keep down the annual recurring deficit as low as possible and that it should not in any case, be allowed to exceed Rs 20,000 p.a.

Cf p 3 of (14)

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2300
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(to exceed Rs 2500 p.a. recurring)

(② Circulation of [illegible] to the HMs)

(not put up)

A teaching grant of about Rs 2300 p.a. is already being paid to the Kalakshetra for the Sangeetha Siromani course. If a special grant of Rs 10,000 is to be paid as proposed, it is tantamount to increasing the present grant. The additional grant involved is ~~of~~ about Rs 7,700 p.a. is not contemplated in the budget for the current year. It will ∴ have to be treated as a 'New Service'. Education may be requested to circulate the case to H.M.(E.&.L.), H.M.(Fin.) and H.C.M. and also take further action as indicated in the Note under para 2 (A) of Finance U.O.Note No.41910 B.G.-2 dated 30-6-49. The prior sanction of the Legislature will have to be obtained for the funds required for the purpose and Education may take steps to present a supplementary statement of expenditure to the Legislature in due course. If it is considered that any payment has to be made in the course of the year urgently before the requisite funds are voted by the Legislature, the amount may temporarily met from the Contingency Fund to be constituted by the Govt. for meeting unforeseen items of new expenditure

⊗ The Finance Bill [illegible] the constitution of this Fund is to be introduced in the Legislature [illegible] (p 57) which arise in the course of a year.

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Education (F)

The case relates to the request of Srimathi Rukmini Devi, President of the Kalakshetra, Adyar for a block grant from the State funds, to cover the deficit which the management ~~forces~~ in running the institution, which is stated Rs- 20000 a year and which is anticipated to increase to Rs.70,000 with the starting of the New Teachers' Diploma Course in Natya.

– pages 1-3 c/f

M.o.r p 3 c/f

2. The Director of Public Instruction has observed that the institution is running the Sangita Siromani course affiliated to the University of Madras, that its music courses are intended to turn out professionals and are not useful as qualifications for music teachers that the usefulness of the diploma course in Arts and Crafts is being examined by an Expert Committee, but that the diploma course in Natya is to be recognised as a qualification for Teachers in subject of " Dancing" in our Secondary schools where it is a subject under the reorganised scheme of Secondary Education. The Director has suggested that a special treatment to Kalakshetra would provoke requests from other institutions and if necessary, ~~that~~ a grant of one-half the net cost (Rs.2300) which is now being given to it may be increased to a grant on the basis of two-thirds of the net cost.

p 35 c/f

– p-36 c/f

– item (V) on p 38 c/f

– item (iii) on p 37 c/f

item (V) on p 41 c/f

3. The Prime Minister of India has expressed great appreciation of the work of Kalakshetra. The Ministry of Education of India are also very well impressed with the art instruction in the institution and as a token of their appreciation gave a grant of Rs.5000 to it in 1949-50 and are considering a proposal to give a recurring annual grant of Rs.10,000 and have asked for the remarks of this Govt. on the working of the institution. In view of this ~~recog~~ appreciative recognition

– letter on p 17 c/f

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letter on pages 1-3 c/f

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recognition of the institution by the highest authorities and of the ~~fax~~ fact that the Institution is doing valuable service for the development of Indian fine arts on sound lines and also of the Director's opinion that the Institution is an outstanding centre of Art, Education consider that a recurring block grant of Rs.10,000 may be made to the institution subject to conditions, relaxing the principles of the grant-in-aid Code and that the terms of the Director's letter which are appreciative of the work of the Kalakshetra may be communicated to the Government of India in reply to their letter on pages 1-3 in Linked File I .

V (B) from pages 41-44 c/f

4. Finance accept the suggestions of Education that an annual block grant not ~~excin~~ exceeding Rs.10,000 may be made to the institution and add that it may be limited to one-half of the net cost of maintenance & that the President of the Institution may be asked to keep down the annual deficit as low as possible and that it should not exceed Rs.20,000, the Director of Public Instruction's remarks in paras 1 to 3(A) of his letter being communicated to her. They observe that the scheme is one of 'New Service', ~~and~~ that a Supplementary Estimate of Expenditure should be presented to the Legislature in due course, and that if it is considered that the grant should be made urgently in the current year the amount may temporarily be met from the Contingency Fund to be constituted by Govt. for meeting unforeseen items of expenditure in the ~~year~~ year.

pages 35-40 c/f

This may be done

pages 11-12 ante

5. It is for consideration (i) whether a recurring block grant of Rs.10,000 may be made from the State Funds and further action may be taken regarding funds, ~~and~~ as proposed above, and (ii) whether a reply to the Government of India may be given as on pp 41-44 of the Directors letter in the c.f, to their letter on pages 1-3 in L.F.I.

May be agreed to

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6. H.M.(E.& L.), H.M.(Finance) and H.C.M. for orders.

A block grant of Rs 15000/- may be given.

HM(E&L)

HM(Fin)

HCM

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Rs 10,000 may be sufficient.

HM(Fin)

Rs 10,000

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Recirculated for perusal of HM(Fin)'s and HEM's minute

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HM(Edn) All right. Inform Rukmani Devi that a block grant of Rs 10000/- is sanctioned

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With reference to the orders in circulation on pp 13-14 above, three drafts are submitted for approval. After issue, further action in regard to the provision of funds will be taken. Draft letter to the H.P.M of India will also be put up with reference to para 2 of the ~~Dep~~ letter on p 19 cf.

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~~After issue of drafts I below.~~

The file may be sent to ~~[illegible]~~ Finance for ~~perusal~~, ~~after~~ before issue of the drafts

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SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FINANCE DEPARTMENT
22 AUG 1950
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Fin (EA) 86194F/49-8
22/8/50
(W.2.L.FS)

(Previous Finance notes at pp 7-12 above)

Education's summarising note at pp 12-13 above, the orders in circulation thereon and the 3 drafts below may be perused

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Para 3 of the draft order The grant

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of Rs 10,000 is the maximum and the actual amount of grant to be disbursed for 1950-1 will be one-half of the net cost of maintenance of the institution incurred in the current year. Ordinarily the grant ~~pay~~ for the current year will be payable in the next year (1951-2). If in any event, it is considered ~~to~~ necessary to make any payment in advance ~~advance grant~~ this year itself, this Deptt suggested that the amount might be initially met from the Contingency Fund. It was not intended that the entire grant should be paid this year from the Contingency Fund in the first instance. The portion enclosed in square brackets in para 3 of the draft order may therefore be omitted. ~~and an addition made as indicated in pencil, so that no expr. may be incurred until after the necessary funds are voted by the Legislature.~~ If & when the President of the institution urges for some payment in advance in the current year itself, the payment may be authorised separately and initially ~~be~~ debited to the Contingency Fund. It does not seem necessary ~~to~~ mention all this in the draft order.

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See below. The position has changed since this deptt noted last.

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The proposal may be viewed as an enhancement of the teaching grant already given to the institution - cf A on page 11 above. Under the revised criteria for 'new service' agreed to by the P.A. Committee on 5/8/50, grants & contributions for existing purposes not provided for in the budget have to be treated as new services only if the amount exceeds Rs 12,500 p.a. recurring or Rs 50,000 non-recurring. As ~~the~~ the additional grant proposed in this case is Rs 7,700 p.a. only, the expre need not be treated as on a "new service". No supplementary grant ~~need~~ is therefore necessary. The expre can be met from the existing budget approprn under the relevant head or by reappropriation in due course.

The drafts may be amended ~~in pencil~~ as indicated in pencil to bring out the intention clearly.

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From the notes on the foregoing pages and especially the orders in circulation on page 13 ante it is thought that the ordinary principles of the Grant-in-Aid Code were to be relaxed in this case and that the increased block grant of Rs 10000 or half the net cost should be paid to the institution in this year itself. As observed by Finance, the net increase in the grant is Rs 7700, excluding the grant of Rs 2300 already being given to the Institution. The Fin. Dept.'s view ~~is based~~ as at A on the previous page

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that as in other cases governed by the Grant-in-Aid Code, the grant should be paid only next year (1951-52), any request for some advance payment in the current year itself being considered later.

H.M.'s orders may be taken (i) whether the increased payment may be from the next year as in the case of ordinary teaching grants in respect of the current year or

x as held by Fin.

(ii) whether the intention is that the payment itself ~~may be~~ (~~[illegible]~~ the ~~total~~ (current ~~[illegible]~~) in year ~~[illegible]~~ (~~that is~~ Rs 2300 ~~[illegible]~~ & usual grant ~~[illegible]~~ Rs 7700 ~~[illegible]~~ Whatever the amount may be ~~to make up~~ which may be A half of the net cost)

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H. M. (Edn)

A Finance may see again in view of H.M.'s orders. They may kindly state whether reference to the Contingency Fund is now necessary.

2. We are limiting the grant

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grant to one half of the net cost subject to a maximum of Rs 10000. In view of this para 2 ~~may~~ of the draft ~~may~~ will perhaps be ~~re~~ redundant. It does not also appear necessary to communicate all the remarks of the D.P.I on pages 35-41 cf and this may lead to further correspondence. ~~However, this is~~ Finance may again consider this

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(Finance last noted at pp 14-16 above) Finance (EA)

The subsequent discussions and orders in circulation from the middle of p.16 above may be perused.

2/ With reference to A on p.17 above, it is submitted that as the expenditure is not to be treated as on a 'New Service' the reference to the Contingency Fund in para 3 of the draft order will not be, in any case, necessary.

3/ As regards B above, it would appear unnecessary, in the circumstances explained, to retain para 2 of the draft order. However, as the annual audited accounts of the Institution should be submitted to the Govt, Edn. may kindly be requested to add a sentence to this effect under para.1 of the draft.

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The general amendments previously suggested by this Dept included omission of refce. to the Cont. Fund
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C Please see below
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C above – Para 2 of the draft order and para 2 of the Education Secretary's note on pp.17-18 above – The ~~proposal~~ suggestion that the D.P.I's remarks on pp.35-41 C.F. may be communicated to the President of the Kalakshetra

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in p 13 abv

which was ~~suggested~~ made by this department, has been accepted by the Education Secretary and should be taken as approved in circulation also. The object is to bring to ~~their~~ her notice the possibilities of effecting economies in the expenditure on the institution as much as possible, so as to ensure that the claim for Government's grant may ~~be~~ not be for a larger sum than Rs 10,000 a year ~~when actually~~ on the ground that the actual net cost exceeded twice that figure. Such a word of caution from the Government is all the more necessary, when the President of the Institution has indicated the possibility of the deficit exceeding Rs 20,000 and going upto Rs 70,000 a year – vide portion 'M' on p.3 C.F. Finance may suggest that para 2 of the draft order which is based on the order in circulation need not be omitted altogether.

Paras 1 to 3(A) of the D.P.I's letter refer to controversial matters besides the need for economy. It is not desirable to communicate them in full. It would be sufficient to communicate portions marked A on pp 37-39 & 40 CF.
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As regards the question of giving effect to the orders in circulation, viz. whether the grant ~~upto Rs 10,000/-~~ for 1950-51 may be paid in the current year itself in advance (as is usually done in other cases) or ~~paid~~ in the next year after the accounts of the Institution are scrutinised and the net cost assessed by the Education department, please see the further minute~~s~~ of H.M.(E.& L.) on p.17 above. His intention is that the grant should be paid in the ~~current~~ year itself. If this is done, necessary readjustments will have to be made in the accounts of the next year with reference to the amount of the grant to be assessed on the basis of the annual net cost~~, which could be done only in 1951-52~~. If it is found that the advance grant paid in 1950-51 is in excess of the amount actually due (for that year), the excess will have to be deducted from the advance grant payable in 1951-52 and so on. If the proposed teaching grant to the Kalakshetra is to be made every year in advance, it is likely to provoke similar claims from other private institutions and it will be difficult to resist (them). The payment of a large~~r~~ annual grant of Rs 10,000/- towards the net cost of the unrecognised courses in the institution is by itself a substantial concession and it is for

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consideration whether any further concession by way of advance payment is really necessary. Finance may suggest that further orders of H.M.(Finance) and H.C.M. may be taken on these points specifically.

Advance payment may be allowed as a special case, after taking orders specifically by circulation to HM Fin & HCM.

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~~A.S.T~~

See margin. If approved in circulation, an addition may be made to paragraph 1 of the draft as indicated.

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Education Department (F)

H.M.(E.&.L.), H.M.(Finance) and H.C.M. have passed orders to the effect that a block grant of Rs 10,000/- may be made to the Kalakshetra, Adyar, every year, the grant being assessed at the rate of half the net cost of maintenance, subject to a maximum of Rs 10,000/- On a doubt being raised by Finance as to whether the grant should be paid in the current year itself, the file has been circulated and orders of H.M. obtained that a grant should be paid in the current year itself. Finance Department point out that an advance grant to institutions of this type is not usual and that if a grant is paid this year necessary re-adjustments will have to be made in the accounts of the next year with reference to the grant to be assessed on the basis of the annual net cost.

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p 17 ante

p 19 ante

In view of the orders in circulation that the grant should be paid in 1950-51 itself it is for orders whether an advance payment not exceeding Rs 10,000/- may be made to the institution in the current year subject to adjustments later on the basis of audited accounts.

The file may be circulated to H.M.(Finance) and H.C.M. for orders.

This may be agreed to

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Finance may see the orders in circulation on the previous page - The draft order below may now issue as altered by Finance -

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Finance -

The draft may be typed clean after Fin have seen

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(Previous notes on pp 18-20 above) Finance (EA)

Education's subsequent note on p20 above and the orders in circulation thereon (and the draft ~~order~~ as amended) may ~~be~~ be perused.

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The drafts below will now issue -

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" 86194 F/49-12 " 1/9/50
G.O. No 2456 Edn dt 1.9.50]

From the Govt of India No F.6.3/50-D.11(A) d 29/8/50

please see the letter to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on p19 cf. As orders have since been issued sanctioning the payment of an annual block grant of Rs 10,000 (maximum) per annum to the Kalakshetra, Adyar, the decision of the Govt may be

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communicated to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. A draft D.O. is submitted for approval. It may issue over the signature of H.C.M.

The file may be circulated to H.M. (E&L) and H.C.M.

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Draft for approval

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HCM.

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p.1-3 c.f.

From the Govt. of India, No. 1190/50-AI(A) dated 1-5-50.

KALAKSHETRA, ADYAR, Madras - Request to Govt. of India for recurring grant of Rs. 20,000/- a year.

p.1 c.f.

Please see the letter of the Govt. of India on pp.1-3 c.f. Mrs. Rukmâni Arundale has applied to the Govt. of India for a recurring grant of Rs. 20,000 a year for Kalakshetra, Adyar. Before taking a decision on her request, the Govt. of India desire to have replies in respect of all the conditions mentioned in the statement on p. 5 c.f. and to be informed whether the Govt. would agree to a recurring grant that would be approximately half the amount required by Mrs. Arundale for the institution.

p.1 c.f.

It is submitted in this connection that the institution is at present given a recurring grant of Rs. 2,300 a year and she has also applied to the Govt. for a block grant amounting to Rs. 20,000.. A report has been called for from the D.P.I. on her request and his final reply is awaited. For orders whether ~~the Govt.~~ a copy of the Govt. of India's letter in the c.f. may be sent to D.P.I. for ~~a~~ furnishing a reply to the conditions mentioned therein. Subject to order a draft memo. is submitted for approval.

(X) M on p.7 c.f. in the L.F.
p.13 c.f. in the L.F.

Memo. on p.13 c.f. in L.F.

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Srimathi Rukmini Devi's request for a block grant for the Kalakshetra Art Centre, Adyar, from the State Govt. has already been under consideration for some time. The D.P.I.'s remarks on the request are awaited. Please see in this connection the letter from the Prime Minister of India on p.17 c.f. in the linked file.

The Govt. of India's enquiry now is whether the State Govt.

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Govt. would pay Rs. 10000 to the institution if an equal amount is paid by the Union Govt. The D.P.I. may be consulted in the matter & he may be asked to send a very urgent reply.

The draft memo below is for approval. Finance may perhaps see the G. of I's letter before issue.

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The Govt. of India's letter in the C.F., the notes on pp 1-2 above and the draft Memo. below may be perused. (Education may be requested (while examining the D.P.I's reply) to put up the papers in which a recurring grant of Rs. 2,300/- has been sanctioned to the Kalakshetra, Adyar.)

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The G. of India have reminded. The D.P.I's reply to the memo on p 7 is still due. He may now be reminded d.o. The draft below is for app.

WB
13.7.50

I thought I signed a D.O. on the same subject this morning.

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13.7.50.

[Issued as D.O. No. 10026 F/50-4 Edn d 13.7.1950]

From the D.P.I., Rc No. 562-D7/49 d 19.7.50

This case is also dealt with in the linked file.

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In view of the reply sent to the Govt. of India in the letter on p. 5 r.e.f in the top file, no further action is called for. The papers may be filed with those in the top file.

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