

(T)

closed

Sect. II-27-104,006-4-11-42.

E DN (195 0) Department.

Ms SERIES.

(1)

(7)

G.O. NO.	2663
1	
Dated	25. 9. 50.

11-50 and pp 1-5 n.f. - A

✓ p 5 of 2 copies

[Despatch Abstract.]

*The Madras Public Libraries Act,
1948 — Reading rooms — clarification
— Done*

Back Papers.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Further Papers.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
M A D R A S.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

R.C.No. 97 N/50 dated 13--7--50.

Sir,

Sub: The Madras Public Libraries Act 1948--Opening of "Reading rooms"--Clarification--Sought.
Ref: Letter from the Commissioner, Udipi Municipality Roc.No. A.3.4717-1-50 dated 5--7--50.
* * * *



In submitting herewith the letter from the Commissioner Udipi Municipality, I may state the following.

1. "Public Libraries", include "Reading rooms" also
2. Local Library Authority of the districts will, on their formation, be in direct charge of such of the Public Libraries and Reading Rooms that will have to be maintained by the cess raised by the Local bodies according to the provisions in the Madras Public Libraries Act and the Rules framed under it.

Yours faithfully,

R. Janardhanay (14. VII. 1950)
FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

C.R.13/7

Doc. No. A3-4717-1-50.

From

Sri V. Balagangadharan, B.A. (Hons)
Commissioner,
Udipi Municipality, Udipi.

To

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

Thro'

The Chairman, Municipal Council, Udipi,
The Inspector of Municipal Councils and
Local Boards, Madras,

and

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sir,

MADRAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT, 1948 - Opening of
"Reading rooms" - Clarification - Sought.

(A) The Municipal Council has, by a resolution dated 10-6-50, sanctioned the opening of three "Reading Rooms" at different places within the Municipality on the suggestion made by the Deputy Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards, Western Range, Coimbatore, in his annual inspection notes. By the notification No. I appended G.O. No. 627, Education, dated 28-2-50, the Government have directed that sections 2 to 19 of the Madras Public Libraries Act 1948, shall come into force on the 1st April 1950. Under the provisions of the said Act, all functions and duties in connection with the administration of the Public Libraries including opening and closing of public libraries are devolved on the Local Library Authority and the local bodies ceased to function as administrators of the Public Libraries. The question arises whether or not (1) Public Libraries "include reading rooms", and (2) local bodies still continue to possess authority and responsibility to open and maintain "Reading Rooms" from the municipal funds. I therefore request that the Government may be pleased to issue early orders clarifying the points raised.

Commissioner.

Forwarded

Chairman,
Municipal Council, Udipi.

Recd on
12.VII.1950
Rg.

Kmr/6.7.

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
The Inspector of Municipal Councils and
Local Boards, Madras.
The Chairman, Municipal Council, Udipi.
The Secretary to Government of Madras,
Madras.
The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

MADRAS PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACT, 1948 - Opening of
"Reading Rooms" - Clarification - Issued.

The Municipal Council has, by a resolution dated
10-6-50, sanctioned the opening of three "Reading Rooms" at
different places within the Municipality on the suggestion
made by the Deputy Inspector of Municipal Councils and
Local Boards, Western Range, Coimbatore, in his annual ins-
pection report. By the notification No. 1 of 1950, dated 28-8-50,
the Government have directed that sections 8 to 19 of the Madras Public Libraries Act,
1948, shall come into force on the 1st April 1950. Under
the provisions of the said Act, all functions and duties
in connection with the administration of the Public Libraries
including opening and closing of public libraries are
devolved on the local authority, and the local
bodies ceased to function as administrators of the Public
Libraries. The question arises whether or not (1) Public
Libraries, "Reading Rooms", and (2) Local bodies still
continue to be under the control of the Government or whether
they are now under the control of the local authority.
The Government have decided that the Government will
continue to exercise control over the Public Libraries.

Commissioner

Secretary

Chairman, Municipal Council, Udipi.

Edn. Deptt. (E)

The Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948-Reading
rooms - Clarification- Issued.

From the Commr. Udipi Mty., No. A.3.4717-1-50
dated 5-7-1950.
From the D.P.I. No. 97 N/50 dated 13-7-50.

Order
Ms. No. 2663 Edn. d/ 25.9.50

The Commr. is informed that Public Libraries do not include reading

rooms where only periodicals, Journals and dailies
are kept. The reading rooms may become libraries
if a collection of books is kept as well. The Muni-
cipal Council ^{Continues to have power} has ~~no~~ authority to open and main-
tain 'Reading Rooms' as defined above.

33

Cp p 3

To
The Commr. Udipi Mty.
(thro' C.M.C.)
The D.P.I.
s/c.

14/8/50

17.8.50

The Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948 - Reading
rooms - Opening of - Clarification.

**

From the D.P.I. No.97 N/50 dated 13-7-1950.

Please see the letter from the Commissioner
Udipi Municipality on page 3 of.

2 For the purpose of organizing and adminis-
tering public libraries in this Province Local Library
Authorities shall be constituted, one for the city of
Madras and one for each district. As soon as possible
after a Local Library Authority is constituted and
there after as ^{often as} ~~as~~ may be required by the Dir.,
every Local Library Authority ^{shall and} ~~of which~~ whenever it
considers it necessary so to do, a Local Library Autho-
rity may prepare a scheme for establishing ~~libraries~~
Libraries and ~~for~~ spreading library service within its
area and submit ^{it} ~~ed~~ to the Director for sanction. The
Director may sanction it with such modifications and
additions, if any, as he may think fit and the Local
Library Authority should give effect to the scheme .
~~xxxxxxx~~

3 At the outset, the question arises whether
a Local Library Authority has been constituted for the
districts of South Kanara. Until it is constituted,
the question remains status quo and the local bodies
can establish libraries within their own funds. As
the D.P.I. has rightly pointed out ^(I) ~~that~~ "Public
Libraries" include "Reading rooms" also.

" 2. Local Library Authority of the districts
" will, on their formation, be in direct charge of such
" of the Public Libraries and Reading Rooms that will
" have to be maintained by the cess raised by the Local
" bodies according to the provisions in the Madras Pub-
" lic Libraries Act and the Rules framed under it. "

In the circumstances the ^{Commr.} ~~Udipi~~ Municipali-
ty may be informed that until Local Library Authority
for its district ^{is} constituted it can open libraries

pb1-3 of

See 5(1) of the Act
- p 37 (Y)

See 8(1) of the Act-
pp 459 (Y)

pb1 of

11 of

(Y) + (A)

from its own funds; he may also be told that Public Libraries includes "reading rooms" also.
 Legal may see. *for notes.*

JD
 257.50

Please put up a full extract of the meaning of the word "Library" as found in the Oxford Dictionary (not the Concise one but the fuller Dictionary in the Sect. Library) -
 2.8.50

An extract of the meaning of the word "Library" is put up at (Q) - p 5 info
 Reference to the Commissioner's letter in the Cf, the only question for consideration is whether "libraries" under the Madras Public Libraries Act include Reading Rooms. ~~In view~~ There is no definition in the Act to cover this point - In view of the dictionary meaning of "Libraries" put up at (Q), it does not appear that where Reading Rooms where only periodicals & dailies are kept can be considered

JD
 257.50
 4.80

For. u.o.
 19864 E/50-1
 7.8.50



Legal no 12699/501
 7.9.50



The Draft should answer the questions raised by the Commr -
 Pl. revise suitably
 138.50

Considered to be "Libraries" - they may become libraries if a collection of books is kept as well.
 legal may see for remarks
 5.8.50
 Legal

Legal Department

This Department may agree with the view expressed by the Education Department, viz. that reading rooms where only periodicals, journals and dailies are kept cannot be considered to be libraries. The fact that in the District Municipalities Act, reference is made to "public libraries and reading-rooms" - (See Rule 40 (b) of Schedule IV to the Act) supports the above view.

7.9.50 10.11.50



A draft memo. to the Commr on the lines of the Sept's note above is submitted for approval. L. A. may perhaps see.

Please see the notes on the previous page of the legal note above. A revised draft memo. is submitted. L. A. may see.

11.9.50
 JD
 11.9.50
 14.9.50
 JP
 15.9.50

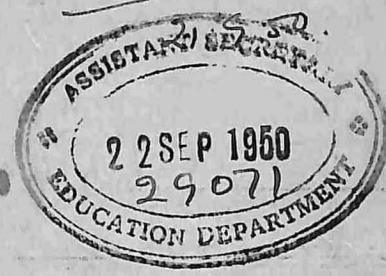
17.9.50
 789
 L.A. AD

19864 E/50-1
 15.9.50

4
L A Dent
Seen in
18.9.50 Edm

Issue
1/11
229 50

L.A. 38211.C.1



Extract of the meaning of the word "library"
as found in the Oxford English Dictionary -
[vol. VI. pp. 242-243. of 1933 Edition]
LIBRARY.

1. A place set apart to contain books for reading, study or reference (Not applied e.g., to the shop or warehouse of a bookseller). In various applications more or less specific.

a) Applied to a room in a house etc., also a book case. In modern use the designation of one of the set of rooms ordinarily belonging to an English house above a certain level of size and pretension.

b) A building, room, or set of rooms, containing a collection of books for the use of the public or of some particular portion of it, or of the members of some society or the like; a public institution or establishment, charged with the care of books, and the duty of rendering the books accessible to those who require to use them.

c) (More fully, circulating library.) A private commercial establishment for the lending of books, the borrower paying either a fixed sum for each book lent or a periodical subscription.

2. The books contained in a library; 'large collection of books, public or private'.

b) Often used in the titles given by publishers to a series or set of books uniform or similar in external appearance, and ostensibly suited for some particular class of readers or for students of a particular subject, as in 'The library of Useful Knowledge' (1826-1856)', 'The Parlour Library' consisting of novels, (1847-1863), 'Bohn's Standard Library', etc. Formerly also in the titles of bibliographical works and of periodicals.

