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From The Director of Public Instruction,
Education Department,
Madras

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

R.C.No. 63-N/50 dated 22nd September, 1950.

SIR,

LIBRARIES--Grants to Public Libraries for 1950-51--Disbursement.

The following amounts have been provided in the Budget Estimate for 1950-51, under "37. Education--General(s)--Miscellaneous--A.General--(i) excluding Postwar Reconstruction.

(s)A.(i)6. Grants to Local Bodies for Public Libraries ..	Rs. 46,000/-
(s)A.(i)6. Grants for reading rooms and Libraries in Pudukottah area ..	Rs. 1,900/-
(s)A.(i)7. Grants to Panchayats for public Libraries and Gramasangams. ..	Rs. 54,000/-
	Rs. 1,01,900/-

With the coming in of the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948, from 1.4.1950, grants to Public Libraries cannot be disbursed as in previous years by the Director of Public Instruction. Under Rule 20 of the rules framed under the Act, the question of paying any grant to public libraries will come under the purview of the Local Library Authorities of the respective districts and the Director of Public Instruction, as the Director of Public Libraries will have to determine the amount of grant to be given to aided libraries - vide Government Education Department Memo. No.80693/49-3-E dated 4.5.1950.

2. In view of the above, I request to be informed whether the disbursement of grants by the Local Library Authority of each district may be approved by the Director of Public Libraries himself, subject to the maxima laid down in clause (2) of para one of G.O.No.1398-Education dated 29.4.1950, and subject also to the other conditions enumerated in para one thereof. If this is agreed to, the time limits specified in para 4 of the G.O. cannot be strictly adhered to, as some of the Local Library Authorities have been formed only recently and it may take time for them to scrutinise and recommend applications for grants. It has also to be considered whether the procedure laid down in para 5 of the G.O. is still necessary, now that the Local Library Authorities have to pay the grants subject to the approval of the Director of Public Libraries.

3. As the grants to libraries are to be sanctioned by the Local Library Authorities subject to the approval of the Director of Public Libraries, it is taken that this will be done from out of the funds that will accrue to their credit from the library cess collections and the contribution payable by Government (excepting in the city of Madras). In this case, the amount provided for in the Budget Estimate under the head referred to in para one above, is not necessary. A sum of Rs. 745/- has already been sanctioned by Government under the head, on account of arrear grants, and an additional sum of Rs. 1,155/- is still likely to be required for the purpose. Excluding this, which comes to Rs. 1,900/- the balance under the budget head will be Rs. 1,00,000/-. I request that the Government may be pleased to permit me to reappropriate the amount of Rupees one lakh from this budget head to (s)A. grants in due course. I may inform Government, in this connection, that even after this addition, the total sum of Rs. 3,00,000/- (i.e. Rs. 2,00,000/- plus Rs. 1,00,000/-) may be inadequate to meet the Government's contribution payable to Local Library Authorities under Section 13(3) of the Act.

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4. The detailed procedure for the payment of grant by the Local Library Authorities may also be indicated.

5. I solicit early orders of Government on this letter.

Yours faithfully,

R. Janardhanan

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Education Department

From

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department, Madras.

Rc.No.63-N/50 dated 1st November 1950.

Sir,

Sub:--Libraries--Grants to Public Libraries for 1950-51-
Disbursement--

Read: -My letter Rc.No.63-N/50 dated 22-9-50.

I request that early orders may be passed on the subject referred to above as, otherwise, the award of grants to the aided libraries in the State cannot be completed within the prescribed time. It will be very beneficial to these libraries if grants are given well in advance of the last date for the award, for the purchase of books before they run out of stock.

Yours faithfully,

R. Janardhanan

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For Director of Public Instruction

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Libraries -
Subj:- Grants to public Libraries for 1950-51 - Disbursement.

Orders passed. ----

Read:- From the D.P.I., No. 63 N/50 dated 22-9-50. *12*

G.O.Ms. No. 3015 Edn. dated 11-11-50.

The D.P.I. is informed that if the arrangements for bringing all the libraries within the scope of the Act are not complete in all the districts, such of the libraries ^{as} ~~which~~ require assistance under the scheme sanctioned in G.O.No. 1398, Education, dated 29-4-50 may be given grants from the provision of Rupees one lakh while ^{other libraries} ~~the rest~~ should be given from the provision of Rupees two lakhs.

The Director is further informed that he may distribute the grants himself subject to the conditions laid down in G.O.No. 1398, Education, dated 29-4-50, waiving the condition regarding the time limit fixed.

2. The D.P.I. is requested to send a report early in January 1951 furnishing the amount that can be resumed from the provision of Rupees one lakh and also the additional provision that will be required over and above the provision of Rs 2 lakhs, furnishing clear details.

To

The D.P.I.

" A.G. tho' Finance.

" Insp. of Local Bds.,
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From the D.P.I. No.63 N/50 dated 22-9-1950.

Libraries - Grant to public libraries for 1950-51-Disbursement.

The Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948 was brought into force from 1-4-1950. Under section 5(1) of the Act, local library authorities have been formed for all the Districts in the State. Under Sections 8 & 9 of the Act and rules 20-of the rules framed under the Act, the question of paying any grant to public libraries will come under the purview of the Local Library Authorities of the respective districts and the D.P.I., as the D.P. Libraries will have to determine the amount of grant to be given to aided libraries.

2. Under Section 12 of the Library Act, every Local Library Authority shall levy in its area a library cess in the form of a surcharge on the property tax or house tax levied in such area under the Madras City Municipalities Act, the M.D.M. Act or the M.L.B. Act at the rate of six pies for every whole rupee in the Property tax or house tax so levied. The Govt. shall contribute to the Library Fund maintained by every Local Library Authority a sum of not less than the Cess collected under Sec. 12 of the Act other than the city of Madras. The Govt. have provided Rs. 2 lakhs as ^{contribution} ~~statutory~~ / under section 13 of the Libraries Act.

3. Prior to the coming into force of the Libraries Act, the Govt. distributed grants for the equipment of Private Libraries when funds were available. The maximum grants admissible for the year 1949-50 was Rs.150 for each library under Dt.Boards, Municipal Councils, Co-operative Societies and Private associations, Rs.65 for each library ^{under panchayats and Rs. 40/- for sam library} under grammasangams. The amount provided for 1950-51 for the distribution of Library grants is Rs.1,00,000.

4. The D.P.I., as the Dir. of Public Libraries, is the authority to determine the amount of grant to be

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given to aided libraries under the M.P.L. Act 1948 and also memo No.80693/49-E dated 4-5-1950. The D.P.I. enquires whether the disbursement of grants by the Local Library authority by each district may be approved by the Director of Public Libraries himself subject to the maximum laid down in Cl.(2) of para 1 of G.O.1398 Edn.d/29-4-50 ^{and} subject also ^{to} the other conditions enumerated in para 1 thereof. As the Library authorities for all the Districts have been constituted only recently, this deptt. may agree to the distribution of the grant by the D.P.I. ^{if necessary,} in consultation with the Local Library Authorities. The time-limit referred to in the above G.O. and the procedure in para 5 of the G.O. may be waived as suggested by the D.P.I.

5. The D.P.I. states that the existing provision of Rs. 2 lakhs may be inadequate to meet the Govt. contribution payable to Local Library Authorities under section 13 (3) of the Act. He requests that he may be permitted to reappropriate the amount of Rs. 1 lakh provided for special grants to libraries to "s. A. 12 - Contribution under Section 13(3) of the Libraries Act--special grants" in due course.

6. It may be noted in this connection that a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs was fixed as equivalent contribution to the cess collected under section 12(2) for the Library Authorities except the City of Madras, as it was expected that the cess collected would be only about Rs. 2 lakhs. Finance Secy. then noted that the contribution of Rs. 2 lakhs would be agreed on the understanding that the grants made to local bodies and panchayats would be withdrawn. In view of the fact that the Act would ^{take} time to come into force, the Finance dept. agreed to continue the special grants.

7. As the D.P.I. states that the existing provision of Rs. 2 lakhs for equivalent contribution to the cess collected will be inadequate, it is for consideration whether this proposal to re-appropriate the library grant of Rs-1 lakh as suggested by him in order to enhance the statutory grant from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 3 lakhs, may be accepted or whether the D.P.I. may be requested to submit proposals separately for the increase of statutory grant from Rs. 2 to 3 lakhs.

8. The file may be sent to Finance dept. u.o. for remarks.

A above - under section 13 (3) of

The grant of Rs. 1 lakh provided for may be distributed by the D.P.I. as intended to the libraries.

No reappropriation seems necessary. Pl. see below.

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of the Madras Public Libraries Act 1948, the Govt. shall contribute to the library fund maintained by every local Library Authority except the Authority for the Madras City, a sum not less than the Cess collected under section 12 (2). For this equivalent contribution by Govt. a provision of Rs 2 lakhs, has now been made in the budget for the current year. The Director ~~has~~ states in his letter in the ref. that this provision is not adequate to meet the Govt's contribution referred to. This is apparently based upon the receipts of the actual Cess Collections. Even so, it is too soon to forecast now what amount will eventually be required for the purpose - The Director may be requested to report the additional appropriation which may be required on this account, after watching the Cess Collections for the 2nd half year of 1950-51. It is only after some time we can be sure what addl. provision is necessary -

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Fin (Exp. A)

There is a provision of Rs 1 lakh in this year's budget towards payment of grants to local bodies and panchayats for public libraries and gramasangams. A sum of Rs 2 lakhs has also been provided in the budget as the Govt's statutory contribution payable to the Local Library Authorities under sec. 13(3) of the Madras Public Libraries Act. The contribution shall be a sum not less than the Cess collected by these Authorities.

The J.P.I. has raised the following points for orders:

- 1) Whether the disbursement of the grant of Rs 1 lakh to local bodies and panchayats by the Local Library Authorities may be approved by the Director of Public Libraries himself, or
- 2) As grants to libraries, after the Libraries Act comes into force, are to be sanctioned by the Local Library Authorities from out of the funds accruing to their credit from the library Cess collections and Govt. Contributions, the provision of Rs 1 lakh made by Govt for direct grants to public libraries may be considered unnecessary and may therefore be reappropriated in order to enhance the Govt's contribution payable to the Library Authorities, viz. Rs 2 lakhs. The J.P.I. considers that this sum of Rs 2 lakhs will be inadequate this year.

Edu. propose that:

- a) the grant of Rs 1 lakh provided for grants to libraries may be distributed by the J.P.I. as intended, to the institutions; and
- b) the J.P.I. may be requested to report the addl. appropriation which may be required on this account, after watching the Cess collections for the second half year of 1950-51, as it is only after sometime that we can be sure what addl. provision will be necessary.

3. Item (a) above:

When the question of determining the amount of statutory contribution payable by Govt under sec. 13(3) of the Madras Libraries Act was under consideration, it was agreed to the provision of Rs. 2 lakhs on the understanding that the grants now being paid by Govt to local bodies and panchayats for public libraries will

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be withdrawn. Estt. Secy. then told the new that this should be withdrawn only gradually and pari passu with the actual introduction of the Library Schemes by the new Library Authorities and the levy of the Cess by them. Again, when the question of making provision in the current year's budget for grants to local bodies and panchayats came up for consideration as a Part II Scheme, a reduced provision of Rs 50,000/- was suggested by this Dept in view of the financial stringency and in view of the provision of Rs 2 lakhs ~~to~~ towards contribution to the Local Library Authorities. H.H. (2+L) then mentioned that as there was no knowing when the Library Act was going to come into force, the same provision as ^{in 1949-50} ~~in 1949-50~~ (Rs 1 lakh) might be made. This was agreed to by H.H. Finance.

The position now is that the Libraries Act has come into force from 1-4-1950. The question now is whether the sum of Rs 1 lakh provided in the budget should be distributed ^{amounting to Rs 1398 Est. of 29.4.50} or should be returned in view of 'X' in p. 4 above. Edu. propose to pay it to the local bodies & panchayats as the Library Authorities have been constituted only recently. In the circumstances, Fin. may agree to the proposal subject to Edu. taking orders in circulation including H.H. (Fin). Item (b) in para 2 above.

The proposal may be agreed to.

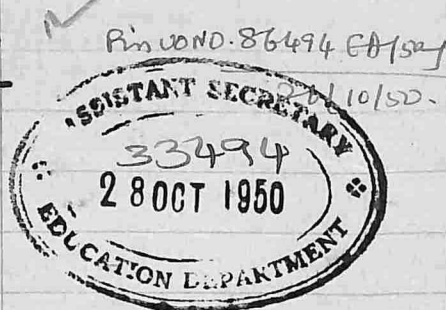
A above: It is not clear whether Local Library Authorities have been constituted for all the Dist. and whether arrangements have been made to bring all the libraries under the purview of the Madras Public Libraries Act, 1948. If this arrangement is complete, there will be no necessity to disburse any grants from the one lakh provision. Contribution may be sanctioned from the two lakh provision, the question of enhancing it, if necessary, being considered later on in the year. If the arrangement is not complete in all the Dist., and of the libraries which require assistance

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under the scheme sanctioned in G.O. 1398 Edn. 29-4-50 may be given grants from the one lakh provision and the rest from the two lakhs provision. The D.P.I. may be informed accordingly and asked to submit a report early in January 1951 as to what amount can be resumed from the one lakh provision and what additional provision will be required over and above the two lakhs provision.

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2. The proposals in this file are:-

(1) that the grant of Rs 1 lakh provided for grants during 1950-51 to libraries may be distributed by the D.P.I. as intended, to the institutions;

(2) that the D.P.I. may be requested to report the additional appropriation which may be required towards Government equivalent contribution to library authorities after watching the cess collections for the second half year of 1950-51;

3. As regards point (1) above, Finance state that if library authorities have been formed for all districts, there will be no necessity to disburse any grants from the one lakh provision. If the arrangement is not complete in all the Districts, such of the libraries which require assistance under the scheme sanctioned in G.O.No.1398, Edn., dated 29-4-50 may be given grants from the one lakh provision and the rest from the 2 lakhs provision.

In regard to point (2), Finance state that the D.P.I. may be asked to submit a report early in January 1951 as to what amount can be resumed from one lakh provision and what additional provision will be required over and above the two lakhs provision.

4. The D.P.I. has since reported that library

authorities have been constituted for all the Districts and therefore the sum was necessary to distribute the grant for libraries this year. It is therefore submitted that the sum of Rupees one lakh may be sanctioned and the D.P.I. may be asked to submit separate proposals what additional provision will be required over and above the 2 lakhs provision. Finance may see again.

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The Fin. Dept's
suggestions as at A+B
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