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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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To

The Hon'ble Mr. P.S.Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras.
" Mr. B.Gopal Reddi, Minister in charge of Finance, Madras.
" Mr. Madhava Menon, Minister in charge of Education, Madras.
" Mr. Bhaktavatsalam, Minister in charge of Public Works, and information, Madras.
" Mr. Perumalsami Reddiar, Minister in charge of industries, Madras.

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Dear Hon'ble Friends,

Perhaps you will be wondering why this letter is addressed to all ministers together. The subject which I have taken here is connected in one way or other to all of you. If addressed separately or discussed individually it will take time. Not only wasting time, I fear my aims also may not be achieved as I have seen in my experience upto now. Hence no friends will misunderstand me or will neglect this request of mine particularly at the present extraordinarily difficult time when no one should lose or waste even very little energy or any materials.

2. I need not say that the Premier is more interested in developing Education and Agriculture alone as I have seen his keen interest taken in Industry when he came on a commission for enquiry at Coimbatore some time back.

3. The Hon'ble minister for Education had also keen interest in Agriculture when he was in charge of that department and he made me to continue again some work in agriculture which was left abruptly while I was disgusted for some otherreasons. Then when I went to him so that he may not misunderstand me, to inform him about my intention of sending a notice and to take action against the Arthur Hope College of Technology for not fulfilling the aim aims of the College, he asked me to help him for the benefit of Education in whatever way possible. Accordingly for this discussion he came here two or three times though we were not able to discuss about the ways and means of developing proper education avoiding the waste of time, energy and funds. But he visited the Cotton plants grown in large scale in the garden for which his visit was pending for a long time. When he came last, he mentioned in his speech " I have often said and felt that he is a national asset and should not be left to his own ideas and doing things and that the state must take charge of him". Here I really felt his desire to use my little knowledge to the maximum benefit. I need not mention anything more of his eagerness to do something better by his efforts.

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4. The Labour Minister Hon'ble Mr.Sitarama Reddi was also taking very keen interest in Industries when he was in charge of that department. At that time, though I sent a resignation of Honorary Directorship in the Arthur Hope Polytechnic, he refused to accept for more than eight months. This also shows that he wants to use me for some public good.

5. The Honeurable Minister for Finance, Mr.B.Gopal Reddi is also much more interested in the Education though he is in charge of Finance and Transport. He asked me to give some advice and help for the state x Transport. Though I have given some schemes for Industrial Education and for State Transport for which I offered my service to the Government at the time of the previous ministry, it was not approved, or taken up either due to some fear or misunderstanding or not understanding. But he asked me to serve the advisory committee. In this way his interest also is much more in the subject I have taken here.

6. The Hon'ble Minister for Industries, Mr.Perumalsami Reddi whom I have yet to meet, but whom I know has much desire to develop the industries and business economically and profitably as he knows more in the business world. The subject which I have now taken is very much connected not only with Education and not only with Finance, but also it leads to economical industry of the Country. Therefore, I am addressing this letter to him also.

7. Then about Hon'ble friend Mr.Baktavatsalam, Minister in charge of Public Works. Though at my present peculiar ~~on~~ circumstances I don't want to attend any functions outside though I don't want to meet any friends outside, it happened to me to be present at the opening function of the Arts College New Building by this Minister. Here when the University Commission came for the inspection before they made the college into a First grade one, I objected and asked them to open an Engineering College and a domestic Science College before they grant the B.A.course for this college. Accordingly the B.A.Course was refused, and the Arthur Hope College of Technology was opened. At this time, the public of Coimbatore and all the students of the College turned against me misunderstanding that I have spoiled the chance of this college becoming a first grade one and even the students were making noise everwhere as "Down with G.D.Naidu". I did not care for this misunderstanding. I went through my work and the engineering college was started. Then according to my plan, after the opening of this Engineering College, I approached the University for affiliation of this college for B.A. for which I also offered that I would construct sufficient buildings for this course in the College premises. I don't know how this offer also missed the notice of the ~~Government~~ Government, like several other offers by me and the Government have now spent several lakhs for the building and Hon'ble Mr. Baktavatsalam came for opening this new building. The Principal personally invited me and I happened to be there to remove the misunderstanding. Here in his speech Mr.Bakthavathsalam mentioned my name and asked me to do some more help for the Educational purpose while the Government is feeling very hard in finance. It is then I saw, Mr. Bakthavathsalam's feeling how to avoid heavy expenses without

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economists like Sir Shanmugam and Tw.A.Ramalingam Chettiar or administrators such as Sir C.P.Ramasami Iyer and A.R.Mudaliar or Educationists such as Dr.C.R.Reddi or Dr.A.L.Mudaliar or doctors such as Dr.Curusami Mudaliar and Dr.Pandalai.

9. It is true that most of the suggestions came from youngsters. May b a theory alone but they cannot achieve anything. We must r remember that all these experts started with such numerous theories in the beginning finally each one found out something most useful, by their continued struggle and experience. No doubt in these trials and experiments there were several blunders committed enormus energy and money wasted and finally success was got by a fewexperts in few things. The duty of the modern scientists and experts is to bring down such waste to a minimum. I do not want to say anything more here as I have been misunderstood.

10. As mentioned above, after a number of so called experiments, experiences and inventions, after enormous expense of time, energy wealth and keen interest, I have come to know something and selected few things and have done little work. As some people are calling me Agricultural Scientist, Luther Burbank, Motor King though I am not General Motors, Ford and Christler. I am not a brn engineer as Sir M.Viswesvarayya or Dr.Dey. I am not an amazng business man as Birla or Dalmia. By continuous adnant work an experience, I can say that I can do some work in an economial way in the Transport line. In the same way I can do some wok in shortening the period of Technical Education by latest methods. I know some economical way to avoid the waste to bring healthy growth in some industries. Of course as tom-tomed by some friends, I am not a half crack or a printer of Currency notes

11. As a preliminary start, I give the following suggestions for your consideration:

I. The Arthur Hope College of Technology was started in 1945 by my efforts in which apart from the funds, I have given sufficient buildings for the lecture classes, machine sheds and hostel buildings which were constructed in a short period of 42 days! There was a proposal to have six or seven National Laboratories all over India except in South India in which one of the Laboratory was decided to be had at Poona by the promise of buildings and 5 lakhs of rupees by the Tatas. Then I asked Sir A.Ramasami Mudaliar, who was then member, to give a laboratory at Andaman Islands for 20 lakhs if I give. Then there was no other go for Sir A.Ramasami Mudaliar. He fought with the Central Government to allot a physics Laboratory in Coimbatore for which I promised my Gopal Bagh Buildings for a certain period as well as 5 lakhs of rupees and there was also a condition that the Local Government must provide sufficient lands. Keeping this in mind, I approached the Government here to purchase 100 acres of land round about the present Arthur Hope College of Technology, so that National Laboratory and Polytechnic and this college can be located together in a quiet, calm healthiest place in Coimbatore District nay in Madras Presidency!

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sacrificing anything materially but to get the best benefits. I saw his struggle about finance more than that of the Finance Minister to find fout funds for his very urgent priority work. In this way I saw his keen interest and continuous effort taken fo the development of education as well as other works. Hnce I am asking him also through this letter to consider myoffer of request.

8. Now coming to the subject. Though I retired from my original business some years back, I was making preparations, collecting all my resources either in wealth or in knowledge to start the best industries big and small, not for the purpose of Industries alone, but for spreading knowledge conserving the power and wealth of the people through industries.

9. When I was doing my ardent work very rapidly, the Income Department of the Central Government started a fight against me in an undreamable way. This history is a big one and a deep one and a strong fight between corruption and justice. I don't want to mention and prejudice you here. However some very good friends advised me and wanted to interfere in this for some reasons I have not taken this matter for representation to any one. I am standing firmly risking everything to obtain justice by its own course without any pressure or influence to set aside. I know that justice has got a very good power even above the power of corruption. On account of this, my health also was shattered, my temper also weakened, I decided to discontinue all my activities. Though I cancelled once for all, all most all my Industrial Empire. still some feelings have not left my blood and brain for work for our presidency and for our Government if circumstance where there are so many friends like you who have shouldered responsibilities. Fortunately or unfortunately I was not able do anything to others according to my desire or plan upto now. the Government also was not been able to use me for any profitable or useful work in which I can do something though myself as well as the friends who are in the Government are more desirous to co-operate and to do something good for the public.

10. The Ministers who retain the helm of the Government have got a responsibility to avoid any waste and to collect any wealth from every nook and corner even any useful materials from the interior or from the open dust bins and even from dumb and deaf or from the brains of highest calibre. To do this work they have power which should not be misused or should not lose the chance of using the power whenever and wherever available.

11. We have seen and heard some subjects springing from the brains of college youngsters by their enthusiasm of some knowledge acquired fresh and newly, saying that they have invented or they can do a perpetual motion machine without a prime mover or prime abundant fuel from the water as wateroleum, from the herbs medicine for perpetual life. They have invented a peculiar documentary film for rapid education, a machine to put down corruption. They say ordinary ore can be turned into thorium or iron. But these are all may look like children's play for the most experienced intellectual brains like you or to eminent Scientists such as Sir C.V.Raman or Engineers like Sir M.Viswesvarayya,

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15. By nearly 20 years experience I found out this place certain line of the Palghat gap the healthiest plaace in the whole district. This is known only to a very few people my accidental experience it was proved practically not by th In one of the buildings in this line, some prominent people for few months and got cured even without medicine. Even Mahatma Gandhi had stayed there for a few days. Even now there is a sanatorium home standing as an example in curing the diseases without medicine efforts of medicine, and another sanitorium is under construction. Even in this present buildings occupied by the College of Engineering as recorded in the beginning of the College within a period 10 weeks with an exception of 6 students all others gained their weight from 8 to 15 lbs. By this healthy growth of their body their mental strength and balance increased. In the 1st year its 73 boys appeared for the examination and 70 passed. Even in last final year examination 12 Electric students appeared all of them ax passed, 27 Civil appeared 25 passed. In the average in total 94 per cent passed, with three distinction and 6 first class.

16. As chemistry and physics engineers invent something by research in the same way I too have found out after practical application and then located this factory itself in such a healthy place. Then after further experience I planned and insisted to locate the National Laboratory and the College in this place as mentioned above where we can get the best results economically with lowest price but with maximum benefits. All these plans and results as a lightning stroke were shattered by some influence or ----r interest by misunderstanding or some other reasons to explain which there won't be space in this letter.

17. Finally some forces worked behind, and planned to shape the college to a place near Agricultural College which can be compared to an Asylum for the students to become nefficient in every respect. Further some other force was working to spoil the credit of the College earned here. I took much effort for this College getting with the main aim to open Automobile Degree Course in addition to other course. For this purpose I worked day and night and equipped completely for the college with a substantial amount of Rs. 2 lakhs and this course is not yet opened while the Textile Technology Course also is not yet opened. The Government have not yet collected the amount of 2 lakhs from the Mill Owners association who voluntarily offered the donation. I offered again to construct a building and equip the same out of my funds for the physical Laboratory for which I asked 50,000 dollar exchange. Government has not taken any action on this matter also. When the Government collected the rent from the students for the buildings, I asked the Government to fix a reasonable rent for the building and from the rent thus collected the income may be distributed as scholarships to poor students. This was not also cared for. But now I understand the Government is paying nearly half-a-lakh of rupees as rent to a Bombay Company. In this way not only not fulfilling the aims of the College, the Government has made out a plan to spend enormous funds nearly half-a-crore for the College and Hostel buildings locating in an unsuitable place and also in an abnormally costly place. On account of this reason, I am intending to take action to get back my sum and to stop further activities of the College building

a definite enquiry is made by the Government. I am not any action on account of enmity or vengeance as others do. am taking this action merely as a duty of a public citizen. any of you, friends, will not misunderstand me.

Even now it is not too late to accept if my suggestion correct when I say that the College can be located in the existing or round about that place at a cost of half the estimted ue. Not only this capital cost, within two or three years, the urring expenses also can be met by the college itself if my suggeions are approved.

17. To spread out proper education we have to collect suitable men materials which is not at all possible by the present course en by the Government in the educational field. For this also, can discuss and suggest for implementing visual education h new kind of training scheme and plan.

18. The Government have made a wrong calculation nationalizing t transport before they nationalized ground and routes by a very simple method without any big financial commitment or any risk of loss. This is a complicated subject to think, I took though not complicated to bring into action, to the prevous minister with pra suggestions. Unfortunately they were not able to understand at th time. We can discuss this subject before the state x transport loses the profits.

19. All the above mentioned programmes are connected with industries in some form or other which also is to be discussed with above subjects. Some time back when the Director of Industries ga have me a list of machines to be purchased for value of more than one crore of rupees, I gave a suggestion and a scheme for starting a factory in which the expenses in consumption can be reduced to one half of the present requirements of the Government.

20. I made experiments in agriculture in a rude and unorthodox way and the accidental result was an amazing one. I am not a Scientist. This research is to be done by experts. We can leave this for the agricultural experts to continue the research. It is not possible to write all the schemes elaborately in this letter.

21. As I am not able to speak correct English or to draft schemes in English I have not given any definite proposals here as others do. But I want to mention here that I can do it in a practical way with more benefits. I have tried to see the ministers previously to implement any one or all these kkmm ideas in practical work. I become tired and left them in their places. As a final attempt I am addressing all the ministers simultaneously whether I can do something for the public good.

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24. I have no axe to grind anywhere. I have fulfilled and done my ambitions if I had any. I have no other work or kxx interest pending for my selfish benefit. I am offering now free service for practical work, without any cost or loss to the Government Then it is your duty to utilize me if you have confidence in me that I can do something.

25. Usually if any new schemes for any development comes by the routine way through concerned route in the offices invariably they are dropped even against the wishes of the ministers who want to do something. Now if any of the suggestions are wanted to be brought into practice, the ministers should issue orders to carry out. For such discussion, Madras is not the place in the beginning for varous reasons. Therefore I request all the ministers to have a meeting here for a day or two to do something definitely. For this purpose I invite you all to attend the Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association General Meeting to be held at on the 28th instant here at Gopal Bagh, Avanashi Road, Coimbatore which will be an augury for starting some-thing a-fresh with the consultation of experts and experiences of the members of the Machine Tool Manufacturers' Association.

26. If you accept my suggestions and if you kindly inform your programme, I will make all the preparations for the meeting and for the proper beginning. I hope this subject will have the first priority than any other subjects or engagements. If by any reason if you don't agree with my views will you kindly send a line in reply, if possible and if no objection with your kind remarks.

27. By any reason if this meeting is not possible as suggested above I take the opurtunity of thanking Hon.Mr.Madhava Menon, Hon.Mr.H.Sitarama Reddi and Hon. Mr. Bakthavathsalam for their good words showered on me during their last week visit at Coimbatore.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

G D Naidu

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G. D. NAIDU,
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The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Endowment - not utilized for the purpose - A.H.C.T - no course automobile degree started.

83428 P3d S.O.N°.2637 10-12-47 (D)

On 19-4-1945, I gave a letter to Imperial Bank of India at a tea party requesting to transfer Rs.2 lakhs worth of Government Bonds in the name of the Vice-Chancellor for starting an Engineering College in Coimbatore, for Mechanical, Electrical and Civil Engineering Degree Courses as a part under the then present college.

2. Subsequently after long discussions and meeting different officers, it was decided to open a separate Engineering College for which on behalf of Mill Owners' Association, Dewan Bahadur Sri C.S.Ratnasabapathi-Mudaliar of Coimbatore would give an endowment of 2 lakhs of rupees for starting of the course in Textile Industry, and myself would give an endowment of Rs. 2 lakhs for opening the other courses viz. Automobile Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Civil Engineering. The Mechanical Engineering course was dropped because of the availability of Mechanical Engineering Course in Guindy Engineering College as well as in the School of Technology, at Madras and other places. For starting the three courses, apart from the funds, I also offered buildings for three years and all preliminary equipments for the college to start with. Accordingly, with very great sacrifice I fulfilled my promise.

3. Naturally the duty of the Government is to start only the Automobile Engineering, Textile Engineering, Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering in this college. Instead of this, they started Electrical, Mechanical and Civil engineering courses. The Mecahnical Engineering course is not included according to the original discussion. This they have introduced of their own accord while the auto engineering course which according to discussion in the meeting has to be the main subject. This has not been introduced as the first subject. And this has not been taken at all upto now. Textile Engineering course also is not taken upto now. Hence the Mill Owners' Association endowment was not paid by them or recovered by the Government while I have fulfilled my promise.

4. The Government failed (1) to start the automobile engineering (2) to introduce textile Engineering. In this way the amount which I paid was not utilized for the purpose for which it was mainly intended. Therefore, it is reasonable that the amount which I have paid is to be returned to me with interest. The Government cannot say any excuses such as during the first two years in the College are taught as general subjects and then

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only the separate courses are taken by the students and the two years have gone and no courses as promised were started. The students have passed the final examination in Electrical, Mechanical and Civil engineering courses. Though Government have got some equipment for starting Auto Engineering, they have no idea of starting the said course as I understand from correspondence in which I myself applied for the post of a professor, lecturer or demonstrator in the Auto Engineering course for which I received a reply:

" COPY OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.

L.DIS.NO. 1871/C.1/48 dated 20th July 1948.

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Subject: Public Service--Sri G.Doraisami Naidu of Coimbatore Offer of services for appointment on the staff of the Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

READ: Letter RC.No.211/A/48 dated 11th June 1948 from the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.

With reference to his letter read above, the Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore is informed that as affiliation of the College in Automobile Engineering Course for the B.E.Degree has not yet been granted by the University of Madras, the question of appointment of Mr. G.Doraisami Naidu on the Staff of the College does not arise at present.

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5. It looks that no efforts were taken for affiliation of Auto Engineering course while they have already obtained affiliation for other courses. But it seems no efforts were taken atleast to start this course in the beginning of this academic year. In this way the Government has failed to carry out the aims of the college as originally agreed. Hence I request the Government to return the amount endowed with interest.

6. Buildings rent: Originally when I offered the buildings, no discussion took place about the question of rent. It was not decided whether it was free of rent or a nominal rent. Subsequently, after opening the College I wrote a letter to Government to fix a rent for the buildings occupied by the College and to make out a fund, the income from such funds to be distributed as scholarships to poor students. While they are collecting rent from the students, rent from the staff and while they are using the complete premises for the college purpose, they have not taken any steps for my request. Of course, I have given several other materials for more than one year for the whole requirements of the College and Hostel, stationary, typewritters, drawing boards, furniture, electric bulbs and several other materials for the use of College and hostel. I am not claiming anything for these materials. But I am asking to pay the rent for the buildings forthe 3 years as mentioned in my letter.

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7. I understand the government is paying a rent of about Rs. 45 to 50 thousand per year for the present owners. Of course the rent market is low now, but in the period of 3 years in question, the rent rate was high. I am not demanding the high rent. I am asking the rent on the basis of present rent paid to Bombay firm at the rate of Rs.50 thousand per year. For 3 years it is 1-½ lakhs. I request this amount to be paid.

8. As mentioned above the sum of Rs.3½ lakhs is to be paid within two months without discussion or argument. I want to mention here that unless this amount is paid within two months from the date of this notice, action will be taken for whcih you will be held responsible for the loss and expenses.

Yours faithfully,

G.D.Naidu

Copy to: 1. The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

2. The Minister for Education, Govt. of Madras, Madras.

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Memo. No. 83428-1/49A Edn. dated 1-11-49.

Sub. A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore
Payment of rent of the buildings & repayment of Mr. Naidu's endowment of Rs 2 lakhs.
From Sri G. D. Naidu d. 26.10.49.

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The attention of the D.P.I. is invited to the letter from Sri G. D. Naidu read above, Copy sent to him direct, and he is requested to offer his remarks in the matter at a very early date.

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To The D.P.I.

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Education Department

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department

1 DEC 1949

Roc 1630 K2/49 dated 28-11-49

Sir,

Subject: Arthur Hope College of Technology - Payment of rent for the buildings and repayment of donation to Mr. G.D. Naidu

Reference: Government Memo No. 83428-1/49-A Edn dated 1.11.49

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I have the honour to offer the following remarks on the points raised in the letter dated 26.10.49 from Mr. G.D. Naidu.

1. Repayment of Donation :- The origin for the starting of the College arose out of the letter dated 23-4-1945 of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras to Government wherein he informed Government of the proposed donation from Mr. G.D. Naidu for starting an Engineering College in Coimbatore. The donation was accepted and Government sanctioned the opening of the College with the following branches of study:-

Civil Engineering
Electrical Technology
Automative Engineering
Textile Technology.

vide G.O. No. 1031 Edn dated 11.7.45. The University of Madras granted conditional affiliation in Civil and Electrical Engineering branches. The question of starting Automobile Engineering and Textile Technology courses was examined by me in February 1947 and Dr. Rudra suggested that while Textile Technology could not be started till the new buildings for the laboratory were constructed, Automobile Engineering could be started one year later i.e. 1948--49. I would invite attention to my detailed letter Rc 183 K2/46 dated 1.3.47 disposed of in Govt. Memo No. 61715-33/46 A Edn dated 1.3.48. The question of starting this course in July 1948 was raised by the Principal in June 1948 but the University declined to grant affilication as no application had been made before the due date. The proposal to start the course in 1949--50 was deferred by the Principal himself in view of the proposal to reduce the duration of the Engineering Courses from 4 to 3 years and the provision of specialised courses. The suggestion to have the College affiliated in the subject from July 1950 was deferred by me as it is not known what accommodation would be available in the temporary structures to be erected in the permanent site in the Forest College area to which the College is to move early next year.

From the letter of Mr. G.D. Naidu it would seem that the starting of the Engineering College and the acceptance of the donation from him was in the nature of a contract. I am unable to find any such indication in the records available in my office. I may however point out that the starting of Engineering Courses especially in new branches like Automobile and Textile Technology depends on various considerations like availability of equipment, qualified staff and the most important accommodation. The opening of the Automobile Engineering Course was not considered in 1947--48 on account of the lack of equipment. In the next two years i.e. 1948--49 and 1949--50, it was due to lack of accommodation, as owing to lack of accommodation, the first year students of this College had to be admitted in Guindy. There was therefore ample justification for not starting the course in the College so far. In regard to the legality of the claim, I request that Government may take legal opinion and dispose of the claim.

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(2) Payment of Rent:- I would invite attention to my letter Rc 183 K2/46 dated 8.12.47 submitted in reply to Government Telephonic message No. 61715-21/46-A dated 26.11.47 enclosing in original the letters M.A/203-46 dated 26-2-46 and letter dated 21.2.47 from Mr. G.D. Naidu. In his letter dated 17.6.45 a copy of which was submitted in this office letter Rc No. 327 A/45 dated 27.6.45, Mr. Naidu had agreed to give a portion of the National Electric Works with the entire hostel premises for the use of the College for 3 years. There was no mention that these buildings have been placed at the disposal of Government on the basis of rent and throughout it was assumed that they were free. I would invite attention to para 6 of his letter dated 21.2.47 (copy enclosed) wherein he specifically says that neither himself nor the new owners have any right to claim any rent or any charges. I am unable to offer any remarks on the legality of the claim and would therefore suggest that legal opinion may be taken.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction

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Copy of letter dated 21.2.47 from Mr. G.D. Naidu, Coimbatore.

Re: Your Ref. 650 C1/47 dated 12-2-47

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On this subject I received some correspondence from the Principal, College of Technology, Coimbatore and from some other Depts. asking particulars of the same nature as asked in this reference. I am sorry I mislaid their letters and was hence unable to reply them yet. This reply will satisfy all the correspondences.

As regards your ~~reply~~ querry, this building is not at all in any way connected with the Arthur Hope Polytechnic.

For the various questions raised by the other departments I am giving my reply in my personal capacity.

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In the beginning of 1945 the U,M.S. Workshop at the Central Station and a portion in "Gopal Bagh" was given for the duration of the war to situate the Arthur Hope Polytechnic. Of course, the war ended long ago and in September '46 it was officially declared. With the end of the war this term also has expired.

To open the Arthur Hope College of Technology, a portion of the buildings at the premises "U.M.S. Central Works" was given to the Govt. for the duration of the war. But before the opening of the College the then Principal of the College asked me to extend the term for 3 years i.e. from July 1945 to June 1948 to which I agreed. It was also agreed to give the necessary equipment Accordingly the necessary buildings and equipments were completed and handed over charge to the P.W.D. in June or July '46. But when handing over charge there was a slight alteration in the plan when compared with the original plan. In the original plan the sheds behind the hostel was agreed to be handed over but in the subsequent plan the portion of the shed behind the hostel were not given charge as some materials were stocked there. But it was agreed that soon after the materials are removed they will be handed over. Further, one of the rooms in the old blocks and two rooms in the new blocks also were not given actual possession as some of the staff were occupying them and at the time those rooms were not required for the College. Theoretically those portions were given charge. Of course, these places are to be handed over when the College is in need. The staff certainly had my consent as well as that of the Principal.

Though the original understanding was that after finishing the bore well for the factory the present well should be given free charge to the College as the bore well was not tested last year, half of that portion was given charge to the P.W.D. In this building some equipments consisting of cement benches, cement tables, cement cots, sanitary equipment etc. belong to the factory buildings. But the cement benches and tables which were not shown in the plan which were fitted in the end of last year do not belong to the factory. Other wooden tables, chairs, machinery and equipments given for the temporary use of the college belong to trust and the Radio Factory. For this premises no rent was demanded and fixed. But there was an understanding that for the whole term of three years a rent should be paid to the College of Technology scholarship fund and that amount is to be given to the poor students of the College as scholarships. A letter was written on this point but it has not yet been decided. Subsequently it was agreed that until the well was completely handed over charge to the hostel a nominal water charge and until a separate meter has been fixed for the hostel, half the current charges also should be paid to the scholarship account. But either my self or the new owners have no right to claim any rent or any charges. Of course, on December 16th 1946, I have sold the factory and handed over charge to the new owners. From December 16th the College should pay half of the current charges to the factory as agreed till they have a separate meter and if the college has not taken full charge of the well, they should pay the water maintenance charge also to the factory. Of course, the new owners have every right to claim any rent soon after the expiry of the term. Only on this condition the sale of the factory was effected.

I hope this will clear the misunderstandings created by the College and the new owners.

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/True copy/

for Director of Public Instruction

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Edn and P.H Dept

Very urgent

Telephone message by Govt No. 83428-1/49A
dated 9-12-49

From

The Secy to Govt, Edn and P.H. Dept

To

The D/P.I.

A.H. College of Technology - Letter from Lr. G.D. Naynudu.

Ref letter from the D.P.I No: 16804a/49 dt 28.11.49.

(C) 1196 Govt No: 1031 Edn dt 11-7-48 the starting of the following courses in the college was sanctioned:-

(1) Textile Technology
(2) Automobile Eng.
(3) Electrical Technology
(4) Civil Eng.

P/cf. Lr Naynudu says that courses in Civil Eng, Electrical Eng. and Mechanical Eng are now conducted in the college. Please refer me to the orders in which the starting of Mechanical Eng. was sanctioned by the Govt.

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(Post Copy of)
Telephone Message No. 1630 K2/49 dated 15-12-1949.

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From
The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort. St. George, Madras.

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Ref:- Government T.M. (by post) No. 83428-1/49 A.Edn. dated 9-12-49 regarding the letter from Sri. G.D. Naidu about the A.H. College of Technology Coimbatore.

There is no provision for the study of Mechanical Engineering as a special subject for the B.E. degree course in the A.H. College of Technology, Coimbatore. Such specialised course is taken only in the third year as in the case of Civil, Electrical and Telecommunication branches. Mechanical Engineering is, however, taught for the II year B.E. students in the Colleges. It may also be stated that the first two years' course is common to all the Engineering students where Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering subjects are taught to the students.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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E.&.P.H.(A) Dept.

D.O. No.Ks. 330 Edn. dated 7 -2-'50.

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M Dear Mr. Naidu,

A.H.College of Technology - Coimbatore.

I received your letter dt. 28-10-49 and I ~~also saw~~ have seen your letter dt. 26-10-49 addressed to the Secy. to Govt. Edn.&.P.H. Dept. The Hon. Mr. Madhava Menon , Minister for Edn., and Law, also mentioned to me the discussion he had with you in the matter. The points raised by you were very important and we had to consult our officers before a decision could be taken in the matter. That is the reason for the delay in sending the reply.

It is really kind of you to offer your share in the Argus Engg. Coy. to Govt., in case they decide to purchase these property for locating Engg. College. But there are difficulties in accepting the offer. First of all, even if we purchase these buildings, the accommodation available will not be sufficient or suitable to satisfy the requirements of the University and further expenditure will have to be incurred on construction of new bldgs. and acquisition of new lands. Secondly, a large area of Govt. land in the Agricultural College estate is readily available, on which Govt. can construct bldgs. immediately. This site also provides sufficient scope for expansion. Thirdly, the Govt. have sanctioned nearly Rs. 10 lakhs for construction of bldgs. on the new site and the work has reached a point which will enable the college to shift to them from the coming academic year. In these circumstances, I am extremely sorry that Govt. are not a position to accept your offer.

Regarding your claim for the return of the contribution of Rs. 2 lakhs paid by you for the college and payment of rent for the premises ~~in the absence of courses in Textile Technology and Automotive Engg. courses, I would like to say that~~ I find that your grievance is that courses* It is true that the Govt. wanted to introduce these courses in the college even from the beginning. But the openi of new courses had to be postponed, as there was not sufficient accommodation even for Civil and Electrical Engg. ~~(In the first few years we shall send the lab. only)~~ courses to the University standard. The proposal to open these courses has not been dropped and it will be

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* Automobile Engg and Textile Engg have not yet been started in the college

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be taken up as soon as conditions permit. In these circumstances, I hope you will not press your request for return of the contribution, or payment of rent.

In case you press, I have to point out that your donation ~~was~~ not conditional on the opening of ~~Automotive Engg.~~ these courses within a specified period and that you yourself have in a letter ~~dated~~ 21-2-47 to the D.P.I. (copy enclosed) stated that neither yourself nor the Argus Engg. Coy. have any right to claim rent.

I am sure that in the circumstances you will not press your claim for return of the contribution or payment of rent. ~~and~~ but leave it to Govt to deal of the college in the ~~[illegible]~~ manner ~~[illegible]~~ which they consider best.

Yours sincerely.

[signature] 4/2/50

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To Sri G. D Naidu Gopal Bagh Coimbatore (Continued)
Copy to the D.P.I.

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Edn and P.H. Dept

C. No: 81733 A. From Sri G. D. Naydu dt 18.10.47

Secy., Edn & P.H. May be examined
M.B.
19.10.47.

This is only a copy of the letter which Sri Naydu has addressed to the Hon'ble Premier, H.M. (Rev), H.M. (E & L) H.M. (P.W) and H.M. (Industries). The letter is a long one and there is no coherence in it. As far as this dept is concerned the following points in the letter require notice:

(1) ~~Sri Nayudu says~~ that the Govt have not ~~developed~~ introduced Auto-mobile Eng and Textile Eng. courses in the A.H. college of Technology as originally planned.
(2) that the Govt have not got the contribution of Rs 2 lakhs promised by the Mill owners Assn.
(3) that it is not a wise policy to remove the A.H. college of Technology to the Agricultural College estate
(4) that he proposes to take action to get back his contribution of Rs 2 lakhs. and also not to help the college in any way in the future
(5) that he would like to discuss all matters with H.Ms. if they will attend the Machine Tool Manufacturers Assn Genl meeting to be held at Coimbatore on the 28th inst.

(1) above

It is true that at first the Govt. decided to start Automobile Eng and Textile Eng courses in the College. But they postponed the opening of these

Courses till the college is provided with permanent buildings. This question can be considered after the permanent buildings are constructed.

(2) above

The Govt. tried their best to get it. But Sri Ratnasabhapathi Mudaliar of Coimbatore said that on account of the controls and all that the textile industry had lost a lot and that their mills owners were unable to keep up their promise. So Govt. dropped the matter.

(3) above

The Govt. have decided the matter once and for all and it is not possible to alter the decision now.

(4) above

Sri Rayudu gave this contribution as an outright gift and he cannot claim it back now.

(5) above

It does not seem that Sri Rayudu is serious about this.

In short no action seems necessary on the letter.

DRM 25/10/49

Hon 24/10/49.

Mr. Nayudu's grievances appear to be:-

(1) that the location near the Agricultural College ignores the advantages of the site proposed by him;

I would like to see the file in which the decision regarding the location was taken. I would like to know if it is possible

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now to change the location in view of the constructions already done. On the other hand, in view of the fact that we have to spend about 5 lakhs more in order to complete the area in the present location, the proposal of Mr. Nayudu can be considered, if it is not too late.

(2) That he would have obtained equipment at half the price which is estimated by Government;

It would be necessary to ask him further details in respect of this suggestion.

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(1) above

Sri Rayudu's suggestion is that the college may continue to be located in the existing block or round about that place. If this suggestion is accepted the whole land required for the college will have to be acquired. Under the present arrangement we get half the land required from the Agricultural College estate free. Further the present buildings and site have been considered to be unsuitable for the college - please see the file.

The Govt. have already spent large amounts on the construction of temporary buildings in the Agricultural college estate and it does not seem that the previous decision will be re-considered.

It is understood that Sri Rayudu holds the major portion of the shares in the Andhra Engineering and that is why he insists upon our remaining in the same place.

(2) above

That of the equipment required for the college owned have been ordered by this time. If Sri Rayudu had the interests of the college at heart he could have made the suggestion before and he would not also have sold the buildings put the Govt. in the embarrassing position in which they now are.

Hon 26/10/49

DRM 26/10/49

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The points raised in Mr. Naidu's letter are met in the office note at pages 1 and 2. Apparently Mr. Naidu is concerned that we did not accept his original proposal to buy up for 15 lakhs the building and the land now sold by him to the Argus Engineering Company. ~~Inspite~~ In view of the way in which things have since developed particularly in respect of acquiring land, which was previously presumed to be available from the Agriculture College, it is now too late to consider Mr. Naidu's offer. H.M. however may like to give Mr. Naidu an opportunity to be heard if he so desires.

Linked file also for orders

H.M. (P.W.)
H.M. (E.& L.)
H.M. (Fin.)
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A suitable reply may go to Sri Naidu in my name explaining the position.

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Please see my remarks in the Top file. I understand from Mr. Naidu ~~at~~ when I was at CBE last week that the Argus Eng Coy will be prepared to see the whole concern & buildings in which the Eng College is situated for a very reasonable sum & that he is prepared to give his share in the concern (half) to the Govt free; & that the factory there ~~work~~ if worked with Eng students may almost meet the recurring cost of the College. This requires to be enquired into immediately as if it materialises it will save us about 3 lakhs. Mr. Naidu said that his offer is open only up to 9th Nov.

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Please see the minutes overleaf, further minutes and notes on pp 8-12 n.f. in ~~the top file~~ R.7.I. A draft D.O. letter (to be signed by H.M. (P.W.) to Sri Naidu is subd. for approval. The file may be circulated to H.M. (P.W.)

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For initialling in the o/c of the draft D.O. below and for signing in full in the fair copy attached thereto.

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

~~Sub~~: Sub: A. H. college of Technology, Coimbatore - Repayment of the endowment of Rs 2 lakhs originally made by Sri G. D. Naidu and also payment of rent for the buildings lent to the tune of Rs 1½ lakhs.

p1-3 c/f — from Sri G. D. Naidu, Coimbatore, d. 26-10-49.

p2-11&15 c/f — from the D.P.I. No. 1630 K_2/49 d. 28-11-49 and P.C. of T.M. No. 1630 K_2/49 d. 15-12-49.

s/p1-3 c/f — The letter d. 26-10-49 from Sri G. D. Naidu of Coimbatore may be perused. Sri Naidu makes two requests—

(1) that the endowment of Rs 2 lakhs originally made by him to the A. H. college of Technology, Coimbatore be returned to him with interest and

(2) that rent may be paid to him for the buildings lent by him for the location of the college for the period of three years to the tune of Rs 1½ lakhs.—

p7-11&15 c/f — The remarks of the D.P.I. in the matter are contained in his letter d. 28.11.49 and in the P.C. of his T.M. d. 15.12.49.

2. Return of the endowment:

vide (D)/3 c/f — Early in 1945, Sri Naidu made an offer through the V.C., Uty. of Madras, to endow a sum of Rs 2 lakhs for the purpose of opening an Engg. college at Coimbatore. At that time the millowners and other industrialists of Coimbatore also promised to extend financial assistance to the college when it is opened. Taking advantage of the above offers, the Govt. sanctioned the opening of the A. H. college of Technology, Coimbatore, in buildings lent for the purpose by Sri G. D. Naidu. Some equipment etc. was also lent to the college by Sri G. D. Naidu. Following the opening of the college the sum of Rs 2 lakhs endowed by Sri Naidu was transferred to the Govt.

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vide (C)/18-20 c/f

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-ut no conditions as such were attached to the endowment. Though it was generally the desire of the Govt. to comply with Sri Naidu's wishes, the Govt. were not committed, in the sense of it being obligatory on them, to open the courses Sri Naidu wants. ~~It~~ It is not therefore incumbent on the Govt. to return the ~~amount~~ originally ~~paid~~ by Sri Naidu as now desired by him.

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vide (D)/23-24 c.f.

3. Payment of rent: Sri Naidu, when he originally lent his buildings for the college did not stipulate that rent should be paid for them. It was understood that the buildings were to be lent rent-free for a period of three years. Actually, in the ~~transfer~~ sale deed which he executed in favour of the Argus Engg. Co, Bombay, selling ~~away~~ the premises to the concern, Sri Naidu made it clear that neither he nor the new owners had any right to claim rent for the buildings during the period of the three years referred to. This is also borne out by his letter d-21-2-47, copy on 9-11 c.f. In the circumstances, the claim of Sri Naidu for payment of rent for the (above) period of three years cannot be sustained.

Separate file C.No.7831 IA/49 in (D) ibid

~~4. Legal may see for remarks, before consultation.~~

It does not seem that Sri. G.D. Nayudu is serious about his claims. He is very much worried on account of the income tax affair. He is also worried because the Eng: college which was one of his pet schemes is to be removed to a place far away from his own workshops. It will be recollected that he ~~had~~ has suggested to Govt separately

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that they should acquire the present building and locate the college only in those buildings. A reply may be sent to Sri Nayudu thanking him for the contribution he has paid and also for the rent free accommodation he had provided for the college. He may also be informed that the Govt have not dropped the proposal to open courses in Automobile Eng: and Textile Eng, ~~and~~ that the postponement of these courses was entirely due to want of adequate accommodation and equipment and that the question of starting these courses will be taken up as soon as conditions permit. Perhaps H.M (P.W) may meet Sri Nayudu during his tour and also explain the position to him. ~~For orders.~~

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H.M.(P.W.)

Although the Legal Department has not been consulted, it would appear that Mr. G.D. Naidu has no claim at law either for the return of his donation of Rs 2 lakhs or for rent for his building for 3 years in a total of about 1½ lakhs The donation was not conditional on the opening of the Automobile course within a specified period. We may be opening the course at any time in the near future. Regarding rent, Mr. Naidu's own letter at page 11 c.f. makes it clear that neither himself nor his transferee have any right to claim rent.

At the same time in view of what he has given we should refuse Mr. Naidu's requests as politely as possible.

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H.M.(P.W.) may also like to see this file at once, in view of the meeting to-morrow to decide whether Mr. G.D. Naidu's buildings now transferred to the Argus Company

should be acquired. If that is done, Mr. G.D.Naidu is not likely to be concerned about these small requests.

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H.M.(P.W.)

Item might be discussed at the Conference tomorrow
HMS 24.1

Please see further notes and orders in circulation on p 11-12 n.f. in top file. The draft D.O. letter put up in L.T.I. will cover this case also. These papers may be added to those in L.T.I.

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