

EDUCATION

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G.O. NO. 3362, EDUCATION,

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Dated

21ST DECEMBER 1950.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

MUSEUM - Government - Madras - Construction of a strong room for coins,
Jewellery etc. - Proposal - Orders passed.

Back Papers.

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Farther Papers.

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 From Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D., Superintendent, Government Museum, Madras-8.
 To The Secretary to Government, Education Department, Fort St. George, Madras-9.

No. 2194/50-1-C, dated 27th September 1950.
 Sir,
 Sub: Museum - Government Museum - Madras - Construction of a Strong Room for coins - Proposal.
 Ref: Government Memo No. 8000/5-1-G-2, Edn., dated 28-10-1942.

In inviting the attention of the Government to the Memorandum cited, I renew my proposal for the construction of a Strong Room for coins in the Government Museum, Madras. The immediate necessity for the scheme and its probable cost have already been explained to Government in my letter No. 2393-1/48, dated 13-10-1948. The Collector of Madras in the course of his inspection of this Office has stressed the urgent need for a Strong Room for coins in his notes of inspection submitted to Government. I have, therefore, to request Government to accord necessary sanction for the construction of a Strong Room as per approved plan. On receipt of the orders of Government sanctioning the proposal, I shall address the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. Buildings, for the necessary provision of funds in his Budget Estimate for 1951-52.

Yours faithfully,

A. Aiyappan
 Superintendent.

Copy to the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings, Chappank for information.

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The M. R. O. which was asked to
furnish the memo quoted above
has stated that it is not available
and has asked for the subject matter
of the G.O. to trace it from the Index
which has since been furnished to him.
This may be out for 10. x. 50 or
the receipt of the paper which is
sent.

Pl. ask for a copy of
memo and any letter attached
to the L&M in which the
memo was based,
from the L&M himself,
urgently - llh

A draft TR to Secy. G. P. is ruled for 4th. 7.10.50.

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From: The Asst. Secy to Govt.
To: The S. G. M.

Museum - Govt. Museum, -
Madras - Construction of
a strong room for coins -
Proposal - Ref: - Your letter no. 2194
of 27.9.50.

Please furnish urgently

a copy of Govt. Memo. no. 8000/5-102
Govt. Dt. 28. x. 42 together with
a copy of your letter on which the
memo was issued; A copy of your
letter no. 2393-1/48 dt. 13. x. 50 may
also be furnished together with a copy
of Govt. order thereon.

Issued

G.B.
10.10.50

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Handwritten notes in Tamil script, including dates like 17-10-50 and 17-10-51, and various administrative remarks.

Recd 24/10/50



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From
Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D.,
Superintendent,
Government Museum, Madras-8.

To
The Assistant Secretary to
Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, Madras-9.

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Sir, No.2194/50-2C1 dated 17-10-1950.

Sub: Government Museum, Madras - Construction
of a Strong room for coins - proposal.

Ref: Post copy of the telephonic message dated
10-10-1950.

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I have the honour to furnish the copy of the Government
Memorandum and this Office letter etc., called for in the
telephonic message cited.

Yours faithfully,

A. Aiyappan
Superintendent.

Encls.

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Copy of this Office Letter No. 2393/48-2 dated 13-10-49
to the Secretary to Government, Education Department.

Sub: Museum - Govt. Museum - Store Room for
coins - Construction - Proposal -
Ref: Govt. Memorandum No. 75509-1 C2 Edn.
dated 29-12-1948.

In inviting the attention of the Govt. to the memorandum
cited, I have the honour to renew my proposal for the constru-
ction of a Strong room for coins in the Government Museum.
Madras. The immediate necessity for the scheme and its
probable cost had already been explained to Government in
my letter No. 2393-1/48 dated 13-10-1948. I have therefore
to request Government to accord necessary sanction for the
construction of a strong room as per approved plan. On
receipt of the orders of Government sanction the proposal,
I shall address the Chief Engineer, P.W.D.(Buildings) for the
necessary provisions of funds in his budget estimate for 1950-
51.

Sd/- A. Aiyyappan.
Superintendent.
Copy to the Executive Engineer, P.W.-D. (Buildings) Chepauk,
for information.

/True Copy/

A. Aiyyappan
Superintendent.

Government of Madras.
Education & Public Health Department.
Memorandum No. 80005-1.C.2 Education, dated 28-10-49.

Sub: Museums - Government Museum, Madras -
Construction of a strong Room for coins -
Proposal - Referred - Museum -
Ref: From the Superintendent, Govt. No. 2393/48-2
dated 13-10-1949. ----

The Superintendent, Government Museum is informed that the proposal for the construction of a strong Room for coins mentioned in his letter cited, should be deferred for the present in view of the pressing need for economy in expenditure.

Sd/- J.M.Lobo Prabhu,
Secretary to Government.

/True Copy/

A. Jayappan
Superintendent.

Sub: Strong Room for Coins etc., Government Museum -

As the Government are aware, numerous reports of house-breaking and theft are appearing in the dailies and I had recently the misfortune, to report a case of theft in the Museum itself. In view of the fact that the Museum Buildings, particularly the rooms where costly jewels, coins etc., are stored are not considered sufficiently secure and burglar proof, the question of constructing a strong room for the valuables is of great urgency. In the new block of buildings for this Museum sanctioned in G.O.Ms. No. 943 (Public Works Department) dated the 2nd April 1946, it was proposed, to incorporate also a strong room for valuables, such as coins, jewellery etc. Funds were allotted for this purpose, (Rs. 2,00,000 for 1946-47 Budget Estimate) but the allotment was subsequently withdrawn - Revised Estimate 1946-47 vide note No. 26194 B.W.1-7 (Finance Department) dated the 6th July 1946.

The whole matter concerning the safeguarding of the valuables was gone into, in detail, in 1939 when there was a series of burglaries in several Museums in Northern India. Most of the larger Museums in India have now good strong rooms watched by Armed Guards. I consider that the construction of a strong room for this Museum should not be delayed further. The position with regard to the coin room for this Museum remains where it was, in 1940. The Deputy Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Sri Rao Bahadur T.G. Sanjewi Pillai, inspected the present coin room in 1940, and declared that its present location was unsafe and the experts consulted, suggested a separate coin room. The Executive Engineer prepared plans and estimate for a separate coin room in 1940. But sanction for it was not accorded, and Government ordered that the matter be deferred. When the scheme for a new block of buildings was considered, it was thought best to include the strong room also in the New Block. This was done and Government have approved of the plans.

4,00,000. The total cost of the New Block was estimated to be about 4,00,000. The construction of the strong room part of it will be only a small portion of the whole cost (about 1/6). I have therefore to request that Government will be pleased to sanction the construction of the strong room as per approved plans. On receipt of the orders of Government sanctioning the proposal, I shall arrange to obtain a revised estimate for the construction of the strong room alone from the Public Works Department, and include the same in the Part II scheme for 1948-49.

Sd/- A. Aiyyappan,
Superintendent.

/True Copy/

A. Aiyyappan
Superintendent.

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From
Sri A. Aiyappan, M.A., Ph.D.,
Superintendent,
Government Museum, Madras-8.

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, Madras-9.

No.2194/50-3-C, dated 23-11-1950.



Sub: Museum - Government - Madras - Construction
of - Strong room - proposal.
Ref: Government Memorandum No.30220/E/50, dated
15-11-1950.

The approximate value of the coins, jewels and bronzes
that will go in the strong room is:-

Coins	Rs.3,00,000
Jewellery	22,000
Bronzes	1,00,000
Total	Rs.4,22,000

The valuation is a very rough one. The preciousness of
the collections is for the reason that they are irreplaceable.

Yours faithfully,

A. Aiyappan
Superintendent.

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Museum - Govt. - Madras -
Construction of a Show room for
coins ^{jewellery etc} Proposal - Govt. panel.

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From the S. G. M. No. 2194/50-1-C. dt. 22.9.50
" No. 2194/50-2C. dt. 17.10.50.

G. O. (P) 3362 Em. No. 2/12-50.

The S. G. M. is requested
to submit proposals for the
Construction of a Show room
for ^{the} coins ^{jewellery} in the Govt. Museum,
Madras, as a Part II. Scheme for
1952-53.

To.

Secy. S. G. M.
S/c.

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Museum--Govt--Madras--Construction of a strong room for coins--Proposal.

Part II Scheme-1951-52.

From the S.G.M. No. 2194 /50 -1-C dated 27-9-50.
,, No. 2194/50 -2-C dated 17-10-50.

Please see the letter from the S.G. M. on page 1.c.f.

2. In October 1948, the S.G.M. sent up proposal to Govt. for the construction of a Strong Room for coins in the Govt. Museum, Madras, at an estimated cost of Rs. 70,000/- for storing valuables such as coins, jewellery etc., as a measure of safeguard against burglaries. But the Govt. deferred the scheme as a measure of anti-inflation and ordered that the scheme should be renewed in connection with the B.E. for 1950-51.

3. The S.G.M. ^{accordingly} renewed his proposal last year. ~~also~~. But it was considered doubtful whether the scheme would be ~~exactly~~ allowed to go forward in view of the financial stringency, and it was decided that the scheme should be deferred.

4. The S.G.M. has again renewed his proposal this year. As the financial position of the State has not ~~impro~~ improved, it is for consideration whether the scheme may be deferred till the financial position of the State is sufficiently improved. P.W.D. and Finance may see for remarks.



Edn. No. 30220 S/N 1
30/10/50.



P.W.D. 5950

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This Dept. may agree with the views of Edn. above. May be passed on to Fin.

P.W.D. (C)
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Finance may agree with the view of Edu. at A on page 1 above.

Fin (B. E. I.)

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A draft memo. is subd.

for approval. For orders as to issue or circulation.

Am. E. Maysee

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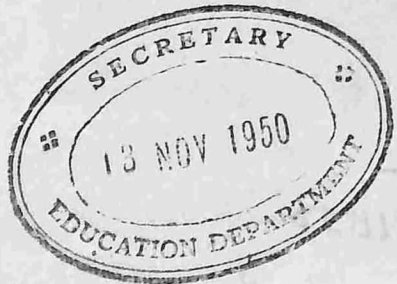
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S. J. J. J.

Am. E. J.

Am. (E. J.)

The question is not only the financial position of the state. What will we lose if they are burgled. I would like to have the approximate value of the coins we have there.



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A draft memo. is submitted for approval.

15/11.50

[Issued as Memo. No. 30220/50-2 of 15/11/50] [From the S. G. M. No. 2194/50-3-C of 23.11.50]

The S. G. M. reports that the approximate value of the coins, jewels & bronzes that will go in the strong room is Rs 4,22,000 roughly. He also states that the preservation of the collection is for the reason that they are irreplaceable. The file may be closed to H. M. (E. J.) with ref. to his minutes of 2 ante.

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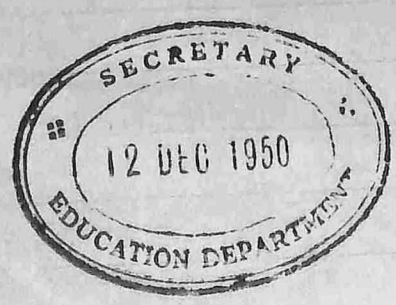
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I think the strong room is very necessary. Am. (E. J.)



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Please note in 1st ante. with ref. to the minutes of H. M. (E. J.) above the file may be circulated to H. M. (Fin) for orders as to whether the scheme for the construction of a strong room for coins in the Fort Museum may go forward as a Part II scheme for 1951-52.



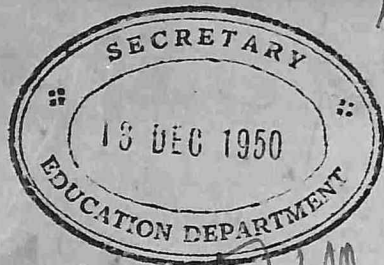
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with ref to the order
in circulation on pp. 3 & 4 above,
a draft order is submitted for app.

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