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[Despatch Abstract.]

H. E. S. – Sri T. R. Govindarajan, overseas scholar – Regularly appd as Addl. Prof., Presy. College – Higher starting pay – Granted.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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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.

Sir,

Roc.No.2887-C1/49 dated 24-11-1949.

Sub: Madras Educational Service - Dr.T.R. Govindachari, Overseas Scholar appointed temporarily as Additional Professor of Chemistry, Presidency College, Madras Grant of higher initial pay.

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Ref: G.O.Ms.No.3442-Education dated 10-11-1949.

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I submit herewith for the orders of Government the letter dated 23-11-1949 from Dr. T.R. Govindachari who has been appointed as Additional Professor of Chemistry, Presidency College in the G.O. quoted above. He requests (i) that he may be exempted from taking the B.T. degree and (ii) that he may be granted an initial pay of Rs.600/- a month. The first request is based on a misunderstanding of the rules and does not call for the Orders of Government as the possession of B.T. degree is not insisted upon in respect of persons appointed to posts in Arts Colleges. The other request for grant of an initial pay of Rs.600/- a month may be considered by Government and urgent orders passed in view of the intention of the scholar to join duty only after a decision in the matter is reached.

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2. Though none of the Overseas scholars so far appointed to the Madras Educational Service has been allowed a higher initial pay, the case of Dr. T.R. Govindachari should be treated as a particularly special one in view of his high attainments in research. Professor Roger Adams of the University of Illinois has formed a high opinion of the scholar's research work as may be seen from the enclosure to Government Memorandum No.51908-A3-Edn, dated 14-10-49. Both Dr. Dey and Dr. Savoor (retired Directors of Public Instructions and Professors of the Presidency College) have also spoken highly of the scholar's abilities. A copy of Dr. Dey's letter dated 19-5-1949 is enclosed for the information of Government.

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3. As a Research Assistant in the University of Illinois, Dr. Govindachari was getting a pay of $ 300 a month (i.e., Rs.1000 prior to devaluation). He was also being paid Rs.363/- per mensem as a research assistant before his deputation. Though the scholar is bound to serve this Government in a Gazetted post without insisting on a higher initial pay, yet it would be hardly fair to compel a person of his outstanding ~~qualifications~~ participations and experience to accept a post in the Madras Educational Service on a starting pay of Rs.230/- a month. I am anxious that the services of the scholar should not be lost to the Presidency College by the failure of Government to offer him a salary commensurate with his ~~participations~~ qualifications and experience and comparable nearly to the pay he would get from the Government of India if he were permitted to accept employment in the National Chemical Laboratory, Poona. In the circumstances I strongly recommend that Dr. T.R. Govindachari may be given an initial pay of at least Rs.500/- a month pending the regularization of his temporary appointment and the creation of the posts of Chief Professors.

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4. I request the urgent orders of Government on this reference.

Yours faithfully.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter dated 19th May 1949 of B.B. Dey, B.Sc.(Lond) F.R.
Director of Public Instruction (Retired) Santhome, Mylapore, Madr.

My Dear Reddi,

I wrote to you in August last about Dr. Govindachari - one of my former pupils and collaborators in research - requesting you to impress upon the Government the necessity of permitting him to continue to stay in the United States for one more year to complete the piece of investigation he had then undertaken. Since September 1948, after the tenure of his scholarship had expired, he has been working as a Research Fellow of the University of Illinois receiving a fellowship of the value of $ 3600 dollars a year - a unique distinction for a foreigner in the United States of America.

Dr. Govindachari, ever since he graduated from the Presidency College in 1934, had continued to work under me until July 1946 when he left on a Government of Madras overseas scholarship. To me in the college he was one of the most valued of collaborators and I it is no exaggeration when I say that it was mostly because of his zeal and enthusiasm, that we have in the Presidency College today one laboratory well equipped as a nucleus of technological studies. Govindachari has during his research career of over 15 years shown exceptional ability both in pure and applied Chemistry. The theses that he presented for his master's and later for the doctor's degree have both been highly praised by examiners abroad. At Illinois, he has won the golden opinion of Professor Roger Adams, one of the foremost, Organic Chemists in the States, by his successful tackling of many a problem in the field of alakaloidal and dye stuff Chemistry. This elicited from Roger Adams high encomiums in appreciation of his capacity for research of a high order and made him entrust Govindachari with the task of writing an important chapter in his book entitled "Organic Reactions". This arduous task, Govindachari has completed successfully in the midst of his researches and he has sent me the other day a copy of his work.

I have dealt at some length with Govindachari's attainments in Chemistry in order to give you and the Government an idea of the talents and experience possessed by this youngman.

You know all my service I have devoted to the cause of chemical research in this Presidency and I have built up a tradition in the Presidency College of which I am quite proud of. Even to-day thanks to the council of Scientific and Industrial Research, I am able to continue my researches in the College laboratories. The work that we have been doing is of fundamental importance and has attracted the notice of well known scientists in America. It is only a few days back that I had sent two papers to the Transactions of the American Electro Chemical Society on the basis of the work done recently in the College laboratories. I am ~~too~~ anxious that the tradition I have built up should be maintained and this can best be done by the careful selection of the right type of man available. Professor Sitaraman who has been ably conducting the affairs of the department is due to retire in a couple of years. While he is still in service, if a young man of Govindachari's abilities is taken in the department, I am sure that for the next twenty years the Presidency College Chemistry Department can proudly claim that it shall not lag behind in the field of research.

May I therefore request you to make every effort to see that Dr. Govindachari is taken up in the Presidency College when he returns in july or middle of August. Of course, Dr. Govindachari would not find it difficult with his qualifications and experience to get a good billet in one of the newly started Government of India research institutes such as Electrochemical Laboratory at Karaikudi or the National Chemical Laboratory at Poona. But I think Govindachari's services would be best utilised in a chair in the Chemistry department of the Presidency College where he has worked for nearly two decades and which institution he loves deeply. Indeed I feel it would be a great blunder if we miss this opportunity of utilising his services for this institution.

Hoping you will take a personal interest in this matter,

With kind regards,

Yours

Madras,
Dated, 23rd November 1949.

From

Dr. T.R. Govindachari, M.Sc., Ph.D., A.R.I.C.,
25, Thanikachalam Chetti Street,
Thyagarayanagar, Madras.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Government of Madras, Madras.

Sir,

Ref: G.O. Ms. No. 3442 Education, dated 10th November 1949.

I request that you may be pleased to permit me to join duty as Additional Professor of Chemistry in the Presidency College, Madras, after a decision is reached on the points raised in para (2) of the above communication and the question of my initial salary is settled.

I wish to place before you the following facts regarding my qualifications for your kind consideration:-

1. I have secured the M.Sc., and Ph.D., degrees of the Madras University and possess an overall research experience of over fifteen years in both pure and applied Organic Chemistry. This has resulted in over thirty research publications in Scientific Journals in India and abroad.

2. Between July, 1941 and July, 1946 I was employed as Senior Research Assistant on a scheme of research conducted at the Presidency College, Madras, under the auspices of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India. I left this job in July, 1946, in order to proceed to the United States of America, and at the time of leaving I was being paid Rs.363/- per mensem.

3. Between September, 1946 and August, 1949 I was conducting research in Organic Chemistry at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, U.S.A. I was receiving a Government scholarship during the first two years. During the third year I was employed in the University as Research Assistant to Professor Roger Adams on a salary of $3600/- per annum.

4. I am informed by Professor B.B. Dey that I have been selected for employment in the National Chemical Laboratory, Poona. I had asked for a minimum salary of Rs.600/- and I presume this must have been agreed to.

5. As regards my attainments in research and competence for a Professorship in Chemistry, reference may be made to Professor Dey at Madras and to Professor Roger Adams, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

I request that I may be granted an initial salary of Rs.600/- per mensem which I would get from the Government of India in case I accept the post of [illegible] Laboratory, Poona.

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recruited directly to the Madras Educational Service to take the B.T. degree may be relaxed in my favour.

Yours faithfully,

T. R. Govindachari

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T.M. by post.
No. 82486-A-2, dt 9.12.49.

A.G.H. (A)

Dpd. 10.12.49.

From: The Secy., E.G.H.
To: The D.I.

Ref:- Your No. 2887-C1/49, dt. 24.11.49.

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Please say immediately what steps that require declaration w.r. Dr. T.R. Govindachari's favour if his temp. appt. as Addl. Prof. of Chemistry is to be regularized now.

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T.M. by post No. 92496-A-3

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From: The Secy., E.P.H.

To: The D.P.I.

R.E.S. - Sri T.R. Govindachari, overseas scholar - Regular appt.

Ref:- Your No. 2887-C1/49, dt. 24.11.49
My T.M. dt. 9.12.49

please say immediately what rules are to be relaxed in Dr. Govindachari's favour if his temply. appt. as Addl. Prof. is to be regularized.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

Telephonic Reply by post No. 2887 C.1/49, Dated 22nd December 1949.

Encl:- 1 Statement.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

Subject:- Madras Educational Service - Sri T.R.Govindachari, Overseas scholar - Appointment as Additional Professor of Chemistry.

Reference: Your T.M.(By post) No.92496 A.2, dated 9th December 1949.

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I enclose herewith a copy of the Statement of particulars of age, qualifications, etc., obtained from Sri T.R. Govindachari. Being within 35years of age, he satisfies the age-rule.

2. With reference to Rule 2(e) of the Special Rules relating to the Madras Educational Service I have to state that there are at present two substantive vacancies in the Chemistry Unit (viz., Additional Professor of Chemistry--vacant from 21st April 1943 and Professor of Chemistry, Presidency College, Madras--vacant from 1-3-1948). Though both the vacancies were originally reserved for direct recruitment of candidates with war service, one vacancy stands de-reserved for the confirmation of a transferee-Officer. It is possible to consider the "de-reserved" vacancy as reserved to be filled by direct recruitment in the ordinary way and Sri T.R. Govindachari considered for recruitment against this vacancy. But this course will prevent the confirmation of Sri N.L. Narasimham (the senior-most transferee-officer in the Chemistry Unit) until November 1950 when another vacancy will arise on the retirement of Sri M.V. Sitaraman.

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As regards the other "reserved" v[illegible]

V. Subba Rao, a War serv[illegible]

G.O. Ms. No. 702 Education, dated 30th March 1948. But he has not so far joined duty and it has not been possible to communicate with him as his whereabouts are not correctly known. In view of the facts that the war service candidate has not joined duty and that if the vacancy is re-advertised no war service candidate so well-qualified as Sri Govindachari is likely to be available for recruitment I recommend that the Government may be pleased to throw open this vacancy for ordinary direct recruitment. Sri T.R. Govindachari may then be deemed to have been recruited direct against this vacancy, thus obviating the need for relaxing rule 2 (e) of the Special Rules relating to the Madras Educational Service. With reference to G.O. No. 1685 Edn., dated 2-7-1948 consultation with the Commission is also not necessary in regard to recruitment of such Overseas-scholars.

3. Sri T.R. Govindachari belongs to the Brahmin community. It is for the Government to decide whether with reference to the Communal Roster maintained by them any relaxation of Rule 3 of the Special Rules is necessary in this case.

4. The qualifications of Sri T.R. Govindachari are B.Sc.(I Class), M.Sc.(Research) and Ph.D.(Research) degrees of the Madras University. He does not possess the basic qualification of I or II Class B.A.(Hons.), M.A. or B.Sc.(Hons.) in Chemistry. There will be no need to relax the provisions of Rule 6(a) of the Special Rules if the aggregate of his qualifications and research achievements is considered equivalent to the qualifications prescribed in the Annexure referred to in the above rule --Vide Rule 17 of the General Rules. I therefore recommend that the Government may declare the qualifications of Sri Govindachari as equivalent to those prescribed in the Special Rules.

For DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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Particulars regarding qualification submitted in reply to D.O. dated 12th December 1949 from the Deputy Director of Public Instruction, Government of Madras.

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1. Name: T.C. Govindachari.

2. Permanent address: 25, Thanickachalam Chetty Road, Thyagarayanagar, Madras, 17, India.

3. Date of Birth: 30th July 1915.

4. Academic Qualifications :B.Sc. (First Class); M.Sc. (research); Ph.D. All three degrees from the University of Madras. Diploma in German, Madras University. Associateship of the Royal Institute of Chemistry, Great Britain and Ireland.

6. Post-graduate experience:

Research scholar, Madras University from 1939-1941.

Research assistant, Board of Scientific and Industrial Research, working under Prof. B.B. Dey, at the Presidency College, Madras, between July 1941 to July 1946.

Visiting post- doctorial fellow at the University of Illinois, with a scholarship from the Government of Madras between September 1946 - August 1948. Post-doctoral research assistant to Prof. Roger Adams at the University of Illinois from September 1948 to August 1949, with an appointment from the University.

Specialisation:

(a) Synthetic organic chemistry:

Exploration of new and more convenient routes to the production of Isoquinoline derivatives.

Synthesis of new 1-jaloalkyl isoquinolines.

Study of the reduction of 3, 4-dihydroisoquinoline derivatives by aluminium amalgam.

Study of the use of N-methylformanilide for the direct aldehydation of aromatic compounds.

(b) Chemistry or plant products:

Synthesis of the aporphine derivative corresponding to the structure suggested for anolobine O-methyl ether.

Synthesis of 2, 5-dihydroxypyradine in connection with the elucidation of the structure of the alkaloid leucenol.

Isolation and characterisation of two new alkaloids - and - longilobine from Senicio longilobus, by use of a new chromatographic procedure.

Isolation and characterisation of alkaloids from [illegible] earthamoides, [illegible]

Study of the structure of the alkaloid senecionine.

Proposal of a new structure for monocrotalic acid, revising all previous structures hitherto suggested.

Study of the structure of d-longinecic acid.

(c) Applied Organic Chemistry:

Study of the production of intermediate leading to dyestuffs, drugs and photographic developers.

Development of improved methods for the electrolytic production of intermediates belonging to the class of benzidine and p-aminophenol.

Synthesis of new dyestuffs derived from N-aryl-2-pyridones.

7. Membership in Scientific Organisations:

Member of the Chemical Society, London, the Society of Chemical Industry, London and Associate of the Royal Institute of Chemistry. Member of the American Chemical Society. Member of Sigma Xi and Phi Lambada Upsilon, Scientific honariries in the United States.

8. Countries visited: United States, England, France, Switzerland.

9. References:-

(f) Prof. B.B.Dey, D.Sc., F.R.I.C.,
68, High Road,
San Thome, Madras, India.

(b) Prof. Roger, Adams,
Head of the Department of Chemistry,
University of Illinois, Urbana, ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

(c) Prof. C.S.Marvel,
Professor of Organic Chemistry,
University of Illinois, Urbana, ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

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From

The Director of Public Instruction, M a d r a s.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

R.O.C. No.2887 C1/49 dated 29-12-1949.

S i r,

Sub: Madras Educational Service - Sri P. Ramananda Rao, Additional Professor of Chemistry, Presidency College, Madras - Transfer to the Government Victoria College, Palghat.

Ref: G.O. Ms.No.3442 Edn., dated 10-11-49 (Item II).

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In para 4 of my letter R.Cl.No.47/49 dated 27-10-1949 disposed of in the G.O. cited above, I recommended the relaxation of rule 6(d) of the Special Rules for the Madras Educational Service in favour of Sri P. Ramananda Rao so as to enable his transfer as Lecturer in Physical Science, Teachers' College, Saidapet. The proposal was originally made with a view to avoiding long distance transfers in the middle of the term, which would be necessary to bring a Tamil-knowing officer to the Teachers' College.

2. Such transfers, however, can now be made without causing dislocation of work of the colleges concerned. If Sri P. Ramananda Rao is now transferred to the Teachers' College, Saidapet, it will be necessary to disturb him from there after the close of the current academic year as a Tamil-knowing Lecturer is indispensable for that College at least from the next academic year. As Sri Rao is due to retire in December 1951, I consider that it is desirable to transfer him straight to a station where he can be expected to remain till his retirement instead of posting him to the Teachers' College, Saidapet for a few months and then transferring him elsewhere. Moreover, Sri S. Lakshminarayanan, Officiating Lecturer in Chemistry, Government Victoria College, Palghat has been requesting a transfer to Madras since last year and it has not been possible to comply with his request for want of a vacancy in any of the Government colleges in the City. His mother-tongue being Tamil, he is better suited for appointment in the Teachers' College, Saidapet than Sri P. Ramananda Rao. In these circumstances, I shall be transferring Sri S. Lakshminarayanan as Lecturerin Physical Science, Teachers' College, Saidapet and Sri P. Ramanand Rao as Lecturer in Chemistry, Government Victoria College, Palgha on receipt of the orders of Government regarding the appointment of Sri T.R. Govindachari - vide my letter R.C.No.2887 C1/49 dated 22-12-1949. I request that this proposal may be approved and t hat the orders of Government in para 2 of Item II of G.O. Ms.No.3442 Education d ated 10-11-1949 may be cancelled.

for Director of Public Instruction.

Edn.and P.H. Dept.(A).

MEMO.No. 102189-A1 Edn., d/- 30.12.49

M.E.S. - Transfers of Profs. and Lecturers in Physics and Chemistry.

Ref:- From the DPI, No.2887-C1/49, d/-29-12-49.

H.E. the Governor of Madras directs that the orders in ~~para~~ Section II of G.O.No.3442-Edn., d/- 10-11-49, be cancelled.

2. The D.P.I. is informed that the Govt. have no objection to his transferring -

(1) Sri S.Lakshminarayanan from the post of Lecturer in Chemistry, Govt. Victoria College, Palghat, to the post of Lecturer in Physical Science, Teachers' College, Saidapet,

and (2) Sri P.Ramanada Rao from the post of Addl.Prof. of Chemistry, Presy.College, Madras, to the post of Lecturer, Govt. Victoria College, Palghat, when Dr.T.R.Govindachari, overseas scholar, joins duty at the Presy.College.

To The D.P.I.

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NOTE:-

Some time back, the D.P.I. proposed to Govt. the transfer of Sri P.Ramananda Rao from the Presy.College (Chemistry Unit) to the Teachers' College, Saidapet. The Govt. appd. that proposal - in relaxation of the language qualfn., prescribed for the Teachers' College post, which Sri Rao did not possess. Sri V.S.Ramanujam who was at the Saidapet College was to have been reverted to the Subordinate Service if Sri Rao joined duty there.

Papers in - file in Public

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 8 JAN 1951 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

D.P.I. conveyed this to A.S

But, since, a vacancy in the Physics Unit in the Presy.College has arisen. To this vacancy, the Dir. has transferred Sri Ramanujam. The post at the Teachers' College is thus vacant. The Dir. now wants to transfer to the Teachers' College post of Sri S. Lakshminarayanan - and not of Sri Rao. Unless the Govt. cancel their previous order approving Sri Rao's appt. in relaxation of the rules, Sri Lakshminarayan cannot be posted to Saidapet. The Dy.D.P.I.(Personnel) 'phoned A.S. to request that the order of cancellation might be issued immediately. Draft overleaf is accordingly subd. Circn. does not seem necessary.

~~If the present arrangements are allowed to take place, Sri Lakshminarayanan will be immediately transferred to the Teachers' College, Saidapet and the Saidapet College will be without a Lecturer for some time and the work of the Chemistry Examinations~~

30/12/49 Addl Secy. 6.39 p.m.

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E.D.H.(A)

M.E.S. - Sri T.R. Govindachari, overseas scholar - Regularly appd. as Addl. Prof. Presy. College - Higher starting pay - Granted.

Read:- G.O. 3462 - Edn., dt - 10-11-49.
From the D.P.I., No. 2887-C1/49, dt - 22-12-49.

G.O. (Ms.) No. 80. Edn., dt 10.1.50.

Under section 241(5) of the G. of I. Act, 1935 HE the Governor of Madras relaxes the relevant Statutory service rules in favour of Dr. T.R. Govindachari, Govt.-sponsored scholar who rtd. to India recently after completing his studies overseas, with a view to enable his regular appt. as Addl. Prof of Chemistry, Presy. College, Madras, in the M.E.S.

2. The Govt. direct that the temp. appt of Dr. T.R. Govindachari as Addl. Prof. of Chemistry in the M.E.S., ordered in the G.O. read above (under General Rule 9(a)(ii)), shall be deemed to have been regularly made.

In modfn. of the G.O. read above, Sri T.R. Govindachari is appd. to officiate as Addl. Prof. of Chemistry, Presy. College, Madras, in the M.E.S. regularly w.e.f. the date of taking charge.

3. Dr. Govindachari will be given a starting pay of Rs. 500 p.m. in the scale of Rs. 230-30/2-280-40/2-500-50/2-700 applicable to the post of Addl. Prof. The Sri. is requested to inform the Scholar that his request for the grant to him of an initial pay of Rs. 600/- p.m. has been considered but that the Govt. have decided to sanction only Rs. 500/- p.m. as a special case

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Memo. No. 92496 A-5 — Edn., dt - 10.1.50

Dr. T.R. Govindachari, overseas scholar - Appt. as Addl. Prof. of Chemistry.

Read:- From the D.P.I., No. 2887-C1/49, dt - 22.12.

Orders regularising the temp. appt.

Dr. T. R. Govindachari as Addl. Prof. of Chemistry in the Presy. College & sanctioning him an initial pay of Rs. 500/-, are being issued separately.

2. The D.P.I. is requested to report ~~to~~ what steps were taken by him to find out the whereabouts of Capt. (Dr.) V. Subba Rao who was apptd. to the war-reserved vacancy of Lecturer in Chemistry. Only if it is definitely known that that candidate is not willing to take up the ~~appt.~~ post, his appt. can be cancelled. The question which vacancy shd. be reserved for the confirmation of Dr. Govindachari may be examined by the ~~D.P.I.~~ Dir. in ... 1950 when a fresh vacancy consequent on the rett. from service of Dr. M.V. Sitaraman will arise & a report submd. to Govt.

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To the D.P.I.

Further action taken

Subba Rao's selection cancelled

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G.O.No.3442 Edn., dated 10th Novemb[er]
From the Director of Public Instruct[ion] dated 22nd December

ORDER:-

Under section 241 (5) of the ... Act, 1935, His Excellency the Governor of Ma[dras] ... relevant statutory service rules in favour ... Government-sponsored scholar who returned ... completing his studies overseas, with a vi[ew] ... regular appointment as Additional Professo[r] ... Presidency College, Madras, in the Madras ...

2. In modification of the G.O. ... T.R.Govindachari is appointed regularly to ... Professor of Chemistry, Presidency College, ... Madras Educational Service, with effect from ... charge.

3. Dr.Govindachari will be given ... of Rs. 500/. p.m. in the scale of Rs.230-30/2-260-... applicable to the post of Additional Professor. ... is requested to inform the scholar that his reque[st for] grant to him of an initial pay of Rs.600/- p.m. ... considered but that the Government have decide[d] ... only Rs.500/- as a special case.

(By order of His Excellency the Gover[nor])

J.M.Lobo Prabhu,
Secretary to Governm[ent]

To
The Director of Public Instruction.
The Accountant-General. (thro' Finance)
The Secretary, Madras Public Service Commission
The Public (Ser) Department.
The Finance Department, ~~through Accountant.General.~~
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From the D.P.I., No.2887-C1/49, d/- 24-11-49.

Sri T.R.Govindachari, overseas scholar - Pay on appt. as Addl.Prof. of Chemistry, Presy.College.

Dr. T.R.Govindachari was sent by this Govt. in 1946 to the U.S.A. for higher studies. The subject of his study was "Manufacture of Dyes and Tinctorial Chemistry". He was intended for absorption in the Industries dept., on his return from abroad. Even before proceeding overseas the scholar had already the M.Sc. and the Ph.D. degrees of the Madras University. In the United States he was not working for any degree but was engaged in research work. The normal period of scholarship is 2 years. In Dr. Govindachari's case, on the recommendation of Dr.B.B.Dey and Dr. S.R.U.Savoor (former D.P.I.'s) and also Prof. Roger Adams of the Illinois Unty., the scholar was permitted to remain in the U.S.A. for another year at his cost, on a fellowship of $3600 p.a. allowed to him by the Illinois Unty.

2. Just before Dr. Govindachari returned to India, it was found that there was no suitable post for him in the Industries dept. But the former Minister for Edn., in consultation with Dr.Savoor, had minuted that the services of a better person than Dr. Govindachari could not be found for carrying on research in the Presy. Madras College. On the basis of those minutes, the question of appointing Dr. Govindachari in the Edn. Dept. was pursued. The D.P.I. opined that the scholar's qualfns. were superior to those of the existing Prof. or/existing Addl.Prof. in the Presy. College. Therefore, although there was no vacancy in the Chemistry Unit of the M.E.S., the Addl.Prof. in the Presy.College was transferred to the Teachers' College in relaxation of the service rules and Dr. Govindachari was apptd. as Addl.Prof. A transferee officer was consequently reverted to the Sub. Service. The scholar's appt. was ordered under the emergency provns. pending the detailed examination of his qualfns.

3. The scale of pay of the Prof. and the Addl.Prof.

in the Presy. College is the ordinary M.E.S. scale of pay of Rs.230-700. ~~Srri~~ Dr. Govindachari has not joined the appt. He has requested that in consideration of his high qualfns. and research expce., and of the facts that he was employed on Rs.363 p.m. under the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research even before going to the U.S.A.; that in the United State he was drawing a salary of $ 3600 p.a. attached to the Fellowship in the Illinois Unty.; and that he has now been offered an appointment on Rs.600 in the National ~~Chemistry~~ Chemical Laboratory, Poona, he may be granted a starting pay of Rs.600 p.m. He has requested the D.P.I.'s permission to join the Addl. Professorship after orders on his request for higher pay are passed and after the question of regularization of his tempy. appt. is settled.

4. The D.P.I., in forwarding the scholar's petition, has strongly recommended the grant of Rs.500 p.m. as pay to the scholar. He has stated that though the candidate is bound to serve this Govt. in a gazetted post without insisting on a higher initial pay, yet it would be hardly fair to compel a person of his ~~quiff~~ qualfns. and expce. to accept a post on Rs.230.

The Govt have considered before, more than once, the question of giving higher starting salary for the overseas scholars and have decided it in the negative The latest decision was taken only a few days ago - "P"/N.F.12-13. ~~Srri~~ Dr.Govindachari's case does not seem to call for any exceptional treatment. Of course his qualfns. are very high and he has done vast research. But it is partly this Govt. which made him what he is now. If they had not deputed him to the United States, his 'market value' would not have risen to Rs.600. The Govt. have spent over him more than Rs.15,000. He should, therefore, feel grateful to them rather than tell them that he will join the appt. after the question of his pay is decided. Further, direct appointment to a Professorship in the Presy. College is ~~itself~~ itself a big honour conferred on him. Tho' the pay attached to the post now is not much, he can compete for appt. as Ch.Prof. on Rs.300-1000 to be made

before next year. The selecting authority for that post is also proposed to be given discretion to recommend higher pay for really deserving candidates. Dr. Govindachari can take the chance under that provision.

If any concession is shown to this candidate, other scholar-recruits in the Engg. Colleges are ~~xxx~~ also likely to press their grounds for higher pay. Dr. Govindachari's request may be negatived. However, in the face of the details of qualfns., given by him now, his tempy. appt. may be regularized in relaxation of the relevant rules. If he is not willing to accept the post on Rs.230, he will have to be required to refund Rs.15,000 in one lump sum.

5. It cannot be said that there is a dearth of foreign-qualified candidates in the Chemistry unit. Another of this Govt.'s overseas scholars, Sri V.M.I.Nambissan, has recently returned to India. He is a B.Sc.(Hons.) of Madras and he has done research in the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, for more than 2 years. He has obtained a Ph.D. degree of the London Unty. and has visited many institutions in other European countries. The subject of his study was "Electro-chemistry" and he too was intended for absorption in the Industries dept. But that dept. has not been able to give him a suitable job and therefore the G. of I. and the other Provl. Govts. have been addressed. The D.P.I. said that that scholar could be apptd. as Asst.Lecturer (non-gazetted) as there was no vacancy in the M.E.S. Sri Nambissan cannot stand equal to Dr.Govindachari. Yet, if the latter does not want the Addl.Professorship, the question of utilizing Sri Nambissan's service in a gazetted post for research in the Presy.College may be taken up in consultation with the D.P.I.

6. Fin. and Pub.(Ser.) may see before circn.

The case of this scholar has to be distinguished from

those of others not only in view of his qualifications and the salaries received by him before but also in view of the fact that it will not be to our advantage to bind persons from whom we expect Research to a salary which they will regard as inadequate. We may therefore accept the proposal of the D.P.I.

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PUBLIC(SERVICES)DEPARTMENT.

The note of E.&.P.H. from page 1 ante may be perused.

'E' on p.3 ante:- It is presumed that only the rule of Communal rotation i.e. rule 3(a) of the Special Rules for the M.E.S. has to be relaxed in favour of Dr.Govindachari. This Dept. need not object. H.Pr. should see the case and a copy of the order relaxing the rule should be communicated to the M.P.S.C. E.&.P.H. may ascertain whether relaxation of any other rules is not necessary before circulation to H.Pr. The file may be passed on to Finance.

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Notes on pages 1-4 above may be perused.

The proposal relates to the fixation of pay of Dr.T.R Govindachari, Overseas Scholar, in the scale of Rs.230-700 on his appointment as Additional Professor of Chemistry, Presidency College, Madras. The candidate has demanded an initial pay of Rs. 600/- per mensem in the above scale, whereas the Director of Public Instruction has recommended Rs. 500/-. E & P.H. have supported the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction.

2/ In G.O.No.3442 Education dated 10-11-49, Dr.Govindachari has been appointed under the emergency provisions, to officiate as Additional Professor of Chemistry in the Presidency College, Madras. He was sent by this Government in 1946 to the U.S.A. for higher studies. Even before proceeding overseas, the scholar had already the M.Sc. and the Ph.D. degrees of the Madras University. In the U.S.A. he was not working for any degree but was engaged in ---- research work. The Government have spent over him more than Rs. 15,000. The Director of Public Instruction has recommended a starting pay of Rs. 500/- for the following reasons.

(1) As a Research Assistant in the University of Illinois, Dr.Govindachari was getting a pay of $ 300 a month (Rs. 1000 prior to devaluation) and he was also being paid Rs. 363/- per mensem as a research assistant before his deputation. It would be hardly fair to compel a person of his outstanding qualifications and experience to accept a post in the Madras Educational Service on a starting pay of Rs. 230/- a month.

(2) The services of the scholar should not be lost to the Presidency College by the failure of the Government to offer him a salary commensurate with his qualifications and experience and comparable nearly to the pay he would get from the Government of India if he were permitted to

accept employment in the National Chemical Laboratory, Poona, on Rs. 600/- per mensem.

E & P.H. have supported the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction on the ground that the case of this scholar has to be distinguished from those of others not only in view of his qualifications and the salaries received by him before, but also in view of the fact, that it will not be to our advantage to bind persons, from whom we expect Research, to a salary which they will regard as inadequate.

3. The Director of Public Instruction himself has admitted that none of the overseas scholars so far appointed to the Madras Educational Service has been allowed a higher initial pay, and that the scholar is bound to serve this Government in a gazetted post without insisting on a higher initial pay. The Government have considered previously the question of giving higher starting salary for the overseas scholars and have decided it in the negative. The following are some of the considerations which weighed with the Government in negativing the proposal.

(1) One of the conditions for the award of Government stipends to overseas scholarships is, that the selected students should undertake to serve the Government of Madras, on their return after the completion of their course of instruction for a period of 5 years, if required to do so in a gazetted post, or to take up for a similar period other comparable employment outside Government service, if so directed by the Government of Madras.

(2) Though nothing has been stated in the Bond about the question of actual pay that will be allowed to the scholars on their return, the intention seems to be that they should be started only on the minimum of the scale of pay of the post to which they are employed and they do not have any right to ask for a higher starting pay.

(3) It does not also seem to be correct to take into consideration the pay drawn by some of these overseas scholars while they were on private employment, prior to their selection, for purposes of fixing their pay after their return from overseas studies, because they would be more than compensated by their further studies abroad at the cost of the Government.

The qualifications of Dr. Govindachari are, no doubt, high, but the Government have spent over him more than Rs.15,000/- for his research. If the Government had not deputed him to the U.S.A., his value would not have risen so high. The qualifications, the research experience and other things should normally be taken into consideration at the time of promotion

to a higher post but not in fixing his initial pay. As already stated, no higher starting pay has been given to overseas scholars so far, and if an exception is made in the present case, it will ~~create unnecessary~~ constitute an inconvenient precedents and even some of the scholars who are now in service may clamour for a similar treatment and it will be difficult to resist their demands.

It does not appear that the Doctor will refuse to serve on Rs. 230/- as the alternative open to him is to repay the amount of Rs. 15,000/- in ~~a~~ one lump sum. This will be difficult for him. Perhaps he has made the request in a bargaining spirit. On the whole, this Department may advise that no exception need be made in his case and that the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to start Dr. Govindachari on Rs. 500/- per mensem may be negatived. If E & P.H. press, they may be requested to circulate the case to Hon'ble Minister (Finance).

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I am not sure if Dr. Govinda-chari's request deserves to be negatived.

It is true he cannot claim, as a matter of right, to be started on a higher salary. It is also true that he is under a bond to serve the Govt for a period of 5 years. But the question is whether it would be fair for the Govt to insist on its "pound of flesh".

Most of the foreign scholars were merely raw graduates when they were sent out. When they came back after two or three years abroad it was reasonable enough to start them on the minimum of the time-scale (Rs 230/- in the M.E.S. & Rs 260/- for Asst Engineers in the P.W.D.) They could not legitimately enquire for or expect more & hence they had no valid cause for grumbling. Dr. Govindachari is in a different position.

He won a M.S.C. & Ph.D. of the Madras University before he went abroad & had abroad years of research experience behind him. During his sojourn abroad he has added to that experience & has won very high opinions from his Professors, just as Successive D.P.Is have also spoken highly of him. He will be an asset to the research side of the Presidency College, & it may be remembered that on the scheme for the reorganisation of the Presidency College research will occupy the place of prime importance.

It is true that as a rule foreign scholars have so far been started only on the minimum of the time-scale. But that is probably for the reason that no cases have arisen which justified the making of an exception. The present case, I feel, would amply warrant an exception. Rs 230/- is too low as a starting pay for Dr. Govindachari. Fin need not object to a higher pay, more specifically to Rs 500/- which has been suggested by the D.P.I & recommended by E & P.H.

H-M. (Fin) should see

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Public Dept.'s note at p.4 ante:

Apart from the rule of communal rotation, the rule prescribing the method of recruitment to vacancies in the Collegiate Section (rule 2(e) of the Special Rules for the M.E.S.) has also to be relaxed in Dr. Govindachari's favour. The D.P.I.'s proposal in para 2 of pp.7-8 C.F. to de-reserve the war-reserved vacancy against

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which Capt. (Dr.) V.Subba Rao has been recruited and to deem Dr. Govindachari to have been apptd. against that vacancy and thus to avoid relaxation of rule 2(e) in the latter's behalf, cannot be accepted immediately. This is the first time the Dir. reports to Govt. that the whereabouts of Capt. Subba Rao are not correctly known. That matter has to be pursued further and only if it is definitely understood that Capt. Subba Rao is not willing to accept the post, his appt. can be cancelled. The question which vacancy should be ear-marked for Dr. Govindachari may be taken up in Novr.1950 when a fresh substantive vacancy is due to occur.

2. The Dir. says in para 3, C.F.8, that the Govt. may decide, w.r.t. the communal roster (B) (maintained by ~~Govt.~~ Dept.) for the Men's Branch of the M.E.S., whether the communal rule should be relaxed in Dr. Govindachari's favour. It does not seem that the communal rule will be satisfied if the scholar is shown against the next turn for the Brahman community as that is not the community which is entitled to the next vacancy in the rotation and as the element of selection of a candidate of the required community is not present in the case of appointment of a particular individual.

3. The Dir.'s proposal in para 4 of C.F.8, to consider Dr. Govindachari to possess ~~xxx~~ qualfns. equivalent to the I or II Class degree of M.A. or B.A.(Hons.) or B.Sc.(Hons.) laid down in the rules, may be accepted.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 30 DEC 1949 5254 CHIEF SECRETARIAT

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BM 29/12/49 Pub (Ser) Dept.

(Previous note of this dept. on p.4 ante)

The subsequent note of Fin. and E & P.H. on pp. 5- & above may be perused. This dept. need not object to relaxing rules 2(e) and 3(a) of the Spl. Rules for the M.E.S. in favour of Dr. Govindachari. H.Dr. should see the case and a copy of the order relaxing the rules should be communicated to the M.P.S.C.

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Para 3 on p. 9 ante:- In order to consider the qualifications possessed by Dr. Govindachari as equivalent to the qualifications prescribed in the Special Rules, the M.P.S.C. should be consulted. To obviate the need for such consultations, this dept. may suggest that rule 6(a)(i) of the Spl. Rules for the M.E.S. may also be relaxed in favour of Dr. Govindachari.

The file may be returned to E&P.H.

Vide Gl. Rule 17(6)(i) at p. 149 of Bk. 112

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Dr. T. R. Govindachari, overseas scholar, was apptd. recently as Additional Professor of Chemistry in the Presy. College, Madras, under the emergency provisions. The scale of pay of the post is Rs.230-700. The candidate has not joined duty but has requested the grant to him of an initial pay of Rs.600 in consideration of his high qualfns. and research experience and of the high salary which he was drawing even before he was sent to the U.S.A., ~~etc~~ He also desires that he should be apptd. regularly. The D.P.I. has recommended the grant of a starting pay of Rs.500 to the scholar. The recommendation is supported by this dept., & Finance do not object. This dept. also recommend, and Public (Services) agree, that the tempy. appt. of Dr. Govindachari may be regularized in relaxation of the service rules (prescribing the method of appt. for the post, communal rotation and academic qualfns.) which technically stand in the way of his appt.

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Secy's note at pp. 3-4 & Fin. D.S.'s note at pp. 7-8 ante set out the justification for differentiating this case from the cases of other overseas scholars.

The file may be circd. to H.M.(E.&L.), H.M.(Fin.) and H.Pr. for orders.

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