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R.O.C.No. 154 K3/49

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction
Madras 20-2-1950

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

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



Sir,

Sub:-Libraries - Government Oriental Manuscripts Library
Madras - Post of an additional Sanskrit Pandit -
continuance - sanction - requesting -
Ref:-G.O.Ms.No.1180 Education dated 19-4-49

In the G.O. quoted above sanction was accorded to the continuance for a period of one year from 1-5-49 or till final orders were passed on the proposals of retrenchment in the Oriental Manuscripts Library, whichever was earlier of the post of the additional Sanskrit Pandit in the Library. Government have recently passed final orders dropping the proposals for the retrenchment of the staff in the Library - vide G.O.No. 329 Education dated 7-2-1950. The sanction accorded for the continuance of the Sanskrit Pandit's post, will expire by 30-4-50.

2. The Curator, has now submitted proposals for the continuance of the above post for a further period of two years. I enclose herewith a copy of his letter Rc No.126/50 dated 7-2-1950, reporting in detail the progress of work in the Sanskrit section, and the necessity for the continuance of the post, as required in para 2 of the G.O. referred to above. I agree with the curator that there is definite need for the continuance of the post of the additional Sanskrit Pandit. However, I recommend that for the present sanction may be accorded for the continuance of the post, for a further period of one year only from 1-5-50 and that the question of further continuance if necessary, may be taken up for consideration, next year.

3. I request the favour of early orders in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

M. S. Srinivasan
For Director of Public Instruction

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Copy of letter from the Curator, Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, University Buildings, Triplicane, P.O., Madras -5 addressed to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras-6 R.C.No.126/50 dated 7-2-1950.

Sir,

Sub:- Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras -
Temporary post of Sanskrit Pandit-Continuance for
2 a further term of 2 years-Sanction requested-
Ref:- Your Proceedings R.C.No.154-K3/49, dated 29-4-1949

I have the honour to state that the last extension sanctioned in your proceedings quoted above for the post of a temporary sanskrit pandit expires by 1-5-1950 and I request that the post may be sanctioned for a further period of two years from 1-5-1950.

Important and rare manuscripts dealing with such subjects as Science, Philosophy, Medicine etc., were selected for publication under the scheme launched by the Government. After examining a large number of manuscripts, five fairly big works in Sanskrit were selected for printing. As a result of the tour undertaken by the Curator in May 1949 a very large collection of manuscripts were procured from the Tanjore District. The examination of manuscripts secured from private parties could not brook delay. Out of the 2,000 and odd manuscripts brought from Kumbakonam 1,400 were scrutinised by the Sanskrit Pandit and lists of the names of these were drawn up.

Besides, Manuscripts secured from Niruvallur (Conjeevaram) and Shiyali on subsequent occasions were also examined. The manuscripts secured from Tiruvadi and Pudukottai have been examined and listed. The manuscripts secured from Madura District have yet to be examined.

As required in the Director's proceedings R.C.No.2523-14/4 dated 19-10-49, a list of manuscripts in this Library on Music had ~~xxxx~~ to be prepared to be forwarded to the Government of India along with others obtained from the various Libraries in the Province.

The Publications of the Half-yearly Bulletin under the auspices of ~~xxx~~ this Library is another item of work which calls for an appreciable part of the Pandit's time and labour. Works for publication in this Journal have to be selected with due regard to the importance and merit of the contents. Proofs have to be corrected in this connection too.

Once the Pandit himself had to copy out a manuscript entitled "VIRASAIVAKAUSTUBHA" as he alone knew the script (Nandinagari) used in that work.

On top of all these, the usual work of furnishing information to private parties and institutions regarding manuscripts etc., goes on uninterrupted. To quote but one instance, Sri Pandit A.Chinnaswamy Sastri, Lecturer in Sanskrit, Calcutta University had asked for a complete list of Appayya Diksita's works. This was supplied as also the number of granthas contained in each work.

On account of all such pieces of work, the preparation of Descriptive Slips for manuscripts had to be slowed down and work in this direction was restricted to the revision of old slips and correction of proofs of fresh slips. Thus 250 slips relating to Descriptive Catalogue volume 32, and 200 slips relating to R Triennial Catalogue were revised.

I may submit that the acquisition of manuscripts is always in progress. Quite recently, the Curator undertook a tour of Tanjore, Madura, Trichy and Pudukotta and procured nearly 600 manuscripts. A tour was undertaken by the Librarian also who brought as many as 75 manuscripts from some villages in Telugu Districts. And there is every likelihood of more manuscripts being acquired in various ways. These as well as the old manuscripts have got to be thoroughly examined and studied.

studied before their description is attempted. The preparation of Descriptive notes would involve much time and labour, and the service of a Pandit for another 2 years are absolutely indispensable.

In the light of all these facts set forth above, I have the honour to request that the Director may be pleased to sanction the continuance of this temporary post of the Sanskrit Pandit for another term of 2 years.

Sd. Curator.

/True Copy/

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Libraries — Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library — Post of additional Sanskrit Pandit — Continuance — Sanctioned.

Read: G.O. No. 1180. Edn., dated, 19-4-49.

Ref: From the D.P.I., R.O.C. No. 154 K3/49, dated, 20-2-50.

Order 871 dated, 16-3-50
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The Govt. Sanction the Continuance of a further period of up to 30th April 1951 + 500 of the post of additional Sanskrit Pandit sanctioned in G.O. No. 459. Edn., dated, 10-3-48.

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for the Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library.

If the post is to be continued further, a report on the progress of work in the Sanskrit Section and the necessity for the continuance of the post should be sent.

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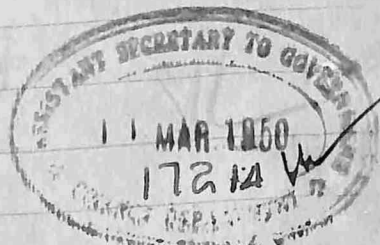
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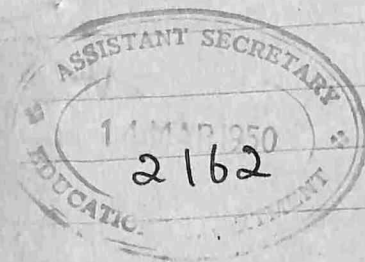
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