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Purchase or construction of residences for Government officials

Letter from the Government of India
requesting the opinion of this Government
on certain questions connected with the —
in view to the existing rules on the subject
being reconsidered, communicated to the
officers of the Public Works Department
and to the Departments of the Secretariat
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper:—

From N. F. MACKENZIE, Esq., Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Buildings), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Calcutta, 27th February 1895, No. 68 B.

With reference to the rules in paragraphs 15 to 17 and 28 of chapter X, volume I of the 7th edition of the Public Works Department Code relating to the procedure to be adopted in the purchase or construction of residences for Government officials and the rents to be charged therefor, I am directed to inform you that the Government of India have under consideration a proposal to relax the stringency of the existing rules relating to the purchase or construction of such buildings.

2. I am accordingly desired to request that the Government of India may be favoured with the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council on the working of both sets of the existing rules and as to the expediency or otherwise of introducing any modifications therein and the form which such modifications should take.

3. The chief reason which has actuated the Government of India in making this reference to Local Governments and Administrations is that it is believed that there is an increasing difficulty experienced by civil officials in procuring suitable house accommodation at the stations where their duties require them to live and that they are thus frequently placed in an undesirable position towards native and other house proprietors. The Government of India wish, therefore, to consider the advisability of relaxing the existing rules to an extent which would admit of the purchase or construction of houses for certain selected officials whose appointments may be regarded as permanent in respect of locality and desire to be favoured with the views of the Heads of Local Governments, &c., as to the most suitable manner in which the existing rules (paragraphs 15 to 17 of chapter X, volume I of the 7th edition of the Public Works Department Code) may be relaxed so as to effect this object. The question also arises in connection with this subject whether the obligation to occupy the house provided should be attached to the tenure of the appointment.

4. I am to add that the Government of India will be glad to learn how the rent rules (paragraph 28, chapter X, volume I of the 7th edition of the Public Works Department Code) have worked, and whether they can be improved by any additions or alterations which may have suggested themselves to Local Governments, &c., in the disposal of cases dealt with by them under the rules.

5. The Government of India also desire to be informed what the practice is in regard to the payment of municipal taxes on Government buildings occupied as residences by Government officials, whether occupied rent-free or otherwise. I am to suggest for consideration that even in cases of rent-free occupancy the occupant should be required to pay at least the occupier's share of such taxes subject, if necessary, to a certain maximum amount.

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Communicated to the officers of the Public Works Department and to the Departments of the Secretariat for favour of remarks and suggestions on the several questions raised by the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

C. R. Barlow
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To Superintending Engineers.
 „ the Consulting Architect to Government.
 „ the Superintendent of Works, Periyár Project.
 „ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
 „ the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
 „ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
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