

Educational (1896) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 399

Dated 6th July 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

GOVERNMENT EXAMINATIONS.

Recording letter from the Director of Public Instruction
stating that he will submit, at a future date, his views regarding the
reduction in the rates of remuneration paid to Examiners conducting ---

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras, 2 June 1896.

No. 5972.

From

THE HONORABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

THE HONORABLE THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

FORT ST. GEORGE.

SIR,

I have the honour to reply to para 3 of G.O. No. 917, Educational, dated 5th December 1895, calling for information regarding the remuneration paid to examiners in the other provinces and for proposals to reduce the net cost of the examinations in this Presidency.

2. The Directors of Public Instruction, Bombay, Bengal and North-West Provinces were requested to be good enough to furnish information regarding the standard of each examination, the scale of fees paid by the candidates for admission to each, the rate of remuneration for setting a unit question paper and for valuing a unit answer paper (a unit paper being

being taken to be one of three hours' duration) and the net cost to the State on account of these examinations during the past three years. Their replies go to show that in none of these provinces are there any examinations which correspond to the examinations of this Presidency. The Director of Public Instruction, Bombay, says that the College of Science Bona, examines, and charges nothing for examining all technical schools except the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute in Bombay which arranges for its examination without assistance from Government. In Bengal, the Director of Public Instruction says there are no general examinations of technical (in the sense of industrial) schools, but that the Educational Department holds examinations of Survey schools, Medical schools and Madrasas and also for Vernacular Quartership examination Certificates. In the North-West Provinces and Oudh there are some examinations viz., Law, Agricultural, Medical, Forest and Engineering examinations, which may be considered similar ^{which do} but ~~not~~ correspond to the technical examinations of this Presidency; but these examinations are

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are not conducted by the Educational Department; each College conducts its own examinations. It will, thus, be seen that in none of these provinces are there any technical examinations conducted by the Department corresponding to those in this Presidency, and no profitable comparison can, therefore, be made between them.

3. I am fully alive to the large net cost to the State on account of these examinations, but I do not see that any thing can at present be done to reduce it. The only course open to make the examinations less expensive is to increase the number of candidates, and that cannot be done at any one's bidding. The examinations to which candidates come up by thousands not only pay their own way, but yield a surplus to meet the deficit in the examinations which are less frequented. To raise the scale of fees to be paid by candidates for admission to the examinations would not, even if practicable, go far to reduce the cost in the case of the technical examinations, to each of which comparatively few candidates come up. But in the present state of technical education it

it would not be advisable to do anything which might check the flow of candidates. The reduction of the remuneration paid to examiners would not be expedient, and might have very serious consequences. Even now frequent complaints reach me as Commissioner regarding the low remuneration paid to examiners in some of the technical examinations; more especially in those subjects in which ^{the} practical side is important, and which, therefore, absorb a great deal of the examiners' time. The examinations have to be conducted by experts, whose services cannot be secured for less remuneration, and if inferior men be entrusted with the work, I fear that the standard of the examinations and the estimation in which they are held will not be kept up. The rates of remuneration now paid have been fixed at as low a figure as possible and with due regard to the quality and nature of the work to be done. In this connection I beg to refer Government to my second letter read in G.O. & 834, Educational, dated 29th November 1892. I, therefore, beg to recommend that, for some time to come, the net cost to Government on account of the

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the technical examinations be treated as a lump provision towards the promotion of technical education.

4. I may add that the Syndicate has recently appointed a sub-Committee, of which I am a member, to revise the scales of remuneration now paid to University examiners, in the light of the rates allowed to examiners by the other Indian Universities. When the report of this Committee has been submitted to, and disposed of by, the Syndicate, I shall carefully revise the rates now in force in connection with the examinations under my control both as Director and as Commissioner, and submit my views to Government. The possibility of reducing the cost of the Sub-Assistant's Tests (see Endorsement No. 11002 dated 22nd May 1895) will be considered at the same time. Government will understand that the rates of remuneration given to examiners by the University will determine to a considerable extent the rates to be allowed to examiners in the Government examinations. It would not be possible to get competent examiners in the examinations under my control, if the remuneration was very much less than that allowed by the

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Educational Department.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Honble the Chief Secy. to Govt.,
Fort St. George.

by the University.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. D. D. D.

Director of Public Instruction.

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Hon. & the Hon. Mr. Blin C. J. E.

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To The D.P. 460 13/7/96