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Public Service Notification.

Sanctioning the Exemption from the
operation of the Examination rules
of the appointments in the postal
deptt. paid out of the District Post fund.
and making the necessary additions
to the —.

9/9/97.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From G. S. CURTIS, Esq., Officiating Postmaster-General, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated 25th June 1897, No. D. P. 8-55—8658.

I have the honour to bring to the notice of Government that a difficulty has recently arisen in connection with the officers of the District Post establishment mentioned in the accompanying list whose salaries are paid from the Provincial grant for the District Post and who in matters relating to their appointments and qualifications are subject to the orders of the Madras Government.

2. The practice hitherto followed has been to treat these posts as interchangeable with those on the Imperial establishment and to transfer and retransfer the officials employed in them as the exigencies of the service may require. This has the advantage of providing the District Post men with a fair prospect of promotion and of ensuring the maintenance of the same standard of efficiency as for the Imperial Post establishment.

3. A notification * has, however, been recently issued by the Madras Government prescribing certain tests which must be passed by officials before they can be appointed to posts similar to those in the

* Dated 16th April 1896.

attached statement and a certificate to be signed by the head of the department has been entered in the pay bill, which obliges him to certify that no appointments have been made except in conformity with the provisions of this notification. The result of this is that members of the Imperial establishment who are not compelled to satisfy and do not satisfy the tests imposed by the notification can no longer be appointed to the District Post establishment and the practice described in my paragraph 2 above has to be abandoned.

4. As an instance of this I may mention that the head clerkship of the District Post branch of my office, pay Rs. 70, has recently fallen vacant. In ordinary course I should have nominated C. Prasanna Raghavulu Naidu, a capable official of over twenty years standing who is a clerk on Rs. 60 in the Imperial branch of my office, to the post. But he has not passed the Précis-writing test and therefore cannot be appointed; and the same objection attaches to all the other clerks who are available.

5. In these circumstances, I have the honour to request that Government may be moved to rule that the notification in question does not apply to establishments paid out of the District Post grant. It may of course be objected that the tests prescribed are not exacting, and that men who have passed them should be forthcoming without difficulty: but against this must be set the fact that for some of the appointments on the list, such as overseers, the tests prescribed are altogether unsuitable and that for the remaining, though efforts are made to secure matriculates as far as possible, it is often necessary, owing to the unpopularity of the department and the irksome nature of the work, to recruit men who have passed no University test, but who can perform the more or less rule of thumb duties assigned to them with even greater efficiency than men of higher qualifications.

6. For these reasons I venture to think that the continued application of the notification in question to Postal establishment is inexpedient and would ask that Government may be pleased to issue orders to this effect.

ORDER—No. 517, Educational, dated 9th September 1897.

The Government is pleased to sanction the exemption from the operation of the Examination rules of the appointments in the Postal department paid out of the District Post grant; the following addition will accordingly be made to article 3 of the Public Service Notification :—

“(13) Appointments in the Postal department, the pay of which is paid from the Provincial grant for the District Post.”

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Postmaster-General.
“ Commissioner for Government Examinations.

Educational (1897) Department.

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From The Postmaster General
Madras.

Order

No. D.P.S. 55
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Enclosures /

Spare copies.

SUBJECT.

Requesting orders prohibiting the application of the Notification re Examination Rules, to establishments paid out of the District Post Grant.

Imp. V

Permitting the certificate attached to the pay bill referred to in para 3. I think the Government is very likely to be satisfied.

24/7/11

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Allowance to Super		50	
1	Head Clerk	70	Matriculation, Handwriting Test and Precise writing
1	Second Clerk	25	Matriculation and Handwriting Test
1	Third Clerk	20	Matriculation and Handwriting Test
1	Peon	7	Primary School Examination
Madras Presidency			
1	Postmaster	15	Matriculation and Handwriting Test
1	do	20	Matriculation and Handwriting Test
9.	Superintendent's clerks at	15 each	Matriculation and Handwriting Test
1	Overseer	15	Matriculation and Handwriting Test
2	Overseers at	20 each	Matriculation and Handwriting Test
1	Overseer	10	Primary school Examination
14	Postmasters at	15 each	Exempted from passing the required examination as these appointments are held in the Agency Town
3	do	20 each	
1	Postmaster	30	
1	do	40	
1	Inspector of Post Offices	60	
2	Overseers at	10 each	
1	Overseer	20	
5	Overseers at	15 each	
1	Postman	6	These appointments do not require any examination to be passed
1	do	8	
662	Village Postmen at	6/8 each	
139	do	7 each	
2	do	8 each	
5	do	10 each	
7	do	12 each	

No	Appointment	Pay	Examination required to be passed (Special Tests being shown in red ink)
1	Letter Box Peon	7	These appointments do not require any examination to be passed.
2	Mail peons at	6 each	
1	Mail peon	7	
175	Runners at	5 each	
134	do	6 each	
1	Runner	7	
2	Runners at	8 each	
5	Boatmen at	8 annas each	
10	do	1 Rupee each	
4	do	1 1/2 Rupees each	
2	do	2 Rupees each	
124	Extra Departmental Agents		

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OFFICE MEMO.

My dear Forbes,
My dear Forbes,

Please look at this office note & the file. I shall be glad of your remarks before I deal with the question, if you don't mind the trouble

Yours truly
S. Forbes
1987/57

I waited till you returned before sending you the file
H

My dear Forbes,
Many thanks for giving me an opportunity of stating my views. As to the exemption of District Post Employees. My statement in para. 2 certainly looks rather too sweeping in the face of Hammick's letter and I cannot say how I come to make it without qualification without referring to my bottom files in Madras. But the statement is in the main correct. With the exception of the case mentioned in Hammick's letter (written eleven years ago)

the various appointments on
the Imperial and District Post
establishments have been inter-
changeable without the Accom-
panying General or any one else
raising an objection. In the present
case Pasappa Raghavulu could have
been appointed Head Clerk Dis-
trict Post Branch and nothing
said about it but it was
thought undesirable to make
an appointment which was ap-
parently at variance with the
Govt. notification and a re-
ference was accordingly made to
Act. Genl. and Commr. for

OFFICE MEMO.

Exams. which has resulted
in the present letter to Govt.
It is impossible to enforce
the Govt. rules for so small
a body of men as the Dis-
trict Post employes. In
my own office they only
number 3 out of an estab-
lishment of over 70 recom-
mended from establishments spread
over an enormous area, and
from time to time they
are always changing.
In the Manual it is the
same. I do not suppose
that there is a Mail Officer
who has passed the Matricu-
lation test between Tuticorin

An official of in this position

and Cutback Road. He is
generally a Muslim or
superior person who travels
up and down a big river
line and sees that the rivers
keep time. In many cases he
has probably but an elemen-
tary knowledge of English,
but he can do his work per-
fectly well without it and
the only effect of directing
that he should be a native.
late would be that it would
be impossible to fill up the
appointments and the work
would be for less efficiency
For the other District

appointments. We are desirous
to recruit only natives
but the supply of candidates
is not equal to the demand
and we have to take such
men as we can get.
2. As regards the general
question of the desirability
of imposing an education
test for Post Office
employees. Your office are
mistaken in supposing that
it is a matter which has
not received consideration.
There has been a great deal
of discussion about it, but
it has come to very little
as we cannot impose tests

when we cannot get men.

The ordinary rule on the subject

is that only Middle School

First Class men (there are very

few of these now as the exam.

has been discontinued) and Native

scribes can be employed with-

out P. M. G's orders but excep-

tions from this rule have to

be freely given as in several

divisions (Bellary, Mallore,

Mysore, Palamcottah) we

simply cannot get men who

have passed the natives and

have to content ourselves

with and those who can pass

a literary test of our own.

On the Bombay side we have

the same trouble.

Yours sincerely

J. T. Curtis

Aug. 21. 1897

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Post Office Department.

From

S. S. Curtis Esq

H. FARRER, Esq.,

POSTMASTER GENERAL, MADRAS,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

DEPARTMENT,

No. D.P. 8 No. 51 dated MADRAS, the 25 June 1897.

SIR,

8658

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It

*This is not recent
The Exam rules came into force
in 1858. The certificate was
added to the pay bill in 1876.
vide GO no 367 Bnd 21-2-76*

*If he is good enough for
the Imperial list he
ought to be good enough
for the District establishment.
S.A.*

It may of course be objected that the tests prescribed are not exacting and that men who have passed them should be forthcoming without difficulty; but against this must be set the fact that for some of the appointments on the list - such as overseers the tests prescribed are altogether unsuitable and that for the remaining though efforts are made to secure matriculates as far as possible, it is often necessary, owing to the unpopularity of the Department and the irksome nature of the work, to recruit men who have passed no University test, but who can perform the more or less rule of thumb duties assigned to them with even greater efficiency than men of higher qualifications.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

J. Curtis

Offg: Postmaster General.

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Educational DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 761 of 97

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. BLISS, C.I.E.

THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.

SUBJECT.

Exemption from the Exam. rules of
Officers of the District Post establishment.

FOR ORDERS.

The Post-master General writes
as if his office was ignorant of
the examination rules hitherto
and as if the examination rules
were never observed in the case
of officers of the District Post establish-
ment. From G.O. no. 302 Ed. of
19th May 1886 - Plog G. it will
be seen that appointments to the
District Post Offices (i.e.) officers paid
out of the District Post grant were
made in accordance with the Exam.
rules and that to promote a
clerk from the Imperial establishment
to the District Post establishment,
the special sanction of the Govt.
was sought. This shows that
P.G.'s statement in para 2 of the
current that hitherto the posts in the
Imperial and District Post establishments

have been treated as interchangeable is not correct. In 1886, the Govt was surprised to find that no educational test was prescribed for appointments in the Imperial branch of the Post office and suggested to the P.M.G. the propriety of bringing the fact to the notice of the Govt of I. no action seems to have been taken on this.

Submitted that the request of the P.M.G. that officers of the St Post establishment may be exempted from the operation of the examination rules may be refused.

27/1/97 H.O. On Mr. Curtes return from tour, I sent him the file for favor of any remarks he might wish to offer on perusal of our papers; & in reply he has sent me the memo. below. This memo. keeps the position plainly & the District post estab. may be exempted as desired.

8/2/97

Yes. It will be bad for the Public Service, if the Imperial & Provincial branches of the Postal Estab. cannot be interchanged, & the no of men subject to both in the Provincial Branch is so small that the interests of the service will not suffer if they are exempted. 25
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P.S.

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To

The P.M.G.
-- C.G.R.

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