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*Stating that the Govt. agree with
the D.P. I in thinking that Local
Boards have no right to examine
the accounts of aided schools.*

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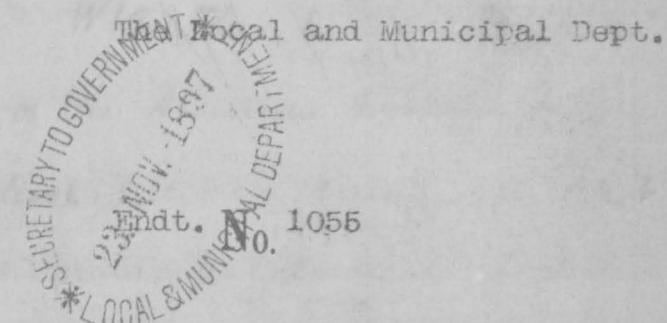
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SUBJECT.

Referring for remarks letter from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Vellore requesting an authoritative ruling from Government as to whether the council has a right to compel managers of aided institutions to submit their original accounts for its scrutiny under the provisions of the grant-in-aid code and para 1 of the private "Institutions" applicable to the grant-in-aid code of 1897-98.

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Educational DEPARTMENT

C. No. 1174/97

SUBJECT.

Right of Local Boards to examine
accounts of the aided schools.

FOR ORDERS.

When the financial statements
B of the American Mission High
School, Vellore, came up before
the Municipal Council for sanction,
the Council resolved that the
manager of that institution should
be requested, thro' the Inspector
of Schools, to submit the accounts
of the school for scrutiny. The
Chairman of the Council accordingly
addressed the Inspector but that
officer sent in reply a copy of the
letter of the D.P.S. no 32018/16th Feb-96
addressed to the Mannargudi Muni-
cipality (vide flag D) which
says that "the duty of examining
~~all aided insts~~ the accounts of all
aided institutions devolves primarily
and solely on the officers of the
Educational Dept and not on

local boards supplying the funds. If a local board or municipal Council has, however, reason to suspect that the accounts of any school are not kept correctly or has come to understand that any irregularities have occurred, the proper course is for the Board or Council to refer the matter to the Inspector of the circle, whose duty it is to enquire into the case, either directly or thro' the Asst Inspector and make a full report to the local board or Municipal Council." The S.P.D. also, on the motion of the manager of the A.M.H.S., forwarded ^{direct} a copy of his ~~letter~~ to the Chairman of the M.C. Council Vellore, a copy of the ^{letter} he had addressed to the Mannamangudi Municipality and also addressed Govt on the subject. vide letter flagged C. under cover of G.O. no. 2174 M & 6th Oct-97. He states that the resolution of the Council "requesting the manager thro' the Inspector of Schools, to produce the original accounts

and registers &c in support of the financial statement B for the scrutiny of the Council is ultra vires. Only the officers of the Dept have a right to call for and scrutinize the accounts and registers of a school. The Council has a right to request the Dept to report on the financial condition of a school aided from its funds, and thus the Dept is always ready to do."

The Council on the other hand thinks that inasmuch as it supplies funds to the institution it ought to possess the right of scrutinizing its (the school's) accounts and has referred the matter to Govt for an authoritative ruling.

Whenever an institution applies for aid from Prov, Local or Municipal funds, it binds itself to submit its accounts to inspection - vide Art 2, Ch II of the Grant in aid Code (page 7) and ~~the~~ Form A - application for salary grants, at the end of the Code.

The word "inspection" in Art 2 and in Form A stands unqualified

It binds itself to submit to inspection 3 the Department

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ls are "prepared to subject institution together with its ~~it~~, endowment & trust accounts

and it apparently means

"inspection of the authority sanctioning grants". The Inspecting Officers of the Ed Dept examine the accounts on behalf of the sanctioning authorities and not by any right of their own. They are mere servants or agents engaged to do certain duties and they have no right of their own to compel managers of schools to submit their accounts to their scrutiny. When they inspect a school and examine its accounts they do so as representatives of Govt or Local Board which aids the school & which has in consequence a right to inspect it and examine its accounts. If this view of the relation between Inspecting Officers and Local Boards is correct, the question raised by the Municipal Council may be answered in the affirmative. The Municipal Council provides funds for the school and it seems reasonable that it should have the right of examining the accounts of the school.

It may be noted that in England

"its establishment, time to
"Registers to inspectors
"furnish such returns
"may be required by the

In my opinion
whole context shows
inspection is not by
the Dept. but by
Local Body.

They do so under the detailed accounts,
rules & the conditions for vouchers, questions
of grant, which they are de
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the Council in the
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Not at all necessary

The Council wants to see
the original accounts, not
some of them relate to the
education, & concerns
educational Dept, not the
Council.

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England that Managers of schools are required, on the receipt of the annual report of the Inspector, to "publish the last account of income and expenditure furnished to the Dept by posting a copy thereof on the door of the school or in some other public place in the school district, and keeping the same so posted for not less than fourteen consecutive days exclusive of Sundays and holidays. They must also publish in the same manner and for the same days a notice that the said account and the report will be, during the six months following the ^{date of the} notice, open to inspection at the school or some other convenient place (named in the notice) at any reasonable time except the ordinary school hours, and that copies or extracts may be made, and must submit the same to inspection, and permit such copies or extracts to be made accordingly" vide art 89 of the English code for 1897 - page 17. It may also be noted that in England from this it seems that the public also have

have a right to inspect the accounts of a school.

In his letter no 3201 D 16th March 96 the D.P.I. states that "the deputation of an Inspecting Schoolmaster or any other officer in municipal employ to examine the accounts of aided schools does not seem to be authorized by the municipal Act or by the rules framed thereunder, and to such an arrangement managers might rightly object under the provisions of the Grant-in-aid Code." With ref. to this it may be noted that if the interpretation of the word "inspection" in art 2 ch II of the Code, which is given above is correct, the Govt or a local board may depute any body to inspect the accounts of a school. In this connection it may be noted that in England Auditors of Accounts are appointed to visit schools & inspect their accounts (vide art 18 of the English code) and in the Isle of Man the accounts of every school must be audited and certified by the auditor of the Board of Education for

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As "Auditors" of
who are appointed
the Department
by the Local
- vide the very
quoted. They are
officers.

for the Islands vide art 85(d)

WA
20/4/97

H.M.

Please see marginal notes. Under the rules as I read them the scrutiny of the school accounts sh^d. be done by the public officials of the P.D. Dept. This is clearly the proper course. To give a Mun. of. the right it seeks in this case would lead to very serious evils.

If there be any doubt about the rules, what I do not think there is, they sh^d. be altered.

J.R. 23/4/97

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The Govt. agrees with the Director of Public Instruction.

H.T.

23.11.97.

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