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[Despatch Abstract.]

Emigration - Assam.

Furnishing the Assam Labour Board with the views of this Government on the subject of the appointment of a subordinate investigating staff to assist supervisors in their enquiries into offences of illegal recruitment under section 64 of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act.

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Home (misc) C. No. 3496

Assam Labour Board,
Block B-3, Clive Buildings,
Calcutta.



No. 3436-41.



From

Lt. Col. W. M. Kennedy, C.I.E., I.A.,

Chairman, Assam Labour Board.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Department,

Dated the 18th October 1917.

as amended by Sec 3
of Act VIII of 1915 Pub. No.

Sir,

I have the honour to say that my Board have had under consideration the desirability of appointing a subordinate investigating staff who would assist Supervisors in their enquiries into offences of illegal recruitment under Section 64, of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, 1901. At present Supervisors experience a good deal of difficulty in regard to such cases, as they have no person whom they can employ on detective work. In ^{see} ~~these~~ important cases, which were recently brought to trial through exertions of Supervisors, they were obliged to employ their clerks as detectives. This is not altogether desirable, and, in any case, the clerks have had no special training for this purpose. The need for some subordinate Indian agency has been especially felt in regard to the illegal abstraction of coolies, nominally for the Duars, but in reality for Assam which has been practised lately in the district of Ranchi. For this work an experienced Indian officer is necessary, not only to collect information, but also to follow up the gangs by train. If the Criminal Investigation Department could undertake this work, no special staff would be required by the Board, but it seems improbable that Local Governments would agree to the Department being so employed, as it has many more important duties to perform. Similarly the district Police are not always available.

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2. In the circumstances the Board, at a Meeting held on the 11th instant, decided to enquire from Local Governments whether they would have any objection to the Board borrowing from Government the services of a reliable Inspector or Sub-Inspector of Police to be employed, as an experimental measure, under the order of Mr. C. E. Middleton Stewart, Supervisor, who has experience of Police work, being an Assistant Superintendent of Police in the Central Provinces. It is proposed that the officer appointed should be granted, in addition to his ordinary pay and allowances, a special allowance of from Rs50/- to Rs100/- a month. He would be employed solely on collecting information which he would report to the Supervisor, and would have no legal powers of any description. The Board will be glad to be informed whether this proposal has the support of the Government of Madras.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,



Chairman,
Assam Labour Board.

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Home (mis) Dept.

From the Chairman of the Assam
Labour Board 3436-41 of 18.10.17

Endt. No. 3496-1/1. 11. 17

Referred to the I. G. of Police
for early remarks which
should be submitted thro'
the Secy. General.

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Subject.

Recommending to Government the loan of services of 2nd grade Sub-Inspector M.R.Ry. K. Ramamurti of Ganjam district for employment under the Assam Labour Board.

ENCLOSURES

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R.C. No. 1885/Audt of 1917

Madras

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, Dated the

20th November

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From (Name) P.L. Moore, Esquire, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

(Designation) Inspector-General of Police.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Judicial) Department,
through the Accountant-General, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Home (Mis.) Endorsement No.3496-1, dated the 1st November 1917, referring to me for remarks letter No.3436-41, dated the 18th October 1917 from the Chairman of the Assam Labour Board, regarding the loan of the services of a reliable Inspector or Sub-Inspector of Police for employment under the Board, I have the honour to recommend 2nd grade Sub-Inspector M.R.Ry. K. Ramamurti of the Ganjam district who is now in receipt of pay Rs.80 and horse allowance of Rs.15 per mensem.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

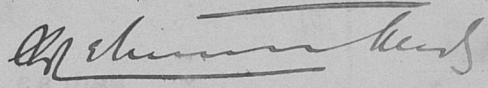
J. F. W. Tilson
for Insp.-Genl. of Police.

Office of the Accountant-General,
Madras,
Fort St. George, 27th November 1917

No. Pen C.R. 7 - 140

Forwarded to the Government of Madras, Home (Judicial)
Department.

2. There is no audit objection to sanction being accorded
by Government under Article 763 of the Civil Service Regulations
to the loan of the services of M.R.Ry., K. Ramamurthi to the Assam
Labour Board and to the grant to him of the salary and allowances
proposed under rules I and III of Article 764 of the Civil Service
Regulations.


Chief Superintendent.

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To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Home (Judicial) Department.

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Assam. Emigration

From the Assam Labour Board 3436-41.9
18. 10. 17

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The duties of the Supervisors appointed under the Assam Labour & Emigration Act are defined in the ~~executive~~ instructions printed on pages 3 and 4 of G.O. 163. Public. of 1. 2. 16. The present proposal of the chairman of the Board to borrow the services of a police inspector or sub-inspector to help the Supervisor seems sound and unobjectionable. Before ~~recommending~~ replying to the Chairman however, it is for orders whether the views of the I. & P. of Police may be obtained. A draft Endt is subd.

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Endt 3496-1. of 1. 11. 17

3892) From the I. & P. of Police Re 1885/audt. 20 1/2
Endt of A. & P. No Pen. C.R. 14508. of 27. 11. 17.

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The Chairman of the Labour Board wishes to know whether the Govt of Madras

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support the Board's proposal to borrow the services of a police inspector or sub-inspector. It would appear from ~~the~~ ^(H4CF) ~~page 4 of~~ I. G.'s letter, that he has no objection. The question of ^{actually} defuting an officer ^{has not} ~~does not seem to have~~ risen yet. ~~The only possible objection is whether it is safe to entrust the duty of collecting information to a police subordinate.~~

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Para 2 of letter 522 (F) 30.8.17

2. The primary object of appointing an Indian police officer is to give assistance to Supervisors in their enquiries into offences of illegal recruitment. Though cases of illegal recruitment are not of frequent occurrence in this Presy, it is ^{only} that this Govt need not object to the proposal of the Assam Labour Board. The ^{salary} ~~pay~~ & allowances of the officer deputed will be paid by the Board.

3. A draft reply is ^{only} for Consideration.

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Please show any statistics Available of convictions for illegal recruiting in this Presy. for the last five years

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The following figures taken from the ~~the~~ D. M's annual reports are only

	Cases or illegal recruitment	Convictions	Remarks.
year ending 30. 6. 1913	13	6	* excludes one case in which there was no reason to suspect illegal recruitment.
30. 6. 1914	9	4	Lord's license cancelled in one case.
30. 6. 1915	7	2	
30. 6. 1916	3	2	
30. 6. 1917	2	"	these two cases are still under investigation

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S. From the above figures
it appears that the thing is
almost disappearing. I don't
think it is worth while deputing
a police officer. We have not
so many officers to spare.

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There is no objection to agree with
the labour board but insert the
above figures & leave it to their
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Revised draft letter is subd

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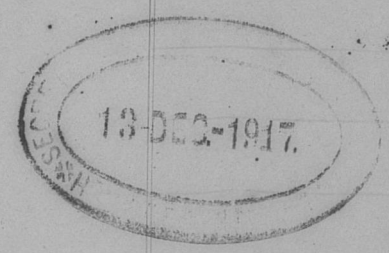
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Letter
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1252. dated 13th Dec 1917

To

The Chairman,
Assam Labour Board.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter 3436-41, dated the 18th October 1917, on the subject of the appointment of a subordinate investigating staff to assist Supervisors in their enquiries into offences of illegal recruitment under section 64 of the Assam Labour and Emigration Act, 1901. In reply, I am to state that cases of illegal recruitment are of rare occurrence in the districts of this Presidency in which labour is recruited for Assam, as the following figures show:-

Year end -ing 30th June.	Cases of illegal re- cruitment.	Convic- tions.	Remarks.
1913	13*	6	*Excludes one case in which there was no reason to suspect illegal recruitment.
1914	9	-	Sirdar's licence was cancelled in one case.
1915	7	2	
1916	3	2	
1917	2	-	These two cases are under investigation.

H.E. the Governor in Council, while expressing his entire willingness to fall in with the Board's proposals, should these still be pursued, believes that in the light of the above figures the Board may consider the employment of a whole time officer on

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Superfluous.
detective work unnecessary. The Board's
final views are awaited.

Copy to the I.G. of Police.

Home (misc) No. 593
14.2.18
ASSAM LABOUR BOARD.

BLOCK B-3, CLIVE BUILDINGS, CALCUTTA.

No. 231

From

Lt.-Col. W. M. KENNEDY, C.I.E., I.A.,

Chairman, ASSAM LABOUR BOARD.

To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Misc) Department,

Fort St. George.

Dated the 11th February 1918.

For the u.s

Submitted for perusal. No
action is necessary. The
may be lodged and filed
with G.O. No 11622 dt 13.12.17

2-18 Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1252 dated 13th December 1917
on the subject of the appointment of a subordinate investigating staff to
assist Supervisors in their enquiries into offences of illegal recruitment,
I have the honour to say that as the Government of Madras are doubtful of
the necessity of the proposed measure my Board do not wish to press the
matter. We have obtained the services of an Inspector of Police from the
province of Bihar & Orissa. He will work in all the recruiting provinces
other than Madras. The appointment is an experimental one, and if it
proves to be a success, or if there is a recrudescence of abuses in Madras,
we may request the Government of Madras to reconsider the matter later.
The decrease in the number of cases of illegal recruitment referred to in
your letter under reply is most gratifying, but, of course, there is always
the danger of illegal practices being carried out secretly, as such cases
are difficult of detection. My Board agree, however, that there are no
grounds for supposing that illegal recruiters are at present active in
Madras, though there are several of them who would not hesitate to avail
themselves of any opening that might ^{present} present itself for the resumption of
their operations.

I have the honour to be,
S I R,
Your most obedient servant,

Chairman, Assam Labour Board.

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