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(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Accountant-General.
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Fort St. George,
Accountant-General's Office,

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From

J. C. Harrison, Esq.,
ACCOUNTANT-GENERAL

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE Secretary to Government,
Local and Municipal Department,
Fort St. George.

SIR,

With reference to G.O. no: 1275 m. no: dated
24th May 1897, in which it is stated that the sanction
of Government is not required for the purchase of the
"Madras Code" by the Calcutta Municipal Council,
I have the honor to state that the objection was
raised in view of the sanction accorded in para 2
of G.O. no: 97 m. dated 26th January 1897 in appa-
-ly similar circumstances. In this connection
attention is also invited to G.O. no: 1791 m. dated
22nd October 1896. In order to avoid the raising of
unnecessary objections for the future, I would
respectfully enquire in what circumstances the
Sanction of Government is to be required as necessary
for the purchase of books by Municipal Council.
In the case of Local Funds the rule is that except in
the case of books and maps required for Local Funds
(the charges for which may be incurred up to the limit
and also invite

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SUBJECT.

Purchase of books and periodicals
by Municipal Councils.

FOR ORDERS.

In May 1897, the Municipal Council of Calicut requested sanction of Govt. for the purchase of a copy of the Madras Code, the Inspector of Local Fund accounts objected to the admission of the expenditure incurred on the account, for want of such sanction. The Govt. thereupon observed that its sanction was not required for the purchase of the book referred to. The Accountant General now states that the above objection was raised by him in view of the orders of Govt. in para. 2 of G.O. N° 97 M. dated 26 January 1897, sanctioning the purchase of a copy of the 'Hand book of Hygiene' by the Negapatnam Municipality, and also invite

the Budget Grant) no books, newspapers or periodicals may be purchased without the Special sanction of Government, unless they have been specified and provided in the Budget - vide G.O. No. 2060 L. Local and Municipal, dated 25 August 1891. No general orders appear, however, to have been passed in the case of Municipal Funds.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. K. M. A. M.

Off. Accountant-General

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24-5-97

the attention of Govt to G.O. N^o 1791 M. H
dated 22nd October 1896. The circum-
stances under which these orders
were passed are briefly as follows:-
In his letter disposed of in G.O.
N^o 97 M. dated 26th January 1897, the F
Chairman of the Municipal Coun-
cil of Negapatam stated that
one of the Sanitary Inspectors
of the Municipality, who was
sent to Madras for training in the
Sanitary Inspectors' class,
was granted a carriage allowance of
Rs. 30-4-0 and was besides supplied
with a copy of the 'Hand book
of Hygiene', and requested the
sanction of Govt. for this item
of expenditure, as the Inspector
of Local Fund accounts observed
that such sanction should be
obtained. The Govt. sanctioned
the carriage allowance as a special
case, but as from the Chairman's
letter it appeared that the book
referred to was given to the Sani-
tary Inspector under training and
was therefore likely to become
his property, the Govt. sanctioned its
cost on the understanding that the
book remained the property of the Muni-
cipality.

Municipality". In G.O. N^o 1791 M.
H dated 22nd October 1896, the Govt.
sanctioned the purchase by all
Municipal Councils and local
boards of the revised edition
of Mr. Jones' Manual of Hygiene,
Sanitation and Sanitary En-
gineering, as it considered it
advisable that each muni-
cipal council and local board
should have ^{or the fit.} ~~the~~ it. It
will thus be seen that the
orders referred to by the
Comptroller General were passed
under peculiar circumstances
and cannot therefore be con-
sidered to be inconsistent with
the policy adopted by Govt.
of not interfering with Muni-
cipal Councils in the purchase
of books and periodicals for
their use. No General order has
however been issued stating

to attend

Sanction of Govt. is not required for the purchase of books by these bodies, but in the cases in which sanction was requested, the Govt. has been invariably holding that such sanction was not required.

2. In order however to avoid the raising of unnecessary objections by the audit Deptt. for the future, the Accountant General requests that orders may now be passed stating of what cases the sanction that Govt. should be obtained for the purchase of books by the municipal councils and points out that in the case of local funds, the rule is that, except in the case of books and maps, his proposed for local fund schools, cat on to charges for which may be worked up to the limit of the

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Section 12 (b), Chapter VI of
the account & audit rules in
Rs 1231 1/2
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the budget grant, no books, newspapers or periodicals may be purchased without the special sanction of Govt., unless they have been specified and provided for in the budget - Vide I G.O. N° 2060 L. dated 25 August 1891

3. As stated in para. 1 supra, the Govt. has been invariably holding that its sanction is not necessary for the purpose of books, &c, by Municipal Councils and it does not appear to be either desirable or necessary now to alter this rule, as it will give rise to a great deal of unnecessary correspondence without any corresponding benefit. Municipal Councils may be allowed freedom in this respect and it does not appear to be necessary to frame any rule as in the case of District

Saluk Boards. The funds of these latter bodies are "Incorporated local funds" and the rules relating to their audit have been framed on the lines of the rules applicable to Provincial and Imperial accounts, under which the sanction of Govt. is required for the purchase of books and periodicals.

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There are two alternatives —
either to permit Mun. Cs. to incur any expenditure they please on the purchase of books & periodicals or to opt the Local Boards rule under which such expenditure is only incurred after sanction of the Local Board.
no sanction budget provision

See para 2 & 3 of the resolution of the Govt. of India in No. 2007 P. B. 10-9-87

For this comm. - Let them do as they please in this small matter. 8/9/97

sanctioned expense is contemplated; all the books &c. wh. the Local Board has to buy need not be tied in detail. 8/9/97

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J. L. 11/9/97

To The Accountant General ✓
All Chairmen of Municipal Councils ✓
Collectors. ✓
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