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Read—the following paper:—

From T. HESKETH BIGGS, Esq., Accountant-General, to the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, dated Fort St. George, 23rd November 1898, No. L.F.D.—584.

Under instructions from the Comptroller-General, I have the honour to invite the attention of Government to article 78 of the Local Fund Code, which is based on section 140 (2) of the Local Boards Act V of 1884, under which the funds of Union Panchayats may be lodged with some private bank or banker with the approval of the Local Board having control over such Panchayats. The Comptroller-General considers this open to objection and the matter is therefore brought to the notice of Government for such action as may be considered necessary.

2. It is understood that the Local Boards Act is now under revision and the opportunity may therefore perhaps be taken to amend the section. As a matter of fact all Unions keep their funds with Government.

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(Signed) H. TREMENHEERE,
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Exd. G. M. Thumbaswamy.

Lodging Union funds in private banks

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FOR ORDERS.

Under Section 140 (2) of the Madras Local Boards Act V of 1884, the funds under the control of Union Panchayats "shall be lodged in the nearest Government Treasury, or, with the approval of the Taluk Board, with some private Bank or Banker". With reference to this provision which appears as article 78 of the Local Fund Code the Accountant General suggests in his letter read above, that as the Comptroller General considers it open to objection and as the Local Boards Act is now under revision the opportunity may be taken to amend the Section, although as a matter of fact all Panchayats keep their funds with Government.

2. Under Section 54 of the Act "the District Fund shall be lodged in such Bank or Government Treasury as the President, under the orders of the Governor in Council, may direct," and under Sec 56 "the Taluk Fund shall be lodged in

in such Bank or Government Treasury as the President, under the orders of the Governor in Council may direct," but the Government has ruled that all Local Fund money except that under the control of the Panchayat shall be lodged in the Government Treasury - vide Article 1 chapter 1 of the Account and Audit Rules which appears as Article 78 of the Local Fund Code. Similarly under Section 28 of the Madras District Municipalities Act IV of 1884 as amended by Act III of 1897 "all moneys received by the Municipal Council or forming part of the Municipal Fund shall be lodged in the nearest Government Treasury or with the sanction of the Governor in Council in a "Bank."

There appears therefore to be no reason why the lodging of Union Funds with some private bank or banker should be regarded as being "open to objection," unless it be that while in the case of Municipal, District and Taluk Funds, such lodging requires the sanction of the Governor in Council the approval of the Taluk Board is all that is necessary in the case of Union Funds.

That is the point. N.T.

Orders are solicited as to whether the Accountant General's letter may be transferred to the Legislative Department to be placed before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to consider and report on the Bill further to amend the Local Boards Act.

V.R.
7/12/98

Sr. for orders. No practical difficulty has arisen.
N.T.
9/12/98

It had better go to Legisl. ~~Int~~ Depositing in a private Bank should require ~~the~~ sanction of the G in C.

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