

No. 3141G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

To

THE SECRETARIES TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF MADRAS, BOMBAY, BENGAL, THE NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES AND OUDH, AND THE PUNJAB, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CENTRAL PROVINCES, BURMA, ASSAM, AND COORG.

THE RESIDENT AT HYDERABAD.

THE AGENTS TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR CENTRAL INDIA, RAJPUTANA AND BALUCHISTAN.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF RAILWAYS.

THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR RAILWAYS, CALCUTTA, CENTRAL DIVISION, LUCKNOW, AND ASSAM.

Proposed abolition of the Departmental Standard Examination.

Simla, the 16th October 1894.

SIR,

In Public Works Department Code, Volume I, Chapter II, paragraphs 11 to 18, it is laid down that, before an officer can be held to have qualified in the Departmental Standard Examination in Hindustani, he must have passed the Lower Standard, and also be able to read native letters and accounts. It has been pointed out to the Government of India:—

I.—that the old "P. H."* and "P."† tests, while requiring the reading of Persian and Nagri manuscripts, did not require the reading of native accounts ;

* "Passed in Hindustani Old Standard."
† "Passed for Interpreter."

II.—that when these tests were abolished and the Lower Standard and Higher Standard introduced, the Lower Standard required the reading of no manuscript letters, and a Departmental Standard was, therefore, introduced, which made the reading of native letters and accounts obligatory ;

III.—that an officer who passed the old Higher Standard was not required to read native accounts, and was considered as having passed a more severe test than the Departmental Standard ;

IV.—that the new Lower Standard deals with tests in the Persian and the new Higher Standard in the Nagri character, so that for departmental purposes the qualification shown in passing the new Higher Standard is not superior to that of the new Lower Standard.

2. On these grounds it is recommended that the Departmental Standard test should be abolished, and the new Lower Standard test considered sufficient for promotion to Executive Engineer, 3rd grade.

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3. Under the circumstances stated in paragraph 1 *supra*, the Government of India are disposed to think that it is unnecessary to maintain the Departmental Standard for the knowledge of figures only.

Before giving effect, however, to this proposal, the Government of India desire the favour of an expression of ^{the Local Government's} _{your} ^{the Local Administration's} opinion thereon.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

G. M. Walker

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Recd: 29. 10. 94

Documents accompanying:

Nil.

To
The Secy to the Govt of Madras
P. W. Department

no. 2791 W. d. 1st November 1894

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from the Govt.
of India P.W.D. (N.E. No. 3141 G.O. 16. Oct. 94)

The following reply
will be sent to the
Government of India.

(N.E. No. 2792 W.D. 1st November '94)

To The Secretary to the
Government of India
P.W. Department.

Sir,

In reply to your
letter No. 3141 G dated 16th
October 1894, I am
directed to say that so
far as the Madras P.W.
Department is concerned
there is no objection to
the proposal to abolish
the departmental standard
in Hindustani mentioned

in para 18, Chapter II,
Volume I P.W. Code, and
to substitute for it the
Lower Standard Test.
As a matter of fact the
Departmental Standard
in Hindustani in question
has not been adopted
in this Presidency, officers
of this department being
required to pass the
third class test in
Tamil, Telugu, Canarese
or Malayalam as a
qualification for pro-
motion to Assistant
Engineer 1st grade. vide
para 91 Chapter I of
the Madras P.W. Code,
and para 80 Appendix
B Volume I India Code.

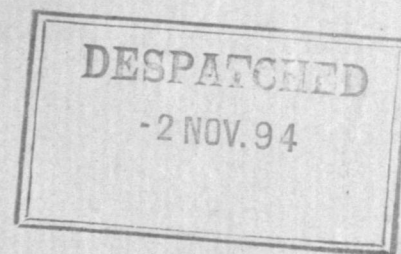
2. With reference to
para 2 of your letter
under reply, I am to
point out that under
the new organisation,
vide S.O. No. 265 to para
18 Chapter II Vol. I,
the

the Departmental
Standard is now the
compulsory test for
promotion to Assistant
Engineer 1st grade.

I have &c

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