

Public Works (1896) Department.

G.O., No. 105 W

DATED 10-1-96

[Despatch Abstract.]

Examination: Govt of India Resolution
modifying the rules regarding the
departmental standards for officers
of the Engineer Establishment of the P.W.D.,
Comd. to officers of the department.

Government of India resolution modifying the rules regarding the Departmental Standard — for officers of the Engineer Establishment of the Public Works Department, communicated to officers of the Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

READ—the following paper:—

Resolution of the Government of India, Public Works Department (General),
to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department,
dated Calcutta, the 27th December 1895, No. 3413 G.

Read—

Public Works Department Resolution No. 2374 G., dated 17th August 1889.
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original opinions expressed in their replies of Circular letter No. 3141 G., dated 16th
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can be considered eligible for promotion to the rank of Assistant Engineer, 1st grade.
The Local Governments and Administrations, who were consulted in the matter,
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as the present Lower Standard examination fully tests an officer's acquaintance with
correspondence in the vernacular. A few, however, consider that a knowledge
of native accounts is necessary, especially in the case of officers employed in the
Irrigation Branch.

Resolution.—The Government of India after perusing the correspondence on the
subject consider that some modification of the rules regarding this examination is
desirable. They are therefore pleased to rule that the portion of the examination
which relates to ability to read native letters shall be excluded from the examination
in future. That portion, however, which relates to the ability to read native accounts
may be retained by any Local Government or Administration desiring its retention,
but need not be insisted upon by those who consider it unnecessary.

2. The Government of India are further pleased to rule that, in the case of the
Railway Branch, the Director-General of Railways shall, for the purposes of this rule,
be a Local Government for the whole establishment.

No. 105 W., 10TH JANUARY 1896.

This order does not apply to the establishment under the Governments of Madras and Bombay where the rules regulating the Lower and Departmental Standard tests differ from those in Upper India.

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The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam.

Order.—Ordered, that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments, Administrations and officers noted on the margin for information and guidance.

(By order.)

(Signed) G. H. D. WALKER,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 105 W., dated 10th January 1896.

Communicated to officers of the Public Works Department for information.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

- To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
- „ the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
- „ Superintending Engineers.
- „ the Consulting Architect to Government.
- „ the Superintendent of Works, Periyar Project.
- „ the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
- „ the Examiner, Railway Accounts.
- „ the Educational Department.

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Documents accompanying.
Nil.

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To The Secretary to the Govt of Madras
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