

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Report of Inspection of the Salem Office

*Endorsement of the Supty. Engineer ^{Reagle} forwarding
Executive Engineer's explanation in regard to
certain points noticed in the Examiner's
recorded; and the proposals for extending the Divisional
office accommodation, awaited.*

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Submits explanation from
the Ex: Eng: Salem D₂ on the
points noticed in the —

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Executive Engineer's Office, Salem D.

Mr R. Ry. T. Ramanujam Ciliai and
offg Executive Engineer
Salem Division

The Superintending Engineer
Fourth Circle, Coimbatore,

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With reference to para 2 of your Endorst
no: $\frac{97}{C}$ of 28 $\frac{2}{99}$ Communicating G.O. no: $\frac{489W}{16.2.99}$ and
Calling for explanation on the points noticed
by the Examiner, P.W. Accounts, Madras, in paras
6 to 8 of his Inspection Notes printed with G.O.
Quoted, I have the honour to answer the several
points serially:—

Para 6. There are 4 points involved in this paragraph: viz: -

- (a) Defective System in the upkeep of measure-
-ment books
- (b) Non-compliance with the Chief Engr's Cir:
letter no. 3645C of 19.8.98.
- (c) Missing of measurement book no. 7153.
- 4 (d) Proposals for ensuring a special Surti-
-ny and inspection of measurement
books in use in the Division.

As regards (a) I regret to report that the books written by the Temporary Upper Subordinate S. Ramachandra Aiyar, were those referred to by the Examiners and this is the individual who was 'not recommended' in the last half yearly non-recommendation poll and Mr. Lambert, the permanent Executive Engineer has expressed himself as follows:—

⁶ The books examined were unfortunat

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those of Ramachandra Ayyar who has been recommended for dismissal. I have examined a good number of other books and found them kept fairly well. I also join issue with Mr. Lambert.

(b) From the last clause of para 1 of the Chief Engineer's memo quoted it was understood that only in the case of works costing over Rs 5000 and more, the Contractor's acknowledgment in the manner indicated was necessary and hence the omission noticed. Subsequent to the inspection of the office however the procedure indicated is being adopted in all cases irrespective of cost, but I request definite orders on the subject.

(c) The book has since been found and kept under lock and key.

(d) Current books will be called in and inspected and opportunity will also be taken to depute the Divisional accountant whenever he could find leisure as pointed out in para 3 of G.O. no. 2504 W of 10.10.95.

Para 7 of Examiner's Notes.

The Register referred to has since been opened and will be completed shortly.

Para 8. The point noticed in this paragraph resolves itself into two. —

(a) Insufficiency of office accommodation and (b) necessity for a better arrangement of records.

As regards (a) I would submit that the office is badly off for accommodation owing to its being located in a portion of the Store-room in the Compound of the Executive Engineer's office. It is now about 8 years since Salem

D.N.

Division became an independent Division and the accumulation of records year by year has occupied considerable space leaving only a small margin for the establishment to sit on and move about. The walls not being high enough and the roof being low in consequence the inmates find it very inconvenient especially during the hot weather. The floor of the building is in a lower level than that of the adjoining road and the dampness during the rainy season must naturally help the development of white ants. If it is absolutely necessary to have the office near the Executive Engineer's quarters, extension and improvements are necessary to make the building suitable for an office and store room which latter requires much larger space than now for the storage of furniture, tools. From a financial point of view, it is suggested that the old District Munsiff's Court at Salem may be arranged to be handed over to this Department for locating the D.N. and the Sub D.N. officers. A new munsiff's Court has been constructed on type design and the old building is still in charge of the judicial Department and as the want of a building is badly felt that Department must be asked to hand the building over.

(b) This is necessary and can best be secured only when increased accommodation is provided for as the limited space now occupied would not admit of any papers being sorted on the floor.

I have etc.

(Signed) J. Ramaswami Siva

Asst. Engg.

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Dated 15. 5. 1899.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer
Public Works Department with reference to G.O.
no. 489 W of 16.2.99. A Special report regarding
Temporary Upper Subordinate S. Rama Chandra
Aiyar has been submitted. Proposals for
extending the office accommodation
will be made when the undersigned next
visits Salem.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-

Supte Engineer
Fourth Circle