

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 2310 W

DATED 2nd September 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Cyclostyle Ink - Proo. 2nd Sept. of restriction
the issue of English — to certain offices, &
directing the Dept of Stationery to submit
a further report at the end of six months on
the — of local manufacture — commd to
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Restricting the issue of English — to the offices of the Government Secretariat, the High Court, the Board of Revenue and the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command; and directing the Superintendent of Stationery to submit a further report at the end of six months on the — of local manufacture.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again the following papers:—

G.O., No. 746, Financial, dated 13th September 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, dated Madras, 26th July 1897, No. 1293.

15. * * * The cyclostyle ink prepared by M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Rao, Taluk Sheristadar of Tiruchengodu, referred to in the report for 1895-96, was tried and reported by twelve Collectors to be quite suitable [*vide* Board's Proceedings, No. 395 (Land Revenue), dated 20th October 1896]. The Board considers that Collectors may be authorised to make the ink according to Venkata Rao's recipe and that the recipe may also be brought to the notice of other heads of departments. Under these circumstances I recommend that the recipe be communicated to all heads of departments and that they may be directed to prepare the ink, and use it in their offices, and report on the same after a year; and that the supply of English ink be reduced by three-fourths until it is found that the former ink can entirely be substituted for the latter.

Order—No. 746, Financial, dated 13th September 1897.

5. * * * The cyclostyle ink prepared by M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Rao having been favourably reported on, the Superintendent will communicate the recipe to all heads of departments, who will be directed to use the ink in their offices and report the result to the Superintendent after a year's trial. The supply of English ink will, as recommended by Mr. Atkinson, be reduced by three-fourths pending a final decision in this matter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

G.O., No. 892, Financial, dated 18th October 1898.

Read—the following paper:—

From J. N. ATKINSON, Esq., Superintendent of Stationery, dated Madras, 2nd August 1898, No. 1668.

14. (3) In regard to the reduction in the supply of English cyclostyle ink by the use of that made from the recipe of M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Rao, I have the honour

to report that the necessary instructions were communicated to all heads of departments with the request that they would prepare the ink and use it in their offices. Their reports as to the efficacy of the country-made ink are awaited.

Read—also the following paper:—

From H. BRADLEY, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Superintendent of Stationery, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 3rd July 1899, Ref. No. 3624.

With reference to paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 746, Financial, dated 13th September 1897, I have the honour to report on the proposed substitution of Indian cyclostyle ink for that of English manufacture.

2. In my circular No. 1923, dated 19th October 1897, I requested all heads of departments to manufacture the cyclostyle ink in accordance with M.R.Ry. P. Venkata Rao's recipe and to report after a year's trial upon its suitability as compared with similar ink of English manufacture. Subsequently, the Treasury Deputy Collector, Trichinopoly, reported that he had found it cheaper and more convenient to use English lamp black in place of that made from jinjili oil and cloth wicks as recommended by Venkata Rao. I accordingly communicated a copy of his letter to all heads of departments and asked them to try English lamp black in the preparation of Indian cyclostyle ink. A brief statement of the opinions of various officers on the respective merits of Venkata Rao's and the Treasury Deputy Collector's inks is herewith appended. It will be observed that with the exception of the Medical Storekeeper to Government and the Treasury Deputy Collector, Kurnool, who condemn the Indian ink altogether, all officers regard it very favourably and give preference to the Treasury Deputy Collector's ink which they say is both cheaper and less difficult to make. Experiments made with both kinds in this office have had satisfactory results. I am of opinion that the Treasury Deputy Collector's ink is better and cheaper; it is also easier to make and takes less time in making. Owing to the inferior quality of the lamp black obtainable in some of the local markets, some officers have complained of the colour of the ink produced from it. I feel sure that if a stock of English lamp black is maintained in this office and issued to officers for the preparation of cyclostyle ink, the ink produced will in every respect be equal to the English ink.

3. The officers noted below only have reported on the cost of the ink. From experiments made in this office, the cost of making one bottle of Venkata Rao's ink amounts to about As. 6-3 and that of the Treasury Deputy Collector's ink to As. 4-3. These prices compare very favourably with that of the English ink which is Rs. 1-1-7 per bottle, even after excluding the price of the jar which may be roughly put down at two annas:—

	Venkata Rao's.	Treasury Deputy Collector's.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Deputy Commissioner of Salt and Customs Revenue, Central Division	0 3 6	0 1 6
Collector of Nellore	0 6 1½	..
Conservator of Forests, Southern Circle	0 6 8	..
Treasury Deputy Collector, South Canara	0 4 7	..
Brigadier-General, Royal Artillery, Madras Command	..	0 4 6
Treasury Deputy Collector, Anantapur	..	0 1 6

4. A few of the officers suggested the manufacture and supply of cyclostyle ink from this office as a central depot. This course is at present not practicable for want of establishment. Besides which it would involve additional expenditure on transit and packing charges which can be avoided by officers making the ink themselves.

5. Under these circumstances I have the honour to propose that Government should restrict the issue of English cyclostyle ink to the departments of the Secretariat and such other important offices as the Government may specify and direct all

officers who require cyclostyle ink to manufacture it themselves in accordance with the method suggested by the Treasury Deputy Collector, Trichinopoly. Lamp black required for the purpose will be supplied by this office.

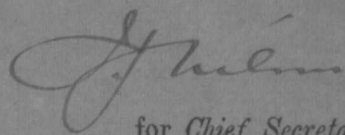
6. I would add however that no very strong reason appears to exist why the supply of English cyclostyle ink should not cease altogether.

ORDER—No. 869, Financial, dated 2nd August 1899.

The proposals in paragraph 5 of the letter from the Superintendent of Stationery are approved. In addition to the offices of the Government Secretariat, English cyclostyle ink will be supplied to the offices of the High Court, of the Board of Revenue (all departments), and of the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command.

2. The Superintendent of Stationery will submit a further report at the end of six months on the cyclostyle ink of local manufacture, in view to the consideration of the question of the entire discontinuance of the supply of English cyclostyle ink.

(True Extract.)



for Chief Secretary.

To all departments of the Secretariat. (P. W. D.)
„ the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command,
for the information of the Lieutenant-General
Commanding the Forces.
„ all heads of departments under the Chief Secretary.