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MUHAMMADAN GOSHA WIDOWS' AID CHARITY.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From Colonel H. S. STEWART, I.S.C., Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Chépak, 11th February 1896, No. 67.

With reference to G.O., No. 97, dated 20th February 1893, Political, I have the honour to forward the annual report received from the Honorary Secretary of the Muhammadan Gosha Widows' Aid Charity on the working of the fund.

ENCLOSURE.

From GHULAM MAHMUD SAHEB, Secretary, Muhammadan Gosha Widows' Aid Charity, Triplicane, to the President, Muhammadan Gosha Widows' Aid Charity, dated 11th February 1896.

I have the honour to submit, for your information and for favour of transmission to Government, the annual report for 1895 on the working of the Muhammadan Gosha Widows' Aid Charity.

2. Appendix B shows that 1,426 destitute women were aided during the 13 months under review against 1,210 in 1894 for 12 months.

3. The net annual income for 1895 (from 1st December 1894 to 31st December 1895) amounted to Rs. 2,495 including the Government grant, and the expenditure to Rs. 1,762-12-0, leaving a balance of Rs. 732-4-0, which has been added to the reserve capital of the charity, which now stands at Rs. 2,932-4-0. Of this amount, Rs. 2,848 are deposited in the Madras Bank and Rs. 84-4-0 is in the Paymaster's cash-chest as a balance in hand at the beginning of the current year.

4. The details of the expenditure are shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
(a) Stipends to gosha women	1,202	0	0
(b) Rice distribution to old and infirm women	451	0	0
(c) Office contingencies including the wages of a peon	109	12	0
Total	1,762	12	0

5. Appendix A is a cash balance sheet of receipts and disbursements as compiled by the Treasurer.

6. The slight but nevertheless welcome increase in our total collections (including donations) is the promising feature of the year's work. This increase is in a measure due to the personal influence of Mrs. A. Firth, who continues to take an active interest in everything connected with the charity, but unfortunately owing to the death of one of our principal subscribers and to the stoppage of payment by another large subscriber under fortuitous circumstances, the same result has not attended our subscriptions. I am, however, inclined to think that our general receipts would have shown a still better result were it not for the above circumstances and for the fact that the Muhammadan gentlemen of Madras had other charitable demands on their purses, notably the appeals in connection with the construction of a building for the Anjuman Mufidi Ahli Islam, which is doing such excellent work for destitute Mussulman boys.

7. In conclusion, I earnestly hope in time to come that the community will take a keener interest in the operations of this charity than it now seems to do.

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No. 139, POLITICAL, 25TH FEBRUARY 1896.

A.—Cash Balance Sheet for 1895.

Receipts.	Amount.	Disbursements.	Amount.
Balance on hand on 1st December 1894	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
Subscriptions collected from 1st December 1894 to 31st December 1895	2,242 0 0	Amount paid to widows, &c., from 1st December 1894 to 31st December 1895	1,763 12 0
Donations received from 1st December 1894 to 31st December 1895	1,450 0 0	Amount deposited as reserve fund in the Madras Bank	2,843 0 0
	* 1,000 0 0	Amount in the Paymaster's cash chest	54 0 0
Total	4,692 0 0	Total	4,659 0 0

* This sum includes the Government grant at the rate of Rs. 50 per mensem.

B.—Statement showing the number of Widows aided by the Charity from 1st December 1894 to 31st December 1895.

Description.	December 1894.	January 1895.	February 1895.	March 1895.	April 1895.	May 1895.	June 1895.	July 1895.	August 1895.	September 1895.	October 1895.	November 1895.	December 1895.	Total.
By money allowances	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
By rice dole	47	47	47	48	48	46	47	51	51	50	50	50	54	532
Total	109	106	107	107	108	108	109	112	112	110	112	111	115	794

ORDER—No. 139, Political, dated 25th February 1896.
Recorded.

2. In paragraph 6 of the first annual report on the working of the fund (recorded in G.O., No. 59, Political, dated 30th January 1894), reference was made to a reserve fund and to the fact that it was in contemplation to "lay out the funded capital on some profitable investment with a view to increase the monthly income and enhance the sphere of the charity's usefulness." The Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends, will be requested to ascertain and report what steps are being taken in this direction. It is observed that, in the period under review, the entire amount contributed by Government as well as a sum of Rs. 90 from the current receipts were added to the balance in hand. The Paymaster will intimate to the Secretary of the fund that, unless the current year's working discloses a closer approximation of receipts to disbursements, the Government will be compelled to consider the propriety of reducing the grant.

(True Extract.)

G. S. FORBES,
for Chief Secretary.To the Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. A. Reitz.

N^o 67 of 1896Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends
Office, Chepak 11th February 1896

From

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Colonel: H. S. Stewart, I. S. C.;
Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends
ChepakTo, The Honorable: J. F. Price, I. S. C.;
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George.

Sir

With reference to G.O. N^o 97, dated 20th February 1893, "Political" I have the honor to forward the Annual Report received from the Honorable Secretary of the Buchanan's widow's aid charity, on the working of the fund.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. S. Stewart, Colonel.
Paymaster, Carnatic Stipends
Chepak

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Political (1896) Department.

From: The Paymaster
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To: The Chief Secretary
 to Government
 Fort St. George.

Dated 11th February 1896.
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No. 67 of 1896.
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 CHIEF SECRETARY
 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Enclosures 2

Forwarding the Annual Report
 of the Muhammadan Gosha Widows
 Aid Charity Fund.

Political DEPARTMENT.

C. No. 216

FOR ORDERS

The subscriptions and donations
 (excluding the Government grant)
 during 1894 and 1895 compare
 as follows:-

	1894	1895
	Rs	Rs
Subscriptions	1365	1,450
Donations	122	403
Total	1,487	1,853

The expenditure on stipends to
 gosha women, rice distribution to infirm
 women and office contingencies compare
 as follows:-

	Rs
1894	1,620
1895	1,763

The balance in hand increased
 from Rs 1,775 to Rs 2,242 in
 1894 and from this latter amount
 to Rs 2932 in 1895. In other words

the fund would have required a grant of Rs 133 only from Govt. in 1894 to ^{make receipts meet expenditure during that year} ~~to meet expenditure~~, whilst in 1895 it bailed the entire Govt. grant and Rs 90 of its own funds in addition. It is submitted that Govt. grants are not given to Societies to ^{lay out in investments} ~~purchase the stock~~ and that the Josha fund can very well get on ~~with~~ ^{without} the annual grant of Rs 600 this year & for some years to come.

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The Govt. grant is Rs 50 a month and although this year the Fund has managed to meet its demands on it without falling back either on the Govt. ~~portion~~ ^{subsidy} or on the contributions of private persons, nevertheless years of adversity may come, & it is prudent to have a reserve in hand. I wd therefore continue the Govt. grant.

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Josha Fund

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FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR. ①
THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E. ②
THE HON'BLE MR. J. GROSE

I observe that in the first annual Report an allusion was made to this Reserve Fund. It was there stated that as the tenets of their faith did not allow them to put out money at interest, they were going to find some suitable investment - which will enable them to get interest really - though in some other shape not objectionable to them. They should be asked what they are doing in this matter. I would also point out that Govt. observes that during last year they appear to have banked the whole amount of money contributed by Govt. - in addition to Rs. of their own money - and to intimate that unless this year's working discloses a closer approximation of their receipts to their disbursements, Govt. will have to consider the propriety of reducing their grant this year.

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Papers to be read in proceedings:-

Again G.O., dated 189 , No.
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Current No. 216 of 1896, dated 11 Feb from the Paymaster, Camatic stipends.
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to the disbursements the Govt
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grant.

(From Order)

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FROM ORDERS.

G. S. Forbes Esq. J. C. S.

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To the Paymaster
General
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