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The Government sanction a sum not exceeding Rs. 500 being placed at the disposal of the Medical Officer in charge of the Leprosy Hospital for the improvement of the comfort of the inmates of the ward occupied by European and East Indian Female Lepers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,

Chief Secretary.

To the Assistant General.

Inspector General, Indian Medical Department.

Bengal, 1st District.

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THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL,
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It is the duty of the
Adjutant-General to
keep a record of the
names of the persons
who have been
appointed to the
positions of
Adjutant-General
and First Lieutenant
in the Army.

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charge of the Dispensary
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inmates of the ward
occupied by European
and East Indian female
lepers.

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Have visited the Leprosy Hospital in company
with the new Inspector General Dr. Salfour, and
the medical officer in charge Dr. Van Someren.
with a view to devising the most means
of carrying out the suggestions for improving
the condition of the female patients. -

The ward occupied by the women is the
deleat of the buildings, and will not I fear
admit of any considerable enlargement
or alteration. It is very little above the
level of the ground, is too small to
allow of partitions or of any exclusion
from the patients who would prefer

living to the present life in common - The
compound is also too small I think to
allow of any small double cottages being
built. In fact to carry out, with the arrangements
recommended in a tropical climate, the
arrangements which are described in Maguire
du Camp's article in the Revue des Deux
Indes - we must build a small French
hôpital in an airier & better situation
this and not cost much money if
the double cottage system is adopted. &
if the buildings are of a simple description
In this climate & especially for patients
suffering from so terrible & at certain
stages so offensive a malady as leprosy

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a good deal more space for each patient &
more ventilation than are absolutely
necessary there is the case in a European
climate & for ordinary patients. -
If we can find money, we have an excellent
site in the spare ground belonging to the
Lunatic Asylum - and the medical men in
charge of the Asylum should attend to them
for female leprosy patients. But in the interim
time I think something can be done to
make the women's ward more cheerful &
to give them some agreeable occupation. We
had a long talk with them and after a time
they told us what they would like.
First as regards the ward. At a small ex-
pense it might be improved - by painting
the wood work, of doors & windows & by

a light colour. removing the bars from the windows, (these are not wanted) and by hanging prints on the walls - Each patient should have a comfortable wooden & glass-work lounging chair. These could be moved into the Verandah of an evening - The women were unanimous in wishing for a few singing birds in a small portable aviary. would cost very little and would be a great amusement. Brothers might ^{buy} ^{birds} for singing, such as ^{the} ~~and~~ ^{some} larks. & other birds common to this country might be possessed by individual patients. The Mahomedans are very fond of them. They are cheap, and taking care of them - feeding - cleaning up cages &c. would help to keep their homes. They also were very anxious to have a small poultry yard, and rabbit hutch

There is plenty of room in the garden for
 it. a small square could be fenced off
 and, on a reduced scale, a poultry yard
 & rabbit hutch such as are to be seen at
 the Great Farm could be put up. This
 would not cost much, would give them
 eggs to eat & an occasional fowl or
 rabbit for dinner. Besides their making
 a small profit by rearing the poultry for
 sale in the neighbourhood.

garden now dusty and untidy would look
green & pleasant. One of the inmates does
not pay a rupee a month for watering
the few plants that are there. -

The women also said that they would
very much like a sewing to be put up
in the garden. -

A few pots might be arranged in the
Verandahs - which would be cared
for & attended by the women. - Much garden
work could not be done by them. - but
they could see watering pots. a couple
of gardeners - who would also look after
the poultry yard would keep the whole
place neat

Women don't care much about reading.
As they seemed anxious to have their
local newspapers - They would like cards.
With a backgammon and cribbage boards
and there would I think be a good deal
done by them. -

One of the miseries of this malady is that
when the hands are affected they cannot
do so much work or use their hands
much. So that it seems difficult to
provide them with any work.

This is as far as I can remember
all that we could find out as to the
wishes of the women. - but as soon

They would be glad to talk. They are
very eager about the pictures. Especially
the poultry & rabbit design pleased them.
Then smaller things might be done at
very little cost and I dare say we
could raise a little subscription to
make up the birds & hearts sold and
to buy the pictures. The painting & work
making the quilt could do.

Believe me

Yr. sincerely

E. S. Hall

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