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Addressing the G of I on the
subject of the proposal to
increase the number of Class
Civil Surgeoncies reserved for
Civil Assistant Surgeons.

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From
The Govt of India

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SUBJECT.

Drawing attention to paras 4 & 2
of letter 1st 19 June dated 20 Sept. 95
663-669
which deals with a proposal
to recruit a certain number of
Class II Civil Surgeons for Civil
Assistant Surgeons in each
province.

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No. 946-953.

FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

To *The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.*



Home Department.
Medical.

Simla, the 24th August 1897.

SIR,

I AM directed to invite a reference to *paragraph 4 and that portion of paragraph 2 of my letter No. 19 Med. 663-669, dated 20th September 1895,*

which dealt with the proposal that a certain number of class II Civil Surgeoncies should be reserved for Civil Assistant Surgeons *in each Province* at the rates of pay admissible to Uncovenanted Medical Officers.

The replies to the scheme communicated *in the above quoted reference* have been received by the Government of India and are now under consideration, but a representation which has in the meantime been received regarding the desirability of increasing the number of superior appointments to be thrown open to Assistant Surgeons has necessitated a further reference to Local Governments on the particular point noted above.

2. The following table has been prepared with a view to showing the total number of Civil Surgeoncies of both classes and their distribution (as proposed by Local Governments) among Commissioned Medical Officers and Military and Civil Assistant Surgeons.

Province.	NUMBER OF CIVIL SURGEONCIES.			PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF LIST II, CIVIL SURGEONCIES.				TOTAL NUMBER OF CIVIL SURGEONCIES WHICH ARE RESERVED OR WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO RESERVE FOR			
	(a) List I.	List II.	Total.	Commissioned Medical officers.	Military Assistant Surgeons.	Civil Assistant Surgeons.	Total.	Commissioned Medical officers.	Military Assistant Surgeons.	Civil Assistant Surgeons.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Madras ...	24	7(c)	31	nil.	2	5(b)	7	24	2	5	31
Bombay ...	13	6(c)	19	nil.	nil.	2	2(d)	13	nil.	2	15(d)
Bengal ...	23	21(e)	44	4	12	5	21	32	12	5	49
North-Western Provinces.	30	18	48	5	11	2	18	35	11	2	48
Punjab ...	14	12	26	4	5	3	12	18	5	3	26
Burma ...	7	30	37	8	13	2	23(f)	15(h)	13	2	30(f)
Central Provinces	9	9	18	4	5	nil.	9	13	5	nil.	18
Assam ...	7	3	10	1	2	nil.	3	8	2	nil.	10
Hyderabad	2	3	5	nil.	3	nil.	3	2	3	nil.	5
TOTAL ...	139	109	248	26	58	19	103(g)	165	58	19	242(g)

- (a) Appointments reserved exclusively for Commissioned Medical Officers.
 (b) One of these appointments (Ootacamund) is for one-half of each year only.
 (c) The List II appointments in Madras and Bombay may be held by Uncovenanted Medical Officers and Military Assistant Surgeons when no Commissioned Medical Officers are available.
 (d) This leaves a balance of four List II appointments.
 (e) See note (c) in the remarks column of the next statement.
 (f) This leaves a balance of two List II appointments.
 (g) The balance of 6 List II appointments occurs under Bombay (4) and Burma (2).
 (h) Excluding the Civil Surgeoncy of the Chin Hills District recently sanctioned.

The further statement (below) will show the classes to which, so far as can be ascertained from the returns submitted by Local Governments and from the Civil Lists, the present incumbents of Civil Surgeoncies entered in List II belong.

Province.	Number of List II Civil Stations.	Commissioned Medical Officers.	Uncovenanted Medical Officers.	Military Assistant Surgeons.	Civil Assistant Surgeons.	Total.	REMARKS.
Madras	17	4	1(a)	2	7	7	(a) An Assistant Surgeon acting as an Uncovenanted Medical Officer.
Bombay	6(b)	4	...	1	...	5	(b) Includes Kotri, which is believed to be now held by a Military Assistant Surgeon as a collateral charge and excludes Savantwadi (held by an Uncovenanted Medical Officer) not on the sanctioned cadre.
Bengal	18(c)	5	6	5	2	18	(c) The number of List II Stations shown in this statement is three less than the number shown in the previous statement. The list forwarded with the Bengal Government letter of the 24th January 1897 shows three Stations, Lungleh, Angul and Palamanu, as List II Stations which are not shown as such in the statement returned.
North-Western Provinces and Oudh.	18	5	2	11	...	18	* Officiating.
Punjab	12	3	3(d)	5	...	11(e)	(d) Two of these were formerly Civil Assistant Surgeons. (e) Muzaffargarh vacant: a Civil Assistant Surgeon Officiating.
Burma	30	7	7	15	1	30	(f) Damoh vacant: Uncovenanted Medical Officer officiating. Balaghat vacant: Civil Assistant Surgeon officiating.
Central Provinces	9	3	...	4	...	7(f)	
Assam	3	2	...	1	...	3	
Hyderabad	3	...	1(g)	2	...	3	(g) Was formerly a Military Assistant Surgeon.
TOTAL	106	31	20	45	4	102	

3. It will be seen from the above that whereas (including the two Uncovenanted Medical Officers formerly Civil Assistant Surgeons in the Punjab and one in Madras) only five civil stations are at present held substantively by officers who are Civil Assistant Surgeons, or have risen from that class, under the arrangements proposed by Local Governments (*vide* the first statement in the preceding paragraph) 19 stations will ultimately be so held. This indeed, appears, at first sight, to be the maximum number which can be made over to Civil Assistant Surgeons of providing for the war reserve of medical officers, it is necessary, for the purposes of Government of India, and they are disposed to admit the force of the representation, that the claims of Assistant Surgeons to a fair share of the more important medical appointments in the country, though theoretically recognized, have been, from various causes, overlooked in the arrangements that have been made; and so far as this can be rectified with due regard to efficiency, and to the paramount need for maintaining an adequate war reserve, the Governor General in Council is anxious

to enlarge the number of higher appointments for Civil Assistant Surgeons. If 19 such appointments were thrown open to the Assistant Surgeons, the result would be that only 4.7 per cent. of the total number (apparently 402) of Civil Assistant Surgeons in the service of the different Local Governments could attain to a Civil Surgeoncy, and the Governor General in Council thinks it desirable that the question whether it would not be possible to reserve a few more civil stations for officers of this class should be further considered.

4. A consideration of the circumstances obtaining in each Province, and of the number of class II appointments available, has suggested to the Government of India that it might be possible to raise the number (19) which Local Governments have expressed their willingness to reserve to 28, and the following distribution has been proposed:—

Province.	Number proposed by Local Government to be reserved.	Number now suggested.
Madras	5	5
Bombay	2	4
Bengal	5	5
North-Western Provinces and Oudh	2	4
Punjab	3	3
Burma	2	4
Central Provinces	Nil.	2
Assam	"	1

It will be observed that this modification of the proposals received from Local Governments would only affect the Governments of Bombay, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and Burma, and the Central Provinces and Assam Administrations. The suggestion is, however, only tentative and it is possible that there may be objections to adopting the number proposed in some Provinces which there would not be to raising them in others. I am therefore directed to ask that, *with the permission of the Governor in Council*, the question of the maximum number of civil stations which might be reserved for Civil Assistant Surgeons may, in the light of the remarks contained in this letter, be reconsidered.

5. It has not escaped the attention of the Government of India, and indeed this point has been specially noticed in some of the replies received from Local Governments, that a difficulty in the way of reserving 28 appointments, distributed as above, is that it will create a further deficit in the total number of appointments (155) which, under the war reserve scheme, have to be reserved for Military Assistant Surgeons. I am, however, to suggest that this difficulty might be overcome by placing Military Assistant Surgeons in some of the appointments now held by Civil Assistant Surgeons, *i.e.*, by making over to a Military Assistant Surgeon a lower appointment in exchange for each Civil Surgeon thrown open to Civil Assistant Surgeons over and above the number which Local Governments have already agreed to throw open to them.

6. I am to request that the proposals set forth above may receive the early attention of *His Excellency the Governor in Council*.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. D. Hewitt

Secretary to the Government of India.

Have copies will follow.

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SUBJECT.

(2) H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

(1) THE HON'BLE ^{Suppl.} MR. BLISS / C.I.E. /

~~(3) THE HON'BLE MR. GROSE, C.I.E.~~

Superior appointments for
Civil Assistant Surgeons.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted for orders.

The proposals of the Govt of India do not affect this Presidency in any way, but in replying to this letter it may be necessary to state whether or not this Govt is prepared to consider any expansion of List II, so as to provide more posts for Assistant Surgeons.

The seven List II appointments have been fixed after a great deal of correspondence.

Of the 26 List I appointments, the 21 districts, & the appointments of Surg. Genl., Secretary to the Surg. General, & Civil Surgeon & Assistant Surgeon, must change, it

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~~H. E. the Governor~~

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The Govt of India may
be addressed.

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 Letter No. 1322 of 6. Oct 97
 To the Secy to the Govt of India
 Home Dept
 (all)

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your ^{circular} letter No 946-953 of the 24th Aug. ^{regarding} the proposal to last ~~requesting this for~~ ~~to examine the proposal~~

increase the number
of class II Civil Surgeoncies
reserved for Civil Asst Surgeons.

~~2. It is observed in your letter under reply that the modification of the proposals received from local Govts. which~~

but now suggested would
not affect this post, but
be that being only tentative,
the opinion of this post
is desired thereon so far
as relates to the Presidency.

2. In reply to the
that the existing distribu-
-tion of List II appointments
was settled after making
deliberation, and His Ex-
-cellency the Governor in
Council sees no reason
for disturbing the present
~~arrangement~~. The ^{present} number
of List I appts in the ^{Presidency} ~~Presidency~~
is 26, constituting the
war reserve of Comd.
med officers, ^{within the Presidency} ~~this number~~
- ^{to 25} will be reduced on
the abolition of the appt
of Secy to the Surge Genl,
when the present Surge
Genl retires. ~~to 25~~. The
21 districts, and the appts
of Surge Genl and Civil
Surgeon ^{of Cochin and} ~~at Cochin~~
cannot ^{in the opinion of this post} ~~be removed from~~
~~be removed from~~
~~be removed from~~

In reply I am to say that,
as the Govt of India is
aware, all the List II
appointments in this
Pres^y have already been
set aside for the Civil
Assistant Surgeons. No
improvement in the prospects
of promotion of officers of this
class is therefore
practicable ^{without} an
extension of List II.
~~removal~~

in the category of List I
appts. But in order ^{to}
meet the wishes of the
Govt of India, His Excell-
-ency the Govt in Council,
and provided the further
reduction of the war
reserve is unobjectionable,
is prepared ^{if necessary} to relegate
Cochin, now in
charge of a Civil Surgeon,
to a List II appt,
and to place it
under an Unconven-
medical officer.

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