

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 746. Ry.

DATED 18th May, 1898.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Deputation Allowance to Mr. S. J. Mercer,
Asst. Traffic Manager, S. Ry.

Sanction accorded to the grant of — of
Rs 8 per diem for the period during which he
was employed on the duty investigating
the prospects of traffic of the proposed
Madurai - Rameswaram & Trichinopoly -
Mandi Rys.

Sanction accorded to the grant of — of Rs. 8 per diem for the period during which he was employed on the duty investigating the prospects of traffic of the proposed Madura-Pamban and Trichinopoly-Thondi Railways.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read again the following papers :—

G.O., No. 624 R., dated 6th September 1897.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways.
Dated—1st October 1897, No. 979.

Referring to G.O., No. 624 R., dated the 6th September 1897, sanctioning the expenditure of Rs. 468-6-0 for making the traffic survey of the proposed lines from Trichinopoly to Thondi and Madura to Pamban, I have the honour to inform you that as Deputy Traffic Manager Mr. H. Davies has been appointed to act as Traffic Manager, Assistant Traffic Manager Mr. S. J. Mercer has been deputed to make the required survey; and I request the approval of Government to Mr. Mercer drawing the travelling allowance sanctioned for the Deputy Traffic Manager.

I also request the favour of sanction to an advance of Rs. 200 being made to Mr. Mercer under the provisions of paragraph 110, chapter IV, Volume I, Public Works Department Code, to enable him to meet the expenses in connection with the hire of transport, &c., for himself and his attendant staff.

The favour of reply by telegram will oblige.

From—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—12th November 1897, No. 3470.

With reference to your letter, No. 979, dated 1st October 1897, I have the honour to inform you that I regret that I cannot recommend the Government of Madras to forward to the Government of India for sanction the application for increased travelling allowance asked for on behalf of Mr. Mercer, as it is inexpedient to refer such isolated cases to the Government of India.

2. I would suggest, therefore, your obtaining the sanction of your Board to such alterations as may be necessary in the Batta rules of your Company to cover this and other similar cases, which have recently arisen, in connection with the payment of batta under extraordinary circumstances.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 16th December 1897, No. 1175.

I have the honour to invite your attention to my letter No. 979, dated 1st October 1897, and, in so doing, beg to report that the two surveys occupied 46 days, or 11 days in excess of the period estimated in my letter No. 781, dated 3rd August 1897. The total cost of the surveys amounts to Rs. 596-8-0.

From—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
To—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
Dated—27th December 1897, No. 3895.

With reference to your letter, No. 1175, dated 16th December 1897, I have the honour to invite your attention to my letter, No. 3470, dated 12th November 1897, and to state that I await the result of the reference made by you to your Board of Directors on the proposal to have the Batta rules altered.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 26th February 1898, No. 165.

With reference to your letter No. 3895, of 27th December 1897, I have the honour to point out that, as will be seen from my letter No. 164, of to-day's date, the new travelling allowance rules, approved by the Board of Directors, can only be brought into effect from the 1st January 1898, and, under these circumstances, I request that sanction may be accorded to Assistant Traffic Manager Mr. S. J. Mercer being granted the same deputation allowance as was sanctioned in G.O., No. 624 R., dated 6th September 1897, for the Deputy Traffic Manager (Mr. H. Davies), sanction being, at the same time, given to the duration of the deputation being increased from 35 to 46 days.

Order—No. 416 Ry., dated 17th March 1898.

The Government of India will be addressed.

From—The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Madras, P.W. Dept., Ry. Branch.
To—The Secretary to the Govt. of India, P.W. Dept., Calcutta.
Dated—Madras, 17th March 1898, No. 417 Ry.

I am directed to forward, for the orders of the Government of India, an application * from the Agent, South Indian Railway, for the grant of travelling allowance, at the rate of Rs. 10 per diem, to Mr. S. J.

Mercer, Assistant Traffic Manager, during the period when he was employed on special duty investigating the prospects of traffic of the proposed Madura-Pamban and Trichinopoly-Thondi Railways.

2. The circumstances of the case are as under.

The travelling allowance rules of the South Indian Railway (which are printed as appendices to the establishment rolls) do not provide for extra remuneration when an officer is employed off the home line. But as it was considered that extra expense would be incurred in the present instance from journeys having to be undertaken by road, the Agent proposed to allow Mr. Davies, Deputy Traffic Manager, who was selected for the duty, a special travelling allowance of Rs. 10 per diem.

3. At the request of the Consulting Engineer, the Agent submitted an estimate amounting to Rs. 468, of the cost of the "traffic survey," in which travelling allowance to Mr. Davies of Rs. 350, at the rate of Rs. 10 per diem was included, and this estimate was duly sanctioned by this Government—*vide* G.O., No. 624 R., dated 6th September 1897.

4. Subsequently the Agent, South Indian Railway, reported that Mr. Mercer had been appointed to carry out the investigations instead of Mr. Davies and requested that he might be allowed to draw travelling allowance at the rate of Rs. 10 per diem sanctioned in the case of Mr. Davies.

5. The Examiner, Guaranteed Railway Accounts, pointed out that Mr. Davies' pay being Rs. 850—1,000, he was entitled, under the Company's batta rules, to Rs. 5 per diem, and presumed that the intention in giving him Rs. 10 was to grant him double the ordinary allowance. Mr. Mercer's pay, however, being Rs. 350—400, he was entitled to Rs. 4 per diem only: double this sum would be Rs. 8 instead of Rs. 10. The Examiner therefore recommended that he should be allowed to draw the former sum.

6. It appears, however, that this Government cannot deal with the matter, because the powers which have been delegated to local Governments under Government of India order No. 5102-Ex., of 25th October 1895, apply only to payments under the Civil Service Regulations in the Public Works Department.

7. The case is accordingly referred for the orders of the Government of India with a recommendation that travelling allowance at the rate of Rs. 8 per diem be granted to Mr. Mercer for the period during which he was engaged on this special duty.

8. In order to avoid unnecessary references to the Government of India, I am to inquire whether the powers delegated to local Governments under the Government of India order quoted above may be exercised by this Government in cases such as this, in which payments under a Railway Company's rules are concerned.

Read also the following papers:—

From—The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.
To—The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Madras, P.W. Dept., Ry. Branch.
Dated—Simla, 25th April 1898, No. 1069 G.

With reference to your letter, No. 417 Ry., dated 17th March 1898, and enclosures, on the subject of the proposal to grant Mr. S. J. Mercer, Assistant Traffic Manager, South Indian Railway, a higher rate of travelling allowance than that admissible under the Company's rules during the period he was employed on special duty off the Home line, I am directed to state that the Government of India are pleased to permit the Government of Madras to exercise the powers delegated to Local Governments in Public Works Department circular, No. 3 P.W., dated the 22nd February 1896, in this and similar cases not strictly covered by the leave and travelling allowance rules of the Railway Companies concerned.

2. The case of Mr. Mercer may accordingly be disposed of by the Government of Madras under the authority herein given.

From—The Agent, South Indian Railway.
To—The Consulting Engineer for Railways, Madras.
Dated—Trichinopoly, 7th May 1898, No. 443.

I have the honour to invite attention to my letter No. 165, dated 26th February 1898, and request the favour of early sanction being accorded to Assistant Traffic Manager Mr. S. J. Mercer being granted the same deputation allowances as were sanctioned in G.O., No. 624 R., of 6th September 1897, authority being given to the duration of the deputation being increased from 35 to 46 days.

ORDER—No. 746 Ry., dated 18th May 1898.

Sanction is accorded to the grant of travelling allowance at the rate of Rs. 8 per diem (which is double the ordinary allowance to which he is entitled under the Company's batta rules) to Mr. S. J. Mercer, Assistant Traffic Manager, South Indian Railway, for the period of 46 days during which he was employed on the duty of investigating the prospects of traffic of the proposed Madura-Pamban and Trichinopoly-Thondi Railways.

(True Extract.)

FRANCIS J. E. SPRING,
Joint Secretary

To the Agent, South Indian Railway.
" Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Ed. W. D'Moss.

Public Works (1898) Department.

Railway

CURRENT No. 555

From

The Govt. of India

No. 1069 G.

Dated 25th April 1898

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SUBJECT.

Mr. S. J. Mercer Asst.
Traffic Manager S.I. Ry.

Passing orders on the subject of the proposal to grant — a higher rate of travelling allowance than that admissible under the Co's rules during the period he was employed on special duty off the Home line.

BACK PAPERS.

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FURTHER PAPERS.

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All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

No. 1069 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Simla, the 25th April 1898.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 417 Railway, dated 17th March 1898 and enclosures on the subject of the proposal to grant Mr. S. J. Mercer, Assistant Traffic Manager, South Indian Railway, a higher rate of travelling allowance than that admissible under the Company's rules during the period he was employed on special duty off the Home line, I am directed to state that the Government of India are pleased to permit the Government of Madras to exercise the powers delegated to Local Governments in Public Works Department Circular No. 3 P.W. dated the 22nd February 1896 in this and similar cases not strictly covered by the leave and travelling allowance rules of the Railway Companies concerned.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

E. H. Walker

Documents accompanying. Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 443

South Indian Railway Co., Ltd.,

AGENT'S OFFICE,

TRICHINOPOLY, 7th May 1898.

From

The AGENT,

SOUTH INDIAN RAILWAY,

To

The CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,

MADRAS.

Sir,

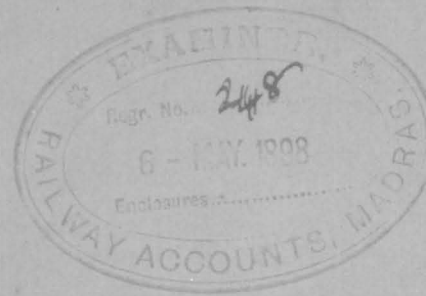
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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

A. B. G. Shetty
Capt R.R.
Agent.

OFFICE OF THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS,
Madras, 6th May 1898.



No. 1308

OFFICE NOTE.

Letter from the Agent, East of India Railway, No. 1069,9
dated 25th April 1898, forwarded to the Examiner of Railway
Accounts for perusal of remarks.

for E. R.

EXAMINER'S REPLY.

Under the powers now delegated by the Govt. of India,
the Local Govt. can deal with Mr. Mercer's case, the extra
amount involved being less than Rs 500.

Mr. Mercer's ordinary rate of allowance being Rs 4 per diem,
it is for decision whether during the 46 days occupied by him
in journey off the line to obtain traffic information, a special
travelling allowance may be sanctioned at the rate of Rs 10
per diem, as applied for by the Agent, or at the rate of Rs 8
per diem which is double the rate admissible to him
under the ordinary Batta rules.

W. A. Allen
CR 9/5/90

Drift - G.O. pending the
computation - giving
Rs 87 for 2y & Dr. Mercer

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ENCLOSURE.

To
The Consulting Engineer for
Railways,
Madras.
From
The Agent,
South Indian Railway,
Tiruchinopoly.

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Again G.O., dated *Prime*

R Current No. *5327* of 1897, dated 17-12-97, from the Agent S. I. R. *Prime*

R G.O. *dated 17th March 1898 No 416-7*

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ORDER.

ORDER. No. 746. Dtd 18/5/98.
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Company's (written rules) to
Mr. S. J. Mace, Asst. Travelling
Manager, S. I. Ry., for the
period of 46 days during
which he was employed
on the duty of investigation
the prospects of traffic
of the proposed Madurai -
Pambur, & Trichinopoly -
Thondi Railways.

Agent S. L. Thayer
Exam the Accts.

Despatched on 9.7.98

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