

Public Works (1898) Department.

RAILWAY BRANCH.

G.O., No. 791. *Ly.*
DATED 7th June 1898.

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G.O. No. 341 Ry 0728-2-98.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Creation of a non-pensionable
post of Draftsman in the Office of Comdngy for Ry.
Madr.

Letter from the Govt of India sanctioning
the — on Rs 75 to 100 in lieu of the ~~one~~
existing one on Rs 35 to 50.

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Government {1898} of Madras.
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JANUARY.

Forwarding the preliminary issue of the Revised and — of "39 Guaranteed Companies (Land and Supervision)" for 1897-98 and 1898-99.

No. 45 R., 8TH JANUARY 1898.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

LETTER—from

F. J. E. SPRING, Esq.,

Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

Railway Branch,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed to forward herewith the preliminary issue of the revised and budget estimates of "39. Guaranteed Companies (Land and Supervision)" for the years 1897-98 and 1898-99, together with a note thereon by the Consulting Engineer for Railways.

2. I am further to forward a proposition statement which has been duly verified by the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras, with a note by the Consulting Engineer for Railways in which it is proposed to increase the salary of the appointment of draughtsman in his office from Rs. 35-50 to Rs. 100-150 in order to obtain a suitable man. I am therefore to request the sanction of the Government of India to the new appointment in lieu of the existing one on the ground that the present permanent pensionable man of nearly 17 years' service who was transferred from the local Public Works Department is unsuited for Railway work, and to state that Government in the Madras Public Works Department has been asked to arrange for his retransfer when a vacancy occurs pending which the present incumbent will be treated as a supernumerary in the Consulting Engineer's office to which arrangement the sanction of the Government of India is also solicited.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. J. E. SPRING,

Joint Secy. to Govt.,

Railway Branch.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th January 1898.

PRELIMINARY ISSUE.

REVISED ESTIMATE, 1897-98,

AND

BUDGET ESTIMATE, 1898-99,

OF

39. GUARANTEED COMPANIES.

LAND AND SUPERVISION.

Particulars.	Budget estimate, 1898-99.	Revised estimate, 1897-98.
Lump sum for 1897-98	100	...
Lump sum for Rs. 5,000 and under	...	6,000
Calicut-Cannanore Extension	...	1,00,000
Total land	100	1,06,000

LAND.

Particulars.	Budget estimate, 1898-99.	Revised estimate, 1897-98.
	RS.	RS.
Lump sum for 1897-98	100	...
Lump sum for Rs. 5,000 and under	...	6,000
Calicut-Cannanore Extension	...	1,00,000
Total land	100	1,06,000

OFFICE OF CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR RAILWAYS, MADRAS.

Number.		Particulars.	Salary of office.			Budget estimate, 1898-99.			Budget estimate, 1897-98, charges per annum.	Revised estimate, 1897-98, charges per annum.
1897-98.	1898-99.		Minimum.	Increment.	Maximum.	Per mensem.	Per annum.	Total.		
1	1	Consulting Engineer for Railways	Rs. 1,500							
		Exchange compensation allowance	160							
		Presidency house-rent	60							
1	1	First Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways	1,000							
		Exchange compensation allowance	100							
		House-rent	45							
		Local allowances	5							
1	1	Second Deputy Consulting Engineer for Railways	700							
		Exchange compensation allowance	70							
		Presidency allowance and house-rent	145							
1	1	Clerk, I class, 1st grade	300	10	350	Rs. 320	Rs. 330	Rs. 330	Rs. 330	Rs. 330
1	1	" II " 1st "	160	8	200	176	184	184	184	184
1	1	" II " 3rd "	100	4	120	108	112	112	112	112
1	1	" III " 1st "	80	4	100	88	92	92	92	92
1	1	" III " 3rd "	50	2	60	58	60	60	60	60
1	1	" III " 3rd "	50	2	60	58	60	60	60	60
1	1	" IV " 1st "	40	2	50	46	48	48	48	48
1	1	" IV " 1st "	40	2	50	46	48	48	48	48
1	1	" IV " 1st "	40	2	50	46	48	48	48	48
1	1	" IV " 2nd "	30	2	40	38	40	40	40	40
1	1	" IV " 3rd "	20	2	30	28	30	30	30	30
1	1	" IV " 3rd "	20	2	30	28	30	30	30	30

* Reduced by Rs. 420, being the saving of house-rent for seven months while at Octacamund.

† Ooty allowance.

Detail of estimate of State expenditure on account of Guaranteed Railways for the year 1898-99—*cont.*

* Ooty allowance.

(Signed) C. T. R. SCOVELL,
for Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS, 17th December 1897.

OFFICE OF EXAMINER OF GUARANTEED RAILWAY ACCOUNTS, MADRAS.

DETAIL of estimate of State expenditure on account of Guaranteed Railways for the year 1898-99.

(Signed) E. A. WALLER, Major, R.E.,
Examiner, Railway Accounts.

(Signed)

E. A. WALLER, Major, R.E.,
Examiner, Railway Accounts.

Supervision.—The revised estimate for 1897-98 compares as under with the sanctioned budget estimate :—

2. As regards the office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways, the revised estimate has been prepared for Rs. 70,491 or Rs. 1,869 more than the sum budgeted for.

The increase of Rs. 1,924 under "officers" is mainly due to the increased rate of pay drawn by the Consulting Engineer on account of his promotion from Superintending Engineer, 2nd class, to 1st class from 16th April 1897.

There is a small decrease of Rs. 55 under "office establishment."

The increase of Rs. 500 under "travelling allowances" is due to a larger number of inspections having been made and the decrease of Rs. 500 under "contingencies" to savings under that head.

3. *Office of the Examiner of Railway Accounts.*—The revised estimate has been prepared for Rs. 48,656 or Rs. 278 in excess of the budget, chiefly due to the increased provision on account of the promotion of the Examiner from IV class, 1st grade, to III class, temporary.

4. The budget estimate for 1898-99 compares as follows with the revised estimate for 1897-98:—

5. *Consulting Engineer's Office*.—The increase of Rs. 1,929 between the revised estimate for 1897-98 and the budget estimate for 1898-99 results from—

(a) An increase of Rs. 172 under "officers" chiefly due to the increased rate of pay provided for the Consulting Engineer for the full year.

(b) An increase of Rs. 1,757 under "office establishment" on account of increments, and also to the provision made for a draughtsman on Rs. 100 (Rs. 100 to 150) in lieu of the present grade of Rs. 35 to 50 which will be abolished when the present incumbent is retransferred to the Public Works Department, pending which he will remain a supernumerary in the Consulting Engineer's office.

6. *Examiner of Railway Accounts Office*.—The increase of Rs. 1,859 over the revised estimate of 1897–98 is principally due to the provision made for the whole year for the additional establishment asked for, and to the increased provision under “travelling allowances” and “contingencies.”

7. *Land*.—The revised estimate has been prepared for Rs. 1,06,000 which has been approved of by the Government of India in its letter, No. 687 A.R., dated 30th December 1897.

8. The budget for next year has been prepared for Rs. 100 which, as far as can be seen at present, will meet requirements.

(Signed) C. T. R. SCOVELL,
for Consulting Engineer for Railways.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PART II.—STATEMENT of Proposition for revision of Establishment.

Order sanctioning present establishment.	Num-ber.	Date.	Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charges.										Proposition.			
				Present scale.					Proposed scale.					Permanent.		Temporary.	
				No.	Designation.	Minimum.	Increment.	Maximum.	Average or fixed.	Total cost.	No.	Designation.	Minimum.	Increment.	Maximum.	Average or fixed.	Total cost.
475 R. 27th May 1896.			Office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways and Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Railway Branch.	1	Clerk, I class, 1st grade	300	10	350	337½	837½	1	Clerk, I class, 1st grade	300	10	350	337½	837½
				1	" II " 1st "	160	8	200	190	190	1	" II " 1st "	160	8	200	190	190
				1	" III " 1st "	100	4	120	115	115	1	" III " 1st "	100	4	120	115	115
				1	" IV " 1st "	80	4	100	95	95	1	" IV " 1st "	80	4	100	95	95
				2	" V " 1st "	50	2	60	57½	115	2	" V " 1st "	50	2	60	57½	115
				2	" VI " 1st "	40	2	50	47½	142½	2	" VI " 1st "	40	2	50	47½	142½
				3	" VII " 1st "	30	2	40	37½	82½	3	" VII " 1st "	30	2	40	37½	82½
				3	" VIII " 1st "	20	2	30	27½	13½	3	" VIII " 1st "	20	2	30	27½	13½
				1	" IX " 1st "	10	1	15	13½	46½	1	" IX " 1st "	10	1	15	13½	46½
				1	" X " 1st "	35	3	50	46½	46½	1	" X " 1st "	35	3	50	46½	46½
				1	Draughtsman, 2nd class	100	10	150	137½	137½	1	Draughtsman, 2nd class	100	10	150	137½	137½
				2	Moochies at Rs. 15 and 10	..	..	..	25	25	2	Moochies at Rs. 15 and 10	..	..	..	25	25
				10	1 head peon, 5 peons and 4 lascars	..	..	..	71	71	10	1 head peon, 5 peons and 4 lascars	..	..	..	71	71
						..	..	..	..	1,271			..	..	..	..	1,408½
622 R. 13th June 1896 for 1 water-man.			Office of the Consulting Engineer for Railways and Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Railway Branch.	2	Clerks, III class, 2nd grade	..	..	..	30	60	2	Clerks, IV class, 2nd grade	..	..	..	30	60
				1	Attender	..	..	..	15	15	1	Attender	..	..	..	15	15
				2	Watermen	..	..	..	2½	2½	2	Watermen	..	..	..	2½	2½
						..	..	..	..	77½			..	..	..	..	77½
				Total		..	..	..	..	1,348½	Total		..	..	..	..	1,486

(Signed) E. A. WALLER, Major, R.E.,
Offg. Examiner, Public Works Accounts, Madras.

(Signed) C. T. R. SCOVELL,
for Consulting Engineer for Railways.

MADRAS,
18th December 1897.

OFFICE-NOTE from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Railway Branch, dated Madras, 2nd December 1897.

I find that in the important matter of an efficient draughtsman, this office is very badly served. The current sanction is for a man rising by increments of Rs. 3 per mensem per annum from Rs. 35 to Rs. 50. The man now in the office has, I believe, Rs. 35 at the present moment. He is quite inefficient for railway work, and several attempts which have been made to secure an efficient man at the money have failed. For not only is the pay in itself insufficient in these parts to secure the services of a suitably trained man, but as the place is non-pensionable, and in this way differs from practically the whole of the appointments in Government service in the Madras Presidency, it is found impossible to get or to keep an efficient man.

The result is that everything that a draughtsman ought to keep in order is in a mess. There is no proper registration or record of plans. Even the railways are not kept up to date on the maps of this office. As for getting anything done in the shape of a drawing, or in the maintenance of diagrams, that is perfectly hopeless; and even to get a decent tracing or a ferro done is all but impossible. For anything that I want done well or intelligently or smartly, I have got to send round to other offices to borrow a man. Much of my own and my deputies' valuable time is wasted in doing work that an experienced railway draughtsman on a proper salary could perfectly well do.

This is utterly wrong. It is stupid and uneconomical that an office such as mine is should be so heavily handicapped in trying to be efficient for the sake of a nominal saving of a few rupees a month, which is really no saving at all because it is more than balanced in loss of efficiency.

I want all sorts of things done and kept up regularly—diagrams of all sorts, drawings and tracings of suggested improvements in station arrangements, a proper system of registration of drawings, a ferrotyping arrangement, and the keeping of maps up to date. This cannot be done by a mere tracer on Rs. 35 per mensem. I want a man on Rs. 100 rising by increments of Rs. 10 to Rs. 150, and I must get him very soon if this most neglected and inefficient part of my office is not to go on getting worse and worse. My own time and that of my deputies is too valuable to be wasted, as it has now often to be wasted doing work that a man on Rs. 100—150 a month might do perfectly well. I don't know why things have been allowed to drift along so long into the present state of utter inefficiency.

Public Works (1898) Department.

Railway
CURRENT No. 286.

From

The Govt of India

Order No. 34/Hdtd. 28/2/98.

133x The following telegram will be sent
to the Govt. of India. From 432. G. 17th February.
Your proposal about draughtsmen accepted.

No. 432 G.

Dated 17th February 1898

Received

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SUBJECT.

Proposals for the creation
of a post of Draughtsman.
on Rs. 100. 150

stating that the proposed
salary appears somewhat
excessive + inquiring
whether a suitable man
could not be obtained for
Rs 75-100.

The Comptroller for Ryd
- E. P. W. Accliv

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*All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.*

No. 432 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
GENERAL.

To

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

Calcutta, the 17th February 1898.

Sir,

With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter No.45 R., dated 8th January 1898, submitting proposals for the creation of a post of Draftsman in your office on Rs.100-150 in lieu of the existing one on Rs.30-50, I am directed to say that the salary proposed appears somewhat excessive, and that before considering the matter the Government of India desire to enquire whether a suitable man could not be obtained for Rs. 75-100.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. H. Walker

Under Secy.to the Govt.of India.

Documents accompanying :-

Nil.

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Public Works (1898) Department.

Railway

CURRENT No. 402

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From

The Govt of India

Order

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India's order prevents us from keeping on the
present man as a supernumerary - I can
not suggest employing his services as
typewriter JH 21/3/98

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Dated 15th March 1898

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No. 791 Ry. dated 7.6.98

Communicated to the
Examiner P. W. accounts - in
continuation of G.O. No. 341 Ry
of 25.2.98

SUBJECT.

Draftsman on Rs 75-100
in the office of the Cong. Engineer
for Ry. Madras.

Communicating the
sanction of the Govt of
India to the creation of a
Non-pensionable post of
— in lieu of the existing
one, on Rs. 35 to 50.

To
The Comptroller & Secy
— Exr. P. W. Accs. & Madras

CM
D.R.

2/6/98

the order no 7/6/98

10/3/98

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No. 694 G.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

GENERAL.

To

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

Calcutta, the 15th March 1898.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your telegram No.13 B₃, dated the 25th February last, I am directed to communicate the sanction of the Government of India to the creation of a non-pensionable post of Draftsman in your office on a salary of Rs.75 to 100 in lieu of the existing one on Rs.35 to 50, on the understanding that the new appointment is not filled until the incumbent of the present post has been provided for in another sanctioned post.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant, .

G. H. Walker

Under Secy.to the Govt.of India.

Documents accompanying :-

Nil.