

Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 1930

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the Govt. does not see its way to asking the Govt. of India to permit Mr. R. S. Vengopal Aiyer, Ag. Manager, Conservator's Office, M.C., to be promoted to the post of Ranger over the heads of a number of men possessing the prescribed qualifications.

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CURRENT No. 2499

From

The Board of Revenue

(Land Revenue.)

Order

FOREST No. 253 Misc.

Dated 10th April 1899.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting for the favourable Consideration of Government Mr. Stoper's letter recommending the exemption of his acting Manager Mr. J. S. Venugopala Aiyar from passing the Dehra Dun Ranger's examination and proposing his promotion to the 3rd grade of the Ranger's Class.

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(Land Revenue),

Forst no. 253 Misc., dated 10th April 1899.

Read again B.P. Forest No. 120 line, dated 23rd Feb
1899 stating that the Board is prepared to support a special
application for the promotion of Mr. J. S. Venugopala
Aiyar, Ag. Manager, Conservator's Office, Northam Circle
to the 3rd grade of Rangers and that Mr. Hooper may pre-
pare and submit a single consolidated note in con-
nection therewith for submission to Government.

Read also letter from E. D. Mc. Cooper Esq, ag. Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, dated 11th March 1898, Bk. No. 1159.

Resolución:

Mr. Hooper's letter read above recom-
 -mending the exemption of his ag. Manager, Messrs.
 J. S. Venugopala Aiyar from passing the Dehra Dun
 Ranger's Examination and proposing his promotion to
 the 3rd grade of the Rangers' Class will be submitted
 for the favourable consideration of Government.
 2. As will be seen from the Service Register herewith
 forwarded, Venugopala Aiyar entered the Forest

Department in September 1885 as a Range Clerk on the temporary establishment. After a few months' service in that capacity, he was promoted to act as Forester and with occasional reversions held that post for nearly 3 years.

He was then retransferred to the clerical line and has held the marginally-noted appointments since 1st December 1890.

In all these several capacities, he is reported to have given complete satisfaction.

* Clerk of the Dt. Forest Office, Salem.

Head Clerk of the Dt. Forest Office of Bellary and Kurnool.

Town Clerk of the Conservators' Office, N.C.

Ag. Manager of Do

3. In the year 1888, Veungopala Aiyar offered himself as a candidate for deputation to the Forest School, Dehra Dun; but the then District Surgeon of Salem who examined him pronounced him unfit for the executive work of the Department and in accordance with this opinion he had to sever his connection with the executive branch of the Service. Both Messrs. Peet and Stoper under whom Veungopala Aiyar subsequently served as a town clerk for nearly six years, however, took to the fact of his possessing an exceptionally good constitution and at the instance of Mr. Peet, he was ^{again} examined in the year 1897 by the District Surgeon of Vizagapatnam and considered fit for the work of a Ranger.

4. Messrs. Peet and Stoper agree in considering that Veungopala Aiyar is a very capable and efficient subordinate, and that he has acquired sufficient knowledge of the details of the executive forest work to make him a thoroughly competent Range Officer even without the special training at the Forest School, Dehra Dun. Mr. Peet writes:—

"His (Veungopala Aiyar's) opportunities of getting broad views of forest work have been quite exceptional and he is fully capable of taking charge of any Range"; and Mr. Stoper states that "his peculiarly extensive experience

(Central Circle)

Experience of both office and Range work makes him especially useful and he is fitted for the highest positions in the "Provincial Forest Service". Mr. Peet who was also consulted recorded that he had no objection to Veungopala Aiyar's promotion provided that he did not supersede Ranger Mr. Daly who is now holding the last place in the 3rd grade of the Rangers' class. In these circumstances, the Board recommended that the Special Sanction of the Government of India may be obtained for exempting Veungopala Aiyar from the Dehra Dun training so that his promotion in the executive line may not be barred and that sanction may be accorded for his being promoted at present to the 3rd grade of the Rangers' class under the last sentence of Section 32 of the Forest Code, his further promotion being regulated by his general efficiency in the department.

(True Extract)

Lionel Davidson
Ag. Secretary

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To
The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D. with
Mr. Stoper's letter in original and
with the Service book of Veungopala Aiyar
to be returned

B.P (Forest) No 253 mis 8 10.4.9

C No 2499/9

Re: The appointment as a Ranger
of the Tour Clerk of the Conservator's
office, Northern Circle.

- Examinations passed
- * Matriculation
 - Haced - writing test
 - Precis - writing (higher)
 - Translation (Lower)
 - Criminal (Lower)
 - Account Test (Lower)

(page 121 of the Revenue Establishment
List 1898).

To the Under Secretary.

In the above Proceedings
the Board of Revenue on the re-
commendation made by Mr Hooper
proposes to appoint T. S. Venugopala
Aiyar permanent tour clerk (Rs 50)
and acting manager of the Conservator's
office, Northern Circle, as a forest
ranger, 3rd grade (Rs 100) and requests
first that the Government may be
pleased to sanction the appointment &
secondly that the Government of
India may be addressed with a view
to the sanction of that Government
being obtained exempting the Board's
nominee from passing the Dehra Dun
Ranger's Test.

2 Venugopala Aiyar has been
holding the appointments of tour
clerk and manager of the Conservator's
office for the last 7 years or more; so
far therefore as knowledge of executive
work goes, he may be considered
qualified to hold the post of ranger,
as will be seen from the following

The
from 9th January 1892
(please see his Service register)

extracts from the remarks ^{made by} ~~of~~ the Board of Revenue when recommending the amalgamation of the Conservators' office establishments with the executive staff. "The knowledge of executive work possessed by managers of the Conservators' offices, especially those who have risen from the position of four clerks, is sufficient in itself to warrant their transfer to the executive list without any special training at the Dehra Dun Forest School. . . . The four clerks of the ~~the~~ Conservators' offices in particular have often great facilities for acquiring knowledge which specially qualifies them for executive work. . . ." ~~Permitting~~ ^{moreover} the candidate is ~~also~~ highly spoken of by Messrs Peel and Hooper.

3 As regards the candidate's qualification for the post under the rules - ^{provisions} ~~the information~~ under rule (2) of section 32 of the Madras Forest Code (regulating appointments to the post of rangers) lay down that when it is proposed to supersede a qualified by an unqualified officer, the special sanction of the Government must be obtained. The Board of Revenue therefore requests the sanction of the Government

para 3 of the Board's Resolution 475
1.12.97
(printed on page 5 of P.O. 358
27.6.98)

para 5 of the Board's Resolution 475
1.12.97
(printed on page 6 of P.O. 358
27.6.98)
(M)

para 4 of the B.P. (Current).

para 2 of the P. I. letter printed on
page 13 of P.O. 1018
3.10.92. (I)

to the appointment proposed. It seems however doubtful whether the sanction of this Government will suffice in the present case. In approving the rules to regulate appointments and promotions in the Madras Provincial Forest Service, the Government of India stated that they accepted the rules subject to the condition that the power reserved by this Government to appoint untrained men as Rangers (and Extra Assistant Conservators) will only be exercised (i) in cases of really exceptional merit and

(ii) and in the absence locally of candidates possessing the desired technical qualifications.

This second condition specially imposed by the Government of India not being fulfilled in the present case, it is submitted that the sanction of the Imperial Government seems necessary ~~in the present case~~ to the appointment proposed by the Board.

attention is in this connection solicited to the fact that when for amalgamating the Conservators' offices

establishments with the executive staff, it was proposed to grade the Conservators' managers and four clerks as rangers of the third and sixth grade respectively, the sanction of the Government of India was considered necessary.

4 In para 4 of their letter of 25.1.97, No. 93/276-8 F, the Government of India laid down that promotion to the post of first and second grade of rangers should be given only to men who have obtained the Ranger's Certificate at the Imperial Forest School, Dehra Dun. To prevent this rule operating in future against the promotion of Venugopala Aiyar to the first and second grade of rangers, the Board also requests that the sanction of the Govt of India may be obtained exempting him from passing the Dehra Dun Ranger's Test. At present the Board apparently intends nominating Venugopala Aiyar to ^{one of} the last places in the third grade of rangers. (This appears from the fact that the Board seems to quote its approval Mr Popert's statement that he has no objection to the appointment, provided that it does not involve the supersession of the ranger now

para 2 of P.O. 358/27.6.98 (M)
+ para 2 of letter 359/27.6.98 (N)

printed in P.O. 81/9.2.97

para 4 of the B.P. (current).

^{in the Central Circle}
holding the last place in the third grade). If therefore it is thought that the question of exempting Venugopala Aiyar from the Dehra Dun Ranger's Test may be considered when the time arrives for nominating him to the second grade of rangers, the following points are submitted for orders:-

- (i) whether the Govt of India should be addressed with a view to its sanction being ~~obtained~~ obtained for appointing Venugopala Aiyar as Ranger
- (ii) whether he should be appointed to the third grade of rangers and, if not, to what other lower grade.

The permanent appointment of a lower clerk (pay Rs 50) now held by the B.D. nominee corresponds to the sixth grade of ranger'ship; it may therefore here be noted that his appointment as a third grade ranger will ~~involve the supersession of the fourth and fifth grade rangers in all the three circles of the Presidency, as under section 43 of the Madras Forest Code~~ involve ^{at least} the supersession of the fourth and fifth grade rangers in all the three circles of the Presidency, as under section 43 of the Madras Forest Code.

Promotion of rangers from grade to grade is not confined to each Circle but is made with reference to the general list for the Presidency.

In Connection with this question it may perhaps be mentioned that in para 3 of the letter of 13.10.98, the Government of India, ^{have} intimated that they would have no objection to take into consideration any scheme that might be found by the Govt of Madras to be necessary for increasing the pay of or grading amongst themselves, the Clerks in the local Conservators' offices, provided the promotion and prospects of executive officers are in no way affected thereby. (The question is now under reference to the Board of Revenue) But it does not seem likely that the scheme will be sanctioned sufficiently early so as to be of any present benefit to the Board's proposed nominees.

5.5.99
The proposal is clearly, submit, one of benefit to the individual ^{rather than to} the service. Proposals for benefiting the Conservators of the estate which benefit the individual

printed in p. 710
24.11.98 (R)

Why not? We think that we have no spare funds for meeting any material increase in salaries. W

Please see para 3 of G.O. No. 71024-11-98 R

Para 2 of the Govt. of India letter at p. 2 of G.O. No. 71024-11-98. P

As to this I think we should accept the ample testimony that the man has rendered faithful & meritorious service & is exceptionally well qualified. W

I agree with this
8/2

I should like to comply with the Board's request but on the whole I think an answer must be to following effect: - The circumstances under which Venugopala Aiyar was debarred in 1888 from going through the Behra Dam Canal are no doubt very important for him, but in the face of para 2 of the order of the Govt of India dated at page 13 of G.O. No 1018 Rev of 3rd Oct 92 the Govt does not see its way to asking the Govt of India to permit Venugopala Aiyar to be promoted to the post of Ranger over the heads of a number of men possessing the prescribed technical qualifications - W

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27-5-99

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in this case are under consideration. The Govt of India has expressed itself against any padding of the executive & clerical estb in the forest service. Lastly, unless an ^{actual} man has had executive experience, the fact that he has had ample opportunity of observing executive work does not, I submit, give him that experience.

I seem very doubtful therefore whether the present proposal should be entertained until & unless it is shown that the position of these local clerks cannot be improved together with that of the other clerks in the Conservators' office estb. by the proposals to be submitted. W
15/11/98

H.M.
I regard the P's proposal as of a very doubtful character for orders
S. 18/5/98

G.O. Misc. No. /930 d/30th May 1899.

The circumstances ⁱⁿ under which Venugopala Aiyar was debarred in 1888 from going through the Dehra Dun Course are no doubt very unfortunate for him, but in the face of para 2 of the order of the Govt. of India printed at page 13 of G.O. No. 1018 Rev: dated 3rd October 1892 the Govt. does not see its way to asking the Govt. of India to permit Venugopala Aiyar to be promoted to the post of Ranger over the heads of a number of men possessing the prescribed technical qualifications.

(Intd). G.S.F.

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The Board of Rev (R.R)

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