

Revenue (189⁹) Department.

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G.O., No. 226

Dated 6th April

[Despatch Abstract.]

Approving and sanctioning the proposals of
the Surg. Genl. Madras as the standards of Vice in
the adopted in the case of Candidates appear-
ing for the Provincial Civil Service Examina-
tion, Madras.

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From Surgeon Genl. L. S. S. S.
Ch, S. S. S.

Order ^{Indt.} ~~letter~~ no. 22 dt 7/6 April 1899

The Surgeon
General's proposals are
approved and sanctioned.

No. 230

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SUBJECT.

To the D.P.D., Madras
Public Dept.

Surgeon General with
Board of Govt. Madras
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Submitting proposals
to the standard section
to be adopted in the case
of candidates appearing
for the Provincial Civil
Service Examination Madras.

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Presidency College, Madras.

24th January 1899.

No 22

P.C.S.

From

The Principal Secretary,

Provincial Civil Service Examination Board.

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Through,

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for the Orders of Government a letter from the Secretary to the Surgeon-General pointing out that no standard of vision is laid down for Candidates for the Provincial Civil Service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G H Stuart
Secretary

PK No. 1108/99

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No.

6135

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Madras, 5th November 1898.

FROM

Secretary, Provincial
THE PRINCIPAL,
Civil Service Ex^{am}. Board,
PRESIDENCY COLLEGE, MADRAS,

From

L. Donavan. M. D. J. M. S.
SURGEON-CAPTAIN R. H. ELLIOT,

SECRETARY, SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras,

To

THE Secretary, Board of Examiners
for the Provincial Civil Service
Examination, Presidency College
Madras

SIR,

I have the honor, by order, to quote

"2. The Board further observe that no in the margin an
standard of vision is laid down in the extract from a
Rules for the Examination of such letter from the
Candidates and they consider this is President Civil
specially desirable" Medical Board
which examined the candidates for the Provincial
Civil Service Examination on the 22nd October/98 and
to suggest that definite orders may be obtained on
the subject from Government for future guidance

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

L. Donavan

Captain M. S.

Secy, Surgeon-General

with the Govt. of Madras

No 1262 dated 1st February 1899

Submitted

L. Donavan
Director of Public Instruction

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
thru. the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.

No. 22
P.C.S.

Dated

24th January 1899.

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MADRAS

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Submitting a letter from
the Secretary to the Surgeon-
General regarding the Stand-
ard of vision for candidates for
the Provincial Civil Service
Examination.

Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 889

From The Director of Public Instruction

Order No. 54 d/23rd February 1899.

Reference Letter from the Secy
to the Surgeon General to the

No. 1262

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Provincial Civil Service Exam.
Madras.

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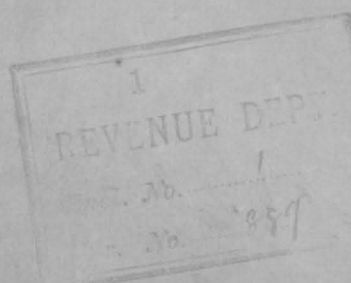
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OFFICE OF SURGEON-GENERAL

WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Madras, 112 March 1899.

From

SURGEON-GENERAL C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I.

SURGEON-GENERAL WITH THE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

To

THE HON'BLE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Revenue. DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

With reference to official Memorandum No. 54 of the 23rd ultimus, I have the honor to submit for consideration and sanction of Government the following proposals from the Superintendent, Government Ophthalmic Hospital Madras on the standard of vision to be adopted in the case of candidates appearing for the Provincial Civil Service Examination, Madras:-

- (1) The standard of vision usually adopted by the Board of Examiners at the India Office, London.
- (2) In the case of candidates for admission into the several departments of the Majistry Indian Government Service, vision is tested by letters corresponding to those in the last edition (1885) of Snellen's test types. These, as in all the later editions, are.

are numbered on the metric system. The person to be examined is to be placed with his back to the light at a distance of 6 metres or 20 feet from the types which are to be hung or held perfectly upright with a bright light falling on them.

(b) In the case of candidates for the Indian Government Civil service one is not disqualified by amblyopia of one or both eyes provided that vision can be brought up to $\frac{6}{6}$ in one eye and to $\frac{6}{9}$ in the other by correcting lenses and that there are no morbid changes in the fundus of either eye. A posterior staphyloma however, if stationary, will not disqualify a candidate, provided the accompanying myopia does not exceed 2.5 D in either eye and no active morbid changes of the choroid or retina be present. Myopia of 5 D is allowed. Nebula of the cornea of either eye disqualifies if vision be reduced to less than $\frac{6}{12}$, and in any case where nebula exist vision in the latter eye should equal $\frac{6}{6}$ with or without glasses. Paralysis of one or more of the exterior muscles of the eyeball disqualifies a candidate but a candidate who is said to have been

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been cured from squint by operation may be accepted, although binocular vision has not been restored, provided vision can be brought up to $\frac{6}{6}$ in one eye and to $\frac{6}{9}$ in the other, by correcting glasses and the movements of each eye be good.

(ii) When a Medical Board is convened to examine candidates for the Provincial Civil service examinations, it will save much time and trouble if the Superintendent Govt. Ophthalmic Hospital was nominated a member, so that any question of defective vision could be at once disposed of and any further reference on doubtful cases thus avoided.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. B. B. B.

Surgeon General.

Surgeon-General

with the Govt. of Madras.

[Signature]

Current No. 889

From The Director of Public Instruction
No 1262

Dated 1st February 1899.

FOR ORDERS.

To Under Secy.

The papers above have reference to an observation made by the medical Board, who examined the candidates for the last Provincial Civil Service Exam, that "no standard of vision is laid down in the rules for the examination of such candidates and they consider this is specially desirable"

2 The medical Board's communication on the subject has come up to you for orders thro' the Surgeon General, his Secretary, the Secy to the P.C.S Exam and the Director of Public Instruction. None of them however has thrown out any hint as to what

what the standard hitherto adopted has been or what should for the future be adopted. The J.C.B. rules do not say what the standard fixed in England in such cases is but on page 361 of the ^{last year's} ~~Asylum~~ Press Almanac it has been found stated as follows:-

"On the subject of the 'Standard of eyesight required for the Indian Services' a pamphlet has been published under the authority of the Secy of State in Council by Messrs Churchill & Sons, 'New Burlington Street'."

A copy of this pamphlet, however, is not available in the Secretariat libraries.

* Local Booksellers may have copies

3. If the J.C.B. standard be considered sufficient for the P.C.B. the officer concerned may it is submitted be informed accordingly leaving it to them to find out what it is. If not the Surgeon General ~~will be informed~~ ^{submitted}

FOR ORDERS.

~~the draft reference to the Surgeon General is submitted (on the docket of the current).~~
~~which kept to pass the paper to get~~ may be consulted

Bmm
14/2/99

Secy

The Surgeon General may be asked to advise

16/1/98

8/7/87

To Under Secy

A draft reference to the Surgeon General is submitted (on the docket of the current).

Bmm
20/2/98

June
16
17/1/11

To Under Secy

The Surgeon General's reply is submitted. His suggestions are (1) that the standard should be the one adopted by the Board of Examiners at the India Office in the case of J.C.B. Candidates &c. &

and (2) that the Supt
of the ~~low~~ Ophthalmic hos-
pital should be a member
of the Provincial Civil Service
examⁿ medical Board.

~~See official circular~~

WMM
23.3.98

Levy

These suggestions

may be approved &
sanctioned

WMM
24/3/88

WMM

8/27/88

To under Secy

a draft G.O. is

submitted below on the docket

WMM
3.4.88

Yes, I think so
H.S.
30-3-89

Government (1899) of Madras. REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 226, 6th April 1899.

APRIL.

Provincial Civil Service Examination

Approving and sanctioning the Surgeon-General's proposals in regard to the standard of vision to be adopted in the case of candidates appearing for the — in the Madras Presidency.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, Secretary, Provincial Civil Service Examination Board, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department (through the Director of Public Instruction, Madras), dated 24th January 1899, No. 22-P.C.S. :—

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, a letter from the Secretary to the Surgeon-General pointing out that no standard of vision is laid down for candidates for the Provincial Civil Service.

ENCLOSURE.

From Captain C. DONOVAN, M.D., I.M.S., Secretary, Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary, Board of Examiners for the Provincial Civil Service Examination, Presidency College, dated 5th November 1898, No. 6135.

I have the honour, by order, to quote in the margin an extract from a letter from the President, Civil Medical Board, which examined the candidates for the Provincial Civil Service Examination on the 22nd October 1898, and to suggest that definite orders may be obtained on the subject from Government for future guidance.

"2. The Board further observe that no standard of vision is laid down in the rules for the examination of such candidates, and they consider this is specially desirable."

Endorsement No. 1262.

Submitted.

(Signed) D. DUNCAN,
Director of Public Instruction.

1st February 1899.

READ—again the following Official Memorandum from the Acting Under Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, to the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, dated 23rd February 1899, No. 54 :—

[Reference.—Letter from the Secretary to the Surgeon-General, to the Secretary to the Board of Examiners, Provincial Civil Service Examination, No. 6135, dated 5th November 1898.]

The Surgeon-General is requested to be good enough to advise Government as to the standard of vision which should be adopted in the case of candidates appearing for the Provincial Civil Service Examination, Madras.

READ—also the following letter from Surgeon-Major-General C. SIBTHORPE, C.B., F.R.C.P.I., Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 11th March 1899, No. 230 :—

With reference to official memorandum No. 54 of the 23rd ultimo, I have the honour to submit, for consideration and sanction of Government, the following proposals from the Superintendent, Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras, on the standard

of vision to be adopted in the case of candidates appearing for the Provincial Civil Service Examination, Madras :—

(i) The standard of vision usually adopted by the Board of Examiners at the India Office, London—

(a) In the case of candidates for admission into the several departments of Her Majesty's Indian Government Service, vision is tested by letters corresponding to those in the last edition (1885) of Snellen's test-types. These, as in all the later editions, are numbered on the metrical system. The person to be examined is to be placed with his back to the light at a distance of 6 metres or 20 feet from the types which are to be hung or held perfectly upright with a bright light falling on them.

(b) In the case of candidates for the Indian Government Civil Service one is not disqualified by ametropia of one or both eyes provided that vision can be brought up to $\frac{5}{6}$ in one eye and to $\frac{4}{5}$ in the other by correcting lenses and that there are no morbid changes in the fundus of either eye. A posterior staphyloma, however, if stationary, will not disqualify a candidate, provided the accompanying myopia do not exceed 2.5 D in either eye and no active morbid changes of the choroid on return be present. Myopia of 5 D is allowed. Nebula of the cornea of either eye disqualifies if vision be reduced to less than $\frac{1}{2}$, and in any case where nebula exists, vision in the latter eye should equal $\frac{4}{5}$ with or without glasses. Paralysis of one or more of the exterior muscles of the eyeball disqualifies a candidate, but a candidate who is said to have been cured from squint by operation may be accepted, although binocular vision has not been restored, provided vision can be brought up to $\frac{5}{6}$ in one eye and to $\frac{4}{5}$ in the other, by correcting glasses and the movements of each eye be good.

(ii) When a Medical Board is convened to examine candidates for the Provincial Civil Service Examinations, it will save much time and trouble if the Superintendent, Government Ophthalmic Hospital, was nominated a member, so that any question of defective vision could be at once disposed of and any further reference on doubtful cases thus avoided.

ORDER—No. 226, Revenue, dated 6th April 1899.

Miscellaneous.

The Surgeon-General's proposals are approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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" the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.
" the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

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