

¹[CHAPTER XXVIII]**PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE GRANT TO AIDED SCHOOLS**

1. These Rules regulate the conditions under which maintenance grant may be given to aided schools.
2. The ²[Director of Public Instruction] ³[or the Joint Director of Public Instruction] may, notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, refuse or withdraw the whole grant or any portion there of at ⁴[his discretion for violation of any of the provisions of the Act or the Rules there under or for any other reasons that may be specified by ²[Director of Public Instruction] ³[or the Joint Director of Public Instruction]].
3. Subject to the conditions laid down in these Rules, maintenance grant may be paid to the Manager annually for ⁵[x x x] the following purposes except for items the expenditure for which is met or is to be met out of special fees:-
 - (i) Petty construction and repairs and annual maintenance of school building ⁶[including compound walls, gate, wells, school premises, play grounds and replacement of tube lights and other electrical fittings].
 - (ii) Purchase of educational appliances such as globes, maps, charts, apparatus for teaching of geography and allied subjects and instruments for mathematical drawing.
 - (iii) Repairs to furniture and its replacement.
 - (iv) Office expenses and miscellaneous including stationery, postage and Telegraph charges.
 - (v) Contingencies for purchase of chalk, dusters, cleaning materials, buckets, ropes, registers and forms etc.
 - (vi) Purchase of books and periodicals relating to Education other than books for school library.
 - (vii) Raw materials for craft education.
 - (viii) Kindergarten and Sewing appliances.
 - (ix) Water Charges including expenditure on gardening.
 - (x) Electric Charges.

(xi) Sweeping and scavenging charges in Lower Primary Schools and in Upper Primary Schools with or without Lower Primary section.

(xii) Traveling allowances to the staff of the school ⁷[other than Headmasters of Primary Schools] for journeys to the Government Treasury for remittance of fee collections and for encashment of salary bills.

⁸[Explanation:- For the purpose of this rule, works costing ⁹[Rs, 2500 (Rupees two thousand and five hundred only)]or less alone will be treated as petty construction.

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4. ¹¹[Maintenance grant will be given to Managers at the following rates.

(i) Rs. 3.25 per annum per pupil in the Lower Primary and Upper Primary Classes in the schools, based on the effective strength as fixed under rule 12 of Chapter XXIII.

(ii) Rs. 5.00 per annum per pupil in the High School Classes in the schools, based on the effective strength as fixed under rule 12 of Chapter XXIII.

Note:- If any of the classes are run on shift system, one -half of the effective strength of it shall only be taken into account for the purpose of the above calculation, fraction, if any being counted as one.

(iii) Rs. 7-50 per annum per pupil on the rolls in the Training school classes in the school as on the 6th working day from the reopening date in June or the 6th working day from any other date as may be notified by the Director under rule 1 of Chapter VII, as shown in the rolls].

Note:- (i) Schools in the Malabar District referred to in sub-section (2) of section 5 of the States Re organisation Act, 1956 (Central Act 37 of 1956) which are being conducted in rented buildings and which were in receipt of grant towards rent from the Government of Madras prior to 1-10-1957 shall be given the amount of grant previously paid by the Government of Madras towards rent of the School buildings.

(ii) In the case of the schools referred to above an amount calculated at the rate of 5n.p. Per sq. feet for tiled buildings and 12 n.p. per sq. feet for thatched buildings for the area of the buildings occupied on rent on 1-4-62 shall be deducted from the maintenance grant due

and the balance amount alone be paid as maintenance grant in addition to the rent.

¹²[(iii) In admitting amounts under repairs to furniture and its replacement, the amount received from the sale proceeds of the furniture sought to be replaced shall be deducted].

¹³[(iv) In the case of the schools which have been running under sessional system for 5 years or more and which have not been provided with the additional accommodation required for running the entire divisions of the school under non-sessional system within the time of any specified under rule 5A in Chapter IV maintenance grant will be given taking into account only the number of pupils who could normally have been admitted in the school had the school been functioning under non-sessional system].

5. The ¹⁴[x x x x] Educational Officer shall be the officer competent to sanction maintenance grants. The sanction of the grant at the rates specified in Rule 4 shall depend on the merit and standard of upkeep and maintenance of the particular institution, as tested by the conditions prescribed in the Rules issued under the Act or orders that may be issued from time to time by the Government or the Director.

¹⁵[5A. The Educational officers shall be competent to make deductions of any of the amount specified below by an order in writing from the maintenance grant sanctioned to the Manager under rule 5:

(a) amounts objected by the Accountant General and the Department at the time of audit of accounts.

(b) amount of pay and allowances paid to teachers and non-teaching staff irregularly appointed, overlooking the legitimate claims of others.

*[(c) The expenditure incurred by Government under sub-rule (3) of rule 7 of Chapter III].

5B. (1) An appeal shall lie to the Deputy Director of Education concerned against the order of the Educational Officers effecting deductions from the Maintenance grant, such appeal shall be filed within 15 days from the date of receipt of the order appealed against.

(2) On receipt of an appeal under sub-rule (1), the Deputy Director of Education shall, after giving the appellant an opportunity of being heard, pass such order thereon as he thinks fit.

6. ¹⁶(i) Applications for maintenance grant shall be submitted by the Managers to the Educational Officers in Form 28 (in duplicate) so as to reach them ¹⁷[before the first of October] every year].

¹⁸[Provided that the Director may, if found necessary, revise the date in any year and shall publish the revised date in the Gazette].

¹⁹(ii) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (i) the Educational Officer may entertain applications submitted within two months from the date specified in sub-rule (i) if the delay was caused for one or more of the following reasons.

- (1) Transfer of Management.
- (2) Disputes over Management.
- (3) Grant of recognition or renewal of temporary recognition.
- (4) Production of fitness certificate from the Public Works Department.
- (5) Delay in the re-opening of the schools.

²⁰[Provided that the Director of Public Instruction may entertain application submitted within six months or the ²¹[Deputy Director (Education) may entertain applications submitted within four months from the dates specified in sub-rule (i) if the delay was caused for one or more reasons specified in the sub-rule or for any other sufficient and valid reasons].

(iii) Fifty percent of the maintenance grant paid during the previous year or on the basis of an approximate estimate when maintenance grant is sanctioned for the first time, may, on an application made for the purpose be paid to the Manager in advance in April ²²[or in the first week of May] every year so as to enable the management to carry out the annual repairs and maintenance to school buildings during the summer vacation and to purchase essential items of articles referred to in Rule 3 in time before the schools reopen.

(iv) The applications for maintenance grant shall be accompanied by a statement of expenditure and declaration by the Manager in Form. 29. An Audit certificate of accounts of the school for the previous year shall also be furnished in the case of each school receiving grant above ²³[Rs.3500]. The certificate to be attached should be one issued by an auditor qualified to audit accounts under the companies Act, 1956, or by other auditors authorised by the Government in this behalf.

7. Applications for maintenance grant shall be disposed of by the ²⁴[x x x] Educational Officer not later than two months after the receipt of applications. Grants may be claimed and drawn by the Management in bills duly passed and countersigned by the ²⁴[x x x] Educational Officer immediately after sanction is accorded and before the grant bills are counter signed the ²⁴[x x x] Educational Officer shall send to the ²⁵[Deputy Director (Education)] and the Accountant General a consolidated statement showing the amounts sanctioned by him as maintenance grant. This procedure shall also be followed in the case of advance grant. In the sanctions for final grant the sanctioning authority shall also record a certificate that the grants are in accordance with these rules and that the un utilised grants of previous years have been taken into account in fixing the annual grants. One copy each of the application and enclosure shall be sent by the ²⁶[x x x] Educational Officer to the ²⁵[Deputy Director (Education)] along with the statement. The Manager shall keep separate accounts regarding the Government grant and other incomes for the maintenance of the school and the expenditure incurred thereon.
 8. Form 30 appended to these Rules shall be used for submission of bills for maintenance grants.
 9. The Educational Officers shall at the time of their visit or inspection scrutinise the accounts and verify whether the maintenance work has been properly done and whether the articles purchased have been brought to stock. They shall with reference to the school records and by physical verification also check whether the maintenance grant has been properly and fully utilised. Based on the notes of inspection the ²⁷[Educational Officer] may make a suitable reduction in the amount of maintenance grant admissible, for the irregularities noted. No appeal shall lie over the decision of the ²⁷[Educational Officer] in such cases.
 10. Excess, if any, in the maintenance grant sanctioned for a year shall be adjusted towards the maintenance grant for the succeeding year. Over payments, if any, detected shall be made good by the Managers or may be deducted from the maintenance grant for subsequent years.
 11. The amount of grant, if any, withdrawn under Rule 2 or reduced under Rule 9, shall be refunded by the Manager within such time as ²⁸[the authorities mentioned in those rules] may determine.
 12. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules if the Manager fails to utilize the maintenance grant for the purpose as specified in Rule 3, Government will have the power to recover the same from the manager as per the provisions of the Revenue Recovery Act for the time being in force.
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