

No.698

From

Dr. Surendra Nath Das Gupta, M.A., Ph.D., (Cal.),
Ph.D., (Cantab), I.E.S.;

Principal, Sanskrit College,

To

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

Dated Calcutta, the 1st September, 1932.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that owing to overspecialisation in Sanskrit this College has for a long time failed to attract large number of students. Its capacity is also very limited. It is only about 20 years ago that it could admit students to its maximum limit and at that time it had a special licensed mess. But during the last 17 or 18 years this college had only very limited admissions and the necessity for a hostel was not felt. But from last year owing to certain reforms in administration that I introduced the number has been increasing and this year it has almost reached the maximum limit. The need for a hostel therefore is now felt. But in the present state of financial stringency it is not feasible to undertake the responsibility of hiring any hostel premises for the accommodation of our students. The difficulty can however be obviated if at least some students of our college can be accommodated in the Eden Hindu Hostel. I understand that in the Eden Hindu Hostel some accommodation can always be had. On a previous occasion Mr. Barrow was agreeable to the idea that some students of this college may be accommodated in the Eden Hindu Hostel and the Director of Public Instruction was also of the same opinion. It is of course understood that such students of this college who may be accommodated in the Eden Hindu Hostel will be under the

absolute

absolute control of the hostel authorities and the Principal of the Presidency College, so far as their life in the hostel is concerned. The Governing Body of this College is therefore of opinion that I should approach you with a definite proposal that arrangements may be made for accommodating some students of this college in the Eden Hindu Hostel.

I shall be glad if you will kindly consider this matter and arrive at a favourable decision. For it does not seem fair that while there will be vacant seats in the Hindu Hostel a Government College in the immediate neighbourhood of the Presidency College should suffer inconvenience for accommodating its students. A cooperation of the Government Colleges in matters of accommodation seems to me extremely desirable. I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the note that I circulated to the members of the Governing Body to which I had the unanimous approval of all the members.

I have, etc.

Sd/- S. N. Das Gupta,

Principal,

Sanskrit College.

True Copy.

AG. 18/7