

No. 29.

From Prof. D. G. Chatteraj, M.A.,
Superintendent, Government Eden Hindu Hostel, Calcutta

To The Principal,
Presidency College, Calcutta.

Dated, Calcutta, the 23rd September, 1935.

Sir,

With reference to the Director of Public Instruction,
D. O.
Bengal's confidential ~~letter~~ No. 2101 dated 21st September,
1935, I have the honour to furnish the following informations
regarding messing of the Eden Hindu Hostel, as required:-

(1) The ordinary daily menu invariably consists of rice, pulses, vegetable or fish fry, one vegetable curry, one fish curry and curd, though different additions are made to it at the boarders' pleasure. It is prepared by two 'workers' or ~~sa~~ boarders on duty to supervise the day's messin~~g~~, in consultation with the Secretary of the Mess Committee, who controls and supervises the messing affairs of a whole month. So the menu greatly varies from day to day and no foodstuffs may be said to form invariable part of the daily menu except rice, pulses, fish and curd which are taken daily at the fixed quantities of 2½ chittacks, ½ chittacks, 1½ chittacks and 1½ chittacks respectively per head per meal. Meat is taken at the rate of 3 chittacks per meal only twice in a week. The vegetarians, however, take 2 chittacks of 'rabri' ~~ah~~ that is, condensed and sweetened milk preparation, instead of meat. Besides the ordinary daily meals, 3 or 4 grand feasts are held every month when rich and delicious diets of various sorts are supplied. The cost of a meal on a feast day varies between -/12/- annas and Re.1/-.

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(2) There is no fixed messing charge - the total messing expenditure of a month is equally divided among the boarders and then realised from them. The average messing charge per head per month, excluding cost of fuel and servants, is Rs.13/- approximately.

(3) The servants are not provided with meals. They get their monthly pay only and they make their own messing arrangements.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. Chatteraj
Superintendent.