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To

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Subject:—

Dated. The 15th May 1930.

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to your No. 4372 A dated the 13th May 1930 regarding the proposed deputation of Dr. S. N. Das Gupta. The proposal that Dr. Das Gupta should for a time change places with Dr. Schaub of the North-Western University was made, as you remark, on the assumption that Dr. Das Gupta would be at Oxford in September next and would be able to proceed from there to Chicago. The assumption, however, was unjustified and it would appear from para 2 of your letter that when you wrote you were unaware that the Accountant-General had raised the objection that the cost of passage could not be given to an officer on leave and that, therefore, if Dr. Das Gupta went to Oxford, he must go on deputation and further that on the 9th of May the Secretary to Government had telegraphed to Dr. Das Gupta to state that his passage and deputation i. e. to Oxford had both been refused. The question now is therefore, whether there

are sufficient grounds for granting Dr. Das Gupta passage and deputation allowance for a visit to America.

2. I enclose in original a note which Dr. Das Gupta has sent me. He is still most anxious to try to get to Oxford. His proposal is that he should be placed on deputation for 7 months, from 28th July to 27th March that he should be allowed, in addition to his pay, a deputation allowance of Rs 600/- a month for 6 months of the period and Rs 200/- for the remaining month, total Rs 2,600/- in addition to his pay of Rs 800/- a month up to 26th December 1930 and Rs 850/- a month from 27th December 1930, and that he should be allowed to take Oxford on his way to America. It appears from the fares that he gives at the end of his note that this would add little to the total expense of the deputation.

3. The net expense of 7 months' deputation, therefore, may be stated as follows :

Fares	Rs 4,666/-
Deputation Allowance.....	2,600/-
Total	<u>7,266/-</u>
Deduct house allowance for 7 months	875/-
Net Total	<u>6,391/-</u>

Possibly another Rs 150/- being the amount of Dr. Das Gupta's increment for 3 months might also be deducted, leaving Rs 6,241/-. I am assuming that Dr. Das Gupta would not be prepared to go to America on a smaller deputation allowance than that which he has named in his note.

4. The details given will, I hope, suffice to enable you to reply to Government. I should explain that the full American session is from September to June, the half session is from September to January. Perhaps I may be allowed to suggest that a sum of over Rs 6,000/- seems a good deal to pay for the rather dubious advantage of enabling Dr. Das Gupta and Dr. Schaub to

to change places from September to January.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Principal, Presidency College.