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FROM

The Director of Public Instruction, Bengal,

To

J. R. Barrow, Esq., M.A., Vice-Chancellor and
Principal, Presidency College.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Subject:—

Calcutta, Dated the 10th May 1930.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the President, North-Western University, Chicago, has addressed the Local Government, proposing an exchange of appointments between Dr. S. N. Das Gupta, Professor of Philosophy, Presidency College, and Dr. Edward L. Schaub, head of the Department of Philosophy, North-Western University, for a short period - the object of the proposal being (i) to give Dr. Schaub, who has an interest in comparative philosophy, an opportunity for a sojourn in one of India's University centres, and (ii) to fulfil the desire of Dr. Das Gupta to get into closer touch with present philosophical movements in America. The proposal has been made on the assumption that Dr. Das Gupta will be at Oxford in September next and will be able to proceed thence to Chicago. It is understood that the pay of Dr. Schaub for the period he remains in India and the cost of his passages will be borne by the North-Western University and that the charges under the same heads on account of Dr. Das Gupta's deputation to America will fall on the Local

Government.

2. The question of the grant to Dr. Das Gupta of leave out of India up to the 22nd September 1930 and the cost of his passage to England, to enable him to attend the Seventh International Congress of Philosophy at Oxford in September next, is still under the consideration of Government. In order to enable them to consider the further question of placing Dr. Das Gupta on deputation to America, Government desire to be furnished with a detailed estimate of the cost involved. It may be noted that in the event of the proposal being acceded to, it will be necessary (i) to extend Dr. Das Gupta's leave, say, up to the end of September, to cover the period of his voyage to America, (ii) to place him on deputation for the actual period (say, 8 months) during which he remains on duty there, on such terms as the Local Government may decide, and (ii) to pay the cost of his passage (a) from Oxford to Chicago and (b) from Chicago to Calcutta. If the return journey to Calcutta is performed within the summer vacation of Presidency College for the year 1931, it will not be necessary to grant to Dr. Das Gupta any further leave for the purpose.

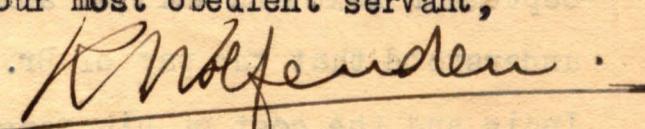
3. I have to request you to be so good as to give this matter your careful consideration and to furnish this office with a detailed estimate of the cost on the various heads mentioned, in conjunction with Dr. Das Gupta - the cost of deputation being based on such terms as are considered adequate and reasonable.

4. As Government's file on the subject is kept waiting in this office pending the receipt of your reply, the matter should be treated as of extreme urgency.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


K. B. Wolfenden

Asstt. Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.