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FROM

O. A. G. DENHAM.

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DATE

5th August 1925.

FOR CIRCULATION

Mr. *Allen*

Mr. *Scott*

Mr. *...*

Asst. U.S. of B.

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Sec'y of State

WIDOW OF LATE MR. V. C. DIAS.
APPLN FOR RELIEF

Requests approval to grant of gratuity
equivalent to six months pay

Previous Paper

REMARKS

This case would stand in charge with the
Board of Relief, but unfortunately it was not
to them

(File 2005511)
The case of Mrs. Ewald is I think
a sufficient precedent for these two cases,
if a European case can be so considered.

There is, however, the case of
the widow of Charles Dini (Ga 8140).

This man was not actually in service
when he died, but a sum payable
off leave following a period of personal leave.

This woman cannot be regarded
as destitute, it can be argued that

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*If were
a different
kind of
gratuity
off leave*

Subsequent Paper

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her children should be made to & work for their
the King. But in view of the long & meritorious
service of the Dea & the evidently careful
frankworthy manner in which his children
have been brought up, I think that a
compassionate grant is fully justified.
The amount should I think be 6 months pay
less the amount of pension worked

Feb 18 1892 approved

H. J. Sewell
10/9/23

The only precedent, so far as I
know, for the grant of a gratuity
in the case of a non-European
pensioner's widow is that of
Mohammed Meharood Beg of
Lamjibar (Rdnt 11527/24 - previous pt.)
12/6/20

See esp. minutes on 60852/23.

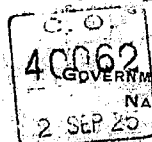
? Reply that it is noted that
the family is not actually destitute,
but that S. of S. will not withhold
approval for a gratuity of 6 months
pay at the rate last drawn by
the Dea, if the Reg. Co. see fit,
to vote ~~the~~ amount.

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J. H. D. 15/9/23
C. J. D. 15/9/23

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
KENYA.

5th August, 1925.

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for your consideration the prescribed Form of Application for relief from Public Funds duly completed by the widow of Mr. V.G. Dias, late Sub Telegraph Inspector, Post and Telegraph Department.

2. I also enclose copy of a letter from the Postmaster General recommending the case for favourable consideration.

3. I am unable to quote a precedent for the grant of relief to the widow of a Non-European employee of Government who has died while on pension, but would refer you to your despatch No. 370 of the 10th March, 1920, in which a compassionate gratuity was authorised to the widow of the late Mr. Swart, Superintendent of Police, who died after only having enjoyed his pension for three months.

4. In the particular case the late Mr. Dias died soon after retirement and having regard to this and in view of his long and meritorious service of over 26 years, I am of opinion that it is one for sympathetic consideration and I shall be glad to learn that you will have no objection to the grant of a gratuity equivalent to 'six months' pay to his widow, in which case a motion to provide for the amount will be moved in the Legislative Council at the first opportunity.

5.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL L. C. M. S. AMERY, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,

DOWNING STREET - LONDON, S.W.

Form of Application

P.M.G.
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5. The question of the institution of some scheme in the nature of a Widow and Orphan Fund for the Asiatic staff is under consideration. In the present instance had the late Mr. Dias retired with a gratuity instead of a pension, his widow would have been in a better position financially.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,



ACTING GOVERNOR.

15th June,

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The Honourable
The Colonial Secretary,
Harbour

RE: MR. V.C. DIAS (DECEASED), DUP. TELEGRAPH INSPECTOR
Ref. your No. 18816/1036/10 of 6th August 1924.

A petition addressed to you by the widow of the above named officer is submitted in original. The form of application which was, on receipt of her letter, sent to applicant for completion has only recently been received, hence the apparent delay in attending to the matter.

1. The late Mr. Dias was appointed to this service in February 1898 and was retired on pension on the 31st May 1924. He had therefore over 26 years' service and this was of a faithful and meritorious character. His pay at the time of retirement was at the rate of Shs. 134/- per mensem of which Shs. 24/- was a non-pensionable allowance. The pension granted was at the rate of Shs. 226/81 per mensem which he drew only for 2 months, viz., from the 22nd May to 22nd July 1924.

3. Two cases have occurred in this Department in relation to which this appeal might be considered:

(i). Grant of a gratuity equivalent to 6 months' pay to the widow of F. Van Rosi, 3rd class Telegraph Inspector (non-pensionable).

(ii). Grant of a gratuity equivalent to 6 months' pay to the widow of I.P. Corroa, 3rd grade clerk (pensionable).

Both

S.O. 22147/11
of 8-4-21.

S.O. 2244/11/327
of 2-7-20.

Both Masera, Van Hout and Correa, however, died while in the service, but it is thought that the fact that Mr. Dias died practically immediately after retirement should not prejudice his family in regard to any compassionate gratuity. Government might be disposed to grant had he died in the service.

A. The statement of Mrs. Dias regarding her family is correct.

B. Although it cannot be said that the family is destitute or its plans for the future very judicious, nevertheless I would recommend for the favourable consideration of Government the grant of a compassionate gratuity equivalent to 6 months' salary less the amount drawn in pension. On this basis the gratuity would amount to Shs. 2,687/50 made up as follows:-

6 months' salary at Shs. 510/- per month.	Shs. 3,060. 00
Less 6 months' pension of Shs. 236/25 per month.	Shs. 1,418. 50
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	Shs. 2,687. 50
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(sd.) T. FITZGERALD,
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Moirs,

8th February, 1925.

The Honourable
 The Colonial Secretary,
 N. A. S. O. I.
 thro' The Hon'ble The Postmaster General,
 N. A. S. O. I.

Sir,

I most respectfully beg to lay before you my humble petition and pray that you may give it a favourable consideration.

My husband, V. D. Dinn, since deceased, late Sub-Telegraph Inspector, Post and Tele. Department, being so ill health retired after serving for nearly 25 years and was granted a pension, which unfortunately he did not receive, as he was taken seriously ill a couple of months after retirement and died soon after.

By this sudden demise the pension, which would have helped him and his family, earned after so many years hard and strenuous work has been cut short, and myself and six children are deprived of the means of supporting ourselves. In this pitiful condition I would humbly appeal to you to relieve my burden a little by granting me some allowance as paid to the families of other officials in similar circumstances. The thought that death robbed my husband of the merited pension after being duly sanctioned is painful enough, but the thought of maintaining and educating the children without this pension or sufficient means is still more.

Of the six children, two boys and four girls, the youngest of the latter having been born three months after the demise of her father, five are schooling as boarders, and the expenses incurred are heavy.

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Though my husband received nothing of his pension,
but after his death the Govt. Agents paid me 2 months pension
due to my husband, which barely sufficed to defray the
expenses of his long and serious illness and funeral.

Owing to my depression and illness this petition was
unavoidably delayed, for which I hope to be excused.

I therefore appeal to you to kindly help me in my
present pitiable condition, which I am confident you will do,
considering the circumstances attending my husband's career
of long services unfortunately cut short by the hand of death.

Hoping to receive a favourable reply for which I
and my children will ever feel grateful.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) Helena de Helle Dias

Wife of V. O. Dias, deceased.

Address:-

Helena de Helle Dias,

Moirá, Piranona,

Bardez, Goa.

THE COLONY OF KENYA AND THE EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

Form to be completed by distressed relatives of deceased officers who are applicants for relief from Public Funds.

Note:—Relatives of deceased Colonial Officers are not entitled to any relief from public funds, but in cases of destitution, and where there are no relatives able to afford help, a small compassionate gratuity is occasionally, if the circumstances warrant it, allowed. The amount of such gratuity will not in any case exceed six months' salary of the deceased officer.

STATEMENT BY

- (1) Name of Applicant
- (2) Relation of Applicant to deceased officer
- (3) Name and position of deceased officer

Mrs. Helena de Mello Dias
Widow of the late
Vicente Colacem Dias *Sub-Inspector*
Inspector Post & Telegraph Dept.

I.—PRESENT MEANS OF SUPPORT

(Where the applicant has other persons dependent on him or her the means of support possessed by these persons should be included.)

Amount of Policies of Insurance on the life of the late Officer

£ 333

Value of land or house property

£ 35

Amount of property in Stocks, Shares, etc.

£ 20

Amount of annuities or pensions

£ 2

Amount allowed to Applicant by relatives, friends, etc.

£

Personal earnings

£ 2

Value of other property or income not above described

£ 100

1 Plot at Kibera } present value
2 Plots at East Township, Nairobi } estimated
 TOTALS

£ 498

(4) The nature of such annuity or pension should be indicated.

(5) The extent of such property or income should be stated.

II.—ALLOWANCE, IF ANY, MADE BY THE DECEASED OFFICER TO APPLICANT AND TO PERSONS HEREIN NAMED AS DEPENDENT ON APPLICANT

£ nil

III.—DATE OF BIRTH *6th January 1889*

IV.—PERSONS DEPENDENT ON APPLICANT FOR THEIR SUBSISTENCE:—

Names	Years of Birth	Relationships to Applicant	Wholly dependent or partially dependent
1. <i>Vicente</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>wholly</i>
2. <i>Henriquette</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>do</i>
3. <i>Victor</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>son</i>	<i>do</i>
4. <i>Stanicea</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>daughter</i>	<i>do</i>
5. <i>Hermina</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>do</i>
6. <i>Milda</i>	<i>7 1/2 months</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>do</i>

V.—OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH IT IS DESIRED TO GIVE.—

1. Five children are schooling in boarding monthly expenses about £2 each = £10
 2. Subsistence expenses for myself & infant monthly expenses about £3
 3. Debts incurred outstanding for medicines, medical attendance, coffee, funeral &c
 4. Since my husband's death I have been under medical treatment as to the baby born after the demise of my husband. In medicines, professional expenses, medical attendance &c
 5. Being in a sickly state I am incapable of doing any work & have to keep a servant & pensioner - monthly wage of £1/10
 6. Probate & Divorce, Adverses fees & sundry expenses - minimum amount estimated (£35 & 7/6)
 7. Education to study 3 years more from January to complete course at the Lyceum otherwise to leave off - has no paid education will be wanted £224 for 3 years
 8. My daughter shortly to be settled in life - marriage expenses, dowry &c - minimum amount
- I solemnly and sincerely declare that the foregoing is a true statement in regard to myself and the persons named as being dependent on me.

Thumbmark of Applicant.

Helena De Mello Dias Signature of Applicant

Piagoma Morcia }
Bardez Goa } Address

Witness *Soleira*

NOTE:—Where the distressed relative are minors, application may be made by their guardian on their behalf.

9. Younger children will have to continue schooling for some years - amount cannot be estimated.

Certificates to be signed by two Householders one at least of whom must possess one of the qualifications specified below.

I certify that I have read the statement hereto attached and believe the same to be correct, and that I believe the applicant to be in every respect deserving of relief from public funds as a distressed relative of a deceased Colonial Officer.

Signature: *Helena De Mello Dias*
Qualification: *Colonial Officer*
Full Postal Address: *Helena De Mello Dias, Bardez, Goa*

Date: *24th April 1925*

I certify that I have read the statement hereto attached and believe the same to be correct, and that I believe the applicant to be in every respect deserving of relief from public funds as a distressed relative of a deceased Colonial Officer.

Signature: *P. P. de Souza*
Qualification: *Colonial Officer*
Full Postal Address: *Panizimal de Morcia, Bardez, Goa*

Date: *24th April 1925*

* Any of the Principal Officers of the Government, Justices of the Peace, Notaries Public, or Ministers of Religion, acting or resident in the town or district where they attest.

Mr. Bun Sept 16
 Mr. Allen 16
 Mr. Strachey
 Sir J. Shackleton
 Sir C. Davis
 Mr. G. Grindle
 Mr. J. Masterman Smith
 Mr. (Ormsby) Gore
 Mr. Amery

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I have to ask the best
 of you desk No 965 of the 5th
 of August, forwarding an
 for relief
 application from the widow
 of Mr. V. S. Dias, late Sub
 Telegraph Inspector, Postal
 Telegraph Dept, who had
 since after retirement.

2. I note that the family

is not actually debited
shall
be kept not withheld
approved for the part of
a quantity of six months
payable at the last
drawn by it was
the legislative Council
over for the vote that
amount.

(Signed) L. S. AMERY