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KLIPTOWN MUSLIM ORGANISATION

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

1st August, 1960/31st January, 1962.

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In presenting my FINANCIAL REPORT of your Organisation I wish to convey my sincerest thanks and appreciation to the many persons and organisations who have so generously donated to our funds. I also wish to make the following observations for your serious consideration.

I wish to draw your attention to the report of my predecessor. It would appear that his observations with regard to Fees and Zakaat monies have gone unheeded. A quick look at our Financial Statement will show you that over a period of 18 months we have collected the measly amount of R933-78 as fees. This is most decidedly an indictment against the community settled here in Kliptown. Must we always depend on donations and Zakaat monies for the propagation of the teachings of our beloved prophet? When are we going to be self-supporting? Must our Madressa always be run as a charitable organisation? Need I remind you that Zakaat monies are to be used for the needy and indigent only? With the establishment of a Subcommittee I had hoped for a marked improvement in the amount that would come in. This has not been the case. I wish to remind you that if the Sub-Committee does not call consistently it is your bounden duty to forward the money to one of the officials. Monies can be sent to Mr. M. H. Seedat (Seedat's Cash Bazaar), Mr. Ismail Jada and Mr. M. M. Jada. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

No report by me can be complete without mention of the yeoman service of Mr. A. E. Seedat. Mr. Seedat's resignation as Chairman after he had shifted to Lenasia was a most severe blow to the Organisation. Our loss is indeed a great one. As Chairman he left no stone unturned and he made my task as Treasurer infinitely easier by collecting large amounts for which I would otherwise have been responsible. He has helped greatly in the actual preparation of both the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet. He has earned our heartfelt gratitude and we are certain that he will be a credit to Islam in Lenasia.

Special mention has to be made of the activities of Mr. Abdulhamid Mokadam with regard to monies collected for your Organisation. He gave Mr. A.E.Seedat and Mr. D.M.Khan who introduced him to the former, invaluable service in the collection drive amongst the Kokni Community. My and your thanks are due to Messrs Mokadam, D. M. Khan and the members of the Kokni Community.

By now you are all aware of Mr. E.E.Laher's generosity to our Organisation. He has once again manifested the true spirit of Islam. On being approached by Mr. A.E.Seedat (Chairman) about the condition of the floor and the Mehrab he willingly consented to pay the contractor on completion of the job. This he said he was doing in memory of his late father. In thanking him, I am sure, I speak for all of you.

I wish to place on record our sincere thanks to Mr. Ebrahim Ally (Khatib) who, in memory of his late wife, Mrs Miriam Ally, donated an amount of R784-00 to our Organisation.

Mrs. K. Jada is thanked for her continued sterling efforts in raising funds for our Organisation.

Finally, I wish to thank Mr. E. M. Jada for his assistance with clerical work and Mr. E. E. Hansrod of Lenasia, who has audited our Books of Account in most competent fashion. A very hearty THANKYOU to both of you.

Yours in Islam,

M. M. JADA.
HONORARY TREASURER

KLIPTOWN MUSLIM ORGANISATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE A/C FROM 1st Aug. '60 to 31st Jan. '62.

Kabrestan a/c (Donations)	69- 4
Less maintenance, etc.	<u>43-24</u>
Surplus c/d	<u>25-80</u>
See below	

Wedding a/c (Donations)	268-13
Less Entertainments	30-06
Frames, etc.	35-60
Loudspeaker	<u>18-90</u>
Surplus c/d	<u>183-57</u>
See below	

MADRESSA ACCOUNT

<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Wages	4464-56	Fees Received	933 -78
Rent Paid	286-00	Zakaat	1738 -90
<u>Expenses:</u>		Lillah	3139 -45
Stationery & Prt.	101-10	Water a/c	56 -00
Legal Costs	11-75	Rent Received	<u>450 -00</u>
U. E. Insurance	3-12		<u>6318-13</u>
Travelling	14-73		
Donations	10-50		
Water	77-71		
Peri-Urban Board	144-75		
Imtihan Expense	26-81		
Tarawih Expense	40-85		
Lamps	25-35		
Bank Charges	23-01		
Sundry Expenses	14-77		
Repairs to buildings	653-12		
Jamaat Khana Repairs	<u>228-00</u>	<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>6126-13</u>
		Surplus	<u>192-00</u>

In the Lillah donations received is an amount of R784-00 received from the estate of the late Mrs. E. Ally of KlIPTOWN.

Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1962.

<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
Creditors	277-90	Fixed Deposit 12 months	
Previous Surplus	1244-07	maturing April 1962 at	
Current Year's		Barclays Bank	1400-00
Accounts:-		Cash at Bank	35-32
Cemetery	25-80	Cash in Hand	488-02
Wedding	183-57		
Madressa			
a/c Don.	<u>192-00</u>		
	401-37		
	<u>1645-44</u>		
	<u>1923-34</u>		<u>1923-34</u>

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INDIAN FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE.

MINUTES of the meeting of the Indian Fact-finding Committee held in the Institute offices, 11, Colonization Chambers, 355, West St., Durban on Tuesday 20th February, 1962.

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Mr. R.G. Pillay, Miss H.P. Pollak.

Mr. D. van Zyl (Regional Organiser)
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Miss Pollak pointed out that since our representations to the Queensburgh Town Council had been made, we had been informed by the Queensburgh Council, that they were negotiating for alternative land for the Indian residents who would be displaced under the proclamation.

After discussion it was agreed that the Regional Organiser should keep in touch with Mr. R.K. Naidoo, of the Queensburgh Indian Ratepayers Association, and advise and help where possible. While the Institute sympathised with the Indian residents of Queensburgh, there did not appear to be any practical steps that could be taken at the moment.

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4. LEGAL DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING THE INDIAN COMMUNITY.

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It was noted that all available information should be ready for collation in the Regional office by 1st May, 1962.

5. GENERAL.

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Chairman

Date

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PRESENT : Mr. A.I. Bhoola (Chairman)
Mr. J. Naidoo.
Mr. A.G. Narayadu.
Miss T. Thorpe (Regional Secretary)

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1. APOLOGIES: Miss H.P. Pollak, Mrs. P. Morel, Dr. A. Lazarus (Overseas).
2. MINUTES : The Minutes of the meeting of 21st June, 1961, were taken as read and confirmed.
3. ARISING THEREFROM :

(a) Queensburgh Group Areas Proclamation.

The Chairman read a report, which had been submitted by Mr. D. Evans, who had attended a meeting of the Queensburgh Indian Ratepayers Association, on Monday 28th August, 1961.
(Copy of the report is attached to the file copy of these Minutes)

After discussion it was AGREED to recommend to the Regional Committee that a letter should be sent from the Institute to the Group Areas Board and the Queensburgh Council, pointing out the tremendous hardships which would be caused by the proclamation and asking them to re-consider their decision.

(b) Municipal Franchise.

It was suggested that a letter be written to Mr. J.C. Bolton, Chairman of the sub-Committee which had been set up to consider the extension of the franchise, asking him what progress had been made.

(c) Delinquency.

Mr. J. Naidoo said he understood that Mr. B.A. Naidoo, of the Indian Child Welfare Society had done a report on this matter, and suggested that we ask him to let us have a copy of it.

4. INDIAN UNEMPLOYMENT.

Mr. J. Naidoo informed the Committee of the Employment Bureau which had been set up at the Sultan Technical College. He said, that while this Bureau could not hope to overcome the serious unemployment among Indians in Durban, it was able to place certain skilled workers, and by consulting with Commerce and Industry, to encourage employers to employ Indians.

It was estimated that there were 32,000 Indians unemployed in Durban, although the figure given by the Department of Labour was considerably lower than this.

The main incidence of unemployment was amongst skilled and semi-skilled factory workers.

The Secretary reported that the office had numerous enquiries from Indians seeking employment. Mr. Naidoo suggested that suitable persons should be referred to the bureau.

Noted with appreciation.

5. INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

The Committee considered that this new department was not accepted by the Indian community. It was suggested that the Natal Region should write to Head Office asking them to make a statement to the effect that the Indians are an integral part of South Africa and that the further dividing up of race groups into compartments was not in the interests of good race relations.

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6. GROUP AREAS : BLOCK A/K AND CENTRAL CITY.

The Committee discussed what representations, if any, should be made to the Group Areas Board regarding the zoning of this area. These representations had to be submitted to the Board by Friday, 16th September, 1961.

On a proposal by Mr. Naidoo, it was recommended that the Institute should send a memorandum to the Group Areas Board reiterating the view expressed by the Institute in the past. i.e. that the status quo should be maintained.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

AGREED that Mr. R.G. Pillay, acting Principal of Sastri College should be asked to join the Indian Fact-finding sub Committee.

CHAIRMAN
DATE

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SUID-AFRIKAANSE INSTITUUT VIR RASSEVERHOUDINGS (INGELYF)
P.O. Box 97 JOHANNESBURG Posbus 97

25th October, 1961.

The Honourable the Prime Minister,
Union Buildings,
P R E T O R I A .

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Dear Sir,

Re: Department of Indian Affairs.

My Institute wishes respectfully to point out that the Indian people of South Africa are closely integrated into the South African community, especially in Natal, where they have contributed very greatly to the total prosperity of the country.

The Indian community has accepted, and still accepts, responsibilities which normally should not have been placed upon its shoulders, e.g. its members have raised very large sums of money towards the provision of their own educational and health facilities. This does not, however, justify the continuance of separate treatment for them in these or other respects.

The Institute is satisfied that the vast majority of South African Indians do not want to be made into a separate section with its own Department. Whatever justification the Government might feel it has in regard to the Africans, for whom certain so-called "homelands" have been provided, that cannot apply to the Indian community. The Institute therefore urges that the Government should reconsider its plan to treat them on a differential basis by setting up a separate Department of Indian Affairs. Such separate departments set up for the Coloured and African people, while having accomplished much excellent work, have underlined differences rather than fostered unity. Matters such as education, health and welfare are of national, not sectional, importance, and should be dealt with by departments concerned with the needs of all the people of the country.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. F.J. van Wyk,

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DIRECTOR.

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5. GENERAL.

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Mr. D. van Zyl (Regional Organiser)
Miss J. Thorpe (Regional Secretary).

1. APOLOGIES : Mr. J. Naidoo.2. MINUTES : The Minutes of the meeting of 7th September, 1961 were confirmed.3. ARISING THEREFROM:

(a) Queensburgh Group Areas Proclamation. The Regional Organiser reported that he had attended a meeting in Queensburgh which had been called to arrange a Protest Meeting. The Protest meeting was in fact postponed due to the fact that insufficient facts and figures were available and it was considered that due regard had not been paid to the importance of prior arrangements for such a meeting. Miss Pollak said she felt the Institute could not associate itself with the proposed meeting and had advised the Committee to postpone it.

Miss Pollak pointed out that since our representations to the Queensburgh Town Council had been made, we had been informed by the Queensburgh Council, that they were negotiating for alternative land for the Indian residents who would be displaced under the proclamation.

After discussion it was agreed that the Regional Organiser should keep in touch with Mr. R.K. Naidoo, of the Queensburgh Indian Ratepayers Association, and advise and help where possible. While the Institute sympathised with the Indian residents of Queensburgh, there did not appear to be any practical steps that could be taken at the moment.

(b) Municipal Franchise. The Secretary reported that a letter had been written to Councillor Bolton, asking him what progress had been made by the sub-Committee which had been set up to investigate the possibility of extending the franchise to Non-Whites. Miss Pollak kindly offered to telephone Mr. Bolton in this regard. However, in view of the Government's proposed policy of Indian and African Town Councils, it seemed likely that the consideration of extending the municipal franchise would fall away.

AGREED that we should ask Head Office to advise us of any representations they make on the question of separate Non-European Town Councils.

(c) Delinquency. It was understood that Mr. B.A. Naidoo of the Indian Child Welfare Society had been investigating delinquency among Indians and it was agreed that we should ask Mr. Naidoo if he had a report on this matter.

(d) Indian Unemployment. The University of Natal were doing a sample study of unemployment amongst Indians in Durban and it was agreed that we should await the completion of this report, before doing anything further.

4. LEGAL DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING THE INDIAN COMMUNITY.

Miss Pollak explained that this matter had arisen at National Executive. Dr. Symons of the University of Capetown was investigating the whole matter of the legal disabilities of African women, and a booklet on this would be issued shortly. During the course of discussion it had been suggested that the legal disabilities of Indian women should also be

investigated. It had, however, been pointed out that it was not only Indian women who were affected, but the whole Indian community.

AGREED that the Indian Fact-finding Committee should undertake a preparatory investigation into the legal disabilities of Indians.

Miss Pollak suggested that Mr. Gray, formerly Protector of Indian Immigrants, should be asked to submit a memorandum on this matter and that he should be offered a small honorarium to cover typing expenses. Miss Pollak kindly offered to discuss the matter with Mr. Gray.

Mr. Bhoola undertook to investigate the legal aspects and said he would consult Advocate Mall.

The Regional Organiser was asked to collect information regarding administrative difficulties, i.e. pensions, registrations, etc. affecting the Indian community. It was suggested that the Regional Organiser should consult with Mr. Royapenn, formerly of the Protector's office.

It was noted that all available information should be ready for collation in the Regional office by 1st May, 1962.

5. GENERAL.

(a) Co-optations. AGREED that Mr. Royapenn should be asked to serve on the Indian Fact-finding Committee, and that the Indian Child Welfare Society should be asked to suggest the names of persons from that Society, who might be interested in serving on the Committee.

(b) Date of next meeting. AGREED that meetings should be held monthly, and that the next meeting should be held during the third week of March.

Chairman

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INDIAN FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INDIAN FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE HELD
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