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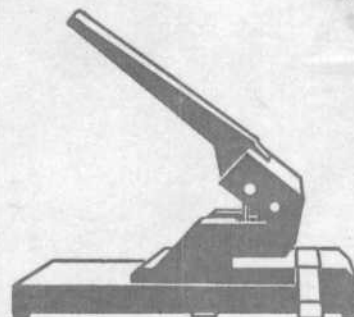
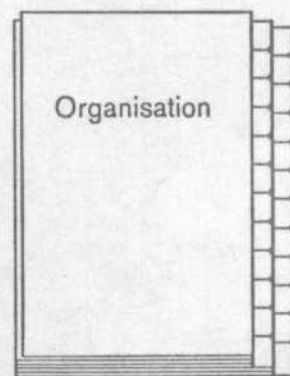
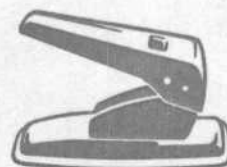
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October 3, 1974
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Mr.
A. L a k r a
Education Officer G.E.L.Church

R a n c h i / Bihar
India


Re.: Subsidy for agricultural project for High School Khutitoli

Sir,

I have to answer your letters of March 27th ~~and October 23rd 1974~~ in a negative vote. It is quite impossible for Gossner Mission to give special grants to special schools of the G.E.L. Church. I draw your attention to the fact that the G.E.L. Church as well as Gossner Mission have a budget and have to work within the items of this budget. To prepare the new budget for 1975 was extremely difficult as to the ordinary expenses and we were not able to conclude new items.

Furthermore I want to mention that to the high school Khutitoli were given several grants in the last years and it would be rather unjust compared with other high schools to grant a new subsidy to Khutitoli.

Yours faithfully


(Martin Seeberg, Mission Director)

cc: Rev.Dr.Singh,
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

G. E. L. CHURCH CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM

(Registered Under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

Education Officer

Mr. A. LAKRA B. Sc. Dip-in-Ed.

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EINGEGANGEN

- 8. APR. 1974

Date. 27th March '74.

To

The Director,
Gossner Mission,
1 Berlin 41 (Friedenau)
Handjerystr 19/20
West Germany.

Subject: Subsidy for Agricultural Project for High School Khutitoli.

Sir,

So far I recollect, I as Headmaster of High School Khutitoli have informed you that a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only have been spent out of the School fund in constructing a 40' diameter well. As a matter of fact the project was sanctioned by the Indo-German project Simdega. About Rs.4000/- only have been advanced by the project in three instalments. During the last year i.e. in 1973, when maximum work was done in the Well, the project could not advance a rupee. As the work had to be completed School fund was invested with the sincere hope that the project will re-imburse the money as per measurement bill of the work. 90% of the work has been completed but up till now the project is still in the same position. It is now doubtful that the project will ever pay the money. As the consequence of investment of school fund, the financial position of the school became pitiable. Though the Well is a big asset to the school, return will be only slow. Now wheat could be grown in 5 to 6 acres of land.

I, therefore, request you to grant Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) only to that High School for its scheme of Well. This help will be of great help to the school. Once again I request you to consider this prayer very sympathetically.

clever, clever:

4.000,- schon bekommen,

6.000,- fehlen noch und

10.000,- werden erbeten!

Yours faithfully,

A. Lakra
27/3/74
(A. Lakra)
Education Officer,
GEL Church Ranchi.

Chakradharpur,
16-7-1974.

8h
23/7/74
B. Hero
Secretary
C.E.L. Church,
Chakradharpur
Dist. Singhbhum
(BIHAR)

To

Rev. H.F.E. Borutta
3263 EXTEN
Via. Rintelu
WEST GERMANY

Through Proper Channel.

Dear Rev. Borutta,

In response to your letter dated 15.5.74 regarding a hostel-building at Chakradharpur for He students, we have made out an estimate together with its plan-sketch which costs Rs.65,000/- in total.

The estimate and plant sketch are sent herewith through proper channel to process the matter further at your end.

It is to mention here that the aforesaid estimate may be superseded as the price of the materials is rising rapidly day by day.

May God help us in His ministry. May He bring you alongwith Mrs. Borutta safely to India according to your scheduled programme.

Our best wishes and YISHUSAHAY to you and Mrs. Borutta.

Yours sincerely,

Enc: Plan sketch and
Estimate.

B. Hero
Secretary
C.E.L. CHURCH PARISH COMMITTEE
CHAKRADHARPUR

Rough Estimate

H O S T E L

1. Main building	...	2040 Sq.ft.
Store & Kitchen	...	388 Sq.ft.
		<u>2428 Sq.ft.</u>

At the rate of Rs.25/- per Sq.ft.

= Rs. 60,700.00

2. Latrine .. 4'
Bath .. 4'

= Rs. 4,300.00

Rs. 65,000.00

Rev. H. H. H. H.
Chairman, 27-7-74.
G. E. L. CHURCH.
Chabrotherper.

Detailed ESTIMATE.

S/No.	Particulars.	Rate.	Amount, Rs.	P.s.
1.	Foundation (Hard soil) 4250 cft @ 60/- % cft		255.	00.
2.	Sand filling in foundation. 8 plinth 3807 cft @ 75/- %		2854.	25.
3.	Brick bats soling 3025 sft @ 52/- per % sft		1573.	00.
4.	Cement concrete 1 1/2" Blast 1:3:6 1137 cft @ 310/- % cft.		3524.	70.
5.	R.C. concrete with iron rods 407 cft @ 1150/- % cft.		4630.	00.
6.	Cement Masonry ⁱⁿ foundation 1:8 1754 cft @ 210/- % cft		3573.	40.
7.	Cement masonry in supper S. 3341 cft 1460/- % cft.		3270.	40.
8.	Supply ^{r/t} angle iron 1728, 2632 Kg. 3/- per Kg.		8046.	00.
9.	R.C. concrete lintel & chaja 224 cft @ 1460/- %		3270.	40.
10.	Supplying channel, 140 ^{1/2} 520 Kg. 3.25 per K.G.		1690.	00.
11.	Making charge of 6 trusses. 250/- per T.		1500.	00.
12.	Iron work (cutting & fixing) L.S.		1550.	50.
13.	Supplying Ac sheet 2128 sft 1.50 per sft		5034.	00.
14.	Supplying L.Hook 160 Kg. 4/- per K.g.		640.	00.
15.	Washer Bitamin L.S.		100.	00.
16.	Cement plaster. 1:6 10818 sft @ 35/- Per % sft.		3586.	30.
17.	Cement plaster punning dedo 1391 sft 38/- % sft.		532.	49.
18.	Sal wood Chowkhat 10.5 cft 35/- per cft		2450.	00.
19.	Supplying Damhar wood half P.H. glazed 145 sft 13.50 per sft.		1957.	50.
20.	Full glazed shutter 292 sft 14.50 per sft.		4234.	00.
21.	Lime concrete bx ballst 782 cft 180/- % cft.		1400.	60.
22.	Patent stone, flouting 1 1/2" thick 2150 sft 95/- % sft		1932.	50.
23.	Painting iron works, door and windows L.S.		1050.	00.
24.	White washing 3 coats L.S.		760.	00.
25.	Miscellaneous items side clearing soling clamps hooks etc		200.	00.
Total			64224.	14.
4 Latrines, 4 Bathrooms, two windows L.S.			4800.	00.
G.Total			68,824.	14.

N.B. This estimate is per contractor's rate.

Office of the Department of Education G.E.L. Church Chotanagpur & Assam

(Registered Under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

Education Officer :—

Mr. A. LAKRA, B. Sc. Dip-in-Ed.

Head Office

G.E.L. Church

Ranchi / Bihar

Ref.No. 308/A-2

Date 26 April 1974.

To

Pastor M. Seeberg
Director Gossner Mission, Berlin.

Dear Brother,

With the revival of the KSS and the Central Boards of the Gossner Church, the Education department has been energized to take steps to promote and accelerate the works of education. For this purpose the education department has chalked out some programmes to be executed in the year 1974. To execute these programmes money is required as indicated against each programme.

You are therefore requested to very kindly sanction or allot the funds for the purpose.

Programmes:- (a) Orientation classes for teachers of High Schools engaged in religious education. Programme will be for 15 days. 15 teachers will participate during the Puja vacation (October) in Theological College. Professors of Theological College, Rev. Dr. CKP Singh, and Rev. Dr. N. Minz will be invited as lecturers. Money is required to be sanctioned as given below:-

Rs. 15/- per day per participant= Rs. 2250=00

Miscellaneous Rs. 250=00

Rs. 2500=00

T.A. will be borne by the sponsoring schools respectively.

(b) One day seminar in the first week of June '74 for planning for adult education, vocational training programmes and child care centres.

Participants--10

Speakers from Govt. departments and other voluntary agencies like Xavier Institute of Social service, Ranchi to be invited. Rs. 500/- appx. will be spent.

(c) Printing of books for religious education in schools. Fund may be allotted separately.

(d) Annual Headmasters' conference during Puja vacation likely to be held at Khunti or Rajgangpur. Expense involved is Rs. 500/-

(e) Orientation classes for Sunday schools teachers will be organised some time in October '74. 50 teachers from the whole church will be selected and they will participate for ten days. Likely expenditure in organising and hospitality will be Rs. 1000/- only. Rest will be contributed by the participants themselves. 1000/-

Expenditures for (b) and (d) i.e. Rs. 2500/- may kindly be allowed out of the Central Education Fund. For (a) and (c) separate grant is required. For (e) sanction is required, and requested that all the above amounts be arranged accordingly.

With Greetings and Yishusahay.

Yours sincerely,

(A. Lakra) 26/4/74
Education Officer
GEL Church Ranchi.

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Whereas the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam had been torn by internal dissensions and as it was imperative that unity and peace must be restored in the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, and

Whereas the Mahasabha of 1959 decided unanimously that "the existing Constitution of the G. E. L. C. needs consideration and revision" and

Whereas the Mahasabha of 1959 approved of the Commission formed as per Agreement reached on June 17th 1957 and added three representatives from the Lutheran World Federation, and gave the Commission the following terms of reference :-

"This Commission will consider all the problems arising in the Gossner Church and propose amendments to the existing Constitution in order to restore peace and unity in the Gossner Church."

"That Commission is requested to draft a Constitution either by revising the existing Constitution or by producing a new one which would work for the best interest of the one undivided Gossner Church."

"That Commission is at liberty to consider any issue brought to its attention and take action on it. Its final report along the lines of the Terms of Reference outlined above will be sent to the Church Council and the North Zone. The Church Council on receipt of the report will take steps to convene the Mahasabha for its approval."

Whereas all the terms of reference had been duly fulfilled and the Ecumenical Commission had produced unanimously an almost new Constitution for the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Church Council had convened the Mahasabha on April 27, May, 1960 to consider and approve the Constitution proposed by the Commission, and

Whereas the Mahasabha 1960 considered carefully article by article the new Constitution proposed by the Commission and passed unanimously all its articles with modifications here and there,

This Mahasabha of 1960, as the ultimate and final legislative body of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church, hereby adopts unanimously the new Constitution as passed in this Mahasabha, and orders that this Constitution shall supersede the present Constitution of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church with all its articles, and bye-laws etc. waiving rules of procedure relating to amendments and that this Constitution shall come into effect in the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church as from July 1, 1960."

Sd / - (R.B. Manikam) Chairman.

Sd / - (J.J.P. Tiga)

Sd / - (N.E. Horo)

Sd / - (J.A. Kujur)

Sd / - (P.D. Panna)

MEMBERS OF THE CONTINUATION COMMITTEE.

Members who were present in the Mahasabha and adopted the new Constitution by a Standing Vote.

OFFICERS.

1. President - Rev. J.J.P. Tiga.
2. Secretary - Mr. N.E. Horo.
3. Treasurer - Mr. C.M. Horo.

Ex - Officio Member

4. Secretary - Manager
Board of Property.
Mr. P. D. Kandulna.

DELEGATES.

Assam

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| 5. Rev. Sebeyan Horo. | 11. Rev. Mansidh Hemrom. |
| 6. Rev. Patras Hemrom. | 12. Mr. Obed Mundu. |
| 7. Rev. Santosh Horo. | 13. Mr. Hallan Horo. |
| 8. Rev. Christanand Kerketta. | 14. Mr. Dan Tiru. |
| 9. Rev. Luther Kongari. | 15. Mr. Christogiri Ecka. |
| 10. Rev. Nainsuk Tirkey. | 16. Mr. Paulus Mundri. |

Bengal

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| 17. Rev. K. D. Soy. | 20. Rev. N. M. Surin. |
| 18. Rev. D. Lakra. | 21. Rev. C. D. Kujur. |
| 19. Rev. J. Bara. | 22. Mr. Daniel Kandulna. |

Burju

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| 23. Rev. I. Guria. | 31. Mr. P. Soy. |
| 24. Rev. Thomas Topno. | 32. Mr. S. Bhengra. |
| 25. Rev. M. P. Jojo. | 33. Mr. P. S. Purti. |
| 26. Rev. J. Kandulna. | 34. Mr. E. Barjo. |
| 27. Rev. Enem Horo. | 35. Mr. Sh. Champi. |
| 28. Rev. Asian Kandulna. | 36. Mr. S. Guria. |
| 29. Rev. Asaph Horo. | 37. Mr. M. Topno. |
| 30. Rev. John Mundu. | |

C. P. (M. P.)

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| 38. Rev. P. W. Lakra. | 41. Mr. Immanuel Tiga. |
| 39. Rev. Premoday Kujur. | 42. Mr. Martin Tiga. |
| 40. Mr. Matias Minz. | |

Govindpur

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| 43. Rev. H. Topno. | 49. Mr. Abraham Horo. |
| 44. Rev. M. D. Tutti. | 50. Mr. P. C. Horo. |
| 45. Rev. C. K. Guria. | 51. Mr. C. B. Horo. |
| 46. Rev. M. Bhengra. | 52. Mr. Markas Topno. |
| 47. Rev. Martin Tete. | 53. Mr. Benjamin Tiru. |
| 48. Mr. Enem Kerketta. | |

Hazaribagh.

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| 54. Rev. Nicodim Bhuinya. | *56. Mr. P.C. Horo. |
| 55. Rev. Yakub Lakra. | *57. Mr. Eswari Pd. Porh. |

Khutitoly

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| 58. Rev. P. D. Soreng. | 62. Mr. Jusaph Kiro. |
| 59. Rev. S. Dungdung. | 63. Mr. Suleman Beck. |
| 60. Rev. M. D. Lakra. | *64. Mr. Mansukh Lakra. |
| 61. Mr. Markas Kujur. | |

Koronjo

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| 65. Rev. Mansidh Topno. | 70. Mr. Habil Tirkey. |
| 66. Rev. K. M. Topno. | *71. Mr. N. Samad. |
| 67. Rev. P. P. Toppo. | 72. Mr. K. M. Dungdung. |
| 68. Rev. Habil Dungdung. | 73. Mr. L. Soy. |
| 69. Mr. M. D. Minz. | 74. Mr. J. Lakra. |

Manbhum.

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| 75. Rev. M. Khalkho. | 76. Mr. Sachin Chowdhury. |
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Northern

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| 77. Rev. C. H. Tirkey. | 85. Rev. C. P. John Toppo. |
| 78. Rev. C. J. Tirkey. | 86. Rev. P. M. Ecka. |
| 79. Rev. Mansidh Topno. | 87. Mr. C. M. Tiga. |
| 80. Rev. J. Toppo. | 88. Mr. Immanuel Minz. |
| 81. Rev. M. Kindo. | 89. Mr. Junathan Minz. |
| 82. Rev. Dharamdas Tiga. | 90. Mr. Dharamdas Minz. |
| 83. Rev. Sharan Purti. | 91. Mr. G. Lakra. |
| 84. Rev. I. Bara. | *92. Mr. Prabhudan Tirkey. |

Orissa

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| 93. Rev. C. B. Aind. | 105. Mr. C. A. Kujur. |
| 94. Rev. N. Kullu. | 106. Mr. M. C. Lakra. |
| 95. Rev. C. P. Kandulna. | 107. Mr. Suleman Ecka. |
| 96. Rev. J. Topno. | 108. Mr. Premchand Bilung. |
| 97. Rev. Julius Surin. | 109. Mr. Martin Hemrom. |
| 98. Rev. S. Tirkey. | 110. Mr. P. D. Nag. |
| 99. Rev. Junas Surin. | 111. Mr. Anandmasih Kandulna. |
| 100. Rev. S. Bage. | *112. Mr. Daud Lakra. |
| 101. Rev. Z. Khalkho. | *113. Mr. Puran Aind. |
| 102. Rev. C. Bilokan Ecka. | *114. Mr. Luther Topno. |
| 103. Mr. J. Bage. | 115. Mr. Paul Manki. |
| 104. Mr. C. N. Tiga. | 116. Mr. Okil Nag. |

Singhbhum

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| 117. Rev. D. Hemrom. | 120. Rev. J. Soy. |
| 118. Rev. Lucas Topno. | 121. Mr. Heran Samad. |
| 119. Rev. Junul Topno. | 122. Mr. Isahak Minz. |

Takarma

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| 123. Rev. J. Kiro. | 127. Mr. Jusaph Kerketta. |
| 124. Rev. Junas Bage. | 128. Mr. Johan Topno. |
| 125. Rev. Namjan Horo. | 129. Mr. Masihdas Lugun. |
| 126. Mr. P. S. Barjo. | 130. Mr. Paulus Kandulna. |

Western

- 131. Mr. Patras Bilung.
- 132. Rev. C. B. Minz.
- 133. Rev. P. Bage.
- 134. Rev. I. Kujur.
- 135. Rev. S. Ecka.

Hd. Quarters Congregation,

Ranchi.

- 141. Rev. S. Kula.
- 142. Rev. J. A. Kujur.
- 143. Rev. Joel Lakra.
- 144. Rev. Amus Bara.

Kinkel

- 149. Rev. D. D. Toppo.
- 150. Rev. S. Bage (died)
- 151. Rev. E. Kiro.
- 152. Rev. H. Kullu.

Assam (Contd.)

- *157. Mr. Isahak Topno.

NON-GOSSNER CHURCH MEMBERS OF THE ECUMENICAL COMMISSION.

1. The Rt. Rev. R. B. Manikam,
Chairman.
2. The Rt. Rev. Heinrich Meyer.

Delegates marked * were not present.

- 136. Rev. S. M. Bage.
- 137. Mr. M. Ecka.
- 138. Mr. C. A. Tirkey.
- *139. Mr. P. Minz.
- *140. Mr. Fanuel Minz.

- 145. Rev. Saban Surin.
- 146. Rev. M. Bage.
- 147. Rev. Santosh Surin.
- 148. Mr. P. S. Sokey.

- 153. Mr. M. Minz.
- 154. Mr. P. D. Bara.
- 155. Mr. A. Kindo.
- 156. Mr. P. Bara.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM

(Effective from July 1, 1960)

Note :- Vide resolution of the Mahasabha of April 27 - May 1, 1960 printed at page I. of this constitution.

ARTICLE ONE

NAME AND REGISTRATION.

1. The Body organised under this Constitution shall be called "The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam." The short name of this body in this Constitution shall be the "Gossner Church."

NOTE :- It is understood that the term "Chotanagpur" does not mean the Chotanagpur Division only, but the whole of Bihar and all the adjacent States also in which members of the Gossner Church reside.

2. The Gossner Church was duly registered on July 30, 1921 in the Office of the Registrar, Joint Stock Companies, Patna under the Societies Registration Act, 21 of 1860.

ARTICLE TWO

DOCTRINAL BASIS.

1. The Gossner Church receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired Word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.
2. The Gossner Church accepts the three ecumenical creeds: namely Apostles, the Nicene and the Athanasian, as important testimonials drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.
3. The Gossner Church receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all Churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the Doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, to be entitled to the name of "Evangelical Lutheran."

4. The Gossner Church recognises the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Martin Luther and the Formula of Concord, as being in harmony with the one and the same scriptural faith.

ARTICLE THREE.

MEMBERSHIP.

1. All persons baptized in the Gossner Church are members of that Church.
2. Baptized Christians belonging to another Christian denomination may be accepted into membership upon application to a Pastor of the Gossner Church. The Pastor will receive such persons into membership in a regular service, after they declare publicly their acceptance of the faith of this Church, and, if need be, after proper instruction in that faith.
3. Members of the Gossner Church who have been put under major excommunication lose their membership. They may be readmitted after a public confession of their repentance in a regular service.
4. Non-Lutheran congregations which accept the doctrinal basis and the Constitution of the Gossner Church may be received as congregations of the Gossner Church, after a public declaration of their faith. The members of such congregations thus become members of the Gossner Church.

ARTICLE FOUR.

BASIC PRINCIPLES AND ORGANISATION.

In accordance with the foregoing Doctrinal Basis, the Gossner Church sets forth and declares the following principles as fundamental for its organisation :

Part I : BASIC PRINCIPLES.

1. The full authority in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. This power is not delegated to any man or body of man.
2. All just power exercised by the Church has been committed to her as the servant of Jesus Christ for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacrament. The Church, therefore, has no power to bind the conscience of any one except as she teaches what her Lord teaches and faithfully commands what He has charged her to command.
3. In obedience to her one Lord, the Church is bound to seek and preserve constantly the unity of the believers in faith and in witness, irrespective of whatever social or racial groups they may have come from (Gal. 3:28). In the same obedience, the Church

must so organise herself that under her Constitution the different individuals and groups can live together in love and mutual respect for the God-given freedom of each individual and group (I Cor. 9:1-23).

4. The authorities and tasks given to the Church are authorities and tasks of the Whole Church. Therefore they are to be administered by all constituent parts of the Church, local congregations, regional units and central bodies acting together, severally or jointly, as set forth in this Constitution and its Bye-laws (Eqh. 2; I Cor. 10:15-17; 12:12-31).

Part II : ORGANISATION.

1. Pracharakpan is the smallest organisational unit of the Church. It consists of all the Christians in one or several villages worshipping together at one centre. It is led by a Pracharak who is aided and advised in his work by a Pracharakpan Panch. Where there is no Pracharak in a Pracharakpan, the meetings of the Pracharakpan shall be presided over by a person appointed by the Ilaka Panch. That person shall act as the substitute for the Pracharak.
2. A Padripan consists of one or several Pracharakpans. The spiritual authority of the Padripan is vested in the Pastor. The administrative authority of the Padripan is the Padripan Panch. The pastor is the Chairman of the Padripan Panch by virtue of his office.
3. An Ilaka consists of one or several Padripan. The spiritual authority of the Ilaka is vested in the Ilaka Padri. The administrative authority of an Ilaka is the Ilaka Panch. The Ilaka Padri is the Chairman of the Ilaka Panch by virtue of his office.
4. A synod ordinarily consists of several Ilakas. The spiritual authority of the Synod is vested in the Synod Sanchalak. The administrative authorities of a Synod are the Synod Sabha and the Synod Samiti. The Synod Sanchalak is the Chairman of these bodies by virtue of his office*.
5. (a) An Anchal consists of several synods. An Anchal is a self-contained and in all internal affairs a self-governing organisational unit of the Church.
(b) The spiritual authority of an Anchal is vested in the Anchal Adhyaksh.
(c) The administrative responsibility of an Anchal is exercised by the Anchal Sabha and its Samiti and the Anchal Ministerium which consists of all pastors working in the Anchal. The Adhyaksh is the Chairman of these administrative bodies by virtue of his office.
(d) The one and indivisible Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church at present consists of four administrative units, known as An-

Note :- * The question of continuing the Synods and the Ilakas at the sametime and even in areas where the Ilaka and the Synod are indential, shall be reviewed after a year.

chals, and they are : (1) The Assam Anchal, (2) The North-Western Anchal, (3) The Orissa Anchal and (4) The South-Eastern Anchal*.

These Anchals are self-contained, autonomous bodies only in so far as their internal administration is concerned. They are members of One Body, viz the Gossner Church. In and through the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, they express this unity of the Church in spite of its diversity. These Anchals are inseparable component parts of one and the same Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam.

- (c) The formation of the new Anchals or alteration of the existing limits of the present Anchals shall be decided by the Kendriye Salahkari Samiti in consultation with the Statutory Board for the Rights of Communities and the Standing Committee for Inter Anchal Relationships on the one hand, and with the Anchals concerned on the other.
6. (a) The Pracharakpans, Padripans, Ilaka, Synods, Anchals and Central organisational units, all working together constitute the One Gossner Church.
- (b) The spiritual authority of the Gossner Church is vested in the Pramukh Adhyaksh.
- (c) In his spiritual functions the Pramukh Adhyaksh is advised and aided by the Ministerium of the Gossner Church.
- (d) The administrative authority of the Gossner Church is vested in the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. The moveable and immoveable property of the Gossner Church shall be vested for the time being in the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. The administrative authority of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha is however limited in the following ways :
 - (i) The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha cannot interfere in the internal administration of the Anchals.
 - (ii) All decisions affecting the Constitution of the Church and its Bye-laws, the doctrine and the worship of the Church, the general status of the Church and of its workers, need an independent corroborative decision of the Anchals or the Ministerium of the Gossner Church, as the case may be, in order to become effective.
- (e) The Pramukh Adhyaksh is the Chairman of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha by virtue of his office.
- (f) The Gossner Church will have four office bearers namely : the Pramukh Adhyaksh, the Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

* Note :- For details see the Schedule appended to this Constitution which shows the composition of the Gossner Church. The Schedule is subject to revision.

- (g) For all activities which are activities of the whole Church, there shall be four Central Boards, namely : the Board of Evangelism and Literature, the Board of Property, the Board of Education, and the Board of Theological Education. The Central Boards shall be responsible to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and to the Anchal Sabhas in all matters affecting the whole Church. If only one or more Anchals are concerned and not the whole Church, then the Central Boards shall be responsible to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Sabha or Sabhas of the Anchals concerned.

ARTICLE FIVE.

DUTIES AND OBJECTS.

The objects of the Gossner Church are :

1. To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 4; 5-6; The Augsburg Confession Art. 7.).
2. To conserve the Unity of the true faith (Eph. 4; 3-16, I Cor. 1: 10), to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17), and to strengthen the Church in its faith and confession.
3. To preserve and develop its autonomy.
4. To express outwardly the unity of the Church and all its organisational units, to foster cooperation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, to seek the unification of all Lutherans in one true faith, and thus develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principles and practices and make them effective in the Church.
5. To bear witness to Jesus Christ, the Lord and Saviour, before all non-Christians inside and outside the area of the Gossner Church, and to win them for Jesus Christ.
6. To minister in the love of Jesus Christ to all those who are in physical distress.

ARTICLE SIX

DUTIES AND ACTIVITIES.

In order to fulfil the objects mentioned in Art. V the Gossner Church will initiate and carry out the following activities through one or all of her organisational units, acting jointly or severally as described in the Constitution.

1. To instruct pastors, pracharaks, pracharikas and teachers, and to establish, administer and maintain schools for their training. To maintain the Theological College, The Pracharaks' Training School, The Tabita Bible and Buniyadi Training School, The Gossner High School, The Bethesda Girls' High School, The Women's Training School and two Primary Schools at Ranchi etc.

2. To test the candidates and ordain them as at present.
3. To appoint Pastors and candidates in the Anchals and to transfer them from one Anchal to another with the consent of the Anchals.
4. To arrange refresher courses for the Pastors of the whole Church once in two years.
5. To extend the Kingdom of God by participating in evangelistic efforts of Christians and by preaching the Gospel to non-Christians inside and outside India.
6. To order the human outward rites of worship in such a manner that it's signs and practices be according to the teachings of the New Testament and the freedom of the Church, so that the Body of Christ may be built by them.
7. To gather the statistics of the Church through the Anchals.
8. To appoint Editors and Editorial Boards or Committees for news-magazines and Sunday School Literature of the Church.
9. To prepare Literature for the spread of the knowledge of the doctrines, rites etc. of the Gossner Church.
10. To publish news - papers for the Church.
11. To maintain and administer the G. E. L. C. Press.
12. To prepare budgets of the Church year by year.
13. To encourage the practices of Christian Stewardship in all the congregations according to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.
14. To maintain and administer the properties of the Church with the co-operation of the Anchals, and to vest the movable and immovable properties of the Gossner Church, for the time being, in the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.
15. To fix the scales of pay for Pastors and other employees of the Church.
16. To maintain the records of the Provident Fund accounts of workers.
17. To give financial assistance to the Anchals for the evangelistic work and other special projects.
18. To earmark money in the budget for helping the poor and deserving college students.
19. To fix rates of subscription and to collect and spend the collected funds for the objects stated in this Constitution.
20. To constitute Boards and Committees for the different activities of the Church.
21. To consider the problems of the entire Church and to prepare and publish necessary rules, regulations and plans. But normally such rules and regulations shall be entrusted to the Anchals for execution.
22. (i) To encourage the organisations of the Gossner Church and to foster a spirit of unity in the whole Church, the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha should send at least one of its members to the annual

meetings of the Anchals, who should explain matters relating to central administration and practice.

(ii) To encourage Anchals to send at least one fraternal delegate to the annual meeting of the neighbouring Anchals.

23. To develop a living fellowship in the whole Church in faith and freedom, by all methods and to establish unity, not uniformity, in thought, belief, aim, work and witness.
24. To care, preserve and expand congregations, schools, and evangelistic work of every Anchal within its limits.
25. To foster and improve the work of the Anchals, to look after the interests of the Church, and to advise Anchals at the request of any Anchal on matters relating to doctrine, worship, and administration.
26. To keep contact with outside bodies.
27. To keep contact with other Churches in the unity of the faith and to send and receive official delegates.

ARTICLE SEVEN.

PRACHARAKPAN PANCH.

1. COMPOSITION.

The Pracharakpan Panch shall consist of elected members. The Pracharak shall be a member and chairman by virtue of his office. The period of membership in the Pracharakpan Panch shall be for three years.

2. RIGHT OF VOTE.

In all elections to be held in accordance with the Constitution of the Gossner Church, only confirmed members, and of them only those who have paid their Church contributions and are not under Church discipline, shall have the right to vote.

3. ELECTION.

- (a) For every 50 confirmed members (And of the balance for more than half of 50) of each Village (Tola) one representative shall be elected by each Village (tola) as member of the Pracharakpan Panch.
- (b) At least one representative must be elected by each village which has more than ten confirmed members.
- (c) Where there is a minority community comprising more than ten percent of all the confirmed members in a Pracharakpan, at least one of the elected representatives must be a member of that community. In that case the Pastor shall determine, from time to time, before each election from which village (Tola) that member shall be elected.
- (d) The election and necessary by-elections must be announced at least fourteen days in advance. The Pracharak shall be the Chairman of the electoral meeting.

- (e) The result of the election shall be communicated for scrutiny and confirmation to the Ilaka Statutory Board for the Rights of Communities.

4. FUNCTIONS.

- (a) The Pracharakpan Panch will advise and assist the Pracharak in his duties which are :- (1) to preserve the unity of the congregation, (2) to strengthen the brethren in Christian love, (3) to nurture the members of the congregation in Christian faith, and (4) to proclaim the Gospel to non-Christians within his jurisdiction.
- (b) This Panch will act as the local representative of the Board of Property and work under its direction to find suitable sites for its Chapel, Pracharak's house, School, Cemetery etc., to construct houses required for those purposes, and to repair them and keep them in good condition.
- (c) This Panch will have a watch over all the members of the congregation in regard to their conduct and Christian character and try to save them from falling into sin. In case some allegations are brought against a member through the Pracharak, this Panch will assist him in determining the correctness of the allegations and then forward the matter to the Pastor for necessary action.
- (d) This Panch will collect all the Mandli Paisa and deposit it with the Pastor for transmission to the Anchal Sabha through the proper channel.
- (e) This Panch will meet once every month and shall maintain a Minutes Book to record all the proceedings of the meetings of the Pracharakpan Panch and will be responsible to the pastor for all matters connected with the congregation it represents.
- (f) This Panch will collect all the offerings of the congregation and will see that all receipts are carefully entered in the Cash Book of the Treasurer and that the Treasurer deposits regularly the entire income monthly at a time appointed by the Padripan Panch either personally or through the Pracharak.
- (g) This Panch will arrange for Sunday School Youth Organisation and Women's Samiti and it will be responsible for maintaining proper relationship with such organisations throughout the Parish to which it belongs.
- (h) This Panch will be responsible to preserve and strengthen the integrity of the congregation by itself and in its relationship with the rest of the Gossner Church.
- (i) This Panch will assist the Pracharak in making arrangements for the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments to the members of the congregation.
- (j) This Panch will advise the Pracharak when he is to recommend to the higher authorities applications for admission to the Theological College and other Church institutions as may be

required by the institutions concerned and will also recommend all cases of baptism, confirmation, marriage etc.

5. MEETINGS AND QUORUM.

The Pracharakpan Panch shall meet ordinarily every month. One third of its total membership shall form the quorum.

ARTICLE EIGHT.

PADRIPAN PANCH.

1. COMPOSITION.

The Padripan Panch shall consist of members elected by the Pracharakpan Panches of that Padripan. The pastor and all Pracharaks who are in active service in the Padripan shall be members by virtue of their office. The Pastor shall be the Chairman by virtue of his office. The period of membership in the Padripan Panch shall be for three years.

2. RIGHT OF VOTE.

Article VII Para 2 shall be observed.

3. ELECTION.

(a) For every 100 (and of the balance for more than one half of one hundred) confirmed members of a Pracharakpan one representative shall be elected as member of the Padripan Panch.

(b) The Pracharakpan Panches shall elect the representatives on this basis from amongst their members.

(c) There shall be at least one elected representative from each Pracharakpan in the Padripan Panch.

(d) Where there is a minority community comprising more than 10% of the confirmed members in the Padripan, at least one of the elected representatives must be a member of that community. In that case the Pastor shall determine before each election from which constituency that member should be elected.

(e) The result of the election shall be communicated (for scrutiny and confirmation) to the Ilaka Statutory Board for the right of communities.

(f) Article VII 3 (d) Shall be observed.

4. FUNCTIONS:

(a) To see that the Pracharakpan Panches are properly organised and that they function according to the rules of the Gossner Church.

(b) To supervise, direct and help the Pracharakpan in the discharge of all the functions, assigned to them.

(c) To make recommendations to the Ilaka regarding appointment, discharge, transfer etc. of the Pracharaks and other workers of the Pracharakpans.

(d) To assist the Padri in the discharge of his duties within the Padripan.

(e) To receive reports from all the Pracharaks and the Padri working within its jurisdiction and to advise and help them.

(f) To receive all the income from the Pracharakpans and other sources (e.g. the rents from houses on the compound, sale of fruits etc.) produced in the area of the Padripan and assigned to it by the Board of Property.

(g) To deposit all the money received promptly with the Treasurer of the Ilaka Panch, to submit monthly bills to the Ilaka for the needs of the Padripan and to disburse the money received from the Ilaka Panch.

(h) To find suitable students for the Theological College, Tabita Bible and Buniyadi Training School, the Pracharaks' Training School etc. and to recommend them to the authorities concerned.

(i) To hold monthly meetings and plan for instruction of Pracharakas and lay leaders and to see that the catechumens are properly prepared for active membership of the Church.

(j) To survey fields for evangelistic work and to arrange for the same in consultation with the Ilaka Panch.

(k) To maintain the Membership Register, Minutes Book, and Cash Book, Records of Registers of Marriages, Births and Deaths, Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy communion, and Excommunication, Record of Church properties etc. in the Padripan.

(l) To establish schools and other institutions in consultation with and under the direction of the Ilaka Panch and to maintain them.

(m) To maintain the Statistics in the prescribed form and to submit the same as and when asked for.

5. MEETINGS AND QUORUM.

The Padripan Panch shall meet every month and 1/3 of its membership shall form the Quorum.

ARTICLE NINE.

THE ILAKA PANCH.

1. COMPOSITION :

The Ilaka Panch shall consist of the members elected by the Padripan Panches. All the Pastors who are in active service in the Ilaka shall be members by virtue of their office. Lutheran headmaster and headmistresses of all educational institutions serving the whole Ilaka shall become members by virtue of their office. If the headmaster or headmistress of the school concerned is not a Lutheran then the Lutheran members of the staff of the school concerned shall elect one from among themselves to the Ilaka Panch. The Ilaka Padri appointed by the Synod Sabha shall be the Chairman by virtue of his office. The period of membership in the Ilaka Panch shall be 3 years.

2. RIGHT OF VOTE.

Article VII Para 2 shall be observed.

3. ELECTION.

(a) For every 500 (and of the balance for more than half of 500) confirmed members of a Padripan, one representative shall be elected as member of the Ilaka Panch.

(b) The Padripan Panches shall elect the representatives on that basis from amongst their members.

(c) There shall be at least one elected representative from each Padripan.

(d) Where there is a minority community comprising at least 5 % of the confirmed members of the Ilaka, there must be at least one elected representative from such community. In that case the Ilaka Padri shall determine from time to time before each election which Padripan shall elect that member.

(e) The result of the election shall be communicated (for scrutiny and confirmation) to the Ilaka Statutory Board for the rights of communities.

(f) Article VII 3 (d) Shall be observed.

4. FUNCTIONS.

(a) To see to it that the Padripan Panches are properly organised and that they function in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Gossner Church.

(b) To see that the Word of God and the Sacraments are rightly preached and administered.

(c) To survey fields for evangelism within its jurisdiction and to appoint Pracharakas for the fields where needed.

(d) To hold meetings and conferences in the Ilaka for the employees of the Church and also for the laymen and to maintain the integrity of the whole Ilaka and to lead the whole membership in the unity of faith and witness.

(e) To elect its Executive Committee (not exceeding seven members). Not more than half of its membership shall be clergy.

(f) To hold the quarterly meetings of the Ilaka Panch and the monthly meetings of its executive and to transact all business arising from reports, applications, appeals etc. from Padripan Panches, higher authorities, Pastors and the Ilaka Chairman.

(g) To receive all incomes from all the Padripan and to enter the receipts and expenses carefully into the account books.

(h) To prepare budgets for the whole Ilaka and to collect funds for the purposes approved by the Ilaka Panch in consultation with its immediate higher authority.

(i) To spend the money received according to the budget.

(j) To maintain all such Books and Registers which are prescribed by the Gossner Church.

(k) To safeguard the interests of the communities within the Ilaka by constituting a Statutory Board for the rights of communities.

(l) To establish and administer schools and other institutions and to abolish them with the previous approval of the immediate higher authority.

(m) To appoint Pracharakas for the congregations, and teachers and workers for other institutions within its jurisdiction, to transfer, dis-

charge or take other suitable actions against the defaulters. In the appointment etc. of teachers the rules as of the Education Department accepted by the Gossner Church shall be observed.

(n) To preserve and protect the properties of the Church and to assist the Board of Property in the management of the same.

(o) To co-operate with the higher authorities in all the schemes and projects approved and accepted by the authorities concerned and to comply with all the orders received from them.

(p) To maintain the statistics in the prescribed form and to submit the same as and when asked for.

5. MEETINGS AND QUORUM.

The Ilaka Panch shall meet ordinarily once a quarter, and its Executive Committee once a month. One-third membership of each organisation shall form its quorum.

ARTICLE TEN.

THE SYNOD SABHA.

1. COMPOSITION.

The Synod Sabha shall consist of members elected by the Ilaka Panches of that Synod from amongst their members. Where there is only one Ilaka in a Synod, the Ilaka Panch and the Padripan Panches shall function as the Synod Sabha and the Ilaka Panches respectively. The Pastors residing in the Synod and in active service and the Lutheran headmasters and headmistresses of High Schools and one of the Lutheran Headmasters or Headmistresses of Middle Schools working in that Synod shall be members of the Synod Sabha. If the headmaster or the headmistress of the school concerned is not a Lutheran, then the Lutheran members of that institution shall elect one from amongst themselves to the Synod Sabha. In the case of the headmasters and the headmistresses of Middle Schools, the Synod Sabha shall nominate the person who shall be a member of the Synod Sabha, care being taken that such appointment shall be on a principle of rotation.

The Synod Sanchalak shall be elected by the Synod Sabha and he shall be an ordained person. He shall be the Chairman of the Synod Sabha by virtue of his office.

The period of membership in the Sabha shall be for three years.

2. RIGHT OF VOTE.

Article VII para 2 shall be observed.

3. ELECTION.

(a) For every 500 (and of the balance for more than half of 500) confirmed members of an Ilaka, one representative shall be elected as member of the Synod Sabha.

(b) The Ilaka Panches (or the Padripan Panches, see above para 1.) shall elect their representatives on that basis from amongst their members.

(c) At least one representative shall be elected from each Ilaka Panch (or the Padripan Panches-See above para 1).

(d) Where there is a minority community comprising more than 5% of the confirmed members in the Synod at least one of the elected representatives must be a member of that community. In that case the Synod Sanchalak shall determine from time to time which of the Ilakas shall elect that member.

(e) The result of the election shall be communicated for scrutiny and confirmation to the Anchal Statutory Board for the Rights of Communities.

(f) Article VII 3 (d) Shall be observed.

4. FUNCTIONS.

The functions of the Synod Sabha shall be :-

(a) To administer and supervise Ilakas, Padripan, Pracharakpans and institutions within the Synod.

(b) To hold half-yearly meetings.

(c) To be a court of appeal for Ilakas, Padripan, and Pracharakpans.

(d) To post and transfer the pastors within the Synod according to the following rules :

(i) Normally a pastor shall serve in a Padripan continuously for five years.

(ii) At the end of the term, the Padripan may request the Synod Sabha to extend the service of that pastor for another period not exceeding five years. If the Synod Sabha in consultation with the pastor, agrees, his service in that Padripan may be extended.

(iii) If at the end of his first term of five years no request for extension of the pastor's service comes from the Padripan, then the Synod Sabha shall be free to transfer the pastor to another Padripan.

(e) To carry out evangelistic work within the Synod.

(f) To assist the Board of Property in the administration of the properties within the jurisdiction of the Synod.

(g) To encourage and organise work among men, women, young people and the children.

(h) To collect and disburse funds within the Synod and to send the Mandli Paisa and other apportionments to the Anchal Khajanchi.

(i) To send representatives to the Anchal Sabha.

(j) To report to the Anchal Sabha on the needs for ministers and other worker in the Synod and request financial help for evangelistic and other activities within the Synod.

(k) To report and seek advice from the Anchal Sabha with regard to doctrine, worship, administration, conduct etc., of the workers and other members of the Church, and with regard to adverse influences from outside.

(l) To execute the decisions and actions of the Anchal Sabha within the Synod.

(m) After enquiry by the Synod Ministerium composed of all pastors of the Synod, to deal with cases of pastors' discipline and to forward its recommendations to the Anchal Ministerium.

(n) Whenever necessary, the Synod Sabha may appoint permanent or special Committees. Normally the Synod Sanchalak in consultation with the Synod Samiti shall appoint these committees.

(o) To appoint Ilaka Padris.

5. MEETINGS AND QUORUM.

The Synod Sabha shall meet ordinarily once half-yearly. One third of its membership shall form the Quorum.

ARTICLE - ELEVEN.

THE SYNOD SAMITI.

1. The Synod Samiti of a Synod consisting of 8 or less Ilakas shall consist of four ordained pastors and four lay members, elected by the Synod Sabha. The members shall be elected once every three years. The outgoing members shall be eligible for a re-election. However if a Synod consists of more than 8 Ilakas, then each Ilaka must be represented by one member. If there are not four pastors in a Synod, then Pracharaks shall be elected to fill their number. Out of the four lay members, at least half shall be men who are not paid workers of the Church.

2. The Synod Samiti shall be the Executive of the Synod Sabha. It should meet every quarter and its action shall be reported to the members of the Synod Sabha, for confirmation or otherwise within 15 days. If a majority of the Sabha members disapprove of the proposed decision of the Samiti, it shall be dropped, but if 1/3 of the members of the Synod Sabha object in writing to a decision taken by the Samiti, then it shall be held over until the Synod Sabha meets and acts.

3. The Synod Samiti shall meet ordinarily once a quarter, and one third of its membership shall form its Quorum.

ARTICLE - TWELVE.

OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

1. The following shall be the officers of the Synod:-

The Sanchalak, the Upsanchalak, the Secretary and the Treasurer (Khazanchi). These officers shall be elected in the same manner as described in Article XVI (2). They may be re-elected. The Synod Sanchalak and the Upsanchalak shall be ordained men.

2. The Synod Sanchalak shall be a paid officer. Other officers shall be honorary, but necessary expenses involved in carrying out their duties shall be met by the Synod.

3. If the post of any officer falls vacant then the Synod Samiti shall appoint some one who shall remain in the office until the next regular meeting of the Synod Sabha.

DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

4. SYNOD SANCHALAK.

(a) He shall normally supervise all the Pastors and other workers within the synod, Ilakas, Padripan, Schools, other institutions, and auxiliary bodies.

(b) He shall preside over all the meetings of the Synodical Bodies. It shall be his duty to see that the constitution and bye-laws of the Gossner Church, rules of conducting meetings, synod sabhas and the orders of the Anchal and the *Kendriye Salahkari Sabha* are observed. Moreover he shall see to it that all the resolutions of the Sabha and Samiti are carried out after adoption.

(c) When a Pastor or an Ilaka Chairman is appointed within the boundary of the Synod, then the installation service shall be conducted by the Synod Sanchalak or the Ilaka Chairman.

(d) He shall countersign all official documents along with the Secretary.

(e) He shall present an annual report to the Synod Sabha.

(f) He shall appoint such committees as are required by the Constitution subject to the approval of the Synod Sabha. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

(g) The Synod Sanchalak shall have the right to sit in every Ilaka Panch, Padripan Panch, Pracharakpan Panch, School Committee and meetings of other auxiliary bodies. If need be he shall make enquiries either himself or by the help of a committee regarding the work of a pastor or any other church worker.

(h) He shall perform those duties which shall be entrusted to him by the Synod Sabha.

5. UP - SANCHALAK.

In the absence of the Sanchalak or at the request of the Sanchalak, the Upsanchalak shall act for the Sanchalak. If, for some reason the post of the Sanchalak falls vacant, then the Upsanchalak shall act as Sanchalak till the next meeting of the Synod Sabha.

6. SECRETARY :

The Secretary shall write the minutes of the Sabha and Synod Samiti. He shall prepare and keep the list of the representatives. In all authoritative documents of the Sabha he shall sign. He shall circulate the notices about the date and place for the ensuing meeting a month in advance, and if it shall be an extra-ordinary meeting the notice shall be issued by him at least 15 days in advance. He shall carry on the necessary correspondence within the Synod, and with his own Anchal.

7. TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect all kinds of income and keep account of the income and expenditure. Without the written permission of the Synod Sanchalak, he shall not incur any expenditure. At all regular Synod Sabha meetings, and at the regular meetings of the

Synod Samiti, he shall submit financial reports. He shall prepare an annual budget and submit it to the Synod Sabha for approval.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN.

THE ANCHAL SABHA.

1. COMPOSITION :

The Anchal Sabha shall consist of members elected by the Synod Sabhas of that Anchal. All Pastors residing in the Anchal and in active service, and all Headmasters and Headmistresses of High Schools maintained by the Gossner Church within that Anchal shall be members by virtue of their office. The period of membership in the Anchal Sabha shall be for 3 years.

2. RIGHT OF VOTE :

Art. VII Para 2 is to be observed.

3. THE ELECTION OF THE ANCHAL SABHA :

(a) For every 1000 (and of the balance for more than half of 1000) confirmed members of a synod, one representative shall be elected to be a member of the Anchal Sabha.

(b) The representatives shall be elected on this basis by the Synod Sabhas.

(c) There shall be at least one elected representative from each Synod.

(d) Where there is a minority community comprising at least 5% of all the confirmed members of the Anchal, there shall be at least two (2) elected representatives of that community. In that case the Adhyaksha shall determine from time to time before each election which of the Synods shall elect those representatives.

(e) The result of the election shall be communicated (for scrutiny and confirmation) to the Anchal Statutory Board for the rights of communities.

(f) Article VII 3 (d) Shall be observed.

4. FUNCTION OF THE ANCHAL SABHA.

In as much as an Anchal is self-contained, autonomous body as far as its internal administration is concerned, it shall have the following functions :-

(a) To co-operate with the Central authorities in preserving the pure doctrine and order of the Church.

(b) To preserve the autonomy of the Church.

(c) To administer and supervise the Synods under its jurisdiction.

(d) To be a court of appeal for the Synods.

(e) To make inter-synodical transfers and postings of Pastors within the Anchal.

The inter synodical transfers of pastors shall take place as follows :-

(i) If a pastor has completed ten years of service, he may be transferred by the Anchal Sabha to another synod with the consent of both the synods. When a pastor has completed fifteen years of his service within a Synod, then the Anchal Sabha must transfer him to another Synod.

(ii) The Synod Sabha shall normally transfer the pastors (See Article X 4 (c)). Whenever the Anchal Sabha considers that the transfer of a particular pastor to another Synod before completion of his fifteen years of service in the Synod, is in the interest and for the good of the whole church, then it shall do so in consultation with both the Synods.

(f) To carry on evangelistic work within the Anchal.

(g) To encourage and organise work among men, women, young people and children within the Anchal and constitute committees for the same, if necessary.

(h) To collect funds from Synods, disburse them and prepare a budget and forward the same to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha for necessary action and to send its quota to the centre, as determined by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

(i) To supervise and audit the accounts of the Synods.

(j) To send representatives to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and Central Boards.

(k) To publish Christian Literature, periodicals and papers for the Anchal in consultation with the Board of Evangelism and Literature.

(l) To recommend to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha any change in the scales of pay for its workers.

(m) To arrange refresher courses for its pastors and other workers.

(n) To keep and preserve peace and unity within the Anchal.

(o) To establish, administer, enlarge or abolish educational institutions and hostels serving the Anchal.

(p) To assist the Board of Property in the administration of Church properties.

(q) To collect statistics and forward the same to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

(r) To create, abolish or alter Synods, Ilakas, Padripans and Pracharakpans. But in the case of synods the alteration or abolition shall be made in consultation with the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

(s) To safeguard the interests of the communities within the Anchal by constituting a Statutory Board or Boards for the rights of communities.

(t) To participate in all the decisions of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha by a corroborative decision.

(u) To suspend Synods, Ilakas and other institutions in case of gross negligence of duty and inform the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

5. HEAD - QUARTERS.

The Head - quarters of the Anchals shall be within the boundaries of the area of the Anchal concerned. The Anchal Sabha shall determine its location.

6. MEETINGS AND QUORUM :

The Anchal Sabha shall meet ordinarily once in 3 years, unless it decides to meet more often. One-third of its total membership shall form the quorum.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN.

THE MINISTERIUM OF THE ANCHAL.

1. All the ordained men of the Anchal shall form the Ministerium of the Anchal. The Anchal Adhyaksh shall be the Chairman of the Ministerium by virtue of his office.

2. If there be any complaint of heresy against any pastor, it shall be considered by the Ministerium and reported to the Anchal Sabha.

3. The Ministerium shall bring constructive criticisms for the spiritual improvement of the Anchal.

4. The Ministerium shall have its meetings ordinarily at the time of the meetings of the Anchal Sabha. One third of its total membership shall form the quorum.

5. The ministerium shall send all its recommendations and decisions to the Anchal Sabha for approval.

6. The ordained members of the Anchal Samiti shall form the Executive Committee of the Anchal Ministerium. It shall meet ordinarily once a quarter at the time of the meetings of the Anchal Samiti. One third of its total membership shall form its quorum.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN.

THE ANCHAL SAMITI.

1. COMPOSITION :

The Anchal Samiti shall consist of members elected by the Synods of the Anchal. It shall ordinarily meet once a quarter. One third of its total membership shall form its quorum.

2. ELECTION :

(a) Each Synod Sabha shall elect two members from amongst its representatives in the Anchal Sabha. One of them shall be a pastor and the other shall be a layman. The Adhyaksh of the Anchal shall be a member and the Chairman by virtue of his office. The membership in the Anchal Samiti shall be for three years.

(b) The office-bearers of the Anchal shall be members of the Samiti by virtue of their office.

(c) If there is a minority community comprising at least 10% of the total confirmed membership of the Anchal, not represented among the elected members of the Anchal Samiti, then the Anchal Samiti shall be bound to co-opt at least one member of that minority community.

(d) The rule laid down in Article VII Para 3-(d) and (e) shall be followed.

3. FUNCTION :

The functions of the Anchal Samiti shall be as follows :-

The Anchal Samiti shall be the Executive body of the Anchal Sabha. Its actions shall be reported to the members of the Anchal Sabha for confirmation within a fortnight under ordinary circumstances. If a majority of the members of the Anchal Sabha object in

writing to the proposed decision, it shall be dropped. But, if only one third of the members of the Anchal Sabha object in writing, then it shall be held over until the next meeting of the Anchal Samiti.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN.

THE OFFICERS OF THE ANCHAL.

1. Each Anchal shall have four officers namely, the Adhyaksh, the Up-Adhyaksh, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Adhyaksh shall be a paid officer. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall ordinarily be paid workers. The Up-Adhyaksh shall be an honorary officer. In the first instance the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall determine the emoluments of the officers of the Anchals.

2. The officer bearers of the Anchal shall be elected in the following manner :-

(a) A Nomination Committee shall be constituted by the Anchal Sabha as follows :-

The Nomination Committee shall consist of six or nine members. The Adhyaksh shall admonish the Anchal Sabha that the members proposed for the Nomination Committee should bear characteristics mentioned here - below :

(i) That they are sound judges of character.

(ii) That they are impartial.

(iii) That they do have sufficient knowledge of the affairs and the structure of the Church.

I. In Anchals where there are three or more communities each constituting at least 10% of total confirmed membership of the Anchal, then each of these communities shall propose three members to the Nomination Committee.

II. In Anchals where there are only two communities each constituting at least 10% of the total confirmed membership of the Anchal but one community constituting a very large percentage of the total confirmed membership of the Anchal and the other just about 10% of the total confirmed membership, then the majority community shall propose six names and the other three names.

III. In Anchals where there is only one community which by itself constitutes a very large percentage of the total confirmed membership of the Anchal, and there is no other community which constitutes at least 10% of the total confirmed membership, then the majority Community shall propose six names and all the rest of the communities together shall propose three names, provided that they together constitute 10% of the total confirmed membership*.

Note :- *1. In the first election in 1960 as there will be no Adhyaksh as yet elected, the Convener will preside.

2. The Nomination Committees of the four Anchals will be constituted as follows in accordance with the rules mentioned above.

(a) The Assam Anchal - Mundas 6 + all the rest together 3=9

(b) The North-Western Anchal - Oraons 6 + all the rest together 3=9

(c) The Orissa Anchal - Mundas 6 + Oraons 3=9

(d) The South-Eastern Anchal - Mundas 6 + all the rest together 3=9

The names of the members of the Nomination Committee will be communicated to the Adhyaksh of the Anchal Sabha before the second session. The Adhyaksh will inform the Anchal Sabha of the names of the members of the Nomination Committee thus constituted. The Anchal Sabha shall accept these names. The Nomination Committee under the Chairmanship of its oldest member shall elect its Chairman by lot.

(b) The office-bearers of the Anchals may be elected from the total membership of the whole Gossner Church including workers in the central Institutions.

(c) Any member of the Anchal Sabha (and in the case of the Adhyaksh, and the Up-Adhyaksh any member of the Ministerium also) shall have the right to propose names of eligible candidates. A separate list shall be prepared for each office-bearer. The list shall be voted on during the second session of the Anchal Sabha. All names proposed by the members of the Anchal Sabha and the Ministerium shall be put to the vote by ballot. The names of those candidates who have secured more than 30% of the total number of votes must be included in the list of eligible candidates.

The lists of eligible candidates shall then be remitted to the Nomination Committee.

(d) The Nomination Committee shall scrutinise the list of candidates for each office according to the following standards:

(i) There shall be substantial evidence of successful service either on Parish, Ilaka, Synod or any other institutional level.

(ii) The candidate has not been tried and found guilty either by the Ministerium or the Anchal Samiti for a fault of his own.

(iii) He enjoys a reasonable amount of confidence amongst the people in his area of service and also the whole Church.

(iv) He has shown initiative in his own ministry.

(v) He must have good educational or professional qualifications for the post for which he is to be considered.

(vi) He thinks and works for the welfare of the whole Church.

(vii) He keeps Christ, and not the community, first and foremost in all his considerations.

The members of the Nomination Committee shall then by a majority or unanimous vote elect one candidate for each office to be proposed to the Anchal Sabha for election. In case of a draw vote, the Chairman of the Nomination Committee shall have the decisive casting vote. If the Anchal Sabha rejects the candidate proposed by the Nomination Committee by at least two thirds of total number of votes by ballot then the Nomination Committee shall meet again and propose another candidate. If the Anchal Sabha rejects the second candidate by at least two thirds of the total number of votes of the Anchal Sabha, the same procedure shall be followed but the third

new candidate proposed by the Nomination Committee shall be accepted as elected*.

3. THE DURATION OF THE OFFICE.

The officers of the Anchals shall hold office for three years after which they may be confirmed in their office for another period of three years, and if not, new officers shall be elected for a period of three years. Reconfirmation in office may be repeated every three years until the officer has stayed in office for a continual period of twelve years.

4. THE ADHYAKSH.

(a) The Adhyaksh shall be the spiritual head of the Anchal and as such he shall supervise all pastors and other workers, institutions, organisational units and auxiliary bodies.

(b) He shall preside over all meetings of the Anchal Sabha, the Anchal Samiti and the Anchal Ministerium.

(c) It shall be his duty to see that the Constitution of the Gossner Church, its bye-laws and rules and the instructions of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha are observed. He shall also see that all resolutions of the Anchal Sabha and its Samiti are implemented.

(d) He shall instal newly elected Synod Sanchalaks.

(e) He shall on behalf of the Anchal, sign all official documents together with the Secretary. He shall countersign the signatures of the Treasurer.

(f) He shall submit the annual report of the Anchal to the Anchal Sabha, the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Kalisiya Sangh of the Gossner Church.

(g) He shall at the request of the Anchal Sabha or the Anchal Samiti appoint all special committees. He shall be a member of all such committees by virtue of his office.

(h) He shall have the right to attend and participate in the meetings of every organisational unit under his supervision.

(i) Over and above the aforesaid duties he shall assume all responsibilities which shall be entrusted to him by the Anchal Sabha and the Anchal Samiti.

5. THE UP-ADHYAKSH.

The Up-adhyaksh shall act for the Adhyaksh during the latter's absence or when requested by the Adhyaksh. If for any reason the post of the Adhyaksh is vacant, the Up-adhyaksh shall act as Adh-

Note :- This procedure of election shall be followed in all elections of office-bearers from the level of the Synods up-wards, and of the representatives of the Anchals to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

Foot note :- e.g., * If there are 100 persons in the electing body, the Chairman shall ask the body to vote 'Yes' or 'No' by ballot in reference to the name proposed by the Nomination Committee. For the name to be rejected 67 persons must vote 'No' against that name, otherwise the proposal of the Nomination Committee shall be declared elected.

yaksh until the election of an Adhyaksh at the next meeting of the Anchal Sabha.

6. THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall write the minutes of the Anchal Sabha and Anchal Samiti and shall keep the record of the minutes. He shall prepare the list of members of the administrative bodies. He shall issue the notices regarding date and place of ensuing meetings a month in advance and in the case of extra-ordinary meetings at least 15 days ahead. He shall carry on the necessary correspondence within the Anchal and with the central authorities of the Gossner Church. Any other duty may be assigned to him by the Adhyaksh in consultation with the Anchal Samiti.

7. THE TREASURER.

(a) The Treasurer shall collect all incomes and keep the account of income and expenditure.

(b) He shall submit a financial report regularly at all meetings of the Anchal Sabha and Samiti. He shall prepare the annual budget of the Anchal and submit it to the Anchal Samiti.

(c) He shall carry out the budgetary provisions; for any other payment he shall obtain the sanction and counter-signature of the Adhyaksh.

(d) The Treasurer shall be either requested to deposit an amount of Rs. 3,000/- or be bonded for a larger amount.

ARTICLE - SEVENTEEN.

SAFEGUARDS FOR THE RIGHTS OF COMMUNITIES.

1. An Anchal Sabha should see to it that before an election takes place in any of its administrative organisations, the minimum number of seats are reserved for specified minority communities in the area concerned.

2. An Anchal, being a self-contained and, in all internal matters a self-governing organisational unit of the Church, will enjoy independence. Only when it gives its corroborative vote of acceptance of any legislation proposed by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, will such a proposal become effective in the Anchal. In this way the communities represented in the Anchal will be protected from any action of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha which might adversely affect their interest.

3. A Statutory Board for the rights of communities shall each be constituted by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, by every Anchal and every Ilaka respectively, and it shall be a standing board of that unit. The Pramukh Adhyaksh, the Adhyaksh of the Anchal and the Ilaka padri shall be responsible for convening respectively the Statutory Board concerned.

Such Board shall have two functions:

(a) It will exercise careful supervision over all elections held within its jurisdiction. The results of the elections will be forwarded to the Statutory Board whose confirmation will be necessary before the results shall take effect. The Board, before confirming the results, shall

satisfy itself that the election had been properly held, and that no community had been overlooked or discriminated against. When not satisfied, the Board shall call the attention of the organisational unit concerned and advise it to take steps to remedy the situation within a reasonable specified period of time. If the organisational unit fails to heed the advice, the Board will report the matter to the next higher authoritative organisational unit which shall set right the situation.

(b) The Statutory Board shall also exercise careful watch over all general matters affecting the rights and welfare of the communities.

4. A Nomination Committee shall be set up by each Anchal before any election for office or appointment of persons takes place (Vide Art. XVI-2).

ARTICLE - EIGHTEEN.

THE PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH.

The spiritual authority of the Gossner Church shall be vested in the Pramukh Adhyaksh. He shall be advised and assisted in his administrative functions by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. Only for the election of the first Pramukh Adhyaksh in 1960, the following procedures shall be followed:

The President of the G. E. L. Church shall convene a meeting of the four Adhyakshas. The oldest among them shall take the Chair. The four Adhyakshas will then meet by themselves.

The Pramukh Adhyaksh shall be elected by the unanimous decision of the four Adhyakshas who shall decide who amongst themselves is the person best suited for the post. But, if no unanimity is reached even after three meetings held on separate days, they shall after prayer determine the Pramukh Adhyaksh by casting the lot.

(1) He shall be the visible symbol of the unity of the Gossner Church.

(2) He shall be the spiritual guardian of the doctrines and Confessions of the Gossner Church, and shall be assisted by the Ministerium in this respect.

(3) He shall be Pastor Pastorum of the Gossner Church and shall be the overseer of all the Adhyakshas the Anchals and all other workers of the Gossner Church. For this purpose he shall have the right of visitation to all the organisational units of the Gossner Church.

(4) He shall ordain the candidates to the Ministry in the Gossner Church.

(5) He shall be responsible for maintaining order and peace in the Gossner Church, and in this respect he shall be assisted by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Ministerium of the Gossner Church.

(6) He shall represent the Gossner Church in all her external relationship, both in and outside India, and shall carry on all correspondence with Churches and organisations inside and outside India.

(7) He shall preside over the meetings of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, the Ministerium and the Board of Evangelism and Literature.

(8) He shall be the pastor of the Ranchi headquarters congregation and shall be the chairman of the Mandli Panch. He may be assisted in this work by an assistant pastor or pastors.

(9) He shall serve for a period of three years. He shall be succeeded by the Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh at the end of that period.

ARTICLE - NINETEEN.

THE OTHER OFFICE BEARERS OF THE GOSSNER CHURCH

There shall be an Up-pramukh Adhyaksh, a Secretary and a Treasurer. In the first election of the Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh the following procedure shall be followed:

After the Pramukh Adhyaksh has been elected in the manner indicated in article XVIII, the Pramukh Adhyaksh and the remaining three Adhyakshas shall elect the first Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh at the same meeting from amongst the remaining three Adhyakshas. This first elected Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh shall continue to be the Adhyaksh of his own Anchal in addition to his being the Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh. At the end of the first three years when the Pramukh Adhyaksh leaves his office, the Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh shall succeed him. This Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh who has now become the Pramukh Adhyaksh shall along with the Adhyakshas of the remaining three Anchals, elect the Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh from those three Anchal Adhyakshas by a unanimous vote. If unanimity is not reached even after three meetings, then the Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh shall be chosen from among the remaining three Adhyakshas by casting the lot.

This procedure shall be followed for all subsequent elections of Up-Pramukh Adhyakshas.

The Secretary and the Treasurer shall be appointed by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. They may be chosen from the remaining Adhyakshas or from other office bearers of the Anchals or the lay members of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. These three office-bearers shall be honorary. The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha must make these appointments at its first meeting.

(1) *The Up-Pramukh Adhyaksh.*

He shall act for the Pramukh Adhyaksh during the latter's absence from the Gossner Church area. He shall assume such powers and duties as may be assigned to him by the Pramukh Adhyaksh in consultation with the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

(2) *The Secretary.*

He shall be responsible for maintaining an office at Ranchi with a full time paid head clerk though he may not reside at Ranchi. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence within the area of the Gossner Church, and shall act as Secretary of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. Any other duty may be assigned to him by the Pramukh Adhyaksh in consultation with the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

(3) *The Treasurer.*

He shall be responsible for the maintenance of the central accounts at Ranchi, though he may not reside at Ranchi. He shall be assisted in his work by a full time Head accountant. The head-accountant shall not make any payment without obtaining the sanction of the Treasurer, and the countersignature of the Pramukh Adhyaksh. The

head accountant shall be bonded for an amount of Rs. 3000/00 or more.

(b) He shall submit a financial report regularly at all meetings of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and shall prepare the budget to the Gossner Church and submit it to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha for approval.

(c) He shall carry out the budgetary provisions.

ARTICLE - TWENTY

THE MINISTERIUM OF THE GOSSNER CHURCH.

(1) The Ministerium will consist of all the pastors of the Gossner Church.

(2) The Ministerium shall meet once in two years. One-third of its membership shall form its quorum. It shall elect its Secretary from amongst its members, frame rules for conducting its business and shall present the full report of its work to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha for approval.

(3) a. It shall assist the Pramukh Adhyaksh in examining the candidates who have passed their theological examination and declaring them candidates for the ministry. The subjects of examination shall be Scriptural knowledge, Domastics, Pastoral Theology and other useful subjects.

b. It shall, upon recommendation from the Anchal in the case of candidates who have been supported by the Anchal, propose them to the Pramukh Adhyaksh for ordination and assignment to the Anchal in consultation with the Anchal concerned or others if necessary. In the case of candidates who have not been supported by any one Anchal, the Ministerium shall, upon recommendation from the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha propose them to the Pramukh Adhyaksh for ordination. The assignment will be decided upon by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchal concerned.

c. It shall, if necessary, send recommendations to the Pramukh Adhyaksh and the Anchals concerned for disciplinary action against its members.

(4) *The Executive Committee of the Ministerium.*

The ordained members of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall form the Executive Committee of the Ministerium of the Gossner Church. They shall meet ordinarily at the time of the meeting of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

ARTICLE - TWENTYONE.

THE KENDRIYE SALAHKARI SABHA.

I COMPOSITION:

(a) The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall consist of members elected by the Anchal Sabhas. Each Anchal Sabha shall elect three members from amongst the members of the Anchal Samiti. One of them shall be a pastor and two shall be laymen. The Pramukh Adhyaksh and the Adhyakshas of the Anchals shall be members by virtue of their office.

(b) The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall have the right of co-opting up to two members for a period of three years, if (i) any community or (ii) any special interests are not represented amongst the elected and the ex-officio members.

(c) If the Secretaries of the Central Boards are not elected members of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, they shall have the right to attend the meetings of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha but not to vote.

(d) The terms of membership in the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall be for three years.

(e) *Kendriye Salahkari Sabha Samiti* (Executive)

Composition :- The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall constitute an Executive Committee (Samiti) which shall be formed in the following manner :-

1. The Pramukh Adhyaksh shall be a member of this Samiti and its Chairman by virtue of his office.

2. The Secretary and the Treasurer of the Gossner Church shall be members of this Samiti by virtue of their office.

3. There shall be four ordained representatives, one from each Anchal. The four Adhyakshas being ordained persons shall be the four ordained representatives of the Anchals on the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha Samiti.

4. There shall be four lay representatives, one from each of the Anchals. If the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Gossner Church are laymen, they shall be considered the lay representatives of their Anchals on this Samiti. The Anchals not thus represented shall elect their lay representatives to this Samiti from amongst their lay representatives in the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

Thus in all, the Samiti will consist of nine members only including the Pramukh Adhyaksh.

5. The members of this Samiti shall serve for a period of three years.

II. FUNCTIONS :-

It is clearly understood that the duties and functions of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha are both advisory and administrative.

The following shall be its duties and functions :-

(a) To receive and revise the reports from.

(i) The officers of the Gossner Church.

(ii) The Adhyakshas.

(iii) The Secretaries of the Central Boards.

(iv) The Ministerium.

The recommendations of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha will go to the bodies concerned for necessary attention and action, it being understood that the approval of the Anchals will be necessary in all matters affecting the whole Church before the recommendations of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha become effective. If unanimous agreement

is not reached, the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall convene a meeting of the Anchal or Anchals concerned and discuss the matter at issue in order to arrive at unanimous final decision. If such a decision is other than the first proposal, either in part or in whole, the amended proposal shall be again circulated amongst the Anchals for unanimous vote.

(b) (i) To prepare its annual budget based on the budgets of the central institutions and of the Anchals and to determine the quota of contribution to the centre from the Anchals and the Central Boards, to fix the amount to be paid to Anchals as financial aid, and to forward its request for financial subsidy to the Department of World Mission of the Lutheran World Federation and the Kuratoruim etc.

(ii) To appoint auditors for the accounts of the Anchal Sabhas, and the Central Boards, and for the Central accounts every year and to receive and review the reports of the auditors.

(iii) If any Anchal does not meet the yearly quota allotted to it and payable in 12 monthly instalments for a period of four months, inspite of three reminders, it shall be superseded until the quota is paid, and the Pramukh Adhyaksh shall take over the administration of the Anchal assisted by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha until the quota is paid.

(c) To appoint a Superintendent of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha office. He shall be full time paid official of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. He shall be directly responsible to the Pramukh Adhyaksh and shall work in co-operation with the other officers of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

(d) To select candidates for the exchange of personnel and training abroad and outside the Gossner Church area, based on proposals from the Anchals and the Central Boards.

(e) To advise the Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Gossner Church on all matters referred to it by him.

(f) To recommend through the Ministerium of the Gossner Church to the Pramukh Adhyaksh the candidates to be ordained to the Ministry.

(g) To initiate legislative proposals including amendments to the Constitution.

(h) To produce and publish Christian Literature in consultation with the Board of Evangelism and Literature.

(i) To serve as the Kalisiya Sangh continuation committee during the interval between the meetings of the Kalisiya Sangh.

(j) To convene the Kalishya Sangh of the Gossner Church.

(k) To assist the Pramukh Adhyaksh in keeping and preserving the doctrines and Confessions of the Church.

(l) To keep, preserve and develop the autonomy of the Church.

(m) To set up a Standing Committee on inter-Anchal relationships.

(n) To set up a Central Statutory Board for the rights of communities.

(o) To set up a Standing Committee for work among youth and women for the whole Church.

(p) To have the moveable and immoveable properties of the Gossner Church vested in the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, to exercise all proprietary rights and to implement, Article VI 14.

(q) To appoint on the recommendations of the Managing Committees or Councils, the Principals, Headmasters or Headmistresses of all the Central Institutions and in the case of the Theological College, the full time staff and the Secretaries of the said institutions.

(r) To sanction the annual budget for all the Central Boards.

(s) To exercise, on behalf of the Gossner Church the residuary powers not covered by this Constitution.

4. MEETINGS AND QUORUM

The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall meet ordinarily once in six months. One third of its membership shall constitute the quorum. The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha Samiti shall meet ordinarily once in three months; five members shall constitute the quorum.

ARTICLE TWENTY TWO THE CENTRAL BOARDS.

1. Composition :-

(1) The Central Boards shall consist of two members each elected by each Anchal Samiti. The Chairman of each Board excepting the Board of Evangelism and Literature shall be appointed by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha with the approval of the Anchal Samitis. The Pramukh Adhyaksh shall be the Chairman of the Board of Evangelism and Literature.

(2) Matters of common concern and interest shall remain under the care of the Central Boards. To start with there shall be 4 Central Boards :-

(1) The Board of Evangelism and Literature.

(2) The Board of Property.

(3) The Board of Education.

(4) The Board of Theological Education.

The members of these Boards shall serve for three years. Each Board shall appoint a Secretary or Manager or Director who shall be the executive officer of the Board, and he shall be responsible to the Chairman of the Board. The Boards may constitute their own executive committees, if and when necessary.

(3) Functions :-

Each Board shall be responsible for the internal administration of the institutions and spheres of work that come under its purview, and shall enjoy a great deal of autonomy. However, it will report periodically on its work to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchal Samitis. The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall have the power of reviewing its work and making recommendations. However the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall not interfere in the internal administration of the Boards and their work. The review and recommendations of Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall go both to the Boards concerned and to the Anchal Samities, and both of them shall report to

the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha on the action taken by them. In case of difficulty or a deadlock, the Board concerned shall meet with the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the actions of such a joint conference shall be final. The Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Gossner Church shall have the power to act in an emergency, and his action shall be reported to the Board concerned for confirmation.

(4) The Boards.

(a) The Board of Evangelism and Literature.

The Board shall have under its purview the work of the "Joint Mission Board", the "Surguja Board", and the "Gossner Church Missionary Society", the "Evangelistic committee of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church", and similar auxilliary Evangelistic Boards. There shall be a paid Director of the Board, and the Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Church shall be the Chairman of the Board. The Board shall submit annually its budget to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and administer the sanctioned budget.

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church Press at Ranchi shall come under this Board. A detailed Constitution for the management of the Press shall be submitted by the Board to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchal Samitis. The accounts of the Press shall be audited half-yearly, and the auditor's report shall go also to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchal Samitis.

The Board shall meet at least once in six months, and five members shall constitute the quorum.

(b) The Board of Property.

The Board shall have a paid Manager or Managers to administer the property. The Manager shall hold in safe keeping all documents, registers etc. relating to properties. He shall also maintain the accounts of the Board, into which all income from all properties of the Gossner Church shall be entered. In each Anchal, there shall be appointed a sub-committee on properties within the area of the Anchal. The Central Board will act in co-operation and consultation with the Anchal Committees.

There shall be a half-yearly audit of the account books of the Board. The Adhyaksh of the Anchals shall report to the Central Board from time to time on the financial aspects of the administration of the properties within their areas. The Manager shall submit a report at every meeting of the Board on the properties under the Board and their financial situation. The Board at every meeting shall pay adequate attention to the financial aspects of the reports of the Manager and Adhyakshas, and express its opinion on the reports in writing, and the action of the Board in this respect shall be immediately reported to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchal Samitis. Detailed rules for the acquisition, purchase, use, lease and sale of properties shall be worked out by the Board and reported to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchal Samitis. An annual report on property transaction shall be submitted by the Board to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchals. In the management of the properties

of the Gossner Church the Board of Property shall be directly responsible to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and work under its control, directions and approval. The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall give a general power of attorney to the Secretary of this Board, and a special power of attorney to the Manager, the Treasurer and the Manager of this Board shall be bonded for an amount to be determined by this Board.

The Board shall meet as often as necessary but at least once in 3 months and four members shall constitute the quorum.

(c) *Board of Education.*

The following institutions and all other institutions which may be established by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall come under the purview of the Board.

- (1) Gossner High School for boys at Ranchi.
- (2) Bethesda High School for girls at Ranchi.
- (3) Women's Training School at Ranchi.

These institutions will be governed as hitherto by their own Managing Committee. However, in the case of the appointments of the Principals, or Heads of these institutions and the Secretaries of the Managing Committees, the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall appoint them on the recommendation of the Managing Committee concerned.

The Board will appoint an Educational Officer as soon as possible (paid or honorary) who will advise the Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Gossner Church and the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha on all educational matters. The Board through its officer will represent the Gossner Church before the Government and its Educational Department. While the other educational institutions in the Gossner Church will come directly under the Anchals, the Board will review their work periodically and report to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchal Samitis.

This Board shall meet ordinarily once a year, and four members shall constitute the quorum.

(d) *The Board of the Theological Education :-*

Theological institutions such as the Theological College at Ranchi, the Tabitha Bible and Bunyadi Training School and Pracharaks' Training School shall come under this Board.

The Board shall appoint a College Council for the Theological College as required by Serampore University. The Board's report shall go also to the Ministerium of the Anchals and the Ministerium of the Gossner Church, in addition to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchal Samitis.

These institutions will have their own Managing Committees or Councils as the case may be, and shall be governed by their rules and

Note :- (1) The Gossner Boys' L.P. School and the Bethesda Girls' L.P. School shall be for the time being under the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

Note :- (2) For the time being, there need not be a fulltime Secretary of the Board.

regulations. However in the case of the appointment of the Principals and full time staff members of these institutions, the said Committees or Councils shall make recommendations to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha for approval. They shall submit also their annual budgets to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha for approval and disbursement by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

The Board of Theological Education shall meet ordinarily once a year, preferably at the close of the academic year. Four shall constitute the quorum.

ARTICLE TWENTYTHREE.

KALISIYA SANGH (MAHASABHA)

(1) The Kalisiya Sangh of the Gossner Church shall consist of members elected by the Anchal Sabhas and the Anchal Ministerium respectively. The Anchal Sabha shall elect the following number of lay members.

Assam	20
North Western Anchal	30
Orissa	20
South - Eastern Anchal	30
Headquarters Ranchi	3
Khutitoli	7
Total	110

The Ministerium of the Anchals shall elect the following number of pastors to be members of the Kalisiya Sangh.

Assam	10
North - Western Anchal	15
South - Eastern Anchal	15
Orissa	10
Ranchi Headquarters Congregation	2
Khutitoli	3
Total	55

(2) The members of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, the officers in charge of institutions under the Central Boards and the Secretaries or Directors of the Central Boards shall be members by virtue of their office. The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall determine the number of members to represent youth and women.

(3) If there is a minority community in any Anchal comprising more than five percent of the total Christian population, there must be at least three elected representatives from that community. The Adhyaksh shall determine from time to time before each election, how many the Anchal Sabha should elect, and how many the Ministerium of that Anchal should.

(4) The Kalisiya Sangh under the Chairmanship of the Pramukh Adhyaksh shall elect a layman from amongst its members to be the Chairman of the Kalisiya Sangh.

(5) The Kalisiya Sangh shall meet once in three years. It shall be convened by the Pramukh Adhyaksh.

(6) Reports from all the Central Boards, the Pramukh Adhyaksh and other officers of the Gossner Church, and the Adhyaksh of the Anchals shall be submitted to the Kalisiya Sangh for information and clarification only. The Kalisiya Sangh shall formulate general plans, and programmes for the life and growth of the Church. The resolutions of the Kalisiya Sangh shall be advisory only and shall be communicated to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and the Anchal Sabhas for consideration and action.

ARTICLE TWENTYFOUR. FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

(1) The autonomy of the Gossner Church shall remain inviolate under her Constitution.

(2) The relationship between the Gossner Kuratorium in Berlin and the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chota Nagpur and Assam shall be that of a mother and her daughter.

(3) Foreign missionaries belonging to any Lutheran Missionary Society may be called by the Church for a special task in the Church for a definitely fixed period. They shall serve according to the terms, and rules of the Gossner Church. The Church shall frame terms and conditions of service from time to time in consultation with the sending Foreign Missionary Societies. A foreign missionary serving the Gossner Church shall be governed by such regulations effective during the term of his service.

ARTICLE TWENTYFIVE. BYE - LAWS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

(1) Bye-laws to this Constitution may be proposed by any Anchal or the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. Such proposals shall be circulated by the Secretary of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha amongst the Anchals for their consideration, setting a time-limit of three months and for information only to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha members. The Anchals meeting separately shall discuss them and forward their opinion to the Secretary of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha then shall meet and take a decision which shall become effective, only after the corroborative vote of each of the Anchals.

(2) Amendments and alterations to the Articles of the Constitution (with the exception of Article I and II) may be proposed by the Anchals or the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. Such proposals shall be circulated by the Secretary of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha amongst the Anchals for their consideration, setting a time limit of three months, and also amongst the members of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha for information. The Anchals meeting separately shall discuss them and forward their opinion to the Secretary of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall then meet and take a decision (provided the representatives of any one Anchal en-block did not vote against it). The decision of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall then be communicated to the Anchals for their corroborative (at least 2/3 majority) vote or unanimous acceptance. Only then the decision thus accepted by all the Anchals shall become effective.

APPENDIX TO THE CONSTITUTION. I SCHEDULE SHOWING THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOSSNER CHURCH.

Anchals.

At present the Anchals of the Gossner Church comprise the following Ilakas and Synods respectively :-

- (a) Assam Anchal :- Ilakas of Upper and Lower Assam.
- (b) North - Western Anchal :- The Northern Synod - Western Synod, Kinkel Synod, Madhya Pradesh Synod, Hazaribagh Synod and Duars.
- (c) Orissa Anchal :- The Ilakas of Rajgangpur, Karimatti, Jhar-sugda, Bamra, Nimdih and Zarakudar.
- (d) South Eastern Anchal : The Synods of Govindpur, Burju, Takarma, Koronjo, Singhthum, Manbhum and the Ilakas of Calcutta and the Andamans.

KHUTITOLY SYNOD AND THE HEADQUARTERS CONGREGATION AT RANCHI.

A special status has been given at present to Khutitoly Synod and the Headquarters Congregation at Ranchi. Rules governing their status are given below :-

(a) Regulations for Khutitoly Synod.

In view of the exceptional circumstances prevailing at Khutitoly, it was agreed that the Synod of Khutitoly shall not be associated now with any of the Anchals but shall be under the immediate guidance, and administration of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha for a period of three years. After three years a committee of investigation shall be appointed by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha which shall on ascertaining the geographical, sociological and statistical facts regarding the Christian and the non-Christian populations, examine the advisability and desirability of associating the Khutitoly Synod either with the South-Eastern Anchal or the North-Western Anchal, or dividing the Synod into two and attaching one part with the South - Eastern Anchal and the other with the North - Western Anchal or creating a new Anchal, and make recommendations to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

(1) During the interim period all workers having worked in the Synod shall be maintained as workers of the whole Synod.

(2) During this period no propaganda or canvassing shall be carried on by any side.

In case this rule is violated, the Pramukh Adhyaksh on protest from the Khutitoly Synod, and if his own investigation corroborates the protest, shall take disciplinary action against the Anchal or person or persons concerned.

(3) During the interim period the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall co-opt an officer of the Khutitoly Synod as a member of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. If any matter that affects the Khutitoly Synod comes up for consideration by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, then the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Khutitoly Synod shall be invited by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha to be present and vote on the matter concerned. If however the three officers of the Khutitoly Synod vote en-block against the proposed action, then it shall be dropped for the time being.

(4) The Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall give priority to the following matters, but the decision of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha shall be final :

a. Special subsidy to the Khutitoly Synod earmarked for its missionary work ;

b. Special consideration to the leaders of the Kharia community for training abroad.

(5) In posting the new agriculturist missionary, the claim of Khutitoly Synod be carefully considered.

(b) *Regulation for the Headquarters Congregation at Ranchi.*

In view of the unique and symbolic features of the congregation at Ranchi.

(1) The Pramukh Adhyaksh of the Gossner Church shall be its pastor. He may, if that is deemed necessary and feasible call the congregation to elect a Mandli Panch to assist him in his pastoral work.

(2) For the time being there shall be as many Church services as deemed necessary by him, it being understood that every service shall be open to all members of the congregation.

(3) The Pramukh Adhyaksh as pastor of the congregation shall be helped by one or more assistant pastors.

(4) The congregation shall devote its entire attention to order its own spiritual life of worship, witness and unity.

(5) For the time being the pastor should receive the offerings, collections, Mandli Paisa etc. into one fund, out of which all workers serving the congregation shall be maintained and all other dues of the congregation shall be paid.

II PROCEDURE FOR BRINGING THE NEW CONSTITUTION INTO EFFECT.

(A) The Mahasabha adopted the following procedure as recommended by the Ecumenical Commission :-

In order that at first the various organisational units of the Gossner Church may be constituted and the office-bearers of the various boards and organisations may be elected in accordance with the new Constitution with the least possible delay, the following procedure is recommended :-

(1) A Nomination Committee of three persons be appointed by the Mahasabha 1960 at one of its early sessions, the members being one nominated by the Church Council members of the Ecumenical Commission, another by the North Zone members of the Commission and the third by the Non-Gossner Church members of the Commission.

(2) Any member of the Mahasabha of 1960 may propose names for a convener for each of the four Anchals who shall also act as a convener of one of the Central Boards as determined by the Nomination Committee. These names which secure at least 30% of the votes

of the Mahasabha members shall be passed on to the Nomination Committee who shall bear in mind the consideration mentioned in Article XVI (2) and shall bring one nomination for each of the conveners mentioned above. If any of the name is rejected by 2/3 vote of the Mahasabha, the Nomination Committee shall submit a second name. If that is also rejected by a 2/3 votes of the Mahasabha, the Nomination Committee shall bring forward a third name which shall be accepted by the Mahasabha.

(3) These conveners of the Anchals shall take steps to constitute their own organisational units and hold necessary elections in co-operation with the Synod and Ilaka Chairman in their own areas. After these elections are over and the organisational units have been constituted, the conveners of the Central Boards shall organise their Boards, and until this is done, they shall be responsible for the time being for the work of these boards to the present Church Council. The Board of Property will however continue to function as at present until reconstituted according to the new Constitution.

(4) (a) The convener of the Orissa Anchal shall, aided by the present Presidents of the Orissa Synods see to it that the Pracharakans elect as soon as possible new Padripan Panches, and the new Padripan Panches elect new Ilaka Panches, and the new Ilaka Panches elect the new Anchal Sabha.

The new Anchal Sabha shall then under the chairmanship of the convener proceed to elect the officers of the Anchal in the manner prescribed in Article XVI (2) of the Constitution.

The Anchal Sabha shall then constitute the Anchal Statutory Board for the rights of communities and rearrange the boundaries of the Padripan, Ilakas, and Synods along geographical lines in such a way that as far and whenever possible communities be taken together into one regional sub-unit.

(b) The same procedure shall be followed in all cases where a synod has been divided.

B. RESULTS OF THE ELECTION.

The following were elected as conveners of the Anchals and the Central Boards :-

	<i>Anchal</i>	<i>Board:</i>
1. Rev. M. Hemrom	Assam Anchal	Board of Property
2. Rev. B. Minz	North Western Anchal	Board of Evangelism and Literature.
3. Rev. M. Tete	Orissa	Board of Theological Education.
4. Mr. N. E. Horo	South - Eastern Anchal	Board of Education.
5. Rev. C. B. Aind	Khutitoly Synod.	

C. KENDRIYE SALAHKARI SABHA

AND

THE CENTRAL BOARDS.

The Mahasabha resolved that :

(1) The present President of the Gossner Church shall convene a meeting of the four Adhyakshas to elect the Pramukh Adhyaksh and the Up - Pramukh Adhyaksh. The four Adhyakshas shall by themselves elect these two officers.

(2) Until all the elections under the new Constitution are over the present Church Council shall function and discharge the duties of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

(3) The present Secretary of the Gossner Church shall take steps to constitute the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and convene a meeting of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha before July 1960 which shall under the Chairmanship of the Pramukh Adhyaksh make the necessary appointments and hold the necessary elections.

D. THE CONTINUATION COMMITTEE.

The Mahasabha resolved that :-

1. There shall be a Continuation Committee of the Ecumenical Commission which shall act also as the Continuation Committee of the Mahasabha and it shall consist of Rev. J. J. P. Tiga, Mr. N. E. Horo, Rev. J. A. Kujur, Mr. P. D. Panna and the Chairman of the Ecumenical Commission. If any one of them cannot attend the meeting of the Continuation Committee a substitute may be nominated by the person concerned.

2. Terms of reference :

(1) This Continuation Committee shall check carefully and edit the new constitution of the Gossner Church, removing any lacuna left therein.

(2) The Continuation Committee is authorised to formulate carefully, and with necessary details, the resolution of the Mahasabha adopting the new Constitution by a standing vote and ordering that the new Constitution shall come into force from July 1, 1960.

(3) This Continuation Committee shall act also as a Board of Adjudication in implementing the New Constitution.

3. With the addition of the recording Secretary, Rev. M. Tete the Continuation Committee is empowered to confirm the proceedings of the Mahasabha.

III. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY
THE ANCHAL CONVENERS.

The Convener will hold.

I. A small meeting of selected leaders in his Anchal from both group (C. C. and N. Z.) and take counsel with them regarding holding united services, bringing the two groups together even before June, 30, 1960 and finally holding the elections.

II. After the small meeting, the convener will call a fairly large meeting of all the Pracharaks, Padris and lay members of the different units and if necessary, some selected individuals from both groups.

These meetings will discuss the following :-

1. Explanation of the new Constitution :-

The Mahasabha delegates from the area may be given different aspects and portions of the Constitution to place before the meeting.

2. Reading the two letters. (a) One from the members of the Continuation Committee, and (b) the other from President G. E. L. Church and the President North Zone.

3. A period for questions and answers :-

4. Determination of minorities: Fixation of reserved seats does not exclude members from minority communities being elected in addition during general elections, as has been done generously until now. Reserved seats are meant only to ensure the participation of these small communities in the administrative life of the Church. This big meeting will have to determine the minority representations at the different levels.

(1) The convener of the Anchal shall determine communities which have 5% confirmed membership in the Synod and then determine which of the Synods shall elect these representatives.

(2) The Synod Chairman likewise shall determine communities which have 5% confirmed membership in the Ilakas and then determine which of the Ilakas will elect these representatives.

(3) The Ilaka Chairman likewise shall determine the communities of 10% in the Padripan and which Padripan shall elect these representatives.

(4) The Padris of the Padripan will likewise determine the communities of 10% of confirmed membership in the Pracharakpan and then determine which Pracharakpan will elect these representatives.

5. Methods of Election :-

(i) Pracharakpan :- (a) Determine the minority representation according to 10% of the total confirmed membership; (b) The Pracharak will conduct the electoral meeting; (c) The two groups should be brought together if the congregation is divided; (d) The Pracharakpan Fanch should be organised; (e) A report should be sent on the elections to the Chairman of the Padripan Panch and to the Ilaka Statutory Board C/o. the Ilaka Chairman.

(ii) Padripan :- The Padri will conduct the elections in the Padripan Panch following the procedure laid down for the Pracharakpan. After the elections he should report the results to the Ilaka Chairman and the Ilaka Statutory Board C/o. the Ilaka Chairman.

(iii) Ilaka :- The Ilaka Chairman shall hold the elections and follow the procedure laid down in (i) above. He will report the results

to the Synod Sanchalak and the Anchal Statutory Board C/o. the Convener of the Anchal. The Ilaka Sabha will constitute the Ilaka Statutory Board.

(iv) Synod :- The Synod Sanchalak shall hold the elections in the Synod. The convener of the Anchal may be present at any of the Synod election, as and when necessary in his opinion. The Synod Sanchalak shall report the results of elections, to the Convener of the Anchal and to the Anchal Statutory Board C/o. the Anchal Convener.

(v) The Conveners shall convene the Anchal Sabha and conduct the elections and report the results to both (1) The President, G. E. L. Church and (2) The Secretary, G. E. L. Church, and also to the Kendriye Sabha Statutory Board C/o. The Secretary, G. E. L. Church.

The Anchal Sabha shall constitute the Anchal Statutory Board.

6. Statutory Boards.

(a) There shall be one Statutory Board at the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha level..

(b) Statutory Boards, one for each of the Anchal.

(c) Ilaka Statutory Boards, one for each Ilaka.

These shall be constituted respectively by the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha and Anchal Sabha and each Ilaka Panch. They shall be convened respectively by the Pramukh Adhyaksh, the Adhyaksh of each Anchal and the Ilaka Chairman of each Ilaka. These conveners are not members of the Statutory Boards.

Composition.

(a) They may consist of 3 to 5 members.

(b) Care should be taken that different communities are represented as far as possible.

(c) The members of the Sabha in proposing names for the Statutory Board shall bear in mind that persons proposed are persons of integrity and good character. The names so proposed and seconded shall be put on the panel without any question.

(d) For the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha Statutory Board, any member of the whole G. E. L. Church may be proposed. For the Anchal and for the Ilaka Statutory Boards any member residing in the areas concerned.

7. Nomination Committee.

The Nomination Committee shall function in case where appointments are to be made and where names for unanimous elections of officers are to be proposed by the Nomination Committee. For the present Nomination Committees shall be appointed at the levels of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, the Anchal and the Synod. They shall nominate persons for unanimous election of officers of the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha, Anchals and Synods and also unanimous appointments of the representatives to Anchals for the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. For composition, functions etc. refer to Art. XVI.

8. Who are the conveners appointed by the 1960 Mahasabha ?

1. Assam Rev. M. Hemrom 3. Orissa .. . Rev. M. Tete.
2. North-Western, Rev. B. Minz 4. South-Eastern Mr. N. E. Horo.
- Khutitoly Synod Rev. C. B. Aind.

9. What are the conveners to do ?

The conveners are to contact the present Synod Presidents of the areas which fall within their Anchals and to organise the whole of the areas as in the pattern of the new Constitution.

All Pracharakpan Panches, Padripan Panches, Ilaka Panches, Synod Sabhas are to be newly organised with new members and new bearers. The Pracharaks and Padris who are already there who are in their respective places, Chairman by virtue of their office. But, there are a number of congregations, Padripans, Ilakas and Synods which are at present divided. They have to be united into one, and one Pracharak, one Padri, one Ilaka Chairman, one Synod President respectively have to be appointed. All this has to be done in consultation with and the co-operation of the present officers of these organisations. There is only one case in which it has been agreed that in place of one Synod there should be two Synods viz: the Orissa Synod. In this connection, it has been further agreed that the formation of two Synods in Orissa should not be done immediately. That will be done after July 1, 1960 under the new arrangement.

These conveners have further to see that when Anchal Sabhas have been formed the Anchal representatives should be elected for the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha.

All this must be done latest by the 15th of June, 1960.

There is a special situation in Khutitoly Synod. Therefore it has also to be organised afresh under the new Constitution. Wherever the congregations, Padripans and Ilakas are divided, they have to be united under one Pracharak, one Padri and one Ilaka Chairman. There are two Synod Presidents at present for the same Khutitoly Synod. The Synod President has to be elected and the two parts should be brought together as one Khutitoly Synod. As one Khutitoly Synod, representation has to be made to the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha. Rev. Aind has been commissioned by the Mahasabha to look into all these matters of this Synod.

10. The Continuation Committee, and the Anchal Conveners and Khutitoly Synod Convener :

The Conveners are free to take the help of the Continuation Committee whenever they want its assistance. All the members of the Continuation Committee have to stand together in helping these conveners in order that peace and order may be restored in the Gossner Church and that the new Constitution may be brought into effect from the 1st of July, 1960.

The Continuation Committee will continue to function, even after the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha will come into existence. It will disappear as soon as the Kendriye Salahkari Sabha will declare that its work is done and that it is no longer necessary.

Sd/- (R. B. Manikam)

Sd/- (J. J. P. Tiga)

Sd/- (N. E. Horo)

Sd/- (J. A. Kujur)

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Members of the Continuation
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As Accepted

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Article I

Name and Registration

- 1 The Church Body organised under this Constitution shall be called "The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in India" - formerly known as the "Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam",.
- 2 The Gossner Church is duly registered on July-30, 1921 in the Office of the Registrar, Joint Stock Companies, Patna under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Definition :- "Church" - Whenever the word "Church" is used in this Constitution it means and refers to the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in India unless otherwise qualified.

"Gossner Church" - means Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in India shortly known as G. E. L. Church in India.

Article II

Doctrinal Basis

- 1 The Gossner Church receives and holds the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the inspired word of God, and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice according to which all doctrines and teachings are to be judged.
- 2 The Gossner Church accepts the three ecumenical creeds : namely the Apostles, the Nicene and the Athanasian as important testimonials drawn from the Holy Scriptures and rejects all errors which they condemn.
- 3 The Gossner Church receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God ; and acknowledges all Churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the Doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, to be entitled to the name of "Evangelical Lutheran".

- 4 The Gossner Church recognises the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechisms of Martin Luther and the Formula of Concord, as being in harmony with the one and the same scriptural faith.

Article III

Membership

- 1 (a) Normally all persons baptised in the Gossner Church are members of the Church.
(b) All baptised members of the Gossner Church who confirm their acceptance of the faith of the Church personally in a regular service and are received by the Pastor into the Sacrament of the Holy Communion are the Confirmed Members of the Gossner Church.
- 2 Baptised Christians belonging to other Christian denominations may be accepted into membership upon application by them to a Pastor of the Gossner Church. The Pastor shall receive such person or persons into membership in a regular service after they declare publicly their acceptance of the faith of the Gossner Church and if needed, after proper instruction in the faith.
- 3 Congregations of other Christian denominations which accept the doctrinal basis and the Constitution of the Gossner Church may be received as congregation of the Gossner Church after approval of the Diocese concerned on a public declaration of their acceptance of the faith of this church. Members of such congregations thus become the members of the Gossner Church.
- 4 (a) Members of the Gossner Church who have been put under (major) Ex-communications lose their membership. Such persons may be re-admitted after their public confession before the congregation and the Pastor shall, then, receive them back in a regular service.
(b) A person also ceases to be a member of the Gossner Church who under normal circumstances

voluntarily accepts the membership of another Christian denomination, or sect.

- (c) Such members, groups or congregation of the Church who defy the Constitution of the Church shall cease to be the members of the Church instantly. Such persons may be re-admitted only upon their written application.

Article IV

Basic Principles

In accordance with the foregoing Doctrinal basis, the Gossner Church sets forth and declares the following principles as fundamental for its organisations :-

- 1 The full authority in the Church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. This power is not delegated to any man or body of men.
- 2 All just powers exercised by the Church has been committed to her as the servant of Jesus Christ for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacraments. The Church, therefore, has no authority to bind the conscience of any person except as taught and commanded by her Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 In obedience to her one Lord, the Church is bound to seek and preserve constantly the unity of the believers in faith and in witness, irrespective of whatever social or racial groups they may have come from (Gal. 3:28). In the same obedience, the Church shall so organise herself and mould the spiritual life of the different individuals and groups that they can live together in love and mutual respect for the God given freedom as true Christians (1 Cor. 9:1-23).
- 4 The authorities and tasks given to the Church are authorities and tasks of the whole Church. Therefore they are to be administered by all the constituent units

of the Church-local congregations, regional units and the Central body or Bodies acting together, jointly or severally as set forth in this Constitution and its By-laws (Eph. 2, 1; 1 Cor. 10:15-17, 12:12-31).

Article V

Aims and Objects

The aims and objects of the Gossner Church are :-

- 1 To preserve and extend the pure teachings of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 4:5-6. The Augsburg Confession Art. 7).
- 2 To conserve the Unity of the true faith (Eph. 4:3-16. 1 Cor. 1:10) to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17) and to strengthen the Church in its faith and confession.
- 3 To preserve her identity and develop her financial resources, administrative efficiency and missionary reach.
- 4 To express outwardly the unity of the Church and all its organisational units, to foster co-operation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the Church, to seek the unification of all Lutherans in one true faith and thus develop and uphold specific Lutheran principles and practices and make them effective in the Church.
- 5 To bear witness to Jesus Christ, the Lord and Saviour, before all men of other faiths inside and outside the area of the Gossner Church and to win them for Jesus Christ.
- 6 To minister in love of Jesus Christ to all those who are in physical distress.
- 7 To bear witness to Jesus Christ through the ministry of Healing, education, and social and economic relief and development works.

Article VI

Duties and Activities of the Church (General)

In order to fulfil the aims and objects, the Gossner Church shall initiate and carry out the following activities through one or all of her organisational units, acting jointly or severally as described in the constitution.

- 1 To keep the unity of the Church in faith, precepts and practice according to the Gospel.
- 2 To train up personnel for both secular and ecclesiastical fields, to establish, administer and maintain religious and secular institutions for the upliftment of her people.
- 3 To determine the eligibility of the candidates for ordination and to appoint and transfer Pastors, candidates Pracharak, Pracharikas, Teachers and other employees in different units.
- 4 To participate in evangelistic works with other Christians in accordance with the Teachings of the New Testament among the men of other faiths within and outside India.
- 5 To arrange refresher courses and seminars for Pastors, Pracharaks, Pracharikas, Teachers, Youth Women and other lay members of the Church.
- 6 To formulate necessary provisions for youth, Mahila, Sunday School and Laymen Organisations and to encourage them to participate in different Church activities inculcating a sense of responsibility among them towards the Church through such organisations.
- 7 To formulate order of worship according to the teachings of the New Testament.
- 8 To collect statistics of the Church through its units and to publish them.

- 9 To appoint editorial boards and committees for news magazine and Christian literature and to publish them.
- 10 To maintain and administer the G.E.L. Church Press and Publishing House.
- 11 To prepare Annual Budgets and to maintain the accounts.
- 12 To encourage and practise Christian stewardship in all the congregations according to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.
- 13 To own, hold, maintain, and administer the properties of the Gossner Church.
- 14 To fix pay-scales of the pastors and other church employees of the church from time to time.
- 15 To maintain proper records of Provident Fund Pension Fund and other emoluments of the contributors.
- 16 To give financial assistance for the evangelistic works and other projects.
- 17 To carry on relief and development works.
- 18 To create provisions for scholarships for poor, needy and deserving students for higher study in different faculties.
- 19 To set up a scholarship committee to select and recommend candidates for study in India and abroad.
- 20 To constitute Boards and committees for the different activities of the church.
- 21 To fix rates of subscription and donations and to collect, and to utilise them for the specified objects.
- 22 To frame bye-laws and rules for Financial, Administrative and Office procedures for the entire church.
- 23 To maintain relation with other Lutheran Churches in India and abroad by receiving and sending official delegates, and to participate in Lutheran Organisations within and outside India.

- 24 To participate in national and inter-national Christian bodies of protestant nature and other ecumenical gatherings as far as desirable.
- 25 To amend, delete or add such clause or clauses in the constitution as may be necessary for the good of the Church.
- 26 To formulate necessary rules and regulations for the duties and functions of the administrative and organisational units of the Church and their different officials.
- 27 To frame Church service rules of appointments, services, transfers, retirement and other provisions for the employees of the Church by a specialised body.
- 28 To exercise all such powers which are not covered by the constitution.

Article VII

Organisation

The G. E. L. Church shall have the following organisational units :— Congregation, Parish, Diocese and Synod.

A. Congregation

- 1 Congregation is the lowest organisational unit of the G.E.L Church. It consists of a group of a such faithful members of the church who are locally organised into a group for Christian life and worship and are recognised as a congregation by its immediate higher administrative body the "Parish Panch" and is put under the charge of a duly appointed Pracharak to minister to its members as per Church regulations.
- 2 The rightful membership of a congregation is limited to those who are bonafide members of the Church by paying Mandli Paisa regularly and are residents within the congregation.

- 3 The privilege of participation in the administration of the church is confined to its bonafide confirmed members only.
- 4 The congregation shall be governed by a congregation panch which shall consist of Pracharak and the elected members of the congregation. The Pracharak shall be the Chairman by virtue of his office.

FUNCTION :—

- 1 A congregation has the responsibility to see that its members are nurtured in Christian faith through proper and regular administration of the Word of God and of the Holy Sacraments: that the teaching, life and discipline are in accordance with the confession of the Church: that its members are alive in pastoral administration and are striving for a life of mutual love and unity: and that the Gospel is proclaimed to the non-believers within its jurisdiction and that it participates in the spread of gospel even outside its jurisdiction.
- 2 A congregation has the responsibility to provide place and building for worship and quarters for the pracharak and other full time workers.
- 3 A congregation has the responsibility to provide finance for the support of all its activities within its jurisdiction and to participate in the financial support of the whole church in accordance with the Church regulations.
- 4 A congregation has the responsibility to participate in the administration of the Gossner Church in accordance with the Church constitution, and bye-laws.
- 5 In order to fulfil the aims and objects of the Church in and through the congregation it has the power to organise sabhas and sammittees to hold meetings and pass resolutions and to form committees for Sunlay-School works, Women works, Youth works, Laymen works and such other works as may be required for life of the Church in accordance with the constitution and bye-laws of the Gossner Church.

It shall participate in the general administration of the whole Church by sending its officers and representatives to the higher sabhas and sammittees in accordance with the Church constitution, and bye-laws.

- 6 A congregation shall have the following Executive Officers :—
 - (i) Pracharak—to be appointed by the Parish. He will be either a full time or part time employee and will be either paid or honorary.
 - (ii) Honorary Secretary
 - (iii) Honorary Treasurer

Both to be elected by the congregation panch for a period determined by the bye-laws of the Church
- 7 The administrative functions of the Congregation shall be carried out through Congregation Panch according to rules provided under church constitution, and bye-laws.

B. Parish

- 1 A Parish consists of one or more congregations located within a contiguous geographical boundary, grouped together and declared as Parish by the Diocesan Council and placed under the charge of a Pastor for the pastoral ministration of its members. The pastor-in-charge may be, in his functions, assisted by one or more pastors.
- 2 The membership of a parish is limited to the rightful members of the congregation or congregations of that parish.
- 3 The privilege of participation in Church administration in and through that parish is confined to its bonafide confirmed members only.
- 4 A parish shall be classified for a certain period by the Diocesan Council in any one of the following categories:-
Category 'A'-A 'financially self supported parish capable

of sending its full contribution to the diocese and also contributing financial support to the weak parishes within the Diocese.

'B' - A financially self supported parish capable of sending its full contribution to the Diocese.

'C' - A financially weak parish unable to support itself.

- 5 (1) The parish shall be governed by a parish panch which shall consist of the following :-
 - i) All pastors serving within the parish.
 - ii) All pracharaks of the parish.
 - iii) Elected lay (non-church worker) members from the congregation.
 - iv) Headmasters of high schools.
 - v) One headmaster of middle schools.
 - vi) One headmaster of primary schools.
 - vii) One representative each from Mahila and Youth organisation of the Parish.
- (2) The pastor-in-charge of the parish shall be the ex-officio chairman of the parish panch.
- 6 (1) The parish panch shall constitute its executive committee of $\frac{1}{3}$ of its total membership including officers, of whom atleast half shall be unordained members.
- (2) The executive committee of the parish shall meet once in a month and the general meeting of the parish panch shall be held once in three months.

FUNCTIONS

- 1 A parish has the responsibility to see that its congregations are organised and are functioning in accordance with the Church constitution and bye-laws.
- 2 A parish has the responsibility to initiate and organise such common programmes within the parish as will foster the spirit of unity among the parish members.
- 3 A parish is responsible for providing finance for its activities within its jurisdiction and to participate in the

financial support of the whole church in accordance with the church regulations.

- 4 A parish is responsible for providing place and buildings for its activities and residential quarters for its full time workers.
 - 5 A parish has the responsibility to participate in the administration of the whole church in accordance with the church constitution.
 - 6 In order to fulfil the aims and objects of the church in and through the parish, it has the responsibility to organise sabhas and sammittees, to hold meetings and pass resolutions, to elect its officers according to its bye-laws, to form committees for Sunday school works, Youth works, Men's Works, Women work and such other works as may be deemed necessary for the life of the church in accordance with the bye-laws of the church.
- It shall participate in the general administration of the whole Gossner Church by sending its officers and representatives to the higher sabhas and sammittees in accordance with the church constitution and bye-laws.
- 7 A parish shall have the following Executive Officers :—
 - (1) Parish Chairman - to be appointed by the diocesan council. He will be an ordained pastor.
 - (2) Secretary } Both honorary to be elected by the
 - (3) Treasurer } parish panch for a period and in the manner as provided in the bye-laws.
 - 8 The administrative functions of a parish will be carried out through a parish panch according to rules provided under the church constitution.

C, Diocese

1. A diocese is a territorial autonomous organisation of the church. It consists of a number of parishes organised within a contiguous geographical boundary and declared as a Diocese by the Synodical Council in accordance with the church constitution and put under

the charge of a diocesan Superintendent. For the present the Gossner Church shall have eight Dioceses (see appx B). The number of dioceses may be decreased or increased and their boundaries altered by the Synodical Council in accordance with the church constitution as and when it may be deemed necessary.

- 2 The membership of the Diocese is limited to the rightful membership of those parishes which constitute that Diocese.
- 3 The privilege of participation in the administration of the Church in and through the Diocese is confined to its confirmed members only.

FUNCTIONS :—

- 1 A Diocese has the primary responsibility and authority to carry on and fulfil all the aims and objects and duties and activities of the Church as mentioned in Article-V and VI of this constitution by initiating and organising programmes and works.
- 2 A Diocese has the responsibility to see that its parishes are organised in accordance with the church constitution and bye-laws.
- 3 A Diocese has the responsibility to initiate and organise such common programmes for the whole Diocese which will foster the spirit of unity among all its members.
- 4 A Diocese is responsible as custodian and manager of church properties within its jurisdiction for providing land and buildings needed for its activities and residential quarters for its full time workers.
- 5 A Diocese is responsible for providing finance for all its activities and to participate in the financial support of the whole church through the centre.
- 6 A Diocese has the responsibility to participate in the administration of the whole church in accordance with the church Constitution, and bye-laws.
- 7 In order to fulfil the aims and objects of the Church in and through the Diocese, it shall have the power to

organise and hold sabhas and sammittees, to hold meetings and pass resolutions, to form committees for Sunday School works, Youth works, Men's Work and Women work, and such other works as may be deemed necessary and to establish and run educational and other institutions in accordance with the church regulations and bye-laws.

- 8 Subject to the provision of this constitution a Diocese shall have the power to legislate, alter, frame, laws and rules provided that no Diocesan legislation or any alteration therein shall be of force if the Synodical Sabha shall rule that such legislation or alteration therein is at variance with anything contained in this church constitution.

- 9 A Diocese shall have the following officers ; -

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| i) Dharam-Adhyaksha | Both appointed in the manner and for the period as stated in this constitution & bye-laws. |
| ii) Up-Dharam Adhyaksha | |
| iii) Diocesan Secretary | Both paid or honorary elected by the Diocesan Council preferably from the total un-ordained membership of the Church in the manner and for the period mentioned in the Church constitution, and bye-laws. |
| iv) Diocesan Treasurer | |

- 10 The administrative functions of the diocese shall be carried out through a Diocesan Council

Diocesan Council

- 1 The Diocese shall be governed by the Diocesan Council which shall consist of the following :—
 - a) The Dharam Adhyaksha of the Diocese.
 - b) Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha of the Diocese
 - c) All Parish chairmen serving in the Diocese.

- d) Lay (non-church worker) representatives of the Dioceses according to the election bye-laws. The number of lay (non-church worker) representatives should not be less than that of the ordained members.
 - e) Three headmasters of High/Middle/Primary schools in the Diocese, to be nominated by the Diocesan Council.
 - f) One representative each from Mahila and Youth organisations.
 - g) One Representative of Pracharaks/Pracharikas from each Parish.
 - h) One or two co-opted members from special fields taking interest in the Church.
- 2 The Dharam-Adhyaksha shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Diocesan Council and will have the right to take part in the proceedings of any standing committee, board or the council of the Diocese.
 - 3 Every Diocesan Council which normally shall meet once a year has power to make rules and pass resolutions and execute them for the general management and good administration of the Church in the Diocese within its jurisdiction. To participate in the process of appointment of its Dharam-Adhyaksha whenever called upon by the head of the Church in the manner provided in the Church bye-laws, to recommend candidates for ordination to the ministry and their appointment, to make regulations with regard to the discipline of the church, subject to the provisions of this constitution, and to foster development of the evangelistic, pastoral, educational and other works of the church in the diocese. To receive reports of the evangelistic work done in the area, to survey the whole field from time to time in order to see whether there be any part of it or any section of the population which is being neglected or in which there are special opportunities for advance.
 - 4 The diocesan council shall have its Diocesan executive committee which shall be composed of the diocesan

officers (Dharam-Adhyaksha; Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha; Secretary and Treasurer) and representatives elected from among the members of the diocesan council. The number shall be determined by the diocesan council and shall not be less than eleven of whom more than half shall be unordained members.

The Diocesan Executive Committee shall meet once in three months (quarterly) and shall transact business of the diocesan council as provided in the rules and bye-laws.

D. SYNOD

Synod is the supreme organisational body comprising all Dioceses of the Church. It shall have two wings- Synodical Sabha, for legislative and advisory functions; and Synodical Council, for executive functions to carry on the duties and functions of the Church.

Officers of the Synod

- 1 (a) Synod shall have the following officers :—

i) Pradhan Dharam Adhyaksha } Both shall be the
 ii) Up-Pradhan Dharam Adhyaksha } ordained ministers
 from among the Dharam-Adhyakshas. The spiritual authority of the Gossner church shall be vested in the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha. They shall continue to hold their Diocesan offices even after they are elected to the central office as honorary workers.

- (b) The church shall have one or more functional Bishops incharge of one or more Dioceses when the church feels the necessity.
- 2 These officers shall be elected by the members of the Synodical council by ballot in the first session of the first regular meeting convened after the fresh elections made in the dioceses. They shall be eligible for re-election.

- 3 The Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha shall be the presiding officer of the Synodical Council, and the Chairman of the Synodical Sabha. He shall be the official representative of the church during his term of office in all business with other churches or organisations.
- 4 The Up-Pradhan Dharam Adhyaksha shall preside at the Synodical Council, and perform the other duties of the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha during the absence, illness, or other incapacity of the latter. If the Pradhan-Dharam Adhyaksha and the Up Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha both are likely to be absent from the country the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha normally in consultation with the members of the synodical council shall appoint an acting Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha from among the remaining Dharam Adhyakshas.

Synodical Sabha

Composition :- (i) All Dharam-Adhyakshas.

(ii) All Dioceses shall send one Pastor and two unordained representatives, of whom one shall be church-worker.

(iii) The Dioceses having bonafied confirmed membership of more than 10,000 shall send one lay (non-church worker) representative for every additional 10,000 confirmed members or more than half of it.

(iv) One lay (non-church worker) representative from Ranchi Head quarter Congregation.

(v) One women and one youth representatives from their respective central organisations.

(vi) Permanent Invitees according to provisions in the bye-laws.

- Functions :-
- (i) It shall receive reports from the Dioceses and advice them.
 - (ii) It shall legislate, amend and alter constitution and bye-laws.
 - (iii) It shall meet once a year.

SYNODICAL COUNCIL :

Synodical Council shall consist of the following :—

- (i) All Dharam-Adhyakshas of the Church.
- (ii) One un-ordained representative from each Diocese who is member of the Synodical Sabha and his Diocesan Council.

POWERS OF THE SYNODICAL COUNCIL :

- 1 The Synodical Council shall be the supreme Governing body of the Gossner Church, and the final authority of all matters pertaining to the Church.
- 2 In order to fulfil the aims and objects of the church, it has the power to make rules and pass resolutions on the advice of the dioceses and take executive actions as may be necessary from time to time for the general management and good government of the church and of the property and affairs thereof.
- 3 The Synodical Council shall deal with matters of common interest of the whole Gossner Church, and with those which affect the relation of the Dioceses to one another and to rest of the Universal Church, and shall leave the Diocesan Councils to deal with the internal affairs of each diocese in accordance with the constitutional provisions.

Where the Synodical Sabha is satisfied from a report of the Synodical Council or the Dioceses concerned that a Diocesan Council is unable or is unwilling to perform its functions as laid down in this constitution or in the Diocesan bye-laws, it may, on recommendation of the Dharam-Adhyaksha or its executive committee or of the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha, take such steps as it considers necessary for the good administration of the internal

affairs of the Diocese, provided that action taken under this clause shall require the consent of three fourths of the members present and voting excluding the elected representatives of the Diocese concerned, and shall remain in force only until the time it may be deemed necessary by the Synodical Council.

- 4 The Synodical Council has, in particular, power to determine the number and boundaries of the Dioceses and to form new Dioceses in the Church. It has also power to determine whether anything in the legislation of any Diocesan Council is at variance with any thing contained in this constitution, and if it finds such variance, to recommend to the Synodical Sabha to rule that such part of the Diocesan legislation is of no force.
- 5 Subject to the general and overall control and supervision of the Synodical Council, the Diocesan Council, shall be responsible for the spread of education, management and administration of Church Schools within its jurisdiction. The Synodical Council shall appoint one Supervisor in each State, for the time being to help the Dioceses concerned in supervision and maintaining contact with the Governments in various States.
- 6 To exercise on behalf of the Church such powers which are not covered by this constitution.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS AND COMMITTEES :

- 1 An ordinary meeting of the Synodical Council shall be held once in every four months at such time and place as it may determine. Special meetings of the Synodical Council may be summoned by the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha as and when necessary.
- 2 The following persons or bodies have the right to bring business before the Synodical Council— (i) Any officer of the Synodical Council, (ii) Any Dharam-Adhyaksha, (iii) Any committee or board of the Synodical Council, (iv) Any Diocesan Council of the Church.

- 3 The Synodical Council should ever be mindful of the evangelistic calling of the church and should include in the business of its ordinary session a review of the missionary work done by the church both within and outside its area in order that it may ascertain what progress has been made.
- 4 The Synodical Council may at every ordinary meeting appoint standing committees, special committees and boards as it may deem necessary.
- 5 The Synodical Council may appoint from among its own members a working committee.
- 6 Quorum :- Two third of the total membership shall form the quorum.

E. Ranchi Head Quarters Congregation

The Ranchi Headquarters Congregation comprises of the families residing within G. E. L. Church Compound, New Garden Siromtoli, Lal Sirom, Anandpur, Railway colony, Gungutoli, Kathartoli, Sahutoli, Konka Siromtoli, Diputoli, Peppee Compound, Kadru, Hindpiri, B. M. P. Compound, Govt. Quarters, Sadar Hospital, Dhumsatoli, Chutia, Barik-toli, Samlong and Puranki Ranchi.

In view of the unique and symbolic features of the congregation at Ranchi.

- 1 The existing headquarters congregation shall be at the direct control of the Synodical Council.
- 2 The Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha of the church shall be its pastor who shall be assisted and advised by a duly elected Mandli Panch in his pastoral work.
- 3 The Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha of the church shall be assisted by one or more pastors under him in his pastoral care and work in the congregation of whom one shall be the chairman.
- 4 The congregation shall devote its entire attention to order its own spiritual life of worship, witness and unity. The Synodical Council shall arrange for its evangelistic programmes.

5 All movable and immovable properties of the Church within the headquarters congregation shall be under the direct control of the Synodical Council.

6 The educational and other institutions at Ranchi headquarters shall be run and managed by the Synodical Council.

7 The Ranchi headquarters congregation shall elect one lay (non-Church worker) representative for the Synodical Sabha.

Article VIII

Central Office

CENTRAL OFFICE :- There shall be one central office of the church headed by a General Secretary. The General Secretary shall be assisted by two other Secretaries, one incharge of finance section who shall be an unordained person and other incharge of ecclesiastical matters who shall be a Pastor.

SECRETARIES :- General, Finance and Ecclesiastical Secretaries shall be appointed by the Synodical Council.

GENERAL SECRETARY

- 1) He shall fix the dates of meetings in consultation with the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha, and issue notices to the members concerned, a month ahead or in case of extraordinary meetings 15 days before.
- 2) He shall prepare the agenda of the meeting and get approval of the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha
- 3) He shall record the proceedings of the meetings
- 4) He shall be responsible for implementing the decisions and resolutions of the meetings.
- 5) He shall be responsible to get framed and approved by the Synodical Council such rules and regulations for office procedure which will ensure the smooth and efficient

running of church offices at different levels and to see that these are implemented properly.

- 6) He shall be responsible to keep all records and official documents in proper order.
- 7) He shall be directly responsible to the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha for all his duties.
- 8) He shall make his compliance report before the Synodical Council and Sabha.
- 9) He shall collect and maintain a complete date of each diocese and a list of administrative personnel and institutions in the units of the diocese
- 10) He shall maintain a list of all workers and take the attendance of the office staff and grant leave as per leave rules.
- 11) He shall be the overall Superintendent of the whole office and shall be responsible for property and educational matters of the church

(b) FINANCE SECRETARY :-

- 1) He shall be responsible for maintaining all accounts of the centre according to financial rules.
- 2) He shall present financial reports in all meetings of the Synodical Sabha and Council.
- 3) He shall prepare annual budget of the church and shall be responsible to spend accordingly.
- 4) He shall be responsible to collect all incomes from the dioceses and Ranchi Hd. Qrs. Congregation and to credit the same in the bank accounts regularly.
- 5) He shall be responsible to get framed and approved by the Synodical Council such financial rules and regulations for maintaining proper accounts which will ensure the smooth and efficient management of Church funds at different levels and to see that they are implemented properly.
- 6) He shall make arrangement for the annual audit of accounts of Central office and central institutions and present the report before the Synodical Council, and Sabha.

- 7) He shall make arrangement for the audit of funds granted to diocese or some institutions from the centre.
- 8) He shall guide the dioceses to maintain uniformity in maintaining account system according to rules.
- 9) He shall get the prior sanction of the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha of the Synodical Council before spending any amount outside the budget.
- 10) He shall countersign all bills before the payment is made by the accountant.

(c) Evangelism and Ecclesiastical Secretary :-

- 1) He shall be responsible to assist the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha of the church in his duties concerning all ecclesiastical matters.
- 2) He shall be the Secretary of the Ministerium of the church
- 3) He shall perform all other ecclesiastical duties assigned to him by the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha of the church from time to time.
- 4) He shall coordinate Bible classes, Refresher courses and such other conferences of Youths, Mahilas and Men which are conducted in different dioceses, and be a liason in these matters outside the Church.
- 5) He shall be responsible to assist the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha of the church in the evangelistic works.
- 6) He shall be responsible to get framed and approved by the Synodical Council such rules and regulations for conducting evangelistic works which will ensure the smooth and proper direction of the Evangelistic work at different levels.
- 7) He shall be responsible for Christian nurture and theological education in the church.

Article IX

MINISTERIUM

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH :-

The G. E. L. Church holds that the church is the royal priesthood of believers and as such all its members have

direct access of/to God and share in the commission and the authority of the whole Church.

The G. E. L. Church at the same time holds that in the Church there has at all times been a special ministry, to which people have been called by God and set apart in the Church. Thus those who are ordained to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament can exercise their offices only in and for the Church in the name of Christ, the High Priest.

The vocation of the ordained ministry is to bring sinners to repentance and to lead God's people in worship, prayer and praise, and through pastoral ministration, the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the Sacraments to assist the believers to receive the saving and sanctifying benefits of Christ and to fit them for service.

MINISTERIUM

- 1 The G.E.L. Church Ministerium consists of all the pastors in active service of the Gossner Church.
- 2 The Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha of the Church shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the G.E.L. Church ministerium (Centre) and Ecclesiastical Secretary.
- 3 The ministerium shall meet once in two years. One third of its membership shall form its quorum. It shall frame rules for conducting its business and shall present the full report of its work to the Synodical Sabha.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1 The ordained members of the Synodical Council shall constitute the Executive committee of the ministerium including its Secretary and shall normally meet during the time when Synodical Council meets.

FUNCTIONS

- 1 It shall assist the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha in examining the candidates who have passed the theological examination and declaring them candidates for the ministry. The subjects of examination shall be determined by the Ministerium from time to time.

- 2 It shall upon recommendation from the Diocesan Council, propose the candidates to the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha for ordination and appointment in the Dioceses.
- 3 It shall if necessary, send recommendation to the Synodical Council and the Diocesan Council concerned for disciplinary action against its members in accordance with Ministerium bye-laws.
- 4 The Ministerium shall frame bye-laws defining the duties of the pastors and get it approved by the Synodical Council
5. There shall be Diocesan Ministerium consisting of all the pastors serving on the Diocese. The Dharam-Adhyaksha of the Diocese shall be the ex-officio chairman of the Diocesan Ministerium.

ARTICLE X

Relationship with other Churches and Mission/Boards

SISTER CHURCHES

- 1 The G.E.L. Church seeks expression of her unity and fellowship with other Lutheran Churches through her membership and participation in the Federation of the Lutheran Churches in India within India and Lutheran World Federation outside India.
- 2 The Church seeks expression of her unity and fellowship with the non-Lutheran Churches through her membership and participation in different Regional Christian Councils within India and in Christian Conference of Asia and World Council of Churches outside India.
- 3 Without effecting the Church's own confession, cooperation with the other Churches in common programmes may be possible with the permission of the Synodical Council.

- 4 Participation of the members of the Gossner Church in the conventions and conferences conducted by other sister Churches shall need the prior approval of the Diocesan Council.

MISSION BOARDS

- 1 In her relationship with the foreign missions, boards, the autonomy of the Gossner Church shall remain inviolate under the constitution.
- 2 The relationship between Gossner Mission in Berlin and the Gossner Church in India shall be that of sisters.
- 3 The Gossner Church may call a fraternal worker connected with any Lutheran and non-Lutheran Churches or Mission Boards to work in the Gossner Church for a specific task and for specific period. Such fraternal worker shall serve in the Gossner Church according to the terms and rules of the Church. The Church shall frame terms and conditions of service from time to time in consultation with the sending organisations or Churches. Such fraternal worker shall be governed by such regulations effective during the term of his service.

ARTICLE XI

Mode of Election in the Gossner Church

- 1 Election will take place from the lowest unit i. e. Congregation.
- 2 Numerical strength of the confirmed members will be taken into account.
- 3 Only confirmed members paying mandli paisa regularly shall be eligible to vote.
- 4 All election shall be held under proper supervision of an Election Officer nominated or appointed by the Parish, Diocese or the Synodical Council as the case may be.
- 5 As far as practicable ballot system be adopted in casting vote.

- 6 Confirmed members, kept under Church discipline shall not be eligible to vote.
- 7 The elction result must be confirmed and certified by the committte specially appointed for it.
- 8 The date of election must be announced at least 15 days in advance.

Congregation Panch

- 1 Every tola or village or town shall form an electoral college.
- 2 For every 50 confirmed members one representative be sent to the congregation panch. If there is a balance of more than half of 50 an additional representative be sent.
- 3 Atleast one representative be sent to the Congregation Panch from the tola having 10 confirmed members. If it is less than 10, the tola be tagged with some other neighbouring tola to give right of franchise to those members of the tola.
- 4 Pracharak or the head of the congregation shall be the election officer.
- 5 The election result must be confirmed by the Parish committee appointed for the purpose.

Parish Panch

- 1 For every 100 confirmed members of a congregation one representative be sent to the Parish panch. One additional member be sent if the balance is more than half of 100.
- 2 There shall be at least one elected representative from one congregation.
- 3 The result of the election must be confirmed by the committee appointed for the purpose by the Diocese.
- 4 The Parish Chairman shall be the election officer.

Diocesan Council

Composition :—

- 1 For every 1000 confirmed members one Un-ordained representative be sent to the Diocesan Council by the Parish. An additional member be sent if the balance is more than half of 1000 confirmed members.
- 2 There shall be atleast one un-ordained representative from each Parish.
- 3 There shall be at least half lay (non-church worker) representatives in the total number of representation.
- 4 The Diocesan Head shall be the election Officer.
- 5 The election result be confirmed by the Committee appointed by the Diocese.

Synodical Sabha

Composition :—

- 1 All Dharam-Adhyakshas.
- 2 Every Diocese shall send one Pastor and two un-ordained representatives, of whom one shall be church-worker.
- 3 The Diocese having bonafide confirmed membership of more than 10,000 shall send one lay (non-church worker) representative for every additional 10,000 members or more than half of it.
- 4 One lay (non-church worker) representative be sent from Ranchi Head Quarters Congregation.
- 5 One Woman and one youth representatives from their respective Central organisations.
6. Permanent invitees according to provisions in the bye-laws.

Synodical Council

Composition :—

- 1 All Dharam-Adhyakshas of the Church.

- 2 One un-ordained representative from each Diocese who is member of the Synodical Sabha and his Diocesan Council.

Election of Officers

(Period of office-Five years)

- 1 The process of election be completed within a period of three months from the date of notification.
- 2 Officers of the Congregation panch and Parish panch be elected by majority vote, of the respective Panch.
- 3 Diocese :—There shall be four officers in the Diocese level :—
 - a) Dharam-Adhyaksha, (b) Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha,
 - c) Secretary d) Treasurer.

The Dharam-Adhyaksha shall be appointed by the Synodical Council. The Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha be elected from the total ministerium of the Diocese and shall be proposed and elected in the Diocesan Council. The Dharam-Adhyaksha & Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha shall fulfil the following conditions :—

- a) Age 40 years and above.
- b) Qualification :—
 - i) 4 years full seminary with 15 yrs. experience.
 - ii) Graduate, 4 yrs theology with 10 yrs. experience.
 - iii) Post Graduate, Theology degree, with 5 yrs. experience.
- c) Not been found guilty by the ministerium either for personal conduct or gross negligence of duty.

A. Mode of Selection of the Dharam-Adhyaksha.

- 1 For appointing a Dharam-Adhyaksha the head of the church shall call upon the Dioceses to prepare a panel of atleast two and not more than 4 names of qualified pastors.

- 2 The diocesan Council shall then prepare a panel of atleast five such qualified pastors from the whole ministerium of the church and forward the same to the scrutinising Committee appointed by it for that purpose as per rules.
- 3 The Scrutinising Committee shall then scrutinise the eligibility of the candidates and forward the names to the Diocesan Council.
- 4 The Diocesan Council shall select atleast two and not more than four names of the candidates and forward the same to the head of the church for final selection and appointment.
- 5 The head of the church shall then forward the names of candidates received from Dioceses to the Selection Committee specially appointed for the purpose by the Synodical Council as per rules to examine the names and recommend to the Synodical Sabha one name for each Diocese for appointment.
- 6 The Synodical Sabha shall then forward the names to the head of the church for appointment.
- 7 The Synodical Sabha shall make rules in detail for scrutinising and selection of candidates for Dharam-Adhyaksha.

B. Mode of Election of Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha.

- 1 Consent of candidates be obtained in writing or he must be present in the house.
- 2 All the names be listed and be properly scrutinised by a committee nominated by the Diocesan Council whether the candidates qualify by fulfilling all conditions
- 3 If there will be more than 3 candidates 30% vote be taken. If 3 candidates remain in field 40% vote be taken. If only two are left, candidate having majority vote shall be declared elected.

C. Secretary and Treasurer of the Diocese.

- 1 The Secretary shall have office experience and have knowledge of office administration. The treasurer shall

have knowledge of accountancy and be an experienced one. Both the Secretary and the treasurer shall be un-ordained. These two officers be elected from the total membership of the whole church but when elected must reside in the area of the Diocese.

- 2 They shall be elected in the same manner as the Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha as in B above.

D. Election of Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha and Up-Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha.

- 1 The Synodical Council shall elect the Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha and Up-Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha from among all the Dharam-Adhyakshas who shall all be candidates.
- 2 The process of election shall be as provided for the election of the Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha of the Diocese.

Article XII

Church Court

- 1 There shall be a Church Court and Diocesan Courts to decide, adjudicate and enforce the Church discipline among its members including Pastors and to hear, try and decide disputes and offences regarding Church Fund, Property and Rules and Bye-laws, framed under the Constitution and shall pass such penal orders as may be deemed proper and necessary.

- 2 All matters of disputes, differences, offences and misconduct concerning and relating to ecclesiastical law and rules among the Pastors shall be exclusively dealt with by the Ministerium of the Church and the lawfully formed Executive of the Ministerium shall be deemed to be a court for such matters.

3 Church Court

- (a) The Church Court shall have jurisdiction over the whole Church in all matters within its power.

- (b) The Church Court shall consist of five members of the Church including the Chairman who are not directly involved in the administration of the Church and who all must have completed forty years of age and have shown interest for the good of the Church.

- 4 Every member of the Court shall be appointed by the Synodical Council for a period of five years.

- 5 The Church Court shall hear, try and decide matters of disputes relating to

- (i) The interpretation of the provisions of the Constitution, its bye-laws and rules framed under the constitution.

- (ii) The mis-conduct of the un-ordained members on the Church discipline.

- (iii) Crimes and offences against Church property and Fund of the Church including Pastors.

- (iv) Matters concerning misconduct among the un-ordained members of the Church, relating to Church administration.

- (v) Any other matter which may be specially entrusted by the Synodical/Diocesan Councils for Arbitration and Adjudication.

- 6 The Church Court shall frame rules of procedure based on the recognised principles of natural justice and equality before law for the conduct of its business and for Diocesan Courts which shall be placed before the Synodical Sabha for approval.

- 7 The Church Court shall be Court of appeal for the Diocesan Courts and all its decisions, award, and judgments shall be final and binding and shall not be subject to appeal or revision by any person or law court outside the church.

8 Diocesan Courts

- (a) There shall be a Diocesan Court in each of the Dioceses of the Church which shall have jurisdiction

over the whole Diocese on all matters within its power.

- (b) The Diocesan Court shall consist of five members of the Church including its Chairman who are not directly involved in the administration of the Church and who all must have completed forty years of age and have shown interest for the good of the Church.
- 9 Every member of the Diocesan Court shall be appointed by the Diocesan Council for a period of five years with the prior approval of the Chairman of the Church Court.
- 10 The Diocesan Court shall hear, try and decide matters of disputes relating to :—
 - (i) Disputes concerning and relating to mis-conduct of the un-ordained members on the Church discipline.
 - (ii) Crimes and offences against Church Property and fund of the Church by the members of the Church including Pastors.
 - (iii) Matters concerning mis-conduct among the un-ordained members of the Church, relating to Church administration.

General Provisions to the Court

- 11 Whenever a vacancy arises in any of the Courts for whatever reason a new member shall be appointed within three months of the vacancy caused and the member shall serve the court for a period of five years from the date of appointment.
- 12 Three members including the Chairman shall ordinarily constitute a Bench of the Court, but in special cases and circumstances all the members may sit as court.
- 13 The Court shall record its proceedings and the conduct of the business.

Article XIII

Amendments And Bye-Laws

- 1 All amendments by way of alteration subtraction and addition to the constitution shall be made on the advice of Dioceses in the Synodical Sabha by a resolution moved in the Sabha and put to vote after proper notification and passed in the Sabha by two-third of the members of the House.
- 2 (a) Bye-laws to this constitution shall be moved and passed in the Synodical Sabha which has the power to frame Rules under the Constitution.
(b) The Diocesan Councils shall legislate and frame rules and bye-laws under this constitution for their jurisdiction which shall cease to be of force only if the Synodical Council shall rule that such legislation, alteration therein and bye-laws is at variance with any provisions of this constitution.

Article XIV

Emergency Provisions

- 1 (a) Whenever it becomes necessary for the good of the Church to remove an officer of the Church, a resolution shall be moved in the Council concerned for his removal in a general or specially requisitioned meeting according to the bye-laws after proper notice and the resolution shall become effective immediately it is passed by the house by a majority of the members of the House.
(b) Whenever the aforesaid resolution is moved against the head of the council, the senior most member of the council shall preside and conduct the proceedings of the meeting.
- 2 Whenever a vacancy occurs in any of the post in Synodical or Diocesan Councils due to resignation, death,

removal, cessation of membership, disqualification or for any other reason, the council concerned shall select one of its members to act in the office thus becoming vacant for a period of three months by which time a new person shall be elected in the manner as laid down in the Constitution.

Appendix 'A'

Procedure for implementing the New Constitution

- 1 The KSS shall appoint election officers for all Dioceses to be responsible to complete election by certain date fixed by the KSS and call upon the Dioceses to send a panel of names for the office of the Dharam Adhyaksha as per rules. The oldest lay member of the Diocesan Council shall be the Chairman of the newly constituted Diocesan Council for the purpose of making the panel and for conducting the election of Up Dharam-Adhyaksha, other officers and members of the Synodical Sabha.
- 2 The Parish Pastor shall be appointed by the KSS for the interim period and the Election Officers shall convene the meeting of the Diocesan Councils and shall ask the oldest un-ordained member to preside over the meeting.
- 3 Until all the elections under the new constitution are over and the new officers inducted, the present KSS shall function and discharge the duties of the Synodical Council.
- 4 After the new officers duly elected according to the new constitution have taken over charge of their respective offices, the KSS and all other boards and committees under the old constitution shall stand dissolved.

Appendix B

The Gossner Church shall have the following *Eight* Dioceses for the present comprising the existing Ilakas/Parishes shown against their names :-

Name of the Diocese	Name of Ilakas/Parishes
1 Assam	1 Upper Assam
	2 Lower Assam
	3 Mikir Hills
2 Jamshedpur	1 Singbhum
	2 Tokad
	3 Purulia
	4 Calcutta
	5 Andamans
	6 Dooars
	7 Dhanbad
	8 Mission Fields
3 Khunti	1 Burju
	2 Govindpur
	3 Marcha
	4 Amlesha
4 Takarma	1 Takarma
	2 Koronjo
5 Orissa	1 Rajgangpur
	2 Karimati
	3 Jharsugda
	4 Jarakudar
	5 Nimdih
	6 Madhupur
6 Simdega	1 Panisani
	2 Khutitoli
	3 Kinkel
	4 Jatatoli
7 Pathalgaon	1 Ichkela
	2 Sarhapani
	3 Udaipur
	4 Khuria
	5 Surguj
8 Ranchi	1 Chainpur
	2 Kondra
	3 Gumla
	4 Lohardaga
	5 Ranchi
	6 Hazaribagh
	7 Palamau
	8 New Delhi

AND

Ranchi Headquarters Congregation as described in Article VII-E.

Appendix 'C'

EXECUTIVE RULES AND INSTRUCTION OF THE G. E. L. CHURCH DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS FROM CONGREGATION TO SYNOD

A. CONGREGATION

I. Pracharak :

The Pracharak shall be the head of the congregation panch and the congregation. He shall have the following duties :-

- 1 To keep intact the unity and faith of the Gossner Church in his congregation.
- 2 To give spiritual guidance by holding regular prayer meetings and weekly house visiting in his congregation.
- 3 To help young children and youth grow in Church atmosphere by holding Sunday School, Youth work, Women and Laymen activities in the congregation.
- 4 To carry on the activities as directed by the Parish panch or the pastor.

II. Secretary :

- 1 He shall maintain all records of the meetings of the congregation and carry on other correspondence works.
- 2 He will convene the meeting of the panch with consultation of the pracharak.

III. Treasurer :

- 1 He shall maintain the accounts of all incomes of the congregation and keep the amount in his custody.
- 2 He shall make the deposit of the amount through proper challan to the parish.

B. Congregation Panch :

The Congregation panch is the official administrative body of the congregation, as such it shall have the following functions :-

- 1 To help and co-operate the pracharak in discharging his duties.
- 2 To help members of the congregation to observe Christian way of life.

- 3 To judge the offenders according to the Church rules and regulations
- 4 To collect mandli paisa, subscriptions and all kinds of offerings and deposit the same in the parish with proper challan.
- 5 To maintain collection register in proper form.
- 6 To maintain the census and membership register of the congregation.
- 7 To maintain existing Church properties including the cemeteries.

PARISH

A. I. *Parish Pastor* : The Parish pastor as head of the Parish shall have the following duties :-

- 1 To preside over all meetings of the Parish.
- 2 To be assisted by his fellow pastors in administering the Parish.
- 3 To supervise the work of pracharaks and help them to keep the unity of faith and action of the Church in the congregation.
- 4 To keep informed the congregations of his parish of any development in the Church.
- 5 To carry on such activities as may be directed by the Diocese from time to time.
- 6 To be fully responsible for the pastoral care within his parish, and to visit each family under his charge as many times in a year as determined by the Diocesan Council.
- 7 To submit monthly report on the activities of the Parish and his personal Diary to the Diocese on prescribed proforma.
- 8 To accept membership of persons of other denominations as per constitution.

A. II *Secretary* :

- 1 To maintain all records of the meetings of the Parish panch and all official records and registers relating to the parish.

- 2 To be responsible for smooth and proper running of the office according to the rules and regulations.

A. III. Treasurer :

- 1 To maintain accounts of all incomes of the parish, all disbursements and all remittances to the Diocese.
- 2 To maintain all prescribed registers and to prepare and submit periodical statements according to the rules.

B. Parish Panch :

The parish panch being the administrative unit shall have the following functions : -

- 1 To help the Parish pastor and his assistants in the Parish in discharging their duties.
- 2 To receive reports from the congregations and to give help and directives as the need be.
- 3 To act as the court of appeal for congregations in administrative matters.
- 4 To receive all incomes from the congregations and maintain proper accounts.
- 5 To spend the amount as authorised by the Diocese and centralise the rest with proper challan.
- 6 To prepare its annual budget and send it to the Diocese for approval.
- 7 To collect statistic and send the same to the Diocese.
- 8 To survey evangelistic fields for the propagation of the gospel and seek approval of the Diocese for operation.
- 9 To maintain membership register, minute books, cash book, record of birth and death, marriage, confirmation, excommunication and of properties, and other necessary records.
- 10 To maintain census of the congregations in proper forms.
- 11 To establish, administer and maintain schools.
- 12 To appoint pracharaks for the congregations, and other workers within its jurisdiction.

- 13 To execute the decisions of the Diocese within the parish.
- 14 To carry on its official works through its officers.
- 15 To report of any development or shortcomings to the Diocese.
- 16 To maintain existing Church properties including the cemetery.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The Diocesan Council is a self contained autonomous body as far as internal administration is concerned and as such it shall have the following functions :-

- 1 To preserve the autonomy of the Church.
- 2 To administer and supervise the parishes through its executive and appointed officers.
- 3 To encourage and organise works among men, women, young people and children within the Diocese.
- 4 To carry on evangelistic work within the area of the Diocese or as defined or directed by the Synodical Council.
- 5 To collect funds from parishes and disburse them as per budget, and contribute funds to the Synodical Council as per rules.
- 6 To supervise and audit the accounts of parishes.
- 7 To send members to the various boards and committees of the centre as per rules and bye-laws.
- 8 To publish Christian literatures and papers for the Diocese.
- 9 To arrange refresher courses for its pastors, pracharaks, pracharikas, teachers and other lay members of the Diocese.
- 10 To establish, administer, enlarge or abolish educational institutions and hostels serving the Diocese.
- 11 To create, abolish, alter and classify parishes and congregations.
- 12 To suspend parishes and congregations or institutions in case of gross negligence to duty.

- 13 To execute and carry out all decisions of the Synodical Council.
- 14 To recommend the names of candidates for ordination to the Synodical Council.
- 15 To collect statistics of the Diocese and send them to the Synodical Council.
- 16 To keep and preserve peace and unity within the Diocese.
- 17 To be the custodian and manager of Church properties within their jurisdiction and to assist the Synodical Council in maintaining the properties as per constitution and bye-laws.
- 18 To receive reports from the parished and give them proper advice and guidance.
- 19 To submit quarterly report of the Diocese to the Synodical Council.
- 20 To legislate laws, frame bye-laws and rules within its jurisdiction.

The Executive Council of the Diocese :

- 1 It shall have all the functions of the Diocesan Council except in legislating, making, and or amending bye-laws.
- 2 It shall obtain the approval and sanction of the council for such other decision which are not covered by the delegated powers.

Dharam-Adhyaksha :—

Duties of Dharam-Adhyaksha :—He shall have the following duties :—

- 1 To preside over all meeting of the Diocesan Council and its executive.
- 2 To have the full responsibility to preserve Christian faith, and to maintain unity and order of the Church.
- 3 To be responsible for the evangelistic works within his Diocese.
- 4 To supervise and inspect congregational works in Parishes and all other offices under him and give them proper help

and guidance, by visiting each Parish at least once in a year.

- 5 To keep direct touch with the centre and outside bodies under the provision of the constitution.
- 6 To be official head of all educational institutions in his Diocese personally or through his nominees to the Managing Committee.
- 7 To submit quarterly report to the centre about any new development or event taking place within his Diocese.
- 8 To be responsible for the safeguard of the Constitution in his Diocese, and to see that bye-laws and resolution passed by the Diocese are implemented.
- 9 To sign all official documents on behalf of the Diocese and to countersign all bills and vouchers presented to him by the Treasurer according to the rules.
- 10 To present annual report of the Diocese before the Diocesan Council.
- 11 To appoint special committees or commissions for some specific purposes.
- 12 To appoint certain class of workers to be specified by the Diocesan Council or its executive.
- 13 To instal new Parish Chairman and new pastors.
- 14 To assume all such responsibilities which the Diocesan Council or its executive will entrust.
- 15 To submit quarterly report of his activities to the Diocesan and Synodical Councils.

Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha :—

The-Up-Dharam-Adhyaksha shall act as the Dharam-Adhyaksha during the latter's absence from the Gossner Church or when requested by the Dharam-Adhyaksha.

Secretary of the Diocese :

He shall have the following duties :—

- 1 To record all minutes of the Diocesan Council and its executive.

- 2 To collect and maintain a complete data of each Parish and a list of administrative personnel and institutions in the units of Diocese.
- 3 To issue notices of meetings a month in advance and incase of extra-ordinary meetings atleast 15 days ahead.
- 4 To carry on the necessary correspondence within the Diocese and with the central office of the Gossner Church.
- 5 To be responsible for proper maintenance of office at the Diocesan headquarter, and keep all official records and registers according to rules.
- 6 To carry on such other duties which may be assigned to him by the Superintendent and the Diocesan Council or its executive.

Diocesan Treasurer :

He shall have the following functions :—

- 1 To receive all incomes and to maintain accounts of all incomes and expenditures.
- 2 To prepare annual budget for the Diocese and to submit financial statements in all meetings of the Diocesan Council or its executive.
- 3 To make payments according to the budgetary provisions and to obtain the sanction of the Diocesan Executive Council on other expenditure.
- 4 To be fully responsible for any misuse or loss for the fund.

SYNOD

Synodical Council shall have the following duties & functions :—

- 1 To receive and examine the reports from —
 - i) The Diocesan heads
 - ii) The officers of the Gossner Church.
 - iii) Central Boards, committees and institutions.
 - iv) Ministerium.
 - v) Women, Youth and young children's organisations.
- 2 To prepare annual budget of the Synod and Central office and institutions.
- 3 To make arrangements for audit of all concerned offices and institutions.

- 4 To appoint officers and pastors for the centre.
- 5 To appoint Principals and heads of Central institutions.
- 6 To approve the appointments of teachers in different central institutions.
- 7 To make inter-Diocesan transfer of pastors, headmasters, teachers and other employees.
- 8 To appoint the newly ordained pastors.
- 9 To select candidates for study abroad or in India.
- 10 To arrange refresher courses and seminars for pastors, teachers, youths, women and other lay workers.
- 11 To keep unity and peace within the Church.
- 12 To establish and administer central schools, colleges and hostels and make development programmes and to help and guide Dioceses on these matters.
- 13 To be the custodian of movable and immovable properties of the Gossner Church.
- 14 To administer, manage, sell or buy properties and to undertake development schemes.
- 15 To publish Christian literature and news magazines, and maintain the publication of Gharbandhu.
- 16 To arrange for evangelistic work within or outside Church.
- 17 To collect statistics and census from the Dioceses.
- 18 To set up standing committees for works among the women, youth and children.
- 19 To fix pay scales of the pastors and other workers of the Church.
- 20 To keep relation with other Lutheran Churches in and outside India.
- 21 To keep relation with the body of Christians at state, national, and international level.
- 22 To participate in ecumenical activities of Christians.
- 23 To seek the help of experts as and when necessary.
- 24 To arrange for diaspora work.
- 25 To frame and propose for amendment, alteration, deletion or addition of clauses in the constitution and bye-laws.
- 26 To sanction budgets of central institutions.
- 27 To exercise on behalf of the Church such powers which are not covered by this constitution.
- 28 To receive national and international delegates and visitors.

- 29 To set up various bodies and committees of experts for the financial, administrative, official, legal, educational and economic improvement and all round development and management of the Church in a planned method.
- 30 To perform all other duties and functions of the Church.

Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha

- 1 He shall be the visible symbol of unity of the Gossner Church.
- 2 He shall preside over all meetings of the Synodical Sabha and Council and the ministerium of the Church.
- 3 His primary duty is to see the welfare of the whole Church.
- 4 He shall be pastors Pastorum of the Gossner Church and shall be overseer of the all Dharam-Adhyakshas and all other workers in the Church. For this purpose he shall have the right of visitation to all organisational units of the Church.
- 5 He shall ordain the candidates for the ministry of the Gossner Church.
- 6 He shall be responsible for maintaining order and peace in the Gossner Church and shall be assisted by the Synodical Council, the ministerium and Diocesan Council.
- 7 He shall represent the Gossner Church in all her external relationship, both in and outside India.
- 8 He shall be the ex-officio chairman of the governing bodies of the central institutions.
- 9 He shall be the custodian of the constitution.
- 10 He shall be responsible for the evangelistic work in the Church.
- 11 He shall take proper action against any member of the ministerium if and when recommended to do so by the ministerium.
- 12 He shall carry on such duties as authorised to him by the Synodical Sabha and Council.
- 13 He shall see that all actions and resolutions passed by the Synodical Sabha and Council are implemented.
- 14 He shall assign specific duties to the Up-Pradhan Dharam-Adhyaksha from time to time.

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THE CONSTITUTION
of
THE GOSSNER EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
in
CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM
(Effective from)

ARTICLE ONE
Name and Registration

1. The body organized under this constitution shall be called "The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam". The short name of this body in this constitution shall be the "Gossner Church".

NOTE: It is understood that the term "Chotanagpur" does not mean the Chotanagpur Division only, but the whole of Bihar and all the adjacent states also in which members of the Gossner Church reside.

2. The Gossner Church was duly registered on July 30, 1921 in the office of the registrar, Joint Stock Companies, Patna, under the Societies Registration Act 21 of 1860.

ARTICLE TWO
Doctrinal Basis

1. The Gossner Church receives and holds the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the inspired Word of God and as the only infallible rule and standard of faith and practice according to which all doctrines and teachers are to be judged.

2. The Gossner Church accepts the three ecumenical creeds: Namely Apostles, the Nicene and the Athanasian, as important testimonials drawn from the Holy Scriptures, and rejects all errors which they condemn.
3. The Gossner Church receives and holds the Unaltered Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the faith and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, founded upon the Word of God; and acknowledges all churches that sincerely hold and faithfully confess the doctrines of the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be entitled to the name of "Evangelical Lutheran".
4. The Gossner Church recognizes the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalkald Articles, the Large and Small Catechism of Martin Luther and the Formula of Concord as being in harmony with the one and the same scriptural faith.

ARTICLE THREE

Membership

1. All persons baptized in the Gossner Church are members of that church.
2. Baptized Christians belonging to another Christian Denomination may be accepted into membership upon application to a Pastor of the Gossner Church. The Pastor will receive such persons into membership in a regular service after they declare publicly their acceptance of the faith of this church, and if need be after proper instruction in that faith.

3. Members of the Gossner Church who have been put under major excommunication lose their membership. They may be readmitted after a public confession of their repentance in a regular service.
4. Non-Lutheran congregations which accept the doctrinal basis and the constitution of the Gossner Church may be received as congregations of the Gossner Church, after a public declaration of their faith. The members of such congregations thus become members of the Gossner Church.

ARTICLE FOUR

Basic Principles and Organization

In accordance with the foregoing doctrinal basis the Gossner Church sets forth and declares the following principles as fundamental for its organization:

Part I : Basic Principles

1. The full authority in the church belongs primarily and exclusively to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church. This power is not delegated to any man or body of man.
2. All just power exercised by the church has been committed to her as the servant of Jesus Christ for the furtherance of the Gospel through the Word and Sacrament. The church therefore has no power to bind the conscience of any one except as she teaches what her Lord teaches and faithfully commands what HE has charged her to command.

3. In obedience to her one Lord the church is bound to seek and preserve constantly the unity of the believers in faith and in witness irrespective of whatever social or racial groups they may have come from (Gal. 3:28). In the same obedience the church must so organize herself that under the constitution the different individuals and groups can live together in love and mutual respect for the God given freedom of each individual and group (I Cor. 9:1-23).
4. The authorities and tasks given to the church are authorities and tasks of the whole church. Therefore they are to be administered by all constituent parts of the church, local congregations, regional units and central bodies acting together, separately or jointly, as set forth in this constitution and its by-laws (Eph. 2; I Cor. 10:15-17; 12:12-31).

Part II: Organization

1. A Pracharakpan is the smallest organizational unit of the church. It consists of all the Christians in one or several villages worshipping together at one centre. It is led by a Pracharak who is aided and advised in his work by a Pracharakpan Panch. Where there is no Pracharak in a Pracharakpan the meetings of the Pracharakpan shall be presided over by a person appointed by the Ilaka Panch. That person shall act as the substitute for the Pracharak.
2. A Padripan consists of one or several Pracharakpans. The spiritual authority of the Padripan is vested in the pastor. The administrative authorities of the Padripan are the Padripan Panch and the Pracharak Council. The pastor is the chairman of the Padripan Panch and the Pracharak Council by virtue of his office.

3. An Anchal consists of several Padripans. The spiritual authority of an Anchal is vested in the church supervisor and the ministry. The administrative authority of an Anchal is the Anchal Council. The Church Supervisor is the chairman of the ~~ministerium~~ and of the Anchal Council by virtue of his office.
4. (a) The Pracharakpans, Padripans, Anchals and the Church Institutions all are working together constituting the one Gossner Lutheran Evangelical Church .

(b) The spiritual authority of the Gossner Church is vested in the Bishop.

(c) In his spiritual functions the Bishop is advised and aided by the Church Supervisor Council.

(d) The administrative authority is vested in the Church Council.

(e) The Bishop is the chair-man of the Church Council and of the Church Supervisor Council by virtue of his office.

ARTICLE FIVE Duties and Objects

The objects of the Gossner Church are:

1. To preserve and extend the pure teaching of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments (Eph. 4; 5-6; The Augsburg Confession Art. 7).

2. To conserve the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4; 3-16, I Cor. 1:10), to guard against any departure therefrom (Rom. 16:17), and to strengthen the church in its faith and confession.
3. To preserve and develop its autonomy.
4. To express outwardly the unity of the church and all its organizational units, to foster cooperation among all Lutherans in the promotion of the general interests of the church to seek the unification of all Lutherans in one true faith, and thus develop and unfold the specific Lutheran principles and practices and make them effective in the church.
5. To bear witness to Jesus Christ, the Lord and Saviour, before all Non-Christians inside and outside the area of the Gossner Church and to win them for Jesus Christ.
6. To minister in the love of Jesus Christ to all those who are in physical distress.

ARTICLE SIX
Duties and Activities

In order to fulfil the objects mentioned in Art. V the Gossner Church will initiate and carry out the following activities through one or all of her organizational units, acting jointly or separately as described in the constitution.

1. To instruct Pastors, Pracharaks, Pracharikas and teachers and to establish, administer and maintain schools for the training
2. To test the candidates and ordain them as at present.

3. To appoint Pastors and candidates and to transfer them.
4. To arrange refresher courses of the whole church from time to time.
5. To extend the Kingdom of God by participating in evangelistic efforts of Christians and by preaching the Gospel to Non-Christians inside and outside India.
6. To order the human outward rites of worship in such a manner that its signs and practices be according to the teachings of the New Testament and the freedom of the church so that the Body of Christ may be built by them.
7. To gather the statistics of the church through the Anchals.
8. To prepare literature for the spread of the knowledge of the doctrines, rites etc. of the Gossner Church.
9. To publish news papers for the church.
10. To maintain and administer the G.E.L.C. Press.
11. To prepare budgets of the church year by year.
12. To encourage the practices of christian stewardship in all the congregations according to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures.
13. To maintain and administer the property of the church through an expert businessman in contact with special terms of reference.
14. To fix the scales of pay for Pastors and other employees of the church.

15. To maintain the records of the Provident Fund accounts of workers.
16. To give financial assistance to the Anchals for the evangelistic work and other special projects.
17. To earmark money in the budget for helping the poor and deserving college students.
18. To fix rates of subscription and to collect and spend the collected funds for the objects stated in this constitution.
19. To constitute boards and committees for the different activities of the church.
20. To consider the problems of the entire church and to prepare and publish necessary rules, regulations and plans.
21. To develop a living fellowship in the whole church in faith and freedom by all methods and to establish unity not uniformity in thought, belief, aim, work and witness.
22. To care, preserve and expand congregations, schools and evangelistic work of every Anchal within its limits.
23. To keep contact with outside bodies.
24. To keep contact with other churches in the unity of the faith and to send and receive official delegates.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Pracharakpan Panch

1. Composition

The Pracharakpan Panch shall consist of elected members. The Pracharak shall be a member and chairman by virtue of his office. The period of membership in the Pracharakpan Panch shall be for four years.

2. Right of vote

In all elections to be held in accordance with the constitution of the Gossner Church only confirmed members, and of them only those who have paid their church contributions and are not under church discipline shall have the right to vote.

3. Election

- (a) For every 50 confirmed members (and of the balance for more than half of 50) of each village (Tola) one representative shall be elected by each village (Tola) as member of the Pracharakpan Panch.
- (b) At least one representative must be elected by each village which has more than ten confirmed members.
- (c) Where there is a minority community comprising more than ten percent of all the confirmed members in a Pracharakpan at least one ^{of} the elected representatives must be a member of the community. In that case the Pastor shall determine from time to time before each election from which village (Tola) that member shall be elected.
- (d) The election and necessary by-elections must be announced at least fourteen days in advance. The Pracharak shall be the chairman of the electoral meeting.

- (e) The result of the election shall be communicated for scrutiny and confirmation to the Anchal via the parish.

4. Functions

- (a) The Pracharakpan Panch will advise and assist the Pracharak in his duties which are: (1) to preserve the unity of the congregation, (2) to strengthen the brethren in christian love, (3) to nurture the members of the congregation in christian faith, and (4) to proclaim the Gospel to Non-Christians within his jurisdiction.
- (b) This Panch have to find suitable sites for its chapel, Pracharak's house, school, cemetery etc., to construct houses required for those purposes, and to repair them and keep them in good condition.
- (c) This Panch will have a watch over all the members of the congregation in regard to their conduct and christian character and try to save them from falling into sin. In case some allegations are brought against a member through the Pracharak, this Panch will assist him in determining the correctness of the allegations and then forward the matter to the pastor for necessary action.
- (d) This Panch will collect all the Mandli Paisa and deposit it with the Parish trasurer for transmission.
- (e) This Panch will meet once every month and shall maintain a minutes book to record all the proceedings of the meetings of the Pracharakpan Panch and will be responsible to the pastor for all matters connected with the congregation it represents.

- (f) This Panch will collect all the offerings of the congregation and will see that all the receipts are carefully entered in the cash book of the treasurer and that the treasurer deposits regularly the entire income monthly with the parish treasurer for transmission.
- (g) This Panch will arrange for Sunday School Youth Organization and Women's Samiti and it will be responsible for maintaining proper relationship with such organizations throughout the Parish to which it belongs.
- (h) This Panch will be responsible to preserve and strengthen the integrity of the congregation by itself and in its relationship with the rest of the Gossner Church.
- (i) This Panch will assist the Pracharak in making arrangements for the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments to the members of the congregation.
- (j) This Panch will advise the Pracharak when he is to recommend to the higher authorities applications for admission to the Theological College and other church institutions as may be required by the institutions concerned and will also recommend all cases of baptism, confirmation, marriage etc.

5. Meetings and Quorum

The Pracharak Panch shall meet ordinarily every month. One third of its total membership shall form the quorum.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Padripan Panch

1. Composition

The Padripan Panch consists of all members only elected by the Pracharakpan Panches of the Padripan. The pastor shall be the chairman by virtue of his office. The period of membership in the Padripan Panch shall be for four years.

2. Right of Vote

Article VII para 2 shall be observed.

3. Election

- (a) For every 100 (and of the balance for more than one half of one hundred) confirmed members of a Pracharakpan one representative shall be elected as member of the Padripan Panch.
- (b) The Pracharakpan Panches shall elect the representatives on this basis from amongst their members.
- (c) There shall be at least one elected representative from each Pracharakpan in the Padripan Panch.
- (d) Where there is a minority community comprising more than 10 % of the confirmed members in the Padripan at least one of the elected representatives must be a member of that community. In that case the pastor shall determine before each election from which constituency that member should be elected.
- (e) The result of the election shall be communicated for scrutiny and confirmation to the secretary of the Anchal.
- (f) Article VII 3 (d) shall be observed.

4. Functions

- (a) To see that the Pracharakpan Panches are properly organized and that they function according to the rules of the Gossner Church.

- (b) To supervise, direct and help the Pracharakpan in the discharge of all the functions assigned to them.
- (c) To receive all the income from the Pracharakpans.
- (d) To deposit 25 % of the money received from the Pracharakpans and to transfer 75 % to the treasurer of the Anchal.
- (e) To pay the salaries of the Pracharaks regularly.
- (f) To maintain the membership register, minutes book and cash book, records of registers of marriages, births and deaths, baptism, confirmation, marriage, holy communion and excommunication, record of church properties etc. in the Padripan.
- (g) To establish schools and other institutions in consultation with and under the direction of the Anchals and to maintain them.
- (h) To maintain the statistics in the prescribed form and to submit the same as and when asked for.

5. Meetings and Quorum

The Padripan Panch shall meet every month and 1/3 of its membership shall form the Quorum.

ARTICLE NINE

Pracharak Council

1. Composition

The Pracharak Council shall consist of all Pracharaks within the parish. The pastor is the chairman by virtue of his office.

2. Function

- (a) To make recommendation to the Anchal Ministry regarding appointment and transfer of the Pracharaks and other workers of the Pracharakpans.
- (b) To assist the Padri in the discharge of his duties within the Padripan.

- (c) Receive reports from all the Pracharaks and advise and help them.
- (d) To find suitable students for the theological college and other church institutions.
- (e) To find fields for evangelistic work and to arrange for the same in consultation with the Anchal Ministerium.

3. Meetings and Quorum

The Pracharak Council shall meet every month and 1/3 of its membership shall form the quorum.

ARTICLE TEN

Anchal Council

1. Composition

The Anchal Council shall consist of members elected by the Padripan. The Church Supervisor is the chair-man by virtue of his office. The period of membership in the Anchal Council shall be for four years.

2. Election

- (a) Each Padripan Panch shall elect one layman from among its representatives in the Anchal Council. The member has to reside in the parish.
- (b) The Church Supervisor shall be a member of the Anchal Council.
- (c) The secretary and the treasurer of the Anchal shall be member without right of voting.
- (d) The rules laid down in Article Seven para 3 (d), (e) shall be followed.

3. Function

The Anchal Council shall have the following function:

- (a) To preserve the autonomy of the church.
- (b) To administer and supervise the Panches under its jurisdiction.
- (c) To be a court of appeal for the Panches.
- (d) To collect funds from parishes, disburse them and prepare the budget and forward the same to the Church Council for confirmation and send its quota to the centre.
- (e) To supervise and audit the accounts of the parishes.
- (f) To recommend to the Church Council any change in the scale of pay for its workers.
- (g) To establish, administer and enlarge or abolish educational institutions and hostels in the Anchal.
- (h) To collect statistics and forward the same to the Church Council.
- (i) To suspend the authorities of the parishes in case of gross negligence of duty and inform the Church Council.
- (j) To appoint the treasurer and the secretary of the Anchal.
- (k) To pay salaries to the pastors and to the treasurer and the secretary of the Anchal.
- (l) To determine the location of the head quarter of the Anchal.

4. Meetings and Quorum

The Anchal Council shall ordinarily meet once a quarter, 1/3 of the total membership shall form its quorum.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

The Anchal Ministry

1. Composition

The Anchal Ministry shall consist of all pastors belonging to the Anchal. The church supervisor is the chairman of the Anchal Ministerium by virtue of his office.

2. Function

The Anchal Ministerium has the following functions:

- (a) To cooperate with the central authorities in preserving the pure doctrine and order of the church.
- (b) To administer and supervise the Pracharak Councils under its

jurisdiction.

- (c) To be a court of appeal for the Pracharak Councils.
- (d) To carry one evangelistic work within the Anchal.
- (e) To encourage and organize work among men, women and young people and children within the Anchal and constitute committees for the same if necessary.
- (f) To arrange refresher courses for the pastors and other workers.
- (g) To keep and preserve peace and unity within the Anchal.

3. Meetings and Quorum

The Anchal Ministerium shall ordinarily meet once a quarter, 1/3 of its total membership shall form the quorum.

ARTICLE TWELVE

The Church Supervisor

1. Office

The Church Supervisor is the spiritual authority of the Anchal and by virtue of his office member of the Church Supervisor Council.

2. Nomination and Appointment

The Church Supervisor is nominated by the Bishop and appointed by the Church Supervisor Council in consultation with the Church Council. The salary of the Church Supervisor is paid by the centre.

3. Duration of office

- (a) The office of the Church Supervisor ends after retirement or after resignation. The Church Supervisor

remains in his office until a successor is nominated and appointed. If this is not possible within three months one senior pastor of the Anchal will become the Acting Church Supervisor.

- (b) The office of the Church Supervisor ends by impeachment through non-confidence vote by the Anchal Council and the Church Supervisor Council. In this case the office of the Church Supervisor ends immediately and the senior pastor of the Anchal will become the Acting Church Supervisor for the time being.

4. Duties of the Church Supervisor

- (a) The Church Supervisor shall supervise all pastors and other workers in the Anchal, parishes, congregations and institutions within his jurisdiction.
- (b) He shall preside over all meetings of the Anchal Council as well of the Anchal Ministerium.
- (c) It shall be his duty to see that the constitution of the Gossner Church, the rules and decisions of the Anchal Council and the Church Council as well of the Church Supervisor Council and the Anchal Ministerium are observed implemented.
- (d) He shall install newly appointed pastors.
- (e) He shall on behalf of the Anchal sign all official documents together with the secretary. He shall countersign the signatures of the treasurer.

- (f) He shall submit the annual report of the Anchal to the Church Council and to the Church Supervisor Council.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN
Church Council

1. Composition

The Church Council shall consist of members elected by the Anchal Councils. The Bishop is the chairman by virtue of his office. The period of membership in the Church Council shall be for four years.

2. Election

- (a) Each Anchal Council shall elect one layman from among its representatives in the Church Council.
- (b) The Bishop shall be a member of the Church Council.
- (c) The General Secretary and the Finance Officer shall be members of the Church Council without right of voting.
- (d) The quorum is formed by at least nine members, except during election of Bishop.

3. Function

As the higher administration authority the Church Council shall have the following functions:

- (a) The administration of the Gossner Church, i.e.
 - I. to appoint a General Secretary and control his office,
 - II. to help, preserve and develop the growing of the church,
 - III. to have good relationship to churches in India and abroad,
 - IV. to initiate legislative proposals including amendments to the constitution,
 - V. to appoint on recommendations of the Managing Committees the Principals, Headmasters or Headmistresses of all the Central Institutions except the Theological College.

- (b) The financing of the Gossner Church, i.e.
 - I. to appoint a Finance Officer and control this office,
 - II. to prepare an annual budget of G.E.L.Church,
 - III. to prepare pay scales for all church workers and officers in the church,
 - IV. to pay the salaries of the Church Supervisors and the workers in the central institutions and in the central administration,
 - V. to lease out the property of the Church to an expert businessman with special terms of reference,
 - VI. to administer the Pension Fonds and the Provident Fonds,
 - VII. to take care of other financial matters.
- (c) To control the administration of the Anchals, i.e.
 - I. to receive the minutes of the Anchal Councils,
 - II. to receive the decisions of the Anchal Councils within a time limit of three months,
 - III. to receive as contribution from the Anchals 50 % of their income,
 - IV. to be a court of appeal for administration matters in the Anchals,
 - V. to confirm the appointment of church supervisors by the church supervisor council.
- (d) to elect the Bishop of the Church.

The procedure is as follows:

 - I. The quorum is formed by presence of all 13 members only,
 - II. the nomination is done by the Church Supervisor Council,
 - III. only yes or no votes are forcible,
 - IV. there is a majority vote necessary,
 - V. if three candidates are nominated and in the election nobody reaches a majority vote, there

there shall be immediately afterwards a second election between the two candidates with the higher votes. If there are two candidates with two equal lower votes decision between them shall be made by ballots.

- (e) to exercise on behalf of the Gossner Church the residuary administrative powers not covered by this constitution.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN
Church Supervisor Council

1. Composition

The Church Supervisor Council shall consist of all Church Supervisors and acting Church Supervisors. The Bishop is the chairman by virtue of his office.

2. Quorum

The quorum of the Church Supervisor Council is formed by at least nine members, except during nominations of Bishop-

3. Functions

As the highest spiritual authority the Church Supervisor Council shall have the following functions:

(a) personal matters

- I. to appoint the Church Supervisors after nomination through the Bishop.
- II. to appoint and transfer the pastors after recommendation through the respective Church Supervisor,
- III. to appoint the Evangelistic Officer of the Gossner Church and the Education Officer of the Gossner Church and control their offices,
- IV. to appoint the Principal Headmaster of the Theological institutions and the fulltime staff on recommendation of the Managing Committees.

(b) theological matters

- I. to keep and preserve the doctrines of the church,
- II. to recommend to the Bishop the candidates to be ordained to the Ministry,
- III. to initiate legislative proposals including amendments to the Constitution.

(c) general matters

- I. to nominate one, two or three candidates for the election of the Bishop through the Church Council,
- II. to be a court of appeal for the Anchal Ministeriums.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

Bishop

1. Office

The Bishop is the spiritual authority of the Gossner Church and by virtue of his office chairman and member of the Church Council and of the Church Supervisor Council.

2. Nomination and Election

The Bishop is nominated by the Church Supervisor Council and elected by the Church Council.

3. Duration of Office

- (a) The Bishop is elected for a period of ten years. Re-election is possible.
- (b) The term of bishopship ends either after the ten years term or after retirement or after resignation. The Bishop remains in his office until a successor is nominated and elected. If this is not possible within three months the senior Church Supervisor will become the Acting Bishop.

- (c) The term of bishopship ends through non-confidence vote by the Church Council and the Church Supervisor Council. In this case the bishopship ends immediately and the senior Church Supervisor will become the Acting Bishop for the time being.

4. Duties of the Bishop

- (a) He shall be the visible symbol of the unity of the Gossner Church.
- (b) He shall be the spiritual guardian of the doctrines and confessions of the Gossner Church and shall be assisted by the Church Supervisor Council.
- (c) He shall be Pastor Pastorum of the Gossner Church and shall be the overseer of all Church Supervisors and other workers in the Church For this purpose he shall have the right and the duty of visitation to all the organizational units of the Gossner Church.
- (d) He shall ordain the candidates to the Ministry in the Gossner Church.
- (e) He shall represent the Gossner Church in all her external relationship, both in and outside India.
- (f) He shall be the chairman of the Church Council and of the Church Supervisor Council.
- (g) He shall be the highest authority of the Central Office of the church.
- (h) He shall on behalf of the Gossner Church sign all official documents together with the General Secretary. He shall countersign the signature of the Financial Officer.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

The Maha Sabha

1. Composition

- a) The Mahasabha of the Gossner Church shall consist of members elected by the Anchal Councils and the Anchal Ministerium. Each Anchal Council shall elect five laymen within the Anchal and each Anchal Ministerium shall elect three pastors and three Pracharaks within the Anchal.
- b) The Bishop, the Church Supervisors and the members of the Church Council, the Central Officers are members of the Maha Sabha by virtue of their office.
- c) The Bishop has the right to nominate and to send ten more members into the Maha Sabha.

2. Meeting

- a) The Maha Sabha shall meet once in three years. It shall be convened by the Bishop.
- b) Reports from all Anchals and from the Central Office and a general report from the Bishop shall be submitted to the Maha Sabha for information and clarification only.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

Bye-Laws and Amendments to the Constitution

Bye-laws and amendments ~~and alterations~~ to the Articles of the constitution may be proposed by the Church Council or by the Church Supervisor Council. Such proposals have to go to the Anchal Council and to the Anchal Ministerium for consideration. After three months the Church Council and the Church Supervisor Council make the final decision, but they may come into force not without agreement by the Bishop.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN

Composition of Anchals in the GELC

The composition of the Anchals in the Gossner Church shall be as follows:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>No. of parishes</u>	<u>No. of baptized</u>
1. (Subdivision) <u>Ranchi</u>	8	appr. 13.500
2. " <u>Lohardaga</u> (including Hazaribagh and Palamau)	8	" 11.500
3. " <u>Gumla</u>	7	" 15.500
4. " <u>Simdega North</u>	7	" 24.000
5. " <u>Simdega South</u>	10	" 25.000
6. " <u>Khunti</u>	12	" 21.500
7. (District) <u>Singhbhum</u>	4	" 13.000
8. " <u>Jampur M.P.</u>	4	" 10.000
9. " <u>Sundargarh North</u>	6	" 26.500
10. " <u>Sundargarh South</u> (including Sambalpur)	8	" 29.000
11. (Province) <u>West-Bengalen</u> (Jalpaiguri, Purulia, Calcutta, Andaman)	7	" 7.500
12. " <u>Assam</u>	10	" 21.000

Alteration of composition is possible by common agreement of the Church Council and the Church Supervisor Council.

ARTICLE NINETEEN

Procedure for bringing the new
Constitution into Effect

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Regd. under Societies Registration act XXI of 1860)

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Ranchi Dated 2nd May, 1974.

To

Pastor M. Seeberg,
Director, Gossner Mission.

Dear brother Seeberg,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of the full KSS meeting dated 16th April, 1974. Since you have left us amidst turmoil in the Church, we are crawling ahead by and by for a new constitution, N.W.Anchal, S.E.Anchal and Orissa Anchal have voted in favour of amendment of the clause pertaining provisions for Corroborative Vote. Madhya Anchal is scheduled for meeting on 9th May '74 and it can be with all sincerity expected for favourable action. Result of Assam Anchal is however curiously awaited. As soon as decisions from these Anchals are available, information to that effect will be communicated to you telegraphically.

At this moment I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your efforts, guidance and suggestions during your last stay at Ranchi. I can very well understand that it was very hard time for you. Anyway it is evident that the efforts have not gone invain and we are heading for something tangible in new constitution.

Meanwhile I am very much interested to have a copy of the report of Dr.Grothaus regarding Education Projects of the Church. Would you please arrange to send me one.

With kind regards and Yeshusahay,

Sincerely yours,

P.D. Soreng
2-5-74

(Rev.P.D. Soreng)
Secretary KSS

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G.E.L.Church, Ranchi.

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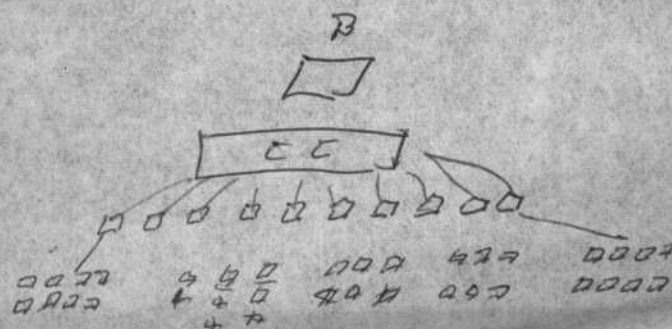
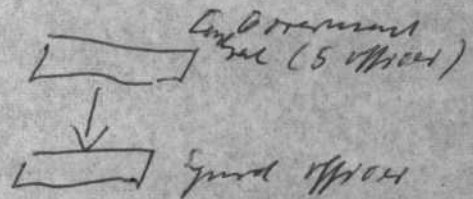
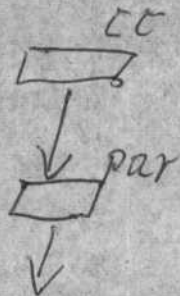
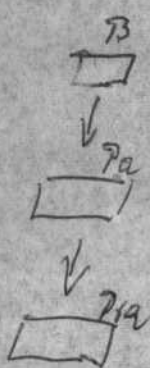
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Legislative

1. Prasthapan Panch
2. Padipau Panch
3. Uppar Council
Squad Panch?
4. Church Council

Executive

1. Prasthapan
2. Padni
3. Uppar
Squad Adhyaksh?
4. Bishop



Centre

Squads

Parishes

- 1) Exact number of parishes
and rough number of baptized members
- 2) Financial autonomy and dependence
of parishes / Squad
- 3) How to avoid the two faces (Centralised against
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1. appointed by the Prashach Council
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3. A Mission Church consists of several Parishes
The spiritual authority of our Mission Church
is vested in the Church Superior and Administration
Council of the Mission Church. The administrative
authority of the Mission Church is the District
Church Council. The Church Superior is the Council
of Administration and is by virtue of his office

will

4. a) The Prashachpan, Parishes, Mission Church and
the Church Institutions all working together constitute
the One Great Evangelical Lutheran Church

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- a) The spiritual authority of the District Church is
vested in the Bishop and the Church Superior
Council

- b) In his spiritual functions the Bishop is
advised and aided by the Church Superior Council

- a) The administrative authority is vested in the
Church Council

- c) The Bishop is the President of the Church Council
by virtue of his office

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Article 5

Article 6

1. first sentence only, to strike
second sentence
2. ✓
3. ... and to transfer them. (Strike rest)
4. strike once in two years and add
from time to time

5. ✓

6. ✓

7. strike "the British"
add: "the Ottoman Subjects"

→ 8. to publish every newspaper and
Sunday School literature of the country. Strike

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14 To maintain and administer the properties
of the Church through an expert administration
on contract with special terms of reference

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Article 7

- 1 ... shall be for four years
- 2 ✓
- 3 e) ... to the Oregon Chapter
the parish for disbursement and
organization
- 4 a) was to find suitable ...
- d) ... deposit it with the Parish Treasurer
for transmission
- f) income usually with the Parish Treasurer
for transmission

Article 8

- 1 consist of 10 of laymen - members only
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strike three and four
- 2 ✓
- 3 e) ... to the Secretary of Oregon Chapter
- 4
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 - b ✓
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 - d strike
 - e strike
 - f full stop after "Protestants", strike rest
 - g) to deposit 25% of the money received
from the Protestants and to transfer
25% to the Treasurer of Oregon Chapter

→ Article 8

4 h to pay the salaries of the Presbytery members

i Tied if not to

j " " " " (of Division Board)

k " " " "

✓

Article 9

The Presbytery Council

1. The Presbytery Council shall consist of
Compositional Presbytery within the ~~Presbytery~~
The Pastor is the chairman by virtue
of his office

2

Functions

a) to make recommendations to the
General Conference regarding
appointment, discharge, transfer etc. of
the Presbytery and other bodies of the
Presbytery

b) to assist the Pastor in the discharge
of his duties within the presbytery

c) to receive reports etc.

d) cf 4.6

e) cf 4.6

f) cf 4.6 with the DE Regulation

3 Meetings + quorum

The Presbytery Council shall meet every
month and 1/3 of its members
shall form the Quorum

Page 9
4, 5, 6, 7

Article 11

The Oregon Bible Association

1. Composition

The Oregon Bible Association shall consist of all Pastors belonging to the D.C. and the Church Superintendents as the Chairman of D.C.M. by virtue of his office

2. Functions

[D.C., VII, 4] a, c [Provisional Council], f, g, h, i,

3. Meetings and Quorum

The D.C.M. shall meet annually and may call a special, one third

Article 12

The Church Superintendents

Article 13

Church Council

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Church Superintendents Council

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Bishop

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Method Sabha

17 Special Unit Program

Appendix: a) Schedule of Meetings
b) Procedure for bringing the new Constitution into effect

New

Subdivisions:

Parishes

Baptized

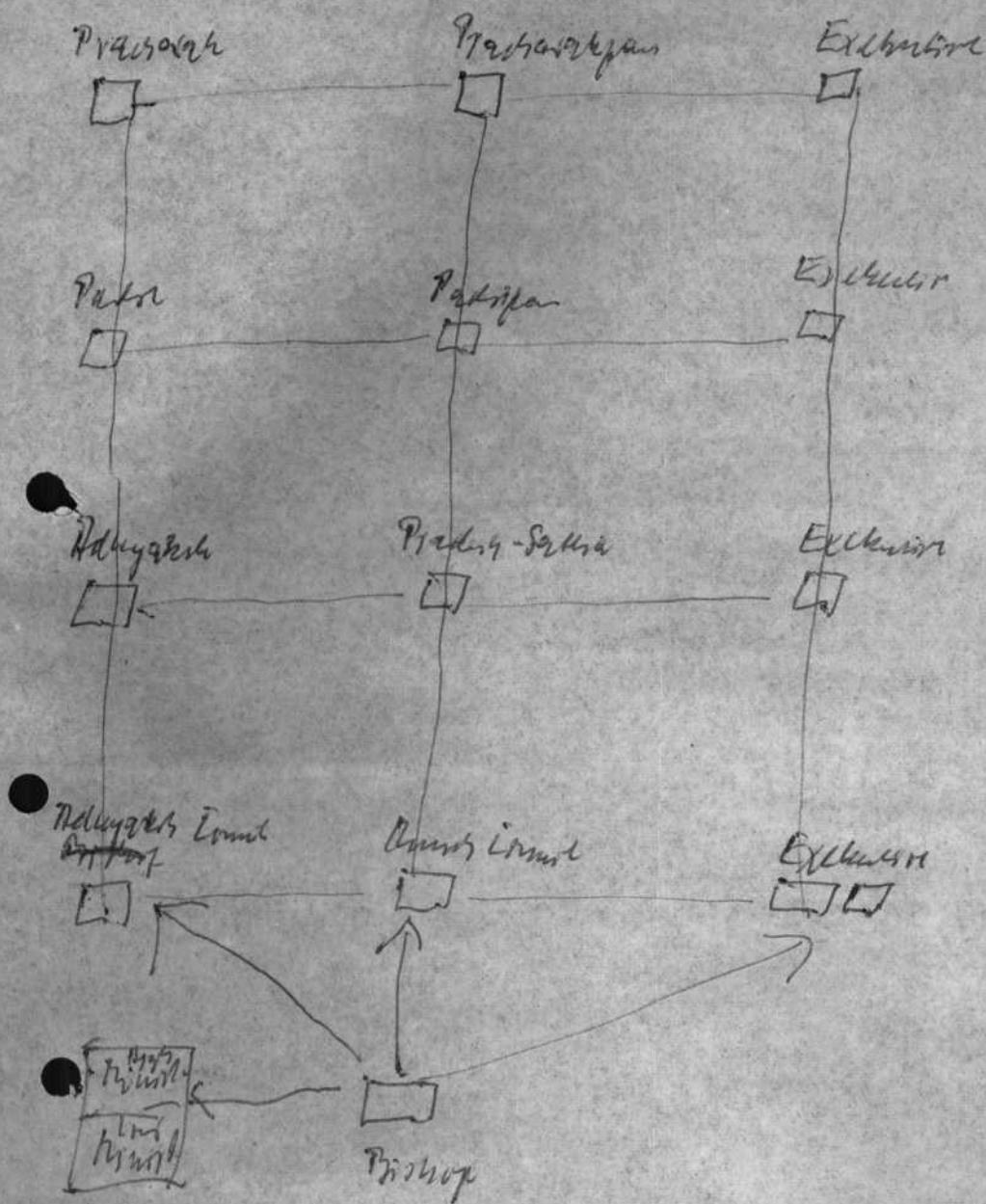
1. Ranchi	8	13 400	✓
2. Gumda	7	15 300	✓
3. Lohardaga	5	9 300	✓
4. Sindaga	17	48 600	0
5. Khunti	12	21 300	

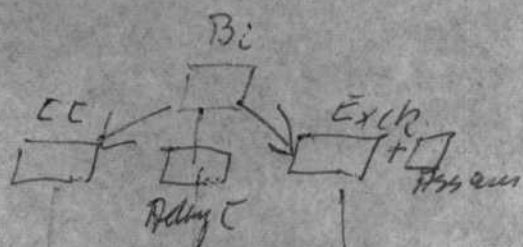
Districts:

6. Singhbhum	4	13 200	✓
7. Hazaribagh	3	2 000	✓
8. Purulia (+Burdwan)	5	5 500	} 0
9. Falgumari	2	2 000	
10. Jaspur	4	9 800	✓
11. Sundargarh	12	52 900	0
12. Samsalpur	4	5 460	
13. Leps Baram	4	10 000	
14. Loms Baram	7	11 000	
94		219 800	

Average: 47 parishes
415 per baptized

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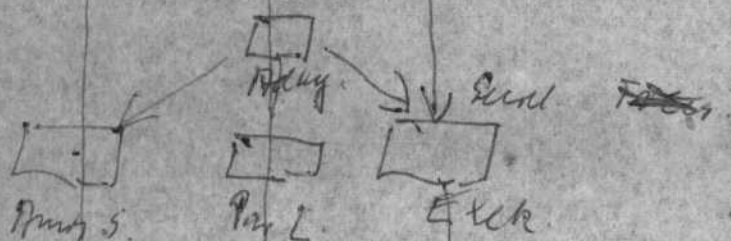


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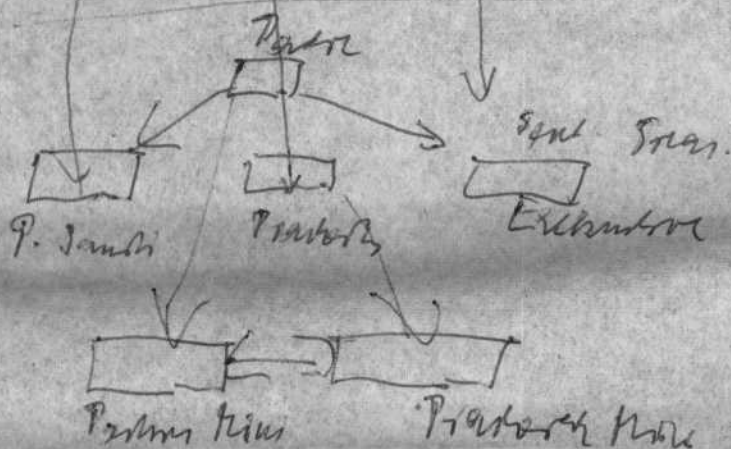


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District

P. Samir: von Bi getrennt

Pratish: von District Central, von Relays getrennt

Exch. Samir: von District Central, von District Central getrennt

P. Samir: je 1 von District Central, getrennt (auch Relays)

<u>Subdivisions.</u>	<u>Parishes</u>	<u>Baptised</u>
1. Randa	8 u	13 400
2. Kanda	7 u	15 300
3. Loserdaga	5 u	9 300
4. Sindega I North South	10 M	24 800
5. Sindega II North	7 u/u	23 800
6. Kumi	12 M	21 300

Districts:

7. Singu Mui	4 M	13 200
8. Hapadaghi	3 u	2 000
9. West Mungala	7 u/M	7 500
10. Fapud	4 u	9 400
11. Sindorgah I North	6 M	26 500
12. Sindorgah II South	6 M/u	26 400
13. Samalpur	4 M	5 460
14. Upper Assam	4 M	10 000
15. Lower Assam	7 M	11 000
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94		219 800

Bray. in 6 parishes
in 14 700 members

5 u 4 u
7 M 2 M
3 M/u 3 M/u

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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	5088	10470	56050	No. Members	No. tps.
Khundi	Budessa: 3	Amra 7 + Khundi	Grindpur 2	12	21300
Sundega	13200	11600	10700	13100	48600
	Kango: 5	Falgausa: 5	Kinmel 4 + Jataldi	17	
Guinda	3800	5217	1239	5100	15300
	Guinda: 2	Chaispur: 3	Konra 1	Grindpur + Konra: 1	
	+ Panisani			Kotko + Kanchanpur Taharman	8. 13430
Baruki	4 parishes Ranchi	9500 + (3930 Hqs.)			5 9343
	Chinra, Harser, Dibardish, Helga, Kanke, Patalkhandwa, Kali, Mander + Ranikhatargi				
Lohardaga (+ Palam Hqs.)	12	13200			4 13200
Chaiterra (Singhkhim - Hqs.)	4	(+ 5000?)			
Hazaribagh	3	2000		3	2000
Jajpur (M.P.)	Arkhela, Jajpur, Kasabli	9800		4	9800
Sundargarh	12	52900		12	52900
Sambalpur	4	With mission field 5460		4	5460
Purnia	4	(+ 2000) = 5	2600	5	2600
Falpaiguri	2	1900		2	1900
Upper Assam	4	10 000		4	10 000
Lower Assam	7	11 000		7	11 000

94

2400 each

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PROPOSED BASIC IDEAS FOR NEW CONSTITUTION OF GELC.

1. For the time being Pracharakpan, Padripan, and Ilakas of the GELC shall remain as they are only the powers and functions of the Pracharaks, Pastors, and the lay administrative officers at each level be more clearly and exhaustively defined.

2. The Ilakas of the GELC be brought under three dioceses; The Tezpur Dioces, Ranchi Dioces, and Jamshedpur (Khunti) Dioces.

Tezpur(Assam) Dioces shall be given complete ^{if they} autonomy for all internal and external matters. ^{it so desire} It will be related to the one Gossner Church only fraternally. This would mean that (I) Ordination Pastors (II) Major functions be attended and participated by the head of the GELC.

The Ilakas outside Assam shall be ^{assigned to} given the freedom to ~~join~~ either Ranchi or Jamshedpur(Khunti) Dioces.

The Dioces shall be administered by a diocesan council with Bishop as the head. Education, Mission, and finance remain as Diocesan subject.

3. The Centre of the GELC shall be constituted of equal number of members from the Ranchi and Jamshedpur Dioces.

The two Bishops shall become the head and assistant of the GELC alternately.

The Secretary to the presiding Bishop shall act as the co-ordinator and promoter of functions in the two Dioces.

The Presiding Bishop shall remain the Bishop of his original Dioces even during the period he becomes the head of the GELC.

Property and Theological education shall remain as Central subjects.

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Jarvis	u			
Sunder	M			
Sambalpur	M			
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Lower Buxi	M		6	6 2

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The Constitution of the E. E. L. Church

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1. keine Artikel
2. Autarkie übertragen → EC
3. Institutionen können erweitert
4. Wahlen alle 4 Jahre
5. Neue Verfassung + Artikel
6. EC mit mehr Verantwortung
7. bestimmte Artikel
8. 32 Plätze
9. EC 32 ~~30~~ 64 im Jahre 31 jährig
+ Präsident (1 Wahl)
Executive Council (1 Lager)
35 Members
10. a. Executive officer
b. Finance "
c. Dir. Economics
d. Land officer
e. Education officer
11. Vor der Präsidentschaft durch EC
12. Direktion Institutionen wird
erhalten

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G.E.L.Church Organisation

Anchals according to geographical situation

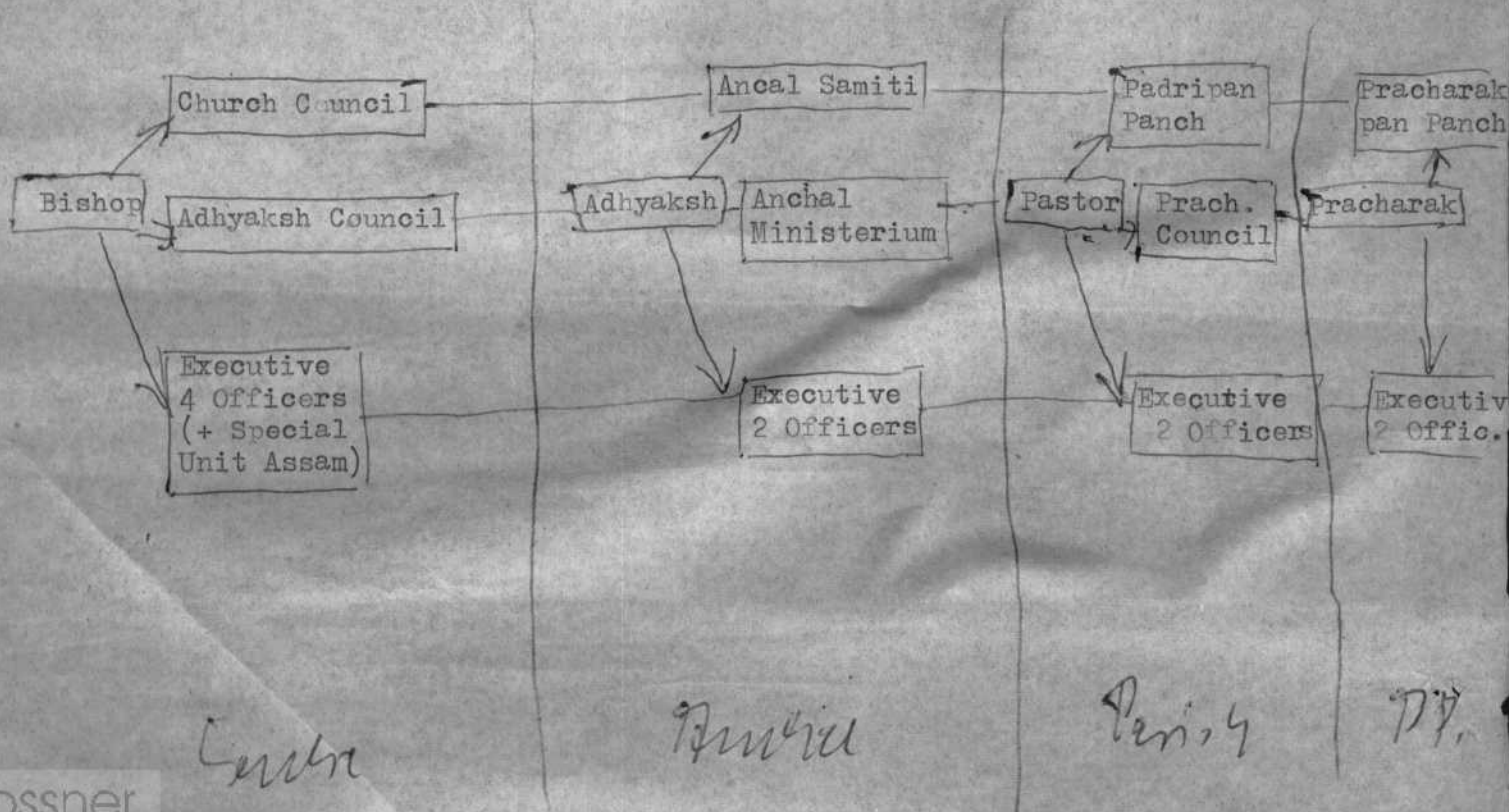
Anchal		No. of parishes	No. of baptized
1. Subdivision	<u>Ranchi</u>	8	13400
2. "	<u>Lohardaga</u> + <u>Plamau</u> (including Hazaribagh)	8	11 300
3. "	<u>Gumla</u> (less Kutba + Takarua)	7	15 300
4. "	<u>Simdega North</u>	7	23 800
5. "	<u>Simdega South</u>	10	24800
6. "	<u>Khunti</u> (less Konchampur)	12	21 300
7. District	<u>Singhbhum</u>	4 + <u>Tokand Fryer</u>	13 200
8. "	<u>West-Bengalen</u> Jalpaiguri, Purulia, Calcutta, Andaman	7	7 500
9. "	Jasur M.P.	4	9 800
10. "	Sundargarh North	6	26 500
11. "	Sundargarh South	6	26 400
12. "	Sambalpur	4 ^{less} Two Missions 4 ^{other}	5 500
13. "	Upper Assam	7	10 000
14. "	Lower Assam	6	11 000

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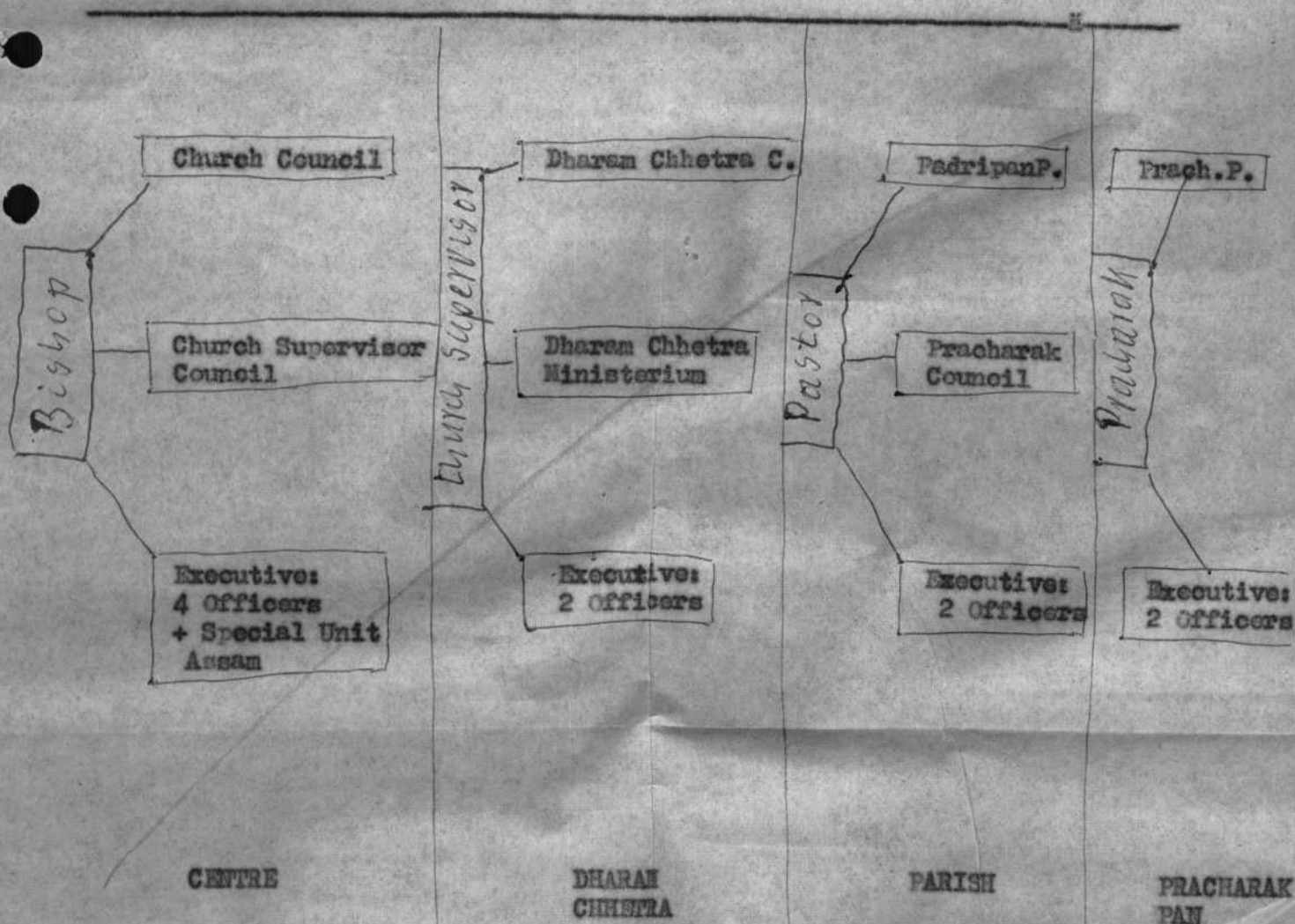
G.E.L.Church: Organisation

1. A Pracharakpan is the smallest organisational unit of the church.
 Spiritual authority: Pracharak (+ Prachin ?)
 Administrative authority: Pracharakpan Panch
 Executive (authority): Secretary and treasurer Period: 4 years
 2. A padripan consists of several Pracharakpans.
 Spiritual authority: Pastor and Pracharak Council (all Pracharaks)
 Administrative authority: Padripan Panch (only laymen)
 Executive (authority): Secretary and Treasurer (elected by Padripan Panch)
 Period: 4 years
 3. An Anchal consists of several parishes (see plan attached)
 Spiritual authority: Adhyaksh and Anchal Ministerium (all Pastors)
 Administrative authority: Anchal Samiti (laymen only)
 Executive (authority): Secretary and Treasurer (elected by Anchal Samiti)
 Period: 4 years
 4. The Pracharakpans, Padripan and Anchals constitute the One G.E.L.Church
 Spiritual authority: Bishop Period: 10 years
 Administrative (authority): Adhyaksh Council (all Adhyaksha)
 Church Council (one layman from each Anchal)
 Executive (authority): General Secretary, Finance Officer, Education Officer,
 Evangelistic Officer (nominated by Bishop, appointed by Adhyaksh Council and Church Council. Dismissal by Bishop after agreement of A.C. and C.C.) jointly (?)
- Functions of spiritual / Administrative authority have to be defined.*
- in consultation with transferred in consultation with*
- Spiritual Authority: Pracharak is appointed by Pastor with agreement of Pracharak Council. Anchal Ministerium. Salary: Parish
 Pastor is appointed by Bishop with agreement of Adhyaksh Council. Salary: Anchal
 Bishop Adhyaksh is nominated by Anchal Ministerium and elected by Anchal Samiti. Salary: Centre
 Bishop is nominated by Adhyaksh Council and elected by Church Council. Salary: Centre
- Properties - lease arrangement - a trust / one expert businessman with special terms of Refund*
- Financing: From the total income of parishes to be transferred: 25% to the Anchals, 50% to the Centre.
- Special Administrative Unit: The two Anchals Upper and Lower Assam form a special administrative (and spiritual) unit with a Regional Secretary and a Regional Treasurer. Meetings twice a year at Tezpur, once at Ranchi



Parishes
The 12 Dharam Chhetra according to geographical situation:

Name:	No. of parishes	No. of baptized
1. (Subdivision) <u>Ranchi</u>	8	appr. 13 500
2. " <u>Lohardaga</u> (including <u>Hazaribagh</u> and <u>Palamu</u>)	8	" 11 500
3. " <u>Gumla</u>	7	" 15 500
4. " <u>Sindega North</u>	7	" 24 000
5. " <u>Sindega South</u>	10	" 25 000
6. " <u>Khunti</u>	12	" 21 500
7. (District) <u>Singbhum</u>	4	" 13 000
8. <i>8.41</i> (Province) <u>West-Bengalen</u> (<u>Jalpaiguri</u> , <u>Purulia</u> , <u>Calcutta</u> , <u>Andaman</u>)	7	" 7 500
9. " <u>Jaspur H.P.</u>	4	" 10 000
10. " <u>Sundargarh North</u>	6	" 26 500
11. " <u>Sundargarh South</u> (including <u>Sambalpur</u>)	8	" 29 000
12. (Province) <u>Assam</u>	10	" 21 000



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Constitution GELC

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6	Duties and Activities	
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8	Padripan Padro	
9	Pravarak Council	
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11	Archdiocesan Administration	
12	Church Supervisor	
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Article 12

Church Supervisor

1. Nominations Office

The Church Supervisor is the spiritual authority of the Archdiocese and by virtue of his office member of the Church Supervisor Council.

2. Nominations and Appointment

The Church Supervisor is nominated by the Bishop and appointed by the Church Supervisor Council in consultation with the Clergy Council. The Salary of the Church Supervisor is paid by the Clergy Council.

3. Duration of Office

a. The office of the Church Supervisor ends upon retirement or upon resignation. The Church Supervisor remains in his office until a successor is nominated and appointed. If this is not possible within three months, the senior pastor of the Archdiocese will become the Acting Church Supervisor.

b. The office of the Church Supervisor ends by ~~impeachment~~ through non-confidence vote by Archdiocesan Council and Church Supervisor Council. In this case the office of the Church Supervisor ends immediately and the senior pastor of the Archdiocese will become the Acting Church Supervisor for the time being.

4. Duties of Church Supervisor

a. The Church Supervisor shall supervise all pastors and other workers in the Archdiocese, parishes, congregations and institutions within his jurisdiction.

b. He shall preside over all meetings of the Archdiocesan Council as well as of the Archdiocesan Administration.

c. It shall be his duty to see that the Constitution of the Episcopal Church, the rules and decisions of the Archdiocesan Council and the Clergy Council as well as of the Church Supervisor Council and the Archdiocesan Administration are observed and implemented.

d. He shall install newly appointed pastors.

e. He shall on behalf of the Archdiocese sign all official documents together with the secretary. He shall countersign the signatures of the Treasurer.

f. He shall submit the annual report of the Archdiocese to

Article 12 Franchise

(inserted April 10)

→ the Church Council and to the Church Supervisory Council

Article 13

Church Council

1. Composition

The Church Council shall consist of members elected by the District Councils. The Bishop is the ex-officio member by virtue of his office. The period of membership in the ~~Church~~ ^{Church} Council shall be for four years.

2. Election

(a) Each District Council shall elect one layman from among its representatives in the Church Council.

(b) The Bishop shall be a member of the Church Council.

(c) The General Secretary and the Finance Officer shall be members of the Church Council without right of voting.

(d) ~~The rules laid down in Article Seven para 3 (d)~~
(e) shall be followed. The quorum is formed by at least 9 members, except during election of Bishop.

3. Functions

As the highest administrative authority

The Church Council shall have the following functions:

1) The Administration of the Evangelical Church, i.e.

I. to appoint a General Secretary and control his office

II. to keep, preserve and develop the growing of the church

III. to have good relationship to churches in India and abroad

Article 13

- IV To initiate legislative projects including amendments to the constitution
- V To appoint on the recommendations of the Managing Committee the Principals, Headmasters or Headmistresses of all the District Institutions except the Theological College

b) The Financing of the Gossner Church i.e.

- I To appoint a Finance Officer and control his office
- II To prepare an annual Budget of G.E.C. Church
- III To prepare pay-scales for all church workers and officers in the Church
- IV To ~~make~~ payments for the salaries of the Church Superintendents and the workers in the Central Institutions and in the central administration
- V To lease out the property of the Church to an expert businessman with special terms of reference.
- VI To administer the Pension funds and the Provident F.
- VII To take care of other financial matters.

c) To control the administration of the Archdeacon i.e.

- I To receive ^{the minutes} ~~annual~~ reports of the Archdeaconal Councils ~~that their functions~~
- II To reconfirm the decisions of the Archdeaconal Councils if felt necessary. If after a time to revise the decisions of the Archdeaconal Councils within a time-limit of three months

Proposed Article 13

- III To receive as contributions from the Archdeals 50% of their income
- IV To be a court of appeal for administrative matters in the Archdeals
- V To confirm the appointment of Church Superintendents by the Church Superintendents Council

d) To elect the Bishop of the Church after nomination ^{through} the Church Superintendents Council. ~~There is a majority vote necessary. If there are three candidates, then there shall be a second election immediately after the first election. In the second election~~

To elect the Bishop of the Church.
The procedure is as follows

- I The quorum is formed by presence of all 13 members only
- II The nomination is done by the Church Superintendents Council
- III Only yes or no votes are possible
- IV There is a majority vote necessary
- V If three candidates are nominated and in the election nobody reaches a majority vote, there shall be a second election immediately afterwards a second election between the two candidates with the highest votes. If there are two candidates with the equal lowest votes, decision between them shall be made by ballots.

Finetuning Article 13

- c) to exercise on behalf of the General Church the residuary administrative powers not covered by this Constitution

Article 14

Church Supervisor Council

1. Composition

The Church Supervisor Council shall consist of all Church Supervisors and acting Church Supervisors. The Bishop is the chairman by virtue of his office.

2. Quorum

The quorum of the Church Supervisor Council is formed by at least 9 members, except during nomination of Bishop.

3. Functions

As the highest spiritual authority the Church Supervisor Council shall have the following functions:

a) personal matters

I. to appoint the Church Supervisors after nomination through the Bishop

II. to appoint and transfer the pastor after nomination through the respective Church Supervisor

III. to appoint the Evangelistic Officer of the Gossner Church and the Education Officer of the Gossner Church and control their officers.

IV. to appoint the Principal ^{Headmaster} of the Theological College institutions and the fulltime staff on recommendations of the Managing Committee.

a) Theological matters

I. to keep and preserve the doctrine of the Church

II. to recommend to the Bishop the candidates to be ordained to the Ministry

III. to initiate legislation proposals including amendments to the Constitution

c) general matters

I. to nominate one, two or three candidates for the election of the Bishop through the Church Council.

II. to be a court of appeal for the Church Ministries.

Article 15

Bishop

1. Office

The Bishop is the spiritual authority of the Gossner Church and by virtue of his office chairman and member of the Church Council and of the Church Supervisors Council.

2. Nomination and Election

The Bishop is nominated by the Church Supervisors Council and elected by the Church Council.

3. Duration of office

(a) The Bishop is elected for a period of ten years. Re-election is possible.

(b) The term of Bishopship ends either after the year term or after retirement or after resignation. The Bishop remains in his office until a successor is nominated and elected. If this is not possible within three months, the Senior Church Supervisor will become the Acting Bishop.

(c) The term of Bishopship ends through non-confidence vote by Church Council and Church Supervisors Council. In this case the Bishopship ends immediately and the Senior Church Supervisor will become the Acting Bishop for the time being.

4. Duties of the Bishop

- a) He shall be the visible sign of the unity of the Gossner Church
- b) He shall be the spiritual guardian of the doctrines and Confessions of the Gossner Church and shall be assisted by the Church Supervisor Council
- c) He shall be Pastor Patronus of the Gossner Church and shall be the overseer of all church supervision and other workers in the church. For this purpose he shall have the right and the duty of visitation to all the organizational units of the Gossner Church.
- d) He shall ordain the Candidates to the Ministry in the Gossner Church
- e) He shall represent the Gossner Church in all her external relationships, both in and outside India
- f) He shall be the Chairman of the Church Council and of the Church Supervisor Council
- g) He shall be the highest authority of the Central office of the Church
- h) He shall on behalf of the Gossner Church sign all official documents together with the General Secretary. He shall countersign the signature of the Finance Officer

Article 16

The Maha Sabha

1. Composition

- a) The Mahasabha of the Diocese shall consist of members elected by the District Councils and the District Missionary. Each District Council shall elect five laymen within the District and each District Missionary shall elect 3 pastors and two Prabhakarans within the District.
- b) The Bishop, the Church Superiors and the members of the Church Council, the Central Officers are members of Maha Sabha by virtue of their office.
- c) The Bishop has the right to nominate and to send his most trusted members into the Maha Sabha.

2. Meeting

- a) The Mahasabha shall meet once in three years. It shall be convened by the Bishop.
- b) Reports from all Districts and from the Central Office and a general report from the Bishop shall be submitted to the Mahasabha for information and deliberation only.

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Artikel eins

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Artikel zwei

(Paragraph 1 - 4 unverändert)

Artikel drei

Mitgliedschaft

Paragraph 1 - 3: unverändert

4. Mitglieder oder eine Gruppe der Kirche, die der kirchlichen Verfassung widerstreben, verlieren die Mitgliedschaft der Kirche. So ausgeschiedene können nur auf schriftliche Bitte wieder in die Kirche aufgenommen werden.
5. wie Paragraph 4 (alt).
6. Assoziierte Mitgliedschaft:
Den Leuten von ~~xxx~~ Gebieten, wo keine andere Gemeinde oder Kirche existiert, kann auf schriftlichen Antrag assoziierte Mitgliedschaft der Kirche erteilt werden, und im Falle wo unsere Gemeinde fehlt, können unsere Mitglieder assoziierte Mitgliedschaft anderer Kirchen annehmen.

Artikel vier

Fundamentale Prinzipien und Organisation:

Erster Teil: Fundamentale Prinzipien

Paragraph 1 - 4 unverändert (S/2-3)

Zweiter Teil:

Paragraph 1 - 3 unverändert (S/3)

4. Kalishiya Parshad (Church Council) wird aus gewählten Repräsentanten von "Ilakas" gebildet. Der Präsident((Dharma adhyksha) der Kirche wird auf Grund seiner Tätigkeit Vorsitzender des "Church Councils".
5. Der Präsident der Kirche wird von "Church Council" gewählt. Die geistliche und administrative Autorität der Kirche liegt am Präsidenten. Dem Präsident ist das Ministerium in geistlichen und in administrativen Angelegenheiten Church Council behilflich mit ihren Ratschlägen.
6. Für die verschiedenen Aufgaben der Kirche werden die verschiedenen Abteilungsleiter (Offiziere) durch Church Council eingestellt. Mit Hilfe dieser Offiziere übt der Präsident sein Amt.
7. Die ordinierten Pastoren der Kirche bilden das Ministerium. Dem Präsident wird dieses Ministerium in geistlichen Angelegenheiten mit Rat behilflich sein.
8. Es gibt ein "Kalishiya Sabha" (Church Assembly), wo jeder Ilaka durch Laien sowie pastoralische Repräsentanten vertreten wird. Dem Church Council wird dieses "Sabha" in anderen sowie in Angelegenheiten wie über das Wachstum der Kirche mit Rat behilflich sein.
9. Das Church Council richtet ein "Church Court of Constitution" ein, das dem Church Council bei der Interpretation der verschiedenen Klauseln der Verfassung behilflich sein wird.

Artikel fünf

(Die Pflicht und Zweck), Para.: 1 - 6 unverändert(S/5)

Artikel sechs

(Pflicht und Tätigkeit)

Para.: 1-(Unverändert, S/5). Die Namen der Institutionen nicht erwähnt.

Para.: 2- unverändert, s/6

3. Einstellung und Versetzung der Kandidaten und Pastoren von einem Parish zum anderen.

Para.: 4 - 11 unverändert, S/5-6

11(b) Aufrechterhaltung und Administration
des Chotanagpur Prak^ashan Grih.

Para.: 12 - 13 unverändert S/6

" 14 : Aufrechterhaltung und Verwaltung des
Kircheneigentums in Mitwirkung von Parish und
Ilakas. Church Council ist das allein und einzige
Rechtsbesitzer des Kircheneigentums.

Para.: 15 - 16 unverändert S/6

" 17: unverändert S/6, statt "Anchal" "Ilaka"
ist eingesetzt worden.

Para.: 18-20: unverändert S/6

" 21: der zweite Satz entfällt.

" 22: Aufrechterhaltung und Entwicklung der Gemeinden,
Parish, Ilakas und Entwicklungsgebiete.

" 23: unverändert, S/7

" 24: Aufrechterhaltung und Eröffnung von Schulen und
Krankenhäusern sowie landwirtschaftlichen und
industriellen Ausbildungsstätten.

" 25: Zur Aufrechterhaltung der geistlichen Einheit
der Kirche muß von Zeit zu Zeit auf verschiedener
Ebene Versammlungen und Wiederholungskurse
eingehalten werden.

" 26-27: unverändert S/7

" 28: Zur Aufrechterhaltung der Glaubenseinheit muß
mit anderen Kirchen Kontakt gepflegt werden
und zwar durch Austausch der Repräsentanten.

Artikel sieben

" Pracharakpan-Panch"

1. Organisation:

P-Panch wird aus gewählten Mitgliedern gebildet.

Pracharak (Katechist) ist auf Grund seiner Tätigkeit
Vorsitzender des P-Panchs. P-Panch kann, wenn es
nötig ist, noch drei Mitglieder aufnehmen. Ein Sekretär
und ein Schatzmeister werden von P-Panch von eignen

Mitgliedern gewählt. Sie werden für ihre Tätigkeit nicht bezahlt. Die Mitgliedschaftsdauer ist 4 Jahre. (Früher 3 Jahre).

2.2. Das Wahlrecht:- unverändert.

3. Die Wahl:- S/7.

Sub-para: a, b unverändert

" c: gestrichen
d: unverändert
e: gestrichen

4. Funktion: S/8

a: unverändert
b: "
c: "
d: P-Panch sammelt die Gemeinde-Kollektion (Mandli-Paisha) und schickt es an Padripan.
e: unverändert
f: "
g: "
h: "
i: "
j: "
k: " S/9

5. Meeting und Quorum: unverändert.

Artikel acht

"Padripan- Panch" (Perish-Panch)

1. Organisation:-

Das P-Panch wird aus gewählten Mitgliedern der Padripan ~~gkx~~ angehörenden Pracharakpan-Panchs gebildet. Die Pastoren und Pracharaks sind auf Grund ihrer Tätigkeit Mitglied des Padripan-Panchs. Einer der Hauptlehrer/Hauptlehrerin der lutherischen Schulen die zum Padripan gehören, kann auch abwechselnd als ernanntes Mitglied des P-Panchs aufgenommen werden. Der Pastor ist auf Grund seiner Tätigkeit Vorsintzender. Zwei der Mitglieder werden nach Stimmenmehrheit als S

Sekre

Sekretär und Schatzmeister gewählt. Sie sind ehrenamtlich.
Die Mitgliedschaftsdauer ist 4 Jahre .(Früher 3 Jahre).

2. Das Wahlrecht:
wie Artikel VII, para.:2, S/9
3. Die Wahl:
a: unverändert, S/9
b: "
c: "
d: gestrichen
c: "
4. Funktion:
a- g : unverändert.S/9
h : Begabte Schüler zu theologischen Institutionen
ausfindig zu machen und bei den betreffenden Behörden
vorzuschlagen.
i - m: unverändert, S/10
n : Gestaltung des "Executive Committees" dem nicht
mehr als sieben angehören.. Die Offiziere des Padripan-
Panchs sind auf Grund ihrer Tätigkeit Mitglied dieses
Committees.
o: Einberufung der alljährlichen Padripan-Versammlung.
5. Meeting und Quorum: S/10, unverändert.

Artikel neun

" Ilaka- Panch "

1. Organisation:-
Teilweise unverändert-(The Ilaka-Panch shall.....
themselves to the Ilaka Panch) S/ 10.
Noch drei weitere Personen können nach "Co-opt" als
Mitglied des Ilaka-Panchs aufgenommen werden, wenn
die Mitgliedzahl weniger als Zehn ist. Zwei Mitglieder
werden ehrenamtlich nach Stimmenmehrheit als ~~Sekretär~~
Sekretär und Schatzmeister gewählt.
2. Das Wahlrecht:-
Wie Artkel VII,Para:2, S/10.
3. Die Wahl:-
a - c : unverändert.

4. Funktion:- S/ 11 - 12.

a-j: unverändert

k : im neuen gestrichen(S/11) aber ersetzt durch (1)

m : ~~un~~verändert. (1) im neuen.

n : " (m) " "

o : " (n) " "

p : " (o) " "

5. Meeting und Quorum: S/12

Unverändert. zugefügt:-"Executivë" hat mit 4 Anwesenden ihr Quorum.

Artikel zehn

Obrigkeit der Kirche

II. Der Präsident und Vize-Präsident:-

Der Präsident und vize-Präsident sind die Obersten der Kirche. Sie haben 4 Jahre Amtszeit. Der Präsident ist bezahlt und vize-Präsident ist unbezahlt.

1. Präsident:

Aus den gesamten Mitgliedern des Ministeriums wird der Präsident gewählt. Er wird durch Church Council in folgender Weise gewählt:-

a) Das Church Council wird von "outgoing Präsident" berufen. In der ersten Sitzung des Church Councils wird das älteste Mitglied von "outgoing President" als Vorsitzender berufen. Danach scheidet der "outgoing President" von seinem Sitz aus. Ein Laie oder auch ein Pastor kann Vorsitzender werden. Unter der Führung des Vorsitzenden können ^{die} Mitglieder des Ministeriums die Namen der Präsidentschaftskandidaten ^{zu} vorschlagen, ^{welche} die folgende Bedingungen erfüllt haben müssen:-

i). Er muß mindestens 40 Jahre alt sein.

ii). Er muß mindestens 4 Jahre "Seminary College" besucht und mit Erfolg abgeschlossen haben.

- iii). Er muß mindestens 5 Jahre Erfahrung in irgendeiner Gemeinde der Kirche besitzen.
- vi). Daß er niemals von Ministerium oder Church Council verhöhnt und schuldig verurteilt worden ist.
- b). Daß der Präsident und die vize-Präsidentschaftskandidaten ihre Einwilligung schriftlich abgegeben haben.
- c). Die vorgeschlagenen Namen werden durch die Prüfungskommission geprüft, und gültige Namen werden in Church Council vorgeschlagen.
- d). 1. Unter Führung des Vorsitzenden und mit Gebet werden Stimmzettel für die Kandidaten von Church Council Mitglied abgegeben. Der Kandidatsname, der durchkommt wird dann vom Vorsitzenden bekanntgegeben. ~~Für das~~

Für das Stimmeabgabe-System siehe Artikel XX.

2. Falls die Prüfungskommission ein einziger gültiger Name vorschlägt, wird dieser Name durch den Vorsitzenden als gewählt bekannt gegeben.

~~Wenn alle vorgeschlagenen Namen ungültig~~

Wenn die Prüfungskommission alle vorgeschlagenen Namen ungültig bekannt gibt, werden andere Namen durch Church Council vorgeschlagen.

- e). Nach Beendigung der ersten Amtszeit kann auch ein zweites Mal der Präsidentsname vom Council vorgeschlagen werden. Aber nach zweimalige Daueramtszeit kann der Name ein drittes Mal nicht vorgeschlagen werden. Nach dieser einmaligen Unterbrechung kann er wieder vorgeschlagen werden.

2. Vize-Präsident:

Nach o.g. System wird auch Vize Präsident gewählt. Von den Anwesenden Mitgliedern des Church Councils wird einer als Vize-Präsident gewählt.

6. Die Wahltag und Amtsantritt:-

In folgenderweise wird der Wahl und Amtsantritt stattfinden:-

Mittwoch: Ankunft des Church Councils Mitglieder bis zum Abend.

Donnerstag: Vormittag:-die Wahlvorbereitung
Nachmittag:-Unter Vorsitz des "Outgoing
Präsidenten" Einberufung und Beginn des
~~Church Councils~~ Church Councils.

Freitag, Sonnabend:-

Die Sitzung des Church Councils unter
dem Vorsitz des "Outgoing President".

S.P.:Einberufung des neu gewählten Präsidenten ~~xxx~~
~~xxx~~ und Vize-Präsidenten bis zum Sonnabendabend.

Sonntag: Amtsantritt und Confirmation der Beiden
in ihre Ämter durch "Outgoing Präsident.
(Ein besonderer Gottesdienst).

S.P.: Nach Amtsantritt übernehmen die Beiden ihre
Verantwortung als Präsident und Vize-Präsident.

II. Funktion:-

Präsident's Recht und Tätigkeit (Rights and duties):-

a.Siehe Artikel Achtzehn-unter "Pramukh Adhyaksh"

(1)-S/23 unverändert

b.(2) S/23 2

c. Er ist der "Pastor Pastorum" der Gossner Kirche
und Oberaufseher aller Mitarbeiter der Kirche. Er
ist dazu berechtigt alle Gemeinden, Organisationen
und Institutionen der Gossner Kirche zu besichtigen.

d. Siehe Artikel XVII,para.4,S/23. unverändert.

e. Art.XVII,Para.5,S/23 unverändert.

f. Art.XVII,Para.6,S/23 "

g. Er ist Vorsitzender in der Sitzungen des Church
Councils und Ministeriums.

h. Nach der Beendigung seiner Amtszeit ruft er seinen
Nachfolger in sein Amt.

i. Er ist der Ratgeber der Kirchlichen-Versammlung
(Church Convention) bzw. über das geistige Leben
der Kirche.

j. Er ist der Hüter (Custodian) der Verfassung.

k. Er kann die Pastoren auf Bitte des Ministeriums
entlassen.

l-m - sollen für die nächste Zeit aufgehoben werden.

n. Doppel-Bekanntgebung des Brautpaares besitzt nur
der Präsident; in seiner Abwesenheit, der Vize-

Präsident, und in Abwesenheit des Vize-Präsidenten "Executive Secretary".

- o. Er hat das Recht den "Executive Secretary" Urlaub zu geben.
- p. Er kann den "Principals" des Seminary College, Hauptlehrer des "Gossner Bible & Elementary Training Centres" und Ilaka-Vorsitzender nach Bedarf ~~xxxxx~~ anstellen. Er stellt selbst die "Perish-Vorsitzenden" an oder angestellt durch seinen ernannten Pastor.
- q. Er beaufsichtigt die vertraulichen Berichte (confidential reports).
- r. Auf Grund seiner Tätigkeit besitzt er "General Power of Attorney". Wenn erforderlich überträgt er "Special Power of Attorney" dem "Land Officer" oder auch anderen.

2. Vize-Präsident's Recht und Tätigkeit:-

- a. In Abwesenheit des Präsidenten vertritt er ihn.
- b. Er tut jene Arbeit, die er vom Präsidenten mit ~~z~~ Zustimmung des Church Councils beauftragt wird.

Artikelleelf

Andere Offiziere der Kirche im Zentrum:-

Es sind die andere Offiziere für die "Zentrale-Verwaltung" der Kirche, damit die Verwaltung gut läuft. Sie sind wie folgt zu nennen:-

- 1. Executive Secretary
- 2. Finance Officer
- 3. Director of Evangelism
- 4. Land Officer
- 5. Education Officer

1. Executive Secretary:-

i. Anstellung (appointment):

Church Council stellt eine fähige Person als

"Executive Secretary". Er erhält sein Gehalt. Er

hat das Recht in jede Church Councilssitzung dabei zu sein aber ohne Stimmrecht.

ii. Funktion:

- a. Mit Absprache des Präsidenten schreibt er die Sitzungstage des Church Councils aus.
- b. Mit Absprache des Präsidenten bereitet er die Tagesordnung der Sitzung vor.
- c. Er protokolliert den Arbeitsverlauf der Sitzung.
- d. Er ist dafür zuständig, daß die Beschlüsse der Sitzung ausgeführt werden.
- e. Er ist dafür zuständig, daß die Arbeit des "Central Offices" "Executive Office" gut verläuft.
- f. Er ist verantwortlich für die Akten.
- g. Er hat das Recht den verschiedenen Abteilungsleitern Urlaub zu geben.
- h. Dem Präsidenten und Church Council gegenüber ist er für seine Arbeit verantwortlich.
- i. Er legt dem "Kalishiya Sabha" (Church Assembly) seinen Bericht über Administrationsangelegenheiten vor.
- j. Gesetz den Fall, wo die Beschlüsse des Church Councils fehlen, führt er die Arbeit mit Absprache des Präsidenten aus.
- k. Er schreibt dem Bericht übers Advisory Committee, das aus Zentralabteilungsleitern besteht.
- l. Er ist für die Volkszählung der gesamten Kirche zuständig.

2. Finance Officer:

- i. Anstellung:- wie beim "Executive Secretary."
- ii. Funktion:-
 - a. Er ist zuständig für die Buchführung der Zentrale. Ein bezahlter "Head Accountant" ist da zur Hilfe.
 - b. Er legt dem Church Council zur Entscheidung Finanzbericht ~~vor~~ und Budget vor.
 - c. Er ist dafür zuständig, daß die Ausgaben dem Budget nach sind.

- d. er sorgt dafür, daß das Geld pünktlich an Zentrale von Ilakas überwiesen wird.
- e. Er erstattet Bericht über Einkommen und Ausgabe der Kirche. Von Zeit zu Zeit ~~im Ilakas-Versammlungen~~ erstattet er Ilakas -Versammlungen die Berichte über Einkommen und Ausgaben der Kirche.
- f. Er kontrolliert die Richtigkeit der Buchführung der Gemeinden, Perish, und Ilakas über Einkommen und Ausgaben .
- g. Die Buchführung der Institutionen, die von Zentrale oder Ilakas finanzielle Unterstützung erhalten, werden von Zeit zu Zeit für ihre Richtigkeit von ihm geprüft.
- h. Er gibt den Ilakas, Perish und Gemeinden seine Ratschläge und Hinweise über die Einheitliche Buchführung der festgelegten Sammlungen.
- i. Er erhält von jedem Ilaka jährlichen Finanzbericht.
- j. Er sorgt dafür, daß die Buchführung der Zentrale und verschiedenen Abteilungen gelegentlich geprüft werden.

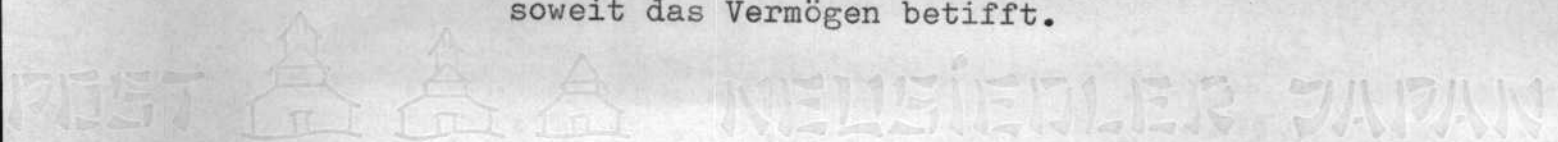
3. Director of Evangelism:-

- i. Anstellung:
wie beim "Executive Secretary". Er muß nur ordiniert sein.
- ii. Funktion:-
 - a. Er ist der Leiter, sowie verantwortlich für die Evangeliumsarbeit innerhalb und außerhalb der Gossner Kirche (Innerhalb und außerhalb Indiens), Zu diesem Zweck legt er dem Church Council von Zeit zu Zeit sein Programm und Plan vor.
 - b. Er gibt dem Church Council und Ilakas Ratschläge bei der Festsetzung der Evangeliumsarbeitsgebiete (Zentrums).
 - c. Er macht Empfehlungen bei Church Council für die Anstellung, Entlassung, und Versetzung der geeigneten Mitarbeiter für Evangeliumsarbeitsgebieten.

- d. Gelegentlich inspiziert er die Arbeitsgebiete und Mitarbeiter und legt dem Church Council und Ilakas seinen Bericht vor.
- e. Für die Mitarbeiter der Evangeliumsarbeitsgebiete arrangiert er die Wiederholungskurse.
- f. Für die Evangeliumsarbeitsgebiete legt er dem Church Council zur Erwähnung ein jährliches Budget vor, und mit seiner Empfehlung gegen monatliche Rechnungen der Ausgabe bei der Finanzabteilung erhalten sie das Geld.
- g. Die nötige Literatur zum Zweck der Evangeliumsarbeit wird von ihm herausgegeben.
- h. Er ist zuständig für die Leitung der Kirche soweit es die christliche Verwaltung (Christian Stewardship) der Kirche betrifft.

4. Land Officer:

- i. Anstellung: wie bei "Executive Secretary".
- ii. Funktion:-
 - a. Er verwaltet das gesamte Vermögen der Kirche.
 - b. Er beaufsichtigt die Buchführung, Dokumente und Zeichnungen usw. soweit das Vermögen betrifft.
 - c. Er kontrolliert Einkommen und Ausgaben.
 - d. Er legt der Church Councils Sitzung den Bericht (Statement) über Einkommen und Ausgaben vor.
 - e. Bei bestimmten Entscheidungen und in besonderer Lage oder Problemen beratschlägt er mit dem Church Council.
 - f. Er gibt Ilakas die Anweisungen in Verwaltungs-~~angelegenheiten~~ angelegenheiten.
 - g. Er vertritt die Kirche in gerichtlichen Verhandlungen soweit das Vermögen betrifft.



5. Education Officer:

- i. Anstellung: wie beim "Executive Secretary".
- ii. Funktion:-
 - a. Er beaufsichtigt die gesamten Schulen der Gossnar Kirche.
 - b. Er ist der Reierungs gegenüber für das Schulwesen verantwortlich.
 - c. Falls, erforderlich gibt den "Management Committees" seine Anweisungen.
 - d. Gelegentlich sammelt er die Berichte und Statistik der Schulen.
 - e. Er ist dafür zuständig, daß die "Primary und Mittelschulen" "Grant-in-aid" und andere finanzielle~~le~~ Hilfe von der Regierung erhalten.
 - f. Er ist dafür zuständig, daß die Oberschulen (High Schools) finanzielle Unterstützung usw. erhalten.g
 - g. Er ist zuständig für die Anstellung, Versetzung, Entlassung und Urlaub der Lehrer.
 - h. Er ist dafür zuständig, daß die Ferienliste der Schulen Zustimmung der Regierung erhält.
 - i. Soweit das Schulwesen betrifft, gibt er dem Church Council Anweisungen.
 - j. Er ist zuständig für die moralische und geistliche Erziehung an den Schulen.
 - k. Gelegentlich arrangiert er die Seminare für die Lehrer.
 - l. Er arrangiert den Religionslehrplan der Schulen.
 - m. Wenn erforderlich gibt er Ilakas Anweisungen in Schulwesensangelegenheiten.
 - n. Gelegentlich legt er dem Church Council einen Bericht vor.
 - o. Er schickt seine Empfehl^ungen an Church Council, wenn Hauptlehrer (Headmasters) und Hilfslehrer ~~er~~ der Oberschulen versetzt werden sollen.



Artikel zwölf

" Church Council "

(Kalishiya Parshad)

I. Organisation:-

Church Council besteht aus gesandten Vertretern von Ilakas. Jedes Ilaka sendet einen Vertreter. Zwei Vertreter werden von einem Ilaka gesandt, davon einer ist Pastor und der andere Laie. Die Vertreter werden von "Ilaka-Sabha" gewählt.

a. Die gesamte Gossner Kirche hat folgenden Ilakas:-

1. Ranchi I
2. Ranchi II (Old Hd, Qtrs. Congregation)
3. Hazaribagh
4. Lohardaga
5. Gumla
6. Chainpur
7. Kondra
8. Surguja
9. Sarhapani
10. Itchkela
11. Kinkel
12. Bengal
13. Burju
14. Amlessa
15. Tokad
16. Govindpur
17. Marcha
18. Takarma
19. Koronjo
20. Singbhum
21. Rajgangpur
22. Jharsugda
23. Bamra



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- 24. Jarakudar
- 25. Karimati
- 26. Khutitoli
- 27. Panisani
- 28. Jatatoli
- 29. Duars
- 30. Upper Assam
- 31. Lower Assam
- 32. Nimdih.

b. Organisation des Church Councils:

i. Präsident	1	1
ii. Vize Präsident	1	1
iii. Vertreter der Ilakas		63
Die gesamte Zahl		<hr/> 65

- P.S: a. Es ist hier zu merken, daß die Wirklichkeit die Zahl der Vertreter 64 ist, von denen einer als Vize-Präsident gewählt wird und daher ist die o.g. Vertreterszahl 63.
- b. Die Vertreterszahl erhöht sich, wenn sich die Zahl der Ilakas erhöht.
- c. Sollte der Präsident aus den Vertretern der Ilakas gewählt werden, so wird von der betreffenden Ilaka innerhalb sechs Monaten ein Pastor ~~Ilax Pastor~~ als Vertreter gesandt.
- d. Folgende Personen sind in den Sitzungen des Church Councils immer dabei:-
- i. Executive Secretary
 - ii. Finance Officer
 - iii. Land Officer
 - iv. Director
 - v. Principal, Theo. College.

O.g. Personen haben kein Stimmrecht.

II. Church Councils Sitzungen:-

Die gesamte Church Councils Sitzung findet einmal im Jahr statt und zwar am Anfang des Jahres, 15 Tage vorher wird die Sitzung angekündigt.

III. Quorum des Church Councils:-

1/3 der Mitgliederzahl des Councils, d.h. 22 in gesamt.

IV. Funktion:-

a). Church Council erhält die Berichte von folgenden Abteilungen und Personen: 1

- i. Offiziere der Gossner Kirche.
- ii. Abteilungsleiter
- iii. Ilakas
- iv. Ministerium
- v. Religiöse Institutionen
- vi. Frauen, Jugend und Kinderorganisationen.
- b). Vorbereitung des Budgets und Vereinbarung (arrangement) des Einkommens.
- c). Die Prüfung der Buchführung von der Kirche im Zentrum und Ilakas.
- d). Anstellung von "Executive Secretary, Finance Officer, Abteilungsleiter, Angestellte des Zentral Büros, und Ilakas-Vorsitzender.
- e). Zustimmung bei Anstellung von "Principals" des Theologischen College und Lehrer.
- f) Versetzung der Pastoren.
- g) Anstellung der Kandidaten.
- h) Verschickung der Personen ins Ausland zum Studium, Auswählen der Personen für Austauschprogramm.
- i) Empfehlung der Kandidaten beim Präsidenten zur Ordination.
- j) Organisieren der Wiederholungskurse für Pastoren, Mitarbeiter und Lehrer.

- k) Aufrechterhaltung der Einheit und Frieden innerhalb der Kirche.
- l) Errichtung, Aufrechterhaltung, Verwaltung oder Erschließung der Schulen und Studentenwohnheimen.
- m) Erwerbung, Verwaltung, Wachstum und das Verkaufen des Vermögens.
- n), Herausgebung der Illustrierten und christliche Literatur.
- o) Umorganisation (reorganisation) oder Hervorrufung oder Beendigung der Ilakas und Parish.
- p) Das Hearing von individuell oder gemeinsame Appell der Ilakas.
- q) Evangeliumsverkündigung innerhalb und außerhalb der Gossner Kirche.
- r) Suspendierung der Ilakas.
- s) Sammlung der Statistik und jährliche Buchführung über Einkommen und Ausgaben.
- t) Organisation der örtlichen Committees für die Arbeit unter Frauen, Jugend und Kindern.
- u) Beibehaltung des Vermögensrechts der gesamten Gossner Kirche.
- v) Verfassungsformulierung oder Änderungen(amendments).
- w) Beibehaltung der Rechte, die in der Verfassung nicht beschrieben sind.
- x) Festlegung der Gehaltstariffe der Offiziere, Pastoren, Pracharaks, und anderer Mitarbeiter.
- y) Bei Gesetzgebung, falls erforderlich, Absprache mit den Fachleuten.
- z) Falls erforderlich Organisation der verschiedenen "Committees" in den Oberschulen, Studentenwohnheimen und Theological College.
- zi) Manage der "Diaspora Arbeit".
- zii) Organisation des "Church Court of Constitution".
- ziii) Organisation der fünfköpfigen Prüfungskommission.

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" Church Councils Executive Committee "
(Kalishiya Parshad Karyakarini Samiti) =(K.P.K.S.)

1. Organisation+

K.P.K.S. besteht aus 33 Mitglieder. Sie werden in folgenderweise gewählt:-

Von den Ilakas, die gerade Zahl haben, werden Pastoren, und von denen, die ungerade Zahl haben, werden Laien als Vertreter ausgewählt. Das zweite Mal wird es umkehrt gemacht. Und so wird nach diesem "Zyklischen System" (Cyclic Order) Executive Committee organisiert.

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| i. Präsident | 1 |
| ii. Vize-Präsident | 1 |
| iii. Vertreter der <u>Ilakas</u> | <u>31</u> |
| Die gesamtzahl | 33 |

p.s.: Es hier zu merken, daß in Wirklichkeit die Zahl ~~der~~ 32 ist, von denen einer als Vize-Präsident gewählt, und daher ~~die~~ ist die o.g. Zahl der Vertreter 31.

- b. K.P.K.S. besteht aus Gleichzählige Pastoren und Laien. Die Zentrale entscheidet welcher Ilaka Pastor oder Laie als Vertreter wählt.

2. Die Sitzung des K.P.K.Ss.:-

K.P.K.S. sitzt dreimal im Jahr. 15 Tage vorher wird die Sitzung angekündigt.

Im Nötfall kann die Sitzung 8 Tage vorher angekündigt werden.

3. Quorum+

Anwesenheit des $1/3$ = 11 Mitglieder der gesamten Mitgliedszahl.

4. Funktion:-

O.g. alle Funktionen des Church Councils außer Verfassungsformulierung oder Änderungsangelegenheiten.

Artikel drezehn

Das Ministerium der G o s s n e r K i r c h e.

(The Ministerium of the Gossner Church).

1. Organisation:

Alle Pastoren der Gossner Kirche, die vom Präsident Verfassungsmässig ordiniert sind sowie alle aktivteilnehmige Pastoren sind Ministeriums Mitglied. Der Präsident ist Ministeriumsvorsitzender. Einer der Mitglieder wird als Sekretär gewählt. Er arbeitet die Tagesordnung aus. Die betreffende Entscheidung des Ministeriums wird dem Church Council zur endgültigen Entscheidung vorgelegt.

2. Sitzung:-

Alle zwei Jahre einmal.

Quorum:-1/3 der gesamten Mitgliedzahl.

3. Funktion:

- a. Das Ministerium assistiert dem Präsident bei Bekanntmachung der Kandidaten, die erfolgreich ihr Theologiestudium abgeschlossen haben. Sie werden geprüft in:- i) Biblische Kenntnisse ii) Dogmatik iii) "Pastoral Theology" und in anderen nützlichen Fächern.
- b. Church Council schreibt dem Präsident die Empfehlung der geeigneten Kandidaten zur Ordination. Die Kandidaten, die nach dreimaliger Empfehlung zur Ordination ablehnen, werden von ihrer Kandidatschaft mit Zustimmung des Church Councils losgesprächen und das Stipendium wird von ihren Gehältern abgenommen.
- c. Falls erforderlich empfiehlt es dem Church Council und Präsident für das disziplinarische Verfahren gegen eine Mitglied.

- d. Es empfiehlt dem Church Council die Entziehung der Heiratslizenz und pastoralische Arbeitsrechte von Pastoren, die im Ruhestand oder Strafe^{stehen} oder aus der Kirche excommuniciert sind.
4. Ministeriums' Executive Committee:-
Es besteht aus Pastorenmitglieder des Church Councils. Es konferiert an den Tagen, wenn Church Council seine Sitzungen hat.

Artikel vierzehn

"Church-Assembly"
(Kalishiya Sabha)

1. Organisation:-

Von jeder Zahl von 1500 oder, wenn mehr als Hälfte davon confirmiert sind, wird ein Laienvertreter von Ilaka an Kalishiya Sabha gesandt. 50% von Ilakas Pastoren werden auch an Kalishiya Sabha gesandt einer davon ist bestimmt Ilaka-Vorsitzender. "Principals" von religiösen Institutionen sind auf Grund ihrer Tätigkeit Vertreter ihrer Institutionen in Kalishiya Sabha. "Headmasters" der ~~Ober- und Training~~ Schulen sind auch Mitglied des Kalishiya Sabhas. Wenn einer von Headmasters kein Lutheraner ist, wird ein anderer Lehrer dafür als Vertreter an Kalishiya Sabha gesandt. Präsident und Vize-Präsident sind auf Grund ihrer Tätigkeit Mitglied des Kalishiya Sabhas. Je zwei Vertreter werden von Frauen und Jugend-
abteilungen an Kalishiya Sabha gesandt.

2. Sitzung:-

Alle 4 Jahre einmal von "Executive Officer" mit Absprache des Präsidenten berufen.

3. Vorsitzender:-

Ein Laie wird als Vorsitzender des Kalishiya Sabhas unter Vorsitz des Präsidenten gewählt.

4. Funktion:-

1. Church Council und "Central Officers" legen ihre Berichte dem Kalishiya Sabha vor und darauf macht Kalishiya Sabha ihr Kommentar oder gibt Erläuterungen und Ratschläge, und die Ergebnisse werden dem Church council zu weiteren Überlegungen vorgelegt.
2. Kalishiya Sabha legt dem Church Council ihre Vorschläge und Pläne zur weiteren Entwicklung und Festigung der Kirche.

p.s.: Die Reisekosten der Teilnehmer an Sitzung des Church Councils wird vom Church Council übernommen, andere Kosten werden von Ilakas und Institutionen übernommen.

Artikel fünfzehn

Die Beziehung der Kirche zu anderen Kirchen und Organisationen:-

1. Gossner Kirche pflegt auf provinzieller und nationaler Ebene ihre Beziehung als Schwester Kirche mit B.C.C.; U.C.C., M.P.C.C., Bengal C.C., N.C.C. und etc.
2. Gossner Kirche pflegt auf regionaler Ebene ihre Beziehung mit anderen indischen lutherischen Kirchen (Z.B. F.E.L.C. Regional Conference of Lutheran Churches in North India) als Schwesterkirche.
2. Gossner Kirche pflegt ihre Beziehung als Schwesterkirche mit ausländischen lutherischen Kirchen:-Z.B.
(i) L.W.F. und durch (ii) Austausch der Vertreter.



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4. Gossner Kirche pflegt auch ihre Beziehung mit anderen Nicht-Lutherischen Kirchen, die Mitglied von "W.C.C." sind. Austausch der Vertreter wird auch unternommen.
5. Die Gossner Kirche pflegt Mutter-und-Tochter Beziehung mit Goßnersche Mission Berlin, und von Zeit zu Zeit wird die Gossner Kirche manche Personen der Goßnerschen Mission zu speziellen Aufgaben in die Gossner Kirche in Indien einladen.

Artikel sechszehn

"Church Court of Constitution"

1. Organisation:-

Es besteht aus 5 Mitglieder der Kirche, die von Church Council so ausgewählt, daß sie jeder Zeit zusammen kommen können. Einer davon ist der Einberufer (Convener). Dauer der Amtszeit ist 4 Jahre. Nach Beendigung der Amtszeit können sie wieder gewählt werden. Drei Anwesende bilden das Quorum. Die Mitglieder des Church Councils sind von Mitgliedschaft ausgeschlossen.

2. Funktion:-

Richtige Interpretation in Frage gestellte Verfassungsartikel.oder Klausel.

Artikel siebzehn

A p p e l l

Wenn jemand mit der Entscheidung des "Pracharakpan-Panchs" unzufrieden ist, kann er "Perish-Panch"

appellieren; und wenn er mit der Entscheidung des "Perish-Panchs" unzufrieden ist, kann er "Ilaka-Panch" appellieren. Die Entscheidung des "Ilaka-Panchs" ist das letzte für die einfachen Personen. Aber wenn ein Pastor oder ein Offizier mit der Entscheidung des "Ilaka-Panchs" unzufrieden ist, kann er Church Council appellieren. Die Entscheidung des Church Councils ist als das endgültige zu betrachten.

Artikel achtzehn

Änderung der Verfassung:

Die Änderung der Verfassung kann nur mit 2/3 Stimmen der gesamten Church Councils Mitglieder erfolgen.

Artikel neunzehn

"Mitgliedschaft des Sabhas oder Samiti "
(Membership of the Assembly or Committee)

Wenn ein Mitglied des Church Councils oder Committee hintereinander dreimal ohne Entschuldigung abwesend bleibt, so beendet seine Mitgliedschaft automatisch,

Artikel zwanzig

(Die Wahl durch Zettel)

Die Wahl durch Zettel wird wie folgt praktiziert:-

Um dieses System zu praktizieren werden zwei Kästchen benötigt. Im ersten Kästchen werden gefaltete Zettel

mit Namen der Bewerber gelegt und im zweiten werden gleiche Zahl gefaltete Zettel gelegt, ein Zettel davon trägt den Namen des Amtes und tragen das Zeichen "0"(null). Eine andere Person, die zur Wahlgruppe nicht gehört, wird nach dem Gebet beauftragt gleichzeitig von jedem Kästchen ein Zettel zu heben und überreicht sie dem Vorsitzenden; der Bewerber, dessen Namenszettel mit Amtsvermerk zusammen rauskommt, wird dann als gewählt bekanntgegeben.

Artikel einundzwanzig

Aam Sabha:

Aam Sabha kommt im Jahr einmal zusammen, und zwar auf Pracharakpan, Perish und Ilaka- Ebene, und gibt dem Ilaka-Sabha ihre Ratschläge.

Appendix:- Das erste Mal werden Präsident und Vize-Präsident von Pramukh-Adhyaksh in ihren Ämtern berufen.

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Mitglieder des Verfassungs-Draft- Committees:-

1. Rev.B.Minj (Organiser)
2. Rev. Dr.M.Bage, Mitglied
3. Rev. J.Topno "
4. Rev.Dr.N.Minj "
5. Rev. M.Tete "
6. Mr. H.Samad "

!!!!.....!!!!.....!!!!.

Jan. 8th, 1969
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Rev. C. B. Aind, President
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

21.1.69

Subject: Your Letter Dated 6 Dec. 1968; No. 604/68 KSS-78

Dear Brother Aind:

Although I did not receive the minutes of your last KSS meeting and could not study them yet, I paid much attention to your information, that you do not take into consideration to make any changes in the presently effective constitution of July 1960. I understand, that the Church Court of Constitution will confer about the interpretation or amendments of the presently effective constitution of the G.E.L. Church only, but not about a replacement by a new constitution.

I deem this decision of the KSS to be wise.

I want to correct you, that Inspector Seeberg will not be available neither in February nor in May 1969 for a meeting in Ranchi. He could - if he will stay in the service of the Gossner Mission and will not be called back from his church in Hanover - at the earliest go to Ranchi in January 1970. Adhyaksh Topno has been clearly informed about that.

Please inform Bishop D. Manikam, the president of the commission, respectively.

With brotherly greetings,

(Director Dr. Berg)

Wieder Freude! ¹

Ich habe sehr aufmerksam Kenntnis davon gewonnen, obwohl ich die Minutes der letzten K.S. Sitzung und nicht selten als Studier-Komitee, daß die gegenwärtige Änderung ~~der~~ der jetzt gültigen Verfassung vom Juli 1960 nicht in Kraft tritt. Ich willte da für, daß die Church Court ^{et Constitution} ~~Constitution~~ nur als die Interpretation oder Anwendung der jetzt gültigen Constitution der F.E.C. werten kann, aber nicht über deren Festlegung der eine neue Ordnung.

Korrigieren darf ich Sie in dem Punkt daß Inspektor Seeberg weder jetzt im
Februar noch im Mai 1969 bei einer Sitzung im Rauten-Wäppler ist. Er kann, wenn
er im Brief die fünf Millionen bleibt und muß von einer Ksp. in Hannover zurückbeordert
werden trifft ihn im Januar 1970 auf Rauten-Wäppler. Adhyaksh Topus per entgegengesetzter
Seite der Antwort gegeben.
Sitz, ^{unterzeichnet} in den Vorsitzenden der Kommission, Sitz/D. Meinkam aufpro-
führt.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
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Mit herzlichem Gruß
 Ihr
 Christian Fenz.

Zur Dokumentation

Stellungnahme von Pfarrer Pohl zu den Zwischenfällen in der Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche

epd Berlin, 28. Dezember. Pfarrer Günter Pohl, Vorsitzender des Gemeindegemeinderats der Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche, gab folgende Stellungnahme zu den Zwischenfällen in der 23 Uhr-Christmette am Heiligen Abend in der Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche:

"Es wird folgendes vorausgeschickt:

1. Der Gemeindegemeinderat hatte in seinem Schreiben vom 20.12.1968 an eine Gruppe im Republikanischen Club (R.C.) eindringlich vor allen Störungen einer Christvesper gewarnt: 'Wir erklären mit allem Nachdruck, daß keiner die Möglichkeiten nicht absehbarer Reaktionen provozieren sollte.'

2. In der Mensa der T. U. wurde über eine beabsichtigte Störung der Christmette um 23 Uhr gesprochen.

3. Wir erfuhren, daß es Pläne geben soll, den Weihnachtsbaum in der Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche niederzureißen.

4. Am 24.12.1968 kündigte ein Anrufer, der sich Müller nannte, an, daß im 23 Uhr-Gottesdienst in der Kirche eine Bombe explodieren werde.

Während ein unerheblicher Störversuch im 18 Uhr-Gottesdienst gleich am Anfang ausgeräumt werden konnte, waren die Störungen im 23 Uhr-Gottesdienst umfangreicher und intensiver.

Kurz vor 23 Uhr betraten Gruppen die Kirche, die, zum größten Teil aus älteren Jugendlichen bestehend, sich in ihrer Kleidung von der Mehrheit der Gottesdienstbesucher unterschieden. Einer aus dieser Gruppe brachte einen Schutzhelm und einen Handlautsprecher mit, der mit den Buchstaben 'R.C.' gekennzeichnet war. Mehrere männliche Teilnehmer waren nicht zu bewegen, ihre Kopfbedeckung abzusetzen. Einer betrat die Kirche mit brennender Zigarette. Eine Gruppe postierte sich am Eingang, eine andere nahm am Altar neben der Taufschale Platz. Auch nachdem der Gottesdienst schon begonnen hatte, unterhielten sich die Teilnehmer dieser Gruppen laut untereinander, zum Teil gingen sie in der Kirche hin und her. Als der Prediger in dieser Christmette, Generalsuperintendent D. Helbich, in seiner Ansprache die Auswüchse tadelte, die das Weihnachtsfest heute angenommen habe, setzte ein lautes Klatschen bei den Teilnehmern dieser Gruppen ein. Wenig später, als der Prediger von seinem Gottesdienst in der Strafanstalt Tegel sprach, wurden die Zwischenrufe immer mehr und lauter, so daß die Stimme des Pfarrers kaum noch von allen verstanden wurde. Die Gemeinde zeigte eine sichtbare Erregung und begann vereinzelt, auf die Störenfriede zuzugehen und sie herauszudrängen.

Der Vorsitzende des Gemeindegemeinderates, Pfarrer Pohl, ermahnte die Gottesdienstbesucher zur Ruhe und beschwor sie, keine Gewalt anzuwenden. Teilweise konnte beobachtet werden, wie sich die so angesprochenen Gottesdienstbesucher einander an den Händen festhielten, um sich gegenseitig vor jeder aktiven Empörung zu bewahren. Indessen setzte die Orgel ein, und die Gemeinde sang das Reformationslied. Unruhe und Spannung waren erheblich, und Ausschreitungen konnten befürchtet werden.

Um jeder Panik und gewalttätigen Ausschreitung vorzubeugen, mit denen aufgrund unserer Informationen (s. Vorbemerkungen) gerechnet werden musste, wurden fünf Polizeibeamte in das Untergeschoß der Kirche geholt. Sie standen für den Fall bereit, daß es zu Situationen kommen sollte, in denen Gefahr für die Unversehrtheit sowohl der Störenfriede wie auch der anderen Gottesdienstbesucher eintreten könnte. Die Polizeikräfte wurden von Pfarrer Pohl gebeten, nicht früher einzuschreiten, als die oben erwähnte Situation eintreten werde.

GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(Regd. under Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860)

PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. C. B. AIND
UP-PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH : Rev. B. MINZ
SECRETARY : Rev. Dr. M. BAGE
TREASURER : Mr. C. A. TIRKEY

HEAD OFFICE
G. E. L. Church, Ranchi
Bihar/India
Phone : 510

Enclosed

16. DEC. 1968

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Ranchi Dated 6 Dec. 68.

No. 604/68/KSS-78

To

Dr. C. Berg
Director Gossner Mission
Berlin.

Sub:-Church court of constitution of the GEL Church.
Ref:- Your letter dated 21 October 1968.

Dear Brother Berg,

Regarding the above subject I could not write earlier.
I was waiting for the KSS meeting which is now over. Excuse me for this delay.

On behalf of the KSS of the GEL Church, let me express heartfelt gratitude to the Kuratorium for approving the election of Pastor M. Seeberg as member of the church court of constitution of the GEL Church.

Through the same letter as mentioned above, it is learnt that the G.M. is prepared to spare the services of Rev. M. Seeberg, as member of the church court of constitution if the meeting of the church court of constitution can be convened during the next February. As per decision of the KSS some materials for the church court of constitution will be handed over to the Chairman Bishop Manikam. In one of his letters Bishop Manikam has expressed that if need be the meeting of the church court of constitution can be convened in May next and not in February, as he has no time in the month of February. Hence at this moment it cannot be said when the meeting of the church court of constitution can be convened.

Dear brother Berg, I am glad to learn about your zeal for the betterment of our constitution from your above mentioned letter. One thing I want to clear out and that is regarding the functions of this church court of constitution which are as follows:-

(I) This church court of constitution shall have the right and power to give final interpretation of any clause of the church ~~constitution~~ constitution in existence and amendments to be made hereafter from time to time as necessary may be.

(II) This church court of constitution shall also act as the Board of Adjudication in implementing the church constitution in existence or any amendment to be made hereafter.

The church court of constitution has nothing to do with any new constitution or the draft constitution of the North-West Anchal which is with the KSS.

With best compliments and Christian greetings,

Yours Sincerely,
Chm
Pramukh Adhyaksh.

21 October 1968
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*Draft of Mr Montag
to be enclosed*

Rev. C. B. Aind, President
G.E.L. Church Compound
Ranchi, Bihar
I N D I A

*T. Seeberg
for attention
and preparation*

Subject: Church Court of Constitution of the G.E.L. Church
Your Letter dated August 20th, 1968

Dear Brother Aind:

At the Kuratorium meeting on October 14/15th in Mainz-Kastel I submitted your above mentioned letter dated August 20th to the Kuratorium and recommended to agree to the election of Rev. M. Seeberg. The Kuratorium concluded accordingly. Thus our dear Rev. Seeberg will be a member of this important commission with special power. During this short discussion the Kuratorium realized, which great task this Church Court of Constitution of the G.E.L. Church will have to fulfill in the course of time, when the discussions regarding the submitted new draft constitution of the North West Anchal will quickly increase.

However, I recommended to brother Topno to suggest in the KSS meeting at the end of November, that during the next months until the jubilee all debates about that should rest, and there should be no discussion, so that the Gossner Church would enter the celebration of the jubilee in harmony. After that the inevitable debates may follow, and the discussion will have to be continued. I hope that the KSS will decide accordingly and the Anchals will be in a position to follow the resolution.

However, it should not be excluded, that perhaps the Church Court of Constitution should be called to a meeting of several days or one week in February 1969 in order to consult about the whole complex of its tasks and perhaps to discuss the text of a comment to the existing constitution of July 1960. At any rate the Gossner Mission would be prepared to send Rev. Seeberg as a member of the Court for some weeks to India. It will be left to his advice, whether the Court should work out recommendations bringing the existing constitution up to date by some necessary amendments.

I enclose a copy of this letter, which eventually could be sent to the Chairman of the Court, Bishop Manikam, if the KSS will follow my recommendation to ask Bishop Manikam to call the Court in February 1969 to Ranchi.

With brotherly yeshusahay greetings,
Sincerely yours,

(Director Dr. Berg)

cc: Bishop Manikam

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Ref. No. 384/68/PA-91.

Ranchi the 20th August 1968

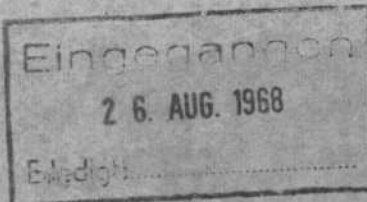
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Rt. Rev. R.B. Manikam.
Pastor, Martin Seeberg.
Dr. C.K. Paul Singh.
Mr. M.A. Minz.
Mr. N.E. Horo.



Subject: Church Court of Constitution of the
G.E.L. CHURCH.

Dear Friends,

In 1960 the General Body (Mahasabha) of the GEL Church in Chotanagpur and Assam adopted almost a new Constitution after it was torn by internal dissensions. It appointed also a Continuation Committee of the Ecumenical Commission (which drafted and piloted the Constitution in the Mahasabha) to remove the lacuna remaining in the constitution and to interpret and implement it. It was also the Continuation Committee of the Mahasabha and acted as a Board of Adjudication.

It did its work commendably. The K.S.S., that is, the Executive of the G.E.L. Church has now decided to appoint a permanent body to help the church in matters pertaining to the Constitution especially in interpreting it and adjudicating the question of implementing the Constitution. This body will be called the "CHURCH COURT OF CONSTITUTION." The Continuation Committee will now cease to function.

The K.S.S. has been pleased to appoint you as members of this Court which comes into force from 1st July, 1968. Its term of office is for five years. Enclosed, you will find extracts from the minutes of the KSS - GELC which will explain as to the terms of References, Functions etc. of the Church Court of Constitution. Rt. Rev. R.B. Manikam has been appointed Chairman of the Court.

While I inform you as above I hope that all of you will gladly accept this appointment and would write me a line to say that it is so. I know that all of you are busy persons shouldering several public responsibilities, yet, I hope and trust, you would find time to serve on the Church Court of Constitution.

With best of compliments.

Encls :

- i). Extract from KSS Minutes dated Feb. 6-14, 1968, Items 10 & 11.
- ii). Extract from KSSS Minutes dated May 22-24, 1968. Item 4(3).

Yours Sincerely

C.B. AIND
(C.B. AIND).
Pramukh Adhyaksh.
G.E.L. Church, Ranchi.

Kuzur/20.8.1968.

Extract from KSSS minutes dt. May 22-24 '68 Item 4(iii)

Church Court of Constitution:-

All Anchals have their positive corroborative votes. This was noted.

Resolved that the Church Court of Constitution formed by the KSS shall function with effect from 1st July, 1968. The members to be informed of this.

The KSS Samiti further resolved that it is declared that the work of the Continuation Committee is done and as such this committee is no longer necessary. The KSS Samiti records its appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Continuation Committee for the services they rendered to the G.E.L. Church."

Extract from the minutes of the full KSS meeting dt. Feb 6-14, 1968.
Item 10 and 11.

Church Court of Constitution:-

According to previous decision of the KSS, a church Court of Constitution be constituted by the KSS.

Matter was taken up for discussion and it was decided to constitute the Church Court of Constitution in this very session of the KSS. To draw up terms and references it was decided to form a Committee of the following members:-

- i. Sri C.A. Tirkey.... Convener.
- ii. Dr. M. Bage
- iii. Rev. B. Minz

The above committee brought the term of reference which the KSS approved.
Term of reference----- Composition and function of C.C.C.:-

(a) Composition:-

- i) There shall be a Church Court of Constitution consisting of five members named by the K.S.S.
- ii) The member of Church Court of Constitution may be taken from the total membership of the Lutheran World in or outside the Gossner Church.
- iii) The term of membership to the Church Court of Constitution shall be for four years from the date of appointment.
- iv) Chairman of the Church Court of Constitution shall be appointed by the K.S.S.
- v) If any members of the Church Court of Constitution resigns or dies during his term, the KSS shall appoint another member in his place for the remaining period of his term.

(b) Function:-

- i) This Church Court of Constitution shall have the right and power to give final interpretation of any clause of the Church Constitution in existence and amends to be made hereafter from time to time as necessary may be.
- ii) This Church Court of Constitution shall also act as the Board of Adjudication in implementing the Church Constitution in existence or any amendment to be made hereafter.
- iii) Wherever the Pramukh Adhyaksh has any doubt with regard to the Church Constitution, he may refer that clause to the Church Court of Constitution for its opinion.
- iv) Whenever a challenge is made by any member of the GEL Church on the interpretation of any clause given by the KSS or the Pramukh Adhyaksh, the clause be referred to the Church Court of Constitution for final interpretation which will be binding for all.
- v) All decisions made by the members of the Church Court of Constitution by giving interpretation to any clause of the Constitution referred to them, must be unanimous. In case the unanimity is not arrived at by the four members of the Church Court of Constitution the opinion expressed by the Chairman shall be accepted as final and binding.

Contd. on page 2.....

Extract from the minutes of the full KSS meeting dt.6-14 Feb.68.

Item-11. Formation of the Church Court of Constitution:-

It was decided to form a Church Court of Constitution in accordance with the above term and references consisting of five members.

Some thirteen names were proposed and seconded for the purpose. It was agreed to select the members on unanimous vote at first and accordingly

- i) 1. Pastor Seeberg---Gossner Mission and
 - ii) 2. Bishop R.B. Manikam- President F.E.L.C.(I)
- were voted unanimously, but the following three names were taken up by majority vote as no unanimity could be arrived at
- iii) Dr. C.K. Paul Singh-- Director B.E.L.
 - iv) Mr. M.A. Minz - Judge-M.P.
 - v) Mr. N.E. Horo

Prof. P.C. Horo was taken up as the sixth name and was put in reserve in case if a vacancy may arise, he may be included as a member of the said Court.

Chairman - Bishop R.B. Manikam was appointed the chairman of the Church Court of Constitution.

Resolution - The above decision be sent for the corroborative vote of the Anchals.

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To,

M/S Sheth Brothers

309, Bepin Behari Ganguli Street
Calcutta - 12.

G. E. L. CHURCH

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REF GELP/GM/4A/260

DATE 18.9.1974.

Subject:- Transfer of money paid to M/S Sheth Brothers
a sum of Rs. 6,025.00 by Gossner Mission
Berlin against SORTMASTER TYPE CASTING
MACHINE.

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to Gossner Mission Director letter dated 27th November 1972 address to you and arrange to send the Bank Draft as per the instruction of given in the letter under reference.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to ✓ The Director
Gossner Mission Berlin
for information.

for m...
Superintendent
18.9.74
G.E.L. CHURCH PRESS, RANCHI

July 5, 1974

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Mr.
B. Khess
GEL Church Press
Main Road

Ranchi / Bihar
India

Dear Mr. Khess,

referring to our letter of June 5th we regret to inform you that "Heidelberger Druckmaschinen A.G." could not deliver the wanted spare part as they do not and did not produce the machine in question. We therefore contacted "Mergenthaler Linotype GmbH" residing at the same address formerly "Typograph GmbH" resided. "Mergenthaler Linotype GmbH" informed us by letter dated July 2nd as follows:

"Re.: your letter of June 26th - sz - spare parts for type-setting machine "Typograph GmbH, model U.B. produced in 1962, machine no. 7684

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 26th as well as the damaged heater for the above mentioned machine.

We regret very much to inform you that it is impossible to deliver the wanted spare part for the heater as the firm "Typograph GmbH" was closed down some years ago. As far as we are informed there is no possibility of buying spare parts for machines formerly produced by "Typograph".

We very much regret not having the opportunity of giving sufficient reply."

Dear Mr. Khess, I am sorry but there seems to be no possibility to help you.

Best greetings and kind regards,

yours,

(Martin Seeberg)

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- 3. JULI 1974
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Fernruf
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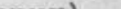
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(06196) 43011 <403-1>

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Fran Stutz per
W. H. R. Printing Press
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(Seidenschnur) (Becht)

Registergericht
Frankfurt am Main, HRB 7590

Mergenthaler Linotype GmbH

Mergenthaler Linotype GmbH 1 Berlin 21 Huttenstraße 17-20

EINGEGANGEN
- 4. JULI 1974
Erledigt Lieferschein

GOSSNER MISSION

1000 Berlin 41
Handjerystraße 19 - 20

N^o 12086

Ihre Bestellung vom Schreiben vom 26. Juni 1974 - sz						Versand 2. 7. 1974	Teillieferung nein
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Teile-Lager	Unter Bezugnahme auf unser separates Schreiben vom 2. Juli 1974 erhalten Sie anliegend das uns übersandte Heizelement des Fa- brikates Typograph zu unserer Entlastung zurück.						
Expedition	<u>Anlage 21389</u>						

Anschriften:
6 Frankfurt am Main 70
Hedderichstraße 106-114
1 Berlin 21
Huttenstraße 17-20

Fernruf:
Tag 60 59-1
Nacht 6 05 95 37
Tag 39 07-1
Nacht 3 91 67 82

Fernschreiber:
4-11003 lino d
1 81876 lino d

Telegramme:
Typolinos
Frankfurtmain
Typolinos
Berlin

Bankverbindungen:
973 932 Dresdner Bank,
Frankfurt am Main (BLZ 500 800 00)
2720 Citibank Ffm. (BLZ 502 109 00)
00/00205044/00 Deutsche Unionbank,
Frankfurt (BLZ 500 206 00)

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26. Juni 1974
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Mergenthaler Linotype GmbH

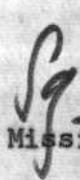
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Betrifft: Ersatzteillieferung für Setzmaschine der Typograph GmbH
Modell U.B., Baujahr 1962, Maschinen-Nr. 7684

Sehr geehrte Herren!

In der Anlage übersenden wir Ihnen ein defektes Heizelement der o.a. Maschine, das uns von der GEL Church Press Ranchi, Main Road, Ranchi/Bihar/Indien mit der Bitte um Ersatzbeschaffung zugegangen ist. Wir bitten Sie, ein entsprechendes neues Teil an die o.a. Anschrift der GEL Church Press in Ranchi zu senden. Die Rechnung erbitten wir an unsere o.a. Anschrift, auch die Bezahlung wird durch uns erfolgen.

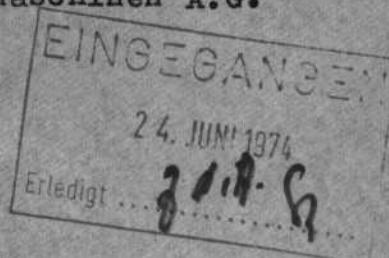
Mit bestem Dank im voraus und freundlichen Grüßen


(Martin Seeberg, Missionsdirektor)

Anlage

To,

M/s. Heidelberg Druckmaschinen A.G.
D-6900 Heidelberg,
Post - Fach 1440.



G. E. L. CHURCH

(Registered under Societies Registration
Act XXI of 1860)

PRESS

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PHONE 21510

MAIN ROAD RANCHI BIHAR

REGELP/FR/4A/G.M./159

DATE June 13, 1974

Reg:- HEATER (ELEMENT)

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to Director Gossner Mission letter dated June 5, 1974 in Connection with the spare parts, the sample of the same has been sent to Gossner House through Dr. C.K. Paul Singh. We beg to inform you the following information written on the TYPOGRAPH MACHINE.

TYPOGRAPH GMBH.

SETZ MASCHINER FABRIK

BERLIN NW 21, HUTTENFSR 17-20

TELEFON 392245

SETZ MASCHINE MODELL U.B.

BAUJAHR 1962, MASCHINEN NR 7684

At the moment, we require two sets each set containing four pieces.

We hope the information as given above will help you to expedite matter.

With kind regards.

Yours Sincerely,

Handwritten signature

13/6/74

Superintendent

G. E. L. CHURCH PRESS, RANCHI

CC:- Paster Seeberg,
Mission Director.

for information, The G.E.L.Church Press,
Ranchi, India is grateful to him for the
Co-operation and help.

Handwritten note: Mergenthaler Linotype G m b H
1, 21, Huttenstr. 17-20

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June 5, 1974

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Mr.
B. K h e s s
G.E.L. Church Press
Main Road

R a n c h i / Bihar
India

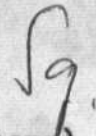
Dear Mr. Khess,

concerning the spare part handed over to us on occasion of Dr. Singh's stay in Berlin we beg to inform you as follows:

We mailed the part to "Heidelberger Druckmaschinen A.G., D 6900 Heidelberg, Postfach 1440" asking them to replace it and to send it to your address. They informed us by phone that it is impossible to deliver the wanted new part without knowing type and number of the machine it originates from. Please inform the Heidelberger Druckmaschinen A.G. directly under the above mentioned address about the datas they asked for.

With kind regards,

very truly yours,


(Martin Seeberg)

cc: Heidelberger Druckmaschinen A.G.

Handwritten signature

A k t e n n o t i z

Betrifft: Ersatzteil für Maschine der Printing Press, Ranchi

Herr Nitzsche von der Heidelberger Druckmaschinen A.G. rief an. Er kann mit dem übersandten defekten Einzelteil nichts anfangen. Er bittet um Mitteilung der Type der Maschine und der Nummer der Maschine oder wenn dies nicht möglich ist, von welcher Stelle der Maschine das Teil stammt. Ohne diese Angaben ist eine Ersatzteillieferung nicht möglich.

Berlin, den 30. Mai 1974
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Handwritten signature

W. 28.6.

28. Mai 1974

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Firma

Heidelberger Druckmaschinen A.G.

6900 Heidelberg
Postfach 1440

Betrifft: Bestellung

Sehr geehrte Herren!

In der Anlage übersenden wir ein defektes Druckmaschinenteil, das uns von der GEL Church Press Ranchi, Main Road, Ranchi/Bihar/Indien mit der Bitte um Ersatzbeschaffung zugegangen ist. Wir bitten Sie, ein entsprechendes neues Teil an die o.a. Anschrift der GEL Church Press in Ranchi zu senden. Die Rechnung senden Sie bitte an unsere Anschrift in Berlin 41, Handjerystr. 19/20.

Mit bestem Dank im voraus und freundlichen Grüßen

GOSSNER MISSION
Im Auftrag




(Sekretärin)

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Berlin, den 30.Mai 1974
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DEPARTMENT OF WORLD SERVICE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

Mr. Bhuvan Khess
Superintendent
G.E.L. Church Press Ranchi
Main Road Ranchi, Bihar
INDIA

Route de Ferney 150
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
Telephone 33 34 00 Telex 23 423 OIK CH
Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA

February 14, 1974

Subject: CDS P 7 - Monotype Units for Printing Press Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Khess,

Thank you very much for the various letters and also the greetings conveyed through Dr. Hellberg.

Unfortunately, it has not yet been possible to come to a decision about your request since we had hoped that it would be possible to involve SKIP because in your letter of March 3, 1973, you indicated that you had tried to contact SKIP through Dr. Rajaratnam. You remember that the first reaction from our committee showed a certain hesitation because we cannot assist any longer in making projects available for the modernization of a printing press that is run as a commercial enterprise. This all the more since the press was completely modernised through outside funds 10 years ago and since then there should have been provision for depreciation and replacement of machines.

As I wrote to you on February 16, the training aspect (at that time 6 students at Rs 50 per month plus some other expenses) were not regarded of such big position in an overall income and expenditure account of closely Rs. 160,000 (December 1972). Could you spare a balance sheet per 31.12.1973 and send us an up-to-date report, listing employees, trainees, general business, specific orders, etc. which would give a picture of the work that the press is doing today and the future prospects. I will then try to present it at the next meeting of our Executive Committee in order to find a final decision.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc: Dr. Paul Sing, Acting President
Dr. Rajaratnam

bc: Rev. Martin Seeberg

CH:spt

Christa Held

Khuntitoli

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C.Topno, Secretary, ATC., Khutitoly.

Simdega,
The 6th Mar.'74.

Dear Mr. Kandulna,

Mr. Charku Sahu, the contractor has been contacting me every now and then to report about the overdue outstanding account still lying unpaid to him. The cheque for Rs.4000/- issued in his favour towards the part settlement of his bill also, I am told, is dishonoured by our bankers. I, therefore, quite feel that this is a disgrace to us directly and we should now do something to clear our accounts with the contractor who, I know definitely, has suffered a lot on account of our inability to pay his dues for so long of course for reasons beyond our control.

I wonder whether it would be fruitful for you to fully acquaint our Director, G.M. who luckily is now in our midst, about the upto date financial position.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. Topno
6/2/74

M.S. Kandulna, Esqr.,
Director, A.T.C., Khutitoly.

cc. The Director, Gossner Mission,
Camp Ranchi.

January 8, 1974

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Mr.
M.S. Kandulna
ATC

P.O. Khuntitoli Dt. Ranchi
India

Dear Mr. Kandulna,

Pastor Seeberg who visits till the end of January congregations in Western Germany asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 11, 1973 and to inform you that the money in question was transferred in the meantime in favor of ATC Khuntitoli to the account of Fudi TTC.

Wishing you a happy new year, I am,

very truly yours,



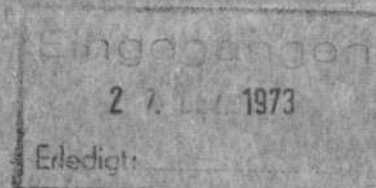
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AGRICULTURAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE KHUNTITOLI
GOSSNER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR AND ASSAM

P.O. KHUNTITOLI 11. 12. 73.
DT. RANCHI

To,
Rev. M. Seeberg,
GOSSNER MISSION
BERLIN



Dear Sir,

After getting information about loan grant from Germany Mission Council, I tried to get it transferred into the "State Bank of India, Simdega" where our account is. But I could not and money returned from United Commercial Bank Raurkela. Therefore again I requested to send it by T.M.O. into the above said bank. Here with enclosed one copy of it, *for your information.*

Our Ranchi Centre of G.E.L. Church is worst, at present. Future God knows. Here at Khuntitoli is peacefully, at present. Khuntitoli people are much busy with wheat cultivation. ATC is pioneer for this area of winter crop. I hope, ATC will bring a big change in between our people, and people think that it is a big gift from Gossner Mission. May I request you that if you have a chance to come Ranchi in between January to March 74, please try to visit Khuntitoli so that German friends should know, what they did for our poor people here. I hope, our poor people's eyes are opened and they cannot forget the grace of God.

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

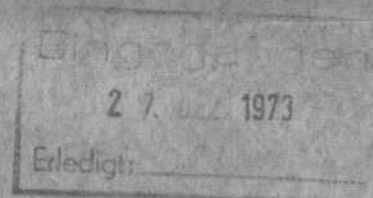
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AGRICULTURAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE KHUNTITOLI
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P.O. KHUNTITOLI 11. 12. 73.
DT. RANCHI

To,
The German Missionary Council
MITTELWEG 143
2000 HAMBURG 13.



Dear Sir,

I am very sorry to inform you that money has been sent in wrong Bank address. Because we have transferred our account from United Commercial Bank, Raurkela to State Bank of India Simdega nearest Bank. It is because of I could not give our Bank address.

Therefore may I request you to send the amount by T.M.O. into the "State Bank of India, Simdega".

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

cc:- Rev. Martin Seeberg
Gossner Mission Director.

Yours faithfully
M.S. Kandulna
M.S. Kandulna
Director

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Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA

Mr. Bhusan Khess
Secretary
Central Relief and Development
Committee G.E.L. Church Ranchi

November 25, 1974

Ranchi / Bihar / INDIA

John R. S.

Re: CDS 455/7 - Land Reclamation Project, Ranchi Area, India

Dear Mr. Khess,

On August 20 we have transferred a first instalment in favour of the above project. We would be very appreciative if you would send us a progress report and accounting. Thank you very much in advance.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jan Jernaes
Mr. Jan Jernaes

cc: Dr. N. Minz
Rev. C.B. Aind
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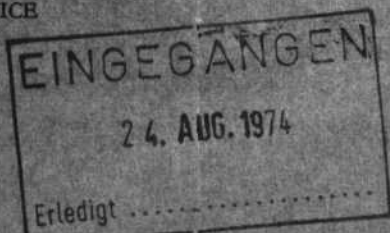
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August 20, 1974

Ranchi / Bihar / INDIA

Re: CDS 455/7 - Land Reclamation Project, Ranchi Area, India

Dear Mr. Khess,

Thank you very much for your letter of July 30, 1973. Unfortunately the endorsement of the GEL Church was not enclosed and we kindly ask you to submit same as soon as possible.

This is to inform you that our finance office has today transferred half of the grant i.e.

US\$ 1,500.--

to your account with the Union Bank of India in Ranchi. Kindly return the attached acknowledgement of receipt forms duly filled in once the money has been credited to you.

We noted that you have not yet reported how many farmers will participate and whose land will be reclaimed first. Please let us hear from you in the near future since the second instalment can only be released once this information has been received.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jan Jernaes
Jan Jernaes

cc: Dr. N. Minz
Rev. C.B. Aind
Mr. H.A. Krogmann/LWF-Finance

bc: Rev. Seeberg ✓

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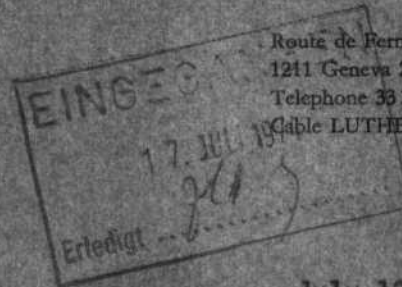
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Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA

July 12, 1974

Re: CDS 455/7 - no longer P 77
Land Reclamation Project, Ranchi area, India US\$ 3,000

Dear Mr. Khess,

Many thanks for your letter of May 23 and the answers given in reply to my letter of May 13. These are satisfactory so that the only outstanding point is the clearance of the Church Council of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The project has been discussed by the CDS Governing Committee, and I am happy to inform you that it has been approved for financing out of the Rural Development Fund. This means that as soon as we have received the clearance from the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church funds will be available. Attached hereto, please find our pink card on which you should indicate exactly the bank account to which funds should be transferred.

The Committee also wanted to know who exactly will be in charge of this project and would appreciate to know the name of the member of the Central Relief and Development Committee who will be charged with the supervision. Before funds can be released we should also have a report from you indicating how this project will be carried through, how many farmers will participate and whose land will be reclaimed first.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jan J. Henné

Encl.

cc: Dr. N. Minz
Rev. C.B. Aind, Treasurer

bc: Rev. Seeberg

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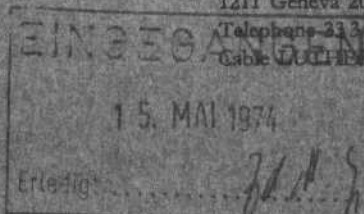
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Cable LUTHER WORLD GENEVA



May 13, 1974

Re: CDS P 77 - Land Reclamation Project, Ranchi area / India

Dear Mr. Khess,

I had during Rev. Minz's visit here in Geneva the opportunity to meet him and discuss the new land reclamation project which you inform about in your report on the Working of Central Relief and Development Committee, G.E.L. Church, Ranchi. I hope that you have met Rev. Minz after his arrival back in Ranchi and received the copy of the Project Request.

At present, I want to inform you that the project has already been discussed in our CDS Staff Committee meeting and it was voted to approve the project for submission to the CDS Governing Committee meeting in June. I will inform you accordingly when the Governing Committee has had this meeting and about his decision concerning that project.

We have, however, a few questions^{for} which we would like to receive information as soon as possible.

1. Approximately 4 acres of land may be reclaimed for each farmer. It is of course impossible to reclaim land for all the farmers in one village at the same time. We would therefore like to know if the farmer, when his piece of land has been reclaimed, receives his land completely free. If he does, might this not create some misunderstandings to the other farmers who have not yet got his land reclaimed?

2. When the land is reclaimed will it permanently be cultivatable or is there a danger that the land easily once again will be eroded?
3. Please forward as soon as possible the necessary documents concerning clearance, endorsement etc. Reference is made to the copy of the Project Request Rev. Minz brought back. Attached hereto please find a copy of our presentation to our committees.

We are very much looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

Jan Jernæs
Jan Jernæs

Encl.

cc: Rev. Minz

bc: Rev. Seeberg

JJ:ha

C O P Y

Gumla, the 7th November, 1974

From

Mr. P.D. Lakra,
G.E.L. Church Gumla,
P.O. Gumla, District Ranchi,
Bihar/ INDIA.



To

Miss Christa Held,
Secretary C D S, L W F
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

Ref:- C D S 289- Gumla college Hostel, India.

Dear Miss Held,

I am very sorry for not sending the required information in time though I received all the letters sent by you. I thank you for all benevolence and sympathetic attitude without which the building construction could not have been completed.

I am herewith sending the account of income and expenditure.

This is also to inform you that the hostel is running but as the colleges are closed off and on due to disturbances, this affects the smooth running of the hostel - the hostellers have to go to their homes. We are looking forward to see the normal situation in very near future.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

P.D. Lakra
(P.D. Lakra)

cc: Director Seeburg

Dr. N. Minz

Name of Project:- Gmra College Hostel. Project No:- 289

Country :- INDIA

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:-

INCOME		EXPENDITURE		
I	Date	Cheque No. issued to the Contractor Mr. Binkas Edka	Amount	Signature of receiver the Contractor.
Rs. 43211.04 being the amount of Lutheran World Federation Cheque for 40000.00	19-6-72	BA 507651	10,000.00	sd/Binkas Edka
	22-6-72	52	7,000.00	do
		53	5,000.00	do
		54	4,000.00	do
		55	1,600.00	do
		56	2,000.00	do
		57	2,500.00	do
		58	500.00	do
		59	2,000.00	do
		60	1,483.00	do
			36,083.00	
		Closing balance	7,128.04	
			43,211.04	
II				
Opening balance Rs. 7,128.04	21-7-72	61	3,000.00	sd/ Binkas Edka
Received Rs. 43,485.08	27-7-72	62	323.02	do
		63	1,000.00	do
		64	2,015.73	sd/- Binkas Edka
50,613.07	8-8-72	65	2,000.00	Contractor
		66	5,000.00	do
		67	5,000.00	do
		68	5,000.00	do
	16-8-72	70	4,646.00	do
	18-8-72	71	10,000.00	do
		72	5,000.00	do
	27-9-72	74	5,000.00	do
			47,999.75	
		Closing balance	2,613.32	
III				
Opening balance Rs. 2,613.32	23-12-72	75	3,000.00	sd/ Binkas Edka
Received 47,530.55	8-1-73	76	7,180.00	do
		77	2,500.00	do
Rs. 50,143.87		78	1,000.00	do
		79	500.00	do
		80	5,000.00	do
		81	10,000.00	do
	18-1-73	82	3,000.00	do
			Rs. 32,180.00	
		Closing balance	17,963.87	
IV				
Opening balance Rs. 17,963.87	Cheque nos. 524183 to 4200 &			
Rs. 52,412.90 Received	379381		Rs. 57,215.86	sd/ Binkas Edka
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Rs. 70,376.77	82		12,331.00	
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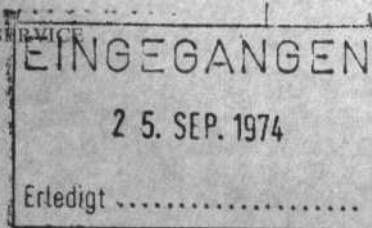
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Mr. P.D. Lakra
G.E.L. Church Gumla
P.O. Gumla, District Ranchi
Bihar / INDIA

September 19, 1974

Re: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

We should like to remind you that you have not replied to our letter of July 15, 1974. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you very much in advance.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Helia Gesels
f. Christa Held
-travelling-

cc: Dr. N. Minz
Director Seeberg ✓

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July 15, 1974

Re: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

We were sorry to learn from your notification dated June 13 that the hostels had to be closed. Has the situation improved in the meantime? We are sorry but we have not yet received the report and accounting promised in the same letter but rather one of our letters to Gumla was returned. We are very much looking forward to hear from you.

Kind regards,

cc: Dr. H. Minz
Director Seeberg

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Sincerely yours,

Christa Held
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Bihar / INDIA

May 17, 1974

Subject: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

Thank you very much for your kind invitation through Dr. Ming to be present at the inauguration service of the hostel on June 23. It would of course be wonderful if I personally or somebody else from the Lutheran World Federation could be with you but we have to ask you to accept our written greetings instead. Please, convey our best regards to everybody who will be present. We are thankful to all who have contributed to complete this hostel and we wish and pray that it will be a blessing to the children and the church.

We know that there have been problems for the Gossner Evangelical Church during the past and we equally hope that all members and each congregation will strive towards a harmonious and faithful cooperation in the future. May God bless you all.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held
Christa Held

cc: Dr. N. Minz
Director Seeberg

An Second Copy to
Dear Mr. Lakra;

I did not want to spoil the official message with another reminder but I am afraid I have to call your attention once more to the fact that many letters from us have remained unanswered, that we have not received the acknowledgment of receipt for the payment of \$ 6,000, made on October 6, 1972 and the \$ 6,632 transferred on December 12, 1972. Further, reports and accountings are also missing since this period. I trust that you will make any efforts to straighten out this matter.

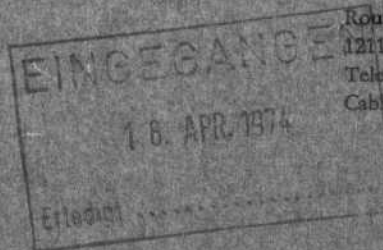
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Mr. F.D. Lakra
G.E.L. Church Gumla
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Bihar / INDIA

April 10, 1974

Subject: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

We are just going through all our files and we have noted that it is almost one year since we heard from you last. We did not get an answer to our letters sent on April 27 and November 2, 1973, and we have also not heard from you following our letter of February 4, 1974.

We are very much looking forward to get your news. Thank you in advance.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Heid
Christa Heid

cc: Dr. Nirmal Minz
Direktor Seeberg ✓

CH:spt

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February 4, 1974

Re: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

We are deeply worried since we have not heard from you in reply to our letters of April 27 and November 2, 1973 concerning submission of the financial accounting and also a proper receipt for the US \$ 6.632 which we sent you on December 12, 1972.

We would be very grateful if you would reply to this letter immediately.

Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held
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cc: Rev. Singh
Pastor Seeberg

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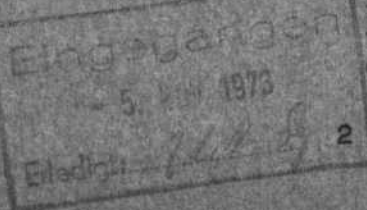
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Mr. F.D. Lakra
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2 November 1973

Bihar / I N D I A

Subject: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

It is now some time back that we received your letter of April 1973, informing us that the dedication of the collage hostel had to be postponed for an indefinite period of time. We hope that in the meantime all obstacles could have been removed and the activity of the hostel could be taken up.

We would appreciate very much to receive the financial accounting and a descriptive report in order to be able to close our files on this project. As indicated in our letter of April 27, the acknowledgment of receipt on our proper forms, stating also how many Rupees you have received for our transfer of US\$ 6,632, effected on December 12, 1972, is still outstanding and we like to remind you that we must have this documentation to comply with the agreement between the donor agency.

We would appreciate to hear soon from you and thank you in advance.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held
for Christa Held
- travelling

cc: Pastor Seeberg
Rev. Topno

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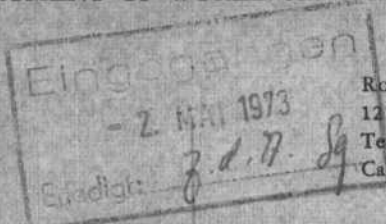
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April 27, 1973

Subject: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

Thank you very much for the letter sent in early April. You state that you have received the money but I am afraid we must have an acknowledgment of receipt on our proper forms, stating also how many Rupees you have received for our transfer of US\$ 6,632, effected on December 12, 1972. Attached hereto please find another form.

I was writing a greeting for the dedication ceremony when your letter arrived saying that this is postponed. We hope the hostel will function nevertheless and are looking forward to hear from you again.

Many kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held
Christa Held

Encl.

cc: Pastor Seeberg ✓
Rev. Topno

CH:spt

From,

Mr. P.D.Lakra, Secretary,
G.E.L.Church Gumla,
P.O.Gumla, Dist. Ranchi,
Bihar, INDIA.



To,

Miss Christa Held, Secretary,
LWF, CDS, Geneva (SWITZERLAND)

Ref:- CDS-289 Gumla College Hostel.

Dear Miss Held,

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With reference to your letter dated the
31st March '73 regarding dedication of the college hostel
building I beg to inform you that the date for dedication
has been postponed for indefinite period. However I shall
again write to you when it will be fixed in sufficient advance
of time. I beg apology for the postponement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

P.D. Lakra
(P.D.Lakra) 18/4/73

cc:- Rev. Pastor Seeberg,
Director
Rev. Topno, Pramukh Adhyaksha.

From,

Mr. P.D.Lakra,
G E L Church Gumla, Dist. Ranchi,
Bihar, INDIA.

Eingegangen

10. APR. 1973

Erledigt:

J. A. N.

To,

Miss Christa Held,
Secretary,
Community Development Service
Lutheran World Federation
Geneva (SWITZERLAND)

Subject:- C D S -289 Gumla College Hostel

Dear Miss Held,

Thank you and the members for all the money sent

For this project and we are most thankful to the Donor Agency the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Netherlands. We have made good use of the
money and I am very glad to inform you that the building construction
is almost complete and we have fixed up Sunday the 29th April for its
dedication.

Now, on behalf of the committee, I request you
and the INF Members to be kind enough to take trouble to come to
Gumla for the dedication ceremony. I also request through you the
Evangelical Lutheran Church brethren in the Netherlands to come
Gumla for the ceremony and grace the occasion.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

P. D. Lakra
(P.D.Lakra)

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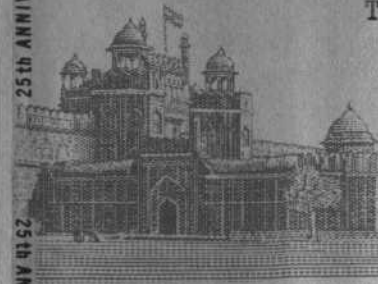
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Rev. J. Topno,
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स्वतंत्रता की 25वीं वर्षगांठ 25th ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE 1972 स्वतंत्रता की 25 वीं वर्षगांठ

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To,

Rev. Pastor M. Seeberg,
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Dist Ranchi, BIHAR,

भारत INDIA

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February 8, 1973

Mr. F.D. Lakra
G.E.L. Church Gumla
P.O. Gumla, District Ranchi

Bihar / INDIA

Subject: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

On December 8, 1972, we transferred to your account with the State Bank of India at Gumla the last instalment for the above project in the amount of

US\$ 6,632.-

We would be very grateful to hear from you by return mail whether you have received that amount and to get the duly filled in acknowledgment of receipt form.

We hope that the final work could have been accomplished in the meantime and would appreciate a final report as well as the accountings.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held
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cc: Rev. Topno
Rev. Seeberg,

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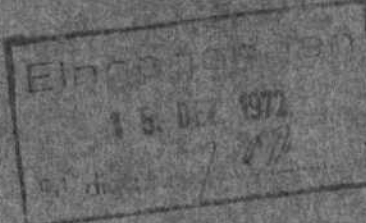
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Bihar / INDIA



December 8, 1972

Re: CDS 289 - Gumla Collega Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

Thank you very much for your letter of November 24, 1972. Progress report no. 5, running bill no. 3 as well as the photos have duly been shared with the donor agency in Holland. Meanwhile we had the visit of Dr. Minz, who handed over to us progress report no. 6 as well as running bill no. 4

In your above letter you ask for the third instalment (this is probably a typing mistake since the third instalment was already transferred on October 26, 1972). As we have not yet received an acknowledgement of receipt for this transfer we would appreciate if you would let us have same before long. Since you are in need of funds we have today transferred the fourth and last instalment in the amount of

US\$ 6,632.-

to your account with the State Bank of India at Gumla.

Actually the rest balance in favour of your project would amount to US\$ 6,110 according to our letter of June 30, 1971 in which we informed you about the approval of US\$ 24,110 (US\$ 18,000 have been transferred up to now).

You will remember that on January 26, 1972 we had informed you in connection with our agreement to the change in building plans and cost estimates - which you presented in your letter of December 22, 1971 - that according to the exchange rate used at that time, the total costs of the project were slightly higher, namely US\$ 24,632 instead of US\$ 24,110 and that you should try to find the balance in your own budget.

We are happy to say that the donor agency in Holland has agreed to fully cover these US\$ 24,632, which explains the above rest balance of US\$ 6,632. Thus the originally requested Rs. 178,593.- are fully paid out and your project will not suffer financial loss causes through the US\$ devaluation. Kindly let us have the usual acknowledgement of receipts.

cc: Rev. Topno
Rev. Seeberg
Mr. Krogmann

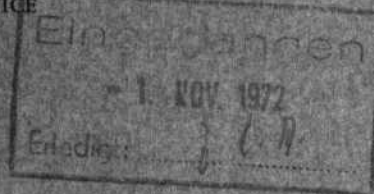
Sincerely yours,
Chr. Held
Christa Held

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October 26, 1972

Mr. P.D. Lakra
G.E.L. Church Gumla
P.O. Gumla, District Ranchi
Bihar / INDIA

Re: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated October 13 with which you sent us a financial statement for the period June to September 72. We have shared this material with the donor agency in Holland. We should like to mention that the total income through CDS of Rs. 86.672.13 which you indicate on the second page, differs from the amounts which you acknowledged on our receipt forms (on June 16 you acknowledged Rs. 43.211.04, on September 5, Rs. 43.485.09, which makes Rs. 86.696.13). Kindly explain this difference.

In accordance with your request for the third instalment, we have today arranged for the transfer of another

US\$ 6,000.-

to your account with the State Bank of India at Gumla. Kindly return the attached acknowledgement of receipt forms as soon as the money has arrived.

In the last paragraph of your letter you write that you are facing difficulties due to the devaluation of the US-Dollar. We would advise you to try to keep the costs within the approved budget. If this can not be done, ways and means may be found to assist you in these financial difficulties.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Heidi Giesecke
f. Christa Heide
- travelling -

Encl.

cc: Rev. Minz
Br. Berg
Rev. Seeberg
Mr. Krogmann

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From,

Mr, P.D.Lakra,
G.E.L.Church Gumla,
P.O. Gumla,
District- Ranchi,
Bihar/India.

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- 6. JUL 1972

Eingefügt:

To,

Miss Christa Held
Secretary, CIB
LWF Geneva.

Ref:- CDS-289-Gumla College Hostel, INDIA.

Dear Miss Ch.Held,

Thanks for your letter of May 31, 1972. The amount of
cheque no. 0001317 Geneva Switzerland March 14, 1972 has been credited
to our account with the State Bank of India. I am returning herewith
the acknowledgement of receipts in duplicate.

With kind regards,

(P.D.Lakra)

cc;- Dr. Berg

Rev. Minz

Rev. Seeberg ✓

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Rev. Pastor M. Seeberg,

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Director

1 Berlin 41 (Freidenau)

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Dist Ranchi, Bihar (INDIA)

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LWF Geneva.

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cc;- ~~Dr. Berg~~ ✓
Rev. Minz
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From,

Mr. P.D. Lakra,
G.S.L. Church Guala (P.O.)
Dist. Ranchi, Bihar, INDIA.

To,

Miss Christa Held,
Secretary,
Community Development Service L.W.F.
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

Guala, the 7th June '72.

Ref.-

CDS 289— Guala College Hostel, India.

Dear Miss Ch. Held,

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter of May 18, 72 and for the transfer of another US\$ = 6,000. It is a sad experience that the first instalment has not been credited to our account as yet. Thanks for your letter of May 31, 72 enquiring about the first instalment.

You are requested to instruct your Banker to send Mail Transfer Advice payable at State Bank of India, Guala.

Yesterday I met the Agent of the State Bank of India, Guala, and he is also at a loss to know the reason of such a long delay. He has sent enquiry letters to (i) Morgan Guaranty

Trust Company of
New York

(ii) First National City
Bank, Geneva.

He has not received any reply from any where.

The Monsoon has broken and the Contractor is unable to collect Building materials due to shortage of fund. He is continuing the work to maintain the chain of work only with a few workers.

I waiting for your next letter,

Yours Sincerely,

P.D. Lakra
(P.D. Lakra) 7.6.72

CC:-

Mr. J. J. Neberg
Rev. B. Ming.

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G. B. L. Church Gumbia
R. V. Gumbia,
Dist. Ranchi,
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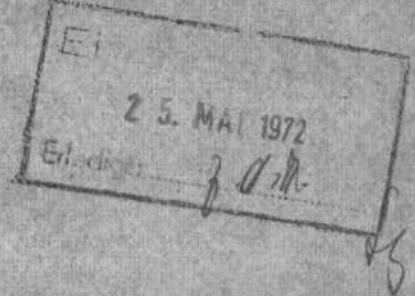
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Bihar / India

May 18, 1972



Re: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

For your convenience we are sending you enclosed copy of a letter that we have sent you on March 10 concerning the transfer of US\$ 6,000 to your account with the State Bank of India in Gumla. Would you please let us know whether the money has arrived safely.

In the meantime we have received copy of the progress report that Mr. Binkas Eeka has submitted to you as well as a series of photos. We have noted that the building of the walls is progressing very quickly and that more funds are needed. We have therefore transferred another

US\$ 6,000.—

to the above account. Please send us the respective acknowledgement of receipts. We should like to point out that normally we only release funds if we have received a proper request for payment at least four weeks before the money is needed. In your case we have made an exception as we did not want to hamper the building work.

We are looking forward to receive a detailed progress report as well as an accounting for the funds spent so far.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ch. Held
Christa Held

cc: Rev. Minz
Rev. Seeberg ✓
Mr. Krogmann
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March 10, 1972

Mr. P.D. Lakra
G.E.L. Church Gumla
P.O. Gumla, District Ranchi
(Bihar / India)

Re: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

This is to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter dated March, 1, 1972. In accordance with your request our finance office has today arranged for the transfer of

US\$ 6,000.--

being 25% of the total grant approved for your project. We should like to mention already at this stage that before the second instalment can be called off an accounting for the above US\$ 6,000.- as well as a detailed progress report should kindly be submitted.

Please return the attached acknowledgement of receipt forms duly filled in as soon as the money has been credited to your account with the State Bank of India, Gumla.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Chr. Held
Christa Held

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cc: Dr. Berg
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Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sri E. Minz

Treasurer

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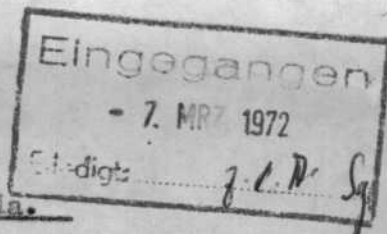
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Dated the 1st March 1972

To

Miss Christa Held
Secretary

The Lutheran World Federation
Community Development Service



Subject:- CDS- Gumla College Hostel, India.

Dear Miss Christa Held,

We thank you very much for your letter containing approval of the new plans and estimates. Now the work has been started and we need money immediately. The contractor is stocking building materials and the work is in progress and we have to pay him according to the progress of the work.

You are requested to be kind enough to send money at your earliest convenience so as to reach us within a fortnight.

With kind regards,

Yours Sincerely,

P.D.Lakra.

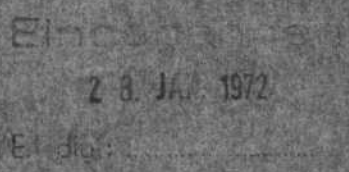
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January 26, 1972

The Rev. C.E. Minz
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church
Ranchi / Bihar / INDIA

WV JR

Subject: CDS 289 - Gumla College Hostel, India

Dear President Minz,

May we thank you for your letter of January 6, 1972, and Mr. Lakra for his outline of the necessity to change the building plans for the Gumla Hostel. We certainly understand your situation and are happy to let you know that the new plans and cost estimates are herewith approved.

According to the present rate of exchange the costs are slightly higher: \$ 24,632 instead of \$ 24,110 but we hope that you can find the balance in your own budget.

May I point out that funds are not transferred automatically. You know that we have received the first instalment from Holland, please, let us know when you need money.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Heid
Christa Heid

cc: Mr. Lakra
Pastor Seeberg /

CH:spt

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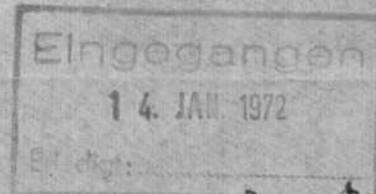
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No.842/72/KSS-40

Ranchi Dated 6th January, 1972.

To

Miss Christs Held
L.W.F. Office,
Geneva / Switzerland.



Subject: College Hostel at Gumla/Bihar/India.

Dear Miss Ch. Held,

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I wish you Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Attached, please find a letter of Mr.P.D.Lakra, Gumla dated December 22, 1971 and two copies of Hostel Plan. You will rather surprise to find two Plans of the Hostel in question, but Mr. Lakra has nicely explained the situation. In fact this Project has been initiated by me when I was a Pastor there till Oct.1969, and therefore I am always close intouch with the development of the said Project. Mr. Lakra has nicely explained in his letter the cause of delay and hence no need to repeat it.

I strongly recommend for the approval of the Plan by you. I hope you will have no difficulty in doing so, for the amount of budget is the same.

Yours sincerely,

(B. Minz)
Pramukh Adhyaksh,
GELChurch Ranchi.

cc: Mr. P.D.Lakra, Gumla.

Rev. M. Seeberg, Berlin. ✓

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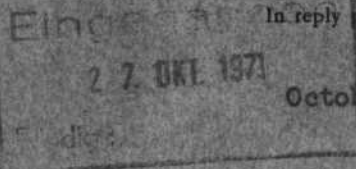
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October 21, 1971

Re: CDS 289 - College Hostel at Gumla, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

Referring to the above project and our letter of August 11, 1971,
we would appreciate very much your letting us have an information
as to when the building work will start and who will carry out it.

Please be kind enough and let us have an answer as soon as possible.

Kind regards,
Christa Heid
Christa Heid

cc: Rev. Minz
Dr. Berg

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August 17, 1971 *Sg*

Re: CDS 289 - College Hostel at Gumla, India

Eingegangen
20. AUG. 1971
Eredigt:

Dear Mr. Lakra,

Today we received your letter of July 30 for which we thank you very much. May we please remind you to return the little pink card that we sent you with our letter of June 30, because otherwise we cannot make any transfers.

Thank you in advance.

Kind regards,

Chr. Held

Christa Held

P.S. We attach another pink card in case the first one has gone lost.

cc: Rev. Minz

Dr. Berg

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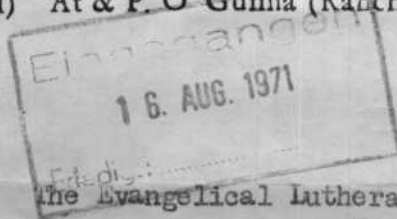
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Dated 30.7. 1971

To

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Netherlands.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our hearts are full with thankfulness and praise to the most Gracious Lord for the good news conveyed to us by Miss Christa Held, Secretary, LWF, Geneva towards the fulfilment of our great undertaking - a college hostel.

Out of sheer gratitude, we tender herewith, our most cordial thanks to you as well for extending your helping hand in this respect.

We offer our sincerest thanks to all the organisations which have been instrumental in this noble and great cause and especially to Miss Christa Held, Secretary, LWF, Geneva, Switzerland; Dr. Berg, LWF, Germany and Rev. C.B. Minz, Pramukh Adhyaksha, G.E.L. Church in Chotanagpur and Assam, Ranchi.

Lastly, let it be known to you that the work will be started as soon as the heavy showers of rain subside i.e. in October, 1971.

Yours very sincerely,

P.D. Lakra 30/7/71
(P.D. Lakra)

On behalf of the G.E.L. Church
Gumla Ilaka, Gumla (Ranchi).

Copy to:-

1. Miss Christa Held (in duplicate).
2. Dr. C. Berg.
3. Rev. C.B. Minz.

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Mr. P.D. Lakra, B.A., Dipvin-Ed.
G.E.L. Church Gumla
P.O. Gumla / District Ranchi

August 11, 1971

Bihar / India

Re: CDS 289 - College Hostel at Gumla, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

With our letter of June 30 we had informed you that your project has been accepted for funding by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Netherlands. We would appreciate very much to receive the requested thank-you-letter in duplicate so that we can share it with the new donor church. Could you please also return the little pink card duly filled in and give us information how soon the construction work can start.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Chr. Held
Christa Held

cc: Rev. Minz
Dr. Berg

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Mr. P.D. Lakra, B.A., Dip-in-Ed.
G.E.L. Church Gumla
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Bihar / India

Re: CDS 289 - College Hostel at Gumla, India

Dear Mr. Lakra,

It was really quite difficult to find a donor agency for the Gumla College Hostel and we are sorry for the very long delay. However, today we have very good news for you since we have just received a letter assuring this amount of \$ 24.110.-.

For the first time the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Netherlands is making a contribution to our CDS program and has chosen your project. We would therefore be very grateful for your kind cooperation in sending us regular and rather extensive reports so that this new donor church will profit in a much deeper sense from this type of cooperation.

Attached hereto please find:

1. CDS Conditions;
2. a cost-breakdown which is binding and should be considered when preparing your quarterly financial reports;
3. two sets of quarterly financial report forms;
4. copy of our CDS Project Request as presented to the Governing Committee and the donor agency;
5. a small pink card which should be filled in and returned to our office.

We would be grateful to receive a thank-you-letter in duplicate, addressed to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Netherlands, which we could share with the donors. Could you please give us information how soon the construction work can start.

cc: Rev. Minz
Dr. Berg

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held



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June 30, 1971

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Was wissen wir über die
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Dr. Nirmal Minz
Acting President
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran
Church Compound

Ranchi / Bihar / INDIA

Dear Dr. Minz,

In the absense of Miss Held we should like to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 23 in which you specified how the amount that is available for the education fund will be used.

We should like to inform you that our finance office has today transferred

US\$ 900.13

= approx. Rs. 7,000.- to your account with the United Bank of India in Ranchi. Kindly return the attached acknowledgement of receipt forms duly filled in once the money has been credited to you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Heidi Gieseke
f. Christa Held
-travelling-

cc: Mr. A. Lakra
Rev. P.D. Soreng
Rev. M. Jojo
Mr. H.A. Krogmann-LWF-Finance

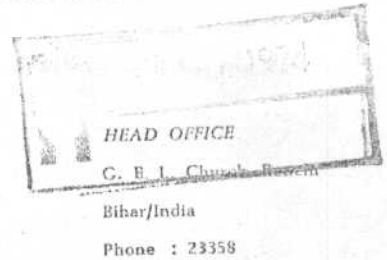
Encl. bc: Pastor M. Seeberg ✓

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No. 418/74/KSS-171

Ranchi Dated 23rd Aug'74.

To

Miss Christa Held
Secretary
Community Development Service/LWR/LWF
Geneva.

Dear Miss Held,

Received your letter of May 8, 1974. Sorry for the delay in reply. The Education Department has requested me to allocate the amount of Rs.7000.00 as follows:

- a) Rs.5000.00 to be used for commercial Training at Lutheran High School Lohardaga.
- b) Rs.2000.00 to be used for Youth leadership development programme.

The money should be sent to the C.D. A/c 1564 G.E.L.CHURCH IN CHOTANAGPUR & ASSAM; with the United Bank of India, Ranchi Branch, Ranchi, Bihar.

The Education Department will make these amounts available to the bodies concerned.

Thanking you,

Sincerely yours,

Dr. N. Minz
24/8/74
(Rev.Dr.N.Minz)
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
GEL Church Ranchi.

cc:

1. Mr. A. Lakra
Education Officer
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Secretary KSS.
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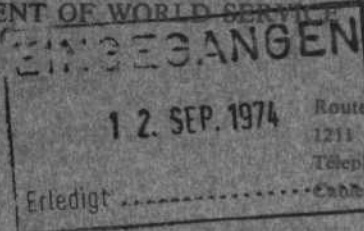
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Dr. Nimal Minz
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksha
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Ranchi / Bihar / INDIA

August 30, 1974

Dear Dr. Minz,

As I mentioned some time ago, the translation of the report from Prof. Grothaus was in the process of being completed.

The translation is now finished and I have much pleasure in informing you that we have mailed two separate copies by registered air mail to you. This translation only covers the actual report up to page 72. There is no index on the enclosures, and we ask Prof. Grothaus by copy of this letter to send this index to you directly.

I am sure that you will understand that in view of the size of this document we could only produce very few copies. We have also forwarded one each to Pastor Seeberg and Prof. Grothaus and will keep two here. Unfortunately, no more copies can be provided by our office.

Although this report in some aspects no longer corresponds to the present situation, I trust that it contains a lot of valuable information and observations.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Heid
Christa Heid

P.S. We would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of the documents.

cc: Pastor Seeberg
Prof. Grothaus
Ed. Secretary Gossner Church

P.S. The pages in the translation are numbered according to the original.



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13. AUG. 1974

Erledigt

Mr. Bhusan Khess
Superintendent
G.E.L. Church Press Ranch
Main Road Ranchi, Bihar
INDIA

August 9, 1974

Re: CDS P 7 - Extension Project for the Gossner Evangelical
Lutheran Church Press at Ranchi, India

Dear Mr. Khess,

Thank you very much for your letters of June 3 and March 29 with enclosures. In the meantime the CDS Governing Committee has met and has discussed your request at considerable length. I am very sorry, however, that I have to inform you that the request was rejected. This was done for the following reasons:

There was certainly understanding for the need of additional capital, and especially also for more and different machines like the monotype. However, this press has already once before received a considerable grant from development funds and it was not felt justified to support the same institution twice, all the more so since the press' main objective is to be a good competitive enterprise and not primarily a development institution. The training of apprentices does not play a major role in this context, as we pointed out earlier, although it involves some operating costs, time and efforts on behalf of the staff.

In the committee's view the situation today for church presses is far different from what it was when they were founded, especially in India.

Usually, there are presses where the churches can get their printing done at rates they can afford. The existing presses should try to work on a competitive commercial basis but not draw on funds which are collected for projects that would contribute to the general uplift of a community. The committee wondered if a management problem was prevailing and felt that efforts should be made in that regard. The committee was also disappointed that it has not been possible to involve SKIP who has a lot of experience and disposes of a number of very qualified and experienced coworkers in all parts of India.

Once again, in view of all over all needs and global priority the committee could not approve the request. We will therefore now close our file.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and patience, I am sorry that I cannot give you better news.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held
Christa Held

cc : Dr. N. Minz
Dr. Rajaratnam
Rev. Dr. Sing

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bc: Rev. Seeberg ✓
Mr. R. Kruse

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Rev. Dr. Nirmal Minz
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh
GELC Ranchi
Bihar/ INDIA

July 19, 1974

EINGEGANGEN

22 JUL 1974

Dear Dr. Minz,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 20, 1974, which did not reach me in Lund any longer but which was forwarded to me here.

I would like to express my thanks also to Mr. Lakra for his letter of May 16, 1974, and all the thorough handling of the matter in your Church. I appreciated receiving copies of the joint meeting and the paper on Education Structure.

Unfortunately, the meeting in Lund could not deal in any detail with this rather complicated matter and it was, therefore, only agreed upon that the proposal as made by the CDS Staff Committee on April 4 should be followed, namely that a team, together with a specialized staff member of CDS, should study the situation on the spot and possibly arrange a consultation.

This staff member will only join CDS in January 1975, and we therefore have to postpone further action for some months. We will certainly keep you informed. Our translation department has also indicated that the translation of Professor Grothaus' report is nearing completion.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held
Christa Held

cc: Mr. A. Lakra, Office of the
Department of Education
Dr. Rajaratnam

bc: Mr. Seeberg ✓

CH:spt

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G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

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Phone : 23358

No. 267/74/KSS-116

Ranchi Dated 20th June, 1974.

To

Dr. Wen Yong Ji
The Asia Secretary/CCC/LWF
Route de Ferney
1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland.



Dear Dr. Ji,

Thank you for your letter of June 10, 1974 and your Secretary's letter of June 11, 1974. Both the letters gave me and the Church great encouragement at this time of crisis. We know the sympathy and concern of friends at home and abroad are rooted in one faith in Jesus Christ which binds us to-gether in a bond of life to-gether. And therefore I personally and as representative of the GELC feel quite confident that the Lord of the Church will lead and guide her in the right path. All we need is to listen to His Commands and His promises to us and be obedient accordingly.

On behalf of the GEL Church may I thank you and Dr. Hellberg and the CCC/LWF for your faith active in love which is concretely seen in the help extended to this suffering Church. The US \$ 1,350 is an adequate and timely help to us. It is also gratifying to not that \$ 10,000.00 also has already been transferred to the Building construction A/c of Gossner Theological College in Canara Bank. May I thank the CCC/LWF for this favour to the Gossner Church. The College Council will send you an official invitation to the ground breaking and laying of foundation ceremony which is going to take place on the 10th of July 74. You would do us a great service by sending a message to the College on that occasion.

The KSS (Church Council) is going to meet on the 28th+29th of June '74, to officially approve the structure of the new constitution. I hope that with minor modifications the new structure will be approved and then the drafting committee will begin its work. It will be one step forward in our work.

Please keep praying for this sickly church that the Lord of the church may uphold and sustain her.

With personal greetings and good wishes to you and to the members of your department. Please greet Dr. Hellberg for me.

Sincerely yours,

cc: 1. Dr. K. Rajaratnam
✓ 2. Director Pastor M. Seeberg.

(Rev. Dr. N. Minz)
ACTING PRAMUKH ADHYAKSH,
GELCHURCH RANCHI.

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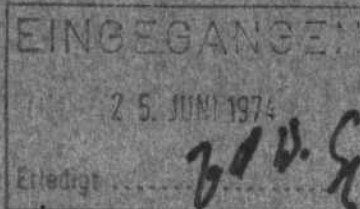
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June 10, 1974



Dear Dr. Minz,

First of all, thank you for your recent correspondence to Dr. Hellber and myself. We are very happy to know that the situation in your church is improving considerably. We appreciated your leadership for the welfare of your church at this very important juncture of its history.

At our Commission meeting in Lund, Sweden, many decisions were made. As soon as we have received the final approval of the LWF Executive Committee toward the end of July we shall notify to the churches concerning the official decisions and action of the Commission. At this moment I can say this much that our Commission has shown a positive and very favourable attitude toward your church for its request.

One item for which the Commission took favourable action is the need of your church for the renewal of the constitution and structure of the churches with US\$ 1,350. Following the above decision, I am sending you the money for your use to this emergent need of your church. The money will be sent to your church's account number 1564 with the United Bank of India.

At the meeting the Commission also decided that CCC helps the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church to secure a person who could render consultative service in management of property for three to five months, or longer.

With personal regards and greetings,

Sincerely Yours,

Won Yong JI
The Asia Secretary

cc: Rev. M. Seeberg ✓
Director, G.M.

Dr. K. Rajaratnam, Director FELCI
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G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

No. 220/74/KSS-14

Ranchi Dated 7th June, 1974.

To

The President
Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tokyo, Japan.

Dear Brother in Christ,

The Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ranchi, India is going through a process of renewal and change. As a dimension of its change we have given much thought to the economic and efficient management of our Church Properties, Landed, Institution and Buildings. So far we have not been able to find a viable way under our Indian economy to manage these Properties and make a profitable use of them for the good of the Church and for the extension of Gods' Kingdom in this part of India. Many agriculture experts of India who have visited Japan and who know Chotanagpur (Southern Bihar) in North Central part of India are of the opinion that there are similar topography and landscapes here and in your country. There is one single environmental difference i.e. your country is surrounded by sea and you have an easy reach to the sea from almost all points of landmass of your country. With this difference and other things being almost equal, we should think that your experts on agriculture and farm management may have something quite relevant to say and do to our situation here.

Therefore, the highest body of the GEL Church in its meeting on the 16th of April '74 resolved to invite personnel from Japan to make survey of our landed properties for their development in consultation with the CCC/LWF. This means that the Gossner Church will depend upon the CCC/LWF for financing this survey and other expenses it involves as the church has no resources of its own to conduct such a survey, nor has it the necessary experts to carry it out.

We would like to hear from you first, if such an expert could be made available for about 3 months or so for the task mentioned above. In case you can send a brother to help us, please let us know. After hearing from you we shall make a definite proposal to the CCC/LWF

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for this important work which needs to be done before the new structure of the Church is brought under operation. We are hoping to re-organise our Church under a new Constitution by October 1974. This would in fact mean that the survey work should begin latest by August '74.

Awaiting your early reply. Our greetings and good wishes to you personally, and to all the friends in Christ in your Church and in your country. May the Lord bless you and your abundantly for His glory in Asia, nay in the world.

Yours in Christ,

Minz
8/6/74

(Rev. Dr. N. Minz)

Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
GEL Church Ranchi.

cc:

1. Dr. K. Rajaratnam
Promotional Director &
Secretary FELCI.
2. Dr. Y.W.Ji
Asia Secretary
CCC/LWF
Geneva.
- ✓ 3. Director Pastor M. Seeberg,
Gossner Mission, Berlin.

Dies klingt recht komisch:

*Es war noch nie das Problem, Landeskirchen-
Luther Kirchen zu interviewen*

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10. JUNI 1974

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31.5.74

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G. E. L. Church, Ranchi

Bihar/India

Phone : 23358

Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh - Rev. Dr. N. Minz

No. 200/74/KSS-134

Ranchi Dated 31st May, 1974.

Dr. C. J. Hellberg,
Director,
Deptt. of Church Cooperation/LWF
Geneva.

Dear Dr. Hellberg,

After returning from Geneva the piled up works took all my time to clear them off. On top of it there was a need of an extensive visit to various constituencies during the last 10 days or so and therefore, this delay in writing to you and others at Geneva. Let me say the following.

1) That all the five Anchals (N.W, S.E, Orissa, Madhya, and Assam) have given positive Corroborative Vote to the amendment of clauses related to constitution. This has opened door for the Church to get through the new constitution.

2) That the KSS and substantive member of lay, youth and women representatives have agreed upon the Basic structure of the New Constitution for the Church in their meeting on 23rd+24th of May '74. It is another constructive step that the church has taken towards her reorganisation. Now the time is fairly ripe that the drafting of the new constitution should begin.

3) That we hope to get the first draft of the New Constitution ready for presentation in the next meeting of the KSS which is going to be held on the 28th and 29th of June '74. We are awaiting the O.K. of Assam Anchal to the basic structure of the new constitution in a week or so.

4) That the Church needs your prayer and financial support to the slow but steady progress of our work during the interim period. As you have verbally given a green signal for your financial support to forming the new constitution, may I request you to kindly make Rs. 10,000.00 (Rupees ten thousand) available to the GELC as soon as possible. We have been informed from reliable authority that the Gossner Mission also is willing to bear its share of financial burden of the GELC even during this interim period.

Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience

cc: Rev. M. Seeberg, ✓
Director, G.M.

Dr. K. Rajaratnam

Sincerely yours,

Minz
(Rev. Dr. N. Minz)

Acting Pramukh Adhyaksh,
GELCHURCH, Ranchi.

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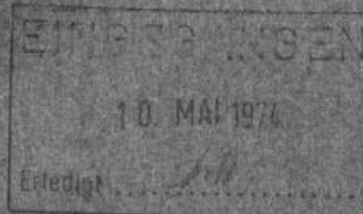
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May 8, 1974

Dr. Nirmal Minz / Acting President
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran
Church Compound

Ranchi / Bihar / INDIA



Dear Dr. Minz,

We have received some funds which we would like to make available for the Education Fund of the Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church. This is an amount of Rs. 7,000.-. Would you kindly specify for us how the education fund is used and where there are specific needs at this stage and would you please also fill in the little attached card indicating the account to which the sum can be transferred.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held

Encl.

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cc: Pastor M. Seeberg

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Dr. N. Minz
Acting Pramukh Adhyaksha
GEL Church Compound
Ranchi - Bihar / INDIA

April 25, 1974
(dictated: April 20)

Re: Study made by Professor Dr. Grothaus on the School Situation
of the Gossner Church

Dear Dr. Minz,

Thank you very much for your letter dated March 26, 1974. In the meantime you will have received my circular letter to the various church leaders concerning the problem of school applications from India. I am looking forward to discuss this personally also when you come to Geneva.

As far as the study from Prof. Grothaus is concerned, I must inform you that the translation is still not completed but under way. As soon as it is finished we will be happy to share a copy with you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Heidi Grothaus

For Christa Held
(left after dictation)

cc: Dr. Rajaratnam
Mr. A. Lakra
Rev. Seeberg

CH:ha

REPAIR ESTIMATE OF CHAINPUR SCHOOL BUILDING

By. Mr. P.S. Topno, Engineer.

1. OFFICE BUILDING:- Repair of cracks in walls and floors in several places. Roof leakage over verandah end walls, including white washing after completion. Lump sum amount Rs.1500.00
2. LIBRARY BLOCK:- Repairing of cracks in walls and floor and sloping roof leaks over verandah end wall and white washing after completion. Lump sum amount:- Rs. 500.00
3. 4 ROOMS SCHOOL BUILDING: Repairing of cracked walls by cutting grooves and refilling with cement mortar and binding with M.S. rods wherever necessary and white washing after completion. Lump sum amount:- Rs. 500.00
4. 3 ROOMS SCHOOL BUILDING:- Repairing of cracks in walls and roof leakage over verandah end walls by relaying of roof sheets and filling of gaps with cement and water-proof compound and white washing after completion. Lump sum amount:- Rs.1000.00
5. ANOTHER THREE ROOMED BUILDING:-
Repairing of roof leakage over verandah end walls by relaying of roof sheets and with water proof compound and repair of cracks in walls and floor and white washing. Lump sum amount:- Rs.1200.00
6. BATH AND W.C.:- Providing masonry water storage inside the building and repair of doors etc, where necessary. Lump sum amount:- Rs. 500.00
7. HALL :- Repair roof leakage over verandah, cracks of floor in several places, by opening the cracks for proper bodage and refilling with cement and making smooth to match with the original floor. Lump sum amount:- Rs. 500.00
8. GENERATOR ROOM:- Water penetrates on end wall. Roof projection to be extended so that rain water may fall beyond the wall. Roof sheets to be replaced with longer one and fixed on extra purlin and walls to be plastered and white washed after completion. Lump sum amount:- Rs.1000.00
9. SCIENCE BLOCK:- Gaps on roof sheets to be filled up with cement mortar or bitumen to stop rain water drops and minor repair of cracks in wall and white washing after completion. Lump sum Rs. 500.00
10. COMPOUND WALL:- Rebuilding of damaged compound wall with bricks in cement 1:6 complete with cement pointing to match with the existing wall and clearing of site by leveling and dressing after completion. Complete job approximately 60 Rft. @25.00 Rft Cost amount:- Rs.1500.00

Grand Total Rs.8700.00

(Indian currency Rupees Eight thousand Seven hundred only)

P.S. Topno

Engineer, Home Associate Builders.

REPAIR ESTIMATE OF CHAINPUR SCHOOL BUILDING (INDIA)

By Mr. P.S. Topto, Engineer.

1. OFFICE BUILDING:- Repair of cracks in walls and floors in several places. Roof leakage over verandah end walls, including white washing after completion. Lump Sum----- Rs. 1500.00
2. LIBRARY BLOCK:- Repairing of cracks in walls and floor and sloping roof leaks over verandah end wall and white washing after completion. Lump sum Rs. 500.00
3. 3 ROOMED SCHOOL BUILDING:- Repairing of cracked walls by cutting grooves and refilling with cement mortar and binding with H.S. Rods wherever necessary and white washing after completion
Lump Sum Rs. 500.00
4. 3 ROOMED SCHOOL BUILDING:- Repairing of cracks in walls and roof leakage over verandah end walls by relaying of roof sheets and filling of gaps with cement and waterproof compound and whitewashing after completion. Lump Sum---Rs. 1000.00
5. ANOTHER 3 ROOMED SCHOOL BUILDING:-
Repairing of roof leakage over verandah walls by relaying of roof sheets and filling the gaps with cement mortar mixed with water proof compound and repair of cracks in walls and floor and white washing.
Lump Sum-----Rs. 1200.00
6. BATH & W.C.:- Providing masonry water storage inside the building and repair of doors etc. where necessary.
Lump Sum:- Rs. 500.00
7. HALL:- Repair roof leakage over verandah cracks of floors in several places by opening the cracks for proper bondage and refilling with cement and making smooth to match with the original floor. Lump Sum-----Rs. 500.00
8. GENERATOR ROOM:- Water penetrates in end walls. Roof projection to be extended so that rain water may fall beyond the wall. Roof sheets to be replaced with longer one and fixed on extra purlin and walls to be plastered and whitewashed after completion. Lump Sum----- Rs. 1000.00
9. SCIENCE BLOCK:- Gaps on roof sheets to be filled up with cement mortar or bitumen to stop rain water drops and minor repair of cracks in walls and whitewashing

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after completion. Lump Sum----- Rs. 500.00

10.COMPOUND WALL:- Re-building of damaged compound wall with bricks in cement 1:6 complete with cement pointing and cailing to match with the existing wall and clearing of site by levelling and dressing after complete job approximately

60Rft. @25.00Rft.----- Rs. 1500.00

Total Rs. 8700.00

(Eight thousand seven hundred rupees)

Sd/ P.S.Topno.

Engineer.


Equipments

- | | | |
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| 1. Gestetner Duplicator | current price..... | Rs.3500.00 |
| 2. Film Projector | " " | Rs.7500.00 |
| 3. Contingency to be spent on transport and other works in connectin with Repair..... | | Rs. 300.00 |

Total Rs.11300.00

Rupees Eleven thousand three hundred)only

I Repair Cost	Rs. 8700.00
II Equipments	<u>Rs.11300.00</u>
Grand Total	Rs.20000.00 (Rupees Twenty thousand) only.


C.A.Tirkey.

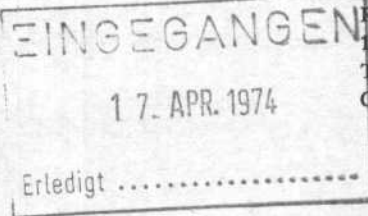
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16. April 1974

*Telefonat nach
Friedenau
d. R. fg 4/5*

Betrifft: CDS 200 - Erweiterung der Oberschule in Chainpur, Indien

Lieber Herr Pastor Seeberg,

die EZE hat inzwischen Ihre Akte für Chainpur abgeschlossen und hat uns noch einen Betrag von DM 2,475.36 = US\$ 900.13 überwiesen, der laut des von der EZE erstellten Schlussverwendungsnachweises zugunsten des Projektes noch vorhanden war. Wir wissen, dass die Gossner Mission für Renovierungsarbeiten an der Schule Rs. 15,000 zur Verfügung gestellt hat; zusammen mit dem bei uns noch vorhandenen Guthaben wären damit die von Herrn Tirkey beantragten Rs. 20,000 vorhanden. Wir möchten Sie fragen, wie wir weiter vorgehen sollen.

Wären Sie einverstanden, dass wir den Saldo von US\$ 900,13 = Rs 7,000 direkt an die Gossnerkirche überweisen, da die Lage in Ranchi nun einigermaßen bereinigt zu sein scheint.

Wir erwarten gerne Thren Hinweis in dieser Angelegenheit.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihre

Christa H e l d

GI:spt

4. Dezember 1973

psbg/sz

Fräulein
Christa H e l d
The Lutheran World Federation
Dept. of World Service
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Liebes Fräulein Held!

Im November bin ich von meiner sechswöchigen Indien-Reise zurückgekehrt. Da Sie an der Situation in der Gossnerkirche interessiert sind und dort einiges in den vergangenen Wochen passiert ist, übersende ich Ihnen meinen Reisebericht, der für das Kuratorium der Gossner Mission bestimmt war, zur Kenntnisnahme.

Inzwischen hat sich die Geschichte weiterentwickelt, allerdings nicht im positiven Sinne. Darüber kann Herr Hellberg Ihnen mehr erzählen, weil er Mitte November in Ranchi war und die Vermittlerdienste fortsetzte.

Inzwischen haben Sie in der Schulangelegenheit Chainpur einen Brief von Mr. C.A. Turkey erhalten, der für seine neue Oberschule einen Nach-Antrag auf Rps 20.000,-- gestellt hat. Er wusste zu diesem Zeitpunkt noch nicht, dass die Gossner Mission ihm einen Betrag von Rps 15.000,-- gewährt hat, der allerdings im Augenblick nicht ausgezahlt werden kann, weil durch den Streit in der Kirche die Bankkonten gesperrt sind, aber so eilig wird diese Sache wohl auch nicht sein.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen und guten Wünschen für eine gesegnete Advents- und Weihnachtszeit bin ich

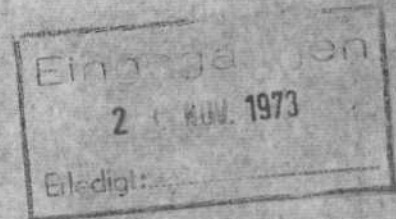
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(Martin Seeberg)

Anlage

From

Mr. C.A.Tirkey, Headmaster,
Lutheran High School, Chainpur,
Ranchi, Bihar, (INDIA)



To

Miss Christa Held,
Department of World Service,
Lutheran World Federation, Geneva.

Re: CDS 200-High School Chainpur, India.

Dear Miss held,

I have already sent an estimate for supplementary demand for the school as you told us that there is some fund still available with you for the project.

Please find enclosed the cost of additional work and equipments, which we need urgently. The prices of the things are going up high so I will request you to look in to the matter at your earliest and be considerate to grant the amount asked for. The cost estimate is for Rs.20,000=00 , only.

I shall be very grateful if you kindly do the needful.

Sincerely yours,

C.A.Tirkey,
Headmaster,

*Copy to
Director Secbers
for information
(Sten
29/11)*

KLAUS SCHWERK
ARCHITEKT, DIPL.-ING.

2.10.1973

An die
Evangelische Zentralstelle
für Entwicklungshilfe e.V.
53 Bonn-Bad Godesberg
Mittelstraße 37

Betr.: Neubau der Oberschule der Evangelischen Lutherischen
Gossnerkirche in Chainpur/Indien

Sehr geehrte Herren!

Als Anlage schicke ich Ihnen nach Fertigstellung des oben bezeichneten Bauvorhabens einen vollständigen Satz der Pläne im Maßstab 1:100. Er wurde nach Abschluß der Arbeiten neu unter Berücksichtigung aller vor Beginn und während der Durchführung der Bauarbeiten erfolgten Veränderungen angefertigt. Ich versichere, daß das Bauvorhaben den hier vorgelegten Plänen entspricht. Insbesondere wurden die im Schreiben des Bundesschatzministeriums vom 30.10.1969, Aktenzeichen III A 7 - B 1026 - 2 - 233/69, gemachten Bemerkungen bei der Ausführung berücksichtigt. Lediglich in zwei Punkten wurde von diesen Empfehlungen abgewichen:

Die Türen der Klassengebäude öffnen sich **n i c h t** in Richtung des Fluchtweges. Begründung: Es ist aus klimatischen Gründen üblich, daß alle Türen von Klassenräumen (und allgemein aller Räume) während der Benutzung ständig offen stehen und nur bei Nichtbenutzung abgeschlossen werden. Eine nach außen aufstehende Tür hätte eine Behinderung für den Verkehr auf der vorgelagerten Terrasse bedeutet. Die nach innen schlagende Tür ist dadurch, daß sie an die Wand schlägt, hinreichend für den Gebrauch als Fluchtweg gesichert.

Die geforderten Toilettenanlagen wurden landesüblicher Bauweise folgend **n i c h t** in Verbindung mit den Klassengebäuden errichtet, sondern befinden sich am Rande des Schulareals.

Namens des Empfängers danke ich Ihnen noch einmal für die geleistete finanzielle Unterstützung, die es ermöglichte, die Oberschule in Chainpur in der dargestellten Form zu errichten.

Mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung!

KLAUS SCHWERK
ARCHITEKT, DIPL.-ING.

Mit freundlichen Gruß, anbei Schreiben
der Bundesregierung v. 30.10.1969. J. Pfeiffer

21.9.73

WICHTIGE MITTEILUNG

Ab 15. August 1973 lautet unsere neue Anschrift :

IMPORTANT NOTICE

From August 15th, 1973, our new address will be :

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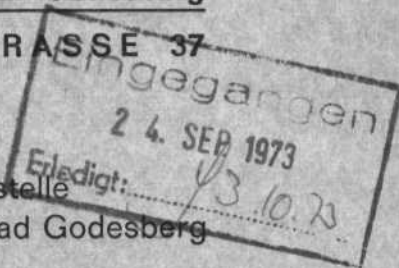
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Betr.: Förderung entwicklungswichtiger Vorhaben der Kirchen
in Entwicklungsländern;
hier: Erweiterung der Oberschule der Evangelischen
Lutherischen Gossner Kirche in Chainpur/Indien

Bezug: Ihr Schreiben vom 23. September 1969
- II B 3 - T 7150 Ind - 144/69 -

Anlg.: 1 Hefter Bauunterlagen

Gegen das o.a. Projekt habe ich keine baufachlichen Bedenken.

Im einzelnen bemerke ich dazu folgendes:

1. Entwurfsanordnung

Die bestehende Schulanlage soll durch Zubauten zu einer voll leistungsfähigen Oberschule für 320 Schüler ausgebaut werden. Für die neuen Gebäude steht im südöstlichen Teil des Grundstückes ein Gelände zur Verfügung, das die Möglichkeit bietet, die Gebäude im Pavillonsystem in der günstigen Ost-West-Richtung zu errichten. Im Hinblick auf die Witterungseinflüsse in der Monsunzeit sollte geprüft werden, ob die Notwendigkeit besteht, die einzelnen Klassengebäude untereinander und mit den sanitären Anlagen durch überdachte Gänge zu verbinden. Die Grundrisse sind zweckmäßig angelegt und die einzelnen Räume sind ausreichend groß bemessen. Ebenso ist die Frage der Belichtung und Querlüftung gut gelöst.

Die Türen der Klassengebäude sollten jedoch in Richtung des Fluchtweges zu öffnen sein. Ausserdem sollte vom Projektträger geprüft werden, ob in den Fachklassen für den naturwissenschaftlichen Unterricht neben den Stromanschlüssen auch Wasser- und Gasanschlüsse notwendig sind. In die Abwasserleitungen der Labortische sind ausserdem Säureabscheider einzubauen.

Als wenig befriedigend gelöst ist die Frage der sanitären Anlage anzusehen. Die im Generatorgebäude - Haus G - untergebrachte Anlage ist nicht durch Baupläne belegt. Ausserdem ist der Umfang und die Lage der bestehenden Einrichtungen nicht näher erläutert. Es wäre sinnvoller, die erforderlichen Anlagen in den Klassengebäuden oder doch zumindest in der Nähe dieser Bauten einzurichten. Die im Antrag fehlenden Planunterlagen für das Generatorhaus sind spätestens mit dem Verwendungsnachweis vorzulegen.

2. Bauart

Der vorgesehenen Bauart stimme ich zu, wenn für das aufgehende Mauerwerk ebenso wie für die Fundamente Zementmörtel verwendet wird. Die hierdurch entstehenden Mehrkosten sollten vom Projektträger innerhalb der vorgesehenen Finanzierung aufgefangen werden können.

3. Kosten

Die eingesetzten Kosten sind angemessen. Im Kostenvoranschlag sind jedoch einige Beträge falsch eingeordnet worden. So sind die Kosten für die elektrischen Versorgungsanlagen nicht unter Ziffer 2.5, sondern im Abschnitt 2.2. - Kosten der Außenanlagen - zu veranschlagen. Weiterhin sind die Kosten des Mobiliars und der naturwissenschaftlichen Ausstattung nicht unter 2.4, sondern in den Abschnitt 2.5 - Kosten des Gerätes - einzuordnen. Der Zuwendungsempfänger muß dies bei der Erstellung des Verwendungsnachweises beachten.

Ausgaben für die im Abschnitt 2.3 - Baunebenkosten - veranschlagten Beträge für die Grundsteinlegung und die künstlerische Ausgestaltung werden bei dem geringen Umfang des Projektes nicht für notwendig erachtet. Der vorgesehene Betrag wurde der Ziffer 2.352 - sonstige Nebenkosten - zugeschlagen.

Die mir zugeleiteten Bauunterlagen habe ich in einfacher Fertigung wieder beigelegt.

Im Auftrag

Hilpert

Beglaubigt:
G. Gossner
Angestellte

28. August 1973
psbg/sz

J 28.8.73

The Lutheran World Federation
Department of World Service
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Betrifft: CDS 200 - Erweiterung der Oberschule in Chainpur/Indien

Liebes Fräulein Held!

Die Antwort auf Ihre Anfrage vom 18. Juni d.J. hat sich leider verzögert. Das tut uns leid. Die Baupläne lagen bei uns, mussten aber noch einmal gezeichnet werden, weil geringfügige Veränderungen bei Fassaden und kleine Erweiterungen berücksichtigt werden mussten. Jedenfalls waren die uns übersandten Pläne so nicht zur Weiterleitung geeignet.

Herr Schwerk hat sich am Ende seines Urlaubs an die Arbeit gemacht und die endgültigen Zeichnungen fertiggestellt. Aus diesen ist zu ersehen, dass im grossen und ganzen die ursprüngliche Planung beibehalten wurde.

Mit herzlichen Grüssen

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Sg

(Martin Seeberg, Missionsdirektor)

Anlage

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Betrifft: CDS 200 - Erweiterung der Oberschule in Chainpur, Indien

Lieber Herr Pastor Seeberg,

schon im Herbst vergangenen Jahres hatte Herr Hertel verschiedentlich erwähnt, dass die Baupläne, die wir zur Schlussabrechnung für das obige Projekt brauchen, wahrscheinlich an Sie gesandt wurden und an ihn weitergeleitet werden sollte zur endgültigen Stellungnahme. Ich habe nun nochmals eine Mahnung von der Zentralstelle erhalten und wäre sehr dankbar, wenn ich möglichst bald von Ihnen hören könnte. Besten Dank im voraus.

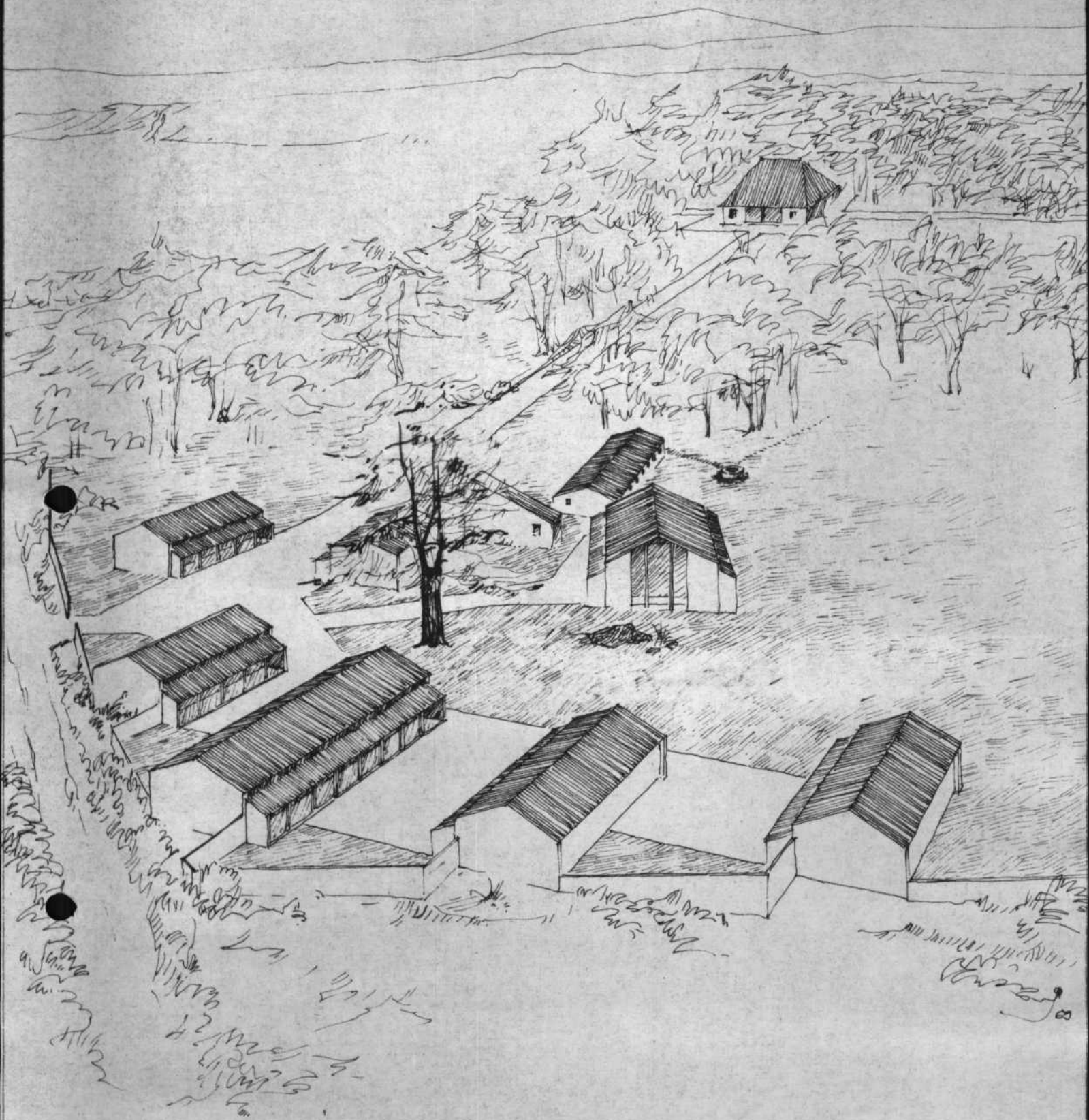
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
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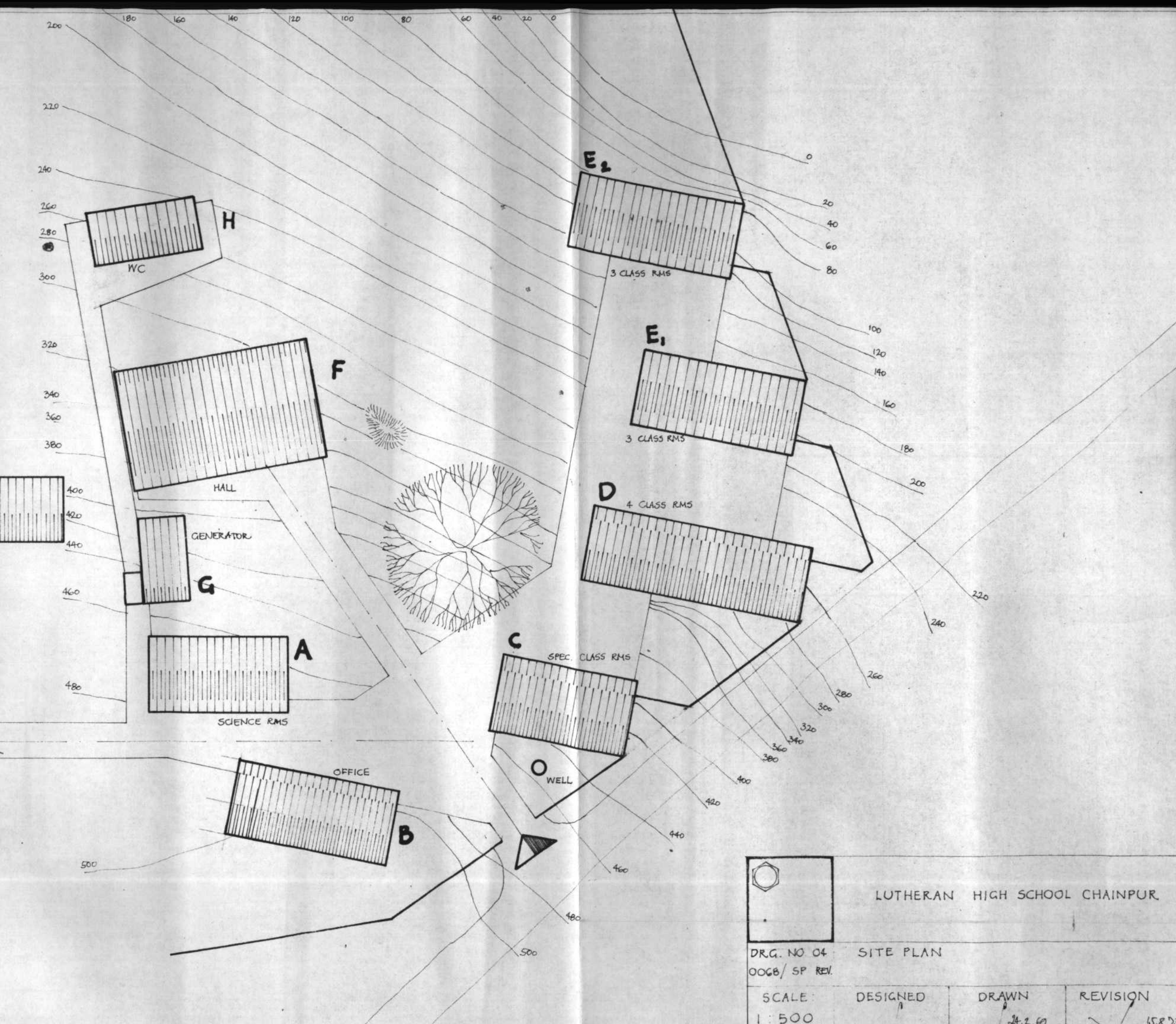
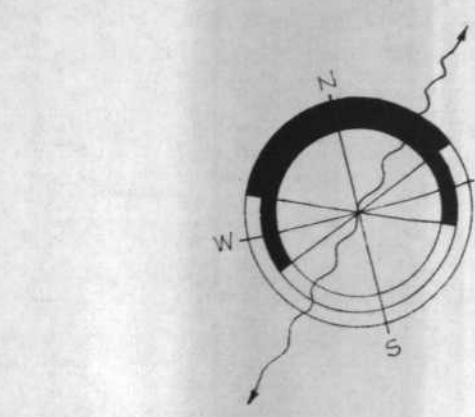
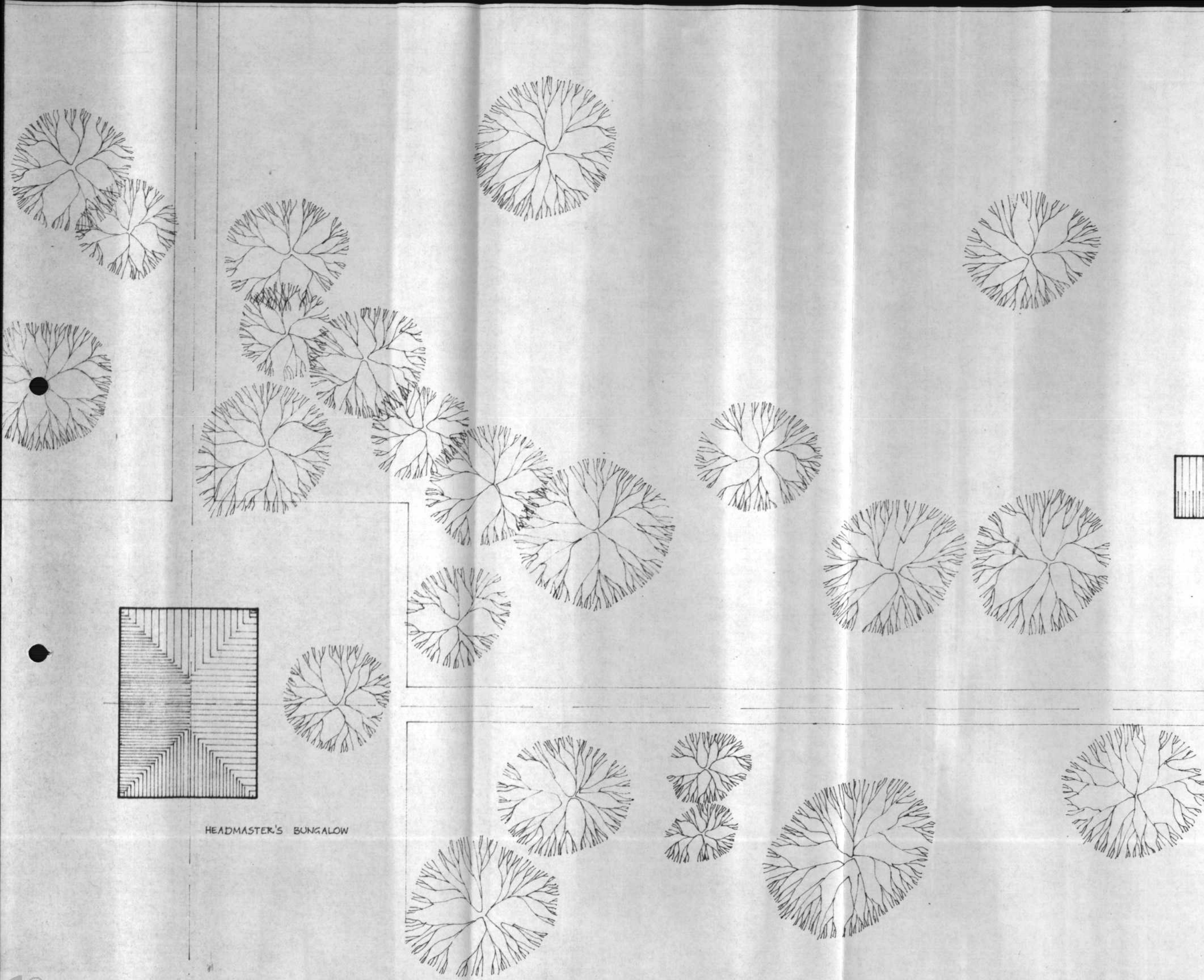
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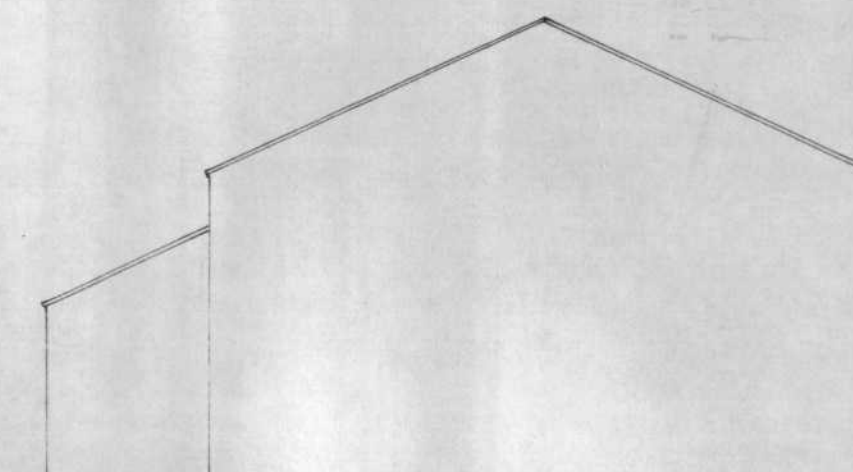
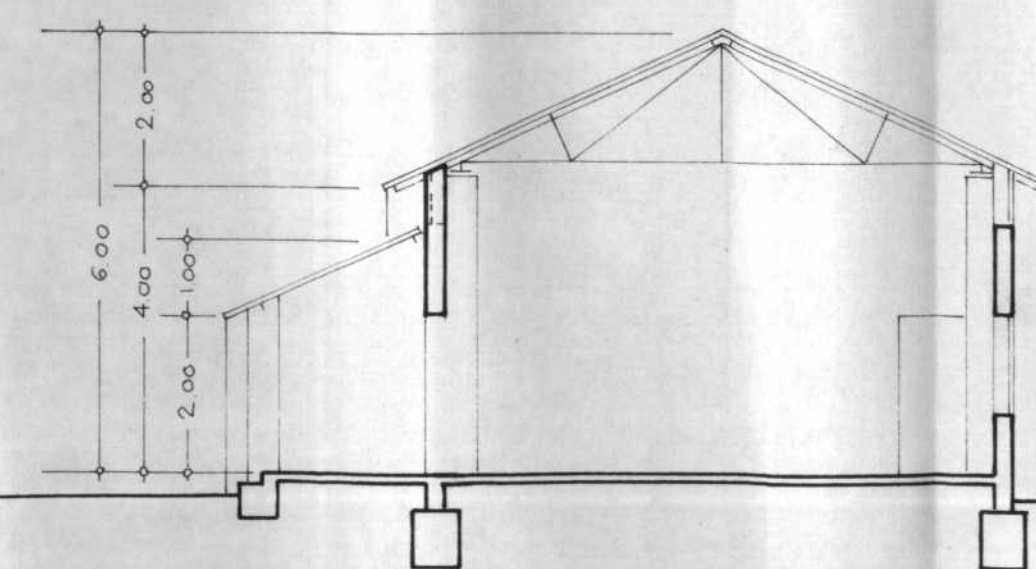
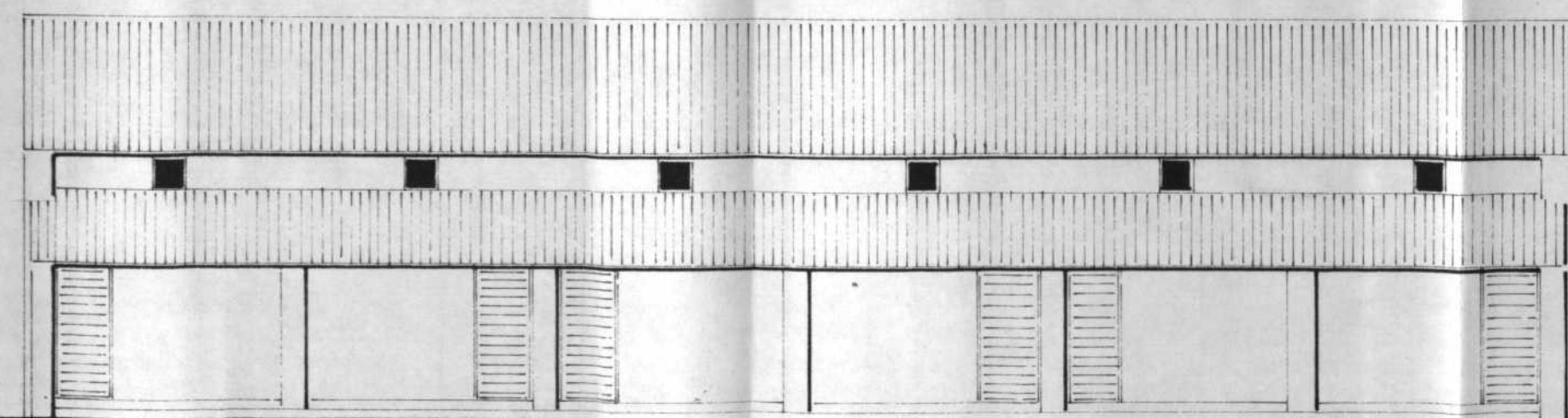
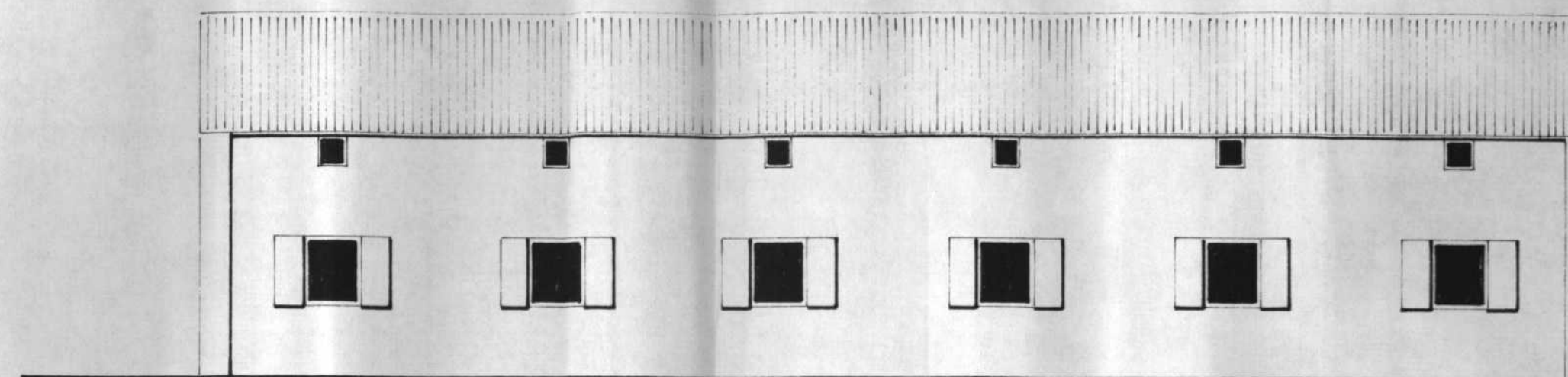
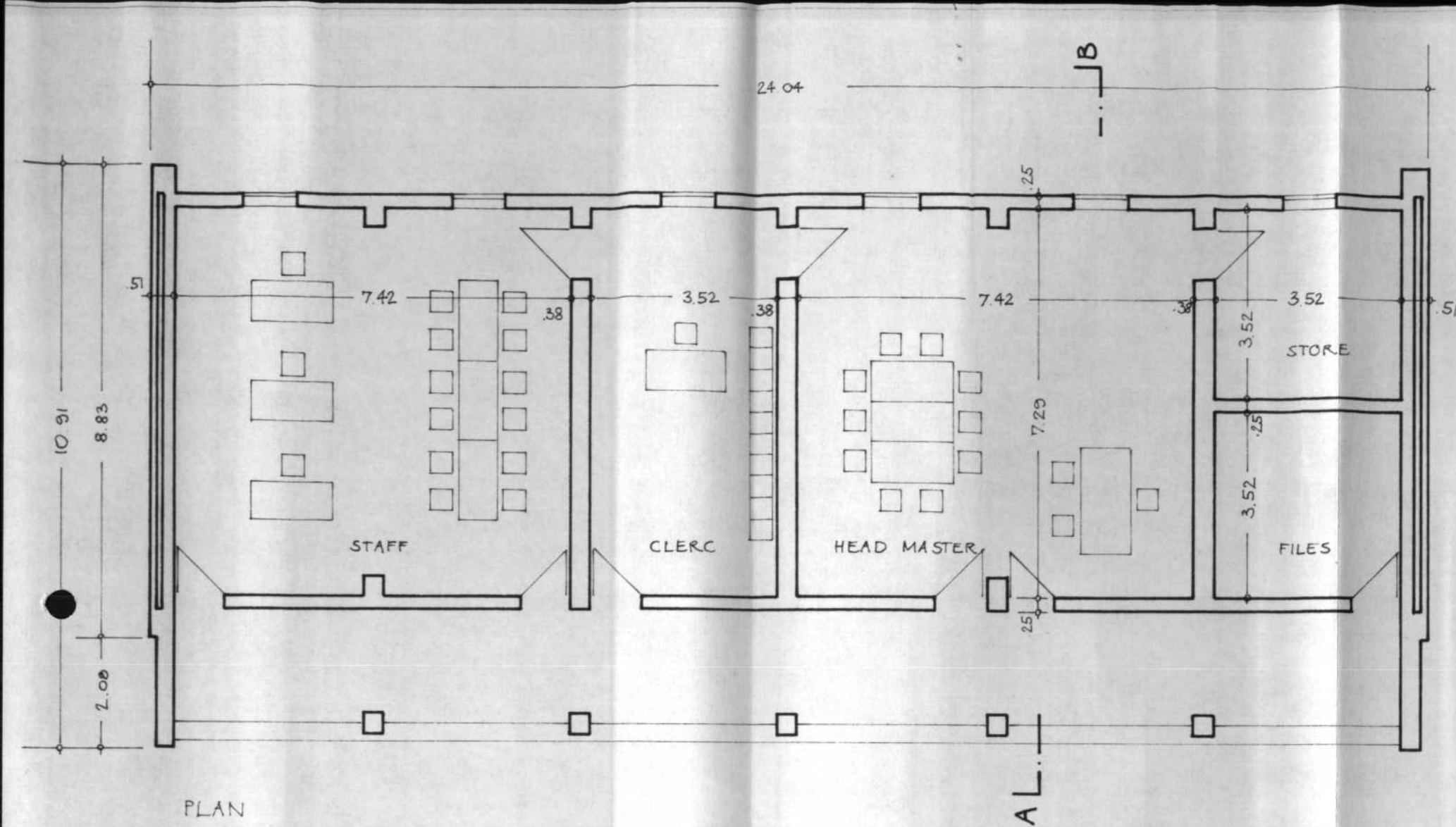
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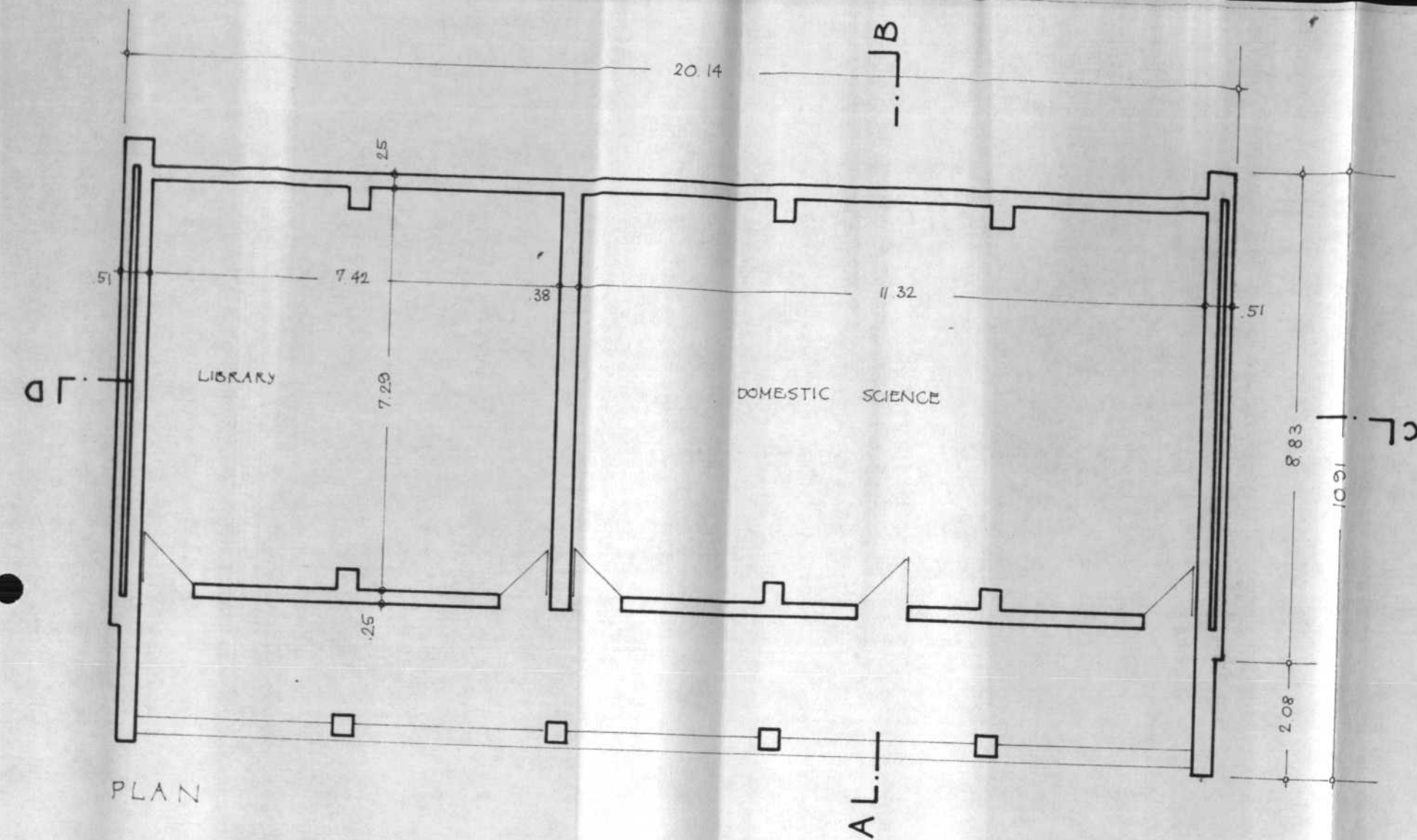


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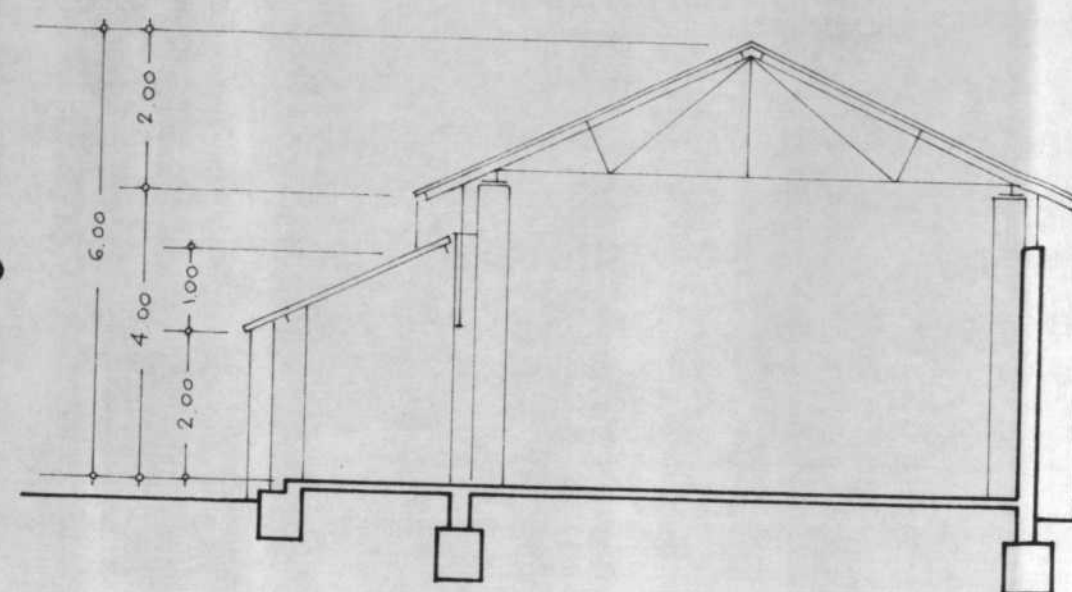




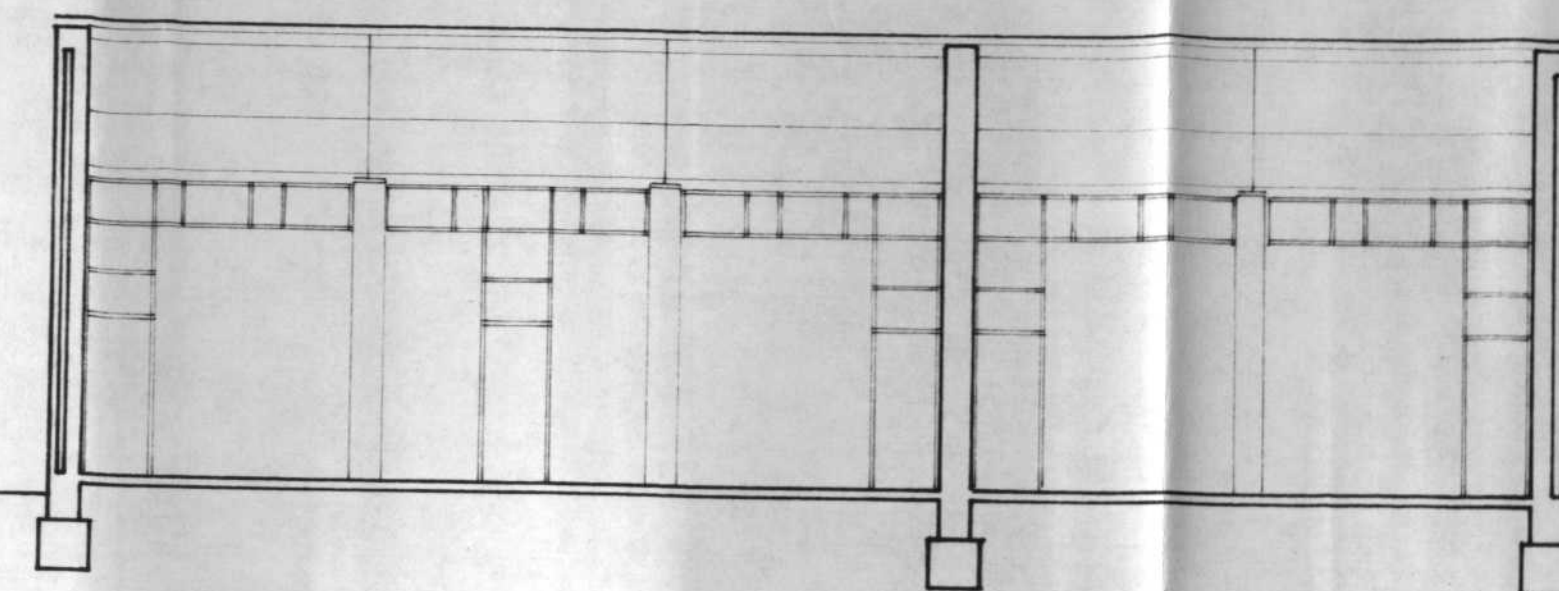
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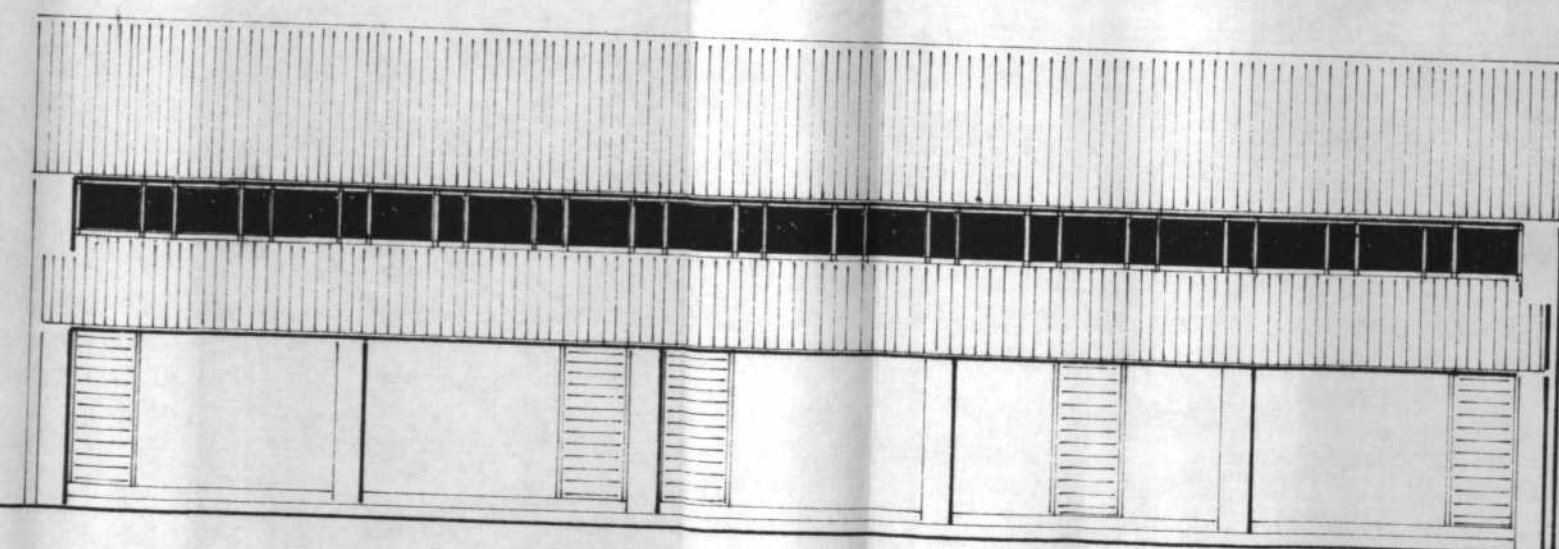
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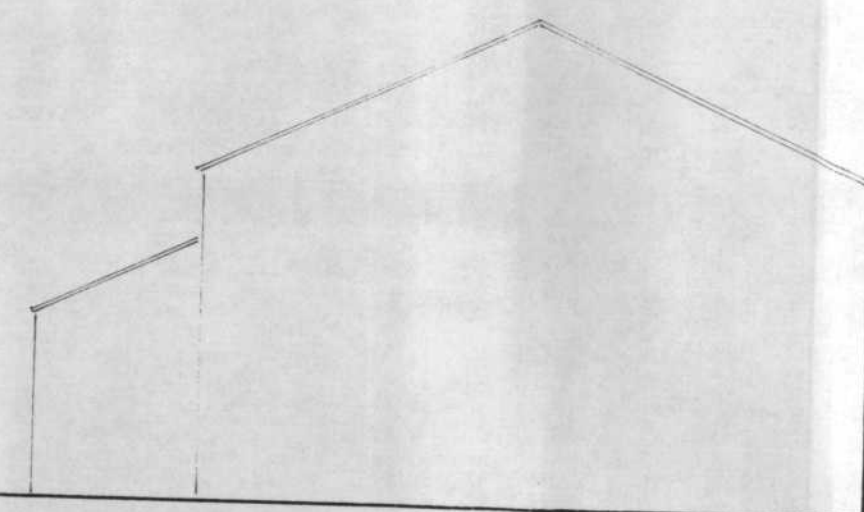
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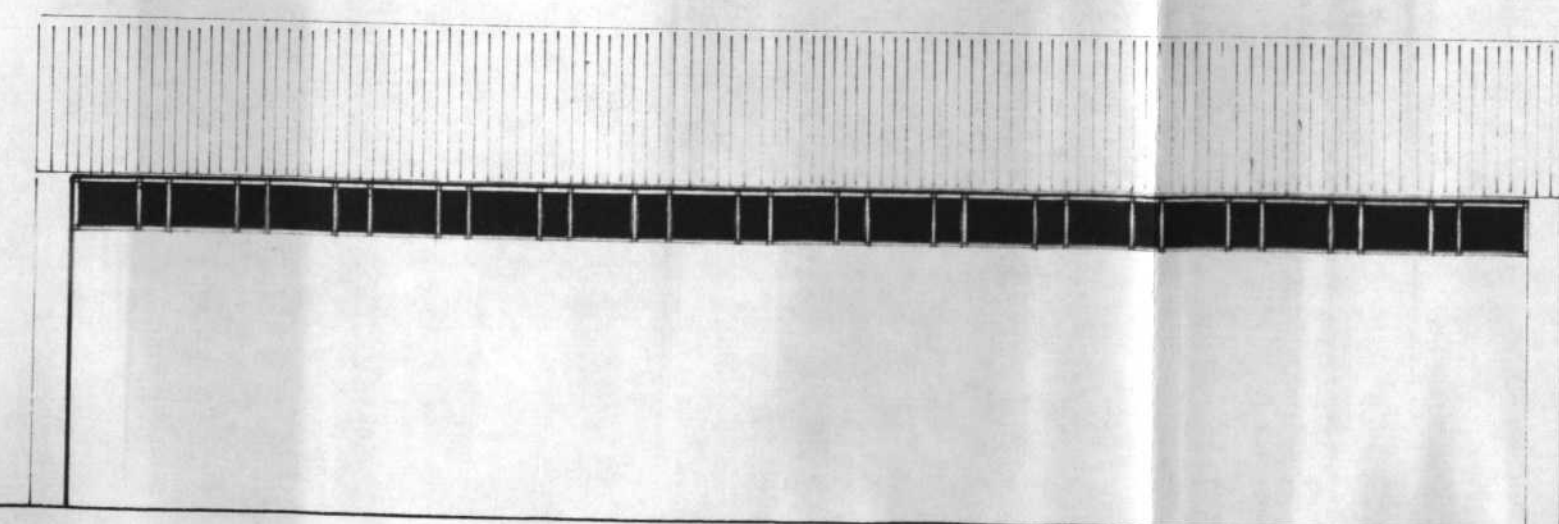
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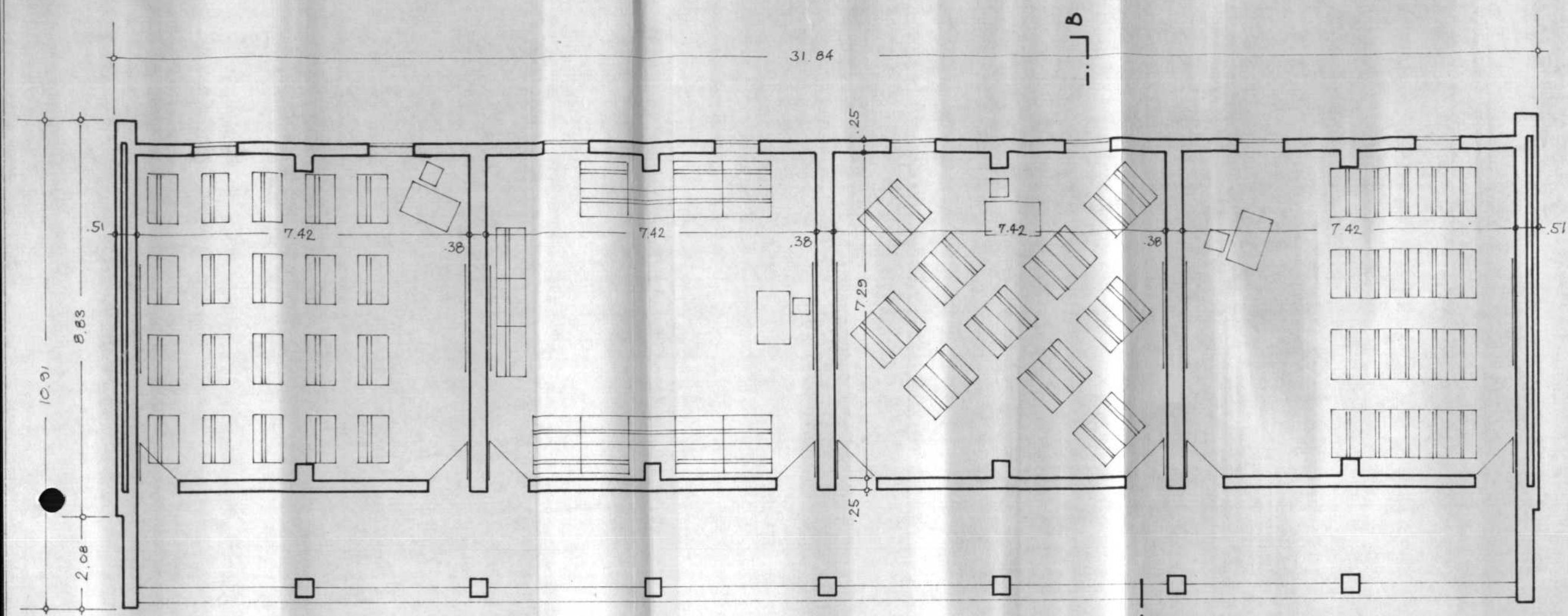
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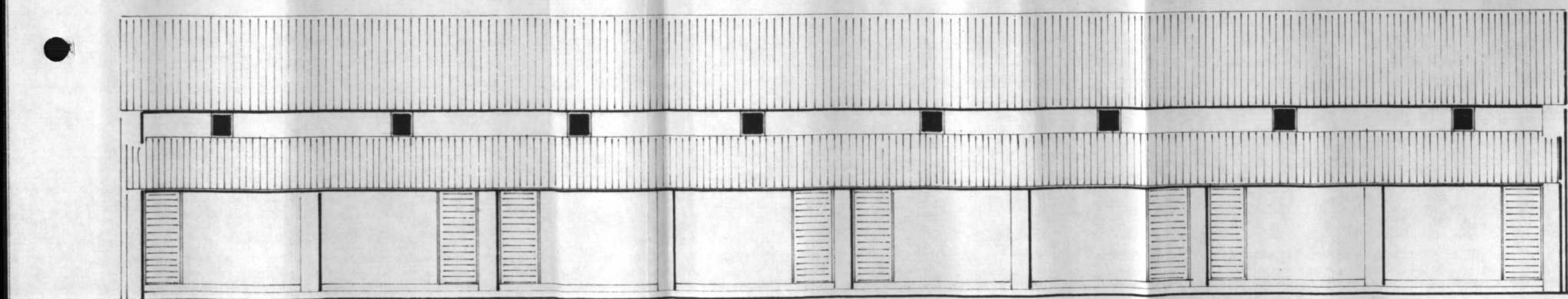
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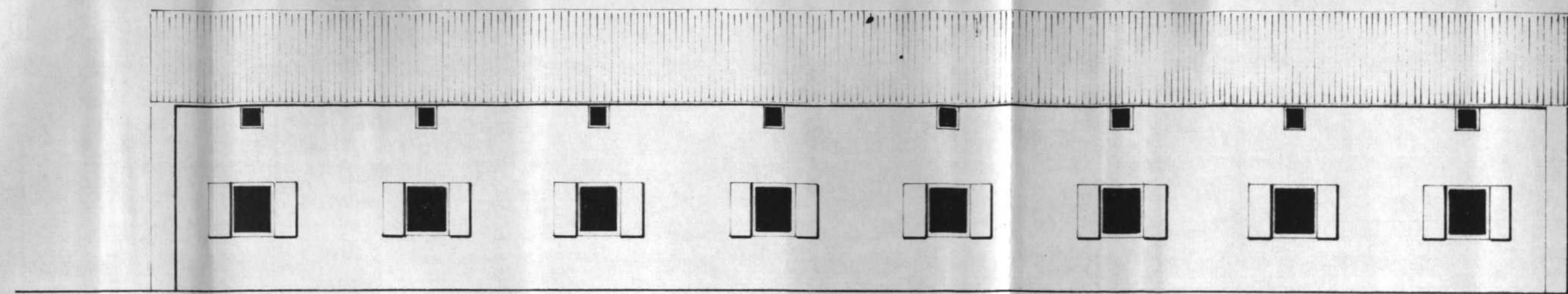


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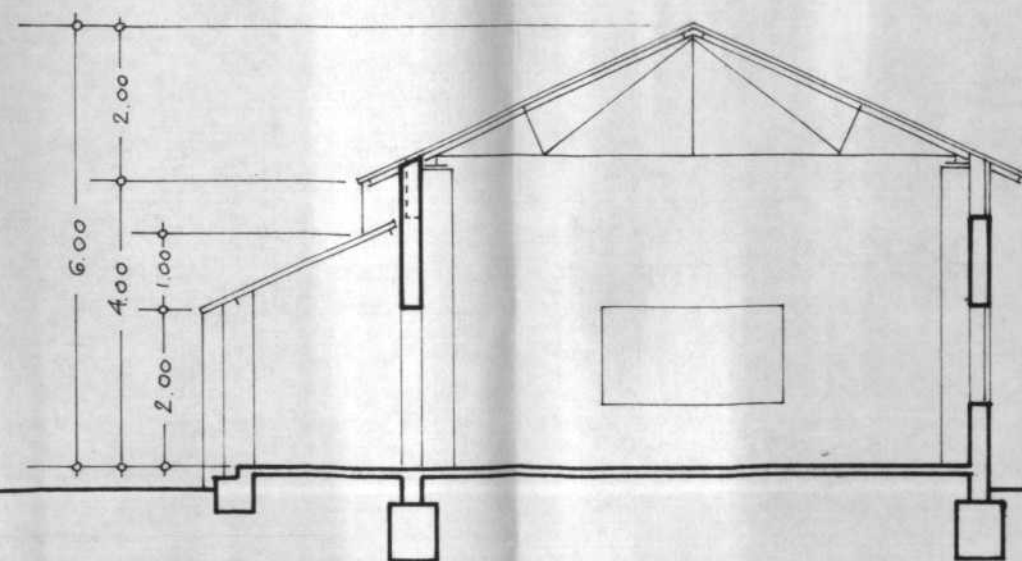
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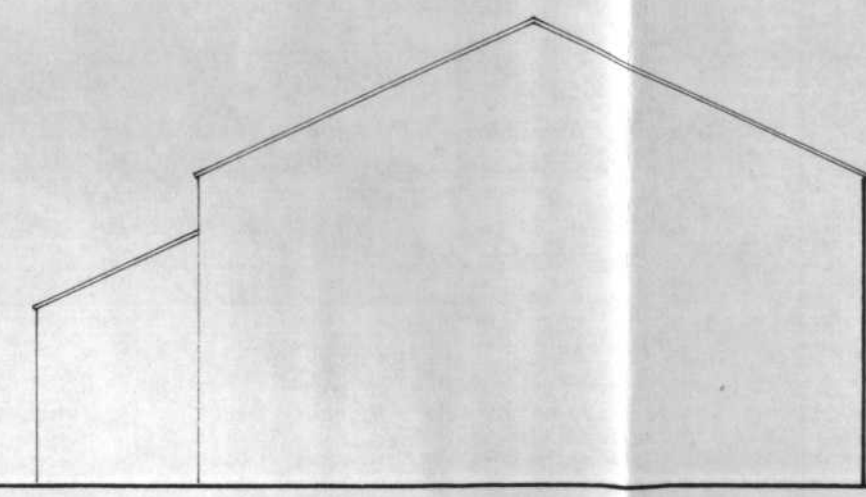
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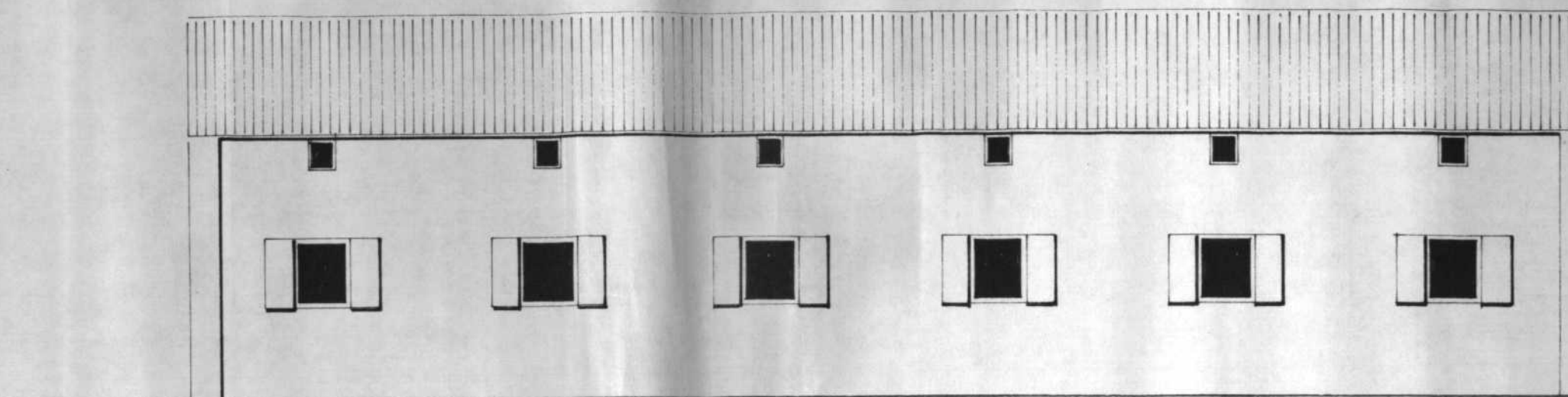
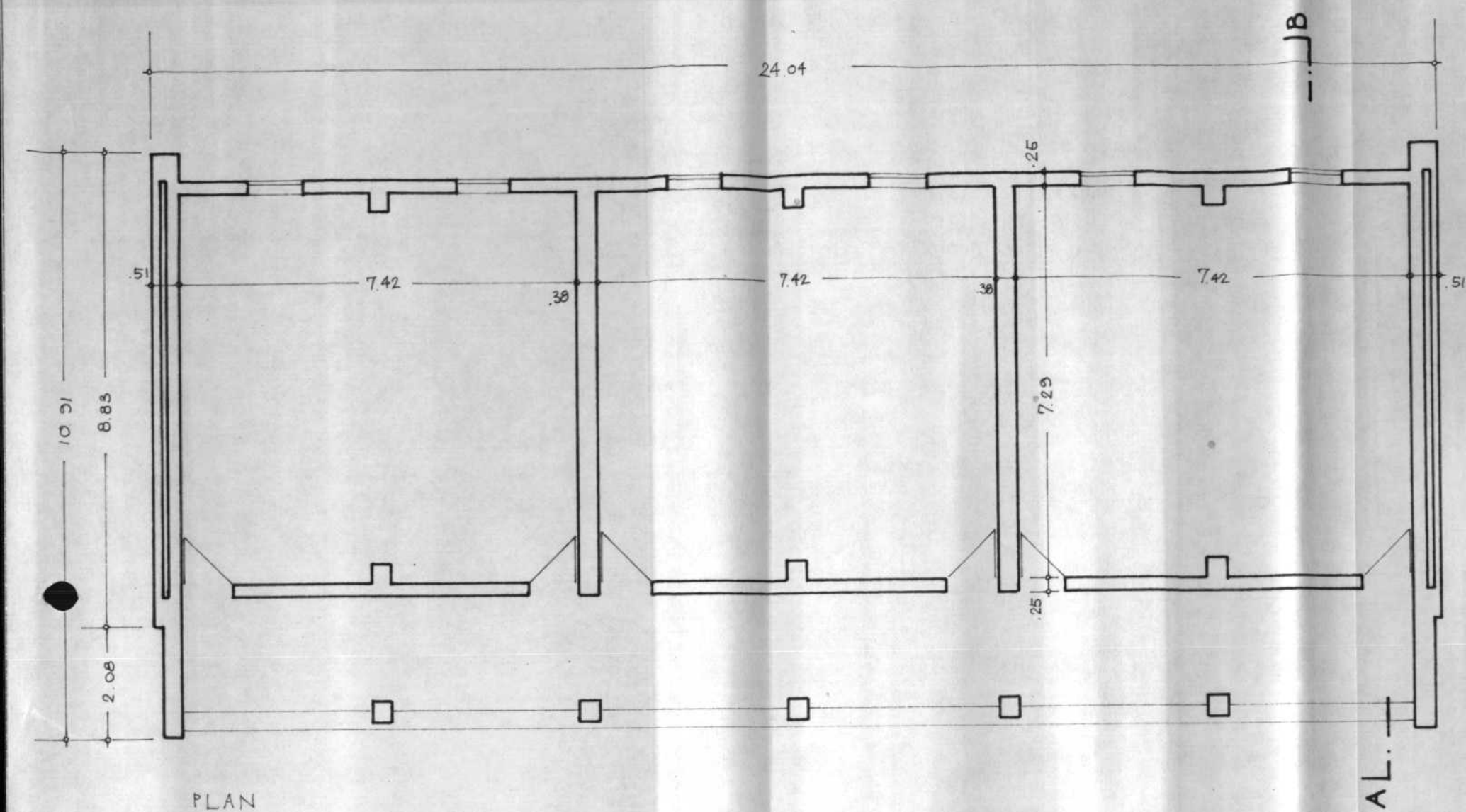


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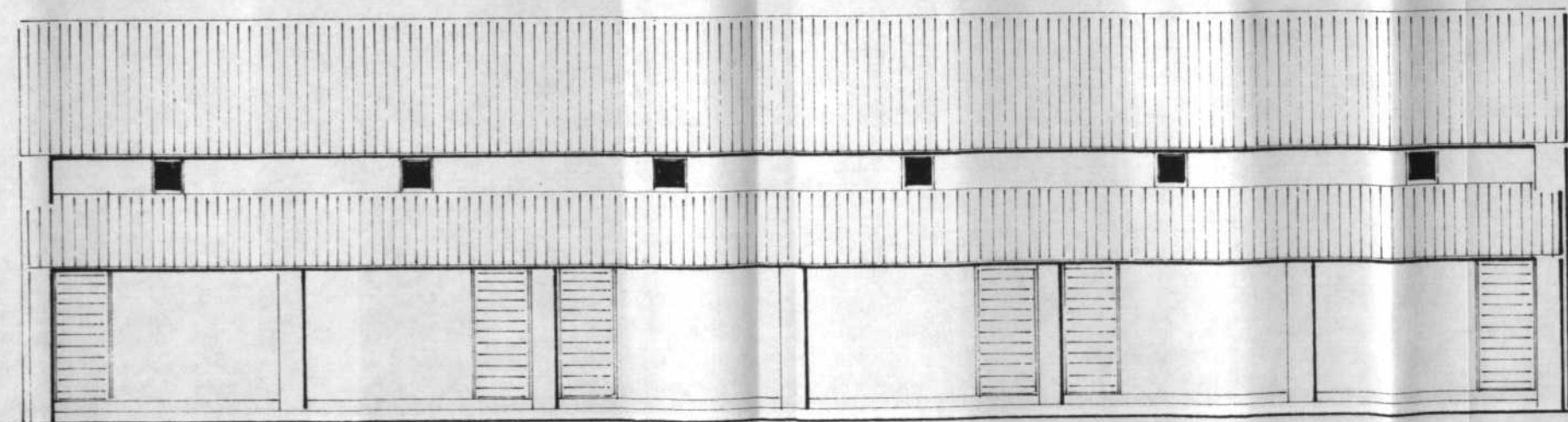


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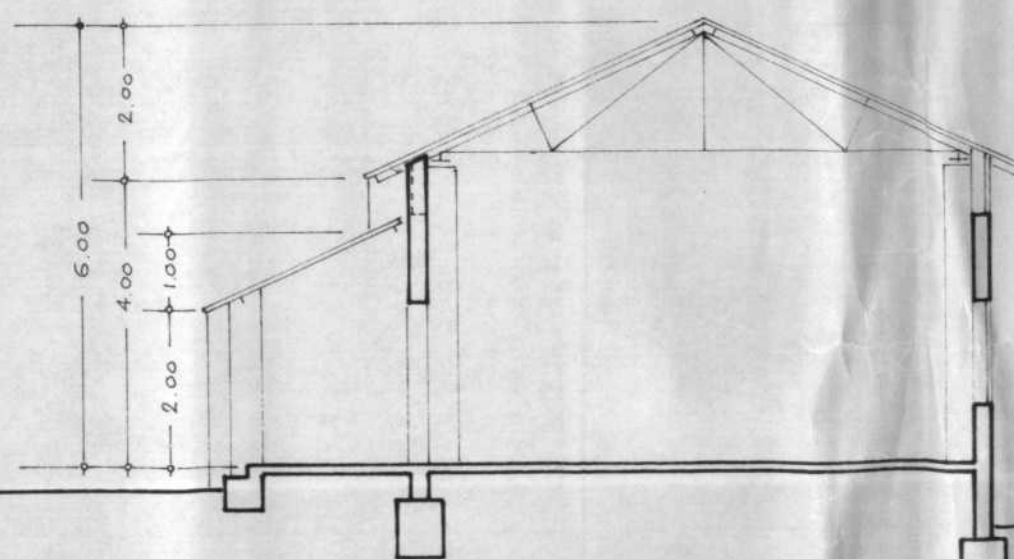
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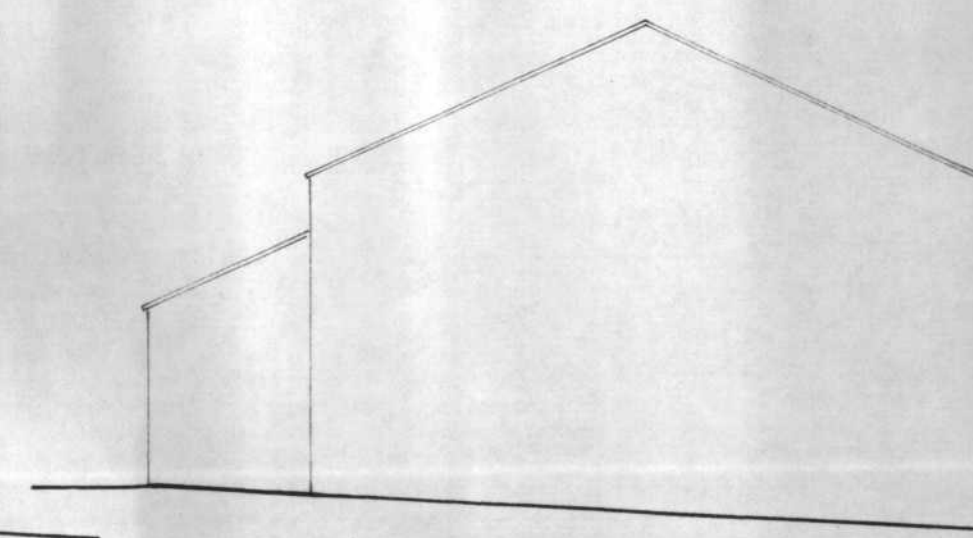
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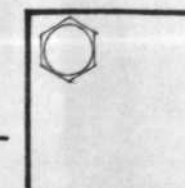
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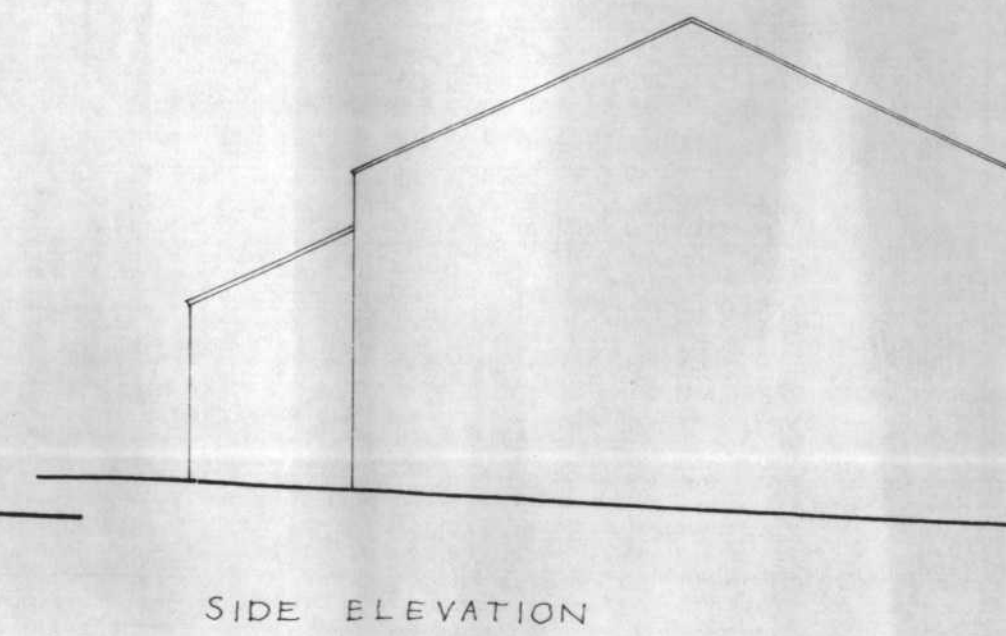
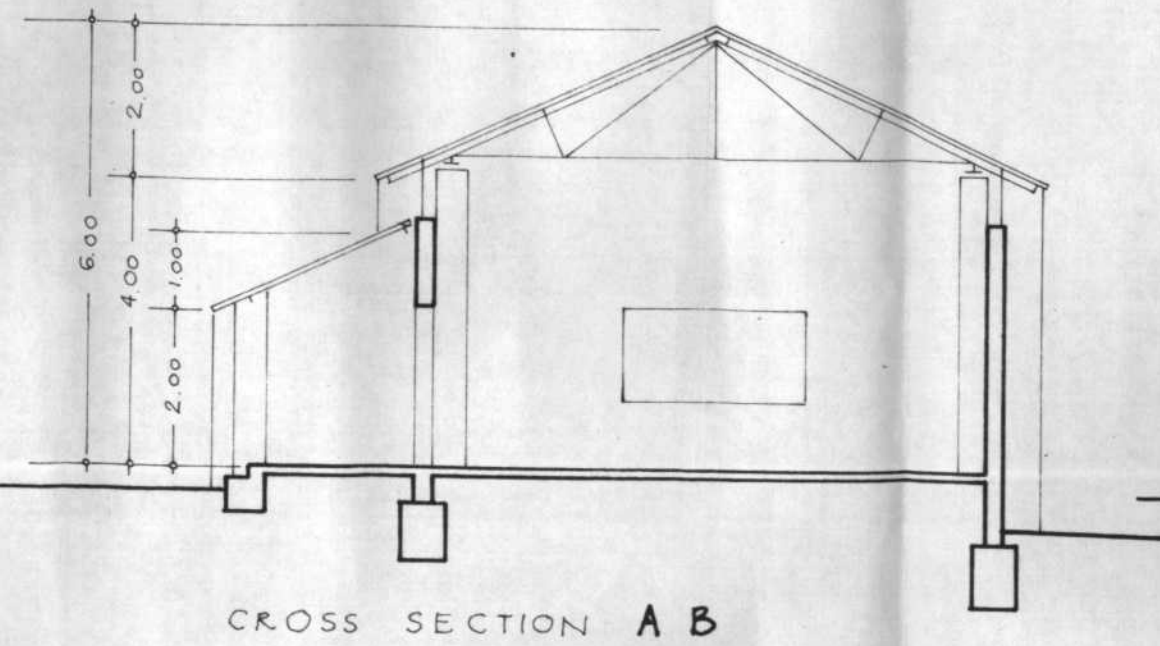
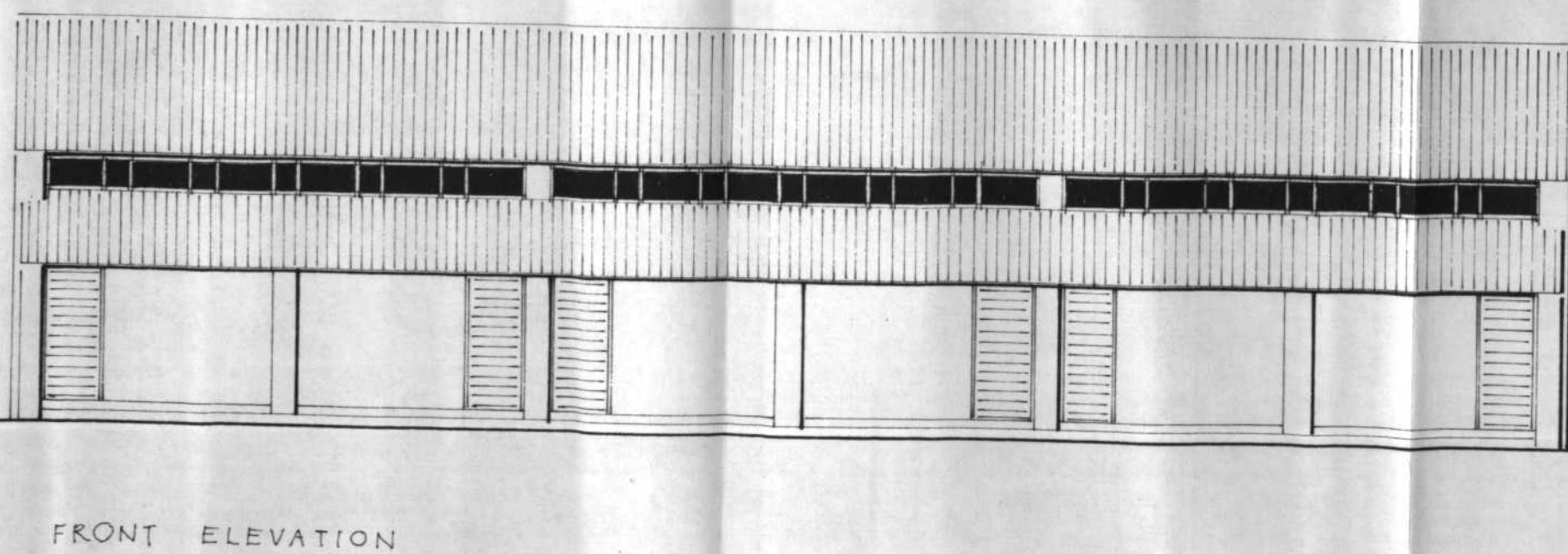
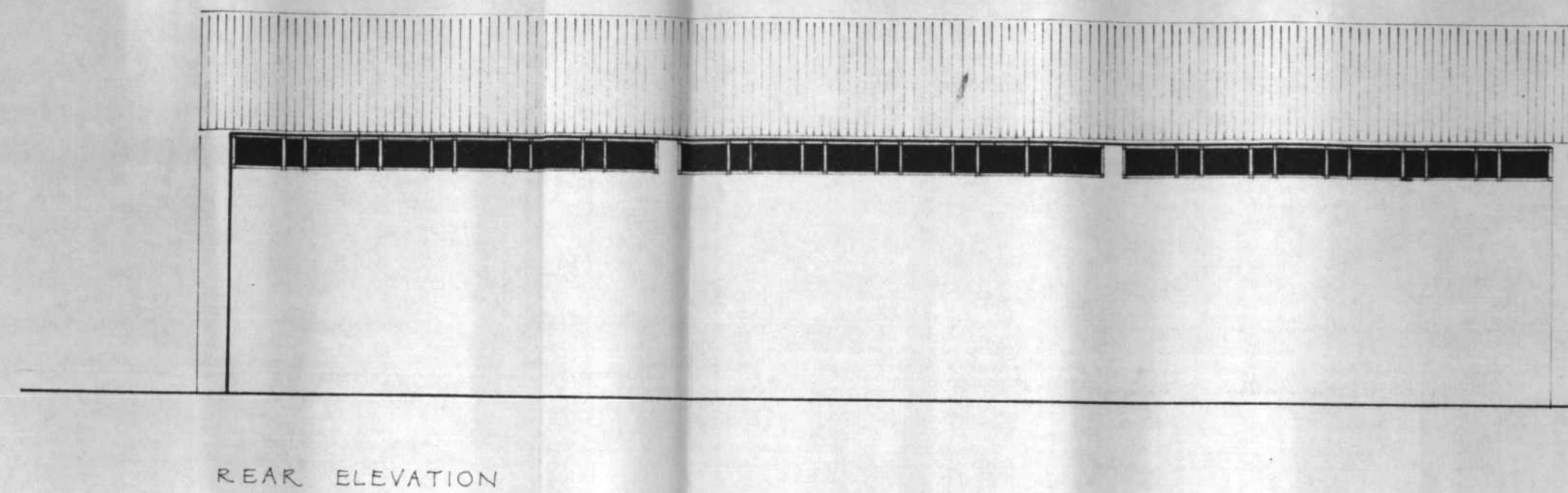
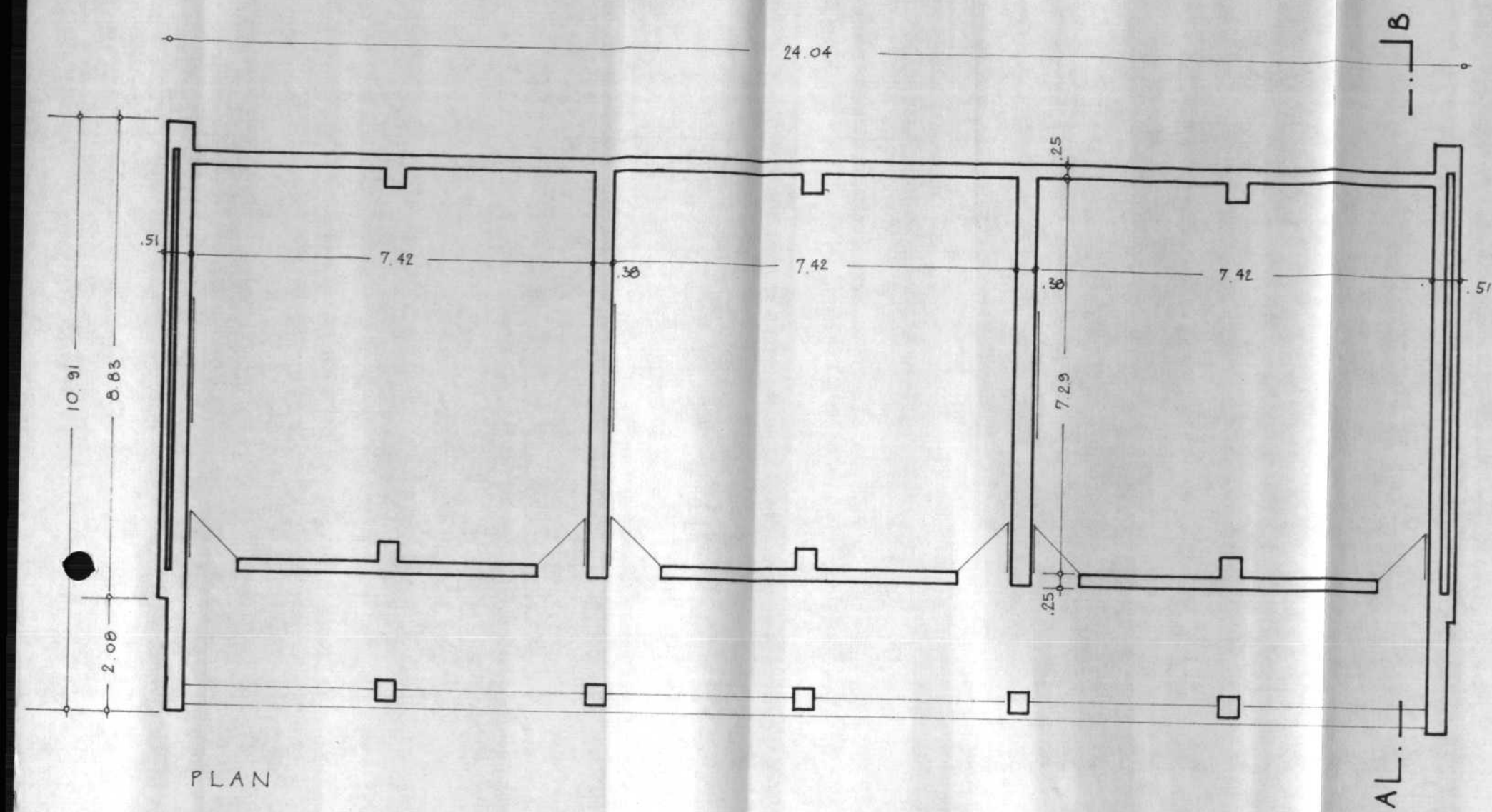


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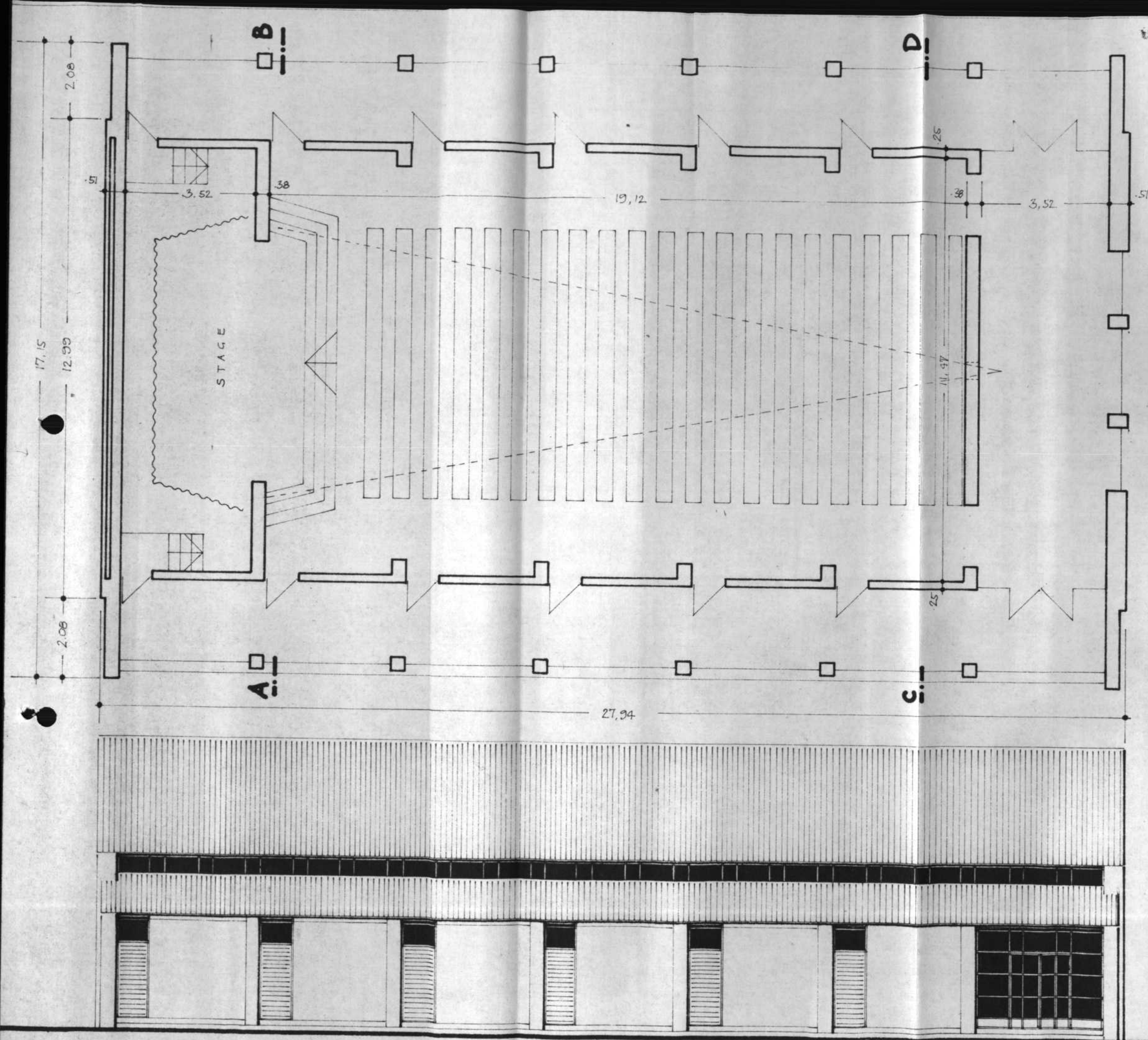


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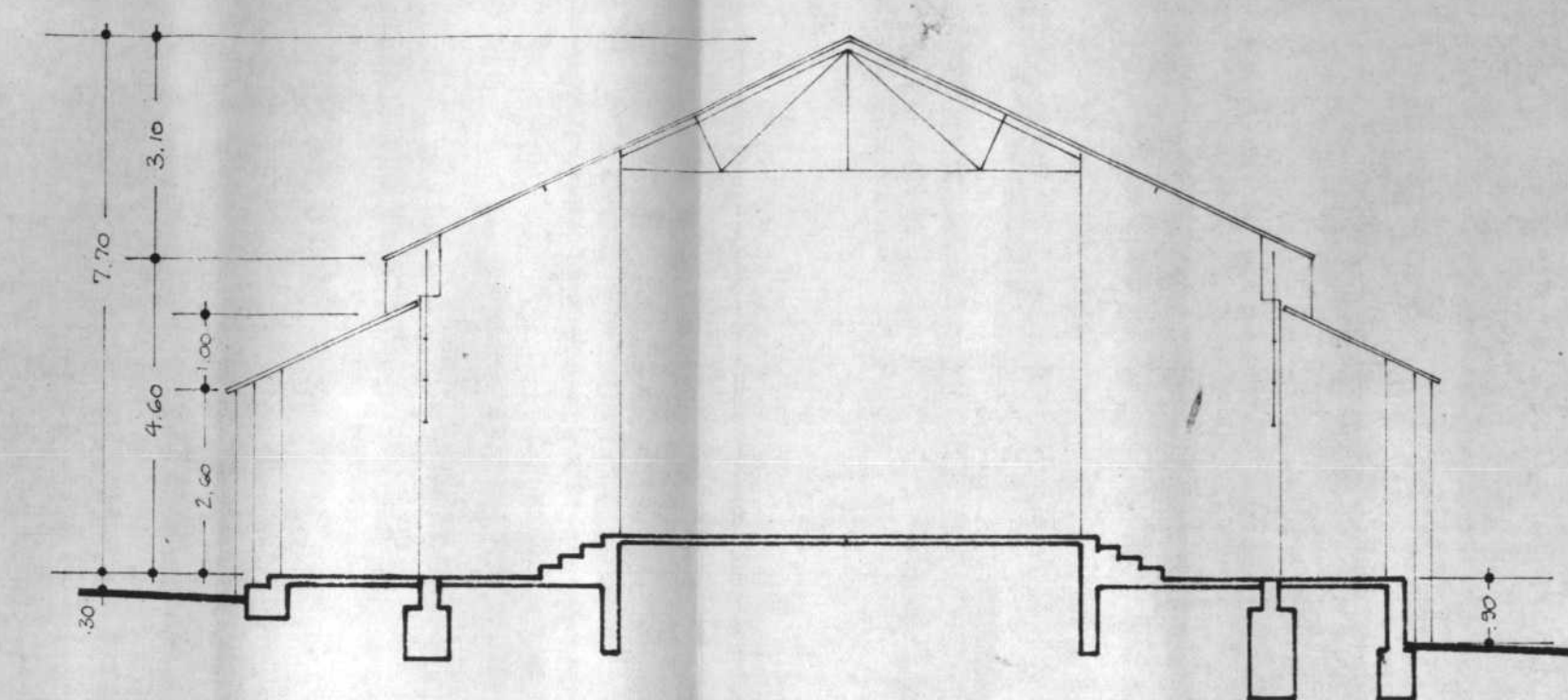
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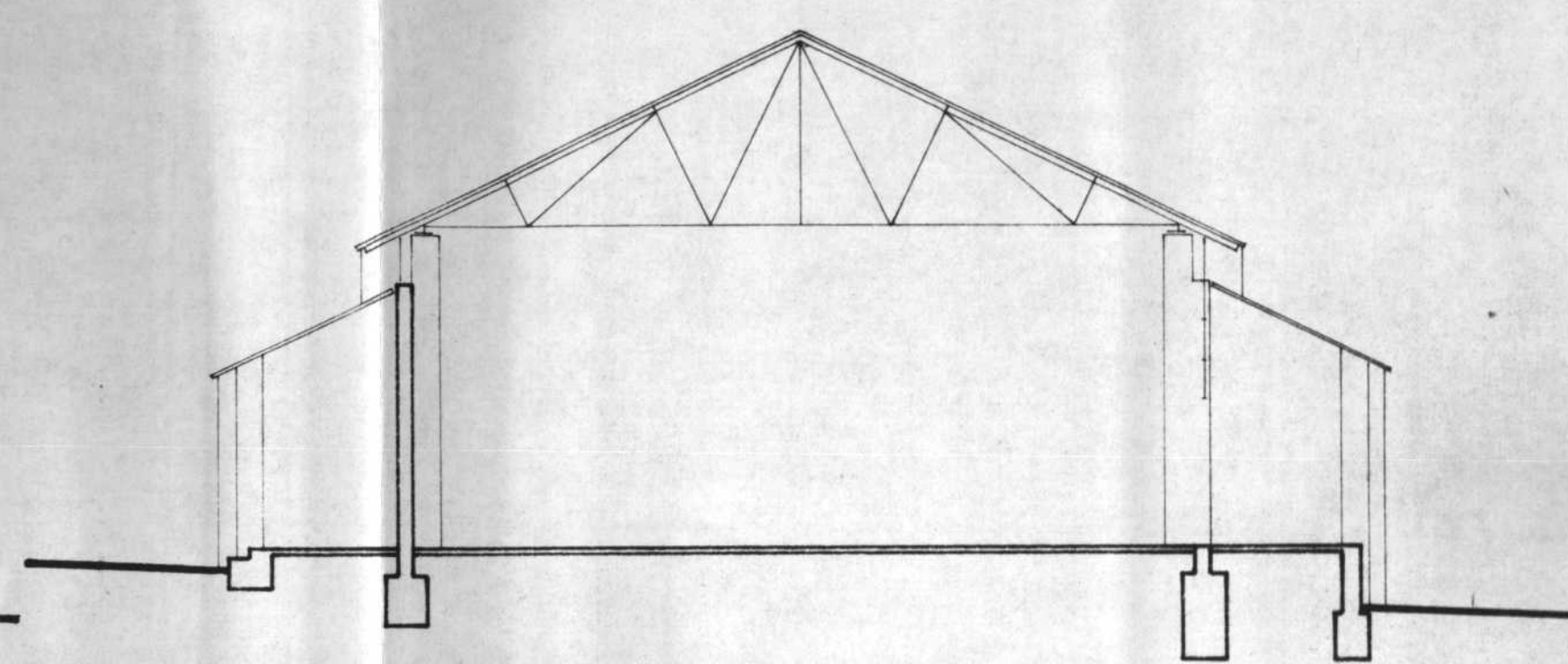
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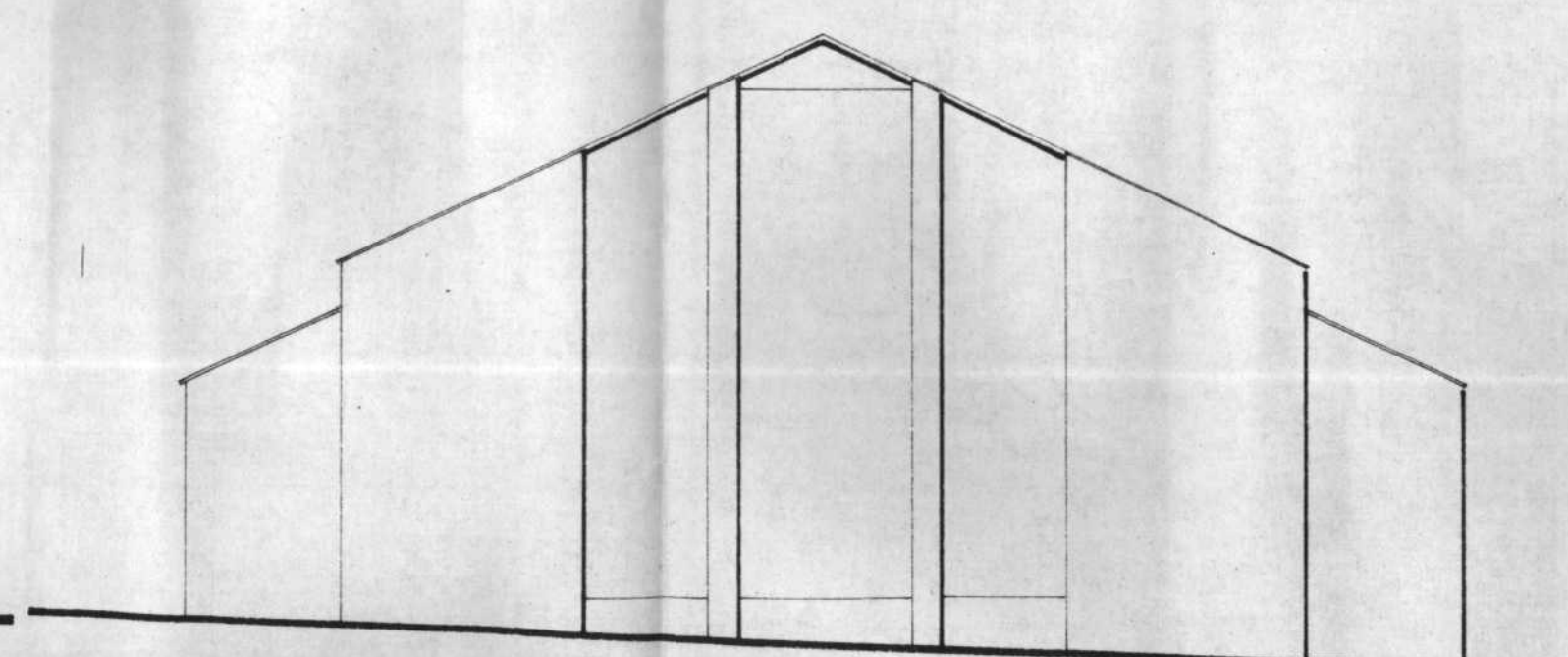
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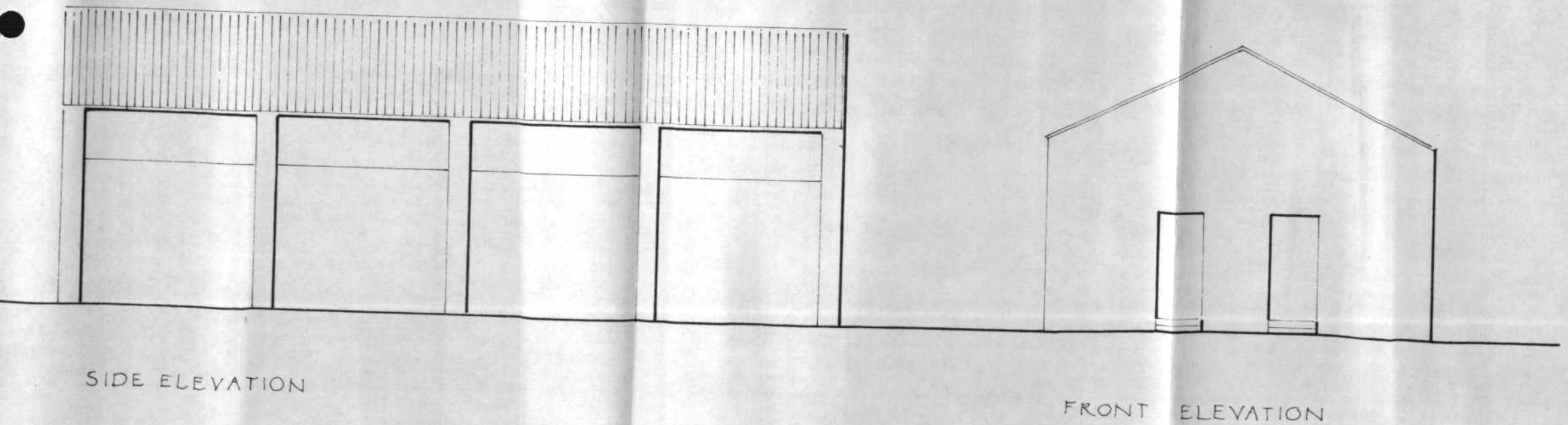


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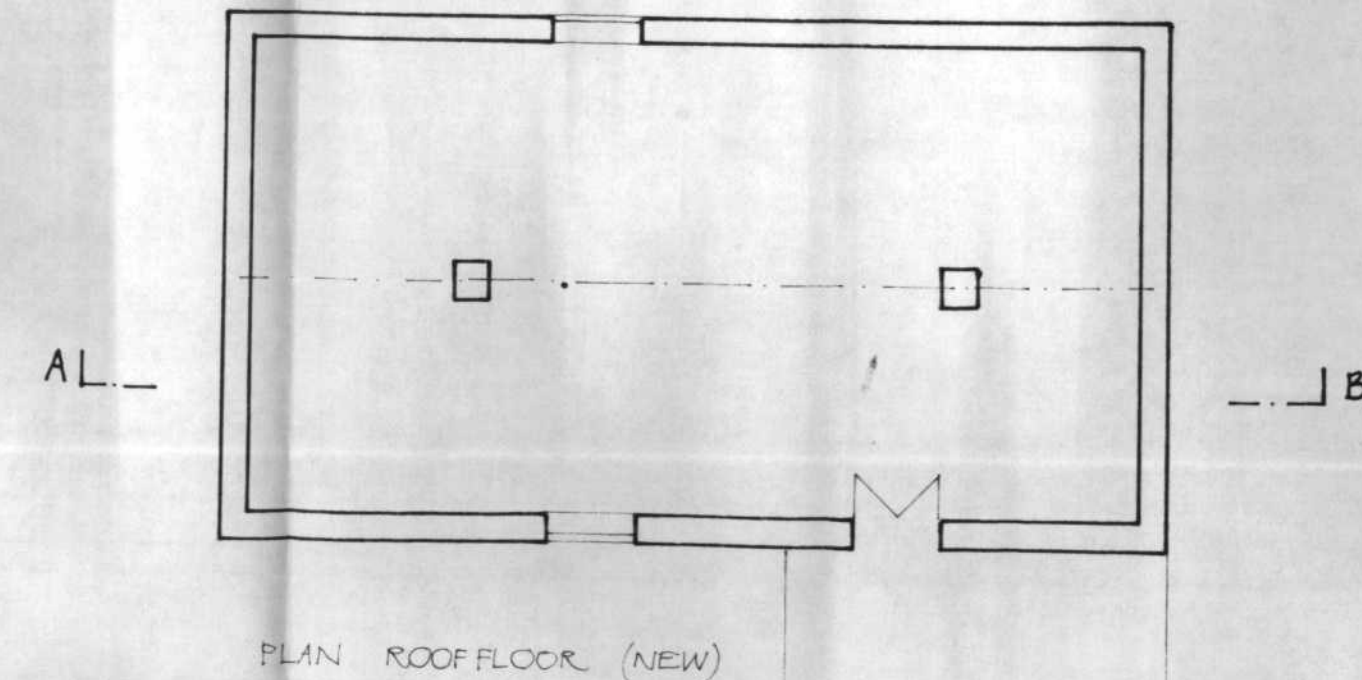


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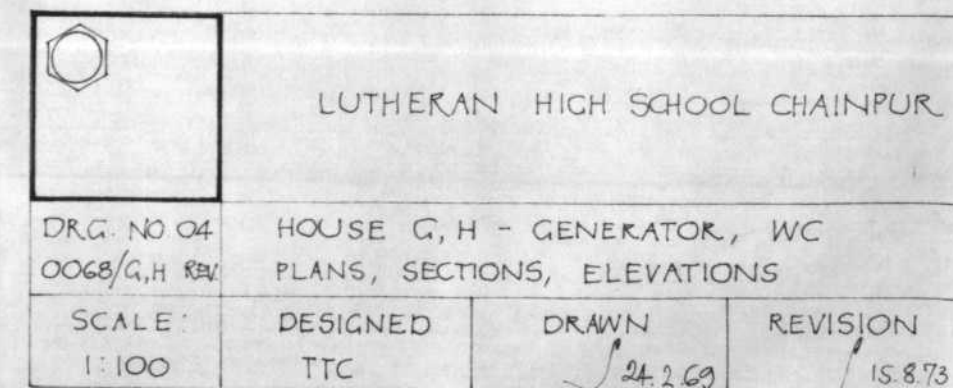
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Herrn
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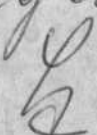
Sehr geehrter Herr Lakra!

Wir beziehen uns auf unsere verschiedenen Schreiben in der o.a. Angelegenheit an Sie und auf das mit Ihnen geführte Telefongespräch, in dem Sie uns mitteilten, dass Sie zwei Pakete mit Zeichnungen an Herrn Hertel abgeschickt hätten. Leider sind diese Pakete mit den Zeichnungen bei Herrn Hertel nicht eingegangen. Wir bitten Sie daher, uns schnellstens Fotokopien der Paketeinlieferungsscheine zu übersenden, damit wir bei der Post Nachforschungen nach dem Verbleib der Sendungen anstellen können.

Mit bestem Dank für Ihre Bemühungen und freundlichen Grüßen


(Sekretärin)

D/ Herrn Dipl.-Ing.H.Hertel,
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*H. Hertelagen bei Hn. Schwertke
Am 27. 2. 73 eingegangen*


W. K. 75.2.

15. Januar 1973
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Herrn
Jay Lakra

5 Köln
Sachsenring 35

Sehr geehrter Herr Lakra!

Da wir bisher auf unsere Schreiben vom 5. Dezember 1972 und 19. Dezember 1972 von Ihnen keine Antwort erhalten haben, nehmen wir an, dass diese Schreiben verloren gegangen sind. Zu Ihrer Orientierung übersenden wir Ihnen anliegend Fotokopie unserer Anfrage vom 5. v. M. Wir wären Ihnen sehr dankbar, wenn Sie uns möglichst schnell Ihre Stellungnahme zu unserem Schreiben vom 5. Dezember 1972 wissen liessen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

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(Sekretärin)

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Herrn
Jay L a k r a
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19. Dezember 1972
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Sehr geehrter Herr Lakra!

Leider haben wir auf unser Schreiben vom 5.d.M. von Ihnen noch keine Antwort erhalten. Wir wären Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie uns möglichst umgehend Ihre Stellungnahme zu unserer Anfrage senden würden.

Mit den besten Wünschen für eine gesegnete Weihnachtszeit und ein gutes neues Jahr 1973


(Sekretärin)

Fran Schulz

Nach einem freundlichen Gespräch

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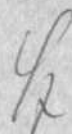
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Sehr geehrter Herr Lakra!

In einem Brief vom 2. September d.J. teilte uns Herr Hertel mit, dass Herr Bhengra Ihnen anlässlich Ihres Indien-Besuches Zeichnungen und Belege für ihn mitgegeben habe, die Sie nach Berlin bzw. an Herrn Hertel weiterleiten wollten. Da diese Unterlagen bisher weder bei Herrn Hertel noch bei uns in Berlin eingegangen sind, wären wir Ihnen für eine baldige Übersendung dankbar.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen



(Sekretärin)

5. Dezember 1972

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Herrn
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H. Hertel

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Lieber Herr Hertel!

Schande über mein Haupt! Ich habe Ihren langen und inhaltsreichen Brief vom 2. September d.J. noch nicht beantwortet. Dafür habe ich ihn aber mehrmals gelesen und heute ergibt sich ein ganz besonderer Anlass Ihnen zu schreiben, denn ich möchte Ihrer Frau und Ihnen ganz herzlich zu Ihrem dritten Sohn gratulieren. Möge der Kleine wachsen und gedeihen und die Mutter mit den vier Männern sehr glücklich sein. Mit Ihnen, Herr Hertel, freue ich mich auf die Zeit, wenn die Söhne so etwa 16 Jahr alt sein werden!

In Ihrem September-Brief haben Sie über eine Menge wichtiger Dinge Ihrer Indien-Reise berichtet und auch Fragen gestellt. Diese möchte ich wie folgt beantworten:

1. Die Gewährleistungshaftung, die Sie für den Schulbau in Chainpur vorgeschlagen haben, muss ich wohl anerkennen, wenn ich mich auch nicht wohl dabei fühle. Einmal nicht, weil in der Übersicht, die nach der Regenzeit - also schon vor ein paar Wochen - hier eintreffen sollte, alles mögliche enthalten sein kann, was schwierig nachzuprüfen ist und zum anderen, weil ich nach allen indischen Erfahrungen befürchte, dass in den nächsten Jahren Erstattungen für etwaige Reparaturen immer wieder von uns gefordert werden. Nach Eingang der Liste werden wir feststellen müssen, bis zu welcher Höhe wir diesmal und dann nicht mehr, die Reparaturkosten zu tragen gewillt sind. Ich bin nicht ganz sicher, könnte es mir aber denken, dass in der Antragstellung ein Passus enthalten war, der die laufenden Unterhaltungskosten durch den Schulträger zusichert.

2. Von den Latrinen für die Girls halte ich nichts.

3. Die Zeichnungen sind bei uns weder im September noch im Oktober eingetroffen, wir haben Jay Lakra deswegen geschrieben.

4. Unsere Zeitschrift "Gossner Mission" werden Sie in Zukunft an Ihre neue Anschrift geliefert bekommen.

5. Ihre Nachzahlung ist berechnet und am 6. Oktober 1972 überwiesen worden.

Im Übrigen hätte ich noch eine ganze Menge mit Ihnen zu plaudern und nicht nur über Indien, deshalb hoffe auch ich auf eine Gelegenheit des miteinander plauderns. Am 15. Dezember werde ich zwar in Stuttgart sein, aber ich fürchte, dass nichts "in between" sein wird und so will ich Ihnen lieber schon jetzt eine gesegnete Advents- und Weihnachtszeit wünschen. Mit herzlichen Grüßen

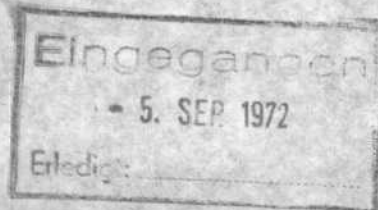
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Lieber Herr Seeberg!

Schon seit einiger Zeit bin ich wieder aus Indien zurück, und es wird Zeit, daß ich mich mal melde.

Da ich ohnehin nach Calcutta mußte, ergab sich auch die Gelegenheit, mal in Ranchi reinzuschauen. BfdW hatte mich ja auch gebeten, mir mal die "Forest Cooperative" in Chainpur etwas näher anzuschauen. Sie hatten ja deren Antrag an KED weitergeleitet. Mit einigen Einschränkungen (keine Sägemühle, zunächst erst mal nur ein Lastwagen usw.) habe ich die Sache befürwortet und nehme an, daß der Antrag so auch durchkommt.

Es ergab sich also wieder eine richtige Fahrt nach Chainpur, im alten Bauunternehmer-Stil, so wie damals; und auch das Auto war voll mit Leuten von damals, die ich für die Besichtigung der neuen Schule organisiert hatte. Im großen Ganzen hat sich die Schule schon bewährt, was man laut C. A. Tirkey vor allem daran ablesen kann, daß mehr Schüler aufgenommen werden wollen, und so schon eine Klasse mehr aufgemacht werden mußte. Jetzt stehen also nur noch drei oder vier Klassenräume leer.

An einigen Gebäuden zeigten sich in der Tat einige Risse, die verschiedene Ursachen haben können (ungleichmäßiges Setzen des Bodens, schlechte - wenig sorgfältige - Maurerarbeit (village Maurer!), schlechte Qualität der dort hergestellten Backsteine). An schlechter Mörtelmischung wird es wohl kaum liegen.

Unser Architekt, Mr. P. S. Topno, war auch dabei. Wir haben in seiner Anwesenheit folgendes vereinbart:

- Nach der Regenzeit wird sich Mr. Topno die Sache noch einmal ansehen und einen Kostenvoranschlag anfertigen.
- Kostenvoranschlag wird an Sie und mich geschickt.
- Wir "granten" eine entsprechende Summe aus dem Chainpur-Guthaben.
- Daraufhin organisiert der Headmaster local Mistries, die den Schaden beheben werden.

Ich meine, daß das Geld dafür fairer-Weise aus dem Chainpur-Fond genommen werden sollte, denn es handelt sich ja hier um eine Gewährleistungshaftung des Bauunternehmers. Das macht wirklich einen merkwürdigen Eindruck, wenn wir den Betrag von Genf (und damit von der EZE) beantragen. Ich war nämlich neulich in Bonn, und da hat mich Herr Siegert, der Chainpur bearbeitet, darauf angesprochen; er meinte, es sei nicht möglich, für Reparaturen und ~~das-neue~~ Verbesserung des alten Girl's Hostels, das gar nicht zum Projekt gehört, einen Nachantrag durchzubringen. Für Projektor, Gymnastic goods etc. schon eher.

A propos Girl's Hostel. Nachdem das Boys' Hostel so schön geworden ist, wollen die Girls natürlich auch etwas haben. Die hausen bisher bei Privatleuten auf dem Compound. Das alte Boys' Hostel steht nun leer, und es könnte von den Damen bezogen werden. Es ist aber sehr reparaturbedürftig, vor allem um das Dach herum. Da es sich

um Mud-Bauweise handelt, wird das natürlich ziemlich aufwendig und teuer. Deswegen habe ich Mr. Tirkey keine großen Hoffnungen gemacht. Außerdem werden Toiletten benötigt. (Die Boys sind früher auf die Felder gegangen, jetzt haben sie Toiletten bei der neuen Schule, die aber Girls- so meinte der Headmaster - nachts nicht besuchen dürften. Das liegt an den Sitten.) Toiletten würden etwa 3,000 Rs. kosten. Ich habe Mr. Tirkey versprochen, daß ich das Ihnen "for favourable consideration" mitteilen wolle.

Vielleicht erinnern Sie sich noch an den Brief, den mir (mit Kopie an Sie) Mr. Bhengra am 10. 4. 72 im Anschluß an Ihren Besuch über Ihre Vereinbarungen geschrieben hat. In Anlehnung daran habe ich Mr. Bhengra folgende Cheques übergeben:

- Rs. 250.00 final audit charges (Beleg des Buchprüfers bei mir)
 - Rs. 500.00 remuneration to Mr. Bhengra
 - Rs. 3,000.00 well
 - Rs. 2,000.00 almihras
 - Rs. 5,000.00 remaining work of Chainpur School
- vgl. Mr. C. A. Tirkey's Liste:
- Rs. 2,000.00 Gymnastic goods
 - Rs. 2,500.00 Duplicator
 - Rs. 500.00 2 gas cylinders and arrangements
- Rs. 300.00 für dringende Verbesserungen am Dach des Generator-Hauses, die infolge der Regenzeit offensichtlich geworden waren

Bis auf den letzten Betrag handelt es sich bei allen anderen Beträgen um Geld, das Sie bewilligt hatten.

Da das vor etwa 3 Monaten von Genf aus auf die Reise geschickte Geld (nach dem Vorlegen der Endabrechnung) ~~immer~~ noch nicht eingetroffen war, und nach Mr. Bhengras jüngstem Brief immer noch nicht eingetroffen ist, konnten die Tausender Beträge bisher noch nicht ausgezahlt werden. Die Cheques liegen also noch im Kirchen-Safe.

Ann. Hat eigentlich Jay Lakra die Zeichnungen und Belege nach Berlin geschickt? Mr. Bhengra sagte, daß er ihm alles mitgegeben habe, und er eigentlich versprochen habe, sie an mich weiterzuleiten. Bisher ist aber weder hier noch in Sta Hersfeld etwas eingetroffen. Zur Endabrechnung gehören nämlich noch die Zeichnungen der Gebäude so, wie sie nach Fertigstellung eigentlich aussehen. Sie sollten auch vom Architekten, der die Bauten entworfen hat, unterschrieben werden, also von Herrn Schwerk. Dürfte ich Sie bitten, dies zu veranlassen und dann die Zeichnungen mir zuzusenden, damit ich sie einreichen kann. Falls sie nicht in Berlin eingetroffen sind, müßte Mr. Lakra noch einmal angemahnt werden.

Zusammenfassend noch einmal zu Chainpur:

- 1.) Was halten Sie von der Gewährleistungshaftung?
- 2.) Was halten Sie von den Latrinen für die Girls? *wicht. kl*
- 3.) Zeichnungen

Von Fudi war eine ganze Abordnung unter Vorantritt des Director's am Flugplatz, als ich in Ranchi ankam. Sie wollten mich einladen, doch auch ein paar Stunden im TTC zuzubringen. Mit Hilfe von Heckers Auto ("unserem" alten, inzwischen feuerrot gespritztem Ambassador) ließ sich das denn auch gegen abend einrichten. Große Rührung allenthalben, natürlich besonders bei mir, aber vor allem auch bei Osman! Ich freute mich, noch alles ungefähr so anzutreffen, wie wir es damals verlassen hatten. Nur um "unser" Haus herum hatte sich allerhand verändert: Viel Land war urbar gemacht worden, Chilli grünte auf der Terrasse, Hühner gackerten durch den Hof, Bienen umschwirrten drohend die Häupter der Besucher. Es ist nun

ein richtiges Landhaus geworden. Erfreulich, daß Mrs. Aind nun auch dort wohnt, wenn sie auch nicht in Erscheinung tritt. Und noch etwas sehr Erfreuliches: So gut wie alle ehemaligen Lehrlinge, vor allem auch die vom letzten Jahr, haben inzwischen Jobs gefunden, viele auch in Jamshedpur. Eine Gehaltserhöhung der Instructors scheint jetzt unmittelbar bevorzustehen, auch positiv - wenn auch nicht für den, der's bezahlen muß. Problematisch ist weiterhin die Zusammenarbeit zwischen Aind und Hague; und die Scheu Ainds vor der Öffentlichkeit. Noch problematischer ist die Zusammenarbeit zwischen Aind und Cromelite. Ich weiß nicht, ob's nur daran liegt, aber mir schien, daß Karnani die Lust inzwischen ganz verloren hat und zum Jahresende aufhören will. Ich traf ihn übrigens in Calcutta.

Zum Schluß noch zwei kleinere Punkte, die Indien nicht direkt betreffen:

- 1.) Ob ich auch weiterhin die "Gossner Mission" bekommen kann? Seitdem wir zurück sind, haben wir sie nicht mehr bekommen. Lediglich bei unseren Eltern sehen wir sie manchmal.
Ab 1. Okt. 72 lautet unsere neue Adresse:

H. H.

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mt. 6.5.9.72 / Mr. D.

- 2.) Herr Lenz sprach davon, daß ich noch eine Nachzahlung zu bekommen hätte, die aus der letzten Tarifierhöhung ergibt, bei der letzten Gehaltsüberweisung aber noch nicht berücksichtigt werden konnte. Ob Sie da mal nachschauen lassen können?
- 3.) Da fällt mir noch ein, daß ich nach meiner Rückkehr aus Indien einen Brief vorfand, in dem es um den Dell'schen VW-Bus geht. Da kann wahrscheinlich nur bekannt werden, daß Dr. Dell Indien inzwischen verlassen hat, vorher versucht hat, den VW an die State Trading Corp. zu verkaufen (Was sich aber infolge der behördlichen Bummellei so hinausgezögert hat, daß sein Abreisetermin dazwischenkam (s. Korrespondenz in Fudi)) und der Wagen jetzt "out of order" und abgemeldet in Fudi liegt. Ich werde Dr. Dell entsprechend schreiben.

Sonst geht's uns noch gut. Wie schon angedeutet, am Monatsende der Umzug nach Stuttgart bzw. Ludwigsburg. Die neue Arbeit macht eigentlich auch Spaß und ist weit weniger anstrengend und aufregend als die vorige.

Vielleicht sieht man sich bald mal wieder. Bis dahin an Sie, Ihre Familie und die anderen Freunde im Gossner Haus herzliche Grüße,

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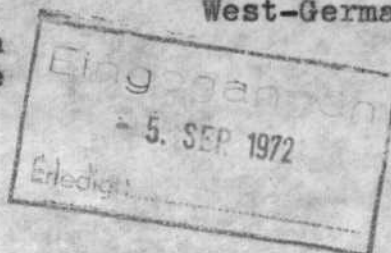
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Re: CDS 200 - High School Chainpur, India

Dear Miss Held,

Thank you for your letter, dt. 1. 8. 72. Since I was somewhat continuously "running around in the world" during the last months and since the family has still not yet settled down permanently (but will so w. e. f. 1. 10. 72) I am still keeping a sort of flying or mobile office. This may be the reason that I cannot find your letter of June, 23rd but I remember that I received it.

In the meantime I visited India again, on behalf of DÜ and Bread for the World. I got also the chance to see Chainpur again and found that the High School is still existing. More than that, it is receiving growing appreciation by the population: the number of admissions is increasing.

It's true, there are also some cracks in a few buildings which developed in the course of settling down of the buildings. The Headmaster, our Architect and myself we decided to wait till the end of the Monsoon, then our Architect will assess the situation, will prepare an estimate and accordingly the repairs will be executed by local Mistris.

Mr. C. A. Tirkey mentioned in his list of additional requirements that he would need Rs. 12,000.00 for certain repairs and "improvement of Girl's hostel". The Girls' hostel is certainly not within the project, therefor the bigger portion of this amount is requested for some additional work. Actually this list had been originally sent to the Gossner Mission/Berlin, as such it contained items which were not strictly project related. I hope this will clarify EZE's questions in their letter to Pastor Ries, dt. 4. 7. 72.

The final drawings which had to be attached to the final calculation are supposed to be by now in Berlin and I have requested Pastor Seeberg to send them to me for final submission.

When I visited Ranchi by the end of July the DM 24,000.00 had not yet arrived there. You must have received a letter from Mr. Bhengra that the amount is even now still outstanding. I am a little bit worried; what has happened? May be you can look once more into the matter.

Rest is o.k. I heard that you will be visiting India very soon. Will it be your first trip to India? Please, visit also Chainpur so that you will get some concrete idea about what you were dealing with in paper only for some years.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

cc.: Director Gossner Mission

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Cable LUTHERWORLD GENEVA

August 28, 1972

Re: CDS 200 - High School Chainpur, India

Dear Mr. Bhengra,

Reference is made to your letter of August 12 for which we thank you.

This is to inform you that we have immediately checked this matter and contacted our bankers from whom we have learned that the amount in question, viz. DM 24,000.--, has been credited to the United Bank of India in Calcutta by the Deutsche Bank in Hamburg/Germany on the 25th May 1972. As we were told, the United Bank of India in Calcutta is handling all incoming transfers in foreign currencies and is then forwarding them to the local banks of destination. Since it is really very unusual that a cable transfer takes such a long time, we strongly suggest that you contact the United Bank of India at Ranchi again and ask them to get in contact with the United Bank of India in Calcutta to whom the amount has been credited on May 25.

We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Christa Held
Christa Held

cc: Mr. Hertel
Rev. Seeberg
Mr. Tirkey
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August 12, 1972.

Miss Christa Held
Secretary, Department of World Service, LWF
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Re: DM 24,000/- transferred by Cable on May 19, 1972.

Dear Madam,

With reference to your letter dated May 19, 1972 addressed to Rev. C.B. Aind, Director, Fadi Technical Training Centre, I am sorry to inform you that the DM 24,000.- regarding Chainpur High School Project, transferred to the A/c No 12727/ Hertel & Bhengra/ with the United Bank of India, Ranchi, as mentioned in your letter, has not been credited to the above Bank A/c even this day the August 12, 1972.

It is now about three months, the Cable Transfer of May 19, 1972 does not reach its destination is really very surprising. I thought it better to inform you of this delay.

I request you to kindly see to what or where is wrong with this Cable Transfer.

The acknowledge-ment receipt Forms will be sent to your office as soon as the money is received.

Thanks:-

Yours Sincerely,

CC:- Mr. Hertel, Bad Hersfeld,
Director Seeberg, Gossner Mission
Mr. CA Tirkey Chainpur.

(S. Bhengra)

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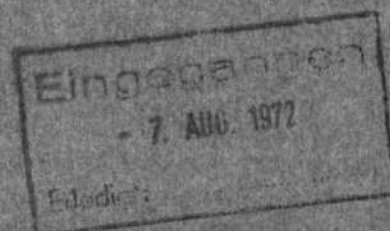
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betr.: CDS 200 - Erweiterung der Oberschule in Chainpur, Indien

Hieber Herr Hertel,

Vielleicht hat unser Brief vom 23. Juni Sie nicht erreicht, vielleicht
sollen Sie auch gerade Nachforschungen in Indien an. Auf alle Fälle
möchten wir Ihnen die Fotokopie eines Briefes der Zentralstelle zusenden.
Wie Sie sehen, möchte Bonn ebenfalls Ihre Meinung kennenlernen. Wir wären
sehr dankbar, wenn wir recht bald von Ihnen hören könnten.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

Ihre

Ch. Held
Christa Held

Anlage

cc Direktor Seeberg
(mit Anlage)

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Bitte Briefe nicht persönlich, sondern an die Evangelische Zentralstelle adressieren. Bei Antwortschreiben immer unser Zeichen angeben.

Please do not address your answer to a particular person, but to the Protestant Central Agency. Kindly refer to our file number.

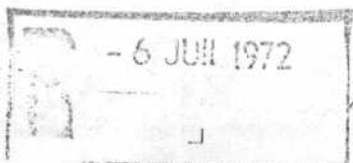
Prière de ne pas adresser le courrier à titre personnel, mais au Office Central Protestant. Référence à rappeler.

Favor de no dirigir las cartas personalmente sino a Central Evangélica de Ayuda. En la respuesta cítese nuestra referencia.

An den
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Erweiterung der Oberschule in Chainpur, Indien

Lieber Herr Pastor Ries!

Wir bestätigen dankend Ihren Brief vom 20. Juni 1972 mit der eingesandten Aufstellung für zusätzliche Anforderungen für das Projekt Nr. 69 - 9 - 31.

Nach Durchsicht des beigegeführten Schreibens von Mr. C.A. Turkey an Rev. Seeberg von der Gossner Mission mußten wir zu unserem Erstaunen feststellen, daß die genannten Arbeiten in Höhe von Rs. 12.000 keine zusätzlichen Leistungen darstellen, sondern echte Ausbesserungen, die im Zuge eines Neubaus auftreten können. Auf jeden Fall möchten wir die Meinung des Projektleiters, Herrn Hertel, darüber wissen, um den genauen Sachverhalt kennenzulernen.

Zu den anderen vorgeschlagenen Anschaffungen können evtl. der Projektor und die Vervielfältigungsmaschine angeschafft werden. Entscheidend ist dabei, daß noch genügend Mittel zur Verfügung stehen. Die von Ihnen genannte Summe von DM 9.000,-- kann nicht voll ausgezahlt werden, da im Schlußverwendungsnachweis Habenzinsen in Höhe von DM 600,-- entstanden sind. Wir bitten daher, die vorgenannten Ausgaben vorzufinanzieren und die Rechnungen durch den Buchprüfer des Projektträgers einzureichen. Danach ist der Betrag verfügbar.

Leider können keine zusätzlichen Mittel für dieses Projekt beschafft werden.

Mit herzlichen Grüßen

EVANGELISCHE ZENTRALSTELLE
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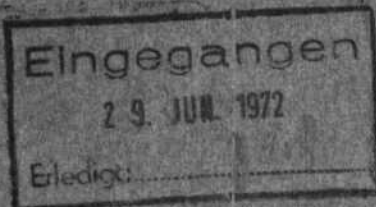
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Lieber Herr Hertel,

Anbei senden wir Ihnen die Photokopie eines Briefes von Herrn Tirkey an Pastor Seeberg, mit dem er auf verschiedene noch notwendige Anschaffungen für das obige Projekt verweist. Nach seinen Aussagen zeigen sich am fertiggestellten Gebäude Mängel, d.h. Risse in Wänden und Fussböden, die Ausbesserungen erfordern. Nachdem die Bauarbeiten zum grössten Teil ausgeführt wurden, als Sie die Leitung von Fudi innehatten, wären wir Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie uns Ihren Kommentar zu den aufgetretenen Mängeln abgeben könnten. Können diese durch minderwertiges Baumaterial entstanden sein und kann man in einem solchen Fall die Lieferfirma regresspflichtig machen - wahrscheinlich wird das letztere in Indien sehr schwierig sein.

Mit herzlichen Grüssen
Ihre

Ch. Held
Christa Held

cc: Direktor Seeberg ✓

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