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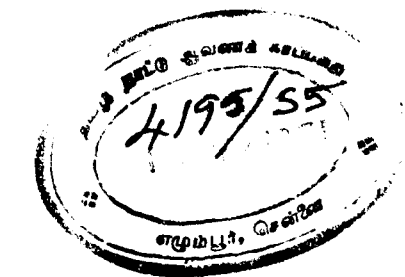
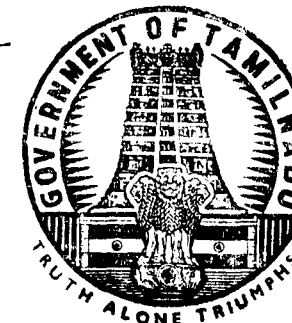
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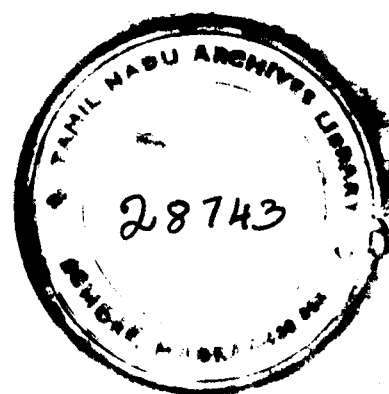
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DEPARTMENT OF APPROVED SCHOOLS AND VIGILANCE SERVICE.

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Director of Women's Welfare and Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and Vigilance
Service, 26-A, Pantheon Road, Madras-8, to the Secretary to Government, Home
Department, Fort St. George, Madras-9.

No. Pdl. 23/A1/69, dated 15-5-1969.

Sir,

Subject.—The Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls' Act, 1956—
Institutions under—Administration Report for 1968—Submitted.

I submit the report on the working of the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in
Women and Girls' Act (Central Act 104) of 1956 and the administration of the
institutions established thereunder in the Madras State for the year 1968.

I held charge of the Department throughout the year under report except during
the period from 2nd May 1968 to 10th May 1968 when Thiru Vincent Solomon, B. A.,
Assistant Chief Inspector of Approved Schools held additional charge.

Introduction.—The Government Vigilance Service annexed to the Department of
Approved Schools is entrusted with the custodial care, reformation, correctional training
and social and economic rehabilitation of the girls and women committed to the several
Protective Homes in the State under the provisions of the Suppression of Immoral
Traffic in Women and Girls' Act, 1956. While the Police Department is in charge of the
enforcement of the Act, the Probation Section of the Jail Department looks after the
after-care and rehabilitation of the inmates of these correctional institutions. The
preventive aspect of the Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls bringing home to the
public the evils of commercialised vice through propaganda is being done by two Social
Welfare Agencies, viz., the Madras Vigilance Association and the Madras State Branch of
the Association for Moral and Social Hygiene in India.

1. Class of Institutions.—There are three types of Protective Homes functioning
under the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls' Act, 1956 in Madras
State, viz., Vigilance Rescue Shelters (Non-plan institutions) or Vigilance Reception
Centres (established under the Second Five-Year Plan) which are short stay institutions,
Rescue Homes and Vigilance Homes which are long stay institutions.

The 12 Vigilance Institutions, seven (7) short stay institutions and five (5)
long stay institutions continued to function satisfactorily during the year 1968.

2. After-Care Home for Women discharges of Correctional Institutions.—The
After-Care Home for Women discharges of correctional institutions, viz., Vigilance
Institutions, Approved Schools, Jails, etc., along with the Industrial Unit (Garments
and Holdall Making Training Centre) at Vellore continued to function satisfactorily
providing institutional after-care services and training facilities for the deserving
destitute discharges of the correctional institutions. These two institutions have
been made available for the deserving girls among the Burma and Ceylon Repatriates
for training in Garments and Holdall Making.

3. Admission and Discharge—Non-Plan institutions:

1. City Institutions.—(i) **Vigilance Rescue Shelters attached to the Government
Sri Sadana and Government Vigilance Home, Madras.**—The Government Sri Sadana
Shelter received fifty (50) adults and two (2) babies pre-enquiry rescued and kidnapped
girls during the year as against forty-one (41) last year.

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There were two inmates at the beginning of the year. Three hundred and five (305) adults with fourteen (14) babies were admitted during the year in the Shelter attached to the Government Vigilance Home, Madras as against 246 last year, three hundred and six (306) adults and fourteen (14) babies were disposed of, leaving one inmate at the end of the year. The daily average was four.

(ii) *Abhaya Nilayam under the Madras Vigilance Association, Madras.*—The short-stay, non-statutory private but Government aided institution continued to help several stranded women and girls in distress. There were eighteen (18) inmates at the beginning of the year. One hundred and sixty-two (162) stranded women and girls were admitted and one hundred and sixty-one (161) were discharged, leaving 19 inmates at the close of the year. Of the 161 discharged inmates, 119 were restored and sent home and 42 were rehabilitated through institutions.

(iii) *Government Stri Sadana Rescue home, Madras.*—There were fifty-three (53) inmates and one (1) baby at the beginning of the year. Fifty (50) inmates with two (2) babies were admitted during the year and forty-eight (48) inmates, one (1) baby were disposed of during the year, leaving fifty-five (55) inmates with two (2) babies at the end of the year. Of the fifty (50) admissions, 28 were kidnapped, 20 were voluntary and two certified cases. The daily average of the rescued and certified girls was 1 and that of the voluntary cases was 50.

(iv) *Government Vigilance Home, Madras.*—There were fifty-three (53) inmates and one (1) baby at the commencement of the year. Twenty-three (23) adults and four (4) babies were admitted thus making a total of seventy-six (76) adults and five (5) babies. Thirty-one (31) and three (3) babies were discharged during the year, leaving forty-five (45) adults and two (2) babies at the close of the year. The daily average was 44.

(v) *Stri Sadana After-Care Hostel, Madras.*—There were eight (8) admissions into the After-Care Hostel during the year. Three were paying boarders and five were non-paying boarders. All of them were discharged during the year. There was therefore, no inmate in the After-Care Hostel at the close of the year.

4. *Mufussal Institutions.*—(i) *Government Vigilance Rescue Shelters at Madurai, Salem, Coimbatore and Tiruchirappalli.*—Five hundred and sixty-two (562) inmates passed through the four non-plan Government short stay Homes in the mufussal during the year under report as against 387 in 1967. The short stay Homes were utilised to provide intermediate custody for inmates awaiting interrogation or trial. Though there had been some improvement in the enforcement of the Act during the year as seen from the admissions, the institutionalisation of the victims or persons charged under the Act did not show any improvement.

(ii) *Vigilance Rescue Shelter under the Thanjavur Vigilance Association Thanjavur.*—Thirty-three (23) inmates passed through this shelter during 1968. This is the only private but Government aided statutory short-stay Home in the State.

(iii) *Meenakshi Salanam Vigilance Home, Madurai.*—There were eighty-seven (87) inmates in the Home at the beginning of the year. Thirty (30) inmates were admitted during the year. Twenty-eight (28) inmates were discharged during the year leaving eighty-nine (89) inmates at the end of the year. The daily average was 81.

(iv) *St. Francis Xavier's Rescue Home, Adikalapuram.*—There were fifteen (15) inmates at the commencement of the year. Thirty-four (34) inmates were admitted during the year and twenty-seven (27) were discharged leaving twenty-two (22) inmates at the end of the year. The daily average was 15.

5. *City Long Stay Institutions.*—(a) *Accommodation.*—The Government Vigilance Home, Madras and the Government Stri Sadana Rescue Home and Shelter continued to function in "Everest", Kutchery Road, Madras-4.

The accommodation in the building "Everest" is sufficient for the present strength of both the Vigilance Home and Stri Sadana. The water supply for drinking and cooking purpose is obtained from the Madras Corporation mains and the well water is used for washing, gardening, etc., purposes. Gradually in a phased manner several improvements are being made to the buildings rendering them quite habitable and

suitable for an institution of this type. The Public Works Department authorities are doing their best in completing the sanctioned works.

(b) *Period of Detention.*—(i) *Government Stri Sadana, Madras.*—Of the fifty (50) admissions during the year twenty (20) were voluntary, preventive and protective cases and twenty-eight (28) were kidnapped and two (2) were certified ones. All these girls would be detained in the Home till they are adequately trained and rehabilitated.

(ii) *Government Vigilance Home, Madras.*—The period of detention of the 23 inmates admitted in the Government Vigilance Home as compared with that of the previous year is shown below:—

(1)				
For one year	..	..	..	..
For two years	..	..	..	..
For three years	..	..	..	..
For four years	..	..	..	..
For five years	..	..	..	..

Total

1967.	1968.
(2)	(3)
2	12
4	6
8	5
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(c) *Religion of inmates.*—

	Stri Sadana.		Vigilance Home.	
	1967.	1968.	1967.	1968.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Hindus	..	..	..	..
Christians	..	..	..	..
Muslims	..	..	..	..
Total	41	50	21	23

(d) *Age of inmates.*—The distribution of the inmates according to their age, admitted in the Government Stri Sadana and the Government Vigilance Home as compared with the previous year is given below:—

	Stri Sadana.		Vigilance Home.	
	1967.	1968.	1967.	1968.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Below 14 years	..	..	..	..
Between 14 and 18 years	..	..	..	..
Between 18 and 21 years	..	..	..	..
Between 21 and 25 years	..	..	..	..
Above 25 years	..	..	..	..
Total	41	50	21	23

(e) *Literacy of inmates.*—

	Stri Sadana.		Vigilance Home.	
	1967.	1968.	1967.	1968.
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Literates	..	..	..	..
Illiterates	..	..	..	..
Total	41	50	21	23

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7. *Vigilance Welfare Scheme under the Second Five Year Plan*—(a) *Government Vigilance Reception Centre*.—There is only one such centre located in the Government After-Care Home for Women, Vellore. This is similar to the Government Vigilance Rescue Shelters (Non-plan) institutions. There was one inmate at the beginning of the year. Ninety-three (93) women were admitted and all of the ninety-four (94) were discharged. There was no inmate at the close of the year. The daily average strength was one (1).

(b) *Government Protective (Rescue) Home, Tiruchirappalli*.—The Home continued to function in the rented building viz. 'Khalifullah Building' at Khaja Malai, Tiruchirappalli. There were thirty nine (39) inmates and two (2) children at the commencement of the year. Thirteen (13) inmates and two (2) children were admitted and thirty three (33) inmates and two (2) children were discharged during the year leaving Nineteen (19) inmates and two (2) children at the close of the year. The daily average strength was 27.

All the inmates were keeping good health. Those suffering from minor ailments were treated in the Home itself by the Visiting Medical Officer. A few girls who were having venereal disease were sent to the Government Head quarters Hospital.

Of the thirty-three (33) inmates discharged during the year, twenty (20) were restored to parents, relatives or guardians, three (3) were sent on employment, two (2) were sent on marriage, seven (7) were transferred to other institutions and one (1) was transferred to Central Jail for Women, Vellore.

There is a special school attached to the Home. The school is a recognised one and is inspected by the Inspectress of Girls' Schools. The school has facilities for coaching upto VIII Standard. The method of instruction is basic in nature as the girls are quite aged when they are admitted. Spinning, needle work and dress-making are also imparted besides the three R's.

8. *Board of visitors*.—The Board of Visitors, comprising of officials and non-officials appointed by the Government have conducted their periodical meetings and paid individual visits to the institutions.

9. *Finance*.—The entire total expenditure of the Department of Vigilance Service during the year 1968 was Rs. 3,36,287-33 (unreconciled) and the receipts derived from the industrial sections and other Miscellaneous receipts amounted to Rs. 11,539-31 (unreconciled)

10. *Visitors*—

1. *Mt. Raksha Saran*, Chairman, Evaluation Committee on Moral and Social Hygiene, Department of Social Welfare, Delhi visited the Government Vigilance Home and Stri Sadana, Madras on 27th January 1968.

2. *Union Health Minister Thiru Chandrasekaran* visited the Government Vigilance Home and Stri Sadana, Madras on 12th June 1968.

3. *Director of Social Welfare, Pondicherry* visited the Government Vigilance Home and Stri Sadana, Madras on 5th October 1968.

4. *Post-graduate students from Gaudhigram Rural Institute and the Students of Social Work, Institute of Social Service, Mangalore* visited the Government Vigilance Home and Stri Sadana, on 21st February 1968 and 6th April 1968 respectively.

5. *Students of the Madras University Diploma course in Criminology and Forensic Science* visited the Government Vigilance Home and Stri Sadana, Madras on 1st August 1968.

Conclusion.—During the period under report there has been improvement with regard to enforcement of the provisions of the Act since more number of cases were admitted in the city and maffasil shelters. But institutionalisation was ordered only in a limited number of cases.

As in the past, the institutions established under the Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls' Act continued to function satisfactorily during the period under report.

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HOME DEPARTMENT

G. O. No. 247, 9th February 1970

Act—The Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956—Vigilance Department Administration Report, 1968—Recorded.

READ—the following paper.—

Letter from the Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service, Madras, Pdl. No. 23/A1/69, dated 15th September 1969.

Letter from the Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service, Madras, No. 16465/B1/69, dated 2nd December 1969.

Order—No. 247, Home, dated 9th February 1970.

The report on the working of the Vigilance Department for the year 1968 submitted by the Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service in her letters read above is recorded with the following remarks :—

(i) *Education*.—The Government Stri Sadana Special School with eight standards is in the Government Stri Sadana Rescue Home and Vigilance Home. The medium of instruction is English. There were three inmates studying in VIII standard last year. All of them passed in the promotion examination. Ten inmates are studying in the High School classes at Lady Willingdon High School, Madras. Four girls appeared for the S.S.L.C. Examination in March 1968 and two of them came out successful. The two inmates who appeared for the Auxiliary Nurse-cum-midwifery training came out successful.

(ii) *Vocational training*.—Besides general education, vocational training in spinning, weaving, tailoring, embroidery, needle-work and fancy hand work is given. The receipts from the industrial sections and other miscellaneous receipts from the institutions of the Vigilance Department amounted to Rs. 11,539-31. Steps should be taken to increase the receipts.

(iii) *Rehabilitation*.—Government Stri Sadana, Madras. Out of the forty-eight inmates discharged during the year under report, twenty-eight were restored to their parents, husbands or nearest relatives, one was married and sent away with her husband. One was absorbed on the staff of the Home, one was sent out as domestic servant, one left the Home of her own accord, four were transferred to the After Care Home for Women, Vellore, five were handed over to Police for release, four were sent away by court, one was sent for health visitors' training, one was sent for Auxiliary Nurse and Mid wifery training and one was sent for polytechnic training.

Government Vigilance Home, Madras.—Out of the thirty-one inmates discharged during the year ten were restored to parents or guardians or relatives, two were sent on domestic services, one was married and sent with her husband, thirteen were transferred to other institutions, three were released on bail and two were sent home on absolute discharge.

(iv) *General.*—The Government note with satisfaction that the Vigilance institutions have worked satisfactorily during the year under review.

(By order of the Governor)

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Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service, Madras-8.

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- „ Accountant-General, Madras-12.
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