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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O., No. 78, Educational, dated 15th February 1907.

ABSTRACT.—Permitting the Director of Public Instruction to exercise his discretion in the matter of enforcing the provisions of rule 28 of the New Educational Rules in the case of secondary schools situated in the Ceded Districts.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc. F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—the 30th June 1908.

No.—Ref. on Cur. No. 3698.

With reference to G.O., No. 78, Educational, dated 16th February 1907, regarding application of rules 23 and 28 of the Madras Educational rules, fifth edition, to secondary schools in the Ceded districts, I have the honour to report that, of the eleven complete secondary schools in the Ceded districts, only five fully satisfy the provisions of rules 23 and 28. The other complete secondary schools and all the incomplete secondary schools in those districts do not comply with the requirements relating either to qualifications or to the number of teachers or to both, laid down in the rules. The Inspector of Schools, Second Circle, reports that the managing bodies concerned are unable to secure the services of qualified teachers and considers that for some years at least, the operations of rules 23 and 28 should be kept in abeyance in respect to incomplete secondary schools which are most needed in the present condition of the Ceded districts. Complete secondary schools should, in his opinion, be allowed only till April 1909 to comply with these rules.

2. For the present the discretionary power with regard to rule 28 may remain with me. Endeavours are being and will be made to enforce gradually the application of rules 23 and 28 in such a way as to eradicate the useless and superfluous schools and to allow time and opportunity to the more stable and useful ones. Not only in the Ceded districts, but also in all parts of the Presidency, it is found difficult to insist on strict compliance with the provisions of rule 23 owing (i) to the necessity for allowing in certain cases the continuance of unqualified teachers of long standing whose work is favourably reported on, and (ii) to the real scarcity of fully qualified teachers. In the Ceded districts the number of pupils in each secondary school is usually small and the fee income correspondingly low, which makes it difficult for managers to offer the higher salaries which are now necessary to attract a properly qualified staff.

Order—No. 515, Educational, dated 10th July 1908.

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2. The proposal contained in the first sentence of paragraph 2 of the Director's letter R.C. No. 3698, dated 30th June 1908, is approved. A further report should be submitted on the 1st January 1910.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 515, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
10TH JULY 1908.

[SUBJECT.—*Qualifications of teachers and their number in Secondary schools in
the Ceded districts.*]

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 30th June 1908, No. 3698.

Please see G.O., No. 78, Educational, dated 15th February 1907, and the notes
therewith.

2. In that order the Director of Public Instruction was permitted to exercise his
discretion in the matter of enforcing the provisions of rule 28 (regarding number of
teachers) of the Educational rules in the case of secondary schools situated in the
Ceded districts and he was requested to submit a special report on or before the 1st
April 1908 as to how the requirements of the Educational rules as regards the
qualifications and number of teachers in secondary schools were complied with in those
districts.

3. The Director now submits the special report called for. He states that, out
of 11 complete secondary schools in the Ceded districts, only five fully satisfy the
provisions of rules 23 and 28 (qualifications and number of teachers) and that the
remaining six complete secondary schools and all the incomplete secondary schools do

Rule 23—Qualifications of teachers. not comply with the requirements laid
down in the above rules (23 and 28).

Rule 28—Proportion of teachers to pupils. The inspector of the circle attributes this
to the inability of the managing bodies to secure the services of qualified teachers.
The Director of Public Instruction observes that in the Ceded districts the number of
pupils in each secondary school is usually small and the fee income correspondingly
low and that this makes it difficult for managers to offer higher salaries which are
now necessary to attract a properly qualified staff.

4. The Director further states that not only in the Ceded districts but in all
parts of the Presidency it is found difficult to insist on strict compliance with the
provisions of rule 23 owing to the necessity of retaining in certain cases unqualified
teachers of long standing whose work is favourably reported on and to the real
scarcity of fully qualified teachers.

5. Dr. Bourne therefore requests that for the present he may be allowed discre-
tionary power in regard to the enforcement of rule 28 (number of teachers) and states
that endeavours will be made "to enforce gradually the application of rules 23 and
"28 in such a way as to eradicate the useless and superfluous schools and to allow
"time and opportunity to the more stable and useful ones".

6. G.O., No. 78, Educational, dated 15th February 1907, permits the Director of
Public Instruction to exercise, until
further orders, his discretion in the matter
of enforcing the provisions of rule 28.
No further orders in the matter seem
therefore to be called for and the Director
of Public Instruction's report may, it is
submitted, be recorded.

G.O., No. 78, Educational, dated 15th Febru-
ary 1907, applies only to the Ceded districts.
I take the Director of Public Instruction now
to apply for general discretionary power
throughout the Presidency.

H. D. TAYLOR.

7. The draft placed below is for approval.

T.K.—7-7-08.

Please see the remarks of the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes in his note, dated 10th February 1907, on pages 2 and 3 of the notes connected with G.O., No. 78, Educational, dated 15th February 1907. The Director of Public Instruction's report shows that none of the incomplete secondary schools has satisfied the requirements of rules 23 and 28 and that there are great difficulties in the way of their coming up to the standard laid down in the Educational rules. Dr. Bourne does not say how these difficulties are to be overcome and how long it will take to do so. He simply says that the rules will be enforced gradually. But in view of the opinion expressed by the Inspector of Schools that the incomplete secondary schools "are most needed in the present condition of the Ceded districts" it seems to be desirable to accept the Director of Public Instruction's suggestion to hold the rules in abeyance for some time longer. Perhaps a period of two or three years may be fixed, at the end of which the Director of Public Instruction may be asked to report again on the progress made in the matter of compliance with the rules.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—7-7-08.

The suggestion at A seems correct.

C. A. SOUTER—7-7-08.

G.O., No. 78, Educational, dated 15th February 1907, allows discretionary power to the Director of Public Instruction in respect of secondary schools in the Ceded districts only. I take him now to apply for a continuance of the exercise of that discretion as regards the Presidency generally.

The draft therefore seems to require amplification.

H. D. TAYLOR—8-7-08.

Approved.

M. H[AMMICK]—9-7-08.

Issue.

H. D. TAYLOR—10-7-08.

[G.O., No. 515, Educational, dated 10th July 1908.]

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Subject.

Requesting that in the circumstances stated, the enforcement of the provisions of the Madras Educational Rules in regard to staff in the case of secondary schools in the Ceded Districts may be kept in abeyance for the present.

ENCLOSURES.

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Station Madras , Dated the 30th June 1908

From (Name) The Hon'ble Mr. A.C. Bourne, D.Sc.F.R.S.C.I.E.

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Educational Department

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READ AGAIN G.O., No. 78 Edl, dated 16- 2- 1908

READ ALSO:—

C. No. 1461, From the D.P.I., No. 3698, dated 30 - 6 - 1908

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ORDER.
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No. 575, dated 10. 7. 1908

1 Recorded.

2 The proposal contained in

The first sentence of paragraph

2 of the Switzer's letters

No 1401 at 30° Time 1005 in

approved. A further report

Should be submitted on 11/1

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To
The D.P.I.