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READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O., Nos. 113, 114, Educational, dated 13th February 1908.

ABSTRACT.—Addressing the Government of India on the subject of the provincialization of the agency of supervisors of primary schools employed by local boards and municipal councils in this Presidency.

II

G.O., No. 461, Educational, dated 13th June 1908.

ABSTRACT.—Recording letter from the Government of India stating that a reference has been made to the Secretary of State on the subject of provincialization of supervisors of primary schools.

III

Despatch—from the Government of India, Finance Department (Salaries, Establishments, etc.,—Education).

To—His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

Dated—Simla, the 28th May 1908.

No.—157.

We have the honour to forward for your Lordship's consideration a copy of the papers noted in the attached schedule regarding the provincialization of the supervisors of primary schools employed by local boards and municipal councils in the Madras Presidency.

2. When the local Government's proposals were originally submitted in 1901, Lord Curzon's Government were unable to accept them, for the reasons stated in their Home Department letter of the 14th June 1901. The local Government submitted a further representation on the subject in 1907, and in reply we expressed our concurrence with the view that the charges on account of those agencies of inspection which have hitherto been maintained by local and municipal boards should be transferred to the provincial budget. This procedure is in accordance with the recommendations of the Education Commission and with the intentions of Lord Curzon's Government as expressed in the concluding sentences of paragraph 13 of the Resolution on Indian Educational policy of the 11th March 1904. The proposals of the Government of Madras appeared to us in this respect to be sound, since we regard it as essential that Government should control the inspection of all schools and that an adequate inspection staff should be maintained for this purpose.

3. With regard, however, to the constitution of the inspectorate it appeared to us that the retention of these supervisors on the staff would not have contributed to efficiency, even under the improved conditions proposed by the Government of Madras. We regarded it as extremely doubtful whether men on salaries of Rs. 30, 40 and 50 could be depended upon to exercise the important functions which it was proposed to assign to them, viz., the starting and organizing of elementary schools, preparing the statistics of village schools, inspecting them, and generally performing all the duties connected with the development of primary education. The past work of these supervisors had already been condemned and experience in other provinces had shown that an inferior agency of inspection could not be trusted, that its influence on education was more pernicious than beneficial, and that its maintenance was a waste of public money.

4. We accordingly suggested two alternative schemes for the consideration of the Government of Madras, namely—

(a) The abolition of the supervisor class, and the transfer of their duties to the existing Government inspectorate, the number of sub-assistant inspectors being raised from 126 to 180 at an approximate cost of Rs. 1,29,600.

(b) The retention of 50 of the most efficient supervisors for the inspection of schools in the more backward tracts and the addition of 36 men to the staff of sub-assistant inspectors, a course which would not materially enhance the cost of the proposed scheme.

The Government of Madras have now replied that they do not consider it practicable to carry out our suggestions, mainly on the grounds that the area of taluks in Madras is very large; that it is undesirable for administrative reasons to reduce the existing ranges of inspection; and that, although the supervisors are admittedly inefficient, it may be expected that the improved conditions of service, due to the provincialization of the establishment, will bring about an improvement in the personnel of the subordinate inspecting agency. Although we are not altogether convinced that these anticipations are justified we are not prepared to press our objections further or to advise the rejection of the local Government's proposals. In paragraph 9 of their letter of the 13th February 1908 the Government of Madras have expressed their entire concurrence in our views as to the distribution of the inspecting agency and have given an assurance that the improvement of the inspectorate is receiving their careful attention. We are therefore prepared to accept their proposals as representing at least a step in advance, and we trust that it will be possible gradually to effect such improvements in the inspecting agency as to place it on a thoroughly satisfactory and efficient basis. We accordingly recommend the proposals made in the local Government's letter of the 20th June 1907 for your Lordship's sanction.

5. The financial effect of these proposals is as follows. The proposition statement appended to the Madras Government's letter of the 20th June 1907 shows that the net extra cost of the establishment debitable to Provincial Revenues will be Rs. 8,253½ a month or Rs. 99,040 a year, and the local Government estimates that the total charges on provincial funds on account of the provincialization of supervisors, including travelling allowance and contingencies, but excluding pensions and gratuities, will amount to Rs. 1,43,000 a year. The greater part of these charges will, however, be met by a reduction of the subsidies now paid to local bodies by Rs. 1,22,000 a year, which is the amount of the expenditure at present incurred by those bodies on their staff of supervisors. The net extra cost to Provincial revenues is thus estimated at only Rs. 21,000 a year. The effect of this adjustment will be that those local bodies which are in receipt of subsidies from Government will not gain anything financially, while such of the district municipalities as are not at present in receipt of any subsidy will be required to spend upon elementary schools the amount which they have hitherto spent on the salaries of supervisors.

ENCLOSURE.

Schedule of papers.

1. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 73, dated the 12th February 1901.

Enclosure—

Proposition statement.

2. Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 217, dated the 14th June 1901.
3. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 394, dated the 20th June 1907.

Enclosures—

Statements I and II.

Proposition statement.

Letter from the Accountant-General, No. 29-M.-Confidential, dated the 14th June 1907.

4. Letter to the Government of Madras, No. 748, dated the 16th September 1907.
5. Letter from the Government of Madras, No. 114, dated the 13th February 1908.

No. 2989-Ex.

* Original papers returned.

Copy * forwarded to the Home
Department for information.

(By Order.)

R. A. MANT,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

IV

Despatch—from His Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

To—His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor-General of India in
Council.

Dated—India Office, London, 4th September 1908.

No.—133-Public.

Having considered in Council the letter of your Excellency's Government No. 157 (Finance), dated the 28th May last, I sanction the proposals made by the Government of Madras and accepted by your Excellency's Government for the provincialization of primary schools in Madras Presidency.

primary schools employed by local boards and municipal councils in the Madras Presidency.

2. The cost (excluding pensionary charges) to Provincial funds is estimated at Rs. 1,43,000 a year as against which the subsidies at present paid to local bodies will be reduced by Rs. 1,22,000 a year. The net additional cost to Provincial funds is therefore estimated at Rs. 21,000 a year.

3. The papers before me do not show clearly what amount is expended upon supervisors by district municipalities which are not at present in receipt of any subsidy, and I therefore have been unable to learn what amount will in these districts be set free for expenditure on elementary schools in consequence of the provincialization of supervisors' salaries.

No. 863.

Copy forwarded to the Government of Madras for information in continuation of Home Department letter No. 490, dated the 5th June 1908.

(By Order.)

HOME DEPARTMENT (EDUCATION), SIMLA,
6th October 1908.H. G. STOKES,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Order—No. 744, Educational, dated 5th November 1908.

With reference to his letter R. Cl. No. 44, dated 11th June 1907, the Director of Public Instruction will be informed that the Secretary of State has sanctioned the proposals for the provincialization of the supervisors of primary schools employed by local boards and municipal councils in the Madras Presidency, as shown in the proposition statement submitted with his letter above quoted.

2. The scheme should be brought into force with effect from 1st March 1909.

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Financial Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 744, EDUCATIONAL, DATED
5TH NOVEMBER 1908.[SUBJECT.—*Provincialization of Supervisors of Primary Schools.*]

Previous paper.

G.O., No. 113, Edl., dated 13th February 1908.

From the Government of India, dated 6th October 1908, No. 863.

Please register and return sharp with copy of our Government Order and notes.
The amount referred to in paragraph 3 of the Despatch is contained in the notes?

H. D. TAYLOR—12-10-08.

The paper has been registered and is resubmitted with file. The Secretary apparently refers to paragraph 14 of the office-note and paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Director of Public Instruction's u.o. note on pages 6 and 8 of the notes connected with G.O., No. 113, Educational, dated 13th February 1908; but these do not give the information referred to in paragraph 3 of Despatch. Attention is also solicited to the Secretary's note, dated 10th February 1908, on page 12 of the notes connected with the same Government Order. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Despatch from the Secretary of State, it is submitted that subsidies are paid to district municipalities according to their requirements each year, so that a Municipality which receives a subsidy in one year may not get any in another year.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—12-10-08.

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H. D. TAYLOR—12-10-08.

G. S. F[ORBES]—13-10-08.

G. S[TOKES]—13-10-08.

A. L[AWLEY]—14-10-08.

The Director of Public Instruction may be asked u.o. in the first instance to state the date from which it will be possible to give effect to the scheme.

Existing Local and Municipal supervisors who will not be brought on to the new establishment will require reasonable notice that their further services in that capacity will not be required, and the Director of Public Instruction will doubtless require some little time to select the men required for duty on the new Provincial establishment both from the existing establishment of Local Boards and Municipalities and from outside. Would March 1st be suitable or would January 1st be too soon?

H. D. TAYLOR—15-10-08.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

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2. The Scheme should be brought into force with effect from 1st March 1909.

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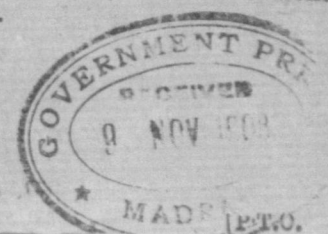
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