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READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O., No. 94, Educational, dated 1st March 1900.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Director of Public Instruction resolution of the Government of India on the subject of the selection of text-books for schools, and requesting the Director to report what steps should be taken to bring the constitution and working of the Madras Text-book Committee into accord with the principles laid down by the Government of India.

II

G.O., Nos. 445-6, Educational, dated 10th September 1900.

ABSTRACT.—Directing the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the rules for the Madras Text-book Committee with the modification suggested by the Government of India.

III

Letter—from Dr. 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 23rd November 1909.

No.—7801-Cur.

With reference to clause 2 of the "Rules for the Text Book Committee" embodied in G.O., No. 315-A, dated 27th July 1900, the number of members of the Text Book Committee, exclusive of the President, is now limited to 20. But as the number of vernaculars and other languages renders it difficult to secure adequate help with regard to each language without any reduction in the number of members whose interests are more general, I have the honour to request that I may be permitted to extend the maximum number of members to 24.

Order—No. 646, Educational, dated 14th December 1909.

The Government sanction the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to increase the maximum number of members of the Text Book Committee to 24.

(True Extract.)

N. S. BRODIE,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 646, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 14TH DECEMBER 1909.

[SUBJECT.—Number of members of the Text-Book Committee.]

Previous papers.

G.O., 94, Educational, dated 1st March 1900.
" 445 " " 10th September "

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 28th November 1909,
No. 7801.

The Director of Public Instruction requests that he may be permitted to increase the maximum number of members of the Text-Book Committee from 20 to 24.

2. Under rule 2 of the rules for the Text-Book Committee, the Committee shall consist of not more than 20 members in addition to the President. The Director of Public Instruction's reason for proposing to raise the maximum number to 24 is that "the number of vernaculars and other languages renders it difficult to secure adequate help with regard to each language without any reduction in the number of members whose interests are more general."

3. The number of members of the Text-Book Committee in this Presidency was formerly 31. In the year 1900, it was fixed at 20 with reference to paragraph 10 of the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 64-74, dated 8th February 1900, printed with G.O., No. 94, Educational, dated 1st March 1900. The Government of India observed "many of the (Text-Book) Committees now in existence are, in the opinion of the Governor-General in Council, too large for the purpose for which they are intended. In the opinion of His Excellency in Council, a Provincial Committee of 20, in addition to the President, ought to be sufficiently comprehensive to secure the proper representation of all classes interested in the matter, in even the largest province. When a Sub-Committee has to be appointed, it should ordinarily not consist of more than five members in addition to the President. The Government of India do not suggest that Local Governments and Administrations should at once proceed to reduce the Committees to this size, but they do desire to press upon them the need for taking action in this direction as vacancies occur in the existing boards."

4. In face of this opinion of the Government of India, it does not appear that the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to raise the number of members of the Text-Book Committee to 24 can be accepted. If it is necessary to secure adequate help with regard to each language, the proper course would seem to be to reduce the number of members on the Committee who have no knowledge of the vernaculars.

T.K.—8-12-09.

There is perhaps no very serious objection to the proposed increase of the strength of the Text-Book Committee from 20 to 24, but the Director of Public Instruction's letter does not afford any convincing proof of the necessity for such increase.

K. RANGASWAMI AYYANGAR—8-12-09.

There seems little objection so far as I can see to the Director of Public Instruction's proposal. In this Presidency there are a large number of vernaculars, each of which must be adequately represented on the Committee. In addition there must be members to represent education generally. Twenty may very well be too few a number for the work to be done.

C. A. SOUTER—9-12-09.

For orders. There is no doubt the circumstances of this Presidency are peculiar and the representations of the Director of Public Instruction may, I think, be accepted.

N. S. BRODIE—10-12-09.

Yes ! The proposal may be sanctioned.

M. H[AMMICK]—11-12-09.

Draft submitted for approval.

T.K.—14-12-09.

The increase in the maximum number of members to 24 involves an alteration of rule 2 of the rules of the Text-Book Committee on page 3 of G.O., No. 445, Educational, dated 10th September 1900, but the power of altering the rules has been delegated to the Director of Public Instruction—*vide* G.O., No. 270, Educational, dated 8th April 1908. The draft order may be approved.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—14-12-09.

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C. A. SOUTER—14-12-09.

[G.O., No. 648, Educational, dated 14th December 1909.]

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