

Educational (1909) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 113-A.

DATED 26-2-09

BH/1-2

[Despatch Abstract.]

Total Abstinence:-

Forwarding to the D.P. I. a copy of the
eleventh annual report on — submitted
by Pandit Kama Sharan Kataria Sharma
of the U. P. of Agra + Oudh.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

CURRENT FILE.

CONTENTS.

From	Number.	Date.	Pages.

PAPERS PUT UP WITH CURRENT No. _____

Papers of the department to which the current belongs.

Number.	Date.	Original (=O) or spare copy (=S. C.).	Remarks. (In this column such of the papers as have been removed for copying, printing, &c., should be marked with a cross.)	Initials of Referencer with date in token of return to Reference department.

Papers of other departments.

Department.	Number.	Date.	Original (=O) or spare copy (=S. C.).	Despatcher to note the return of the papers to the departments concerned.

TOTAL ABSTINENCE OFFICE
Tehri State Garhwal U. P.

1891 Rev
10-7-09

cc 1551=16.7-08 Lodged

10-204

Col. Can. 250-A.
9.2-9
N

To The Secretary to the
Government of Madras
Education Department
Madras.

Sir,

I most humbly and respectfully submit
herewith my Eleventh Annual Report on
Total Abstinence and hope that you
will kindly present it to His Excellency the
Governor of Madras.

I further request that the attention of
Officers of the Education Department may be drawn
in this direction, so that they may by persuasion
discourage students from smoking (tobacco and
cigarettes).

This will be an act of grand benevolence
towards Indian youths.

I most humbly & respectfully beg to remain
Sir,

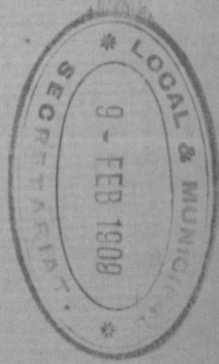
Yours,
The 1st Feb. 09

Your most obedient servant,
Rameshwar Nath Sharma
Tehri Garhwal State
U. P. of Agra & Oudh

T.R.

2.09

NOTES.



C.No.250-A, from Ramsharan Raturil U.P. of Agra & Oudh, dated 1--2--1909.

3
Subject.

Eleventh Annual Report on Total Abstinence.

Ct. file.

Pandit Ram-sharan Rataurie Sarma of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, submits a copy of the eleventh annual report on total abstinence and requests that the attention of the officers of the Educational Department may be drawn to the desirability of preventing the use by youths of tobacco and other intoxicants so that they may by persuasion discourage students from smoking (tobacco and cigarettes).

2. Attention is invited to pages 5 and 6 of the report which contain an appeal to Government and to school teachers and others on the above subject.

3. In 1906, a question was put in Parliament by Mr. Herbert Roberts as to whether any representations had been made to Provincial Governments in favour of the inclusion of temperance teaching in the curriculum of schools and whether any reply had been given to those representations. The Government of India thereupon enquired whether any such representation had been made to this Government and if so what action had been taken in the matter.

4. This Government's reply to this enquiry is contained in letter No.435 Educational dated

The writer regards
Tobacco as an
intoxicant.
All

Vide page 2 of G.O. No. 434 Ed. C
5.7.07

do

3
W
8th July 1907. It was stated that a representation had been made to this Government by the Madras Total Abstinence Association suggesting generally the introduction of temperance teaching in schools and making certain specific proposals and that though orders had not then been passed on those proposals the Governor in Council saw no objection to the introduction, in approved text-books, of lessons devoted to temperance.

5. In their letter No.730 dated 12th September 1907, the Government of India suggested that where no lessons dealing with the subject of intoxicants already existed in the sanctioned readers, such lessons might usefully be introduced. They also invited the attention of this Government to paragraph 269 of the report of the Indian Excise Committee of 1905-1906 and invited the opinion of the Governor in Council on the comments made therein by the Committee and ^{on} their suggestions for the better protection of students living in hostels.

6. The comments of the Indian Excise Commission in their report alluded to above were as follows:-

"One way in which Government can perhaps
"exercise an influence is through the Department
"of Public Instruction. It is in evidence
"that country lads coming into towns for their
"education are sometimes corrupted by town
"habits and it is thought that a stricter supervision of the management of hostels may do
"something to check their contamination. It is

also

Page 2 of No. 726-27 D
31-10-07

Para. 2 of the G.O. 726-27
on p. 2 of G.O. 726-27
31-10-07 D

Page 1 of N.W. 90 No. 726-27 D
31-10-07

3. 4 5
"also understood that the Educational authorities
"in the Punjab and Bombay have agreed to arrange
"for temperance teaching in schools. This example
"might be followed elsewhere".

A
7. This Government replied that, as ~~already~~
pointed out in paragraph 3 of their letter No.435
Educational, dated 8th July 1907, lessons dealing
with the subject of intoxicants were already
included in some of the readers in use, ~~and that~~
As regards the suggestions of the Indian Excise
Committee for the better protection of students
living in hostels, ^{it was stated that} ~~the~~ supervision of the kind
suggested, already existed in this Presidency
and that there had been no complaints of intemperance
amongst hostel students. - Vide letter No.727
Educational, dated 31st October 1907.

D
15
8. On the subject of temperance teaching
in schools, attention is also invited to the
Resolution passed at the All-India Temperance
Conference dated the 12th June 1908, and recorded
in G.O. No.1891, Revenue, dated 10th July 1908.

9. From pages 16 and 17 of the report
now submitted, it is observed that an appeal
has been made to the Government of India requesting
that "in view of the facts that tobacco as in-
"disputably established by the observation and
"experiment of eminent physicians is extremely
"deleterious to the healthy growth of young
"people and that smoking is a besetting vice among
"the youths of India from ^(Ramtharam Rahurkar) their childhood he does
"not think that the simple measure of the inclu-
"sion of a little temperance reading in the schools
"can be an adequate remedy . . . " It is

4 5 X
also requested that the Government of India may be pleased to pass an Act prohibiting the use of tobacco among the Indian youths during their student life.

10. It is not known what action the Government of India have taken or propose to take in regard to the ^{above} ~~above~~ appeal.

11. It is for consideration whether the remarks of the Director of Public Instruction ~~on the current~~ may be called for, or whether ^{the paper may be transferred to the} ~~the~~ ^{20.2.09} S.P.I. for disposal.

R.D.
22.2.09

Sec.

Perhaps the remarks of the S.P.I. may be invited. But it is not apparent what action can advantageously be taken on the ~~resolution~~ Report. There have been no complaints in this Presidency regarding students' intemperance. If the S.P.I. think legislation necessary they will consult local ^{authorities}. The papers may be recorded.

Chd
23.2.09.

Am

It is probable that Smoking is commoner among boys in the north of India than here. I think, right that it should be absolutely interdicted to boys in ~~schools~~ ~~colleges~~ under public management just as it is interdicted ^{schools in} in England. There is no question of legislation for this purpose. It will be a rule of discipline.

As for drinking, that subject has already been discussed in the correspondence referred to in the note & I do not think any action is needed.

The A.D.I. may be asked u.s. about the prohibition by rule of Smoking. I fancy the habit is rare in the School boys here.

Ans

23/2

Simply send a copy of the Report to the D.P.D.

S. P. D.

Duff
an
26/2

CIRCULATED IN EDL.
AND LEG. DEPT.

Box Ordinary No. 34
Confidential 25-2-7

26/2

A draft order is placed below for approval

CS
26.2.09 RD
26.2.09

N. Cab
26.2.09

do

[90.10.113-A 26.2.09]

Educational

a

READ AGAIN G.O., No. dated

READ ALSO:-

No. 250-A.

From the Pandit-Ramsharan R
G.D. D. 1909 A.P.

190

190

in Sarma
on 10th.

, dated 18 Feb 7

ORDER.

Mis

No.

A, dated 26-2-

gp
26.2.09
Recd. 6-30 P.M.

Summary of the eleventh
sub-report on total
Shared by Pandit Ra
be for U.P. of agra and
Public Curie Sharma
to the Direc
action.

26.2.09

Cal
26.2.09.

20th with
Report
The D.P.D. (with a report)
1/3/9

Given for copying _____
Copied _____ } 190 .
Examined _____
Signed _____

AD AGAIN G.O., No. _____, DATED
190 .

C.

REST No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT.

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH
ORIGINAL.

A A A A A

N.B.—

A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied.
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.