

Educational (1909) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 588

DATED 28-10-09

[Despatch Abstract.]

Government School, Bhadrachalam

Declining to reconsider
the orders in G.O. No. 433 E.O. of 23.7.
that the — should be a complete
elementary school rather than an
incomplete secondary school.

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from the Nizami Territory to the Government of the Central Provinces during the year 1864, when this school was established by the British Government with 2 teachers. In the year 1874 the Taluk was transferred from the Government of the Central Provinces to that of Madras. After the transfer of the Taluk from the Nizami to the British Government, 2 canals were constructed and an irrigation channel was attempted. But to the great misfortune of the people the whole attempt was involved with much loss to Government. Thus the status of the people here too has not been changed for the better, while their brother residents of the delta have been enriched and highly educated with the resources tapped in their country by the Government. From 1874 up till 1890 the school was of an elementary grade, but through the kind patronage as manager

of the Honourable Mr. J. N. Atkinson, the then Special Assistant Agent, the status was raised to that of a 3rd grade Middle School. The teaching staff was also increased from year to year and a suitable building was constructed at a cost of about Rs 18000/- a building which does not to day find a parallel in any portion of the Agency Districts of Coimbatore, Vizagapatnam & the Godavari. The building has also been furnished with suitable furniture, besides a grand library which is an accumulation of the purchases with the annual grants made by the Government during the last 25 years - since the time when the school was raised to the standard of a 3rd grade Middle School. 2 - It may here be added to the prestige of the school that during the last 25 years no less than 150 Middle School candidates have been passed from the school and about 1600

of them have obtained higher education, and they are to day holding appointments like a Sub Magistrate, a Forest Ranger, a Supervisor of Schools, Clerks in all the Agency Taluk & Divisional Offices. In and out-of-the-way place like Chatte which is in the innermost recesses of the Forest, a Lower Secondary Candidate is found as a Teacher. In this deadly place none but the Agency resident would go to. There is a Teacher, and almost all the Teachership appointments, clerks in the other branch departments of Government in the Bhadrachalam & Nagar Taluks are to day filled in by the residents of the Agency to the exclusive occupation of the Agency candidates of the non-Agency. The evil effects of malaria are no doubt a bug-bear to the non-Agency resident & there are many occasions when the services of candidates cannot be secured at all for Government

appointments. This difficulty is not to day found. 3 — With the education given to the Agency students, their status in life is considerably improved, because the candidates are either employed in public service or are attempting attending to their avocations well enough with the knowledge derived from the education received. 4 — The petitioners submit that Bhadrachalam Taluk in the Godavari Agency requires a special treatment from the Govt in the District. The School at Bhadrachalam was established about half a century back. The Taluk is spread over an extent of 911 square miles. It is situate in the midst of other uncivilized tracts such as the Agency portion of the Nizam's territory, the Vijayapattam Agency, the Jaypore & the Bistar territories and the Nagar Taluk recently transferred to this Presidency from the Government of the Central Provinces, so that the situation of a Government Lower Secondary School

in Bhadrachalam can be taken as a boon granted to its people by the benign Government. As a matter of fact, there is not a school of the standard of the one at Bhadrachalam within a radius of

20 miles towards the north, the west & the south.

Rajahmundry is situate at a distance of 105 miles from it to the east.

5 — The Government of Madras has already, in consideration of the remoteness of the Taluk from seats of useful education and its malimous nature, characteristic of this Agency, been maintaining this school during the last 25 years as a Lower Secondary one, but has during this month suddenly reduced its status to that of an Elementary one. According to the conditions of recognition this school has the following advantages to be recognized as a Lower Secondary one.

(1). That it has a very beautiful building which satisfies the requirements of the Educational Code.

ii That it has a library costing about Rs 1000/-

iii That even if the school be not raised to a Complete Secondary school it is hoped it can be worked as an incomplete one with the present staff as hitherto.

iv That this is the only school which meets its charges from the Provincial funds, so that as already expressed by the Director of Public Instruction in his letter to the Government in October last, no funds will be lacking for its maintenance.

6 — It appears that even the Paluram School, so near to Rajahmundry where there is a 1st grade College & also some high schools which was raised to the grade of a Lower Secondary School only in 1897 and reduced lately to the grade of an elementary grade school, has now been again restored to the grade of a Lower Secondary school, while this school, which has been earning a prestige to it during the last nearly 3 decades, has been mercifully reduced to the present elementary grade.

7 — It is however asserted by the authorities

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are preaged to the worst, because it is not quite possible that the Teaching Staff, which is now in the grip of the Educational rules, can take the same interest as they did already to the detriment of the syllabuses required for an elementary grade.

8 — It may not be out of place to mention here that during last year 6 pupils who have finished their Lower Secondary course here have gone to Rajahmundry & other places for prosecution of their studies in the High Schools there. People here are gradually realising the benefits of Secondary Education, and there is every possibility of many boys finishing their studies here going down to the plains for completing their Secondary Education.

9 — The petitioners' earnest prayer, as fine, is that the status of this long standing

institution may be allowed to continue as a Lower Secondary School as before with the additional staff as recommended by the Director in October last.

The petitioners beg to remain,
Most Honoured Sir,

Your honours most Obedient Servants

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

C.No.1850 From K.Ramaswami & others, dated 28th September 1909.

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Subject.

Status of the Government school at Bhadrachalam.

The inhabitants of Bhadrachalam pray that the Government school at ~~that~~ place may be allowed to continue as an incomplete secondary school as hitherto.

2. In G.O., No. 453 Edl., dated 23rd July 1909, the Government decided that the school at Bhadrachalam should be a complete elementary school rather than an incomplete secondary school. They explained that this decision would not involve any reduction in the number or nature of the classes now existing in the school, but that the teaching of English would be optional instead of compulsory. It was also pointed out that under rule 84 (ii) of the Educational rules, fees might be levied ^{in the school; if it remained an elementary school} at such rates as the Government agent might fix with reference to local circumstances in consultation with the ^{Inspector of Schools} ~~Secretary of State~~.

3. The inhabitants of Bhadrachalam now memorialize Government against the above order. They urge —

- (1) that Bhadrachalam is situated in the midst of uncivilised tracts and requires special treatment;
- (2) that the school at Bhadrachalam has been maintained by Government during the last 25 years as a Lower Secondary school;
- (3) that during this period no less than 150 middle school candidates have passed out from the school; and
- (4) that there is not a secondary school within ~~an~~ a radius of 200 miles from Bhadrachalam to the north, west and south or within a radius of ~~100~~ 105 miles to the east.

They further represent that the school at Bhadrachalam has a beautiful building satisfying the

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* The nearest place is Rajahmundry which is 105 miles to the east of Bhadrachalam. Do.

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the requirements of the Educational Code ; that it has a library worth about Rs.1,000 ; that the school which is the only institution maintained by Government in the taluk can be continued as an incomplete secondary school with its present staff

4. Referring to the statement in the Government Order that the maintenance of the school as a complete elementary school will not involve any reduction in the number or nature of the classes now existing but that the teaching of English would be optional instead of compulsory, the petitioners state that it gives them ample room to apprehend that pupils who will hereafter be trained in the school will not be so trained as to conform to the High school curriculum ^{in most, if not, all subjects,} and that they will, ^{fail to} ~~not~~ on leaving the institution, be admitted to a secondary school in a class corresponding to the one in which they were reading at the Bhadrachalam school, or to the next higher class. As the course of studies for elementary schools is entirely different from that laid down for secondary schools, this apprehension of the petitioners ^{Seems to be} ~~is~~ well founded.

5. The petitioners further state that the Board school at Polavaram which is very near to Rajahmundry ^{and} was transferred recently to the elementary grade has been retransferred to its former status, that is, as an incomplete secondary school. The reference here is ^{to} G.O., No. 903 L., dated 20th July 1909 in which the Government sanctioned the retention of the Board school at Polavaram as a secondary school on condition that the public of Polavaram provided a suitable building and also the necessary equipment in the way of books, furniture, &c., for the school, before the close of the present year.

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6. It is for consideration whether sufficient grounds exist for a reconsideration of the orders already passed in the matter.

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Please see the notes and orders in G.O. No. 433 Est., dated 23rd July 1909 and the D.O. Is letter on p. 2 of the G.O. The orders directing that the Badrachalam School should be transferred to the Elementary Grade were passed after a full consideration of the circumstances of the place and it does not appear that sufficient grounds have been shown for altering that decision. Moreover the present policy of Govt is against these "incomplete Secondary Schools".

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The notes to G.O. 433 of 23.7.09 will show how the school was made an elementary school. The fact that the inhabitants object has some weight, but it seems too early to reconsider the order.

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The draft below is for approval.

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The draft order has been approved by the Secretary. It may issue?

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The order is for approval.
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No. 588, dated 28-10-1905

The petrs. will be informed
that the Govt see no reason
to reconsider ^{their} ~~their~~ decision ^{in G.O. no} ~~that~~
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