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READ—the following paper :—

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 10th January 1912.

No.—R.C. 8334 of 1910.

I have the honour to submit the following proposals in regard to certain changes in chapter III of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

2. There is at present provision for two conferences of inspecting officers in the course of the year—one referred to in rule 16 to propose increases or reductions of the allotted grant which must be held early in the calendar year, and one prescribed in rule 18 to scrutinize applications for aid and fixed for September. The latter conference especially takes the officers away from inspection duty and after several years' experience and after consultation with the higher inspecting officers I have come to the conclusion that all the work could be done at one conference to be held in January. The changes in the various dates at present prescribed form a necessary corollary to the abolition of the September conference. The change of the date prescribed in rule 17 for application for admission to aid from the 1st July to the 1st December is in itself advantageous as it will considerably shorten the period between the application and the first payment of grant.

3. I am taking this opportunity to propose an alteration in rule 15 with regard to the increased rate for backward classes or castes. The present provision was inserted by the Government when passing orders on the revised Code in G.O. No. 356, Educational, dated 21st May 1906. I am not re-opening the question as to whether the concession is necessary or not, but am stating it in a way that will lead to greater uniformity in practice.

It has been hardly possible to attach any specific meaning to the existing clause as there are no defined localities. I have in the meantime considered any locality furnishing pupils from the backward classes or castes as such. The intention is to encourage school authorities to take in pupils belonging to this category and I propose to give the enhanced rate for each such pupil. The financial effect of the change will be trifling.

4. A slight alteration may also be made in rule 20 as I am endeavouring to simplify the procedure. The date has been omitted as it has been impossible to adhere to it in practice and it is not a matter that concerns those for whose benefit the Code is issued.

5. The alterations now proposed are set forth in the form of a notification attached to this letter.

ENCLOSURE.

Draft Notification.

Changes proposed in Chapter III of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

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Rule 17.—For “July” read “December”.

Rule 18.—Omit the words “early in September.”

For “October” read “February” in the two places where it occurs.

Rule 19.—For “December” read “April.”

Rule 20.—For the present rule substitute the following :— “A consolidated list of all schools admitted to aid shall be published in the prescribed form (Appendix B) for each district, and shall be issued to the presidents of local boards, treasury and inspecting officers and deputy inspectors of vaccination.”

Rule 22.—Omit the following in the first sentence :— “After the grants have been fixed at the conference referred to in rule 16.”

Order—No. 75, Educational, dated 30th January 1912.

The Government sanction the changes in chapter III of the Grant-in-Aid Code proposed by the Director of Public Instruction.

2. The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION.

The following changes are sanctioned in Chapter III of the Grant-in-Aid Code :—

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(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 75, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 30TH JANUARY 1912.

[SUBJECT.—*Changes in chapter III of the Grant-in-Aid Code regarding grants to elementary schools.*]

Previous paper :

G.O. No. 356, Educational, dated 21st May 1906.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 10th January 1912, No. 8334.

The Director of Public Instruction submits for sanction certain changes in chapter III of the Grant-in-Aid Code. They are—

(1) Rule 16 of the Grant-in-Aid Code provides for a conference of inspecting officers which is usually held in January for fixing the grant to each school and rule 18 provides for a conference to be held in September for the admission of schools to aid. The Director of Public Instruction proposes to have a single conference in January in which all the work can be done—please see paragraph 2 of his letter. His proposal may be approved: also the consequential changes in dates as shown in the draft notification accompanying the Director of Public Instruction's letter. The Director of Public Instruction will fix the time when the conference should be held.

(2) Rule 20 requires that the lists of schools admitted to aid should be published not later than 1st April. This has never been found possible in practice and the Director of Public Instruction, therefore, proposes to do away with the date. This may also be approved. As a consequence, he proposes that rule 20 be modified as below:—

“A consolidated list of all schools admitted to aid shall be published in the prescribed form (Appendix B) for each district and shall be issued to the presidents of local boards, treasury and inspecting officers and deputy inspectors of vaccination.”

The second sentence of the present rule which runs “The list shall be hung up in all tahsildars', deputy tahsildars' and stationary sub-magistrates' offices and at all important post offices” does not find a place in the proposed rule and it is not known whether the omission is intentional. In the absence of any reason for this omission in the Director of Public Instruction's letter, the sentence may

It does not seem necessary to publish the list in taluk offices and post offices. The Director of Public Instruction's draft ensures that those officials who are directly concerned shall be informed. I do not see that the general public are in need of the information. perhaps be retained. The procedure of hanging it up in public offices is to give the list publicity and seems necessary.

L. DAVIDSON.

(3) In rule 22, the Director of Public Instruction proposes to omit the clause “After the grants have been fixed at the conference referred to in rule 16”.

There does not seem to be any reason why this clause should go out, but it is not a material point and it may be omitted as the Director of Public Instruction proposes.

There is no reason to retain what is superfluous.

L.D.

(4) This is a change in the proviso to rule 15. The present and proposed provisos are indicated below :—

Present proviso.

" Provided that the sanctioning authority may, in its discretion, increase the rate of grant for each pupil by not more than 25 per cent. in any defined locality in favour of any school attended by a majority of pupils drawn from backward classes or castes. The following may be regarded as backward classes or castes."

Proposed proviso.

" Provided that the sanctioning authority may, in its discretion, increase the rate of grant by not more than 25 per cent. for each pupil belonging to one of the following classes or castes."

In the draft Grant-in-Aid Code submitted by Dr. Bourne in December 1905, he did not consider any special treatment of the backward castes or classes necessary and in explanation of this, he remarked :—

" One important question in regard to the amount of grant is whether schools for back-

Paragraph 17 on page 4 of G.O. No. 356, Educational, dated 21st May 1906.

ward classes and for girls should receive a higher rate. I have given the matter much attention and am inclined to think that no

higher rate need be proposed, at any rate until its absence is proved to be a hardship. Under the results grant system a higher rate obtained but this appears to have been introduced because, under a result system, pupils belonging to the backward classes and girls would, it was thought, earn a lesser number of units of grant and that a higher rate was therefore necessary to induce managers to open schools for their benefit. The new system alters the position and as aided schools will be in future schools where other funds are forthcoming, they will be for the most part schools kept up from philanthropic motives and these same motives will doubtless suffice to provide education for special classes."

But the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes considered that the special treatment was necessary, and remarked :—

" I think most people will agree that elementary and all other education needs fostering in certain places and among certain classes and that we cannot put all castes and peoples on a dead level in the matter "

He accordingly suggested the proviso which was accepted by the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes and now finds place in the existing code. Dr. Bourne to whom the code as revised by Government was sent demi-officially did not then object to the proviso or to its wording—please see page 74 of the notes with G.O. No. 356, Educational, dated 21st May 1906. He now states that it has not been possible to attach any specific meaning to the clause as there are no " defined localities ". The remarks of the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes show that the intention was to encourage schools taking in pupils of the backward classes and castes and Dr. Bourne therefore suggests that the enhanced rate be given to all such pupils.

The effect of the change is this. According to the existing rule, only schools in which the majority of pupils belong to the backward classes receive the enhanced grant and schools in which the backward classes do not form the majority will not benefit by the concession : but the rule as now proposed will enable the latter class of schools also to have the benefit of the enhanced rate on behalf of such pupils. The financial effect of the change will, as stated by Dr. Bourne, be trifling but it will give greater encouragement to the education of the backward classes. The proposed change may, it is submitted, be approved.

2. A copy of the code with the proposed changes noted in pencil is submitted.

R. SUNDARAM AIYAR—22-1-12.

The Director of Public Instruction's changes may be accepted *en bloc*.

L. DAVIDSON—24-1-12.

Yes, may be approved.

M. H[AMMICK]—26-1-12.

A draft is submitted for approval.

T.K.—29-1-12.

L. DAVIDSON—30-1-12.

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