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Directing the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of a notification including the Muttiriyans in the list of — in rule 15 of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ— the following papers :—

I

Letter—from M.R.Ry. T. S. PARANGIRIVELU PILLAI, President, Muthuraja Mahajana Sangam.

To—the Chief Secretary to Government.

Dated—Worur, Trichinopoly, the 11th March 1912.

No.—195.

I have the honour to submit for the kind consideration of Government the following points and request that the matter may be favourably dealt with.

2. The Muttiria people, for whose cause this society is working, go by different names and are scattered in Southern India as under according to the Census Report of 1901 (Vol. XV). I give these figures as statistics for the census of 1911 are not yet available—

Muttiria	..	..	..	..	..	65,717	Page 169
Ambalakar	..	..	..	..	..	162,471	„ 140
Total	..	..	..	..	..	228,188	

Of these, it is a pity that the number of literate people is very small thus—

* This figure is given against Telugu Mutracha. However, as the literate number among Muttiria will be the same, I take that figure.

Muttiria	..	..	10 *	} Table 13
Ambalakar	..	..	26	

The cause of this is due to the poverty of the people. Most of them are labourers, who cannot earn more than 4 annas a day. The cost of their living having nowadays increased disproportionately to their income, they find no money to meet the cost of education of their sons. The youngsters are left to be in more hopeless condition than before.

3. This society is working for the past five years and is of opinion that unless Government is pleased to help the people, they cannot help themselves. I therefore request that the concession of reduced school-fees that is shown to the backward classes like Muhammadans, Sourashtras, etc., may also be kindly extended to our people.

II

Endorsement No. 830-1, Educational, dated 22nd March 1912.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

(By Order.)

M. S. MASCARENHAS,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. 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 25th June 1912.

No.—Ref. on Cur. 2546.

I have the honour to resubmit the petition from the President, Muthuraja Mahajana Sangam, Trichinopoly, referred to me by Government with Endorsement No. 830-1, dated 22nd March 1912, and to state that the Muttiriyans are reported to

be a very poor and backward class, the proportion of literacy among them being only 8 per cent. Nearly two-thirds of them live in Trichinopoly district and a reference to page 127, Vol. V, of Thurston's "Castes and Tribes" shows that Muttiriyans (only another name for Mutracha) are a sub-division of Ambalakarans who are of low caste. A similar account is given of them on page 105 of the Trichinopoly Gazetteer. There, the terms Muttiriyans, Ambalakaran, Servaikaran and Kavalkaran are said to be synonymous and to mean watchman.

The inspecting officers report that the condition of these people is such as to justify their inclusion in the list of backward classes.

I have the honour therefore to recommend that the Muttiriyans may be added to the list in rule 15 of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

Order—No. 610, Educational, dated 9th July 1912.

The Government are pleased to direct that the Muttiriyans shall be recognized as a backward class and included in the list in rule 15 of the Grant-in-Aid Code. The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION.

In the list of backward classes or castes given in rule 15 of the Grant-in-Aid Code, after the name "Mukkuvas" the word "Muttiriyans" shall be added.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the President, Muthuraja Mahajana Sangam, Trichinopoly.
„ Director of Public Instruction.
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No. 070, dated 9. 7. 1912

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