

Educational (1913) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 409

DATED 30 May 1913 .

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To

His Excellency the Governor in Council,
Fort St. George.

May it please your Excellency

We, the Secretaries of the Andhra Mahila Sabha (Ladies' Conference) beg to submit that the Conference has held 4 sittings in different parts of the Telugu country during the past years. It has just concluded its fourth session during Easter at Masulipatnam. The Conference was composed of about 200 delegates who came from Vizagapatnam, Coconada, Tanuku, Ellore, Bezawada, Gadivada, Kavatharam, Avanigadda, Hyderabad, Tenali, Amruthalur, Guntur, Kurnool, Bombay &c. besides 4 or 5 hundred visitors who evinced the greatest interest in the deliberations of the Assembly. Amongst the resolutions relating to the social and economic development of the country particularly of the womankind thereof, passed by the Conference, we beg to invite attention specially to Resolutions Nos. 1 to 7 & 9.

We hereby express our gratitude and thanks to the Govt. for the facilities they have afforded towards the advancement of the cause of women's education but we submit that compared to what has been done for boys in this country the progress so far achieved in the education of girls cannot fail to strike one as greatly limited and slow. Advanced education apart, female literates in the Telugu country do not number more than 70 thousand and in Kistna which is most advanced in the Telugu country in girls' education, the female literates number 15199 against a female illiterate population of 930000, giving a proportion which is very low and indicates a grievance that calls for immediate redress. The Conference has ventured therefore to request for a school in almost every big village and town, side by side with the numerous elementary schools now being generously established by Govt. for boys.

The figures that have been quoted in the preceeding para do not connote in the large majority anything more than bare literacy and a knowledge of the three R's. In any case the number of women who have advanced beyond the primary standard is highly limited while those who have gone to the higher Secondary and University course may be almost counted on one's fingers.

We submit that a great change has come over the minds of the people in the Telugu country especially in the Northern Circars in their attitude towards the long-neglected problem of women's education. The present complaint is not that there are not willing parents who would permit their grown up daughters to attend schools, but that there are not schools enough readily accessible and in all respects altogether unobjectionable, to which girls may be sent for Secondary education. In Kistna we feel the want of such an institution in particular and while thanking the Government for having ordered the establishment of Lower Secondary schools at Ellore and Bezwada, we pray Government will be pleased to consider the urgent necessity of establishing a women's High School at Masulipatam. At present in this ancient and historic town facilities for women's education are wholly wanting. In a town so big and so important as this there is not even a single Lower Secondary School for girls established by Government. The time has come for establishing High Schools one for each District and while the Telugu country is under a deep debt of gratitude to the authorities for the High School recently founded at Vizianagaram, we venture to express our belief that school going population whether amongst boys or girls and particularly amongst the latter always increases in proportion to the facilities afforded for education and the circumstances of most girls are such as will not readily permit of their going to distant and out of the way places for their studies. In view of these facts and also of the fact that Kistna is most advanced in the matter of girls' education, we beg to request you will be pleased to establish a High School at its Head Quarters.

We beg to remain,

May it please your Excellency,

Your most obedient, loyal and dutiful subjects,

M. Rajabayamma
G. Guramma
Secretaries.

Secretaries

The Andhra Mahila Sabha (Ladies' Conference).

Dated 4-4-1913

Masulipatam

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Resolutions of the 4th Andhra Mahila Sabah (Ladies' Conference)

held at Masulipatam on the 23rd & 24th March 1913.

1. That this conference expresses its gratitude and thanks to Lady Hardinge for the presence of mind and supreme fortitude displayed by her and the encouragement given by her to her beloved husband on the occasion of the outrage perpetrated at the time of the procession of entry into the city of Delhi, by some wicked person throwing a bomb on Lord Hardinge who, with a generous heart, has always looked upon the people of India as his own children and granted the boons sought by them and been incessantly labouring for their good.

Proposed by Bulusu Sooramma garu.

Seconded by Balantrapu Seshamma garu.

2. That this conference is of opinion that the Higher Education of women should be promoted in all parts of the country.

Proposed by Damerla Setaamma garu.

Seconded by Bulusu Sooramma garu.

3. That this conference prays the Government to multiply girls' schools so as to establish one in every town and village.

Proposed by Madabhusi Chendamma garu.

Seconded by Motupalli Raja Bayamma garu.

*Same as resolution
in Andhra Mahila
Sabah, 15/1/13
10/2/13 15/1/13*

4. That an Asylum be established in the centre of the Andhra country duly equipped for the imparting of technical instruction to widows and rescued women so as to enable them to obtain free lodging and boarding and acquire means of livelihood.

Proposed by Balantrapu Seshamma garu.

Seconded by Eka Venkatarathnamma garu.

5. That it is desirable to have as teachers women, preferably widows, in girls' schools.

Proposed by Eka Venkata Rathnamma garu.

Seconded by Motupalli Raja Bayamma garu.

*Proposed by
T. S. Venkateswari
15/1/13 15/1/13*

6. That Government be pleased to recognize the examinations instituted by the Narasapur Talukabhiruddi Sangham and the Vijnana Chendrika Mandali for purposes of recruiting lady-teachers.

Proposed by Kallepalli Venkata Ramanamma garu.

Seconded by Eka Venkatarathnamma garu.

7. That Government be requested to establish a training school for women of advanced education in Telugu.

Proposed by M. Sundaramma garu.

Seconded by D. Minakshamma garu.

8. That girls who have attained puberty be sent to girls' schools.

Proposed by Gollakota Sooramma garu.

Seconded by Valluri Parvathamma garu.

9. That the Govt be requested to increase the value of widows' stipends and the pay of lady-teachers.

Proposed by Juluri Tuhamma garu.

Seconded by Ayyadavara Durgamba garu.

10. That women should relax their fondness for jewellery and seek to acquire Sthreedhanam as immoveable property.

Proposed by Kallepalli Venkata Ramanamma garu.

Seconded by Uppaluri Lakshmi Narasamma garu.

11. That the Executive committee of the Andhra Mahila Sabha be stationed at Masulipatam.

Proposed by Kallepalli Venkata Ramanamma garu.

Seconded by Kotikalapudi Setaamma garu.

12 That the curriculum of girls' studies should comprise study of music, knitting, sewing, domestic economy, the care of the infant and of the invalid.

Proposed by Balantrapu Seshamma garu.
Seconded by Motupalli Raja Bayamma garu.

13 That early marriages should be regarded as condemnable.

Proposed by Juluri Talasamma garu.
Seconded by Gollakota Sooramma garu.

14 That girls should not be married before attaining puberty or before the age of 16.

Proposed by Motupalli Raja Bayamma garu.
Seconded by Bulusu Sooramma garu.

15 That Kanyasulkam and Varasulkam be regarded as objectionable.

Proposed by Eka Venkata Rathnamma garu.
Seconded by Bulusu Sooramma garu.

16 That efforts should be made to curtail the expenses of all ceremonies auspicious or otherwise.

Proposed by Ayyadevara Durgamba garu.
Seconded by Ankaraju Sundaramma garu.

17 That girls below 16 should not be given in marriage to men over 40.

Proposed by Kotikalapudi Seetamma garu.
Seconded by Damerla Seetamma garu.

18 That foreign travel should not be regarded as prohibited.

Proposed by Juluri Talasamma garu.
Seconded by Damerla Seetamma garu.

19 That the distinctions of subjects in the 4 castes be removed and that unity should be strengthened by promoting amongst them intermarriages and interdining.

Proposed by Ayyadevara Durgamba garu.
Seconded by Yerragunta Janardhanamma garu.

20 That wealthy people and those devoid of issue should devote a portion of their property to schools.

Proposed by Bulusu Sooramma garu.
Seconded by Juluri Talasamma garu.

21 That the benefits of Ladies' Associations be recognized and that those Associations be established all over the country.

Proposed by Gollakota Sooramma garu.
Seconded by Yerragunta Janardhanamma garu.

22 That women should unhesitatingly adopt the use of shoes and umbrellas in order to remove the intense suffering to which they are subjected during the variations of weather.

Proposed by Bulusu Sooramma garu.
Seconded by Gollakota Sooramma garu.

Dated 24-3-1913 }
Masulipatam }

R. Ramahayamma

President

4th Andhra Ladies' Conference.

C. No. 1270 From the Secretary of the Andhra No.
Mahila Sabha.

, dated 4-4-1943.

SUBJECT. Resolution regarding the improvement
of female education.

Attention is solicited to resolution nos. 157 & 9 all
of which relate to the improvement of female education.
This is a subject which the D.P.S. has already included
in his three year programme of educational improvement
- vide page 5, 32 and 33 of the notes to G.O. 1012 Sd. 4.11.41.
No specific action appears to be called for on these resolutions.
Their receipt may be acknowledged and then they may be
recorded and a copy communicated to the D.P.S.

2. A draft letter of acknowledgment and a draft order
are submitted for approval.

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From

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
Educational DEPARTMENT,

To

The Secretaries of the Andhra Mahila Sabha,
Masulipatam.

DATED Fort St. George 191 .
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Sir, *Mrs. Dams;*

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter _____, dated
4th April 1913, forwarding a copy of the resolutions passed at the
4th Andhra Mahila Sabha held at Masulipatam on the
23rd & 24th March 1913.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, *Mrs. Dams,*

Your most obedient Servant,

On
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