

Educational (19 16) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Recording Office note on the arguments of a muhammadan deputation that waited on His Excellency the Governor during his ——— to ^{Tangier} ~~that district~~ relating to educational facilities for grown up girls of the Muhammadan community.

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MUHAMMADAN DEPUTATION IN TANJORE.

SUBJECT V.—*Help to our grown up girls in education.*

“*Arguments.*—We beg to submit that
 “our little girls are sent to the Govern-
 “ment Muhammadan girls’ school up to
 “a limited age of eight years. After eight
 “years our girls are sent to the school in
 “a bandy. Many of the Muhammadans
 “of Tanjore are so poor as not to be able to
 “provide their grown up girls with a bandy
 “and hence they put a stop to their studies
 “on the ground of their poverty, their
 “age and their pardah system. In Native
 “States such as Hyderabad, Mysore and
 “Pudukkottai, we understand that the
 “States provide to those Muhammadan
 “girls with bandy who attend the school
 “even after the limited age. If such a help
 “be extended to us we are ready to send
 “more grown up girls to the school.
 “We requested the Inspectress of Girls’
 “Schools, Central Circle, Madras, to
 “consider this question but no favourable
 “reply was received. If the Government
 “are not pleased to sanction our request
 “we are ready to buy a bandy and two
 “bullocks and place them under the
 “supervision of any person and we request
 “the Government to maintain them at
 “their cost.

“If our humble suggestion does not
 “meet with the approval of the Govern-
 “ment we pray that a special mistress be
 “appointed by the Government to give
 “zenana instruction to grown up girls in
 “their respective houses. Such a system
 “we understand is obtaining in several
 “places in Northern India where the
 “pardah system is strictly observed and in
 “some of the Native States. The Govern-
 “ment have most kindly given the bene-
 “fit of elementary education to our girls
 “and as several grown up girls strongly
 “desire to take advantage of the benefits
 “of secondary and higher education we
 “humbly request that His Excellency
 “may be pleased to do such things as
 “would satisfy the present need.”

Secretariat note.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

With a view to inducing the Muhammadan girls to continue at school even when they are grown up, the deputation urges the need for providing them with some sort of conveyance at Government cost to take them to and from the school.

2. So far, the Government have not accepted a *general* responsibility for the provision of conveyances to Muhammadan girls at State expense. The principle is that such charges should, as far as possible, be met by the parents or other members of the community. There are, however, three instances in which the Government are, as special cases, meeting the charges on account of conveyance either in whole or in part:

(i) The Government Muhammadan girls' school at Mangalore, where the entire cost is borne by the Government since the local Muhammadans are deemed to be specially backward.

(ii) The Hobart Training school, Madras, in which case also the Government pay the whole cost with a view to getting the material for the training school.

(iii) The Government Muhammadan girls' school at Mylapore, in which case the Government agreed to pay, after much discussion, a moiety of the cost of conveyance which has been recently raised and fixed at Rs. 40 per mensem.

3. If the Tanjore Muhammadans are too poor to bear the cost of conveyance or if they can advance any other reasons for special treatment, they may address the Director of Public Instruction first on the subject. It is observed that the Muhammadans are prepared to bear the initial charges of buying a cart and bullocks. This is evidence of their earnestness.

4. The alternative suggestion that zenana instruction may be arranged for does not seem practicable. This, as a Government arrangement, is not in vogue in this Presidency.

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Cf. G.O. 30, Educational, 16th January 1909. J

Cf. Sir Murray Hammick's note, 25th November 1911, on page 2 of the notes with G.O. 849, Educational, 2nd December 1911. I

Cf. Sir Murray Hammick's note, 26th January 1912, on page 2 of the notes to G.O. 82, Educational, 1st February 1912. y

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Cf. G.Os. 82, Educational, 1st February 1912, and 1052, Educational, 9th September 1914. x

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The Muhammadans, before making their representations, expressed their regrets at the entry of Turkey into the conflict forgetful of the assistance which Great Britain had rendered to her during the Balkan war, and their hopes for the success of the Allies.

Their first request was that a plot of land in the Southern Rega opposite to the Union Club be granted for construction of a building for the Anjuman. His Excellency advised them to place the matter before the Collector who would do all he legitimately could to secure consideration of their request.

They next requested that the managers of private schools be compelled to grant the concession of half fees to Muhammadans. They urged their poverty and backwardness, and stated that most of the Muhammadan boys being too poor to pay the standard rate of fees gave up their studies prematurely. It was suggested that the present Government order on the subject might be so modified as to make it obligatory on the part of managers of private schools to charge only half fees. His Excellency pointed out that the policy of the Government was not to use compulsion in this matter. They had already offered inducements to the managers of private schools to observe the half-fee rule by partly compensating them for the consequent loss of income. His Excellency added that it did not seem practicable to move any further and that at any rate the present was not a favourable opportunity to consider questions involving further burdens on Government funds.

They next prayed that the construction of a building for the Muhammadan Girls' School on the site already acquired might be begun. His Excellency informed them that the Government had already approved the construction of a building at a cost of Rs. 11,900 and that it was proposed to allot Rs. 4,000 in next year's budget. He impressed upon them however that the present financial stringency might cause delay in the execution of the work, and told them that the acquisition of a site and the Government approval for the construction of a building were sufficient proof that Government were in sympathy with the scheme.

The last subject related to the provision of conveyances for Muhammadan girls above a certain age. They requested that bachelors should be supplied at Government expense to take them to school. If this request was impracticable, they expressed their

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readiness to buy a bandy and bullocks if Government would undertake to maintain them. They suggested another alternative namely that a special mistress be appointed by the Government to give zenana instruction to grown up girls in their respective homes.

His Excellency expressed his gratification at the earnestness shown by the community in respect of girls education. He pointed out that all Government could attempt was to provide for education and also for women teachers and that the rest should be done by the community itself. If the Tanjore Muhammadans were too poor to bear the entire cost of conveyance or if they could advance any other reasons for special treatment, they might address the Director of Public Instruction.

In conclusion, His Excellency remarked that Government were anxious to promote girls' education and regretted that the war had delayed the carrying out of several schemes which he himself would very much like to see executed in other circumstances.

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deputation in Tanjore relating to the
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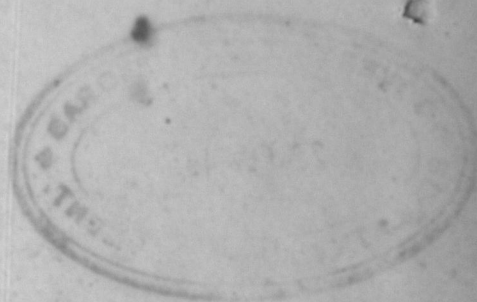
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