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Panchamas

Recording the report from the Director of Public Instruction on the question of the
possibility of starting morning or evening classes for — in Hindu schools.

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READ—the following papers:—

I

G.O. Mis. 1108, Educational, dated 5th October 1915.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, with remarks, notes on the points raised at the conference held by His Excellency the Governor with the Educational officers of the North Arcot and the South Arcot districts on the 1st March 1915.

II

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., C.I.E., F.R.H.S., Director of Public Instruction

To—the Secretary to Government, Educational Department.

Dated—Madras, the 28th March 1916.

No.—R.C. 4902/15.

With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O. 1108, Educational, dated 5th October 1915, calling for a report on the feasibility of starting morning or evening classes for Panchamas in Hindu schools, I have the honour to state that I invited the opinions of the several inspectors of schools and that most of them while favouring to a limited extent the scheme foresee the following difficulties in the way of its successful working:—

(1) In many cases the villagers would object to the proposal owing to caste prejudices which may be regrettable but which cannot be ignored. Hence there is the possibility of parents of caste pupils withdrawing their children from the school if the building, furniture and apparatus were to be used by Panchamas. Further in the case of rented buildings the landlord might object to their use by Panchamas.

(2) A single teacher could not be expected to do justice to both sets of pupils as he would usually be employed for 5 or 6 hours a day with the caste school and would not be fit after this for effective work with the Panchama pupils.

(3) It is difficult to find suitable hours for holding the classes. In many localities elementary caste schools find it convenient to start early in the morning which would be the best time of day for the Panchamas. If they come in the evening after a day's work, they would not be in a condition for useful school work.

(4) The scheme would afford no guarantee of permanent literacy being established for Panchamas or of valuable results on the hygienic or character side.

Panchama schools are, I think, successful in proportion to the degree in which the Panchamas are able to feel that the school is definitely their own, situated in their own quarter and worked with a view to their own special needs.

On the whole, therefore, I do not consider the scheme worth trying on any large scale, because it would probably make the work in Board schools even less efficient than it is and do very little for Panchamas. Some teachers evidently favour the proposal, because they see in it a prospect of increased pay. I would not however place any obstacles in the way of any Board that chooses to entertain an additional teacher and run a separate Panchama school out of the ordinary school hours in its school building.

Order—401, Educational, dated 8th April 1916.

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(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. MIS. 401, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 8TH APRIL 1916

[SUBJECT.—Feasibility of starting morning or evening classes for Panchamas in Hindu schools.]

From the Director of Public Instruction, 4902, dated 28th March 1916.

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P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—3-4-16.

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