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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
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READ—the following paper :—

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 6th April 1916.
No.—Ref. on Cur. 9487/15.

With reference to G.O. 615, Educational, dated 19th September 1906, I have the honour to submit herewith a statement showing the dates proposed for the closing and reopening of the various Government Arts and Professional Colleges in this Presidency for the Christmas vacation of 1916-17 and for the summer vacation of 1917 and to request that you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government for the proposals contained therein.

It will be observed that, with a view to bring the Easter holidays into the summer vacation, this has been made a few days longer than usual. The following Christmas vacation may, if necessary, be shortened.

Order—450, Educational, dated 26th April 1916.

The Government direct that the dates of closing and reopening of the Government colleges for the Christmas vacation of 1916-17 and the summer vacation of 1917 shall be as shown below :—

Number and name of college.	Christmas vacation of 1916-17.		Summer vacation of 1917.	
	Date of closing.	Date of reopening.	Date of closing.	Date of reopening.
1. Presidency College, Madras ..	20th December 1916 (Wednesday).	3rd January 1917 (Wednesday).	5th April 1917 (Thursday).	2nd July 1917 (Monday).
2. Kumbakonam College ..	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
3. Rajahmundry College ..	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
4. Government College, Mangalore ..	Do.	Do.	Do.	9th June 1917 (Saturday).
5. Madras College for Women ..	Do.	Do.	Do.	2nd July 1917 (Monday).
6. Law College, Madras ..	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
7. College of Engineering, Madras ..	Do.	Do.	20th April 1917 (Friday).	7th July 1917 (Saturday).
8. Teachers' College, Saidapet ..	Do.	Do.	5th April 1917 (Thursday).	2nd July 1917 (Monday).

N.B.—The date of closing is the first day of the vacation.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, Accountant-General.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 450, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 26TH APRIL 1916.

[SUBJECT.—Vacations in Government colleges.]

Previous papers :

G.O. No. 1376, Educational, 4th December 1914.
,, ,, 345 ,, 25th March 1915.

From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 9487, dated 6th April 1916.

The following remarks seem called for :—

(i) *Christmas vacation of 1916-17.*—The dates proposed may be accepted in the case of all colleges except the College of Engineering, as they follow the mamul. Under rule 8 of the Engineering College rules only the gazetted holidays, i.e., from the 24th December are allowable for Christmas. In 1914-15 these holidays were made to begin on the same date as in Arts Colleges, the extra holidays thus sanctioned being reduced from the Easter holidays. G.O. 1376, Educational, 4th December 1914.

In 1915-16 also the College enjoyed the same period of Christmas holidays as Arts colleges, and as a major portion of the Easter holidays in 1916-17 falls within the summer vacation of the college, no reduction in them was directed. The Director has fixed the same period of Christmas vacation of 1916-17 for the college as for Arts colleges; but he has not proposed any corresponding reduction in the Easter holidays of 1917. If this is not done the working days of the college are likely to be decreased. The Director of Public Instruction may perhaps be requested to report on this point.

(ii) *Summer vacation of 1917.*—This vacation has been made a few * days longer than usual in the case of the Presidency, Rajahmundry, Kumbakonam, Law and Teachers' Colleges with a view to bring the Easter holidays into the vacation. The Director suggests that the following Christmas vacation may, if necessary, be shortened. It is, however, observed that these colleges are to reopen on a Monday instead of on a Saturday as usual. The reason for the change has not been explained. If they reopen on the previous Saturday, viz., the 30th June 1917, the addition to the usual period of the vacation will be reduced by two days and the necessity for the curtailment of the succeeding Christmas vacation which is generally considered to be short will not exist. For orders whether the Director may be consulted on this point also.

S.A.—9-4-16.

C.R.—10-4-16.

To the Director of Public Instruction for remarks on A and B.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—14-4-16.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

A. If Government insist on the letter of their bond I should ask the Principal either to curtail the Easter holidays or to work on two or three Saturdays as he thought best. I venture to ask however for a little more liberality of treatment for the college. We can't make any real difference to its efficiency whether it works these few days or not.

B. It would certainly look better to put Saturday instead of Monday. I think the latter day was put with the honest intention of not obscuring the fact that the number of days had been increased. In mentioning possible curtailment of the Christmas holidays I had chiefly in view the University's requirements. I should not advocate its being done merely to keep within some specified number of days holidays.

J. H. STONE—19-4-16.

To the Educational Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

A. For orders whether in the circumstances explained by the Director of Public Instruction the proposal to allow the Engineering College the same period of Christmas holidays as in other colleges without a corresponding curtailment of other holidays may be approved.

B. It is for consideration whether the colleges may be made to reopen on Saturday the 30th June 1917.

S.A.—22-4-16.

C.R.—23-4-16.

The proposals made by the Director of Public Instruction in his letter in the current file may be approved in their entirety.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—25-4-16.

A draft order is submitted for approval.

S.A.—25-4-16.

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