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(Education).

READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 820, Educational, dated the 30th July 1915.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to institute a special examination for the benefit of teachers who have failed in the Matriculation examination and are desirous of undergoing training of the secondary grade.

II

Petition—from M.R.Ry. M. VAIDYANATHA AYYAR, Teacher, Kalyanasundaram High School, Tanjore.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Education).
Dated—the 3rd August 1916.

ABSTRACT.—Praying that he may be admitted to the special examination instituted for the benefit of teachers who are desirous of undergoing training of the secondary grade.

III

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE, M.A., F.R.H.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction.
To—the Secretary to Government, Home Department (Education).
Dated—Madras, the 19th August 1916.
No.—R.C. 6759 of 1915.

I have the honour to state that the special examination instituted by Government in their Order No. 820, Educational, dated 30th July 1915, for the benefit of teachers who have failed in the Matriculation examination and are desirous of undergoing a course of training for the secondary grade was held for the first time in March last and that out of 81 candidates that appeared for it, only four have been found eligible for admission to a secondary training school under paragraph 3 of the notification appended to the above Government Order. The results of the examination which are disappointing have proved to be different from what I originally contemplated and do not fulfil the object for which the examination has been instituted, viz., the improvement of the status and professional qualifications of the teachers who have failed in the Matriculation examination and who are debarred by virtue of their being private candidates from admission either to the same examination or the public examination held under the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Scheme. I am hardly surprised at the results referred to above, seeing that conditions more stringent than those applicable to the latter examination have been laid down for candidates who appear for the special examination. Government are aware that there is neither passing nor failing in the public examination under the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Scheme, and the laying down of definite percentages to determine success in each subject in the special examination seems to me to be a violation of this principle. Further, even if this point is regarded as unimportant, it is too much to expect candidates appearing for the special examination to bring up any four subjects including a second language from Group C when candidates for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination are permitted to take any of the subjects of Group C, and commonly take only two of them. I regret to observe that my intentions do not appear to have been correctly represented in Mr. Duncan's letter R.C. No. 2113, dated 13th July 1915, embodied in G.O. No. 820, Educational, dated 30th July 1915.

To mitigate the hardship caused to the candidates, I have had the results of the special examination tabulated under the following heads in respect of the candidates other than the four who have already been declared eligible for admission for secondary grade training :—

- (1) Those who obtained the presidency average in all A Group subjects and three subjects of Group C including a language.
- (2) Those who have obtained the presidency average in all A Group subjects and two subjects of Group C including a language.
- (3) Those who have obtained the presidency average in all A Group subjects and two subjects of Group C, neither of them being a language.

Five, four and one of the candidates respectively satisfy these conditions, and I consider that they are eligible for secondary training and beg to request that I may be permitted to declare them so. On receipt of sanction I propose to issue certificates only to those who have been declared eligible; the issue to others would raise false hopes and be worse than unnecessary.

2. I beg to add that I am anxious to try the scheme once more on a revised plan allowing candidates who have failed in the Matriculation or the late Upper Secondary Examination, and who are bona fide teachers, to take the A Group subjects and any of the C Group subjects they please and let them have certificates simply showing their marks which can be suitably dealt with under rule 105 of the Madras Educational Rules by officers responsible for making admissions to secondary training schools just as they deal with Secondary School-Leaving Certificates. The proposed certificates will of course show also the educational and teaching career of each teacher.

3. On receipt of orders on this communication I shall submit, for the approval Government, a draft of the necessary notification.

Order—No. 934, Home (Education), dated the 2nd September 1916.

In connection with the special examination for teachers held in March last the Government approve the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to declare such of the candidates as satisfy the conditions referred to in paragraph 1 of his letter eligible for secondary grade training.

2. The proposal to try the scheme on the revised plan, suggested by the Director in paragraph 2 of his letter, is also approved.

3. The petition read above from M. Vaidyanatha Ayyar will be transferred to the Director for disposal.

4. The draft notification promised in paragraph 3 of the Director's letter will be awaited.

(True Extract.)

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction (Q and O) with petition.

Copy to M. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, Teacher, Kalyanasundaram High School, Tanjore (Q of 1 and paragraph 3 of Order) through the Director of Public Instruction.

HOME DEPARTMENT (EDUCATION).

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 934, HOME (EDUCATION),
DATED THE 2ND SEPTEMBER 1916.

[SUBJECT.—Admission to the "special examination for teachers."]

Petition from M. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, dated the 3rd August 1916.

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2. The question now for consideration is whether a candidate who has failed in the Upper Secondary examination may not also be admitted to the special examination in view of the fact that the Government make no difference between the Matriculation and the Upper Secondary examinations for other purposes. Perhaps the Director may be consulted on the point.

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E.A.V.—16-8-16.

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C.R.—21-8-16.

P.R.—23-8-16.

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READ ALSO:—

4130. No. 2904, From ~~the~~ M. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, No. _____, dated the 3rd. August 1916.
Teacher, Kalyanasundaram
High School, Tanjore,

137 " " 3051, " " D.P.I. R.C., 6759/15, " the 19th August 1916.

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July 1915. The Director ascribes the poor results mainly to the condition requiring the candidates to bring up as many as four of the subjects (including a second language) under group "C", while Paragraph 2 of the notification on page 3 of G.O. 820, Educational, 30th July 1915. candidates for the public examination under the secondary school-leaving

certificate scheme have to take up only one of such subjects and in practice do not take more than two. There is no doubt great force in this argument; but as against this it may be pointed out that students for the school-final course have to study the "B" group subjects though there is no public examination in such subjects—vide paragraphs IV and VI of the scheme appended to G.O. No. 427, Educational, dated the 21st July 1909.

One other factor of hardship that is brought to notice is that candidates appearing for the special examination, in order to be eligible for admission to a secondary training school, have to obtain the minimum percentage of marks specified in paragraph 3 of the notification in the several subjects of the examination, whereas Page 3 of G.O. 820, Educational, 30th July 1915. in the public examination at the end of

secondary school-leaving certificate, course there is no such thing as a "pass" or "failure." It may be noted that, though this is true in theory, in practice a secondary school-leaving certificate as such counts for very little if it does not show good percentage of marks. The holder of an indifferent certificate has hardly any chance of securing admission into a college or of getting into public service. That being so, this point of hardship, viz., the laying down of definite percentages of marks for determining success in the special examination seems to be rather unimportant as the Director himself appears to admit this.

3. The proposals of the Director of Public Instruction are:—

(i) to allow the Director to declare such of the candidates for the last examination as satisfy the conditions specified in paragraph 1 (1) to (3) of his letter eligible for admission into a secondary training school;

(ii) to permit him to give the scheme a further trial on a revised plan—

(a) throwing open the examination to candidates who have failed in the late upper secondary examination also;

(b) restricting the number of subjects to be taken under group "C" to one instead of four as in the present scheme; and

(c) issuing certificates to all the candidates who appear for the examination simply showing their marks.

The Director apparently considers that the above modifications would make the scheme a success. He suggests that the certificates referred to in clause (c) above can be dealt with under rule 105 of the Educational Rules by officers responsible for making admissions to secondary training schools.

4. The above proposals do not seem to be open to objection and may be approved. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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