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[Despatch Abstract.]

School Union Fund.

Recording papers connected with the suggestion made by
Mr. Ambica Charan — Ukil for the establishment of a ———.

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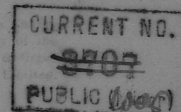
Telegraphic Address:
"DHARMA."



Co-Operative Union of India,

~~35, HARRISON ROAD,~~
Samavaya Mansions, Corporation Place

Calcutta, 10th October 1917.
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To

The Chief Secretary,
To His Excellency,

The Governor of Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to enclose for your kind consideration a scheme for assisting the war and after-war works, which I am desirous of sedulously serving, if I am so fortunate as to be able to obtain your patronage, and venture to submit herewith, through you, my memorial to His Excellency the Governor, bearing on the same subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Amrita Charan Mukherjee

I, May your Excellency's humble memorialist, therefore, beg to be considered, in the case of the enclosed scheme, submitted for your consideration and patronage, in order that your Excellency's memorialist may have his urgent desire to serve his August Sovereign, the Empire and his country, as best he could, fulfilled at last.

And your Excellency's humble memorialist, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

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To

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May it please your Excellency,

The Humble Memorial of Ambika Charan
Ukil, M. A., General Secretary of the
Co-operative Union of India & Orga-
niser of Dharma Samavaya Limited,
most respectfully sheweth :—

1. That your Excellency's humble memorialist has been a worker in the world-wide Co-operative Movement, during the last 25 years, and as such, has been trudging on, with varying success, from the year 1893, when the first Co-operative Store of the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Type was started by him here, under the name of the Indian Pioneers' Co. Ltd., which was followed by the Triplicane Co-operative Urban Society Ltd., the Hindusthan Co-operative Insurance Society Ltd., the Co-operative Hindusthan Bank Ltd. and the Dharma Samavaya Ltd., with the founding of all which your Excellency's humble memorialist has had more or less to do.

2. That your Excellency's humble memorialist was looking forward, with great hopes, when the Government Co-operative Credit Movement was started, some thirteen years ago ; but owing to differences of view, between your humble memorialist and the Government officials, mostly in the matter of procedure followed in its working by the officials, which, to his mind, copies too much of the hide-bound and exotic German model and too little of the pure British type, as represented by the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society, the English, the Scottish and the Irish Wholesale Societies, the Organisation Society and the Peoples' Banks, your Excellency's humble memorialist could not see his way or find an opportunity to serve it, as he earnestly wished.

3. May your Excellency's humble memorialist, therefore, pray for the indulgent consideration of the enclosed scheme, submitted for your Excellency's gracious consideration and patronage, in order that your Excellency's humble memorialist may have his earnest desire to serve his August Sovereign, the Empire and his Country, as best he could, fulfilled at last.

And your Excellency's humble memorialist, as in duty bound, shall ever pray.

Ambika Charan Ukil

SAMAVAYA MANSIONS,

Calcutta, the 10th October, 1917.

CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF INDIA

THE SCHOOL UNION

1. It is thought desirable to bring about a firm solidarity between teachers and students of all schools and colleges, by organising them into distinct groups, for mutual service, for the different classes they are reading in, with the view to assist them when entering life, by proper financial backing and training for employment, each according to his capacity and inclination, in his after-school career, when brought face to face with the actual problems of life.

2. The Head Master of each school, in association with the other teachers working with him, could undertake the administration of a "School Union Fund", to be raised by collecting monthly subscriptions of As. 4 for each student of the Junior Classes and As. 8 for each student of the Senior Classes and Re. 1 for each Junior Teacher and Rs. 2 for each Senior Teacher, which should be payable during one or two years, as might be thought necessary in each case.

3. This fund could then be applied in buying Government Postal Cash Certificates, which might be lent to a Federal Insurance Company, for the purpose of securing, out of the interest due thereon, relief against disease, disablement, accident and death, on the Collective System, Endowment under Policies taken for each Union, including the Teachers, the pupils, the office staff and the manual workers attached thereto.

4. On the death of any of the above mentioned inmates of the school and college a proportionate part of the total value of the compensation against death to be granted by the Policy would be paid to the President of the Union, for the benefit of the School and the estate of the deceased person, provided that the full premiums payable for the said Policy should be paid, as due, for the stipulated number of years, from the subscriptions and profits accumulating in the fund.

5. In case of accident, disease, disablement and unemployment, substantial loan privileges would be obtainable, against the security afforded by the policy, which should be repaid by easy regular monthly instalments spread over a maximum period of 64 months, on the recommendation of the School Union Committee.

6. Facilities could also be afforded, of cultivating habits of thrift, with appropriate training in methods of business and discipline, by providing a subsidiary Co-operative Store and Credit Society, in the form of keeping a Stall, like that of Wheeler's placed at Railway Stations, containing books, stationeries and other daily necessities, as well as Collecting Boxes like those of Penny Banks, the transactions and accounts of which are to be familiarised to students, through the School Union Committee, working with them in rotation for the purpose; so that, the exercises therein may form an important part of the school training, which is thought by many competent authorities to be a great desideratum.

7. How important may be the advantages accruing from this simple experiment will be apparent to every one, when it is reflected, that every student has to spend every day, while at school, at least an Anna (a penny) to provide his school stationeries and other daily requirements with, such as, refreshments in the form of pure milk, bread and fruits, which would represent in a school of



500 pupils a sum of over Rs. 30 per day or Rs. 900 a month, on which an income of at least Rs. 200 per month is unnecessarily sacrificed by giving that away to the petty shop-keepers who do not always supply genuine things and at fair prices, and thereby often thrive at the cost of the students' health, not to speak of the much larger amounts spent for their books and clothing, the supply of which may be similarly organised to yield much larger results.

8. These amounts collected from hundreds of schools throughout the Empire, by availing of appropriate channels, might represent huge sums of money transactions and profits, which could readily be brought under control and thereby largely negotiate Government Postal Cash Certificates, to ease the War expenditure and improve the finances of the country generally.

9. For instance, if all the schools, primary, secondary and the colleges, in the province of Bengal alone, were to combine for the purpose, a monthly income of even a hundred Rupees each, made by such means as have been explained above, will represent at least Rs. 5000x100 or Five Lakhs per month, which could be invested in War Scrips and Certificates; and the said amount for the whole of India and Burma should be multiplied by at least Ten, that is to say, be equal to not less than Fifty Lakhs per month or Six Crores of Rupees in the year.

10. It is earnestly requested that the proposal may be given a careful and patient thought, before it becomes too late to discuss it for much practical good; and if it could be extended to the Co-operative and other suitable spheres of activity, where large numbers of people meet and work every day, it would be possible to find means, without extra taxation, for effecting many necessary reforms, such as primary mass education, village sanitation, cheap and quick transit and communication, co-operative banking, production and supply, all of which are lagging behind merely for want of funds.

11. If for any reason the school and college authorities are disinclined to take up this additional burden on their already over-worked shoulders, the Co-operative Union I have the honour to represent would be ready to supply the requisite machinery and means, to work out the scheme, under the supervision and control of the Government.

AMBIKA CHARAN UKIL,
General Secretary.

SAMAVAYA MANSIONS,
Calcutta, the 1st October, 1917.

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE, MADRAS



Memo. No. 397.

Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Home

Department, for favour of disposal.

ENCLOSURES :

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(By order of His Excellency the Governor.)

K. M. N.

Private Secretary.

Madras Governor's Camp,
The 19th October 1917.

Home (Education) Dept

CNo. 3191 + 3375A

A copy of the file has a page 204
infra received separately has
been referred to Revenue for
remarks. Submitted that pending
to return these current ma
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-14.11.17

9.11.17

No. A

Telegraphic Address:
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95, HARRISON ROAD,
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Calcutta, 10th October 1917



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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. Gurnial Sastri
Assistant organiser
Berhampore (Bengal)



Public Dept
The enclosure to this letter has not yet been received. A similar memorial is enclosed, submitted by the General Secretary of the Co-operative Union of India, which probably deals with the same subject, is under disposal in Home (Education). Subd that this current may be transferred to that dept.
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in Rev. Comm. to Reg. me
Copy 3/10/17
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to Home (Edu)

Public Home
No. 4100-1

6-11-17

Pub. Dept.

(Ct. 4066) From Ambika Charan Ukil,
General Secretary of the Cooperative
Union of India and Organizer of
Thosma Samanya Ltd. 7/10-10-17

If new, the scheme has nothing
The subject matter of the scheme appears to be
one for consideration in Home (Education) to
which department the current may accordingly
be transferred.

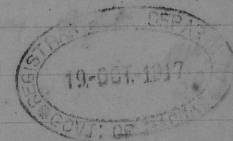
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Home Education Dept.

For orders whether the remarks of the
D.P.I. may be invited on the proposals contained
in the communication which are rather extensive

As the Govt of India have recently
published guidelines to students to
invest their savings in the office cash
certificates and it appears desirable to wait
the effect of the experiment before settling
on any large scheme such as that suggested by

Mr. Ambika (Chavan) will. We may first invite the remarks of P. I. on the scheme.

CR
26.10.17
Lm

From a purely educational point of view, the scheme has nothing special to recommend itself. But for a cooperative point of view, there are possibilities & perhaps the Rev Dept may see the file. Provided however no experiment be tried in a school where either the staff or the inspecting Agency object.

MM 30/11/17

Rev Dept

Revenue Dept.

To Mr. Secy.

A copy of the communication at pp. 2-4 of was separately received in this Dept. and forwarded to the Registrar of Co-op Societies for information. It is presumed that the Registrar will take suggestion that he may consider necessary in consultation with the Director of Public and Instruction and the various school authorities. The further action seems to be called for. It is submitted that the file may be returned to Home (D) R3 5.11.17 It may be left to Mr. Dept to consider if it will not suffice for the present to send the cf. to the Director for information.



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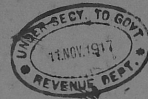
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Regulatory Corporation Societies

For personal & return
6/11/17

Returned with thanks.

I am not much attracted by an insurance scheme. But the co-operative stationary store for schools is a good idea. We have one already working on the W. coast and there is another one in the Bombay Presidency. There are contemplated in this Presidency. Of course they are unregistered as the boys are under 18.

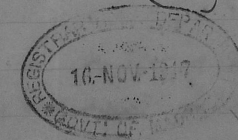
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To Dy. Secy.

Submitted that the file may now be sent to Home (Educational) M.O.

16.11.17
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Home (Edly) UO



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SA

Home Education Dept.

Attention is solicited to the Secretary's note on page 2 ante. It is for consideration whether the file should be referred to the D.P.2. for remarks.

CA
24.11.17

DP2 (uo) for perusal

26/11/17

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10.11.17
for DP2

DP2 (uo)

10.11.17

I agree with the way that the Co-operative movement is going & I would add books - in a good idea but I do not think it should be worked by schools but merely form an adjunct of any Co-operative store in the town which might have branches in schools and perhaps also provide mid day refreshments.



for 17.
27.

Home (Education) Dept

Submitted that there is no objection to the proposal of Revenue at page 5 and the file may be sent to them for necessary action and return.

Sa
7-12-17
11/12/17

R
10/12/17

M
11/12/17

Revenue

Revenue Dept.

To the Secy.

Relevant extracts have been taken and put up in the linked file for communication to the Registrar of Co-op. Societies. Submitted that this file may be returned to

Rev D.O. 22/6/17

Home (Edl.)

R
14/12/17
R
15/12/17

Home (Edl.)

K
15/12/17



Home (Education) Dept

Submitted that the papers may now be sent to the Registrar of Co-op. Societies.

Received

R
20/12/17
M
21/12/17

School Union Fund

Recording paper connected with the suggestion made by Mr. Ambikacharan Shilpi for the establishment of a

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