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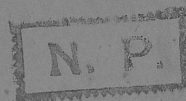
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READ—the following papers :—

I

G.O. No. 804, Home (Education), dated 15th June 1917.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the proposals submitted by the Director of Public Instruction for altering the Secondary School-leaving Certificate scheme.

II

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

To—the Secretary to Government, Home (Education) Department.

Dated—Madras, the 27th June 1917.

No.—R.C. 4698.

With reference to G.O. No. 804, Home (Education), dated 15th June 1917, I have the honour to submit, for the approval of Government and publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the accompanying draft notification embodying the changes proposed in the Secondary School-leaving Certificate scheme in my letter Camp No. 8, dated 7th June 1917.

2. With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O. No. 726, Educational, dated 3rd July 1916, and paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 821, Educational, dated 26th July 1916, I have included in the draft notification the changes necessary on account of the alterations in the constitution of the Secondary School-leaving Certificate Board.

3. Although in paragraph 6 (iv) of G.O. No. 427, Educational, dated 21st July 1909, approving a scheme for the award of Secondary School-leaving Certificates, Government have considered that the age limit of fifteen years proposed by the committee for pupils to become eligible to appear for the Public Examination should be adhered to, I beg to submit that instances have come to my notice in which the rule is felt to be a hardship in the case of certain girls, specially Hindus. Girls develop earlier than boys and they have special difficulties in staying on long at school. Moreover, the rule was only made for boys after a great development in their education had been effected, which has as yet no parallel in the case of girls. Last year three Brahman girls were exempted by me from the age rule and permitted to appear for the Secondary School-leaving Certificate Public Examination as it was pointed out to me that it would be impossible for them to stay for another year at school. I therefore request that I may be empowered to relax the rule in the case of girls. The alteration necessary in the scheme to give effect to this proposal is included in the concluding portion of the draft notification herewith submitted.

ENCLOSURE

[Draft notification.]

Order—No. 894, Home (Education), dated 6th July 1917.

The Government approve the alterations proposed in the scheme for the award of the Secondary School-leaving Certificates. Suitable modifications should be made in the form of the certificate.

2. The following notification will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* :—

NOTIFICATION

The following changes will be made in the scheme for the award of Secondary School-leaving Certificates published on pages 888 to 886 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 27th July 1909 :—

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For "Geography" and "History of India" shown under Group B, substitute "Geography and History of India for Form IV and History of the British Empire with connected Geography for Forms V and VI"; *for* "History of England" shown under Group C, substitute "History of England and India."

Paragraph VII.—Add the following as a sub-paragraph :—

"(3) The certificates of pupils who take Sanskrit or any classical or foreign languages under Group C will not be considered incomplete because they contain no entry under Vernacular Composition and Translation in Group A."

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Paragraph VI (2).—Add the following to this paragraph : "It shall, however, be competent to the Director to relax this rule in the case of girls."

(True Extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
"Commissioner for Government Examinations.
Gazette (notification only).

**NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 894, HOME (EDUCATION),
DATED 6TH JULY 1917**

[SUBJECT.—*Alterations in the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate scheme*].

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 27th July 1917, No. 4698.

The only point in the Director's letter that has to be considered now is the question of the exemption of girls from the age limit referred to in paragraph 3. The present age limit (of 15) was proposed by the committee which was first appointed to consider the question of the award of the school leaving-certificate, on the analogy of the limit adopted for the Matriculation examination of the Madras University. This limit was accepted by the Government—please see in this connection page 5 of the notes to G.O. No. 510, Educational, dated the 9th July 1908. When the committee's report was published for criticism no remarks were received on the question of the age limit. The limit of 15 was accordingly adopted—paragraph 6 (iv), of G.O. No. 427, Educational, dated the 21st July 1909, and paragraph 9 of the Hon'ble Mr. Forbes' note on page 35 of the notes thereto. The present proposal of the Director is that he should be empowered to grant exemptions in the case of girls, on the ground that girls develop earlier than boys and have special difficulties in staying on long at school. The proposal seems reasonable and may, it is submitted, be accepted.

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3. A draft order is submitted for approval.

S.A.—2-7-17.

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C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—4-7-17.

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R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—4-7-17.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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