

Home (1918) Department.

(Education)

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 1033

DATED 9-8-18

[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Resolution.

Recording papers relating to the resolution proposed to be moved by the Honourable Mr. ^{B.} Venkatapathi Raju at the meeting of the Legislative Council of the 13th August 1918 regarding the interference ^{of Inspector} ~~in class~~ in class promotions in High Schools.

Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

SUBJECT.—No. XXIX for the meeting of the Legislative
Council to be held on the 13—8—1918.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Resolution may be forwarded to the
Haml (Secy) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the
rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Resolutions in the
Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due
course.

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19-7-18

Leg U.O. No. 1609-1, dated *19-7-18*

To

The *Haml (Secy)* Department, *Legis. Resolu. XXIX.*



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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.
Home (Education) Department.

Resolution on matters of general public interest.

The Hon'ble Mr. B. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—

XXIX. This Council recommends to the Governor in Council that the Government be pleased to direct the Inspectors of Schools not to decide the class promotions of high schools themselves by interfering with the discretion of the headmasters, and the Inspectors' supervision should be confined to pointing out the transgression of general principles guiding promotions for strict compliance in the succeeding year.

[Meeting of the 13th August 1918]

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Promotions from class to class are made in high school, by headmasters. In the pamphlet "Suggestions to Managers and Teachers of Secondary Schools" issued by the Educational Dept. the general principles are explained as below:—

"It is recommended that annual promotions be decided upon two principles—

- (a) Success in class examination
- (b) Good work done during the course of the year.

"The marks obtained by pupils in class work, both oral & written, should be considered: at the time of deciding promotions the written work of pupils should be on view at the teachers' meeting. The regular work of a pupil should have greater value in determining his promotion than mere success in examinations.

"It is here suggested that only one regular school examination, viz, the annual examination, is necessary, if promotion be made to depend partly upon regular work. x x x x x

p. 47 of pamphlet

Rule 100 of Madras
Sch. Rules.

Para 132 of the Inspection
Code.

para 88, p. 279
Vol I of the Report.
(contd)

2. The Madras Educational Rules lay down that "improvement in granting promotion with, if it continues after due warning, be considered sufficient reason for the withdrawal of recognition from any of the classes of the school."

3. Inspectors & Inspectresses are the officers who have to see that the general principles laid down in regard to promotions are observed by headmasters of schools. But it does not appear that ordinarily these officers interfere in the decision ^{as to} the promotion of individual pupils. In ~~this~~ last quinquennial report on education in this Presidency the D.P.I. remarked as follows on this subject:-

"In my remarks below on the working of the S.S.L.C. scheme I have spoken of the neglect of the B group subjects and of the failure to insist on satisfactory progress in them as a necessary condition of promotion. This has been the most fruitful source of badly made promotions. Apart from this I am

I am inclined to think that headmasters
are less interfered with in making
promotions and that on the whole
promotions are made in a ^(more) satis-
factory manner. This is not to say
that evils do not exist and though
my impression is that his strictures
are unduly severe, I may quote
what Mr. Green says in this connection
as indicative of what may occasionally
occur in the less well-managed
school:—"Another handicap to the
efficiency of a school is the in-
grained habit of Indian boys to
leave the school in which they do
not get annual promotion, nor
does the habit show signs of growing
stale. Attempts have been made
with some success in Palghat
and Calicut to combat the evil
by an arrangement between the
local headmasters. But while
such measures check the local
traffic in peripatetics, the general
traffic goes on errily on and will
continue so long as schools exist,
which cater for such material
in spite of the effect of such
admissions

admissions on the standard of work in them. This flow of undesirable admissions is increased by boys who are alleged to have studied privately, whose antecedents it is a work of supererogation to enquire into and by boys who receive transfer certificates qualifying for promotion on condition that they leave the school of issue. The boys' real position in the school he has left is not revealed by the transfer certificate. I do not say that these abuses are widely practised, but there is no doubt that such cases do occur. ^{very} closely connected with this peripatetic habit of non-promoted boys is the unsatisfactory way in which promotions are made, especially to the fourth & six forms. But the importunity of parents, and their threat of the withdrawal of their boys if they are not promoted, and the indiscriminate allotment of marks make the adoption of a reliable system of promotions still visionary.

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4. The file may be sent no. 6 to the D.P.I. for remarks.

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The principle appears to be as that indicated in the Resolution. The Inspector is obviously to note any improper promotions made by the head master and not to actually to settle the promotions or interfere with the head master's discretion. The head master will have any opportunity of explanation if any adverse criticism is made by the Inspector in respect of the former's action; and the ^{final} adjudication of any punishment is by the D. P. I.

The question, however, is whether there have been any violation of this principle in any particular locality or with reference to any particular institution.

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Judging from the form of the S.S.L.C, the Inspector has authority to make remarks on the school marks.

2. In the Inspection report for Secondary schools p15, the Inspector makes

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remarks on the provisions.

3. Under rule 40 M.E.A. The Inspector
is furnished with a Statement of Distribution
of Boys.

May 24/18

D.P. (10)

We complain against W. Crawford.

I must ascertain the facts.

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Home (E.S.A.)

Submitted that the existing rules
may be explained to the add. members
and that, ~~because~~ if he makes a specific
reference to any particular inspecting
officer, enquiry may be promised.

For orders whether the D.P. may
be asked to take charge of the resolve.

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May 26/18

H.E.

To be put up for orders on receipt
of H.M.'s reply to reference made
to him on Legislation.

H.M.

27-7-18





Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department

No. 1609-2 Leg.



From

The Honourable Mr. R.A. GRAHAM, I.C.S.

Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To

The Honourable Mr. B. Venkatapati Raju.

Dated Ootacamund, the 24th JULY 1918.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your resolution regarding the appointment of outsiders to the district staff has been disallowed as suggesting an inference and thus offending against rule 4 (c) of the Resolution rules.

2. I am also to return for amendment your resolution regarding inspectors of schools and promotions of students as it suggests an inference that inspectors do interfere with the discretion of headmasters. It is requested that the resolution in an amended form may be sent in as expeditiously as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R.A. GRAHAM,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Revenue department.

.. the Home (Education) department. ✓

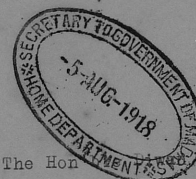


D.O.No. C. 124/1918.

Rosewood,
Ootacamund,
4th August 1918.

My dear Diwan Bahadur,

I have seen questions or resolutions on the control of promotions by Inspectors of Schools and the rise of prices of school text books. I now have information on both these points and am in position to write notes if they are required.



To

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur, R. Ramachandra Rao Ayl.,
Secretary to Govt., Home (Edn.) Deptt.,
Stonehouse Hill, Ooty.

Yours sincerely,

Johnstone

*The file deal
with this is
being sent
separately.*

Home (Ex.) Dept.

Please see the D.P.S.' letter on the previous page. This file is lying over pending receipt of the Addl. Member's reply to the do. issued to him from the Legislative Dept. No reply has yet been received from him in that ~~legislative~~ ^{the resolution} Dept. It is understood that ~~it~~ ^{the resolution} will be removed from the agenda if his reply is not received before the meeting of the Executive Council. In the mean-while, ~~this file should be sent~~ ^{may} be sent to the D.P.S. for further noting with reference to his letter on the previous page.

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Let first place, although in the programme with last year there is reason to think there have been improvement in promotion owing to the efforts inspecting officers. Still considerable laxity and

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largely contributed to the ill success of
pupil in the I.S.C. examination

I have asked Mr. Ransom to explain what
he has been doing and to tell me what he is
preparing an official reply. Meanwhile
he has written from Canada what appears
to be the gist of his official reply and
he has certainly gone outside any
powers given to him in the M.E.R.
His conduct must have to be dealt with
by me apart from anything that may
happen in the Legislative Council.

for 18.
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Home (2nd) Dept

It is understood that the
Addl member has just replied
to the do. sent to him from the
L.H. (Legislative) Dept & that the
file has been submitted to H.H.
for orders.

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If the resolution he admitted,
SPJ may take charge & explain
the rules.

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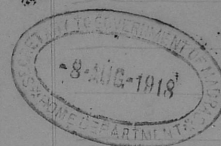
142. Will Senator kindly mention
if the resolution has been
admitted.

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Mr
Mrs No 1033 89. 8.18.

The resolution has since been disallowed. The papers may be 'Recorded'.



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7.8.18

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