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[Despatch Abstract.]

Boy Scout Movement.

Furnishing the Government of India with information as to the
action taken by the Madras Government in regard to the -----

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No. 729

3-8-18



Government of India,
Department of Education.
(Education)

Simla, the 27th August 1918.

From

The Hon'ble Mr. H. Sharp, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. Sharp

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

By the Hon'ble Mr.V.J.Patel:-

The Boy-Scout Movement.

Will Government be pleased to lay on the table the circular issued to the Local Governments in 1917 on the subject of the boy-scout movement, as also the replies if any thereto? What action has each Local Government taken on the circular?



No. 100
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Department of Education,
(Education)
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Offg. Secretary to the Government of India.

Home (Education) Department

C No. 2246 A from the Govt. of India, Dept. of Ed.
no. 729 & 27.8.18.

Subject - Action taken by the local Govt. in
regard to the Boy Scout movement.

The ~~letter from the~~ previous letter of March
1917 referred to in the current correspondence
~~was~~ and containing the Govt. of India's
views regarding the general attitude to be
observed by Govt. towards the Boy Scout movement
in India was communicated to the D.P.D.

① in fo no 498 & 23.4.17. At the meeting of the
Legislative Council held in April 1917 the Hon.
Mr. H. R. Krishna Rao moved a resolution
recommending that adequate measures be
taken for the introduction of the movement
in this Presidency and that a committee of
officials and non-officials be appointed to inquire
into and suggest the lines on which such a move-
ment could be introduced. It was pointed out on
behalf of the Govt. that the movement had
already been introduced, ~~and~~ that ~~as~~ the Govt.,
~~was of opinion that~~ while sympathising with
the movement, were of opinion that it should
not be officialised, ^{and hence that} there was no necessity for
a committee. The resolution was not then pressed.
Since then the Govt. have sanctioned the
employment of an assistant to Mr. Noehren the

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Adviser on Physical Education mainly with a view to spread the Boy Scout movement. Beyond this the Govt. have taken no direct action in the matter. So far as Govt. institutions are concerned the movement has been introduced only in the Teachers' College, Saidapet - No. 1562 & 13.12.17

2. The Director has just recommended the payment of a grant of Rs. 1,000 to the Boy Scouts of India Madras Association for the purpose of establishing the movement on a proper footing and a grant of Rs. 200 p.m. to the D.C. Commissioner, Madras Girls' Guides, to secure the services of a paid Captain and a Secretary. In this connection he also states that the question of aid to Scout troops for outfit etc. is being considered and that he will address Govt. later on the matter. This is dealt with separately.

3. It is submitted that the D.P.D. may be requested u.s. to suggest the terms on which the reply to India should be framed.

He may also be asked to forward copies of the annual reports of the existing associations in the Presidency for the encouragement of the boy scouts movement in European as well as non-European schools and, if such reports are not published, to furnish full particulars concerning their activities.

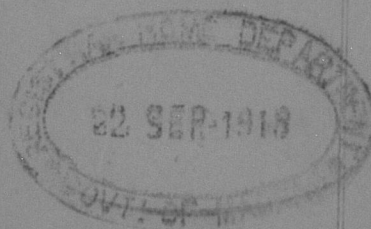
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India may be informed that an Association named the Boy Scouts of India had been constituted under the patronage of His Excellency has been started & that military troops are affiliated to it. Scout masters' classes have been & are being conducted by the Assistant to the Admin or Physical Education. There has been also a weekly boys' column in the papers. No figures are available as to the existing number of troops, - but the movement is spreading, nor are there any reports of the existing associations European or Non-European. The information required will be obtained & submitted to Government.

ASD
19. 9. 18

Home (Edn) Dept.

A draft letter to the Govt of India is submitted for approval. As the Govt. of India require an early reply in connection with a Legislative Council query it does not seem necessary to wait for the reports and other particulars about existing associations called for by the Director.

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HE Some mention of the Indian Boy Scouts organization (Hag S.) should be added to

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draft, even if full particulars are not available.

5/10/18

3.10.18.

It is submitted that ~~no information~~ detailed information is available in the Secretariat about the Indian Boy Scouts Association started by Mrs. Besant. ~~Some information~~ ^{Certain information} has been collected from the articles in the 'New India' and has been embodied in the draft. The draft as revised is submitted for approval.

5.10.18

6.10.18

Respectfully resubmitted. Neither officially nor personally have I any knowledge of the I.B.S. Association except what appeared in the newspapers. The addition to the draft is as per orders above.

6/10/18

H.E.

His Excellency wishes the following to be added for paragraph 2:—

As the Government of India are probably aware another organisation known as the Indian Boy Scouts Association which was started by

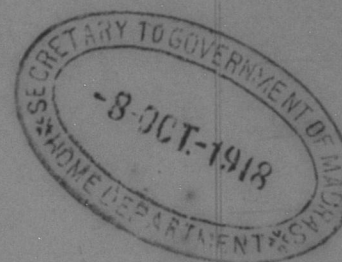
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7.10.18.

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No. 1317, dated 8-20-1918

The following ^{reply} ~~letter~~ will be sent to the Govt. of India.

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25-9-18.

C. R.
26-9-18.

LETTER:- No 131888.10.18.

To
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Department of Education.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 729-Education, dated the 27th August 1918, on the subject of the boy scout movement, I am directed to state that an association named "The Boy Scouts of India," Madras Association". has been started under the Presidency of His

Excellency the Governor. For the present Mufassal troops are affiliated to the above Association. Scout Masters' classes are conducted by the Assistant Physical Director. There has also been a weekly boy scouts column in some of the newspapers.

3. So far as Government institutions are concerned the movement has been introduced in the Teachers' College, Saidapet. Figures are not now available as to the existing number of troops, but the movement appears to be gradually spreading.

3.4) I am to add that there is no objection to this letter being laid on the table.

I have &c.,

S.K.
25-9-18.

S.A.
26-9-18.

C.H.
26-9-18.

my
3/10/18

Another organization known as the Indian Boy Scouts Association and started by Mrs. Annie Besant is also in existence in this Presidency. It is now being worked by Mr. F.C. Pearce, who is reported to have had experience of scouting in England and elsewhere. Besides troops in institutions with which she is connected, no troops in any of the institutions recognised by the Educational Dept. appear to have been so far registered under the I.B.S.A.

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