

Home (1918) Department.
Education

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 1682

DATED 31-12-18

[Despatch Abstract.]

Music.-

Recording, with remarks, a representation from
the ~~Pe~~ People's Association, Narasapur, on the subject of
teaching of ——— in schools.

Sir, In reply to your letter no R 252, dated 28.10.18. I beg to submit, that our memorial to His Excellency, the Governor of Madras, concerns the inclusion of music in elementary and secondary schools and colleges for boys and girls. From your letter it appears that the Government have recognised music as an optional subject in the Secondary School-leaving Certificate Scheme. The introduction of the same in elementary schools is a question to be considered by Government, as many of the schools are under the control of Taluk Boards, and Government. Most of the student population in India stop with elementary education and if opportunities are provided for its instruction in elementary schools, it will reach Indian homes earlier and the masses also will reap the fruits of it. In the case of girls schools, it is absolutely necessary, since they do not generally continue their studies after the age of 12 or 13 years.

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From the Secretary, Peoples' Association, District, No. 333, dated the 10th November 1918.

(9) In reply to your letter No. 332, dated 23-10-18, I beg to submit that our memorial to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, concerns the encouragement of music in elementary and secondary schools and colleges for boys and girls. From your letter it appears that the Government have recognised music as an optional subject in the secondary school leaving certificate scheme. The introduction of the same in elementary schools is a question to be considered by Government as many of the schools are under the control of Taluk Boards, and Government. Most of the student population in India stop with elementary education and if opportunities are provided for its instruction in elementary schools, it will reach Indian homes earlier and the master also will reap the fruits of it. In the case of girls especially it is absolutely necessary since they do not generally continue their studies after the age of 12 or 13 years.

2. For the realisation of this object, I would suggest that this can be done without extra expense, if the educational authorities, select people who can do both music and general teaching in the school. I request you to consider the feasibility of this course and do whatever seems best.

3. Though music is recognised by Government in the secondary school leaving certificate scheme, it is not given effect to by any school authorities in these parts. When I consulted some committees, they expressed doubt whether the provision relates to English or Indian music and whether they can get teaching grants for enlightenment and free adoption in all schools like vernaculars, a circular from the Government on the above points seems to be a necessity.

4. In conclusion, I request you to give your best consideration to the points covered by the memorial and referred to in this letter.

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Yours obedient servant
P. K. Narasimham

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G.2334/3, from the Secretary Peoples' Association,
 Narasapur, No.333, dated 10-11-1918.

Para 1 of the letter

So far as girls' elementary schools are concerned, the scheme of studies specifically prescribes music as a subject of instruction and as a matter of fact almost all girls' schools do teach ordinary music. Government have also accepted the principle of employing under certain conditions special teachers of instrumental music in ^{Secondary} higher elementary schools for girls under Government management for giving individual instruction in instrumental music. The need for music teaching in boys' schools has not been so generally recognized and it cannot obviously be provided for at Government expense until specific demand for such a course is ascertained to exist.

Para 2 of the letter

It is not an easy matter to find teachers who can handle both music and ordinary subjects of school course. The Director has however stated in another connection that this is being done as far as possible in girls' schools of the elementary grade.

Para 3 of the letter

If secondary schools do not avail themselves of the option allowed by the S.S.L. Scheme of taking up music, they have to thank themselves. If there is any doubt as to whether grants will be allowed for a subject like music they should refer the point to the Director of Public Instruction.

p. 10 of the Scheme
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(Grants are under
 review)

of the 'C' group subjects
 at p. 39 of G.O. 4278/18
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2. From the above it will be seen that a specific action is now necessary. The committee may be regarded with a remark to the effect that the Government are alive to the need for the provision of teaching music and that they are doing everything that can reasonably be done. A draft is submitted.

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We may first refer the file U.O to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks on the proposals in the current.

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D.P.I. (U.O).

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The syllabus of music in group C of the P.S.C. scheme is a syllabus of English music & not Indian, & this is a point. It is being considered. Some of the schools presented pupils for music under group C at the local Public Examination. In the case of the school, the music teacher is admitted as legitimate expenditure for purposes of calculating teacher grants. Special music classes have been formed in the premises of the Government High School, Tiruvananthapuram. Nelson. Kalladukkul. These classes have been recognized as special schools & teaching grants have been given in aid of these classes under ch. VI of the P.S.C. in aid of the Govt. In accordance with the policy announced in para 4 of G.O. 1108 Ed. 11-18, dated 5.10.18, the Director has been supporting the proposal of local bodies for the maintenance of music teachers in Government schools under the contract. Attention is invited to G.O. 1085 L. 11-18 dated 18.6.18 & G.O. 1085 L. 11-18 dated 24.8.18.



READ AGAIN G.O. No., dated 191

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C. No. 2385/B, From the Secy. People's Assn., No. 338, dated 10-11-191
Narasapur.

Re: the teaching of music
in girls' schools

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R e c o r d e d.

2. The Government are alive to the need for the teaching of music in schools; and the following are some of the inducements at present offered by the Department for encouraging this branch of education:

- (i) In the case of aided secondary schools the pay of music teachers is admitted as legitimate expenditure for purposes of calculating teaching grants.
- (ii) Special music classes have been opened in the premises of certain Govt. girls' schools; ~~these~~ ^{also} these classes have been recognized as special schools and teaching grants given to them under Chapter VI of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

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(iii) ~~Local copies~~ ~~are being~~ ~~recompted~~
~~entertained~~ ~~music~~
teachers in secondary and ele-
mentary schools under their con-
trol ~~are being~~ ~~recompted~~

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(Y) 18.6.18 24.8.18

Besides the above, Govt. have
recently accorded their general approval
to a scheme for the employment of a
special teacher for imparting individual
instruction in instrumental music in
Govt. ^{Secondary} and higher elementary schools for
girls when there is a ~~scheme~~ for such
instruction, a moiety of the salary of
the teacher so employed being met from
Provincial funds.

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