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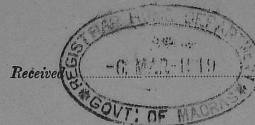
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Home (Education)

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Subject.

Submitting letter from H. Bhimasena Rau Esquire, B. A., Deputy Accountant-General, ^{Madras,} requesting to exempt his son from age rule to appear for the S.S.L.C. Examination of 1919.

ENCLOSURES

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Station Madras , Dated the 5-3-1919

From (Name) The Honourable Mr. R. Littlehales, M.A.,

(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

Submitted.

2. Exemption from the age rule has not hitherto been given to any boy under fifteen and I am not prepared to recommend the relaxation of the rule in the present case.

R. A. G. N. S. for Director of Public Instruction.

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63, Royapettah High Road,
MYLAPORE,
Madras, 26th Dec 1919.

From

H. Bhimasena Rau, Esq., B.A.,

(Deputy Accountant-General, Madras),

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department,

Through

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the rule fixing the minimum age for the admission of a pupil to Secondary School Leaving Certificate Examination, I beg to submit the exceptionally hard case of my eldest son B. Madhava Rau, for favourable orders of Government. He is a pupil of the Madras Christian Collegiate School, and will, in the ordinary course, be eligible to sit for the examination to be held in March 1919 from all points - attendance, attainments, character and conduct but the technical objection that he will not complete his 15th year till the 6th June 1919, will stand in the way.

My boy was educated in the early stages in European schools, and at home, when I was at Calcutta and Rangoon in the early parts of my official career; and when he came here in 1914, he was examined and admitted to the third form on the 1st July 1914 in the P.S. High School, Mylapore. He was always considered to be one of the best students in the class, and was duly promoted to the 4th and 5th forms in the same High School on the 1st July 1915 and the 1st July 1916 respectively. As I found in July 1917 that he would be 2 years below the minimum age limit if he were allowed to go to the 6th form, I put him for a second year in the 5th form in July 1917 in the Christian Collegiate School, into which he was admitted after a stiff examination. He was promoted to the 6th form in July 1918 and from his marks it is found that he is among the best few in the class. It will be observed that unless he is given exemption

and allowed to appear for the Examination to be held in March 1919 he would have to waste one more year (till March 1920) when he has already wasted one year in the Vth Form. If exemption is not granted, there will be no incentive to his work during the remaining months of the year 1918-19 in the Vth-form, and there is the fear that he will waste his time. Even if he does not waste this year he is sure to waste next year if he were allowed to remain in the same class (VI form) over again. For a bright student like him, whom I intend to send up for University studies it is like a mill stone on his neck.

The rule requires that a boy should complete his 15th year on the first day of the month in which the examination is held, i.e. as the examinations are generally held in the 4th week of March he should have completed the 15th year on the 1st of March. There should be many hard cases like that of my son where the pupils would complete their 15th year just a few months later. In my son's case he completes his 15th year on the 6th June 1919 having been born on the 6th June 1904 i.e. he will thus complete his 15th year before the College is opened in July 1919 and admissions are made to the Junior Intermediate class of the Colleges. It seems anomalous that hard and fast rule should prevent a bright student from pursuing his course smoothly and debar him for a year unnecessarily. If the intention of the rule is that a boy should be fifteen when he enters College to be able to bear the strain of higher education that intention will be satisfied in my son's case, as he would complete that age before he joins a College. I would beg in these circumstances that you will be so good as to obtain exemption for my son and allow him to appear for the ensuing Public Examination to be held in March 1919. I earnestly hope that Government would provide for such hard cases amending the rules in order that such bright and intelligent boys whose only fault is that they are a few months younger than the rules require may continue their career at school without impediment.

I beg leave to add that if the rule in regard to the

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minimum age is desired expedient with a view to avoid strain young pupils the object is not gained so long as the pupil is allowed to remain at school and study the subjects throughout the year. To answer the papers in the subjects in which he has received instruction systematically in a well-conducted school, would, I beg to state, not be a strain at all.

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has been
enforced
to relax
the rule in
the case of
girls
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Again as the rule has already been relaxed in the case of girls, there should be equitably such relaxation in the case of boys who could bear the strain if any, with less difficulty than girls. As boys in a large majority of cases continue their studies the hardships on account of this rule is all the more greater in the case of boys.

I would also add that my continued stay in Madras is very uncertain, as I may be transferred any day to other part of India and that I am very anxious that I should be able to supervise his studies for his public Examination. I would therefore beg to request that my son's case may be treated as an exceptional one and that favourable orders passed on the same.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Handwritten signature

S. S. L. C. Scheme

Home (Edw) DEPARTMENT.

Declining to comply with Mr Ry # Bhimasena Rao's request that his son may be exempted from the operation of the rule requiring that candidates for the public examination under the _____ should be fifteen years old

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The Grant are unable to grant the exemption applied for.

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To the D.P.I. — 9/1/0

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