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Secondary—for girls—at Delhi—with a strong scientific
side—reply to the Government of India,

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FROM

H. SHARP, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department.

Simla, the 2nd May 1921.

Department of Education.
Education.

SIR,

I am directed to address you about a proposal to found at Delhi a secondary school for girls with a strong scientific side.

2. The question has been raised by the Lady Principal of the Lady Hardinge Medical College for Women at Delhi. It is represented that the numbers in the college have increased beyond expectation. Furthermore, owing to the paucity of secondary girls' schools in India which are properly equipped for the teaching of science, it has been found necessary to admit students for two years' preparation for the first science examination. Such admissions were not contemplated at the time when the college was founded. Consequently it has been found necessary to give up a portion of the building intended for college classes with the result that those classes will in a short time be seriously inconvenienced. The Lady Principal also points out that the present arrangement necessitates the residence of a girl for no less than seven years in the same institution—a period which she considers undesirably long.

3. The rules regarding the admission to the first professional examination in the Faculty of Medicine at the Punjab University (to which this college is affiliated) prescribe that the examination will be open to such students as have among other things passed not less than two years previously :—

- (a) The Intermediate Examination of the Science Faculty taking the Medical Students' group. [This group is described on page 187 of the University Calendar for the year 1919-20 and will consist of English, Biology, Chemistry (with Organic), Physics and Mathematics.]
- (b) The Intermediate Examination of the Science Faculty taking Biology and thereafter either the test in additional Chemistry in the same examination or the B. Sc. Examination taking Chemistry, or
- (c) The B. Sc. Examination of the University of Allahabad taking Chemistry, Biology and Physics.
- (d) In the case of women candidates, the Intermediate Examination of the Arts Faculty of the University or (subject to the sanction of the Syndicate) the equivalent examination of any other recognised university and in each of the science subjects only of the Medical Students' group in the Intermediate Examination of the Science Faculty, if not passed already in the Arts Faculty.

The proposed school would be of the type of intermediate college proposed by the Calcutta University Commission and would give instruction mainly in the Medical Students' group, namely (a) above. At the same time, instruction in the ordinary Arts classes would perhaps not be totally excluded. Matriculation classes would probably be included, the course being of four years. It is hoped that the institution would provide a training ground for women teachers in science, for whom it is thought that the present facilities in India are very slight.

4. A site is available in close proximity to the college. Provision would probably, in the first instance, be made for 120 students with hostel accommodation for 60. A thoroughly strong staff would probably involve an expenditure of about Rs. 61,000 a year. The total cost with the addition of contingencies, etc., would on this basis be about Rs. 72,000. But it may be possible, at least in the first instance, to manage the school with a slightly cheaper staff. Buildings and equipment would cost anything from Rs. 8 lakhs to 10 lakhs.

5. The question of management would have to be considered. It may be found most convenient to place the school in the hands of Government. Whatever arrangement is made, it is certain that Government would have to make a large contribution. The number of girls taking a scientific course for the Intermediate is throughout India very limited though it will doubtless increase, and it would make for economy if a central institution of this kind with good hostel arrangements were established; whereas the establishment in different centres of institutions, which would necessarily be staffed and equipped at great expense and would be likely to draw only a small number of students, would, it is believed, involve serious waste. The Government of India, however, would hesitate to spend large sums upon a central institution of this kind unless it were felt that its establishment would confer substantial benefit upon the provinces. In this connection, a statement is appended, showing the admissions to the Lady Hardinge College from various provinces during the years 1919 and 1920. The Government of India would be glad to receive the views of the *local Government* upon this proposal before they take it into consideration.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

H. D. Dhar

Secretary to the Government of India.

Statement showing the admissions to the Lady Hardinge College from various provinces during the years 1919 and 1920.

Province.	1919.	1920.
Delhi and Punjab	6	5
United Provinces	2	5
Central Provinces	1	..
Central India	..	2
Burma	2	2
Madras	1	1
Sind	3	1
Deccan	..	2
Coorg	1	..
Bombay	1	1
TOTAL	17	19

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C. No 1582B.

Endorsement No 1582B-1 D. 25.5.21

Referred to the D.P.D. and the Surgeon General for ^{early} remarks.

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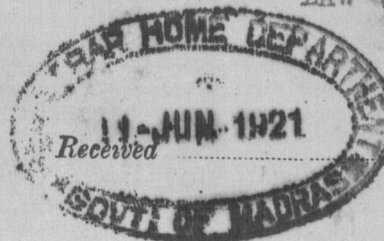
Establishment of a Secondary School for girls at Delhi with Strong Scientific Side

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Re D.P.D. (L. & Health)
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L. S. S. (Public Health) D.P.D.





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Subject.

Replying to Government endorsement No.1582 B-1 dated 25th May 1921 regarding the proposal of the Government of India to found at Delhi a secondary school for girls with a strong scientific side.

Reminders sent
to S. G.
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on the subject is received

R.C. No. 1035 W.B of 1921.

Station Ootacamund, Dated the 7th June 1912
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From (Name) R. Littlehales, Esq., M.A.

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

[I have the honour to reply to endorsement No.1582 B-1 dated 25th May 1921, Law (Education) Department]. A perusal of the statement showing the admissions to the Lady Hardinge College from various provinces during the years 1919 and 1920 will indicate that the majority of the students come from Delhi, the Punjab and the United Provinces. The rest of India contributes a minority of students. These figures in themselves are sufficient to indicate that the College caters in the main for the needs of the area in its immediate neighbourhood

neighbourhood and that it does not cater to any extent for the needs of the whole of India.

2. In Madras we have two Arts Colleges for women containing 150 and 106 students respectively, the Queen Mary's College for women and the Madras Christian College for women. Of these 73 are students in science. These figures sufficiently indicate the need not for a school of the Intermediate type located in the North of India but for several schools located in the south of India for the needs of Madras alone.

3. I do not concur in the view expressed by the Secretary to the Government of India when he states in para 5 of his letter that 'the establishment in different centres of institutions, which would necessarily be staffed and equipped at great expense and would be likely to draw only a small number of students, would involve serious waste.' The conditions with regard to female education in Madras are at least 10 years in advance of what they are in the majority of the provinces in North India and the view of the Government of India appears to be that of conditions in North India.

4. Female education as well as other education is essentially a provincial concern and I could not agree to a suggestion that the Local Government should contribute anything for female education in the north of India, nor would I support a proposal that the Government of India contribute towards such an institution in North India, for Imperial Finance is, to judge from the contribution which has to be paid by the Madras Government, not in a very satisfactory position and the more that the Central Government spends on institutions which are to benefit, in the main, provinces in the north of India, the more will Madras have to contribute to the Central Government in order to enable it to spend these proposed moneys.

5. What we require in Madras is a large Medical College for women and a special block of buildings attached to the Queen Mary's College for use for science. These latter are at present under construction. In the schools for girls we are doing what is possible

to equip

to equip them and staff them suitably for instruction in science, without great expense which the Government of India imagines is necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director of Public Instruction.

Public Health

DEPARTMENT.

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to found at Delhi a secondary school for girls.

ENCLOSURES.

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No. 100/J. 182

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Station Ootacamund

Dated the 16th June '21. 19

From (Name) Lieutenant Colonel T.H. Symons, O.B.E.,
I.M.S.,

(Designation) officiating Surgeon-General with
the Government of Madras,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local Self-Government,
Public Health Department.

Sir,

[With reference to Government endorsement No.

This Encl was sent to 89.10887-1 P.H dated 3rd June 1921, I have the honour to
repl.

state that I am not in agreement with the formation of
a school on the lines stated in the Government of India
letter, as far as Madras Presidency is concerned.

2. My reasons are:-

We have already a school for girls in the form
of College for women and on the medical side it is
proposed to start, as soon as funds are available, a
Medical School for lady students of the L.M.P class.

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When this is established the Presidency will have all the resources
necessary within its limits for the turning out of a good number of
lady doctors.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

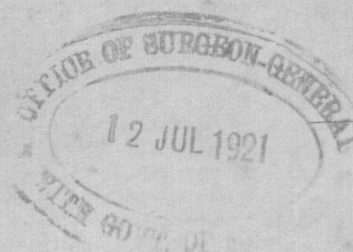
Your most obedient servant,

T. W. Sumner

Lt-Col., I.M.S.,

Offg. Surgeon-General with the Government of
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Law (Education) Department.

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REMINDER.

To

The Surgeon-General

To

REPLY.
100/693 Ew 2156 B
19.7.21 21.7.21

Secretary to the Government,
Law (Education) Department.

The undersigned ~~has the honour to invite~~
is directed to invite
invites

attention to the communication noted in the
margin and to
request that
this reminder may be returned at once with
information as to—

Ewd. No. 1582 B-1, dated 25.5.21

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is, and
(2) the date by which a reply may be
expected and
(3) the circumstances which have caused the
delay.

2. It is requested that the reply to this
reminder may be sent not later than

My remarks on the subject have
already been sent to Government
(Local Self Government) under this
office communication No. 100/T.182,
dated 16th June 1921.

Major, I.M.S.,
for Surgeon-General with the Govt., of
Madras.

3.8.21
Ramamurthy
Office Law Sect.
Station Fort St. George
Dated 6th July '21

Signature
Designation.

SUBJECT.

Establishment of a Secondary
School for girls at Delhi
with a Strong Scientific Side

3.8.21 Law (Edu) No. 2156 B-1
2.8.21

Law (Edu) Dept
u.s.
L.S. g. (P.H.)
no. who may be required
to forward the S.G.'s
letter with their remarks
thereon at an early
date.
25.7.21 1.8.21

L.S.G. (P.H.)

pp 8 cf.

para 2 of 8 cf.

pp 1 to 3 cf.

The S.G. has ~~been~~ forwarded his remarks on the proposal to found a secondary school for girls at Delhi. He states that there is already a College for women and as soon as funds are available, a medical school for lady students of the L.M.P. class is proposed to be started. He therefore says that he is not in agreement with the formation of a school on lines suggested in the Govt of India letter submitted that the file may now be returned to Law (Education) with these remarks.

Mr. S.G. this Dept may agree into the S.G.

3 The case may be returned to Law (Edn) Dept us.

Mr. S.G.

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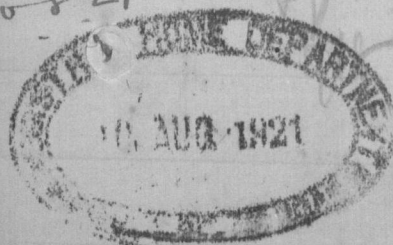
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Neither the D.P.J. nor the S.G. is in favour of the proposal of the Govt. of India to found at Delhi a secondary schools for girls with a strong scientific side. The reasons are set forth in their ~~letter~~ letters which may be agreed to in this

P.H. 16002-1
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in 2342 B

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 [Para 4 of the D.P.'s
 letter may perhaps be
 omitted]

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dept. It is for orders whether the
 Govt. of India may be informed that
 the Madras Govt. are not in agreement
 with their proposal. and whether
 they may be furnished with copies
 of the letter from the S.G. and the
 D.P.'s.

2 A draft letter is submd.
 for consideration.

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~~I think we need not send~~
 we need not send copies of
 his letter to the D.P. & S.G. The
 Officer in the Madras Dist is asked
 for + not sure of D.P. or S.G. to embody
 in his letter his remarks given by
 D.P. & S.G. & his effect that Madras
 will not be benefited by his proposed
 school as funds of admission in this
 college will increase, but education
 is essentially a provincial concern
 and all the funds we can spare
 we propose to spend on girls schools
 in S.G. that already we possess
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that we propose as funds permitted
open here a medical ~~center~~ for women
In his charge for girls we are doing what
is possible to equip & staff being suitably
for air service in service.

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Revised draft letter is
submitted. with reference to A or
Secretary's note on p. 4 supra, it is
respectfully submitted that it is
usual to forward copies of officer's
letters to the Govt. of India - vide
for example, letter No. 1117 of 4.8.21.
- as furnishing details for opinions of

Govt.
17.8.21

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17.8.21 There was no occasion when
it is desirable never necessary to
forward ~~to officers~~ ~~of officers~~ extracts
of letters from officers whom Govt
consulted but often recourse is had
to this practice to save the trouble
of writing a letter explaining matters
fully.

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I agree with S. M3
in the above. J. V. R. P. M. 21/8/21

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Secondary - for girls - at Delhi -
with a strong scientific side
- Reply to the G. of S.

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To

The Secretary to the
Govt. of India, Dept. of
Edn. and Health.

Sir,

Proposal to found
at Delhi a secondary school
for girls with a strong
scientific side - your letter
No. 631 Edn. of 2.5.21 -

I am directed
to state that the proposed
school is not likely to
benefit the Madras Presidency
~~for the reasons given~~
~~following~~

~~Reasons :-~~

The figures of
admissions to the Lady
Hardinge College from the
several provinces during
the years 1919 and 1920
indicate that the college
caters in the main for
the needs of provinces in
the

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its immediate neighbourhood
and that Madras will not
be benefited by the proposed
school;

(~~It~~ In Madras, there
are at present ^{flourishing} two Arts
colleges for women containing
~~between them more than 200 students~~

the Queen Mary's College for
women and the Madras
Christian College for women

of whom 73 are students
in science. These figures
~~amplify and point to the need that exists~~
~~for a school of this type.~~
for several ~~schools~~ ^{schools} ~~located~~ ^{located} in

the south of India for the
needs of Madras alone.

~~However~~ ^{Female} education
as well as other education
is essentially a provincial
concern and the Madras
Govt. are spending on
girls' schools as much

money as they can spare.
A special block of buildings attached to the Queen Mary's College for women
for use for science is at present under construction and
whatever is possible is being
done to equip the ^{College &} schools
for girls and staff room

suitably for instruction in
science without great
expense; ~~and~~

~~It~~ ^{also} it is proposed to
start, as soon as funds
become available, a
medical school for lady
students of the L. M. B.
class; and when this
is done, this Presidency
will have all ^{the} resources
necessary within its limits
for turning out a good
number of lady doctors.

2. I am
accordingly to suggest that
the question of ^{the} establishment
of the school may be con-
sidered on other grounds
than ^{on} the interests of this
Presidency.

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