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[Despatch Abstract.]

University examinations

Uniformity in the standards of - appointment of a
Board of Experts - letter from the Government of India - recorded

No. 866

Government of India.
Department of Education.
(Education).
Simla, the 18th June 1921.



From

H. Sharp, Esq., C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

I am directed to address the Government of Madras,
on the subject of the equivalence of university examinations.

2. This question has been under the consideration of the
Central Advisory Education Board, who thought that the main-
tenance of a proper standard of teaching and examination could
be secured in newly constituted universities and, wherever
possible, in the case of old universities undergoing
reconstruction by the exercise by the Governor General of the
powers of a Visitor, but that the advice tendered should not be
obligatory, as in the case of the Dacca, Lucknow and Rangoon
Universities. The Government of India have no objection to this
suggestion, but they do not recommend any change in the law
regarding recently constituted universities. In this connection
I am to invite attention to the recommendations made in para-
graphs 5 and 18 of chapter XXVII of the report of the Calcutta
University Commission and to say that the Government of India
desire as far as possible to maintain a certain degree of
uniformity in the standards of university examinations through-
out India.

3. In the case of the older universities which do not
undergo reconstruction and where therefore the Visitor will not
exercise

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I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Secretary to the Government of India.

I should consult

Law (G), Dept.

Cno 1959B-1

Memo No 1959B-1
7.7.21

The letter from the Govt of India, Dept of Ed, No 866 of the 18th June '21 on the subject of the equivalence University examinations, is communicated to the Syndicate of the University of Madras which is requested to offer its remarks on the suggestion that the University might appoint from time to time an independent board of experts on which it would be represented.

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Note

After considering the recommendations of the Sadler Commission, the Senate of the Madras University has decided not to accept the Commission's recommendation that the Governor Genl should assume the office of Visitor. The question therefore



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Referred to the D.P.P. for remarks.

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The D.P.P. (copy of letter & enclosure)

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The Registrar, University of Madras (Presumptive Cps of G.D. Ltr)

I propose I would consult the D.P.P. also

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Visit the Calcutta University Commission

I have now done

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therefore arises whether an independent Board of experts as suggested in the E. I's letter should be constituted. The remarks of the Syndicate on this point have to be called for in the first instance.

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It is requested that all communications should be addressed to the Registrar, University of Madras, Senate House, Triplicane P. O., Madras, and not to any person by name.

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FROM

THE REGISTRAR,

University of Madras.

TO

The Secretary to Government,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to memorandum No. 1959 B-1, dated 7th July 1921, communicating copy of letter from the Government of India on the subject of the equivalence of the University examinations throughout India, and asking for the Syndicate's remarks on the suggestion that each of the older Universities might appoint from time to time an independent Board of experts on which it would be represented, I have the honour, by direction, to inform you that the Syndicate is of opinion that the appointment of such a board is unnecessary for this University.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

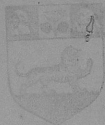
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Ag. Registrar.

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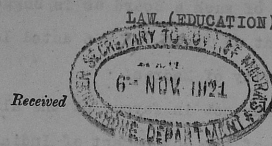
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THE REGISTRAR

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

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DEPARTMENT.

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Subject.

Replying to Government endorsement No.1959 B-2 dated 7th July 1921 on the subject of the equivalence of University examinations.

ENCLOSURES.	
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Station Madras, Dated the 5th November 1921.

From (Name) R. Littlehailes, Esq., M.A., M.L.C.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to reply to Government Endorsement No.1959 B-2 dated 7th July 1921.

2. At a meeting of the Senate of the University of Madras held on the 4th and 5th of March 1921 the following resolution was adopted by the Senate:-

"that the suggestion that the Governor-General should assume the office of visitor be not approved."

The Senate of the University of Madras has thus explicitly stated that it is not in favour of the suggestion to appoint the Governor-General as visitor of its University.

3. At a meeting of the Syndicate which was held in August last the Syndicate resolved that the appointment of such a Board as is suggested in para 3 of the letter of the Government of India, No.866 dated 18th June 1921 is unnecessary for the University of Madras.

4. The University of Madras is thus not in favour of the alternative suggestion contained in the letter of the Government of India.

5. I consider it desirable that a proper standard of teaching and examination should be secured and maintained in all Universities in India and that this standard can be obtained only by opening up some avenue by means of which expert advice could be given to all Universities throughout India or to each University by itself.

6. The appointment of the Governor-General as visitor to a University might resolve itself into a bureaucratic control of the University by the Secretariat of the Government of India. The recent correspondence which has taken place between the Secretary to the Government of India in the Education Department and the Senate of the Calcutta University clearly indicates that this bureaucratic control has to be avoided rather than to be sought after. So long therefore as the danger of this central Indian bureaucratic control is likely to continue in educational matters I could not recommend that the Government of Madras take any action which might tend to perpetuate such a system.

7. If, however, a suggestion were to be made that advice might be given on University matters in India by a properly constituted body of educational experts to which both the Local Governments and the Universities had powers of nomination, I believe that such a body would form a very useful link in University education throughout India. The persons to be nominated by the Local Governments and by the Universities need not of necessity represent the views of Local Governments or of the Universities. They should be accepted authorities on educational matters nominated by these Local Governments or Universities on account of their knowledge of educational technique and administration.

8. A comparison, however, of the standards adopted in the different Universities might lead to a general lowering of the level of the attainments and requirements of all other Universities to those of the University which maintains the lowest standard, while what is desired is that

the standard

the standard of instruction and education and degrees should be raised to the level of that of the best University so far as is possible. The desired object can be achieved best by the raising of the standard of academic opinion, of educated opinion and of public opinion since it is not practically possible at the present day to invest any outside authority higher than the University or the Local Government with powers which will give it a voice in the control of Universities.

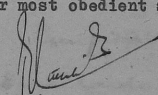
9. Universities are apt, especially the older Universities to take exception to any external interference and anybody which has to be appointed should have the confidence of the Universities and should be merely advisory in character.

10. I doubt whether any immediate action can be taken upon the letter of the Government of India, although I am of opinion that some action is generally desirable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


Director of Public Instruction.

Law (Edu) Dept

M 1-2 cf

C. 1959 B - from the Secretary to the
Govt of India, Dept of Ed. N° 866

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p. 3 cf

memo N° 1959 B-1 7.7.21

p. 5 cf

C. 2450 B - from the Registrar,
University of Madras N° 7730

23.8.21

M 6-8 cf

C. 3342 B - from the D.P.I R.O.C N°

7092/21 5.10.21

Subject - Uniformity in the
standards of university
examinations in India -

The questions relating
to the ~~appointment~~ assumption by the
Governor General of the functions of
the Visitors of the University and the appoint-
ment of a Board of Experts will come
up for consideration when the
Committee appointed in G.O. N°
1557 Law (Edu) 25.10.21 submits
its report. The D.P.I is also ~~at~~
doubtful whether any immediate
action

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p. 8 cf

action can be taken. Subd that
this may be over pending
receipt of the report called for
in the above bio

The letter may perhaps
be communicated to the
President of the Committee
so that the point may
be brought before the
Committee for consideration
specifically.

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The refce to the Committee does not
include the question of the University -
The Committee has to do only with
the Intermediate Course as far as
whether it will be a lay course or the
College Course or the terminal of
High School. Hence the Committee's
refce does not include any question
of University -

2. I am ^{not} in favour of the appointment
of a Board of Experts or a University
Board -

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It does not appear that the
Govt of India require a reply
for orders whether the papers may
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LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DWTG.

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