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[Despatch Abstract.]

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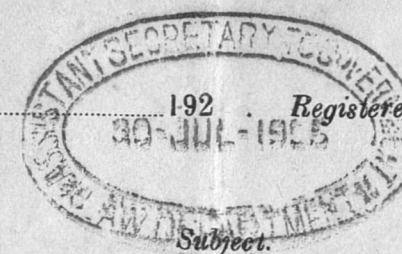
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Requesting to declare Saturday as a half holiday for Elementary schools under public management.

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 (By order)

R.O.C. No. 128 G/25.

Station *Madura*, Dated the 25th July 1925.
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ENCLOSURES.

No.

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From (Name) *R. Foulkes Esquire.*

(Designation) *President, District Educational Council, Madura.*

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your kind attention to the note under Rule 74 stating that the clause i of Rule 77- that Saturday shall be a whole holiday in addition to Sunday-applies also to Elementary schools under Public management and to enclose copies of communications regarding the same from the District Educational Officer, Madura and the President, Taluk Board, Usilampatti. The question was carefully considered by the Council in its meeting held on 30-6-25- Copy of Resolution enclosed- and it was decided that Saturdays should be half holidays and not whole holidays so far as Elementary schools are concerned.

So far as this district is concerned Saturday is a half holiday only in schools under Public management except in the case of schools under the Madura Taluk Board, where

where Saturday is a full working day.

I therefore request that Government be pleased to declare Saturday as a half holiday for elementary schools under Public Management or to modify the rules suitably giving the option to decide whether to work or not on Saturdays to the Presidents of Local Bodies and Chairman, Municipal Councils subject to the approval of the District Educational Council.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chengal
For President. 28.7.25

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL, MADURA.

Dated the 30th June 1925.

Resolution No.9.

READ:- R.O.C. 277 M/25, dated 18-5-25 of the District Educational Officer, Madura regarding the revision of the list of holidays.

Also letter of the President, Taluk Board, Usilampatti on the subject.

RESOLUTION. This Council is of opinion, that in consideration of the conditions in rural areas and also of the great number of holidays which are compulsory, Saturdays should be half holidays and not whole holidays.

(True extract)

Chengal
For President. 28.7.25

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Copy of letter R.C. No. 277 M/25, dated 18-5-25 of the District Educational Officer, Madura to the President, District Educational Council, Madura.

I have the honour to invite your kind attention to the note to Rule 74 and to Rule 77 (1) of the Madras Educational Rules - VI Edition by which in Elementary schools under Public Management Saturday shall be whole holiday in addition to Sunday. Some of the Deputy Inspectors in the District suggest that Saturdays shall be half working days and others full working days. The President, Taluk Board, Usilampatti suggests that Saturdays shall be full - working days except those that fall on festival days. The reasons put forward are

- (i) that the number of holidays in Elementary schools under Public Management is unusually large.
- (ii) the inducement to the teachers to leave their places - of duty will be reduced to a minimum by preventing two holidays from coming together in a week.
- (iii) Boys in Elementary schools do not normally have to go any great distance to school and there is therefore nothing gained by having two contiguous whole holidays.
- (iv) It seems better to give the boys two half holidays in the week than one whole day on Saturday, though in - view of the number of miscellaneous holidays, one half holiday in the week, say on Wednesday or Thursday - would probably be sufficient:
- (v) The parents of children in the villages do not appear to welcome the Saturday holiday- but it may be that the matter of holidays and leisure hours in general is one in which the general public needs educating: for example it is very frequently found that Elementary schools work practically from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M., the parents being glad to have their children out of the house under some one else's supervision for as -

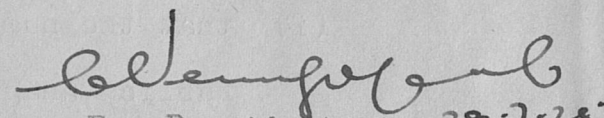
as long as possible during the day.

Hence I recommend that this question of allowing full holidays on Saturdays, according to the present rules be discussed in the District Educational Council, and Government be moved with reference to the decisions arrived at in case it should be decided that the note to Rule 74 Madras Educational Rules needs modification or - cancellation.

(sd) H.F. Saunders,
District Educational Officer,
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(True Copy)

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For President. 28-7-25

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Copy of letter R.O.C. No. 38 G/24, dated 16-6-25 of the President, Taluk Board, Usilampatti to the President, District Educational Council, Madura.

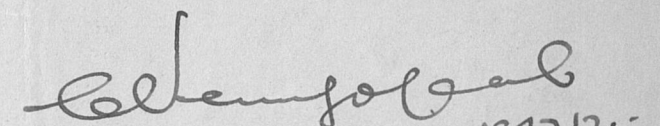
The list of holidays for the Elementary schools under the Taluk Board was revised lately with the approval of the District Educational Officer, Madura. According to the rule in force, Saturdays ought to be whole holidays- Vide Note to Article 74, Madras Educational Rules-VI Edition 1924. Rural primary - schools in the country have six working days in the week. The Board Elementary schools are to have only five days. This is not advantageous. Parents in the country want that their - children should be taught six days in the week, as is the case with pial schools and schools under private management.

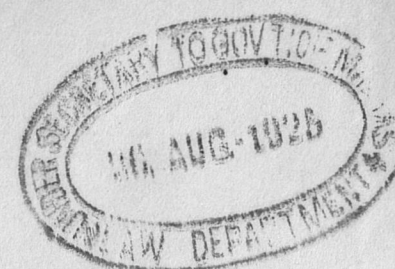
I recommend that Saturdays be treated as at least half - holidays. The District Educational Officer, Madura whom I addressed in the matter thinks that the permission of the - District Educational Council is necessary.

I request threfore, that you will be pleased to move the District Educational Council, to accord their sanction to - treat Saturdays as half holidays.

(sd) J.A. Vethanayaga Thevar,
President.

(True copy)


For President. 18/7/25



Ref. on Cur. No. 1674 B/25, dated 20th August 1925.

Law (Education) endorsement No. 2797 A-1 dated 3rd August 1923 on letter R.O.C.No. 128 G/25, dated 25th July 1925 from the President, District Educational Council, Madura.

Resubmitted to Government.

2. With a view to mental recuperation, young children should have holidays for two days - preferably consecutive days - in the week. Sunday being already a holiday the other day should preferably be Saturday or Monday. Reference in this connection is invited to G.Os Nos. 2633 L and M., dated 23rd September 1924 and 489 L and M Mis., dated 11th February 1925 and it will be observed therefrom that the proposal of the Taluk Board, Kaikalur to make Saturday either a full working day or half working day was rejected.

A Rama Ray
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for Director of Public Instruction.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Law (Education) Department.

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A copy of the endorsement of the D.P.D. No. 1674B/25 d. 20.8.25 is communicated to the P.D.E. Madurai. The Govt are unable to entertain the suggestion that Saturday shall be ^{treated} declared by Govt or be permitted to be declared by local bodies as a Half-Holiday for elementary schools under public management. ~~or that the rules should be so modified~~

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