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Schools and Colleges - Importance of keeping latrines in sanitary condition.

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Station Madras, Dated the 12th September 1925

From (Name) Major-General T.H. Symons, C.S.I., O.B.E., K.H.S., I.M.S., (Designation) Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local Self Government (Public Health) Department.

Sir.

Fort St. George.

The Director, Ankylostomiasis Campaign, Madras, brings to my notice that Public Health Propaganda can be conducted more effectively in Schools than in any other institutions in the Presidency, but to give this propaganda practical application in the everyday lives of the pupils, he considers it necessary that means be provided to enable them to follow the instructions given to them.

2. As a means of making it possible for pupils to observe the hygienic recommendations of the Ankylostomiasis Campaign, at least in the schools, the Director suggests that Government may be pleased to pass an order requiring that all Government and Government-aided schools be provided with sanitary latrines, and that such

such latrines be maintained in a sanitary condition. He thinks of no better place to demonstrate to the future population of the country the use and practical application of this important sanitary measure.

3. I agree with the proposal made by the Director and commend it for the favourable consideration of Government. This proposal will not only improve the hygienic condition of the schools, but will also enable the pupils to put this into practice in the course of their every day lives. It is, therefore, requested that the Educational authorities be moved to provide such sanitary latrines in the schools under their control.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. S. Wood

Major-General, I.M.S.,

Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

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C.No. 2940 - From the Surgeon-General, Ref. No. 1864 -1 General-25, dated 12-12-1925.

Ankylostomiasis Campaign - Provision of sanitary latrines in Government and aided schools.

On the recommendation of the Director, Ankylostomiasis Campaign, Madras, the Surgeon-General requests that the Government may be moved to pass an order requiring that all Government and ^{Govt.} aided schools ⁿ be provided with sanitary latrines and that such latrines ^{should} be maintained in sanitary condition. Neither the Director, Ankylostomiasis Campaign, nor the Surgeon-General has indicated the type of latrine to be provided and the exact nature of the arrangements to be made for maintaining them in a satisfactory condition.

2. It may however be noted that the Madras Educational Rules and the Grant-in-aid- Code do contain provisions regarding latrine arrangements in schools.

Rule 24 of the Madras Educational Rules requires that a sanitary certificate should be produced before recognition is accorded to a school. In the sanitary certificate the certifying officer has to declare that the latrine arrangements are adequate and satisfactory. Rule 26 further provides that every school should have a suitable latrine.

Appendix L. A. of the Grant-in-aid Code requires that the type design of the Public Health Department should be consulted when ^{planning} plans for latrines ⁿ are made. The same ^{appendix} department gives the scale of accommodation to be provided in latrines and urinals.

3. So far as rules go, the instructions adverted to above seem sufficient. The Surgeon-General may be requested u.o. to say whether he has any

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Grant-in-aid
Code.

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definite suggestions to make in regard to the
type of the latrine and as regards
the provision already contained
in the Rules.

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The Surgeon Gen. U.O.

In approaching Cont. L. Committee
the latrine attached to schools by
idea was to draw the

attention of Cont. to the latrine
condition in the latrine

not exists, this too far, however.

But, further down criticism

the pattern in latrine

I think all schools should

be inspected by the Health
Dept. with a view to

finding out if

1. The latrine accommodation
is sufficient

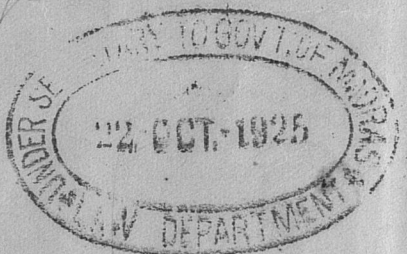
2. If the latrine are
kept in a sanitary
condition.

I suggest the Health
be made responsible for

this condition

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A draft order is subd.

It may be sent to L.S.G. (P.H.)
for acceptance.

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The D.P.I. may be requested
to say whether he agrees to the
proposal of the Surg. General.

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S.P.D. U.O. Reply No. 1986.2/25.9/3.4.25

I should like to know which proposal of the
Surgeon-General is referred to, for he makes several
proposals.

In his letter of the 12th September he agrees
and commends for the favourable consideration of
Government the proposal of the Director of the
Ankylostomiasis Campaign-I. that Government may
be pleased to pass an order requiring (1) that
all (a) Government and (b) Government aided schools
be provided with sanitary latrines and (2) that
such latrines be maintained in a sanitary condi-
tion. He suggests-II. that the educational authori-
ties be moved to provide such sanitary latrines
in the schools under their control.

In his U.O. note dated 16th October 1925 the
Surgeon-General thinks-III. that the latrines of
all schools should be inspected by the Health
Department with a view to finding out (a) if the
latrine accommodation is sufficient and (b) if
the latrines are kept in a sanitary condition.
He also suggests IV. that the headmaster be made
responsible for their condition.

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I must first remark that I presume that Government have some evidence before them that the condition of latrines in educational institutions is unsatisfactory. There is no evidence either in the official or in the unofficial references contained in this file. There is merely an unofficial statement of the Surgeon-General stating that his idea was to draw the attention of Government to what he says is the unsatisfactory condition in which the latrines that existed, often too few, were kept. Before Government can subscribe to the first sentence of the draft G.O. it is surely necessary for them to have definite evidence that the condition of latrines in educational institutions is unsatisfactory. If the evidence exists it should, I consider, be communicated to the D.P.I. in whom the recognition of secondary schools vests.

It will be observed from Appendix 3 of Chapter III rule 24 of the M.E.R. that the Health Officers of Government and Medical officers in places where there are no separate Health officers are required to examine all Government and Board schools as part of their ordinary duty for the issue of sanitary certificates for purposes of recognition. Managers of schools under private management are required to produce a sanitary certificate in a prescribed form when applying for recognition or on any subsequent occasion if called for. I submit that if at any time the Surgeon-General has information that any particular school latrine is not maintained in a sanitary condition his proper course is to bring that fact to the notice of the D.P.I. with a view to the D.P.I. taking the necessary steps to ensure that the defects are remedied. My office tells me that the Surgeon-General has not brought to the notice of the D.P.I. any such case, but that some 9 or 10 years ago the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras used to bring to the notice of the D.P.I. defects in the sanitary arrangements of

individual

individual schools.

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I am in full agreement with the Surgeon-General's opinion that the latrines of all schools should be inspected by the Health Department; we should be glad if arrangements can be made for the Health Department to examine school latrines systematically at least once every year, the defect, ⁱⁿ and the sanitary condition being reported to some Health Officer to Government presumably the Director of Public Health and also to the school management and ^{to} the D.E.O.

The Surgeon-General suggests that the headmaster be made responsible for the condition of the latrines. The responsibility of a school vests not in the headmaster but in the management of the school and it is scarcely possible for us to dictate to a private management as to the powers or duties it will devolve on or delegate to the headmaster whom it employs. The ultimate responsibility rests with the management and it is only with the management that the Department can properly deal. We can ask managements to call the attention of their headmasters to the desirability of their latrines being kept clean but before doing so, we certainly need some evidence of uncleanness. If they are not kept clean it is open to the D.P.I. to bring departmental pressure to bear on the management.

I might suggest that if the Director of Public Health or the Surgeon-General had approached the D.P.I. on this general matter it would have been possible to have had worked out a practical scheme of sanitary inspection and control in accordance with the existing rules or practice and that if it were found out in the course of working out a scheme that Government's orders were

— on the presumption that the present position is unsatisfactory —

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LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following :-

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ORDER :-

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(By Order of the Government, Ministry of Education)

V. K. Krishnam Achariyar,
Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon-General, Madras.
To the Director of Public Health
To the Director of Public Instruction
To the Local Self Government (P.N.) Department.

Forwarded.
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Superintendent.

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