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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Memo No 266 B/25-1 D. 28-1-25

Deaf and Dumb school, Madura

Recognition Paragraph 1 of G.O.

422, dated 20-3-24.

The D.P.I is requested to ascertain and report whether MR R. S. Nataraja Pillai who was sent by the management of the Madura school for training in the Mysore Institute for the Deaf and the Blind, has since - rejoined the former institution and if so, to submit a report on the working of the school since his (Mr. Nataraja Pillai's) return. The Director is also requested to advise Government with reference to the present condition of the Madura - school whether the recognition - accorded to it may be made permanent or may be continued as temporary for a further period.

2. The Director is requested to disburse the grants due to the school and not to hold them up till final orders are issued regarding recognition. for 1924-25.

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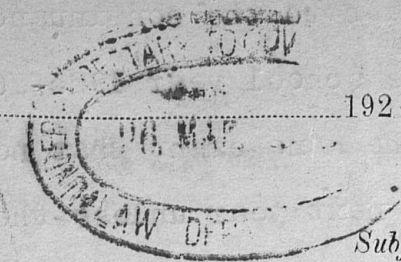
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Subject.

Deaf and Dumb school, Madura - recommending continuance of temporary recognition.

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No. 1160D/23

Station Madras

Dated the 23rd March 1925

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From (Name) R. G. Grieve, Esq., M.A., F.R.G.S.,

(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education)

Department.

Sir.

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 266 B

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25-1 dated 28th January 1925, I have the honour to report that M.R. Ry S. Nataraja Pillai who was sent by the management of the Deaf and Dumb school, Madura for training to the Mysore Institute for the Deaf and the Blind, rejoined the former institution in August 1925. I submit herewith a copy of the District Educational Officer's report on the working of the Deaf and Dumb school, Madura since Mr. Nataraja Pillai's return. In the light of the District Educational Officer's report, I do not consider that the school is in a fit condition for permanent recognition at present.

⑦ He is the head-master.
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I have however no objection to the continuance of recognition to it till the end of the school year 1925-26 subject to a warning being given to the management that no grant will be given to the institution next year unless the defects pointed out by the District Educational Officer are remedied.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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SRI MEENAKSHI DEAF AND DUMB SCHOOL, MADURAI.

REPORT OF INSPECTION ON 6TH MARCH 1925

Management

The Manager, A Swaminatha Pillai, is an employee of the Postal Department. He appears to be on some kind of leave which has continued from December 1923, and is at present due to terminate on April 1st, 1925, but which he evidently expects will be further extended. He seems to have no explicit permission from the Postal authorities to be running this school. He is a trained teacher, but failed in the written test, and has not fulfilled the terms of his bond, in consequence of which he has still to refund certain sums to Government.

Staff.

Headmaster S. Natarajan; nephew of the Manager; S.S. L.C. (Elig) 1923; one year's training in the Mysore Institute for the Deaf and the blind; passed in the second class
Pay Rs.80

1st Assistant. Swami Pichammal, wife of the Manager; old primary; untrained. Pay Rs.50/-

2nd Assistant S. Thangavelu; S.S.L.C. (Inelig) Pay Rs.35

3rd Assistant S. Arunachalam do Pay Rs.30

4th Assistant N. Gnanammal, wife of the Headmaster; Primary untrained; pay Rs.25

Writer. N.S. Manian; S.S.L.C. Pay Rs.21

Attender Kamalanathan Pay Rs.15

Sweeper Lakshmi Pay Rs.7

The II and III and IV Assistants are appearing for the examination for Technical Teachers for defectives to be held in Palamcottah.

It is probable that the II and III may be sent to Mysore for special training.

The IV Assistant was away on the day of inspection.

In addition to the above the following are said to be in

charge of the Manual Training classes, though I saw neither of them:-

P.S. Narayana Pillai, Rattan work; full time ; Pay Rs.25 said to be away in Tuticorin.

Karuppiash Asari, Carpentry; said to work from 6 to 10 A.M. Pay Rs.25

There is also said to have been a weaving Instructor for a few weeks on a pay of Rs.20 per mensem. He has now left, and has not been paid. Another one may be appointed soon.

P u p i l s.

13 were present out of 27 on the rolls. The attendance is generally very poor.

The 27 on rolls may be divided as follows:-

By castes.	By districts.	Present.
Non-Brahmin Caste Hindus	18	7
Christians	4	1
Brahmins	4	2
Muhammadian	1	1
	Tanjore	1
	Cochin	1
	Puducottah	1
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@ includes one girl from Kallurani, absent at the time of inspection. She had only been present for 6 days.

Five of the boys present can hear more or less; one or two of them are mentally deficient.

School work.

In spite of my previous suggestions, no effort has been made to draw up any sort of progress register, so it is impossible to tell what progress is being made by the pupils. Two pupils who have been in the school since 1920 seem to have learnt very little indeed, whereas some who were admitted during the last eighteen months are decidedly more advanced, but there is nothing to show how much they knew before admission here.

The subjects taught include Articulation, Lip-reading sense-training, writing, Dictation, Arithmetic and Drawing

A general time table has recently been drawn up, but I gather that some difficulty is felt in following it closely owing to the varying attainments of the boys.

As I remarked last year, there is certainly an improvement in the teaching since the appointment of the present headmaster, it will doubtless be better still when some more specially trained assistants are added to the staff, and when more money is spent on useful apparatus for general educational purposes.

There is no library even for the use of the teachers but a quarterly magazine dealing with the teaching of defectives is subscribed for.

Drawing is rather better than it was, but the master in charge should be given some books on the teaching of the subject, and he might well study Saidapet Bulletin No.8. The copying sheets which he has carefully prepared should be arranged in order and numbered, and more work should be done in the way of model and Nature Drawing and Design. Mass drawing also should be taught to the younger pupils.

There is a small garden at the back of the building but it bears little evidence of being used for regular Nature study.

Accommodation.

The same as last year, but the second hall has been filled up with three looms, and so is no longer available for other purposes. A pandal is being put up on the roof for sleeping.

The whole place is very cramped, the more so since it is also the Manager's dwelling place.

On the present arrangement the lease runs for less than a year more; I hope more suitable place will be found, with space for play ground, which is a serious lack at present.

Registers.

The following were produced.

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Attendance register Masters

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Visitors' book

Acquittance Roll

Contingent (Correspondence) Register

Cash book

Local Collections book.

Except the 'Visitors' Book these are all one year, or less, the originals, where there are any, being still in Court.

Financial.

It is impossible to say what is the financial condition of the institution, since the registers are so absolutely unreliable.

Receipts. So far as can be gathered from the evidence produced the receipts during the year were as follows:-

Government grant	Rs.910
Local collections from	
May 1924 to date	72
Grant from Madura Municipality	
for rent per mensem	40

The last had only been paid up to June, subsequent payments being under correspondence.

Nothing was produced to show any receipts from other parts of the Presidency, and I was told that no fees of any kind are levied from the pupils.

Expenditure.

The rent of the buildings is Rs.43 per mensem; as remarked above, the building is used as a private dwelling as well as for the school.

According to the acquittance roll the pay of the establishment comes to Rs.313 per mensem (Vide details above).

The Acquittance roll dates from April 1924, but it was not produced at my last inspection and when I enquired ~~about~~ about this I was told that it was written up later.

The manager said this was done about September, the

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the writer said December, but from internal evidence it seems to me to have been done in January or February of this year. In any case it is valueless and the majority of the signatures were not made on the dates which appear against them.

The attender and the sweeper appear to have been paid for ten months in a lump on 2-3-25.

The Dhobi and the Barber have not been paid since June 1924 and even before that there are only pencil accounts and no receipts. It is said that they are paid annually.

Feeding. A cash book is kept, showing expenses only.

This is written up in pencil at the end of the month and the items are said to be copied in from chits which are torn up as soon as they are entered. Consequently there are no vouchers of any sort.

Clothing. No accounts are kept.

Correspondence. An average of about Rs.5 per mensem

Manual training. Apart from the Acquittance roll above mentioned, there are no accounts. Rs.50 is said to have been paid in advance as part payment for the looms but there is no receipt.

For spinning, cotton is said to be got from the Congress office, and the yarn is returned there.

For weaving Rs.15 worth of yarn has been got from the Congress office, but has not been paid for; it is said that it will probably be repaid in cloth.

For Rattan work the expenses are small and no accounts are kept. For Carpentry there is no expense for wood since the carpenter provides it and takes the finished products. I saw a few old tools.

Manual Training work

1. Weaving.

This is only newly started, and at present the only learners are the staff and two of the boys, one of whom

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whom is already experienced in the work. An instructor from the Kallar Industrial section seems to have been teaching here for a few weeks, but he has now left and he has not been paid.

Warping is done outside, and appears to cost nothing.

II. Carpentry.

This is said to be done by the same two big boys as the weaving, together with four little ones, who seem to do the cooly work. As already remarked, the carpenter provides the wood and takes away the finished articles, so there is nothing to show except a few cut planks and smaller bits of wood.

There is no syllabus, and no regular course of instruction, ^{so} it seems that the class is a convenience to the carpenter, who gets help in his work, besides drawing his pay, rather than being of any special value as a Manual Training class for the children of the school. The Instructor is said to be at the school between 6 and 10 A.M. and so he was not there at the time of the inspection.

III. Rattan work.

The Instructor of this subject was away. He is said to have a syllabus for the work, but it could not be produced. Seven or eight boys are in this class most of whom also work under the carpenter. The amount of work done seems very small for the time spent on it. It is said that after a year boys can learn enough to make their living. Chair caning does not seem to have been started yet; this would probably be more ^{lucrative} ~~lucrative~~ than making trays and baskets as they are now doing.

General.

There is need for a good school for the Deaf and in Madura but this institution cannot deserve the epithet 'good' until it gets better accommodation, better equipment

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better staff and above all, better management. The present management is, to say the least, hopelessly unbusinesslike and unreliable.

The recognition of the school is at present only temporary, and under the present conditions, I certainly cannot recommend that it should be made permanent. Further in the complete absence of any reliable accounts I do not see how it can be eligible for any aid from Government as a special school.

(True Copy)

James
for Director of Public Instruction.

P.V.S. 24/3

Subject.
Recognition of the
Deaf and Dumb
School, Madura.

Copy of telephone message from the Senior
Supt. D.P.O's office, to the Supt. Law
(S.M.) Dept, of 23.1.25

Kindly let me know
when the further orders of Govt. on
the question of recognition of the
Deaf and Dumb school, Madura,
referred to in paragraph 1 of G.O. 422
of 20.3.24, may be expected. Pending
the receipt of such orders, the pay-
ment of grants to the school is being
held up.

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From the Govt. memorandum
on page 5 and the Secy. Mr. Ramachand
Rao's note on pages 39-40 of G.O. 422
of 20.3.24, it will be seen that the
intention was ^{that} the temporary recogni-
tion ~~was~~ accorded to the Madura school
should provisionally be continued
pending the return to the school of
Natarajan, the person sent for
training in the Mysore Institute for
the Deaf and the Blind. The D.P.O.
may be asked to ascertain and
report whether he has rejoined the
school.

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school. He may also be asked to submit a report on the working of the school since Katarajan's return, with his recommendations as to whether the recognition may be made permanent or be continued as temporary for some time more. With reference to the portion marked A in the message on page 1 ante, the D.P.J. may be asked to disburse the grants due to the school and not to hold them up till final orders regarding recognition are issued.

A draft memo: is submitted.

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The D.E.O.'s report on the working of the school does not seem to be satisfactory. The D.P.J. is of the opinion that the school is not at present in a fit condition for permanent recognition. He proposes the continuance of the temporary

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recognition till the end of the school year 1925-26 and that a warning be given to the management that no grant will be given to the school in 1925-26 unless the defects pointed out by the D.E.O. are remedied. (A draft order is submitted.) The case may be submitted for orders to M₂.

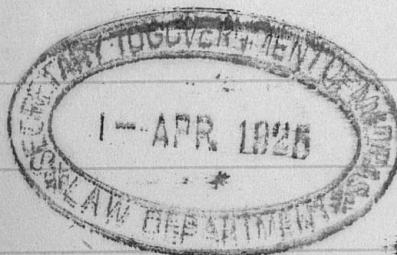
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ORDER.

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No. 468, dated 2-6 1925

The Govt approve of the proposal of the D.P.S. that the temporary recognition be granted to the Deaf and Dumb school, Madura, may be continued up to the end of the school year 1925-26 and that the management may be warned that no grant will be given to the school in that year unless the defects pointed out by the D.E.O. are remedied.

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The D. P. I.

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