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European schools Examination Board.

C.No. 968 B - From the D.P.I., No.312 E/25, dated 3-5-25.

In G.O.No.269 (Education), dated the 3rd May 1909, the Government for the first time constituted the European schools Examination Board. The Board consisted of 4 officials and 3 non-officials and the Government then directed that no member of the Board should be an examiner - Vide paragraph 4 of the G.O. This order was based on the remarks of Sir George Forbes who observed as follows:-

" x x I should debar any member of the Board from being an examiner. The duties of the Board may often be inconsistent with a combination of the functions (Examination and supervision); and we should not have a Board nominating themselves to be examiners."

In 1916 the constitution of the Board was altered in accordance with the D.P.I.'s recommendation to increase the number of non-officials from 3 to 5 and at the same time to reduce the number of officials from 4 to 2- Vide G.O.No.736, dated 5-7-16. The condition debarring the members from being examiners was also withdrawn as it was reported that ~~complaints have been made at the S.S.C. Board in the working of which no occasions permitting members of the Board to be examiners.~~ *inconvenience had been experienced from members being examiners.*

2. In 1919 the Government on the recommendation of the D.P.I. decided to restore the original constitution of the Board, namely 4 officials and 3 non-officials and ^{also} directed that no member of the Board should be an examiner, as complaints were received about this concession.

3. On the recommendation of the European schools Examinations Board and with the concurrence of the Inspector of European Schools, the Director now proposes the following changes in regard to this Board:-

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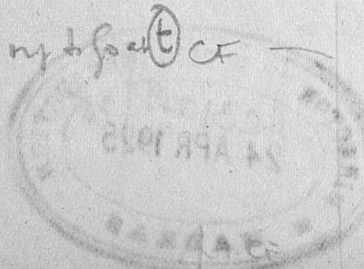
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In the circumstances explained in the D.P.I.'s letter on the analogy of the S.S.L.C. Board, the proposals made above may be accepted. In the case of the S.S.L.C. Board, the Board is composed of the D.P.I. as President and 5 official members and 5 non-official members; the members of the Board are appointed for a period of 3 years and no restriction has been placed on the members being examiners. Orders are specially requested, however, on the proposal No.(4) above in view of the previous discussions on the subject.

4. A draft order is submitted.

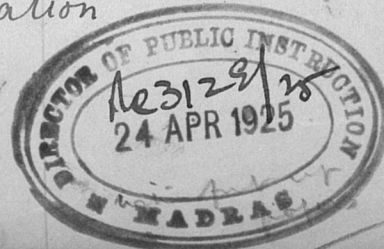
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In view of Sir L. Davidson's remark at p 2 of 9 (I) it seems inadvisable to allow members of the Board to become examiners. The experiment was tried & found unsatisfactory. It should be tried again. 2 orders may be taken.

I think D.P.I. had better see the previous discussions about members of the Board being examiners & say whether he still adheres to his recommendation.

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Law (En) no. 968B-1
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U.O.Reply No. 312 E/25 of 29-4-25

There is a conflict of authoritative opinion on this matter. Personally I adhere to the recommendation made. The fact that there were complaints some years ago does not seem to me to be a decisive factor and the case for allowing members of the Board to be examiners appears to me to be stronger in the case of European schools than in the case of the S.S.L.C. Board, as the scope for the selection of competent examiners is much narrower in the former case. Moreover it is proposed to have 5 non-official members on the Board. These members should be the most representative and competent persons whom we can find. This should equally be the case in the appointment of examiners. If members of the Board are precluded from appointment as examiners there is a risk that persons whom we would like for special reasons to have on the Board would refuse in view of the loss which they would sustain by becoming members.

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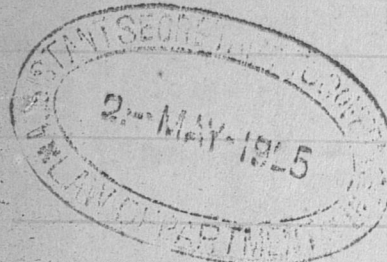
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For the reasons stated above the D.P.I. adheres to his view that the members of the Board should be permitted to become examiners and the bar on their employment as such should be removed. In the concluding portion of the D.P.I.'s note above an additional reason is also suggested in support of his view. For orders

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The proposals may be approved. There is no objection to balance of advantage ~~being~~ in permitting members of the Board to be examiners.

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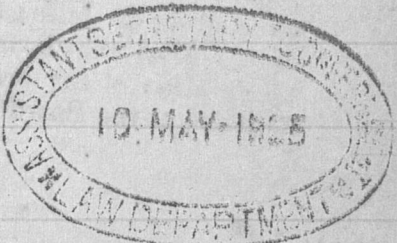
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