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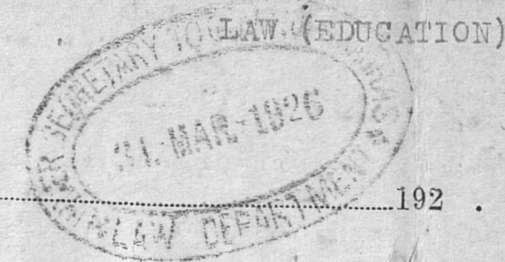
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Introduction of spinning in Elementary Schools
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ENCLOSURES.

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R.O.C. No. 4. B/26

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From (Name) R. Littlehailes Esq., M.A.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

LAW (EDUCATION)

Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that the Municipal Council, Palacole proposed to introduce spinning by Charakas into the Municipal Elementary school for boys as a vocational subject and request the permission of the District Educational Council for the same. The District Educational Council referred the proposal to the District Educational Officer who did not recommend the proposal for approval, on the ground that spinning by Charakas without weaving cannot be considered as a vocational subject. The District Educational Council, Kistna in its resolution No. 8(ii) dated 17th December 1925 (Copy enclosed) approved the introduction of Spinning ignoring the recommendation made by the

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District Educational Officer.

2. This was brought to my notice by the District Educational Officer and on further enquiry I find that spinning by Charakas is proposed to be introduced from standards three to five of the Town Municipal Elementary School, Palacole and the time to be devoted to this occupation is 3 periods a day or 125 minutes which is disproportionated considering the importance of the other subjects in the school curriculum.

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3. It has been the policy to deprecate the introduction of vocational education in classes below five as it would affect the general education to be imparted in the lower standards. Further spinning by itself is a very unsuitable subject for children in a school and ought not to be introduced. It has been introduced in one or two cases where spinning is a very small portion of the course and ancillary to the teaching of weaving but only in such cases has the department accepted spinning. Attention is also invited to G.O.No. 1019 Law (Education) dated 17th June 1925.

4. Since the District Educational Officer Council has the power under the rules framed under the Madras Elementary Education Act of 1920 to define practical instruction and as the District Educational Council has accepted spinning as suitable practical instruction for elementary school we are however in a difficulty in this matter. So long as the District Educational Council has this power we shall have the possibility of conflict of view between the department and the District Educational Council. Local bodies are permitted to spend public funds on vocational training accepted by the District Educational Council which may be suitable or unsuitable and which may be given to pupils at a much earlier stage than they ought to receive such training even when the training is suitable.

4. I am therefore of opinion that the question of the

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delegation of power to District Educational Councils to introduce subjects under the head of practical instruction should be reviewed. I doubt whether the District Educational Councils ought to be given the free hand which they at present have in this matter. Their choice should be subject to some restriction, a restriction which might take the form of excluding specific vocational training from the course in the first four or five standards in a school.

5. It is observed from the recommendations made by the rules committee that 'practical instruction' is intended to signify what is loosely termed 'Vocational training' In G.O.No. 655, M.L. Law (Education) dated 30th April 1924 the aim of vocational training or practical instruction has been defined. The subjects generally introduced in elementary schools under practical instruction are weaving, carpentry and agriculture of which weaving is the most common subject.

6. In accordance with Sub para (a) of G.O.No. 2635, L & M dated 23rd September 1924, the District Educational Officers have already been informed that the Director's permission should be obtained before introducing any form of vocational training in schools which do not contain classes above the fourth standard. Therefore the District Educational Officers will not generally recommend any kind of vocational training in classes below V, but the District Educational Council may set aside the recommendation of the District Educational Officer.

7. Further, in respect of aided schools through the District Educational Council can approve the scheme the power of admitting to aid manual training classes has not been delegated to District Educational Councils - please see G.O.No. 1637, Law (Education) dated 19th September 1925. Therefore in respect of aided schools no expenditure can be incurred from public funds, without Government sanction through though the scheme is approved by the District Educational Council. Therefore there is a slight difference in regard to the utilisation of public funds between the schools under private and public

management.

8. In these circumstances I suggest the addition of a new explanatory note to clause (b) of the rules framed under section 3(v) of the Madras Elementary Education Act of 1920 that practical instruction cannot be introduced in classes below V without the previous approval of the Director. This suggestion is in conformity with Sub para (a) of G.O.No. 2635 L & M dated 23rd September 1924. I may also request Government to inform District Educational Councils by a general order that Spinning alone does not constitute a fit subject for vocational training.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A Rama Ray
for Director of Public Instruction.

P.R.K. 27/3

Extract from the Proceedings of the District Educational Council Kistna passed at its meeting held at Masulipatam on Thursday the 17th of December 1925 at 2-30 P.M.

Read the following:-

Letter R.C.No. 628/25, dated 3-9-1925 of the Chairman, Municipal Council, Palacole regarding the supply of Cherkas to the Municipal Schools Boys and
Endorsement N.Dis 404 G1/25, dated 19th October 1925 of the District Educational Officer, Kistna thereon.

RESOLUTION. No. 8(ii) dated 17th December 1925

Introduction of spinning approved.

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From the D.P.I., R.O.C. No. 4 B/26, dated 26th March 1926

Subject:--Introduction of spinning in the
Municipal Elementary School, Palacole.

The D.P.I. reports that spinning without weaving is proposed to be introduced as a subject of practical instruction in standards 3 to 5 in the Municipal elementary school, Palacole and that this has been approved by the D.E.C., Kistna, against the recommendation of the D.E.O. As pointed out by the Director it has been the practice of the Department and Government to allow the introduction of spinning only in places where weaving is also introduced and to restrict practical instruction in elementary schools to standards above the fourth. In order that D.E.Cs. may not adopt a different course the D.P.I. suggests (1) that D.E.Cs. may be informed by Government that spinning alone does not constitute a fit subject for practical instruction, and (2) that the rules under the Elementary Education Act should be amended so as to make it clear that practical instruction should not be introduced in standards below the fifth without the previous approval of the Director.

2. Suggestion (1) above. The power to prescribe courses of study in elementary schools is vested in the D.E.C. by the rules framed under the Elementary Education Act. If the rules are not amended, it is not possible for Government to prevent a D.E.C. from approving the introduction of spinning alone as a form of practical instruction in schools. The issue of a general order by Government as suggested by the Director may not suffice for the purpose. In this connection attention is solicited to the notes with G.O.No. 1215 Law (Education), dated the 13th July 1925, dealing with a Legislative Council question on the subject of the introduction of charka spinning in schools. From the supplementary questions and answers on pages 10 and 11 of the G.O. it will be seen that the intention is that the introduction of spinning by charka should be prohibited.

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Prohibited only if it is used for purposes of political propaganda. If there is no political significance, the D.E.C. need not object to charka spinning in schools. In these circumstances, it is for consideration whether restriction should be imposed on the powers of the D.E.C. in this matter and if so, whether the rules under the Elementary Education Act should be amended.

3. Suggestion (2) in paragraph 1. Ordinarily, local bodies apply to Government for aid when they propose to introduce practical instruction in their schools. When sanctioning the aid, the Government ~~may~~ impose the condition that practical instruction should be given only in classes above the fourth. In the present case, the Municipal Council, Palacole, has not applied for a grant. But such cases are rare. It is therefore for consideration whether the rules should be amended as proposed by the Director so as to provide that practical instruction should not be introduced in standards below the fifth without the previous approval of the Director. But if

C.P.A. Goot are inclined to check the introduction of spinning in these classes, the amendment of the rule proposed is the only means of doing it.

19.4.26

Very few D.E.C's have approved of 'spinning' being introduced. I believe Kistna is the only one so far. Further, ~~for~~ and few schools can afford to introduce this without a grant - which can be refused.

Does D.P.I think ~~it~~ the rule should be amended as proposed?

V.T.K.
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The amendment of the rules as proposed is desirable because charka spinning in schools is educationally valueless while the introduction of practical instruction in standard 3 is positively harmful. It may be true that very few D.E.Cs have approved of spinning being introduced though Kistna is not the ^{only} D.E.C that has given approval. There has been correspondence on the subject with the D.E.C. Godavari. It may also be remarked that Government contribute an equivalent amount to the elementary education fund of all local bodies which levy a cess. Directly D.E.Cs approve the introduction of spinning the cost can legitimately be paid out of the elementary education fund and therefore in the case of local bodies which levy the cess Government will automatically be paying a grant-in-aid in aid of teaching spinning.



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* The cost of introducing charka spinning alone is likely to be small.

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Para 2, p. 4 of r.f.

The D.P.I. originally proposed that a general order might be issued informing D.E.C.'s that spinning alone (without weaving) did not constitute a fit subject for manual training. ^{It was} pointed out on page 1 ^{that} unless the rules under the Elementary Education Act were amended, it ^{would not be} possible to prevent a D.E.C. from approving the introduction of spinning alone in school. The D.P.I. now recommends that the necessary amendment to the rules may be carried out. In this connection attention is solicited to the papers with G.O. No. 1951

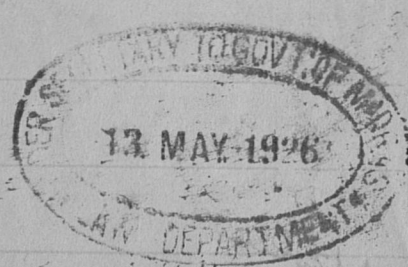
(G) Law (Edn), dated 15-12-24. From page 4 of the G.O. it will be seen that the Bihar and Crissa ^{Govt.} accepted in 1924 a proposal that spinning should be introduced

as a compulsory vocational subject for girls over ten years in all schools and as an optional subject in primary schools for boys for children over ten years. It is not known whether any other local Government has issued orders allowing or prohibiting the introduction of spinning in schools. In this Presidency 'practical instruction' is only optional in elementary schools and the course of training adopted under this head should, under the rules, receive the approval of the D.E.C.. It is for orders whether a restriction should be imposed on the powers of the D.E.C. in this matter as recommended by the Director.. The cost of introducing spinning alone in schools is likely to be small and no serious objection can be raised on the ground of ^{expense.} ~~cost~~ ~~the purchase of wheels~~ If a grant is asked for in any case from Government, it may be refused.

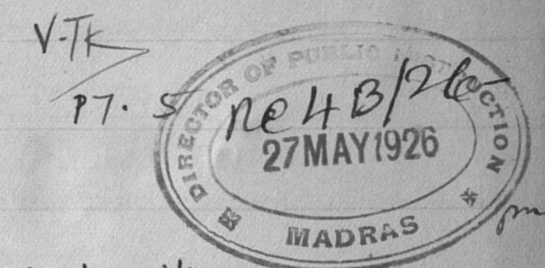
2. The other proposal made by the D.P.I. that the rules should be amended so as to prohibit the introduction of practical training in standards below the fifth ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ elementary ^{schools} ~~may~~ be accepted.

If this is accepted, is a special rule needed for prohibiting the teaching of spinning?
V.T.K.
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Submitted that according to the D.P.I. proposal the prohibition in regard to ^{the teaching of} spinning should apply to all the standards in an elementary school; ~~a~~ ^{seems} special rule ~~is~~ therefore necessary.
10.5.26. ^{10.5.26.}



Please put up ^{the} draft rules ⁽⁶⁾

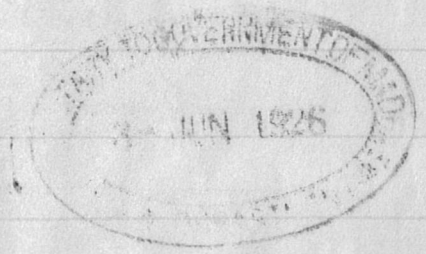


A draft order is submitted.

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In the fourth standard practical course a student may be given, the last rule be about 9 or 10 years. The draft may be amended as below Fourth Standard
V.T.K.

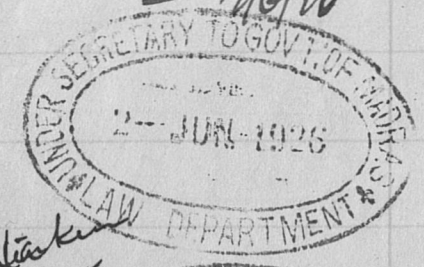


Paragraph 1 of the draft has been slightly amended. For orders whether the draft may be issued.

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D.P.I. may see it

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V.T.K. 29.5.26-
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Seen thanks.

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X Draft taken up for issue



The draft may be issued. ^{8/19} 26.5.26. ^{V.T.K.} 27.6

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The Government ^{consider} ~~agree with the~~
~~Director of Public Instruction~~ that
practical instruction should not be
introduced in standards below the ~~fifth~~ ^{fourth}
in elementary schools and that spinning
by itself without provision for weaving
^{is unsuitable as}
~~should not form the~~ subject of such
instruction.

2. The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 56 of the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, the Government (Ministry of Education) ~~propose to~~ ^{propose to} substitute the following for note 5 to the rules under section 3 (v) of the Act

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published at page 146 of Part 1.B of the Fort St. George Gazette, dated 21st February 1922. Any objections or suggestions in respect of the proposed alteration will be considered, if received before the 1st ^{August} 1926.

Revised Note (5)

"Practical instruction

should not be introduced in standards below the ^{fourth} ~~fifth~~ without the previous approval of the Director of Public Instruction.

The practical instruction given should ordinarily have reference to the chief occupations of industries of the locality and the class of pupils. Spinning by itself without provision for weaving should not form a subject ^{for such} ~~in~~ instruction."

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To

- The D.P.I. ✓
" Presidents of Dt. Educational Councils. ✓
" S.G.P. for publication of Notification in the Gazette. ✓

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