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ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ACT.

Rules - List of backward classes in elementary
Schools - Preparation and submission by District Education Council's
to be continued.

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DEPARTMENT.

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Preparation of backward classes in the District.



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Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.
G. Ramalingam
Assistant Secretary to Govt.

ENCLOSURES.

No.....

R.O.C. No. 6 G/26.

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Station Madras, Dated the 25th May 1926.

From (Name) R. Foulkes Esquire.

(Designation) President, District Educational Council, Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

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Rule 6 under Section 26 of the Rules framed under the Madras Elementary Education Act requires that every District Educational Council should transmit to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras a list of backward classes by July of each year. This Council discussed the question in all its aspects and finally decided, in its Resolution No. 5, dated 23-12-22 (Copy - enclosed) that the need for a list of classes backward educationally no longer exists and that the only criterion for the necessity of privileges should be Poverty whatever be the caste to which the boy belongs.

The various Local bodies in the District as also the District Educational Officer, Madras and the Inspectress of

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of Girls' schools, Southern Circle were consulted in the matter and a consolidated reports of the above officers - was forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras in this office R.O.C. 85 G/25, dated 29-5-25 (a copy of - which is herein enclosed)

The Director of Public Instruction, Madras in his letter Dis. No. 80/26, dated 7-1-26 insists on the preparation and transmission of the list.

I, therefore request that Government will be pleased to delete Rule 6 or to amend the same suitably so that necessary transmission to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras of the list of backward classes in July of each year may not be insisted in the case of District Educational Councils which consider it unnecessary.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Chengal
For President. 31.5.26

Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras with reference to his Dis. No. 80/26, dated 7-1-26.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL, MADRAS.

Dated the 23rd December 1922.

Resolution No. 5.

READ:- Letter R.C. No. 10 B/22, dated 14-11-22 of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras requesting to furnish him with a list of Backward classes prescribed in clause (b) of the Rules framed under Section 26 of the Madras Elementary Education Act.

RESOLUTION.

The Council is very strongly of opinion that the need for a list of classes backward educationally - no longer exists, and that the only criterion for the necessity of privileges should be poverty whatever - be the caste to which the boy belongs.

(True extract)

sd/ R. Foulkes,
President.

(True copy)

Chengal
For President. 31.5.26

Copy of this office letter R.O.C. R 85 G/25, dated 29-5-25
to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras. 4 7EP

With reference to your R.C. No. 1434 B/24, dated 2-12-24 and 12-3-25 regarding the continuance of the list of Backward classes and its observance by the local bodies, I have the honour to state that I consulted the various local bodies in the District as also the District Educational Officer, Madura and the Inspectress of Girls' schools, Southern Circle and that the following is a consolidated report of their observations on the point.

There are six Municipalities and 4 Taluk Boards in the District. In four Municipalities the levy of fees was abolished long ago and as such the question of continuance or otherwise of the list of backward classes does not arise at all. The Chairman, Municipal Council, Palni has expressed his opinion in favour of the abolition of the list. The Chairman, Municipal Council, Periyakulam has not sent a reply to the reference. The President, Taluk Board, Dindigul has resolved to adopt the resolution of the District Educational Council Viz to abolish the list of Backward classes. The President, Taluk Board, Usilampatti says that the distinction that is sought to be continued cannot be justified. The President, Taluk Board, Melur desires that the list should continue for sometime longer. The President, Taluk Board, Madura is silent over the matter though he has expressed in his letter No.D.Dis. 738/21 dated 28-10-21 that the annual income of the parents and not caste should be the criterion to designate a pupil backward in education.

The local bodies that levy fees at present would appear to observe the list of backward classes with some reservations pending the final orders of the Director of Public Instruction approving the resolution of the Educational Council. The Inspectress of Girls' schools desires that the education should be made free to all Girls. The District Educational Officer, Madura says "My own view is that we ought to take poverty as the criterion rather than caste".

The Council is strongly in favour of the abolition of the list and desires in granting fee concessions the criterion - should be poverty and not caste. The question naturally arises as to who should be declared poor and by whom. The parents of pupils whose annual income is less than Rs. 400/- shall be declared poor. The pupils who desire to have education free may be asked to produce a certificate of poverty signed by the President of the village panchayats or the village Munsiff of the place if there is no village panchayat in the locality.

I do not recommend the total abolition of fee collections in elementary schools under the public management simply because the fee income covers a very small portion of the cost of the schools except in locality where education is declared compulsory. The abolition of the levy of fees in Public management schools is not likely to help the spread of literacy, on the other hand, I am of opinion that it would injure the cause to some extent. I agree with the District Educational Officer, Madura in saying that the criterion for fee concession should be one of poverty and not of caste or class or even of sex.

sd/ R. Foulkes,

President.

(True copy)

For President. 31.5.26

R.O.C.No. 1396 B/26, dated 18th June 1926.

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Attention is invited to G.O.No. 849 Law (Education)

date 1st June 1923.

On receipt of the Council's resolution No. 9

dated 30th October 1924 (copy enclosed) and the President's

letter R.O.C.No. 85 G/25, dated 29th May 1925 the opinions of the

District Educational Officers and the District Educational councils

were obtained in the manner and the question of the continuance

of the list was considered in this office. As the majority

of the District Educational Council's were in favour of the

maintenance of the list the President was informed in my letter

Dis. No. 80/26 dated 7th January 1926 that the list together with

amendments may be transmitted with reference to rule 6 of the

rules framed under section 26 of the Madras Elementary

Education Act 1920.

A Rama Ray
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for Director of Public Instruction.

To the Secretary to Government,

Law (Education) department.

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Proceedings of the District Educational Council, Madura

Dated the 30th October 1924.

Resolution No. 9

Read Preparation of a list of backward classes in the District.

Resolution The council adheres to its resolution No. 5

dated 23rd December 1922.

Dis. No. 328/24,

Communicated to the Director of Public Instruction
Madras with reference to his R.C.No. 1434 B/24, dated 11th
September 1924 with a copy of Resolution No. 5 dated 23rd
December 1922.

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Law (con.) Dept.

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Submission of the list of backward classes
by the D.E.C's.

Memorandum [C.No. 2048A]

From the D.E.C., Madura, No. 64, 21.5.26.

to the D.P.D., [C.No. 2337A]

" D.P.D.,

No. 1396B, 21.8.26.

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The D.E.C., Madura, suggests
the discontinuance of the list of classes educationally
backward, on the ground that the need for such
a list no longer exists and that the only
criterion for the necessity for fee concessions
should be poverty whatever be the caste
to which the boy belongs. Under rule 6 of the
rules framed under section 26 of the Elementary
Education Act, 1920, the D.E.C's should send a
list of backward classes to the D.P.D. every year.

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2 Early in 1923 the Director himself recommended
that the list of backward classes for elementary
schools might be discontinued. - Vide Director's
letter on pages 1-2 of G.O. No. 395, Law (con.), 24.3.23.
His recommendation was not, however, accepted.
Paras of the same G.O. Later on in the same
year the Director suggested that the D.E.C's
might be empowered to publish in the district
gazettes an annual list of backward classes
for their respective districts - Director's letter
on

on pages 1-2 of G.O. No. 849, Law Secy, of 21.6.23. It was, however, directed in that G.O. that the list should continue to be ~~submitted~~ submitted by the D.E.C.'s to the D.P.D. as required by the rules and that the D.P.D. should scrutinize those lists making ~~any~~ alterations, if necessary, before they were published in the district gazettes.

The D.P.D. has now consulted the D.E.C.'s and in regard to the suggestion made by the D.E.C., Madras, ~~and other D.E.C.'s~~ and ~~reported to the~~ majority of them are in favour of maintaining the list. The Director also considers that the list should continue to be maintained.

3. In regard to the test for the necessity for fee concessions, the principle hitherto applied for inclusion of any class of the community in the list of backward classes is as follows: -

~~that~~ "A class shall be considered as backward, when the great majority of its members are poor and the standard of literacy is below the average of the Presidency." - Vide para 2 of office note on page 17 of G.O. No. 849, Law Secy, of 21.6.23. ~~The D.P.D. considered that the test of poverty~~ In 1923 the D.P.D. considered that the test of poverty would be impossible of application - Vide para 2 of his letter on page 2 of G.O. 395, of No. 3.23.

4. In these circumstances, the D.E.C. Madras, may be informed that the list should continue to be submitted

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submitted to the D.P.D. ~~as~~ as required by the rules.

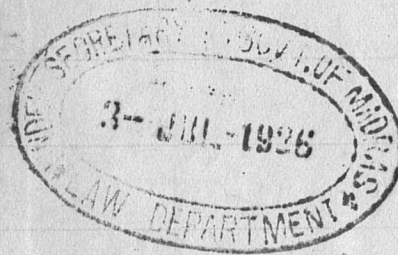
A draft order is submitted for consideration.

J.E.Cs are apt to be very fussy in the matter, and the list is likely to be unduly long. There is this safeguard: the D.P.D. is to scrutinize the list & alter it where necessary. The list may continue though so far as elementary edu is concerned, it will become inoperative gradually as compulsory is introduced & edu is rendered free.

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