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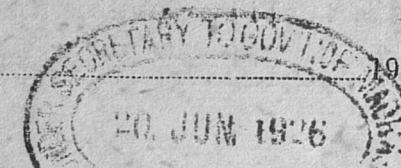
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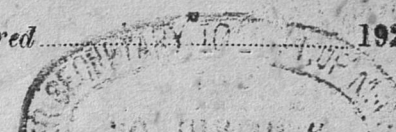
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Station Madras Dated the 16th June, 1926.

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,

In regard to the working of the scheme of compulsory elementary education in Erode Municipality, I have the honour to submit the following report:-
Boys.- There are 2001 boys of school-age resident within the Municipality, of whom 1,733 are at school. There are thus 268 boys still to be brought under instruction, the percentage working out to about 13. But of these 268 boys, 39 have applied for exemption from compulsory attendance at school. Their applications are reported to be pending with the Attendance Committee. In view of the fact that compulsion was introduced

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was introduced in the Municipality more than 3 years ago on 1-4-23 the progress made in this direction seems hardly to be satisfactory. The Council should have adopted more vigorous measures to work the scheme successfully. The Council may be advised to take steps to bring the remaining number of boys of school-age under instruction.

2. There are 14 Municipal Schools (10 Day and 4 Night) only 3 of these have buildings of their own. The rest are located in rented buildings, many of which are unsuitable for school purposes. It is reported that the Municipality pays Rs.1,550/- annually by way of rent for these school-houses. No new school building has been constructed by the Municipality since the introduction of compulsion. A sum of Rs.7,500 has, however, been provided in the current year's budget for the construction of a building for the Lower Elementary School, Karungalpalayam and the purchase of sites for 3 other schools. The Municipality may be advised to draw up a building programme spread over a few years in consultation with the District Educational Officer especially in view of the fact that many of the schools are located in unsatisfactory rented buildings for which the municipality pays a huge annual rent of Rs.1550/-

3. A register of children of school-age is maintained by the Municipality but the Attendance Committee composed of 5 Members elected from among the Municipal Councillors with the Chairman, Municipal Council as President is reported to have not met till now. The Municipal Council may be advised to see that the Attendance Committee works properly in future.

4. The Chairman, Municipal Council has recommended to the Attendance Committee that exemption from attendance at school might be granted in cases of sickness, bodily infirmity, madness and extreme poverty of parents. The children of poor parents may however be made to attend one or other of the night schools run by the Municipality.

5. The percentage of attendance of the pupils in the various standards is pretty high ranging as it does from 77 to 87.

6. Non-Muhammadan Girls.-- As regards the working of the scheme in respect of Non-Muhammadan Girls, it may be observed that out of a total number of 1,155 girls of school-age resident in the Municipality, only 873 are at school. Of the remaining number of 282 Girls who are outside the fold of compulsion, 46 are reported to have been recommended for exemption from attendance at school to the Attendance Committee by the Chairman, Municipal Council. This however leaves 236 girls or 20 per cent to be brought under instruction. But the Inspectress of Girls' Schools reports that there is no compulsion so far as girls are concerned. The Municipal Council may be advised to enforce compulsion in respect of girls also. It is also understood that the Municipal Council has been advised to pass a resolution making exemptions possible in cases of bodily infirmity, field work, help rendered to parents in adding to the family income and private tuition. The attention of the Council may be invited to Section 50(ii) of the Madras Elementary Education Act of 1920. I suggest that the question of opening part-time schools in order to enable girls who render help to their parents and do field-work to receive education may be commended to the consideration of the Municipal Council.

7. There are 6 caste Girls' Schools in the Municipality. Two of these, for which rented buildings have been acquired, are reported to have been opened since 1-10-24. The Inspectress however thinks that the buildings in use need to be replaced by proper school-buildings inasmuch as they are dwelling-houses not suited for school purposes.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A. Ramaraj, J. S. B.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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