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grants classification of pupils Acc. of wealth--deputation of
Missionaries--notes recorded

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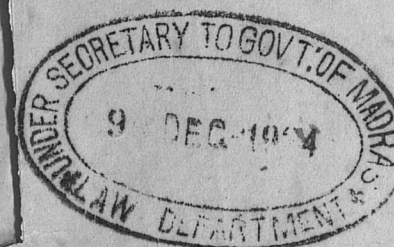
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A deputation of missionaries waited upon the Hon'ble the Minister on Saturday the 6th instant. They represented that the rule regarding fee in - secondary schools for girls though passed in 1920 has not been given effect to till now and the deci- sion to give effect to it at once will cause hard- ship. They therefore requested that for the current year the grants be assessed on the old system and the rules passed in 1920 be given effect to from next year. The D.P.I. may be asked to offer his remarks on this suggestion.

They also requested that the limit of income of parents fixed by the Director for determining the eligibility of girls for fee concessions may be raised from Rs 200 to say Rs 500 per year. The D.P.I. may be asked to offer his remarks on this suggestion also.

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D.P.I. u.o.

U.O.Reply No. 3104. D/24.8/19.12.24.

It was the practice up till 1920 to take into calculation only half the standard rates in girls schools for all pupils irrespective of the wealth of the parents and compensation equal to an amount of half the standard rates was given to all aided girls schools.

In 1920 the grant of fee concessions which was optional in the case of backward classes and girls was made compulsory subject to the condition that a poverty certificate was produced, certain modifica- tions being introduced to Rule 102 of the M.E.R. old rule.

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Since this rule was only published in August 1920 it could ordinarily have effect only from the beginning of the next year, that is to say, from July 1921. Since the ⁵grant-in-aid that are paid in any year are based upon the financial statements of the previous year and since the revised rates of fees should have taken effect only from July 1921 the grant-in-aid should have been ^{affected} ~~altered~~ ^{on} only the grants which ^{were} ~~was~~ awarded in the year 1922-23 on the basis of the financial statements of the year 1921-22.

The change however was not observed by my office from the year 1922-23 and the old procedure of giving full compensation for the entire fee income at half the standard rates irrespective of the property qualifications of the ~~the~~ parents or guardians was continued for the years 1922-23 and 1923-24. During this period we had a Deputy Directress in this office.

Early in the current year however my attention was drawn to the practice adopted hitherto and I ordered that while half fees might be admitted for girls belonging to the poor and also ^(for the current year) to the middle classes, fees on behalf of the rich pupils should be taken at full standard rates. A circular was also issued by me in July last impressing on all inspecting officers the need for strict adherence to the rules of Government. The assessment of grants to girls schools has been only very slightly modified this year over the amounts which they received last year, this modification being very small in view of the fact that the number of girls belonging to rich parents in the majority of girls schools is very small, not more than 10 in each school on an average. The full effect of the rule will be seen only next year when not only girls belonging to the richer classes but also those belonging to the middle classes will be presumed to have been paying standard rates of fees instead of half the standard

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rates of fees. (3)

I have done my best to temper the wind to the shorn lamb and I should have reported the matter to Government. This point however escaped the notice of my office. The Missionaries ^{have} ~~had~~ very little ^{to} complaint ⁷ in the current year in view of the modified action which has been taken. If Government desire to show any further concession I suggest that I be instructed to continue for next year the same practice that has been adopted this year in assessing grants-in-aid leaving the full effect of the reduced assessment over until the year 1926-27.

The question of revising the old basis of classification of pupils according to wealth has already been considered and Government have been advised by me after I consulted Dr. Mathai on the matter as will be seen by a reference to a U.O. note of mine dated 2nd August 1923 which will be contained in the notes to G.O.No.1292 L.E., dated 30th September 1923. Poorer classes were formerly those with an income of ^{less than} Rs.200 per annum ~~or less~~, middle classes those with an income of ^{less than} Rs.5000 ~~or less~~ and richer classes ^{less than} those with an income ^{of} ~~above~~ ^{or over} Rs.5000. The present classification however is that those below Rs.400 per annum are classified as poor, those ~~below~~ with an annual income of Rs.400 and upwards but below Rs.7000 ^{are} ~~should be~~ classified as middle and those with an annual income of Rs.7000 and more as rich. The deputation of Missionaries does not seem to be aware of this revision. It suffices for the present purpose, and so long as we consider the poor as those with an income of ^{less than} Rs.400 per annum I do not consider that we should

be asked

be asked to go beyond that, up to Rs.500 as is suggested.

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Please see notes in the linked file. The D.P.I. has shown that the assessment of grants in the current year has not worked any appreciable hardship on Mission managers. It seems hardly necessary to issue any instruction such as is suggested at K on page 3 ante. The deputation of Missionaries wanted a lenient method of assessing grants only in respect of the current year.

As observed by the Director, in
the revised classification of wealth for statistical purposes in the Education Department ~~was~~ approved and notified. ^{in 1923} It is, however, pertinent to remark that this classification of pupils according to the parents or guardian's annual income is only for statistical purposes.

In regard to the working of Rule 92 of the Education Rules, the Government have till now declined to define "poverty".

It has been held that the parent's ability to pay for the schooling of his children does not depend upon his theoretical income alone. What is poverty in each case has accordingly

been left to be determined by one or other of the certifying officers mentioned in the rule. So ^{recently} ~~late~~ as August 1924, the D. P. D. stated that this was also the departmental practice. For orders whether any reply should go with

reference to the representation of the deputation. at p. 1 ante.

It does not seem necessary.

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The Finance Committee has rejected the proposal for waiving the requirement as to the production of 'poverty' certificates by girls. These papers may be

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