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Address to His Excellency the Governor--Virudhunagar
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Extract from the Tour Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor by the Virudhunagar Municipal Council.

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3. From the Municipal funds five elementary Schools are maintained; three of them are intended mainly to meet the special communal needs of the depressed and backward - classes. The latest statistics show that there were still 192 boys of school-going age unprovided ^{id} for. In its resolution of May, Your Excellency will be interested to learn, the - Council has sanctioned the introduction of the compulsory Education Act with effect from July. Details of working - the scheme are under correspondence with the Educational - authorities and the Council expects to report the matter - for the sanction of Government soon.

Secretariat Note.

According to the statistics furnished with the administrative report of the Board of Education for 1925-26 which is the latest available, the estimated number of children of school going age in the town was 2580 ~~of whom~~ (1318 ~~are~~ boys and 1262 ~~are~~ girls). Ten percent of the boys (132) and 64 per cent of the girls (805) have yet to be brought under instruction.

2. The total number of ^{elementary} schools in the municipality is 19 of which the ~~local~~ ~~municipal~~ ~~maintains~~ ^{five} including two for backward classes & one for girls are maintained by the mun. comm.

3. ~~There are~~ Although all the boys of school age (~~except 132~~) have already been under instruction there should be no difficulty in introducing the compulsory education in the m. area. This is however a matter for the Law Dept. to consider when ~~the~~ proposals are received from the m. cl. With these new schools the rate may be brought up to the Law Dept. for supplementing this note.

[The note should reach the P.S. not later than the 11th inst.]

[In order to save delay a copy of para 3 of the address and of the ^{above} note may be sent to Law (Secy) Dept. here in advance.]

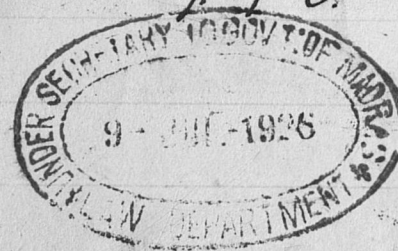
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The Inspector of Municipal Councils attempted in September 1924 to persuade the Municipal Council Viradhuwagar to resolve on the introduction of Compulsory elementary education for boys within its jurisdiction. But the Council then decided to postpone the consideration of the question to the following year (1925). From the address now proposed it will be seen that the Council has decided in ^{May} last to introduce Compulsion with effect from July 1926. No proposals have yet been received from the Council. Presumably they are still under consideration with the educational authorities. The receipt of the Council's proposals is awaited.

With these remarks the file may be circulated to the P.S. & through the Honble M2

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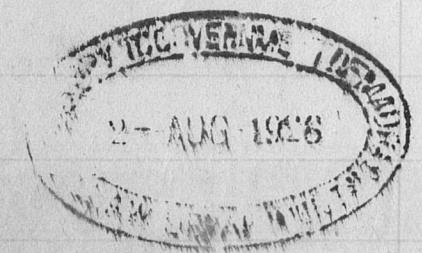
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Virudhunagar
Municipal Council,-

I much regret that it has not been possible for me to accept your kind invitation to visit your town but I am very glad to meet you here today and receive the address which you have just read to me. I gratefully acknowledge on behalf of my Government the expression of your loyalty and your appreciation of what we have been able to do to help you since your town became a Municipality.

You have various schemes before you of which perhaps the most important are your water supply and drainage projects. With regard to the former I understand that the Deputy Sanitary Engineer has been asked to submit his report before the end of October, after which the question of your Council's ability to finance its share of the cost will be considered. I must however warn your Council, as I have other local bodies, that Government's commitments in the matter of these schemes are already very heavy and it would not be fair to make you any promise that your scheme will be

given precedence over others already entered in the priority list. You may perhaps in the meantime be willing to consider the possibility of levying your water and drainage tax at an early date with a view to accumulating funds and thus making the financing of the scheme when sanctioned an easier matter.

I am told that no one who has visited certain portions of your town can have any doubt as to the urgent necessity for completing your drainage project. Unfortunately in the case of drainage as in the case of water supply schemes Government has already a long waiting list of urgent projects and you have I believe been informed that no Government grant is possible in your case for drainage purposes for some time to come. In view however of the urgency of the matter, you might be prepared to apply ~~for~~ for a loan, in which case your application will be considered in connection with next year's budget.

With regard to your hospital, I understand that the Surgeon General is satisfied that a new building is necessary and the first step to be taken is to prepare plans and estimates which will make it

possible for Government to consider the question of a grant and loan for the purpose. If your finances continue sound, as I hope they will, there should be no difficulty in the matter of a grant for your hospital. There appears to have been some divergence of opinion concerning the best site to be acquired but I understand from your address that you have now decided to adhere to the original site which was approved by the District Medical Officer.

I was interested to learn the history of your two new roads named after two of your Indian Collectors, which I feel sure will be a credit both to you and to them. I understand that you require a further loan for the purpose of completing these two roads but your application has not yet reached Government though I have no doubt it will in due course.

The same applies to your town planning scheme which should materially improve the amenities of your town. I regard it as a most hopeful sign that you and other local bodies are turning your attention seriously to town planning which will relieve congestion in your bazaars and materially improve the

health
examination of the people.

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I congratulate you on your decision to introduce compulsory elementary education for boys within your jurisdiction. Your proposals in this connection will be dealt with as soon as possible after they are received through the Director of Public Instruction.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I thank you all once again for coming here to receive me today and for the welcome which you have given me. I shall not forget your various requests but will see that they are dealt with as generously as our finances permit.

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