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Station Madras Dated the 31st March 1926

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

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

L a w (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No.2934 B-1 dated 21-1-26 calling for a report on the progress made by the Boy Scout movement since its inception in this Presidency, I have the ho nour to submit herewith a report received by me from the Honorary Provincial Secretary Boy Scouts Association Important additional facts and figures are in the marked printed reports accompanying the special report.

I may state in this connection that I do not subscribe to all the opinions in the typed report of the

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the Honorary Provincial Secretary.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant

For Director of Public Instruction

Very urgent

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MADRAS
Re 1129-26/28
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Provincial Scout Headquarters,
Lady Wenlock Park,
Triplicane,

MADRAS, 15th March 1926.

From

Mr.K. Sanjiva Kamath B.A., B.L.,
Hon.Provincial Secretary,
Boy Scout Association,
M A D R A S.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Old College Road, Nungambakam,
M A D R A S.

DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 1129/26 dated 25-1- 1926 I am sending herewith the Annual Reports for the Boy Scout Association, for the years 1921 to 1925, ~~together with the Census Report for the year 1922~~. I have marked the important portions in each report. I shall just give herein below a brief summary of the Progress of the movement and refer you for further details to the Annual Reports.

1. Numerical Strength: The progress in the numerical strength of the movement is given in each report. The following are the figures for the various years as you will find from the reports.

Year.	No. of Scouts.	No.of Troops.
1921--1922	4202	195
1922-1923	3841	189
1923--1924	4014	220
1924--1925	5023	311

The figures are obtained from the census taken every year sometime during the month of September. The figures so obtained are much less than the actual number as it is very difficult to get the census forms duly filled by the various scout troops in the Presidency in time. As ~~it is~~ stated at page 12 of the report for 1924-25, the present strength of the movement is not less than 6500, and may even be about 7000. (2) Finance: So far as the

the financial side is concerned the movement has been depending till very lately entirely on Public support. The annual report for each year contains a financial statement as well, from which you can easily gather the extent of support which the public have given to the movement. I may however mention that the statement refers to the - support received by the Provincial Headquarters only and has not taken into account the very wide support which the public are giving to the various District Councils, Local Associations and serveal hundred Scout Troops, Rover Troops and cub packs that are scattered throughout the Presidency. My modest estimate is that the public are spending not less than Rs.50,000/-, every year on this movement. For the first time in the History of scouting in this Presidency, the Government, have been pleased to give a small grant of Rs.10,000/- per annum since June 1925. With the assistance of this grant the Association has employed two full-time Organising Secretaries on a salary of Rs.250/- per mensum, and I may say in this connection that the - grant given by the the Government to this Association is very small compared with the amounts of grants that several other provincial and state Associations are receiving from the respective Governments. Any how we are trying to do the best we can with the amount at our disposal, though the association does require a much larger grant to carry on its useful activities on a wider scale in this Presidency.

The interest which the public are evincing in the movement has been amply proved by the fact that practically all the expenditure amounting to nearly Rs.2[illegible],000/- which was incurred in connection with the last Provincial Boy Scout Jamboree at which more than 4,000 boyscouts were present, entirely by public subscription. This amount does not include the amount which the boys spent on Railway charges which also came from the public purse, and estimate the expenditure incurred by the public in this connection and for other incidental charges by the boys at not less

less than Rs.25,000/-. This is certainly a very great effort on the part of the public in one year and conclusively shows that the public have taken very keenly to the movement and I expect the Government also to do its bit by it. It is needless to mention that Madras is the very first Province in India to have attempted to organise a Jamboree which is by far the biggest and most important gathering that has ever been organised in the East.

3. Training Camps:-- The great difficulty of the Movement is to get the right type of men who will act as scout Masters. Except for the staff at the Headquarters, all scout work is honorary and it is a problem to get a large number of men who are willing to give their time and energy at great personal sacrifice to the work of training the boys. There is no difficulty in getting thousands of boys to join the movement provided we make adequate arrangements for their training. If numerical strength of the movement is only about 5 to 6 thousand it is not because more boys are not anxious to join but we find it hard to get the right type of men to undertake the work of training. We have to be very careful in our selection of Scout Masters, and this is done mainly through the training camps for the prospective scout officers, which the Association is organising from time to time. The report for each year contains the number of training camps held and of men who have undergone the training.

The following isthe summary:--

Year.	No. of Trg.Camps.	No. of Scouts td.
1921-22	10	220
1922--23	2	72
1923--24	3	95
1924--25	5	92

It has not been possible to have more training camps as there are not many officers who can run training camps.

Besides it is possible to run these camps only during long holidays and such holidays occur only twice a year. Now that we have two full-time Organising Secretaries we except to make a strenuous effort to run more training camps than it was possible to do in the past.

4. Magazine:--- The Association is conducting a very useful magazine known as the 'South India Boy Scout'. It is run by an Editorial Board or Committee consisting of - Messrs.Dr.F.H.Gravely,Mr.K.Sanjiva Kamath,Mr.V.S.Rathnasabhapathy, and Mr.P.S.Narayanaswami, one of the Organising Secretaries, as the managing Editor. The magazine has been in existence for several years and is found very useful and interesting by all scouts and Non-scouts as well. The - subscription is only Rs.2/- per annum. A large No. of - Schools are subscribing for the magazine and I think it is very necessary that every school, in the Presidency upto the Primary Standard, should have a copy of the magazine on its Reading Room Table. The present circulation of the magazine is about 500 and it is expected that it will have larger circulation in the near future.

5. Provincial Headquarters. At first for about a year there was no Provincial Headquarters Office. A beginning was made early in 1923 to organise an office with a paid staff in a rented building in Rattan Bazar Road, The Organisation of the Headquarters Office was found to be a very useful - measure and conduced very largely to the progress and the general efficiency of the movement. On the representation made by the Executive Committee of the Association the - Government were pleased to grant the Lady Wenlock Park on the South Beach Road, Triplicane, to the Association, on a lease of 20 years free of rent. The Headquarters office was shifted to this building early in 1925. Various improvements are being effected in the building, so that it may serve as a central office for the Association. Thanks to the gene-

generosity of the Rajah of Sivaganga and the Rajah of Parlakimedi, the Association has got a building fund of Rs.10,000/- and hopes to raise some more amounts for this purpose.

The extensive grounds of the park are taken advantage of by the scouts of Triplicane for purposes of recreation and outdoor sports.

6. Provincial Officers:-- A list of Provincial Officers is given in each report. The main direction of the movement is vested in the Provincial Commissioner and the Association has been fortunate in securing the servives of keen men to act as Proncial Commissioner, Mr.F.J. Richards I.C.S., some time Secretary to the Government of Madras,, in the Local Self Government Department was the first Provincial Commissioner after the amalgamatied Association came into existence. Mr. Richards acted as the Provincial Commissioner till the beginning of 1922 when his place was taken by Mr. F.H. Oakley, of Messrs Okely Bowden and Co., Ltd. Mr.Oakley resigned his office in May 1924, when he left for England on a holiday trip and since then the Hon'ble Sir C.P.Ramaswami Iyer K.C.I.E., has been acting as the Provincial Commissioner. The fact that the Association has been able to secure the services of a personage of the high social and Official Position of Sir C.P.Ramaswami Aiyer has gone a great way in securing for the movement widespread public confidence and support. The Association has also had the active and sympathetic Co-operation of distinguished Vice Presidents, The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.Venkatasubba Rao, The Hon'ble Mr. Sir A.P.Patro, The Raja of Parlakimedi, The Raja of Sivaganga and Mr.R.Little Bailes who have from time to time done their best to help the progress of movement. It is needless to refer to the most generous support given to the movement by its successive Provincial Chief Scouts their Excellencies Lord Willingdon and Viscount Goschen. Their interest is welknown. It is due to the efforts of H.E.Lord Wellingdon that the three Boyscout movements, the Indian Boy Scout

Association, The Boy Scout of India Association and the B.P. boy Scout Association that were functioning in the Presidency from 1917 to 1921 were amalgamated into one Association. H.E. Lord Willingdon was unflagging in the interest which he evinced in the movement till the date of his departure when a Rally of Scouts was held to bid him farewell and his example has been continued by H.E. Viscount Goschen to whose efforts the Association mainly owes many of its present favourable conditions, such as the grant from the Government, the Head-quarters building and the widespread financial support from the public both towards the current expenses of the Association and the expenses connected with the Jamboree.

7. Work of the Organising Secretaries:-- A brief report of the work done by the Organising Secretaries is given in pages 13 to 18 of the Annual Report for 1924-25. As will be seen from these reports the Organising Secretaries have been doing a good deal of touring work in the districts creating public interest and inspecting troops in those districts. These visits have been very useful to the moffusil troops who have now got the benefit of expert personal advice directly from two of the Headquarters Officers. The Org: Secretaries are scouters of long experience of nearly 7 years and have also undergone training in the woodbadge course conducted in Madras by Mr. J.S. Wilson, now Camp Chief at Gilwell Park. One of the Organising Secretaries was for long a District Commr. in Malabar, and the other an Assistant Dt. Commissioner in Madras and Both of them were noted for the good work they did in their respective capacities. They were doing a good deal of Organising work in an honorary capacity before and their full time services have been now found to be very useful by the fact that the S.I.Ry. Company has been very pleased to give them free 2nd Class passes over its lines. The - Association has been thus saved a considerable amount of expenditure which it would otherwise have had to incur on

on their touring. Even with respect to their halting allowances, the Organising Secretaries are drawing only the actual expenses incurred by them. The Organising Secretaries have already visited the districts of Chittor, North Arcot, Tanjore, Madras, South Arcot, Trichinopoly, Malabar, British Cochin, South Kanara, Ramnad and Nilgris. On account of the pressure of work in connection with the Jamboree the Org. Secretaries could not do more of touring work. As the boys are now busy with their examinations touring work, after January, is found not to be very advisable. As soon as the Examination season is over, the Organising Secretaries expect to resume their touring work and run a large No. of training camps. I may mention in this connection that in recognition of the work done by the Organising Secretaries both before and after their appointment as such, His Excellency, the Viceroy and the Chief Scout for India was pleased to confer on them the medals of merit.

8. Medical Inspection. The Association made arrangements to carry out the system of compulsory medical inspection for Scouts. But in view of the Government in the Educational Department having taken steps to carry out compulsory - medical inspection of all school boys this item of work has been found to be unnecessary for the present.

9. Public Service:-- Every scout is expected to do on this honour a good turn every day and the total No. of such good turns is over at least 5,000 every day. It is however, considered inadvisable to take statistics of this item of work done by the scouts. The universal encouragement given to the scout is proof positive of the every quiet and helpful service rendered by the scouts in their respective places. Scouts have been found very useful in the organisation of school functions. They have also been very conspicuous in rendering assistance during big local festivals. They have also taken an important part in Health Week arrangements. Their services as first aiders have been found to be very

very helpful during many accidents. They have helped in quenching several local fires. They have also done a good deal of life saving work in many cases of drowning. Their assistance during successive floods has been borne public testimony to both by Government Officers and Local Boards as well as private citizens. The discipline and the training of the Scouts have been an asset to the social service side of the public life in this Presidency. I shall be content in drawing your attention to pages 20 and 21 of the annual report for 23-24 which give an account of two important items of public service rendered by the scouts which were considered fit to be incorporated in the report in view of the special recognination that was extended to the scouts who were responsible for the same.

10. Contribution to the physical, Moral and Educational Welfare of the School going boys:--

More than 95% of the Rovers, scouts and cubs are from the school and college going population. Scouting has introduced many new and interesting games which can be played without any apparatus and in which larger numbers of boys can play with greater profit, than in some of the ordinary games which are current in schools. School Excursions are of great eductional importance but were not properly conducted to any appreciable extent. But after the introduction of Scouting, camps and excursions have become very popular, Every scout troop is expected to go on camp at least once or twice a year and in this way several hundreds of camps are conducted by the various scout troops spread throughout the Presidency. In these camps scouts combine both their interest in outdoor life and their curiosity to see new and important places of geographical and Historical interest. These camps have greatly improved the outlook of the school boys and have been a means of training them in habits of Self reliance and mutual co-operation, as also in mutual toleration. These camps

camps have also done away with a good deal of social and secretarian prejudice. Scouts have not only been good in their out door activities; they have also shown higher sense of responsibility to their intellectual studies within the four walls of their schools. The scouts are being taught and have learnt one great lesson namely, to play well when they ought to play and read well when they ought to read.

11. Handicrafts and Hobbies. Technical instruction and cultivation of hobbies are the two items which were not given adequate attention to by the boys. These defects have been entirely removed so far as the scouts are concerned. The scout craft Exhibition that was held in the Y.M.C.A., during the scout week in December 1923, and the one held during the Jamboree in December 1925, showed to the public the great practical love which the soucts were displaying in handi-crafts and hobbies. A brief report of the scout craft exhibition held in December 1923 is given in appendix B.pages 31 to 34 of the annual report for 1923-24. A very large variety of Exhibits were display-edin both the Exhibitions. Works of Carpentry, canework, Rattan work, clay work, Paintings, drawings, Collection of Natural History, and stamps and coins and various other items were among the exhibits.

12. District Reports. I am not making any attempt to give the reports of the work done by the scouts in various districts you will find selected reports of some of the districts, which are printed in each annual report as appendices under the heading of "Reports from Districts."

I need not add more to this brief summary. A careful perusal of the report for each year will give you a fairly accurate idea of the progress made by the movement each year of its existence. I am not attempting to give a History of the progress of the Boy Scouts movement from its introduction among the European and Anglo Indian Boys some time in 1911 and among the Indian Boys in 1916. I have

I have not got authentic records of those associations and I am therefore, confining myself to the progress of the movement from the amalgamation which took place somewhere about the 19th of February 1921.

I am sorry that I have not been able to comply with your request earlier and I hope you have not been put to any serious inconvenience thereby.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. Narain Ramesh

Hon. Provincial Secretary.

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Law (Edn)

Boy Scouts Association, Madras.

cf. [C.949B] From the D.P.I., No. 1129D/25 dt 31.3.26

The question of paying a grant of Rs. 10,000 to the Boy Scouts Association, Madras, during 1926-27 was dealt with as a Part II scheme and placed before the Finance committee. The committee, while placing the scheme in class II, desired a statement of the progress made since the formation of the Association. The D.P.I. has now forwarded a report (in this regard) received from the Honorary Secy. of the Association - pp. 3-12 cf. Detailed information is given in the annual reports of the Association. It would perhaps suffice if the report on pp. 3-12 cf. is placed before the committee for information.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. 17 APR 1926 FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Please see the Law (Edn.) Dept's note on page 1 ante. The report on pages 3 to 12 C.F. requires editing before being placed before the Finance Committee, as it contains references to printed reports of previous years (- see portions marked A, B, C, D, E + F on pages 3, 7, 8, 10 & 11 C.F.). It is presumed that the Law (Edn.) Dept will edit the report. They may be requested to prepare a note for the Finance Committee.

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What the Committee require is a note summarising the chief points in the Secretary's letter, stating briefly ascertained facts + omitting expression of opinion.

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A note for the Finance Committee is submitted as suggested by Finance. It may be sent to that Department.

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(Previous finance notes on p. 2 ante.)

Submitted that the draft note put up by Law (Edn.) may be accepted & the following added as note by the Finance Deptt:—

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Note for the Finance Committee.

Subject.- Progress made by the Boy Scout Movement in the Madras Presidency.

Note by the Law (Education) Department.

In April 1925, the Government sanctioned a grant of Rs 10,000 to the Boy Scouts Association, Madras, to enable it to employ a capable organising secretary for the development of the Scout Movement in the Presidency. In October 1925, the Association applied for the continuance of this grant in the year 1926-27 also. The proposal was placed before the Finance Committee (in Jan. 1926) as a Part II scheme in connection with the Budget Estimate for 1926-27. The Committee, while recommending the proposal, desired to have a statement of the progress made since the formation of the Boy Scouts Association. The Honorary Secretary of the Association has furnished a report on the work of the Association and the salie points in the report are summarised below.

Origin of the Boy Scouts' Association.

Prior to 1921 there were three separate organisations in the Presidency carrying on work connected with the scout movement, viz., The Baden Powell Association for European and Anglo-Indian boys, the Boy Scouts of India (Madras) of which H.E. the Governor was the President, and the Indian Boy Scouts Association organised by Dr. Besant. About the beginning of 1921 these three organisations were amalgamated mainly owing to the efforts of H.E.Lord Willingdon and the present Boy Scouts Association, Madras, was formed. H.E. Lord Goschen is now the provincial Chief Scout and President of the Association and the Hon'ble Sir C.P. Ramaswami Ayyar is the provincial Commissioner. The main direction of the movement is vested in the provincial Commissioner.

A district council has been constituted for each

each district and an Honorary District Scout Commissioner appointed in connection with it.

Provincial Headquarters office. Early in 1923 a Provincial Headquarters office was formed and it was located in a rented building in Georgetown. On a representation made by the Executive Committee of the Association, the Government granted the Lady Wenlock Park on the South Beach Road, Triplicane, to the Association on lease for twenty years, free of rent. The headquarters office was shifted to the Park early in 1925. Owing to the generosity of the Raja of Sivaganga and the Raja of Parlakimedi the Association has got a building fund of Rs 10,000.

Numerical strength of the organisation

The following statement shows the increase in the number of Scouts and Scout troops in the Presidency since the year 1921-22:-

Year	No. of scouts	No. of troops
1921-22	4202	195
1922-23	3841	189
1923-24	4014	220
1924-25	5023	311

Some of the scout troops in the Presidency had not furnished figures of their numerical strength when the report of the Association for 1924-25 was prepared. If the strength of these troops is also taken into account, the total number of scouts in the Presidency will be about 6,500.

Training camps.

The training of scout masters is one of the main functions of the Association. Training camps are organised for this purpose from time to time and the following statement shows the number of camps held and scout masters trained each year.

Year	No. of training camps	No. of Scouts trained
1921-22	10	220
1922-23	2	72
1923-24	3	95
1924-25	5	92

The Association hopes that with the aid of

the full-time organising Secretaries employed recently it would be possible to train more Scout masters in the near future.

Magazine.

The Association is conducting a magazine known as the 'South India Boy Scout.' The subscription for the magazine is Rs 2 a year and many schools are getting copies, the total number of copies now subscribed for being 500.

Organising Secretaries.

With the aid of the Government grant sanctioned last year the Association has employed two full-time organising secretaries on Rs 250 each a month. These secretaries are touring in the districts, creating public interest and inspecting the troops. These visits are useful to the mufassal troops who get the benefit of expert personal advice from the Headquarters Officers. The South Indian Railway Company has been pleased to issue free second class passes over its lines to the Organising Secretaries. In recognition of the work done by these secretaries His Excellency the Viceroy and Chief Scout for India was pleased to confer on them the medals of merit.

Special functions organised by the Association.

A grand Scout Rally was organised in January 1922 on the occasion of the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to Madras. In December 1923 a Scout Craft Exhibition was organised and the exhibits that were contributed by the several Boy Scout troops were of varied interest and all of them displayed a considerable amount of originality and skill. The Exhibits consisted mainly of basket work, wood work, paintings, clay models and stamp and coin collections.

A Scout Jamboree was organised during the last Christmas and Scouts from all parts of India

attended the function.

In addition to these, Scouts have been very useful in organising school functions, in rendering assistance during big festivals, in health-week arrangements and in administering first aid.

Finance.

The income of the Association was derived from two main sources, viz., interest on the building fund and annual donations from patrons and sympathisers. The subscriptions and donations collected in the past years are as follow:-

1921-22	Rs 3,095
1922-23	2,154
1923-24	3,945
1924-25	3,647

The above figures represent the support received by the Provincial Headquarters from the general public. They do not take into account the large support which the public are giving to the various District Councils, Local Associations and Scout troops.

During the last year the Government sanctioned a grant of Rs 10,000 and this grant has been continued in the current year. With these grants the Association hopes to be able to organise more Scout troops in the mufassal, train more masters and in other ways to assist in placing the movement on a sound basis.

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14.5.26

Note by the Finance Deptt.

The note may be placed before the Finance Committee for information. (Sd) G.T.B.
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