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Assistant Secretary to Govt

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ENCLOSURES.

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Re No. 561/25
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Station BERHAMPORE , Dated the 4-1-26 1926

From (Name) M.R.Py.P.V.Narayanarow Patrule Garu
(Designation) President Dt.Edl Council Ganjam

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to your G.O. No Mis 2074 Law (Edn) dated 5-12-25, I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to reconsider the matter solely with reference to this District for the following reasons. You are aware, sir, that this District is one of the most backward districts in regard to Elementary Education. This view point is even agreed by the Government in its report on the Elementary Education survey of this Presidency for 1924-25. (Please vide page 87 para 4 of the report). The villagers are mostly illiterate whole-sale villagers being unable to sign even their names. Secondly as a result of the successive

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cyclones in 23 and 24 villages have been swept away - besides huge bridges as can be seen from the fact that His Excellency the Governor of Madras was graciously -- pleased to visit the said areas personally and sanction the amount for the reconstruction of bridges.

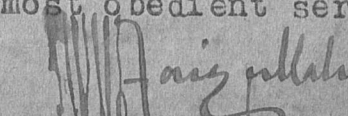
Thirdly naturally villagers being illiterate live in humble cottages being accustomed to the old system of - pial schools, they are not in a position to provide any building or house that suits the pupils as per rules.

Lastly, if the floor area of $9\frac{1}{2}$ sq ft is insisted, it will give a serious set back for the progress of --- Elementary Education ⁱⁿ the backward District while the object of Government is to expand elementary Education in all villages. Even Taluq Boards have to close some of their oldest schools in their rented buildings if it is strictly insisted upon. Even the successive District Educational Officers of this District came to realise - this and have expressed this difficulty. The view of the District Educational Officer and other Officers may be consulted.

I therefore request you will be good enough to reconsider your orders in view of the circumstances and - also of the serious nature of the question of accommodation which has been the main cause, if not the sole - cause, that is standing in the way of opening more aided schools in the District in spite of the impetus given to it.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,


For President

Dt. Edl Council Ganjam Berhampore

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Floor Space - Elementary Schools - Relaxation of the Rule.



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R.C.No. 136-B/26.

Station Madras, Dated the 24th March, 1926.From (Name) R. LITTLEHAILES, Esq., M.A.(Designation) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

LAW (EDUCATION) Department.

Sir.

In resubmitting herewith Government Endorsement No. 77-A-1 dated 16-1-26, I have the honour to state that according to the Elementary Education Survey report the percentage of pupils under instruction in the Ganjam District is 21, the average for the Presidency being 22. It is observed that there are Districts other than Ganjam which fall far below the standard obtaining in this District.

2. The existing rule requiring the minimum of floor space of $9\frac{1}{2}$ sq. ft. per pupil has been in operation from a very long time and even after the introduction of the Madras Elementary Education Act of 1920, no change was considered necessary when the rules were framed by the Rules Committee.

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It is observed from the recommendation made by the Rules Committee that the definition has been purposely made elastic to cover all types of school buildings.

3. A relaxation of the rule is also not necessary even on financial grounds. Complaints cannot be made about the costliness of Elementary School buildings, in view of the fact that Government have approved cheaper type-designs for Elementary Schools buildings, and the management can adopt the same. In respect of local bodies, the financial position of many, has improved since the constitution of a separate elementary education fund, and Government are also sanctioning half-grants towards the construction of elementary school buildings.

4. Further, a floor area of $9\frac{1}{2}$ sq.ft. is referred to in the definition of an Elementary School place, in the rules framed under Section 3(vii) of the Madras Elementary Education Act of 1920 and the definite provision of this area is considered generally necessary in connection with the introduction of compulsory elementary education by local bodies. So far as aided schools are concerned the rules for recognition simply say that the building should be suitable. The use of this term gives large in discretion to District Educational Councils to relax the rules in deserving cases, though in the case of local bodies the minimum area may be insisted on.

5. In these circumstances, I do not consider that a general relaxation of the rule lowering the minimum is necessary or advisable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

A Ramu Ray
for Director of Public Instruction.

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No. 666, dated 17. 4 1926.

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