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BENGAL SECRETARIAT.

Education DEPARTMENT;

Darjeeling, the 13th April, 1926.

D.-O. No. 117 E.S.

V.L. 15224
17/4/26.

Dear Sir,

There is under contemplation the introduction into the Bengal Legislative Council of a Primary Education Bill, the provisions of which have been largely borrowed from the Madras Act VIII of 1920. Under that Act a special authority, the District Educational Council, has been constituted in each district to control elementary education and has been vested with various duties and powers. I should be much obliged if you could inform me whether these new bodies have been able to perform their duties and exercise their powers efficiently to the satisfaction of the Madras Government. Any information that you can give about the working of these bodies would be of assistance and I should like to know especially whether in your opinion the official element in their constitution is of the proper proportion or whether it should be greater or less.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Lindsay

The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Education Department,
Madras.

CNO 1522A

Law (Education) Department.

The Government of Bengal desire to have

information on the following points:-

- (1) whether the District Educational Councils have been able to perform their duties and exercise their powers efficiently to the satisfaction of the Madras Government, and
- (2) whether the official element in their constitution is of the proper proportion or whether it should be greater or less.

My also desire to have any other information about the working of these councils.

2. Whether the Councils have been able to perform their duties and exercise their powers efficiently.

The duties of the Councils are detailed in section 24 of the E.E. Act, 1920. The main function of the Councils is coordination of the several agencies who are in charge of elementary education.

So far as the functions entrusted to them by the Act, as it is at present ^(are amended) it may be stated that the Councils have been doing their work efficiently. Attention is, in this connection, solicited to the Hon'ble the Minister's speech at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 19th March 1923, which is extracted below:-

"At least there is one member here who gives his experience. They have begun recently and within the short time and experience they have been able to reorganise and overhaul the existing state of things and introduce new life. It is really a very great advance. Again, Sir, the district educational councils have got full opportunities of inviting the local bodies and private individuals to give to them schemes for expansion of elementary education. Under section 24 of this Act there is an obligation on the part of these bodies to extend elementary education by inviting schemes from the local bodies as well as private individuals. They have got to examine these institutions wherever it is necessary, and they can rectify any shortcomings that are in existence and bring into existence new schools in places where there are no schools. So it is a remarkable responsibility which the council

should realise and, if they are not able to realise now, they will be able to realise it in course of time. Nothing would be revolutionized in a day. Having had the reform scheme a few years back, if we expect abundant results at so early a date, we shall be impatient idealists. Advance could be secured only by working on practical lines. I have personally seen the work in four or five councils and I must congratulate their members and presidents for the excellent work that they have been doing in the matter of elementary education, ~~and I am sure that they have been doing in the matter of elementary education~~ and I am sure that other institutions which are not up to the mark, if they only realize their duties unto themselves and to the nation at large, if they are sincere and patriotic more and more, they will have the satisfaction of satisfying the needs of the local area and reaching the ideal the country expects of them. I am not disappointed nor is there any room for criticism."

The Bengal Government's enquiry on this point may it is submitted be answered in the affirmative.

It may be mentioned that the following three important questions were raised in connection with the proposed amendment of the

Elementary Education Act:-

(a) the question of constituting a different body in the place of the District Educational Council to be in charge of elementary education - a body with a smaller jurisdiction and a more limited area;

(b) the question of taking power to Government to compel unwilling local bodies to levy the education cess; and

(c) the question of permitting the levy of school fees in compulsory areas from parents who do not make the declaration of inability to pay.

It has finally been decided that no change should be made in respect of any of these matters. It is for consideration whether the Bengal Government may be informed of this fact.

Whether the official element in the constitution of the District Educational Councils is of the proper proportion or whether it should be greater or less.

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The term "official element" is apparently taken to mean "officers under Government" and it does not include presidents or members of local bodies who are members of the District Educational Councils. If so, each D.E.C. contains the following official members only:-

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| 1. Collector of the district | Ex-officio |
| 2. District Edl. officer | members |
| 3. Sub-Asst. Inspectress of Girls' schools | Appointed by Govt. |

The Act originally provided for Asst. Inspectors of schools also being ex-officio members but this class of officers has been abolished altogether. No other Govt. officers are generally appointed to D.E.Cs.

In connection with the proposed amendment of the E.E.Act a suggestion was made that the Dy. Inspectors of Schools in charge of headquarters ranges might be appointed ex-officio members, as they were in intimate touch with elementary schools and also served as Secretaries to the Councils. The suggestion was not accepted. The D.P.I. also suggested that Inspectress of schools should be ex-officio members of the D.E.Cs. in the districts in which their headquarters were situated, and that in the other districts the Asst. or Sub-Asst.

Inspectresses should be similarly appointed ex-officio members. But this suggestion was made on the ground that the official element should be strengthened but for the reason ground that these officers are now appointed by

Government as members and that each time there is a change in personnel, considerable delays occur in filling up vacancies that arise. This suggestion was not also accepted by the Govt.

It may therefore be stated that the present official element in the D.E.Cs. is considered sufficient by the Madras Government.

Any information regarding the working of the District Educational Councils.

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(1) When the Councils were first constituted in 1921, the privilege of electing their President was conferred only on some of the Councils, Viz., those of Chittoor, Madras, Madura, Malabar, Nellore, Rammad, Salem, Tanjore, Tinnevelly and Trichinopoly, in the other cases the Presidents were appointed by Government. The other Councils have been subsequently given the privilege, except three, Viz., Ganjam, Guntur and the Nilgiris. This information may be furnished to the Govt. of Bengal.

(2) The D.E.Cs. are sending to the D.P.I. annual reports on the progress of elementary education in their respective districts and the D.P.I. reviews them. A set of copies of the reports for 1924-25 may also be furnished to the Government of Bengal for information.

b. The file may be sent to the D.P.I., U.O. for remarks.

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There is really nothing to add to the Secretariat note which deals fully with the question. It might be worth while to invite the attention of the Government of Bengal to the right of appeal which exists under sections 41 and 42 of the Madras Elementary Education Act.

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A set of 20 reports is placed before Reports for 2 districts are still due

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The D.P.I.'s suggestion in the previous page may be accepted. A draft D.O. is submitted for approval. For orders as to circulation.

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D.O. 1522 A-2
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Dear Sir,

Working of the Dt. Edl
Councils in the Madras Presidency

Your D.O. No. 11.T. Edl, of 13th April
1926.

I am desired to
state that the district education
councils constituted under the
Madras Elementary Education
Act, 1920, have been able to
perform their duties and exercise
their powers efficiently to
the satisfaction of His Govt.

2. As regards the question
whether the official element in
the constitution of these councils
is of the proper proportion, I
am to say that the official
members in each council
contains the following official
members :-

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| 1. Collector of the district | } Ex-officio members |
| 2. Dt. Edl. Officer. | |

3. Subassistant Inspectors of
Girls Schools - Appointed by Govt.
The Govt. of Madras are of opinion
that this official element is
sufficient. ^{adequate} for all purposes

3. I am ~~also~~ ^{state} ~~to~~
for the information of the Govt.
of Bengal, that when the
Councils were first constituted
in 1921, the privilege of electing
their presidents was conferred
only on some of them ~~and~~ ^{while}, ^{in others}
~~in other cases~~ the presidents

were appointed by Govt. in the case of other Councils.

At present all ^{with}
~~most of these~~ councils have
the exception of three enjoy the
~~subsequent~~ gradually been
given the privilege of electing their

~~in the case of three districts~~

~~where their presidents are~~
~~appointed by Govt.~~ ^{N.L.} I am

also to invite the attention
of the Govt. of Bengal to
sections 41 and 42 of the Madras
Elementary Education Act,
1920, under which there is

a right of appeal to the D.P.D.
from the orders of the D.T. Council
in the matter of recognition
of

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of elementary schools and
admission of such schools to
grant-in-aid. ^{N.L.} Copies of
the annual report for 1924-25
on the ^{condition} ~~progress~~ of elementary
education ^{indirectly} prepared by the
D.T. Councils and reviewed
by me D.P.D. are ~~herewith~~
forwarded for information.

Yours sincerely

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19 MAY 1925

J. H. Lindsay, Esq. I.C.S.
Secretary to the Govt. of
Bengal
Dept. of Education,
Darjeeling.

With reply

Government of Madras.
Law (Education) Department.

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17th May 1926.

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Working of the District Educational Councils in the
Madras Presidency--Your D.O.No: 11.T.Educational dated the
13th April 1926.

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perform their duties and exercise their powers to the satisfac-
tion of ^{the} Government.

2. As regards the question whether the official element in
the constitution of these councils is of the proper proportion,
I am to say that each council contains the following official
members:--

1. Collector of the District. }
2. District Educational Officer } Ex-officio,
3. Sub Assistant Inspectress of Girls' Schools--appointed by
Government.

The Government find the official element adequate for all
purposes.

3. When the Councils were first constituted in 1921, the
privilege of electing their presidents was conferred only on
some of them. In others the Presidents were appointed by Govern-
ment. At present all the councils with the exception of three
enjoy the privilege of electing their presidents.

4. I am also to invite the attention of the Government of
Bengal to sections 41 and 42 of the Madras Elementary Education
Act, 1920, under which there is a right of appeal to the Director
of Public Instruction from the orders of the District Educational
Council regarding recognition of elementary schools and admission
of such schools to grant-in-aid.

5. Copies of the annual report for 1924-25 on the condition of elementary education in districts prepared by the ^{respective} Educational Councils and reviewed by the Director of Public Instruction are forwarded for information.

Yours sincerely,

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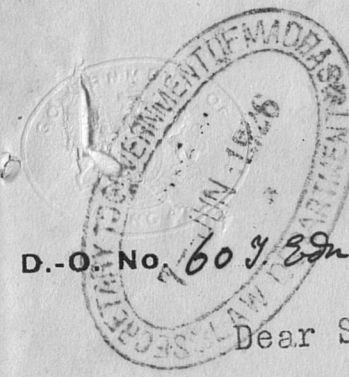
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Bengal, Dept. of Education.



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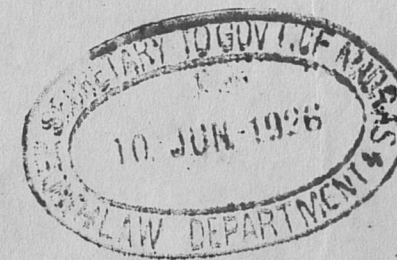
Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your demi-official letter No.1522.A.2. dated the 19th May, 1926, together with copies of the annual reports for 1924-25 on the condition of elementary education in the districts of Madras.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Lindsay

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Government of Madras,
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