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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Read—again G.O., No. 94, Educational, dated 1st March 1900.

Read—also the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Barrister-at-Law, Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational Department, dated Madras, 7th July 1900, No. 6558.

With reference to G.O., No. 94, Educational, dated 1st March 1900, I have the honour to submit the draft rules for the text-book committee revised in accordance with the instructions conveyed in the Government of India Home Department Resolution, No. 64–74, dated 8th February 1900.

2. The instructions contained in paragraph 10 of the Government of India Resolution regarding the constitution of the text-book committees as regards their *personnel* will be carefully attended to, and steps will be taken to strengthen the official element as vacancies arise.

3. As required in paragraph 11 of the resolution, it will be laid down as a condition of aid that no books not authorised by Government shall be used in any school which receives aid from public funds, and it will also be laid down as a condition of recognition that text-books which are disapproved by Government shall not be in use in any recognised institution. The necessary changes will be made in the Grant-in-Aid Code and the Educational Rules and submitted for the sanction of Government.

4. Inquiries are being made as to the books actually in use in Government schools and in those maintained by Local Boards and Municipalities, and on receipt of replies steps will be taken to prescribe the books to be used for each course in each school or class of school. The courses of instruction in such schools are already laid down in the Educational Rules.

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(i) to consider the provincial reports in detail;

(ii) to ascertain how far the recommendations conveyed had been locally carried into effect and with what success, and how far their operation might be usefully extended;

(iii) to carry the inquiry further with a view to the production of vernacular text-books on such subjects as law, jurisprudence, the principles of evidence, and the like, in a form suitable for the training of native candidates for official employment;

(iv) to report to the Government of India how the various measures recommended might best be combined so as to form a complete scheme which, when approved, might be prescribed for general observance.

3. In the following year the Government of India referred the report of the committee for the opinion of the several local Governments, and in Home Department Resolution, No. 3–13, dated the 10th of January 1881, after reviewing their replies, laid down final instructions.

The principles then formulated were—

(1) that provincial series of English and vernacular text-books should be maintained in preference to a single Imperial series;

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It was at the same time desired that draft rules embodying the principles prescribed should be prepared by each local Government and forwarded to the Government of India for information, and that each Director of Public Instruction should in his annual report describe the manner in which the rules were carried out in practice.

6. In accordance with the instructions of the Government of India the Governor in Council resolves to make the following rules :—

Rules for the Educational Department.

I. The course of instruction in schools maintained by Government or by local boards shall be laid down and the text-books for each course shall be absolutely prescribed.

II. Managers of aided schools shall, as a condition of receiving grants-in-aid from the department, be required not to use any text-book which is not included in the authorised list of text-books, without the express sanction of the local Government.

III. If the manager of an aided school wishes to adopt a text-book which is not included in the authorised list, the local Government shall give every facility to have the book referred to the Text-Book Committee with a view to its inclusion under the orders of Government in the list, should it be found a suitable work.

IV. No school shall enjoy the privilege of recognition by the Educational department in which text-books which have been disapproved by Government are in use.

V. The Governor in Council retains the right of prescribing text-books on particular subjects for use in schools whether Government or aided, or simply recognised ; and a list of text-books authorised by Government to be used under the several subjects and standards shall be published in the first issue of the *Fort St. George Gazette* for April in every year.

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VII. The Director of Public Instruction shall in his annual reports describe the manner in which these rules, and those for the guidance of the Text-Book Committee which follow, have been carried out in practice during the preceding year.

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(*c*) To help in forming, under the control of the Director of Public Instruction, (*a*) an educational library containing copies of all text-books approved from time to time by the department, copies of text-books approved or prescribed in other provinces of India and in other countries, and copies of works on the theory, the practice, and the history of education ; and (*b*) an educational museum containing plans and models of school buildings and specimens of maps, diagrams, apparatus and appliances suitable for schools.

2. The committee shall consist of not more than twenty members in addition to the president.

3. The members of the committee shall be appointed by Government, which may, at any time and without assigning reasons, remove any member. A member leaving the presidency for an absence exceeding six months shall vacate his seat, and the vacancy thus caused shall be filled by Government on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction. Vacancies not exceeding six months in duration may be temporarily filled by the Director.

4. The Director of Public Instruction shall be *ex officio* president and one of the members shall be secretary.

5. The committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees, each consisting of not more than five members in addition to the chairman, for the purpose of dealing with different subjects and languages. It shall also have power to consult specialists who are not members of the committee. Any member appointed to fill a temporary vacancy on the committee shall *ipso facto* become a member of the sub-committees to which the absent member belongs. Every book referred to the committee by the Director shall be referred by it to the appropriate sub-committee for examination and report.

6. The chairman of each sub-committee shall be appointed by the committee, with the limitation that in the case of the sub-committees for the vernaculars an Inspector of the department shall always be chairman.

7. The committee shall meet ordinarily twice a year, on the last Wednesday in March and the last Wednesday in October. The president shall have power to convene special meetings as occasions arise or on the requisition in writing of not less than four members. Sub-committees shall meet at such times as their respective chairmen may consider necessary.

8. Seven members of the committee shall form a quorum. The quorum for a sub-committee shall be not less than half the members of such sub-committee, who are resident in Madras.

9. The meetings of the committee and of sub-committees shall ordinarily be held at the office of the Director of Public Instruction.

10. At all meetings of the committee or of sub-committees, the president or the chairman, as the case may be, shall take the chair ; but in case of his absence the members present shall appoint a chairman.

11. All questions that may arise at meetings of the committee or of sub-committees shall be decided by a majority of the votes of those present. In the event of the votes, including that of the president or the chairman, being equal, the president or the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Opinions of absent members may be submitted in writing but shall not count as votes.

12. It shall be the duty of the secretary to give notice of the meetings of the committee and of sub-committees when held at the ordinary place of meeting, to attend the meetings of the committee, and whenever possible the meetings of the sub-committees, and to keep a record of the proceedings. When the secretary cannot be present at a meeting of a sub-committee, a similar record of the proceedings shall be kept by the chairman of the sub-committee, who shall forward it to the secretary.

13. A copy of the proceedings of every committee meeting shall be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction within two weeks after the meeting.

14 The committee shall, not later than the 1st June in each year, forward to the Director of Public Instruction a report on the work done during the official year. This report shall be submitted to Government by the Director with such remarks as he may see fit to offer on the operations of the committee.

15. Each book forwarded to a sub-committee shall be referred to not less than two of its members for expression of opinion.

16. No books referred to a member shall be kept for more than a month.

17. In the case of books rejected as unsuitable by the Text-Book Committee some brief indication of the grounds on which the judgment has been formed shall be given.

18. The lists of books passed by the various sub-committees shall be printed and circulated among the members of the committee at least a fortnight before the date of the meeting at which they are to be approved.

7. These rules will be forwarded to the Government of India, which will be requested to telegraph whether there is any objection to the immediate publication of the draft.

8. Any consequent alterations necessary in the educational rules or in the grant-in-aid code should be separately submitted by the Director of Public Instruction for the sanction of Government.

9. The result of the enquiries to which the Director refers in the last paragraph of his letter should be reported by the 15th October at latest.

10. The following letter will be addressed to the Government of India :—

(True Extract.)

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

Letter—No. 315b, Educational, dated Ootacamund, 27th July 1900, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Home Department.

In the last paragraph of the Resolution in the Home department, No. 64 of the 8th February 1900, it was desired by the Government of India that draft rules embodying the several principles which were prescribed in that resolution for adoption in regard to text-books in schools should be forwarded for information.

2. In accordance with these instructions I am directed to annex a draft of the rules which the Governor in Council proposes to make.

3. Some of the rules relate to matters for which provision is already made in the codes of the Educational department, but for the convenience of the Government of India they have been repeated in the present draft.

4. I am to add that as vacancies occur in the Text-book Committee steps will be taken to strengthen the official element. The Government have considered it better under the circumstances not to prescribe any fixed ratio for the relative number of officials and non-officials. At present there are twenty-seven members of the committee, of whom nine are in the employ of Government.

5. As the use of the word "draft" in the resolution under reply is possibly intended to modify the statement that the rules are to be forwarded merely for the "information" of the Government of India, I am directed to request that this Government may be informed by telegraph whether there is any objection to the immediate publication of the rules.

M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

Exd. C. M. Thombuswamy.

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~~APPENDIX A.~~

RULES ~~OF~~ for THE MADRAS TEXT-BOOK COMMITTEE.

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~~5. The Secretary of the Committee shall be one of the members.~~

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(Signed) W. B. MORREN,
Secretary, Madras Text-Book Committee.

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Please see my Note on A.S.H. in margin of Draft Rules. 27.7.00 page 7.

The Government of India is in a great hurry for these rules so I have had them put into the Draft G.O. with a draft letter to India – and if approved the papers can go on at once – every point noted by the G. of I. have been noticed in the rules – please see the pencil notes on the margin of G.O. 94 d. 1st March 1900. C

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Home Department Resolution
No. 101, dated 23rd April 1877.

Please see my notes & queries re Rules for Text Bk. Committee below. Better send u.o. to the D.P.I. for answers & corrections if needed.

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To the D.P.I. u/o

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Noted. Will be done in the press before issue. M.P. 21.7.1900

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I don't see the connection
ME

The Hon. Member's copy cannot have been made complete. The last paragraph of the preamble is referred to & is exactly in point. M.P. 21.7.1900

See Educ. rules, Ch.V, preamble, and Grant-in-aid Code, Ch.II, art. 3.

This ~~relates to~~ is a Conscience Clause for Sch. for Europeans. What has this to do with it?
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The Hon. Member has apparently an old ~~edition~~ of ~~the rules~~. Code. Art. 3 runs "Government reserves to itself "the right to forbid or to "prescribe the use of any "book or books in aided "schools or colleges." Art. 4 ~~relates to~~ is a Conscience clause as described.
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The rules should be numbered independently as marked by me & not included in the numbering of the Rules for the Educ. Dept ~~[illegible]~~ AA

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The only criticism I can make on these Rules is that they seem to me to be liable to be understood to throw on the Text-book Committee, rather than on the Govt., the duty of prescribing the Books. For example, Rule II of the Rules for the Educational Dept, following Rule I, might be understood to mean that the Text-book Committee and not the Govt. shall lay down the course of instruction and prescribe the text-books. In like manner, Rule IV might be held to imply that Govt. could not of itself prescribe a book, but must pass it through the Committee. Then again, Rule 1. (a) of the Rules for the Text-book Committee, might possibly receive a like interpretation. Now, para. 9 of the Govt. of India's Resolution, in G.O. No. 94, 11 March, lays stress on the Govt. being the authority to prescribe, and not

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~~III~~ (10). The members of the committee shall be appointed by Government, which may, at any time and without assigning reasons, remove any member ~~[from the committee the name of any member]~~. A member leaving the Presidency for an absence exceeding six months shall vacate his seat, and the vacancy thus caused shall be filled by Government on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction. Vacancies not exceeding six months in duration may be temporarily filled by the Director.

IV (11). The Director of Public Instruction shall be ex officio president and one of the members shall be secretary.

5 ~~11~~. The committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees, each consisting of not more than five members in addition to the chairman, for the purpose of dealing with different subjects and languages. It shall also have power to consult specialists who are not members of the committee. Any member appointed to fill a temporary vacancy on the committee shall ipso facto become a member of the sub-committees to which the absent member belongs.

6 (13). The chairman of each sub-committee shall be appointed by the Committee, with he limitation that in the case of the b-committees for the vernaculars an

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not the Text-book Committee, — the Committee being constituted only for the purpose of advising. Possibly, the risk of the erroneous impression which I think it possible may arise, would be removed if Rule I were transferred ~~removed~~ from its present place and inserted between Rules VI and VII.; and also by the substitution, in Rule 1 (a) of the words, "advise Govt. in regard to their suitability as", for the words, "select from them for the approval of Govt. "suitable".

AA.

I would venture to throw out the suggestion that the number of Members of Sub-Committee, who may under R. 12 advise as to the suitability of a book, — not less than two, — may be found too few. There would be a better chance of a broad view of the merits of the book being taken, if the Sub-committee were larger. How would it do to say, not less than three, instead of not less than two.?

A.G.H. 27.7.00

[See later note by H. E. on p. 12 infra.]

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Every book referred to the Committee by the Director shall be referred by it to the appropriate sub-committee for examination & report.

AA

This conflicts with the last sentence of 11 (18) which ~~[illegible]~~ says that the opinions of absent members shall not count as votes.

AA. The proviso seems superfluous. The sub committee can always ask for the opinion of absent members if it wishes.

Now deleted AA 25.7.1900

AA.

Inspector of the Department shall always be chairman.

7 (14). The committee shall meet ordinarily twice a year, on the last Wednesday in March and on the last Wednesday in October. The president shall have power to convene special meetings as occasions arise or on the requisition in writing of not less than four members. Sub-committees shall meet at such times as their respective chairmen may consider necessary.

AA. 8 (15). 8. Seven ~~[Nine]~~ members of the committee shall form a quorum. The quorum for a sub-committee shall be not less than half the members of such sub-committee, who are resident in Madras. ~~[provided, however, that questions on which there is difference of opinion shall be settled by taking the opinion of the majority of all the members of the sub-committee.]~~ AA.

9 (16). 9. The meetings of the committee and of sub-committees shall ordinarily be held at the office of the Director of Public Instruction.

10 (17). At all meetings of the com ee or of sub-committees, the presid or the chairman, as the case may be, shall take the chair; but in case of his absence the members present shall appoint a chairman.

11 (18). All questions that may arise at meetings of the committee or of sub committees shall be decided by a maj y of the votes of those present. ent of the votes, including th

of the president or the chairman, being equal, the president or the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Opinions of absent members may be submitted in writing but shall not count as votes.

12 ~~XVIII~~ ⑲. 12, It shall be the duty of the secretary to give notice of the meetings of the committee and of sub-committees when held at the ordinary place of meeting, to attend ~~such~~ the meetings of the Committee, and whenever possible the meetings of the Sub-committees, ~~and to keep a record of the proceedings.~~ and to keep a record of the proceedings. When the Secretary cannot be present at a meeting of a Sub-Committee, a similar record of the proceedings shall be kept by the chairman of the Sub-Committee, who shall forward it to the Secretary.

But the Secretary of the Committee is not necessarily a member of the Sub-Committees, ~~but~~ yet would have to attend all meetings of Sub Committees "to keep a record of the proceedings." There are 15 Sub Committees & it is not likely that any unpaid Secretary could find time to attend all the meetings & those of the Committee as well. Moreover two or more Sub Committees might sit at the same time. It wd apparently be better to provide that the chairman of each Sub Committee shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting

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13 ~~XIX~~ ⑳. A copy of the Proceedings of ~~a~~ committee meeting shall be forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction within two weeks after the meeting.

14 ~~XX~~ ㉑. The committee shall, not later than the first June in each year, forward to the Director of Public Instruction a report on the work done during the official year. This report shall be submitted to Government by the Director with such remarks as he may see fit to offer on the operations of the committee.

15 ~~XXI~~ ㉒. Each book forwarded to ~~the~~ [~~committee~~] a sub-committee shall be referred to not less than two of its members for expression of opinion. MA

15 ㉒ Is this to be before forwarding the book to the Sub. Committee or in addition. Is it on the opinion thus given that the Committee will decide whether or not to ..er the book to a Sub. Committee?

16 ~~XXII~~ ㉓. No books referred to a member shall be kept for more than a month.

17. ~~XXIII~~ ㉔. In the case of books rejected by the text-book committee as unsuitable, some brief indication of the grounds on which the judgment has been formed shall be given. MA

(24) By whom? By the one or both of the two members, or by the Sub-Committee, or by the Committee? MA

18. ~~XXIV~~ ㉕. The lists of books passed the various sub-committees shall be printed and circulated among the members of the committee at least a fortnight before the date of the meeting at which they are to be approved.

18 ㉕ Nothing has been said so far of the duties of the Sub-Committees. Are they to consider books referred to .. by the Committee? If so ..le should say so.

MA.

7. These rules will be forwarded to the Government of India, which will be requested to telegraph whether there is any objection to the immediate publication of the draft.

8. Any consequent alterations necessary ~~to~~ in the educational rules or in the Grant-in-Code

(This is what is meant I suppose) MA

Code should be separately submitted by the Dir. P.I.
for the sanction of Government.

A.A.

9. The result of the enquiries to which the Director refers in the last paragraph of his letter should be reported by the 15th October at latest.

10. The following letter will be addressed to the Government of India.

(H.E. No. 315 B dated 27·7·1900)

A.E.P. 20.7.00

20·7·00

To D.P.I.

I think H.E.'s suggestions with regard to Rule I and Rule 1(a) are improvements & may well be incorporated. But with regard to Rule 15 I venture to think it will be safer on the whole to retain the words "not less than two." I fear that if we raise the number to three the rule must broken at times & that will lead to treating the rule with indifference. For instance in such subjects as arabic, Persian, Sanskrit, music, &c, it will be difficult to get more than two experts, and in some others such as Mathematics more than two are not needed. Govt. has no practical control over the working of the Sub Committees. That must be left to the Committee, and as the rule allows of more than two members of the Sub Committee being referred to, the Committee may I think be trusted to see that a sufficient number of members have been consulted.

A.E.H. 28.7.00 A.A. 28.7.00

D.P.I. 18/8

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(Despatched per Stumfoot on 29.7.1900, with copy of rules as annexure, A.A.)

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A.A. 27.7.00.

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A.E.H. 27.7.00

32 Spare copies despatched. 14/8

Order No. 315·A 27 July 1900.

Letter No. 315·B. d/27·7·00

To the Secretary to the Government of India, Home dept.

Sir

In the last paragraph of the Resn. in the Home department, No 64 of the 8th February, 1900, it was desired by the Govt. of India that draft rules embodying the several principles which were prescribed in that Resn. for adoption in regard to text-books in Schools should be forwarded for information.

2. In accordance with these instructions I am directed to ~~enclose~~ annex a draft of the rules which the Governor in Council propose to make.

3. Some of the rules rela to matters for which pro vision is already made the codes of the educat

department, but for the convenience of the Government of India, they have been repeated in the present draft.

4. I am to add that as vacancies occur in the text-book committee, steps will be taken to strengthen the official element. The Government have considered it better under the circumstances not to prescribe any fixed ratio for the relative number of officials and non-officials. At present there are 27 members of the committee, of whom 9 are in the employ of Government.

4. 5. As the use of the word "draft" in the Resⁿ under reply is possibly intended to modify the statement that the rules are to be forwarded merely for the "information" of the Government of India, I am directed to request that this Government may [illegible] informed by telegraph whether [illegible]re is any objection to the im- [illegible] publication of the rules

20.vii./00

Statement- A 15

(14)

The constitution of the text book committee on the 1st of April 1900.

(27)

President.

W. B. Morren, Esqr., M.A.

Members.

Dr Murdoch not a member then?

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Rule VI.

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Rule 15. Rules

Rule 3.

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Rule 5.

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Rule 8

Rule 17. AA

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Rule 17 go out. AA

Rule 12.

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Rule

TO GOVERNMENT
24 JUL 1900
MUNICIPAL DEPAR

Rule I.

These Notes by the D.P.I. are submitted to the H.M. with the original draft. His suggested amendments will make the rules clearer.

approved. AA 25.7.00

25/7/00

Rule II.

Govt.

Rule III

AA.

Rule V.

I have altered textbook in this rule to textbooks, which is what India says. As any number can thus be prescribed there can be no harm in the rule.

AA.

Yes. This is better.
AA
25.7.00

This would perhaps satisfy the Govt of India ... is a better

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(16)

Telegram, state, deferred.

From

The Second Assistant
Educational Dept
Madras

To

The Registrar
Home Dept
Simla

Please give number 315 B to Educational letter dated 27th July, regarding text-book Committee rules.

2/8/00

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2-8-00

Text-book rules.

(17)

NOTE FOR THE S.S.

The letter to the Govt. of India has been despatched. It was dated 27th July (before the discussion was quite ended) & the date cannot now be altered for several reasons. A copy of the rules has been sent to the Chief Commt. of Coorg. semi-officially.

I have the order & the rules printed sharp please. Send me one

(1) proofs ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ before striking off.

A. & B. numbers will

(2) have to be given to the pro: & letter. The ~~Addressee the~~ Govt. of India have been told that the number of the letter & a printed copy of the rules will follow shortly.

(3) Please see to this.

A.P.P. 27/7/[illegible]

(1) Proof herewith submitted. On its return from the P.S. copies will be struck off & the usual no of spare copies of the letter will be furnished to the Govt of India

(2) Done

(3) Number has been communicated by telegraph to the Registrar, Home departt.

[illegible] 9/8/00

Very good. I have only examined it hastily. See that there are no errors (there was one in para. 5 of the order) when it is sent to the press for striking off

A.L.
9.8.1900

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he rules for the Text book
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of rule 12 is for con-
ation.
might often be well
to have the Secretary as such on
the sub-committees, but
the alteration now suggested
would absolutely prevent this.
Perhaps the rule might
run as follows
It shall be the
of the Secretary to

The words "unduly" and "properly" are very vague but I think this is just as well.

I think the Govt of India is wrongly advised if it means that there must be absolute uniformity in all schools of the same class. But I suppose the rule must stand.

For "to adopt no" read "not to use any"

I presume this applies only those Examns for which pupils of schools are ordinarily presented, such as the Primary, Upper & Lower Secondary etc. ~~Does it~~ and that such pupils will not be excluded from appearing as private Candidates. Does it app to the Matriculation Exn of Madras Univy?...
Would it not be
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v would add after "aided

",or simply recognised". This
wd make the rule more effective

Text Book Committee

For "remove from the Committee the name of any member" read "remove any member from the Committee".

After "vacancy" insert "on the committee"

At the end, add "Every book referred to the Committee by the Director shall be referred by it to the appropriate subcommittee for examination & report"

For nine read seven.

Nine is the quorum of the present commee of 27 members. It may not always be possible to get so many for special meetings when the number of members ~~the~~ of ~~Committee~~ is reduced. The proviso in this rule may

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Answer to the Hon. Memb
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