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Primary Schools Supervisors' Test.

Accepting the proposal of the Director of Public Instruction to institute an examination to serve as a qualifying test for admission to the grade of supervisors of primary schools, and approving the draft rules submitted by him.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Hon'ble Mr. G. H. STUART, M.A., Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to Government, Educational department, dated 25th September 1903, Ref. on C. No. 2323.

Out of the 261 supervisors of primary schools employed under local boards and municipalities as many as 66 are men who either have passed no examinations at all or have no qualifications higher than the lower secondary standard, while 89 are untrained, and only four have passed the Sub-Assistants' tests and have thus a certificated knowledge of the codes under which they have to work. The inefficiency of some of these officers, due partly to ignorance of the codes, but mainly to low educational attainments, has from time to time been noticed in the reports of inspecting officers, and it has now been suggested to me that steps should be taken to strengthen the supervising agency by the employment in future of a better class of men who should if possible be trained and possess general education qualifications, at least not below those of a matriculate. Supervisors have important duties to perform and are to a large extent directly responsible for the extension and development of primary education, and men who have passed only the lower secondary examination do not usually possess the capacity for an intelligent and efficient performance of these duties. It is very necessary therefore that in filling vacancies in future only men who possess trained teachers' certificates of the upper secondary or higher grades or at least are trained matriculates, and who have besides a knowledge of the necessary portions of the departmental codes should be considered eligible for appointment. The former condition may easily be prescribed but the latter can only be ensured by a suitable examination, and I beg therefore to propose the institution of a special "Supervisors' test" to serve as a qualifying test for admission to appointments in the supervising agency, and to submit the accompanying draft rules for approval. The Inspectors of schools whom I have consulted in the matter are unanimously in favour of the proposal, to which I have the honour now to request Government will be pleased to accord its sanction.

2. I request also that if the rules be approved they may be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, so that they may come into operation from next year.

ORDER—No. 489, Educational, dated 6th October 1903.

The Governor in Council accepts the Director's proposal to institute an examination to serve as a qualifying test for admission to the grade of supervisors of primary schools. The examination should be called the "Primary schools supervisors' test."

2. Subject to this modification, the rules submitted by Mr. Stuart are approved and they will be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

3. Further orders will be passed in the Local and Municipal department.

(True Extract.)

A. G. CARDEW,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
,, Local and Municipal department.
Gazette.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

[Annexure.]

ANNEXURE.

Rules for the Primary Schools Supervisors' Test.

1. An examination, to be styled the Primary Schools Supervisors' Test, shall be held annually in the month of April in the subjects hereinafter mentioned and at such places and on such dates as may from time to time be notified.
2. *Objects for which instituted.*—The examination is instituted for the purpose of regulating the appointment of supervisors of primary schools.
3. *By whom conducted.*—The examination shall be under the control of the Director of Public Instruction and shall be conducted by such officers of the department as may be appointed by him for the purpose.
4. *To whom open.*—The examination shall be open to teachers of at least two years' standing holding trained teachers' certificates of the upper secondary and higher grades and to others who may be specially exempted by the Director.
5. *Form, time and mode of application.*—Applications for admission to the examination shall be made on printed forms to be had at the offices of the inspectors of schools and must be despatched so as to reach the office of the inspector of schools, central circle, not later than the 31st January immediately preceding.
6. *Fees.*—The fee to be paid by candidates for admission to the examination shall be Rs. 3.
7. The subjects of examination shall be as follow :—
 - (i) *The Madras Educational Rules.*—Only the portions relating to primary schools.
 - (ii) *The Grant-in-aid Code.*—Only the portions relating to primary schools.
 - (iii) *The Madras Inspection Code.*—Portions relating to primary schools with special reference to the office and general duties of supervisors.
8. *Order of time and subjects.*—The examination shall be conducted in the order of time and subjects shown in the following table and the number of marks assigned to each subject shall be as therein specified :—

Day.	Hour.	Subjects.	Maximum marks.
First day	10 A.M. to 12 A.M.	The Madras Inspection Code.	100
Do.	2 P.M. to 4 P.M.	The Madras Educational Rules.	100
Second day	10 A.M. to 12 A.M.	The Grant-in-aid Code.	100

9. *Minima for passing.*—No candidate shall be declared to have passed who fails to obtain 40 per cent. of the marks assigned to each subject and 45 per cent. of the total number of marks.
10. *Classification of passed candidates.*—Successful candidates shall be ranked in two classes, the first consisting of those who obtained not less than 75 per cent. of the total number of marks and the second consisting of all others.
11. The names of the successful candidates shall be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 489, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 6TH OCTOBER 1903.[SUBJECT.—*Test for Supervisors of Schools.*]*From the Director of Public Instruction, No. 2323, dated 25th September 1903.*

The Director proposes the institution of a test for supervisors of primary schools. The test is to be held in the portions, relating to primary schools, of the Educational rules, the grant-in-aid code and the inspection code, and is to be open to teachers of at least two years' standing and holding trained teachers' certificates of the upper secondary and higher grades.

2. It is submitted that the Director's proposal may be approved. The number of candidates qualified to appear for the test cannot be very large, but this will apparently be an advantage. The name of the test—"Supervisors' Test"—does not seem to be a very happy one: there are several kinds of supervisors, such as Public Works supervisors, Minor Irrigation supervisors, &c., but the test applies only to supervisors of primary schools. Even at the risk of making the name a little long-winded it may be altered into "Test for Supervisors of Primary Schools".

3. Unless, however, the Local and Municipal department is prepared to make a rule under section 250 (1) (c) of the District Municipalities Act, 1884, and under section 144 (viii) of the Local Boards Act, 1884, to the effect that from and after a given date none but those who have passed the test for supervisors of primary schools will be eligible for appointment to those posts, the institution of the test by Educational will be of no practical good since all but three of the existing supervisors are employed by municipalities and district boards. Before orders are passed, therefore, the file should go to that department for any remarks it may have to offer on the Director's proposal.

4. The effect of instituting the proposed test will be the appointment of a better class of men and there seems little doubt that these men will demand pretty good pay. At present the subordinates employed by district boards draw between Rs. 20 and Rs. 50, but several of the municipal supervisors draw less. A salary of Rs. 20 seems to be the lowest that can be offered to a supervisor qualified by the proposed test. Appointments on less than Rs. 20 may perhaps be exempted. They exist only in some of the smaller municipalities and it seems to be of not much importance whether the supervisors employed by them are passed men or not.

I think this is hardly the right way of looking at the matter: it is as important that the children in small towns should be taught as those in large towns, and the primary object of the proposed test is to make the teaching agency better.

A.T.P.

P. T. THARYAN—1-10-03.

The Government have often insisted on the replacement, wherever possible, of the swarms of untrained men in the employ of local bodies, and the present proposal seems to be in the right direction.

2. The Local and Municipal department must, however, decide the point at A.

3. If rules are made as there suggested, it will have to be considered whether there are to be any exceptions to the requirement. I fear that if men drawing less than twenty rupees a month are exempted, it will tend to the employment of temporary men of the unpassed type on low pay, on the pretext that passed men cannot be found. On the other hand an absolute rule to take effect immediately may lead to difficulties.

A. T. PRINGLE—1-10-03.

The Director's proposed examination is in the nature of a special test for school supervisors. I should have thought that the chief object in view was to procure men

Vide rule 4.

J. T[OMSON].

who possess a better general education than at present, but doubtless the Director knows best in such a matter. His pro-

posals may be accepted, and the Local and Municipal department moved to issue notice of a rule under the Local and Municipal Acts declaring that after a reasonable interval, say two years from 31st December next, only men who have passed the test and possess the general educational qualification named by the Director, will be eligible for the post of supervisor of primary schools.

A. G. CARDEW—2-10-03.

Agreed.

J. T[OMSON]—3-10-03.

Please draft accordingly.

A.G.C.—5-10-03.

A draft is submitted for approval.

P. T. THARYAN—5-10-03.

A.T.P.—6-10-03.

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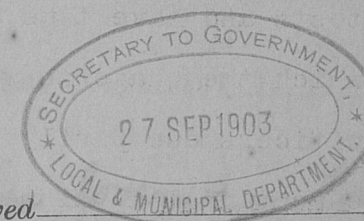
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[Name] The Hon'ble Mr. G. H. Stuart, M. A.

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has decided to amend the
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provide that only persons who have
passed the test will be eligible for
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