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Dated

8-3-1945

[Despatch Abstract.]

SCHOOLS - Schemes for growing vegetables - Notes recorded.

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"Grow More Food" campaign.

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The following is an extract from an article by Dr. Aykroyd on "The Food Situation in India" (p. 154 of "The Indian Journal of Social Work" for Sept. 1942):- "Boarding schools & other institutions receiving Govt grants can be compelled to create vegetable gardens, or extend gardens already in existence." If nothing has yet been done along these lines, Govt may like to ask E.P.H. to pursue this suggestion by asking the D.P.I. to report whether maintenance of a satisfactory vegetable garden could be made a ^{general} condition for grants, & in any case to instruct all officers of his dept to do their best to encourage the development of vegetable gardens by schools.

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may be forwarded to E & P. H. Dept. for remarks on the above suggestion -

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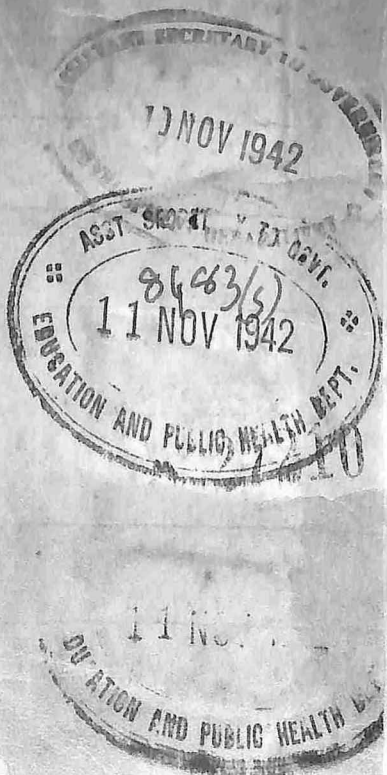
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Edn. & P. H. Deptt (C).

The suggestion is that managements which maintain schools should be compelled to provide vegetable gardens in the school premises and that this should be enforced by making the maintenance of a garden as a condition precedent to the payment of grants.

2 Taking secondary schools, the suggestion cannot be given effect to unless garden work is prescribed as a subject of study in these schools. The S.S.L.C. scheme provides for



the teaching of Agriculture as an optional subject under Group 'C'. It is not known how many schools actually give instruction in Agriculture. It being an optional subject, managements cannot be compelled to provide for the ^{cultivation} ~~growth~~ of vegetables in the school premises. It is not known whether students in the lower forms can attend to this work since the syllabus for these forms do not also provide for garden work.

Growing a vegetable garden has little to do with making Agriculture a subject of study as required in school course. Paras 1-3 are beside the point.
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3. As regards elementary schools, the revised syllabuses provide for the teaching of a pre-vocational subject in higher elementary schools. Agriculture and practical gardening have been included in the list of pre-vocational subjects. It is not known in how many schools these subjects are taught. Nature study and gardening is a compulsory subject of study in all lower elementary schools. The periods allotted for the subject may be utilized for the growth of vegetables. Gardening is possible only when schools have sufficient open space. In urban areas and in the Madras City especially, schools generally have little space even for use as play-ground. It is doubtful whether managements in these areas will be in a position to grow vegetables in the premises of the schools. The growth of vegetables is possible in rural areas. Schools in these areas can be asked to utilize the time allotted for nature study and gardening for growing vegetables.

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4. The suggestion that maintenance of satisfactory vegetable gardens should be made a condition precedent to the payment of grants does not seem feasible of adoption. Schools are mostly either under managements of local bodies or under private agencies. In the former case the grants given have been consolidated into lump sums and are not earmarked for particular schools. In the case of elementary schools under private management grants are disbursed with reference to the number and

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number and qualifications of teachers employed in the schools. As regards secondary schools grants are assessed on the net cost basis. The managements in urban areas cannot for the reason stated above, be asked to grow vegetables in their school premises. The question whether a reduction in the ~~grant~~ ^{in para 2} payable can be effected may be considered in the case of aided schools in rural areas for failure to provide for the ^{cultivation} ~~growth~~ of vegetables in the school premises. ~~But~~ ^{But} managements may claim a grant from Govt. in respect of the expenditure incurred by them for the growth of vegetables

A vegetable garden requires daily attention. It involves much ^{manual} ~~man~~ labour. It also involves expenditure ^{on the purchase} ~~in the shape of~~ of seeds, manure etc. It is very doubtful whether students will have the aptitude or the time for ~~its~~ maintaining a vegetable garden.

In order to encourage the growth of vegetables and other food crops Collectors have been authorised to permit the cultivation of such crops for the duration of the war on vacant lands included in compound of institutions such as churches, schools etc. Please see G.O.No.59(s) Rev. dated 15-7-42.

For orders whether suggestion should be ~~turned down~~ ^{and the D.P. consulted}

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All that can be done is to get a circular issued by D.P. to inspecting officers asking the latter to ~~ask~~ ^{persuade school authorities to rear gardens whenever possible.} During their visits to schools they should ^{The matter should have no connection with grants}
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E + P. H. Dept. note on pages 1-3 above.

The file may perhaps be sent to Finance for ~~1/24/42~~ remarks if any.

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His Dept accepts the suggestion
A.S. E.P.H. at 'A' on p. 3 above
in the way he

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Reg, Finance



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Finance (Exh. A.)

Subd. with reference to Secy's note on p. 1 above.



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If the suggestion at A on p. 3 above is agreed to, E.P.H. may be requested to ~~ask~~ the D.P.D to issue the necessary instructions to the inspecting officers.

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Draft D.O. for appt.

D. No. 8483(S)C-2

My dear Statham,

27.11.42

You have probably seen the ~~attached pamphlet~~ ^{attached pamphlet} ~~last~~ ^{on} the "Grow more food" campaign. If not, you may

possibly find the enclosed copy. I am to suggest that when next you send out a general circular to inspecting officers opportunity be taken to instruct them that they should in their inspection tours persuade School managements to rear vegetable gardens in vacant spaces in school compounds whenever at all possible.

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I doubt whether anything much will ⁽⁴⁾ come of this.

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That was my view

also. I thought however

that was much we might do, since Finance Secy. has raised the matter seriously.

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I meant to submit to A4 on 27.11.42

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So. A4 to D.P.H. map is one

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Copy of G. O. No. 59(s) Revenue, dated 15-7-42. (5) 7

In order to encourage the growth of vegetables and other food crops, Collectors are authorised to permit the cultivation of such crops for the duration of war on vacant lands included in compounds of institutions such as churches, schools, hospitals, orphanages, sanatoria etc. on which land revenue has been alienated or which are held revenue free. The permission to cultivate will be free of assessment, but subject to the payment of the usual charges for any Government water taken for the crops. No such water can be taken without the permission of the authority competent to ^{grant} ~~give~~ it.

D. W. Dodwell.
Secretary to Government.



6) 9 Routine note sent to Govt (Wang) with Dep. No. 68423 A-44/1001
53700 9.11.44
N.T. 9.12.44

No.F.73-97/44-E.
Government of India.
Department of Education, Health and Lands.
Simla, the 6th November, 1944.

From - The Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of Education, Health and Lands. Madras.
To - All Provincial Governments and Local Administrations.

Schools in India - Growing vegetables in.

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22.7.43.
Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department letter No. F.32-33/42-A, dated the 7th October, 1942 and to forward, for information and such action as the Provincial Government may consider necessary, an extract from the proceedings of the Second Meeting of the Committee of the Executive Council of the Governor General on Food held on Friday the 13th October, 1944.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Edn and P.H. Dept

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Development no.

M. S. Sundaram
for Secretary.

B.P.H.V.D.
53700C/44-1 Edn (P.T.O.)
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Departmental Memoranda were considered. The following points were noted.

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Education, Health and Lands Department Memorandum.

(9) The Committee noted that in Ceylon every school was required to grow vegetables, that the scheme was a great success and that they were providing from their own labour, the midday meal for children in the schools. It was suggested that action on the same line should be taken in India.

No. R-1008/49.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD

New Delhi, the 25th Nov., '44.

Subject: Ceylon scheme for growing vegetables in schools.

The attached note by the Department of Food relating to the Ceylon Scheme for growing vegetables in schools is sent for information.

Further details will be supplied on application to the Department of Food.

Enclosure; 1

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Note by Food Department on Ceylon Scheme for growing vegetables in schools. ⑧

The Emergency School Food Production Campaign launched by the Ceylon Government in July 1943 extends to about 5,000 vernacular schools all over the Island and has resulted in 9,384 tons of additional foodstuffs, part of which has been consumed by the school children themselves and the sale of the rest has provided Rs 7 lakhs. About Rs 75,000 were spent on salaries of teachers and inspectors and for tools and implements.

2. Each rural school had a garden and this was cultivated by the children, but the lessons in gardening, were put into practice by the pupils in their parents' gardens as well. The gardens being attached to the school, the crops could be cared for properly.

In addition, Crown lands in the vicinity of the school were allowed to be cultivated. Moreover certain land-owners who could not cultivate their own lands because they lived far away were persuaded to let the school use the land either on a share basis or rent-free.

3. In order to carry out the new scheme (which meant that school children should come to school both in the morning and in the afternoon) without interfering with the school curriculum the children were provided with a free mid-day meal - eventually produced by themselves.

4. A business like method of work was planned. Each class cultivated its own portion of the school garden and shared the nett profits when the produce was sold. Gardens belonging to parents were divided into groups, each of which was cultivated by a batch of pupils led by a teacher. The teacher gave instruction in preparation of beds, drainage and fencing, and chose a food crop suitable for the soil and climate and also paid periodical visits to each home garden. The knowledge of composting, manuring and scientific cultivation which the children learnt at school, was taken home and put into successful practice there.

5. The scheme was launched with an intense wave of propaganda backed by a proper administration. The Minister of Education attended many meetings of teachers, State Council members, and prominent citizens did their share in making the meeting a success.

The organisation of the Education Department under which the island of Ceylon is divided into six divisions with an Education Officer in charge of each division was used as the basis of administration of the School Food Production Drive, and two Inspectors were selected to concentrate on the development of the scheme. By means of visits, inspections, reports on progress, and medals and prizes the spirit of the campaign was maintained.

6. The scheme needed trained teachers, but time would not allow all the teachers to undergo a thorough course in Agriculture. Many teachers were, however, given short courses at the agricultural centres.

7. Of the crops grown, yams come first the production of which has reached the total of 5,877 tons. Rationing and Nutrition have not been neglected, and to give a balanced diet schools have been encouraged to produce plenty of vegetables, particularly of the leafy type which amount to 1,587 tons. With the Rationing of the starchy foods some schools have concentrated on producing cereals, to enable them to become self-sufficient. The schools had little experience of the growing of onions but they raised 415 tons, and although the drying of chillies was new, they managed to produce over 200 tons. The pupils made some money by selling Gotukola which is rich in vitamin.

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'Waheed' (45/22.11.44 D).

Handwritten: Memo No. 58967 C-1 En. of 5.1.45/15 E.P.H.(C) 7
Handwritten: Scheme for growing vegetables in schools.
Handwritten: Correspondence with Govt. No. 284 W/42 of 8.12.43 from the D.P.I.
Handwritten: Ref: From the Govt. of India, Dept. of Edn., Health and Lands No. F. 73-97/44-E of 6.11.44
Handwritten: A copy of a note on the scheme for growing vegetables in schools in Ceylon, read above, is communicated to the D.P.I. and the Dis. is requested to take necessary action to the utmost extent possible on the lines of that scheme, in schools of this Province to undertake a fresh drive towards encouraging schools of this Province to produce vegetables. It might be possible to link up these activities.

Handwritten: The D.P.I. (with 1/3-6 of in opt.)
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From

Dr. B.B. Dey, D.Sc. (Lond.), F.R.I.C.
Offg. Director of Public Instruction, Madras

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

R.C.No.233-B/45 dated 1st February 1945.

SCHEME FOR GROWING VEGETABLES IN SCHOOLS.
Reference:-Government Memorandum No.58967-C-1 Edn.,
dated 5th January 1945.



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I have the honour to state that if a scheme, on lines similar to those of the Ceylon Scheme, for growing vegetables in the schools of this province, especially elementary schools in which the maintenance of a garden is insisted upon, has to be worked out successfully, the under-mentioned conditions have to be fulfilled.

- (a) At present very few elementary schools have sufficient space for gardens after reserving a portion for playground. Steps have therefore to be taken to provide schools with sufficient garden space for cultivation of vegetables.
- (b) A second need of the scheme is to have teachers who have been trained for the work relating to the cultivation of vegetables. It is desirable therefore to request the Agricultural Department to arrange for short courses of training for selected teachers in the cultivation of vegetables.
- (c) For working the scheme, many schools will be in need of suitable and adequate equipment such as gardening tools and seeds. These have to be supplied to the schools.
- (d) Many of the rural schools do not have a well at all. So the provision of adequate water facilities is also an urgent necessity in regard to many schools.

I request that Government may be pleased to consider the above aspects and the financial implications thereof, before a regular scheme is launched upon. Meanwhile I have called for proposals from the inspecting officers for giving effect to the scheme on receipt of orders of Government.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For Director of Public Instruction.

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(By Order) / True Copy /

(Sd) H. Sitarama Reddy, President.

5. The red figures in statement no. IV under Girls related to men teachers employed in Girls' Schools as presumed by the Director of Public Instruction.

per figures furnished by the Sub-Assistant Inspector. No. II for 1935-36. Hence the phenomenal decrease noticed by you, and the same has now been revised as Boys' Schools were omitted by oversight from statement

Schools reports that the statistics of girls reading in Schools reports that the statistics of girls reading in

3. The Deputy Inspectors report that the latest Census of Population of School going age has been furnished in the figures for administration Report 1935-36 and that revised figures are being got ready for 1936-37.

2. Revised statement No. II with the totals correctly recast as furnished.

1. The number of girls reading in Boys' Schools as furnished in statement No. I is correct. The figure '852' girls furnished in statement No. III against Standard II (strength) is a mistake for '552' which may kindly be corrected.

Ref:- Your No. dated 13.10.36
R.C. No. 156/36, dated 4th Jan. 1937.
Sir,

The Director of Public Instruction,
M. A. R. S.

From (Name) M. R. Ry., H. Sitarama Reddy, B.A., B.L.,
(Designation) President, District Educational Council,
Post Box (Station),
Telegraphic Address
To

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

In reply, please quote number, date and short title.



DO No: 51572-1.

Education and Public Health Department.

Fort St. George,
1st Feby. 1945.

Dear Dr. Dey,

Scheme for growing vegetables in schools.

Ref:- Your letter R.C.No.233-B/45, dated the 1st Feby. 1945.

I am desired to say that it was not intended that any extensive scheme should be launched upon. It is sufficient to make the best use of the available facilities for growing vegetables in schools without committing Government to any additional expenditure.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. B.B. Dey, D.Sc.(Lond.), FRIC.,
Director of Public Instruction.

Edu and P.H. Dept

Please see the Govt. of India letter in the CF and the Dev. Dept note on the previous page. The ^{steps} ~~action~~ ^{now} taken by this Dept in regard to "Grow more Food - Vegetable growing in schools" consists of the following:-

(1) In 1942 30 instructions were issued to the D.P.S. for the issue of a circular to inspecting officers that they should in their inspection tours persuade school managements to rear vegetable gardens in vacant spaces in school compounds wherever possible.

(2) In 1943 a copy of the Govt. of India letter of 24.4.43 on the subject was commd. to the D.P.S. and he was asked to take action to utilise uncultivated pieces of land under the control of his Dept for growing vegetables and food grains. ~~and for maintaining~~ ~~feeding and dairying units.~~

An account of the results achieved so far will be found on pages 34-40 of the ^{the} Memo at (B).

For orders whether the D.P.S. and the D.A. may now be instructed as suggested by Dev. on the previous page. If so the D.P.S. may be asked to send his reply ~~through~~ ^{to} the D.A. A draft Memo is subd.

30/12/44. We do not know the conditions which made a success of the rayon schemes. If, as is said at p. 5 c. 7, each one of the 5,000 schools mentioned there has a garden, that condition is merely absent in most schools of this Province.

Even so, the idea has been brought to D.P.S.'s notice even at the early stages of the campaign - Do. 8483 (S) - c. 1/42 - 3.12.42. That should probably suffice.

A2's action may be taken ^{as to} whether

more is necessary. D.P. may be told to try

the scheme & asked to do more -

A draft memo to the D.P.S. is subd with reference to the orders on the previous page.

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[Memo No. 58967 C-1 Em. of 5.1.45]

From the D.P.S. R.C. No. 233 B/45 of 1.2.45

The difficulty pointed out by the D.P.S. as item (a) on p. 9 CF had been in view ^{even} when the memo on pp. 7-8 C.F. was issued - pl. see A on p. 10 ante. The D.P.S. was asked only to organise a fresh drive towards encouraging schools to produce vegetables. It was not intended that an extensive scheme should be launched upon; nor does ^{such a scheme} ~~it~~ seem

practicable in view of the large cost involved. Perhaps the Director may be asked to make the best use of ^{the} existing facilities in schools without committing Govt. to any addl. exps. Dev. and Fin. may see for remarks.

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P above is sufficient



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