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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Selection Committee for Admission
of Candidates - Papers recorded

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COLLEGES - Government - Selection Committees -
Revival.

Memorandum No. 21353 A / 46-1 Edn.d/

Selection Committees for selecting candidates for admission into various Govt. Arts and Professional Colleges were in existence till 1938 when they were abolished in G.O. 308 Edn. dated 5-2-38. It has ~~not~~ been suggested ~~to Govt.~~ that these Committees may be revived on the ground that it is desirable to the association of a popular element in the selection of candidates for admission into colleges will do good. The D.P.I. is requested to offer his remarks on the general question of revival of selection committees with particular reference to the following points:-

p. t. o.

(1) whether selection committees ^{should} ~~are to~~ be constituted for all the colleges and

(2) what the composition of each committee should be (its strength, the basis of selection and appt. of members should be discussed)

To the D.P.I.

Notes

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Govt. Arts colleges and Engg. colleges. Admissions.

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The selection committees for admissions into Govt Arts colleges and the college of Engineering, Guindy, were abolished in 1938-
G.O. No. 308 Edu. d. S. 2. 1938. please see pages 42-44 and 52 of the G.O.
The question whether the committees should be revived was considered in 1940 and it was decided not to

do so - G.O. No. 1435 Edu. 1-8-40.

The matter was re-examined in 1942 -
G.O. No. 960 Edu. d. 14-3-1942.

2. Admissions are now made by the Principals. In making the selections they have been asked to exercise the greatest care in seeing that due representation is given to non-Brahmins, to all minority communities, to Muslims, to scheduled classes and to women.

3. As regards the Engg. college, Guindy, orders were issued in 1943 to the effect that admissions should be made on a linguistic basis, the total no. of seats available being allotted as below:-

- I 50.8 per cent to candidates belonging to group of districts predominant Tamil
- II 38.1 per cent to those belonging to group of districts predominant Telugu and

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3. The principles on which selections are now made to the Arts colleges are contained in the instructions in

paras 3 and 4 of G.O.1435-Edn., dated 1-8-40, and in para 2 of G.O.960-P.H., dated 14-3-42. For the Engg. Colleges, besides the instructions mentioned above, selections have to be made with refce. also to the instructions in G.O.997-Edn., dated 22-7-43. No rules have been laid down for the guidance of Principals.

4. The results of University examination held in March 1946 will be published very shortly and applns. for admissions to the colleges will be recd. by Principals soon after. It is doubtful whether the Committees can be constituted in time for admissions in 1946-47, as the D.P.I. will probably have to be consulted on the personnel of the Committees and the consent of the members proposed obtained thereafter; all these ~~may~~ take time.

5. The points for orders are -

(1) whether the Selection Committees are to be constituted for all the colleges under the control of the Edn. Dept.;

(2) whether the Committees should make selections for admission in 1946-47 itself;

(3) how many members there should be on each Committee and what should be the basis of selection and appt. of members;

(4) whether the D.P.I. may be asked to suggest suitable names of members for constituting the Committees;

(5) whether necessary extracts may be given to Public Health and Devt. Depts. for considering the question in regard to admissions into colleges under their control; and

(6) whether any elaborate rules other than those mentioned in para 3 above should be framed for the guidance of the Committees and, if so, whether the D.P.I. may be asked to send a draft ~~set~~ of such rules.

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Asst. Secy. 17/5/46
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The discussions at "T" will show the difficulty of trying to frame any more elaborate rules than those contained in paragraph 3 at "T"/1. These, and the rules in "C" for the Engineering College, are being followed now. Returns are being furnished to the Government in regard to the Engineering College (paragraph 2 of "C"/17) and it has been found that the rules have been satisfactorily observed.

I do not think, in fact, it is H.M.'s idea that any more elaborate rules should be framed in regard to admissions; he desires only, I believe, that while the existing sets of rules in that regard are followed, committees should be associated with the Principals in making admissions with reference to those rules.

Attention is invited to "M"/41-42, "U"/42-43 and "P" at "T"/1 -- which indicate the reasons for the abolition of the committees; the main reason was that they had ~~xxxxx~~ led to canvassing and favouritism.

I submit that that reason would be valid even now.

Now that definite principles have been laid down in regard to admissions, the observance of which can be watched by Government, it would be rather superfluous to attach committees merely to follow the same principles.

If, while observing ^{these} principles, selection within groups and within communities is to be made -- as it ought to be -- only on considerations of academic merit and suitability, the Principals are the best persons to do this; the association of committees with them would handicap rather than help them in that respect -- and as indicated above, there would be room for the play of considerations other than academic suitability and merit.

In fixing numbers for committees as well as in selecting personnel for them, there is the question how

far we can make the committees "representative" of various interests while at the same time keeping the committees workman-like as to numbers.

I submit therefore that it does not appear advisable to revive the selection committees for working even in the manner now proposed by H.M. (Edn.).

If H.M. (Edn.) considers that the question should be pursued, I suggest that the D.P.I. may first be consulted on the general question of revival of committees and also on the questions (1) ^{and} (3) in paragraph 5 raised at page 4 ante; there may not be time in that case to have the scheme ready for the ensuing academic year.

If H.M. (Edn.) considers that ^{the} is unnecessary, and desires that the scheme should be implemented straightaway for the ensuing academic year, it would help further examination of the case if his views on points (1) and (3) in paragraph 5 at page 4 ante were indicated; action may be taken as at point (4) ~~thereafter~~ after a decision is taken by Govt. After orders are passed by H.M. (Edn.), and if the case is to be proceeded with further, the case will be sent to Finance also (if expense on t.a. to members of committees is involved) and will be circulated again to H.M. (Edn.) -- and also to H.P.M. and H.E. as there will be a reversal of previous policy.

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In view of the duration of time before this question may be considered for the next year generally.

But so far as the Committee for Higher Education College is concerned, it is understood is dominated by one individual, which is not desirable. In that alone a

Committee may be constituted
1. Prof. Rudra - Panipat
2. G. D. Nair. H.M.S. Committee of who has

donated about 2 lakhs for the college
3. R. Venkataswamy Naidu - Radhakrishnan Mills, Peelamedu, who holds a technological degree from Manchester University - England

4. C. Srinivasan B.A. B.L. Govt. of the Government Public Worker in the District

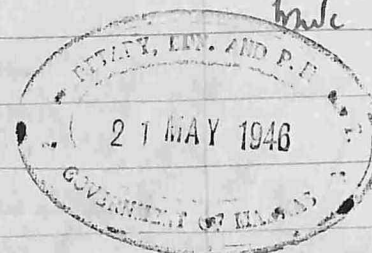
5. K. K. Kandaswamy Chellian - Managing Agent Kanchi Mills
Srinivasan, working in Lingarajapuram, holder of a B.Sc. degree from Manchester, England.

As there are local men, so T.A. need be

paid to them.

As the time before us is short, steps may be taken up immediately. Rules for their guidance should be issued as before.

TSA
28-5-46



to keep a committee for the future, (which is A.H. Chellian's suggestion) are as at (R) (- please see R/S -); suggest that no period arrangement need be made for the A.H. Chellian's suggestion above.

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For orders whether action may now be taken with ref. to the minutes of H.M. (Edn.) at A on p 6 ante; if so, the draft below which follows Secy's note at B on p 6 ante is for approval.

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no more action necessary for this year

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COIMBATORE. 7

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Dear Mr. Giri,

The Technological College in Coimbatore which is to serve the whole Province will be opened soon after the vacation. Admissions for the second year course have to be made in a week or two. I understand that there is a great rush for admission. Last year the admissions were made by the Principal. There was some dissatisfaction felt in some quarters. It will be better, in view of the fact that there is only a small number of seats available that a small committee is appointed to make the admissions, instead of leaving the whole thing in the hands of the Principal. The Agricultural College which was serving the whole Province had for a long time a Selection Committee appointed for admissions until the advisors took over the Government.

Yours sincerely,



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R. see the letter on p 1 above.

The question of revival of Selection Committees for the Selection of Students for admission to Govt Arts and Professional Colleges was considered recently and dropped - notes recorded in C.O. No. 1052 Edu & 28-5-46. In view of the decision recently arrived at, there seems to be no case for considering the revival of Selection Committees, especially in view of the latest arrangement for recruiting colleges - selection of the case may be circulated

H.M. (Edu) and H.M. (S.H.C.)

65/24-6-46
Candidates for the name of a committee of all Principals of Engineering colleges in the Province. It was decided by H.M. (Edu) that no more action was necessary for this year. For orders as to circulation



24.6.46

OPH/24/6/46 & B.O.

There appears to be no need for a committee of capitals as news about the selection of the Principal we could always ascertain enquire into his matter. A committee is not so amenable to control as a Principal, and its existence of how to make conversation & negotiation. (S.H.C.)

625/6/46

Pl see the orders in circulation. The papers may be filed with C.O. 1052 Edu & 28-5-46

26-6-46

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It was the order
in circulation. The paper was
be filed with Co. 1025 being 22-10

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