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(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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To all Presidents of District Boards.
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To the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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SALEM DISTRICT BOARD.

EDUCATION- Elementary-Compulsory in selected villages-Salem District Board-Supply of midday meals to Poor Children-instructions-Requested.

ROC.E.9-19437-45.

DISTRICTBOARD OFFICE,
Salem dated 19-2-46.

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From
Sri.K.A.Nachiappa Goundar,
President District Board, Salem.

To The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department
Fort St.George., Madras.

Sir,

Government Memorandum No.32083-A-5-Education dated 7-9-45.

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The Government in their Memorandum quoted above have stated that meals will have to be provided on an average for 20 days in a month, excluding the vacation month and that the subsidy payable is to be calculated on a per capita basis at 0-1-9 for each pupil fed for each day. According to this arrangement, meals will have to be provided for 220 days only in a year and the maximum number of days is not to exceed 220 days in a year. At present meals are being supplied to poor children and claims admitted for all full-working days in a week excluding one half working day. But the schools where the shift system is introduced one set of children attend the School in the afternoon of the half ~~the~~ working day also and they will go to the School expecting food from there as usual for the mid-day. The total number of days may come to more than 20 in a month if the half working days are also included for purposes of feeding but the total number of days in a year, on which meals are provided may not exceed 220. I would even go to say that some schools would be working even for more than 220 days in a year. The poor pupils attending schools on half working days and accustomed to mid-day meals in schools, feel disappointed and disconsolate if they are deprived of the usual noon meal on that day alone. It is clear from the Government Memorandum that the intention of

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of the Government is to provide free mid-day meals to the School-children on school-working days during the year, with the exception of the vacation month. Subsidy payable to each District Board has been determined with reference to the maximum number of pupils to be provided with mid-day meals, for 220 days in the year. The intention of Government does not seem to be to enforce a rigorous rule of only 20 days a month, or to prohibit feeding on half-working days, so long as the maximum number of days in the year, is not exceeded. The number of working days varies from month to month and it ranges from 15 and 16 to 21 or 22. I therefore presume that feeding arrangements can be continued on all working days, including half-working days (like Saturdays) subject to the condition that the claim for subsidy is limited to 220 days in the year on which pupils within the maximum number prescribed, were actually fed and that the subsidy is allowed on a per capita basis at one anna and nine pies for each pupil fed, for each day. I request that Government may be kind enough to give a line in reply if my presumption is correct.

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K.V.N.20-2-46.

President, District Board Salem.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Rc 2879 B
25 FEB 1946
MADRAS

Endt. 10624 B2/46-1 Dt 22/2/46

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

Asst. Secretary to Govt.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C. 1266-B/44, dated 22--3--1946.

Sub: Elementary Education - Compulsion - Supply of Midday meals to poor pupils - Salem District - Number of meals - Regulation with reference to the number of working days.

Ref: Government Endt. No.10624-B2/46-1 Edn., dated 22-2-1946.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
27 MAR 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Resubmitted.

The President may be informed that midday meals may be supplied on all working days, without reference to the 20 days per mensem, assumed for purposes of estimating the cost and even in excess of 220 days in a year. He may also be informed that meals may be served on half working days too if necessary, to maintain good attendance on these days.

3. Subsidy should be allowed with reference to the actual number of days on which meals are supplied without restricting it to 220 days per year.

for Director of Public Instruction.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

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Rc.C.12-3307/45. 132

Office of the President,
District Board West Godavari,
Dated 24-3-1946.

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From

Sri G.Venkatareddi B.A., B.L.,
President, District Board,
West Godavari, Ellore.

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To

The Secretary to the Government ,
Education and Public Health
Department, MADRAS.

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Sir,

Sub: Elementary Education - compulsory - providing midday meals to the poor children in April, May and June - orders solicited.

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Ref: Government memorandum No.32083.A.5- Education dated the 1st September 1945.

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The schools work only in one session in mornings for two months in all excluding one month of summer recess during summer(ie) April , May and June. The schools will be closed for summbr recess for one month and the vacation period takes place in May and June.

I request you to kindly enlighten me if there is any objection to provide midday meals to the poor children studying in the schools when the schools work in the morning session only during the summber season.

President.

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Edn & P.H.
C. No. 17461.

Endt. No: Edn. dated

Referred to the D.P.I. for remarks at an early date.

29/3/46

To the D.P.I. (with a copy of C.F.)

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Rc.No.7(8) D.7/45.

Cuddapah District Board Office,
Dated 25--3--46.

From
Rao Bahadur Sri P. Raghava Reddy,
President, District Board,
Cuddapah.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
MADRAS.

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Sir,

Sub: Education - Elementary - Compulsion - Midday Meal No. of days of feeding in a month - increase - orders - requested.

. . . . . .

I have to state that as per para 3 of Government Memo No.32083-A.5 Edu., dated 1-9-46, midday meal will have to be provided on the average for 20 days in a month excluding the vacation month. This provision permits only the feeding of the poor pupils on full working days and not on half working days. In certain centres, Saturdays are half working days to Hindu Schools and Thursdays to Muhammadan Schools. Chairmen of the Committees have been representing to me, that the present system of providing Midday Meal on full working day only has thus been found difficult as the poor children of the schools in the Centres that attend school for half-a-day have to be sent home without meal after the school work, while poor children of other schools in the locality that work for full day on the particular day are to be provided with meals. I am of opinion that under the circumstances explained above, feeding the poor children even on half working days is advisible in as much as ~~my~~ they will have no facility for afternoon meals soon after they leave the schools and this procedure will not cost much. To give effect to my proposals, the average No. of days on which Midday meal will have to be provided has to be increased from 20 to 26 days in a month.

I, therefore, request that the Benign Government will be pleased to ~~point~~ permit the supply of Midday Meal to poor children in Compulsory areas even on half working days by raising the average No. of days on which Midday meal has to be provided in a month as 26, at as early a date as possible.

~~For~~ President.

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Copy to the Director of Public Instruction Madras.
Copy to the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Anantapur.
Copy to the District Educational Officer, Cuddapah.
Copy to the Inspectress, II Circle, Bellary.

C.F. 32 (a). Education Department

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From (Name) Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, M.A.D.Sc., I.E.S.,

Designation Director of Public Instruction,

Station Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

Enclosures: R.C. No. 1266-B/44. dated 16th April 1946.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
18 APR 1946
21151
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Sub: Elementary Education - Compulsion - Supply of midday meals - Salem District - Suppl of meals on half working days.

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REF: My letter RC No. 1266-B/44, dated 22-3-1946.

I have the honour to request the favour of early orders on my letter quoted above.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Memo 17047 B2/46-2 Edn d 18-4-46

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Ref:- Letters from the P.D.B. Salem. R.O.C. E.9-19437/45 dated 19-2-46.

P.3. Cf. Endt of the D.P.I. R.C. 1266-B/44 d 22-3-46

Sub:- Supply of midday meals to children on Saturdays and on half-working days.

The D.P.I. is requested to report what the extra cost will be on the supply of mid-day to school children on all other school days including Saturdays and half-working days, instead of restricting the supply to 220 days a year

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To,
The D.P.I.

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Local Administration Department

From (Name) Sri Rao Saheb
C.P.Sarathy Mudaliar,
Designation Vice-President, Dist.Board
In-charge under sec.22 A
(1) of M.L.B.Act,
Station Chittoor.

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health
Department, Fort St.George, Madras.
Thro'
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras

Enclosures:

No. Rc.C10.17447/45. dated 9th April 1946.

Sir,

Education--Elementary Compulsion--supply of midday meals--number of days of feeding in a month--increase orders--requested.

(x) As per para. 3 of Govt. memo No.32093-A.5 Edn., dated 1-9-1945 midday meals will have to be provided on the average for 20 days in a month excluding the vacation month. This restriction enables us to provide food to poor children only on those days on which the school works for both the sessions and not on these days on which they work for ~~half~~ one session. In many of the centres in this district there are both Muhammadan and Hindu schools. Thursdays and Saturdays are half working days for Muhammadan and Hindu schools respectively. Consequently when one section of the pupils who attend both the sessions on these days enjoy the privilege of having midday meals the other section which attends for ~~half a~~ one session has to go without food after attending school till midday.

As the poor children will be put to a great hardship if they are to return home with empty stomachs after 3 hours study in the school on --

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on such days, I request you to move the Government to fix the average number of days on which the midday meals have to be served in a month as 26 instead of 20 so that food may be served to poor children on all working days irrespective of the number of sessions in the day.

~~Pr~~ Vice-President In-charge.
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C. 139-B1/46, dated 1st May, 1 9 4 6.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3 MAY 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sub: Elementary Education - Midday meals - Number of days on which meals may be supplied - Increase of - Request for the.

pp 13-14 ante

REF: Letter C.10-17447/45, dated 9-4-1946 of the President, District Board, Chittoor addressed to Government.

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Submitted.

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2. Kind attention is invited to Director's Endorsement R.C. 1266-B/44, dated 22-3-1946, on a similar proposal from the President, District Board, Salem.

for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

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This may lie over till the D.P.I's reply to the Memo on p11 ante is received. He may be reminded on 1.6.46 if necessary.

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Education **DEPARTMENT.**

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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Elementary Education - Midday meals - Supply on Saturdays and half working days.

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Ref: Govt. Memo No.17047 B2/46-2 Edn., dated 18-4-1946.

ENCLOSURES.
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Rc. No. 1266 B/44

Station Madras, *Dated the* 6-5-1946. 19 .

From (Name) Dr. S.R.U.Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that normally a pupil will have to be fed on 242 days in a year, if midday meals are supplied on Saturdays and other half working days also as shown below.

(a) Saturdays - Full holidays.	
(i) Vacation month.	4
(ii) Teachers' Association meetings - one day in each of eleven months.	11
(iii) Local festivals, Xmas vacation &c.	3
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Total.	18
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(b) No. of half working days on which children will have to be fed.	
(i) Saturdays (52 - 18)	34
(ii) Other days (Probable)	5
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Total.	39
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(c) No. of days on which midday meals will have to be supplied

(i) Full working days (220 - 17, half the number of saturdays which are half working days)	203

Note: Most Schools work ½ day on Saturdays to make up the required 220 days.

(ii) Half working days.	39

Total.	242
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2. The supply of meals on 242 days will not, however, add to the liabilities of the Government as explained below.

	(a) No. of meals to be supplied to each pupil in a year.	242
	(b) No. of meals taken into account while framing the estimates	220

	(c) No. of extra meals per pupil.	22
	(d) Extra cost per pupil per year on the supply of 22 extra meals.	Rs.2-6-6
	(e) Extra cost per year for the 1.3 lakhs of pupils proposed to be fed while introducing the scheme in 1945-46	Rs.3,22,437-8-0 or Rs.3,22,500/- in round figures.
	(f) Probable savings due to absentees (estimated at 10%).	Rs.32,250/-
A	(g) Net extra cost. ..	Rs.2,90,250/-
for existing pupils..	(h) Probable savings due to absentees (estimated at 10%) in the provision of 32 lakhs for feeding the 1.34 lakhs of pupils during 1946-47.	Rs.3,20,000.

This saving of Rs.3,20,000/- is more than sufficient to cover the estimated extra cost, and therefore in all probability Government may not be put to any extra committment on the supply of midday meals to poor children on half working days also.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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28 MAY 1946

R.C. No.
1266-B/44.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 24th May 1946.

SUBJECT:- Elementary Education - Midday meals - Increase in the number of days of feeding - Kurnool District Board.

pp 20-21 infra

REFERENCE:-Letter R.C.No. C-1.71/46 dated 4-5-46 of the President, District Board, Kurnool.

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Submitted in continuation of Director's endorsement R.C.No. 1266-B/44 dated 22-3-46 and 6-5-46 which are replies to Government endorsement No. 10624-B.2/46-1 dated 22-2-46 and Government memo No. 17047-B.2/46-2 Education dated 18-4-46.

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Deputy Director of Public Instruction,
(In charge).

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

From
Rao Bahadur Sri.B.P.Sesha Reddi
President District Board Kurnool

To
The Secretary to Government
Education and Public Health Department
Madras.

Through
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras.

Rc. No. C.1. 71/46- Dated 4-5-46

Sir,

Sub:-Elementary- Education- compulsory centres- Midday meals- number of days of feeding in a month- increase- orders requested.

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I am therefore of opinion that it is better if the poor pupils who attend one session on Saturdays and Sundays are also a given meals. I request that the Government would be pleased to fix the average number of days on which the Midday meals have to be served in a month as 23 days instead of 20 days as at present.

B.P. Sesha Reddi
6-5-46.
President Dt. Board

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SUPPLY of midday meals to school children.

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Under the rules framed under E.E. Act Elementary schools should work for 220 days in a year. Schools under local bodies should work for six days in a week. It is open to local bodies to grant a half-holiday on any of the working days. Generally Saturday will be a half holiday for schools under local bodies.

× There is no such restriction for aided school Rule 74, MER Book ¶151

2. In the scheme of supply of midday meals introduced in 1945-46, it was assumed that meals should be supplied to school children for 220 working days in a year. It is now brought to notice that the number of working days will exceed 220 as the session on Saturdays will be counted only as a half school-day for purpose of attendance (while for purposes of midday meals it will be taken as a full-school day). Elementary schools may have to work in one session for about 40 Saturdays in a year. Thus midday meals may have to be supplied for 240 days in a year (The number may also increase with reference to the report of the P.D.B. W. Godavari on page 5 c.f.)

× The minimum no. of working days

× The remaining 12 days may merge in vacation or other holiday

3. The P.D.B., Salem, raises the question whether midday meals should be supplied to school children on all the working days in a year (240 days or more) or whether the supply should be restricted to 220 working days. The D.P.I. is of the view that meals should be served "on half days too so as to maintain good attendance of pupils at schools". The result is that the cost of supply will increase.

p 3 cf

4. The P.D.B., Salem, says that even though meals are supplied to children for over 220 days in a year, the claim for a subsidy will be restricted to 220 days. The D.P.I. observes that subsidy should be allowed for supply of meals on all days without restricting it to 220 days. The recommendation of the D.P.I. will, as noted in para 3 above, increase the Govt.'s liability. It is not clear how the President will meet the excess expenditure over the Government subsidy. Presumably he ~~wants~~ intends to debit the cost to E.E. Fund. The position of the Fund is not affluent.

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has been avoided by the adjustment of arrear toll compensation grant of over 3 lakhs. (Even if the excess expenditure is now debited to E.E.Fund the Govt. may have to meet it ultimately by payment of a subsidy.

5. In view of the fact that the supply of midday meals is designed to improve the attendance of schools, it may be desirable to continue it on all days (over 220) even though the cost to Govt. may be slightly in excess of the budget allotment. [If the budget allotment should not be exceeded the number of children may have to be reduced.]

A This may be accepted.

It is undesirable to do this.

6. Finance may see for remarks before circulation.

1.4.46.

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E&P.H. No 10624 B2/46-1
9-4-46

Fin (Exp.B)

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
10 APR 1946
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Please see the notes on pp 1-2 above. The proposal of E&P.H. at 'A' above may be ~~accepted in this dept.~~ subject to the following remarks.

11.4.46

2. A sum of Rs. 48.94 lakhs has been included in the current year's Budget for expenditure on supply of mid-day meals. E.P.H. have stated in para-5 above that, under the proposal to supply ~~meals~~ meals on all the working days in the year (240 days or more instead of 220 days as originally assumed), the cost to the Govt. may be slightly in excess of the budget allotment. From the experience of last year, it seems doubtful whether the actual expr in the current year will exceed the budget provision of Rs. 48.94 lakhs. For orders whether, in the circumstances, it is necessary at present to obtain an approximate cost of the extra recurring expr involved & take orders in ~~F.M.~~ circulation, if the extra expr is large. If so, E.P.H. may be requested to give a rough estimate of the cost.

p. 207 of Budget for 1946-7.

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The D.P.I may be asked to furnish an approximate estimate of the addl. expr. involved in the proposal.

15-4-46 E.P.H.

Fin. No. 19927 Exp-1
15.4.46

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Edu & P.H. Deptt (B2)

A draft memo is submitted for approval. So far ~~as~~ 1946-47 is concerned, the supply of mid-day meals in the new areas to be selected for compulsory ele. edn. in 1946-47 will begin in about July 1946. Thus against a provision of Rs 17 lakhs made for supply of meals in these areas, about 6 lakhs may not be utilised. This sum of ~~6 lacs~~ Rs six lakhs may be taken as a set-off against the extra expenditure involved in the supply of mid-day meals to school children ~~on~~ on all days in the year in 1946-47.

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[Issued as Memo no 17047 B2/46-2 Edn. d 18/4/46]

p11 CF.

C. no 24577 B2/46 from the D.P.I. R.C. no 1266 B/46 d 6.5.46.

p.17 f

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The D.P.I. reports that midday meals should be supplied to school children for 242 days in a year against 220 days originally anticipated. He has calculated the extra cost on the ~~position~~ provision of meals for the addl. 22 days at about Rs.3 lakhs for the 1.34 lakhs of children. As 70,000 children will be newly brought under the feeding scheme in the area to be selected for compulsory education in 1946-47 the total cost may be taken as Rs.4 lakhs.

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∴ B one lakh

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2. The Director considers that the addl. expre. of Rs.3 lakhs can be met from the savings in the budget allotment which may accrue on account of children being absent from the feeding centres. There will be about 4 lakhs of poor children attending elementary schools in the compulsory areas. ~~till~~ in 1946-47, of whom it is proposed to supply meals to about 2 lakhs of children. In view of this, the savings anticipated by the Director ~~will~~ may not arise. (As pointed out at A above) A sum of Rs.6 lakhs will remain unutilised in 1946-47 out of the allotment of Rs.17 lakhs provid for supply of midday meals in the new compulsory areas on account of the fact that the scheme will be introduced only ~~from 1st~~ in July 1946. Thus in any case the cost on account

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As for Ministers, I think we have to go by the possibility of full attendance right through in the feeding centres.

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supply of midday mealsfor 242 days in 1946-47 can be met from the existing budget allotment of Rs.49 lakhs. The cost in future years will exceed this provision. The File may be sent to Finance u.o. for remarks.

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E+PH u.o. 17047 B2-3
14.5.46

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 MAY 1946
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
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Fin (Exp.B)

Please see this dept's note on p.2 above and the subsequent note of E&PH.

E&PH have estimated that the additional cost of feeding about 2 lakhs of pupils for 242 days in the current year instead of for 220 days as originally contemplated will be about Rs. 4 lakhs. By increasing the number of days on which it is proposed to supply midday meals, there will be a progressively increasing expenditure to the Govt. as the scheme is extended to new areas in the future.

Submitted that the proposal may be agreed to in Finance. 20.5.46

2. Funds:- E&PH have noted that the addl. expenditure in the current year, viz., Rs 4 lakhs, may be met from the saving (Rs 6 lakhs) anticipated ~~out of~~ in the allotment of Rs 17 lakhs provided for supply of midday meals in new areas this year. It is not clear why a provision of Rs. 17 lakhs was asked for for the extension of the scheme to new areas in 1946-7 when, as is now stated, a sum of Rs 11 lakhs alone will be required in view of the fact that the scheme will be introduced only in July 1946. Taking into account the additional expenditure of Rs 4 lakhs there will still be a saving of Rs 2 lakhs in the current year. E&PH may be requested to intimate at once to this dept. whether a reduction of Rs 2 lakhs may be made under the head "37. Education - I. Primary - Grants to local bodies for primary education - A. I.(ii) Post war Reconstruction - 3. Other grants - provision for midday meals - authorised" in the revised budget to be presented to the Legislature.

[A provision of Rs 28.94.300 was recommended by the Ministers for inclusion in Part II]

As 17 lakhs represents a portion out of the total allotment of Rs 48.94 lakhs, reqd for new areas

KRV 18.5.46

B p.3 above

p. 207 of the Budget 46-7

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Through B.E I
18.5.46

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20.5.46.

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7 MAY 1946
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5 E&PH Dept
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Para 2 of Finance Dept's note

Attention is invited to the notes on p18 N.F of G.O. No. 973 Edn d 13.5.46 in which it is explained how a provision larger than that required came to be made in the B.E. for 1946-47 for the supply of midday meals. H.M (Edn.) has observed in another connection that a programme of pucca school buildings should be drawn up for the compulsory areas and put into execution. The savings of Rs two lakhs anticipated may be required for the building scheme. Finance may see again.

E&PH u.o. 18047 B2-4
31.5.46

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
1 JUN 1946
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance (B.E.I) Deptt.

Please see para 2 of Finance note on page 4 above and the E.& P.H. Department note above. It will be observed that a saving of 2 lakhs is anticipated in the provision for supply of midday meals. E.& P.H., however, state that this saving may be required for the building schemes.

Under para 92 of the Madras Budget Manual, Savings in the appropriation should not be kept in reserve by the disbursing or controlling officer to meet possible unforeseen expenses or to cover new expenditure. The scheme for the construction of pucca school buildings has not yet been sanctioned by Government. The question of providing funds for the construction of buildings may be considered after the scheme has been sanctioned. As the saving of 2 lakhs is anticipated in the provision for the supply of midday meals, this department may suggest that a reduction of 2 lakhs may be made in the provision under the head "37 Eduction - 1.Primar - Grants to local bodies for primary education - A.I(ii) Po war Reconstruction - 3. Other grants - Provision for midday meals - authorised".

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Extract taken for separate action

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10 JUN 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
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E & P.H. Dept

Edn. & P.H. Dept

Finance Dept have taken action separately for reducing the provision for midday meals by two lakhs. 2. The proposal in this file is that midday meals be supplied on all Saturdays and also on other days in which schools work for only one session in the mornings. The result is that midday meals have to be supplied for about 242 days in a year against 220 days originally anticipated. ⊗ The proposal involves an extra cost of Rs four lakhs in 1946-47.

⊗ in addition ~~against~~ to the provision of Rs 48 lakhs

3. A draft order is submitted for appl. – The draft order sets out the proposal.

Bm. 6.46

BM 13/6/46

12.6.46

H.M. (Edn)

I hope with the provision of midday meals on Saturdays also, we shall not fall short of the provision made in the budget. Finance suggests that Rs 2 lakhs ought be cut. The matter must be examined so that ~~we can~~ the increased expenditure consequent on the Saturday meals is also met in the budget provisions.

TSA
15-6-46

There is a provision of Rs 49 lakhs in the current year's budget for the supply of midday meals to school children. The amount reqd. in 1946-47 will only be Rs 47 lakhs including the sum of Rs four lakhs necessary for the supply of meals to children on Saturdays and other half-working days. It is the balance of Rs two lakhs that is to be resumed by the Finance Dept. The file may be sent to H.M.

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TSA 18-6-46
H.M. (Edn)

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
24 JUN 1946
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
18 JUN 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Extract of notes from a file dealing with the question of supply of midday meals to children in labour schools

Development Department.

Sub. Labour department - Scheduled castes - Education - Mid-day meals - supply on half working days.

Ref. From the C. of L. No. D.3023/46 dated 27.6.46.

To. U.S.

Please see the letter from ~~t~~the Commissioner of Labour in the c.f. The question of feeding children in areas where compulsory elementary education is in force on half working days is presumably under consideration in E P.H. That dept may be requested to offer their remarks on the present proposal of the C. of L.

K.R.M.
17.7.
Edn and P.H.

Edn and P.H. Dept.

Please see the orders passed in G.O No. 1245 Edn., dated 25.6.46, authorising the supply of midday meals to school children in compulsory areas on Saturdays and other half working dsya. Those orders apply to the scheme of supply of midday meals sanctioned by this department. If a similarsystem is to be adopted in the case of supply of midday meals to children in labour schools (outside compulsory areas⊗) the question is one to be considered and decided by the Devt. dept. The file may be returned to Dev. u.o.

⊗ If the labour schools in compulsory areas midday meals are supplied

B.M.
10.7.46 Devt.

Development department

To D.S.

Please see the Fin. dept. notes above. A draft memo to the Commr. of Labour is submitted for approval.

(Issued as Memo No. 43902BII/46-3.d. 30.7.46)
From the C.of L.No.D. 3023 /46 d. 2.10.46)

With reference to the note of the Fin dept. the C.of L has not reported that the extra cost involved in the proposal to ~~the~~ supply ~~of~~ midday meals to ~~the~~ children of the labour schools on Saturdays and other half holidays is roughly Rs. 2,15,800 per annum in respect of all districts other than East Godavari. Figures in respect of East Godavari have not yet been received from the Collector. The total extra cost for all districts per annum is, therefore, likely to be about Rs. 2.4 lakhs. The additional cost involved in the current year is estimated by the Commr. of Labour at Rs. 86,320. assuming that the proposal will be given effect to from 1-11-1946. This extra cost cannot be met from savings in the current year's provision and a supplementary grant may have to be got sanctioned for the purpose. The case may now be sent to Finance department for further remarks with reference to A. p.2. above.

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Finance Dept

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The proposal is made only on the analogy of (X). But the Devt. Board is in favour of the abolition of the free feeding schemes for elementary schools in compulsory areas. It is not desirable to incur further large recurring expenditure by extending the free feeding in Labour Schools on the analogy of that in compulsory areas. E. P.H. may be requested to consider urgently whether the order in (X) may not be cancelled at once in order (1) to reduce expenditure on the compulsory areas free feeding scheme, and (2) to remove the anomaly that the compulsory areas free feeding scheme, whilst it remains in force, is on a more generous scale than that in labour schools. Devt may kindly send extracts to E. P.H. or send the case to them again so that they may take extracts and pursue this point.

15 D.W.D.
16 x. 46.

Supply of midday meals to school children in compulsory areas.

(X) Attention is solicited to the notes in G.O.No. 1245 Education, dated 25.6.46. When the scheme of supply of midday meals was sanctioned in 1945-~~1946~~ 46, it was thought that, as elementary schools should work 220 days in a year it would be sufficient if midday meals were supplied during these no. of ~~working~~ days. It was subsequently brought to notice that schools worked for only one session on Saturdays and on other week days in summer with the result that they ~~do the~~ had to work for more than 220 days in the year so as to secure the minimum attendance of 220 school days prescribed in the rules framed under the Elementary Education Act. The question was raised whether midday meals should be supplied ~~on all~~ on all days on which elementary schools worked or only for ~~22 0 days~~ 220 days for a year as originally stipulated in the scheme sanctioned in 1945-46. It was finally decided ~~that~~ to allow the supply of meals ~~for the~~ on all working days.

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} 2 of (X)

C. No. 65734 DI/46 dt. 30. x. 46.

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11 NF (X)

2 The Labour Department have been arranging the supply of midday meals to children attending labour schools, the expenditure on this account being ~~deputed~~ debited to the labour budget. The Commissioner of Labour suggested that midday meals to children in labour schools might also be supplied for all days on which these schools worked on the analogy of the orders issued by this department (G.O. No. 1245 dd. 25.6.46). The Finance Secretary has in that connection noted as on page 2 ante or A. He suggests that the system introduced in G.O. (X) might as ~~w~~ well ~~while~~ be discontinued so as to

(X)

(1) effect a reduction in the expenditure under the midday meals scheme.

(2) to avoid a differential treatment in the matter of supply of midday meals ~~of between~~ to children in labour schools and ~~and~~ to children in schools in compulsory areas.

(1) above.

13 NF (X)

The extra cost on account of the supply of midday meals for all working days in a year has been estimated at about four lakhs against the total provision of about Rs 47 lakhs made in the budget.

The reduction in expenditure is comparatively small

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of the fact that the supply of midday meals is designed to secure enrolment of pupils in schools in large numbers it may not be desirable to cancel the orders at ⓧ. It has been pointed out that attendance ~~is~~ may be thin on days when meals are not supplied. Item (2) above.

It is true ~~the~~ that a difference in procedure is created on account of the orders in ⓧ. The proper course seems to be to allow the supply of midday meals to children for all days in the labour schools also rather than to cancel the orders already passed in the case of schools in compulsory areas.

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Dev remarks on p 4

(X)

3. Development and Finance may see for remarks before circulation

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DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
1 OCT 1946
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

82694 PII/46
31.10.46

Dev Dept

This dept. may perhaps agree with the views of E&PH at 'A' and 'B' above. This dept. file relating to the extension of the supply of midday meals to the pupils of labour schools, to Saturdays and other half holidays, has been circulated to H.M.(P.I.) H.M.(Edn) and H.P.M. for orders.

The case may be passed on to Finance

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31/10/46

We agree. B above was what we asked for.

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Dev. U.O. 82694 PII/46-1
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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Please see the extract of this dept.'s notes at A on p 2 above and the notes following.

This dept. may suggest that the orders in circulation on the file referred to in Dev. dept.'s note may be awaited before considering further the question raised at A above.

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8/11/46 D.S.

E.P.H.

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The file may lie over till

1.12.46.

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11.11.46

Development may be requested to note the stage of the file referred to as X on p 4 ante

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9.12.46

E&P.H. U.O. 65739 B2/46-2
10.12.46.

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11.12.46.

FOURTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT.
11 DEC 1946
DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Dev. U.O. 95614 PII/46-1
17.12.46.

Dev Dept.

The E&PH. Dept. may be informed that the file referred to at 'X' on p. 4 ante has not yet ~~been~~ returned from circulation.

15.12.46. 16/12/46

16/12/46 E&P.H.

18 DEC 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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E&P.H. Dept [B2]

This may lie over till 10.1.47.

19.12.46. 20.12.46.

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21/12/46

Development may be reminded in regard to the stage of the file referred to as X on page 4 ante

E&P.H. U.O. no 65739 B2/46.23
20.1.47

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21.1.47

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Dev Dept

TO A

This Dept last noted at p5 above. E&PH may be informed that the file referred to at X on p4 above has not yet returned from circulation

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8 JAN 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Dev. u.o. 6563 PII/47-1
27-1-47

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E&P.H. Dept. [B2]

This may lie over till 28. 2. 47.

LPG
29.1.47.

27.1.47

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E&P.H. Dept [B2]

Development Dept may be reminded in regard to the stage of the file referred to at 'X' on page 4 ante.

LPG
1/3/47.

The Govt have since ~~discontinued~~ decided to discontinue the scheme of ~~the~~ supply of midday meals, with effect from 1.4.47. Orders in the matter are under issue. In view of this, the proposal in this file need not be further examined.

The ~~file~~ papers may be filed with G.O. no 1245 Edn. Dt 25.6.46, after perusal by the Finance Dept.

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3/3/47 Finance

E&P.H. u.o. no 6573/B2/47/A
4.3.47

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May be perused and returned to E&PH.

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Fin. u.o. 13461 Exp. A1.
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7 - MAR 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

May be filed with G.O.

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