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Sir,

I request you to kindly publish the following matter in your esteemed daily.

Admissions to Secondary Schools.

The Hon'ble Minister for Education has successfully tackled the problem of admission to Engineering, Arts, and Science Colleges; all credit to him. But ~~the~~ admissions to Secondary Schools are beset with difficulties; and Headmasters plead that their hands are tied by the rules and regulations, and - parents have to face serious hardships. After a careful study of the question I offer the following suggestions for urgent issue of orders by the Educational Minister, with a view to mitigating, if not completely relieving, the suffering of parents seeking their children's admission to secondary schools.

1. Rules regarding accommodation space in Secondary Schools should be relaxed as follows:- The required accommodation space of 9 sq. ft per pupil may be insisted upon for the primary classes and the lower forms; and 10 sq. ft per pupil may be fixed for the higher forms of secondary schools. The present regulation number of 11 sq. ft per pupil for all the classes, lower and higher, is not reasonable, and should go.

2. Headmasters of Secondary Schools could be permitted to admit upto 10% strength of the admissible number calculated as above, as a temporary urgent measure. The requirement of permission from the D.E.O. to admit only 10% excess for a whole class, irrespective of the number of sections and from the Divisional Inspector of Schools, and Officer in charge of 8 Districts, to admit 10% excess admissions for a class of more than one section should be abolished, as there is considerable delay, vexation and expense caused to parents seeking admission for their children to Secondary Schools.

3. The present salaries of teachers should be doubled, if new teachers of capacity are to be available, and if the existing teachers are to remain in their jobs.

4. A general permission may be granted to Managements for appointing as an emergent measure untrained graduates or intermediates temporarily to the vacant posts of non-available L.T.s or Secondary grade teachers, instead of the Managements being expected to apply for permission in every individual case as at present.

Yours faithfully,

To
The Editor,

NOTE for the Hon'ble Minister for Education.

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A copy of the latest Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction on the subject of admissions in secondary schools is submitted herewith. The Hon. Minister's attention is invited in particular to paragraph 3. The statistics about the number of secondary schools and scholars therein is given below:

<u>Boys Schools.</u>				
	No.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1940-41	543	208615	15200	223815
1941-42	558	217809	16494	234303
1942-43	559	226159	18738	244897
1943-44	570	253265	21776	275041
1944-45	599	279734	24613	304347
<u>Girls Schools.</u>				
1940-41	98	1277	27521	28798
1941-42	103	1783	27751	29534
1942-43	119	1615	29344	30959
1943-44	131	2128	34975	37103
1944-45	146	2512	40407	42919

From the above it will be seen that on 31-3-1945 there were (304347 + 42919 or) 347266 students (599 + 146 or) 745 secondary schools. On 31-3-1944 the numbers were similarly (275041 + 37103 or) 312144 students in (570 + 131 or) 701 secondary schools. Thus the increase in the number of secondary schools was 44 and the increase in strength was 35122. The increase in the strength of secondary schools this year may be assumed to be not more than 42000. How are we to provide for this?

This year we have so far recognised 44 new middle schools, 8 new high schools and allowed new sections in over 90 established schools. In a middle school with classes 4 and 5 and Forms I to III if the strength is full, i.e., 40 in each class the strength will be 200. In a newly recognised high school with Form IV in addition we can expect 240. For each section opened 40 more

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students can be admitted. Thus the strength of the newly recognised schools and sections will be about $44 \times 200 + 8 \times 240 + 90 \times 40 = 8800 + 1920 + 3600$ or 14320.

At present the floor space required under the Grant-in-Aid Code is 11 sq.ft. per pupil. If this is reduced to 10 sq.ft. per pupil it should be possible to $1/11$ more students than last year. Thus by this change it should be possible to admit $1/11 \times 347266$ or 31569 more pupils. This together with the 14320 school places provided for till now will mean that we shall have 45889 more places which should be more than sufficient for the expected increase.

If as suggested in paragraph 2 of Mr. Ganga Naidu's letter Headmasters are ~~to~~ to be permitted to admit 10% in excess of the admissible number calculated at 10 sq.ft. per pupil it would mean that the floor space actually allowed will be (10-10% of 10) or 9 sq.ft. per pupil. This does not appear to be necessary.

As the provisions of the Grant-in-Aid Code cannot be modified by the Director, it is suggested that Government may, as a purely temporary measure till the ban on building grant is lifted, allow the calculation of school places in secondary schools at 10 sq.ft. per pupil. Excess admissions over and above this do not appear to be necessary as we shall actually have provided for nearly 46000 additional places by the 10 sq.ft. per pupil change.

As the position as regards building materials is becoming easier it is for the consideration of Government whether the ban on secondary school buildings should not be lifted at an early date so as to make it possible for managements to put up buildings wherever necessary. Most of them are unable to do so without Government grant.

The letter of Mr. Ganga Naidu is returned herewith.

S. R. S. Varma
D. P. I. 19/6/46.

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Code*

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C.No.1105-E/45 Dated 29th June 1945. *A*

SUB:-Madras Educational Rules - Rule 18 - Excess admissions in secondary schools - Further instructions - issued.

In partial modification of the instructions issued in the Director's Proceedings C.No.2086-E/31 dated 26-10-1931 the under-mentioned officers are informed that the District Educational Officers and the Inspectresses may permit excess admissions in secondary schools upto 10% of the regulation number or 5 whichever is less care, however, being taken that such admissions are not allowed in all sections of a class, making possible the evasion of opening of new sections.

2. Cases of permission for admission over and above this number should be submitted to the Director in the case of girls schools and to the Divisional Inspector in the case of boys schools for orders.

3. Divisional Inspectors are informed that under present conditions permission for excess admissions may be granted, where necessary, somewhat liberally until normal times return in regard to the possibility of increasing accommodation in schools.

B.B. DEY,
Director of Public Instruction.
To all Divisional Inspectors & Inspectresses of Girls Schools.
" all Dt.Edl.Officers.

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19th June 1946.

Note for the Press issued by the Hon'ble Mr. T.S.Avinashilingam
Chettiar, Minister for Education.

Government have been receiving numerous telegrams and letters about the non-availability of school space for boys and girls seeking admission in schools. The Government have examined the matter. To provide more school spaces, the Government have given permission wherever possible for the opening of many new middle schools and high schools in this year. Permission have been given for 44 new Middle schools and 8 new High Schools and more than 90 new sections have been allowed to be opened in the already existing schools. But the opening of these schools and sections alone have not met the present needs and so the Government have come forward to relax certain rules so that more boys and girls may be admitted. The present school spaces are calculated at 11 sq.ft. per boy. Orders have been issued to temporarily reduce it to 10 sq.ft. per boy according to the present accommodation available. That will mean that 4 more boys may be admitted in each section of a normal class room i.e., at the rate of 10 sq.ft. per boy according to the area available for the class. In this manner, it is calculated that we will be able to admit 45,000 boys more including the new Middle Schools and High Schools that have been given permission to start this year.

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Rule 18 of the
M. E. R. also will
stand modified
to this extent
temporarily
To the D.P.I.

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Education and P.H. (C.I.) Dept.

Memorandum No. 32861 C/46-1

Min. dated 20.6.46

SCHOOLS - Secondary - Admissions.

Under the Grant-in-Aid Code there should be a minimum floor space of 11 ²/₄ ft. per pupil in secondary schools. As there has been a large increase in the number of pupils (both boys and girls) seeking admission ^{into} ~~into~~ secondary schools ^{the} Govt. direct that as a purely temporary measure, ^{only} a minimum floor space of 10 ³/₄ ft. per pupil need be insisted upon so that 4 more pupils may be admitted in each class ~~or class~~ or section of a class. The D.P.I. is requested to issue instructions to managements of schools accordingly.

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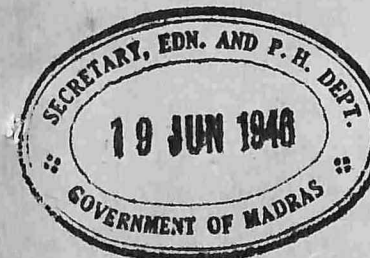
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In view of the large demand for school space throughout the Province, I think it is necessary that some emergent measures should be taken to admit more boys even in the existing schools. I understand that at present school spaces are calculated for each boy at 11 sq. ft. If this can be temporarily reduced to 10 sq.ft. according to the present accommodation available, it will admit about 45,000 boys more including the 44 new Middle schools and 8 new High schools that have been given permission to start this year.

In these circumstances, I think it is necessary that the Director may be asked to relax the rules in this regard and allow 4 more boys to be admitted in each section of a normal class room, i.e., at the rate of 10 sq.ft. per boy, according to the area available in the class room. As the matter is urgent, I am sending a copy direct to the D.P.I. for action.



T.S. Anandalingam
19-6-46

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20.6.46 draft memo to the D.P.I. to be issued.
Please see rule 18 of M.E.R.
which lays down
19/6/46 that there shall be
only 40 pupils in a
class. As the arrange-
ment now proposed
is only temporary,
a formal amendment
of the rule is not
necessary.

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