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Extracts from 'NUTRITION' Bulletin No. 3 dated March 1945.

CEYLON'S SCHOOL CHILDREN GROW THEIR OWN VEGETABLES.

The scheme:

The Emergency School Food Production Campaign launched by the Ceylon Government in July 1943 extends to about 5000 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.75000 were spent on salaries of teachers and inspectors and for tools and implements.

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.

THE PLAN:

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

A business-like method of work was planned. Each class cultivated its own portion of the school garden and shares the net 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.

THE ORGANISATION:

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 campaigns was maintained.

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.

RESULTS ACHIEVED:

Of the crops grown, yams (zaminkand) come first the production of which has reached the total of 5877 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.

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Grow More Food - Food Production in Schools.
Memo: No 31021-01/Edn-4
Edn. 31-8-46
In Memo: No. 58967 C-1 Edn.
of 5.1.45 the D. P. I. was asked to under-
take a ~~fresh~~ drive towards encouraging
schools of this province to produce vegetables.
Subsequently he was informed that it
was sufficient to make the best use of
the available facilities for growing
vegetables in schools without committing
Govt to any additional expenditure.
In view of the changed
circumstances the Govt consider that
a fresh drive should be organized for
the cultivation of vegetables in school
compounds. While the Govt do not
consider that a scheme with complete
paraphernalia of tools, equipment and
trained staff which will take time
and involve cost should be taken up
they desire that a ~~fresh~~ ^{new} start should

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be made throughout the province, in cultivating the available space in schools with the facilities now available. The Director is requested to take necessary action in the matter.

3. The Director of Agriculture is requested to help the with seed, manure and advice to the extent possible.

He is also requested to consider the desirability of utilising a portion of the school hours in keeping the garden as it will be of educational value if properly done.
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To the D.P.T.
" " D. A. (H. S. Dept.)
copy to Food Dept.

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TELEPHONE : 4294.

Office of the Regional Food Commissioner,
"White Lodge" Harrington Road, Chetpet,
Madras 20.
4 SEP 1946

From The Regional Food Commissioner, Madras Region.
To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Food Department, Madras.

Letter No. 6222/46/C5-6 dated 3-9-46.

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Sir,

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Foodstuffs-Vegetables -Increased production etc- My letter No. 6222/46/C5-5 dated 5-8-46.

The question of increasing the growth of Vegetables in vacant lands adjoining public institutions was again considered by the Nutrition Sub Committee at its meeting held on 13-8-46 and I enclose an extract of the proceedings. I shall be obliged if you could kindly send me a copy of the instructions issued by your Government to Educational institutions in the matter.

E. P. H.

For Regional Food Commissioner.

NB. To S.O.

Food No. 14582-1
dated 5.9.46. N.V.R. 5.9.46.
E & P. H. u.o. in continuation with our previous u.o. no 10139 dated 13.8.46.

Extract of
Proceedings.

(viii) Organisation of a campaign of "Grow More Vegetables" in vacant lands adjoining public institutions with special reference to schools. (Item 7 of the 5th meeting and item 1 (xx xi) of the last meeting.)

This was considered along with item 5 of the agenda "Opening of vegetable gardens in school premises."

Dr. Karunarakaran stated that in Travancore the matter had still been under consideration of the Government. He said that though most of the schools in Travancore had compounds the difficulty of fencing them stood in the way of growing vegetable etc.

Mr. Lobo said that the vegetable scheme could be worked in secondary schools also in the Madras Province, if schools compounds could be fenced and water and seeds were available. He stressed the need for the co-operation of the Public Works and Agricultural Departments for the successful working of the scheme. In some schools he said, cultivation of vegetables could not be undertaken for want of wells for irrigation, in some for want of fencing and in others for want of advice from the agricultural demonstrators as to the kind of vegetable that could be grown with reference to the seasons, suitability of the soil etc. He suggested that the Government should provide wells where there were none at present and that the Director of Agriculture should instruct his local demonstrators to carry on an intensive campaign of Grow More Vegetable in school compounds and to render all necessary assistance to the educational authorities by visiting the institutions whenever necessary.

Mr. Kuttalingam Pillai explained that the Madras Government had issued instructions to the educational institutions through the Director of Public Instruction and to the Director of Agriculture and that seeds were issued free of cost for vegetable cultivation in school compounds.

Replying to a remark that details of the Ceylon vegetable scheme were not yet available, Mr. Narasinga Rao observed that Mr. Kirby had written to the Ceylon Commissioner for details which would be furnished to this committee on receipt.

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Letter 513539/46 Edu-1 dated 5/9/46.

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To

The Regional Food Commissioner,

Madras Region

(with enclosure)

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4.9.46

Sir,

with reference to your letter No. 6222/46/ES-6

of 3.9.46, addressed to the Secy to Govt, Food Dept,

I am directed to forward a copy of the instructions

issued by Govt to the D.P.S. in regard to the

steps to be taken for ^{the} cultivation of vegetables

in School compounds.

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Letter
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The Registrar for Commission
Western Region
(with enclosure)

Letter No. 10139 of 46
dated 17.8.46
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Telegram: RECON.

Office of the Regional Food Commissioner,
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The Regional Food Commissioner,
Lodge, Chatput,



No. 6222/46 of 46 dated 3-8-46

Foodstuffs - Vegetables - Increased production
Distribution etc. - by letter No. 6222/46 of 46 dated 3-8-46.

I invite reference to item (i - xi) of the proceedings of
the sixth meeting of the Nutrition Sub-Committee dated 13-7-46.

I shall be obliged to know what steps have been taken
by your Government to promote the intensive growth of vegetables in
school compounds and in similar vacant grounds.

Food Dept
E+PH. 46. continuation
Food Dept 212. no. 3982/15/46-1
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For Regional Food Commissioner

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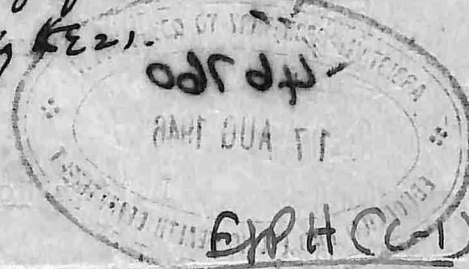
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Letter may be requested to say if the Food Dept reference quoted vegetable has been received by my office & if not like this note after inquiring E. 21.

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A reply has already been sent to the Regional Food Commissioner - vide p 9 of 9 (C)

This may be filed with

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Extract of Item 7 of the Agenda for the 5th of the Nutrition Sub Committee

"Organisation of a campaign of 'Grow More ~~and~~ Vegetables' in vacant lands adjoining public institutions with special reference to schools."

(Suggested by Mr P.V. George)

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Notes on item 7 of the Agenda

Mr George who has suggested this subject has stated that the experiment in Ceylon in this line is reported to be working very satisfactorily and profitably. The Ceylon scheme described in Nutrition Bulletin No 3 may be discussed for adoption with necessary modifications. This scheme will be a valuable adjunct to the scheme of free school feeding which is undertaken in the Madras Province and if it turns out as a great success as in Ceylon it will also assist in augmenting the vegetables supply to the general public in the respective localities.

Extract at (A)

Extract of Secretary's orders

extract at (A)

"A copy of the article in Nutrition Bulletin No 3 dated March 1945 with regard to Ceylon's scheme for growing vegetables in schools is put up. Mr Kierley has promised to send the full article of which this is only an abridged version. Please start a file and suggest to the D.P.D. the desirability of taking similar action in Madras in the present crisis. D.A. must also be asked to assist. E. & P.H. may see."

Given to V. Sec for necessary action.

(Sd) C.V.N.

Recd on 30/5/46

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Superintendent

E. Sec.

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A' on p. 1 ante. The full article may be awaited till 21/6/46.

B' on p. 1 ante. A draft memo to the D.P.I. is subd. S.P.H. and Dev. may see before issue.

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Similar refers: emphasizing the importance of ^{vegetable} ~~food~~ production in school compounds & lands in the ~~near~~ vicinity of the school have been sent to D.P.I. from E.P.H. The details in the abstract from the Bulletin may be useful to the Dept. EPH may take this over if they like

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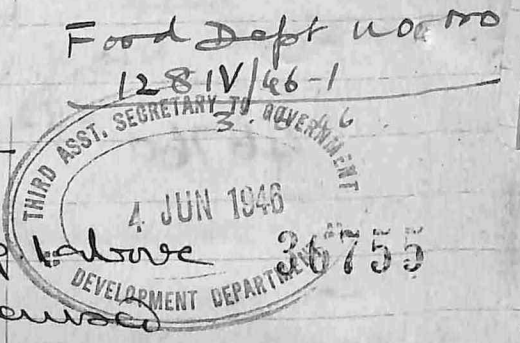
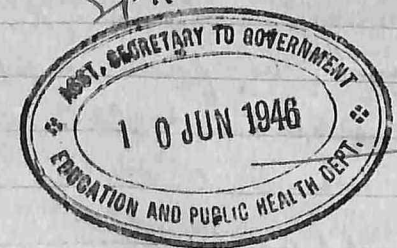
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Food Dept. notes from above and the draft below may be perused and the case passed on to S.P.H.

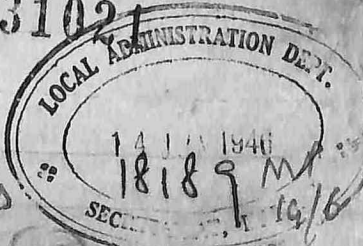
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V.E.

Some instructions in the matter were already been issued to the D.P.I. in G.O. 341 Edn. dt 8.3.45. This G.O. was furnished to the LA Dept with this draft. No. 23469C-1/46-1 Edn. dt 1.5.46. There is a proposal under consideration in the LA Dept to ask local bodies to utilise their lands for purpose of growing more food. The LA Dept may be requested to put up the G.O. and to offer their remarks in the matter.

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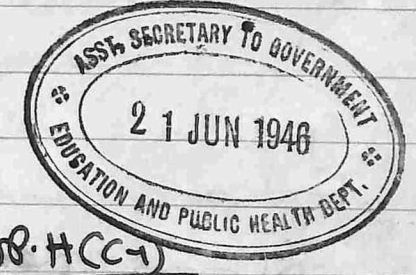
G.O. No 341 Edn dt 8.3.45 required by E.P.H. is put up below.

In 1942, this Dept issued instructions to mls local boards to help under cultivation of food crops and vegetables all available land attached to schools, dispensaries and open spaces in public parks. The reports of action called for show that not much has been achieved. It is therefore proposed to issue another set of instructions in stronger terms. The file on the subject will be sent to E.P.H. in due course with these remarks. This may be returned to E.P.H. no.

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The file referred to 33428 at 'M' above was received in this Dept and passed on to Rev on 22/6/46.

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In 1942 S.O. instructions were issued to the D.P.I. for the issue of a circular to inspecting officers that they should persuade school managements to rear vegetable gardens in vacant spaces in school compounds wherever possible. Subsequently the Director was asked in 1945 to undertake a field drive towards encouraging schools of this province to produce more vegetables on the analogy of the scheme in Ceylon which was the same as the one now brought to notice. The D.P.I. stated that the following conditions would have to be fulfilled before the scheme could be worked

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out successfully: -

- (i) Schools should be provided with sufficient space for gardens
- (ii) The Agricultural Deptt should arrange for short courses for training of selected teachers in the cultivation of vegetables
- (iii) Schools should be supplied with suitable and adequate equipment and seeds; and
- (iv) Adequate water facilities should be provided in the school.

The D. P. I. was informed that it was sufficient to make use of the available facilities for growing vegetables in school without committing Govt to additional expenditure.

The difficulties pointed out by the D. P. I. still exist. In view of the changed circumstances, it is for orders whether the D. P. I. Director may be asked to consider the desirability of taking similar action similar to that taken in schools in Ceylon and to put up proposals in consultation with the Director of Agriculture.

Dev and Finance may be for remarks. Food may be regarded as State where it can provide some of the facilities as for by his request D.P.I.

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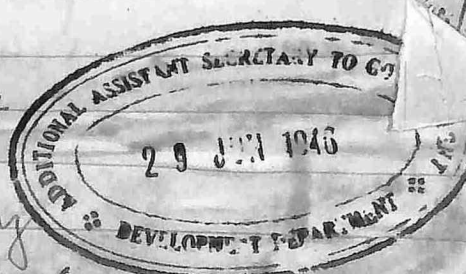
To S.S.

(Dev. Last noted on p. 2 above).

S. P. H. Notes from p. 3 above may be passed. This department may agree with the remarks of S. P. H. at 'X' above. The case may be passed on to Finance. This Deptt may agree to

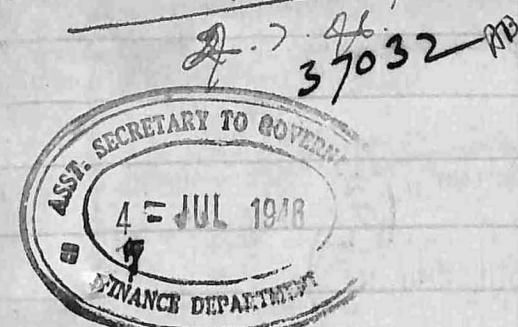
29.6.46. arrange for training of school teachers in vegetable cultivation by the Agril Staff.

July - August are good months for vegetable culture.



Not much land is used for growing vegetables. (eg. pumpkin or water, in ribbed ground on big trees).

Dev. Sec. 43605A/46/961



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A start may immediately be made in Madras City. The S.S.H. may ask the D.P.I. to send schools + state the no. of teachers proposed to be sent for training. (A class was run by the Agril Staff Demonstrator in the Mt Rd Govt House compound during last month. Y.M.C.A. volunteers were trained then.) School Inspectors should be asked to inform on headmaster to cultivate little bits of land round about school premises. Difficulties of one kind or the other will always be there but what is wanted is organisation of the kind indicated on p. 4 of (A) if we are serious.

30th June 1946

Finance (Accts-B)

Please see the notes from p.1 above. The proposal is to organise a drive for the cultivation of vegetables in school compounds. The conditions precedent to cultivation are set out in items (i) to (iv) in E.P.H. note on p.4 above.

2. Devt. support the proposal for training of school teachers in Madras City.

Finance may also agree to the proposal in principle. If the proposal involves extra cost to Govt., the D.A. may be asked to obtain the sanction of the Govt. to such extent.

3. Item (i) on p.4 above:- As observed by Devt., much land will not be required for growing some of the vegetables and there will be no question of acquiring, purchasing or leasing by the Govt. of fresh land solely for the purpose of cultivation of vegetables. The cultivation may be done in the available space.

4. Item (iii):- This may involve extra cost on account of purchase of equipment, seeds and manure. The D.P.I. may contact the D.A. and put up concrete proposals in this respect together with information regarding the financial implication.

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5. Item (iv) on p.4 above:- Usually in City schools there are water taps with or without fountains ^{and then may be wells also in some of them} and the source will ordinarily suffice for vegetable growing. If the existing supply is not sufficient steps to improve the supply by installing more taps or digging wells may be necessary. These may be considered, if and when definite proposals are received with information of the additional cost involved.

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6. The case may be passed on to the Food Dept.

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It would seem desirable to try the scheme first in Madras City as suggested by Sec (and if necessary in one or two adjoining Dist.). The E.P.H. Dept. may first settle the Dist. in which it is to be tried & then ask the S.P.D. to submit proposals for the training of teachers, supply of tools, manure etc and provision of water supply.

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Food Dept. (D).

Reviews note of this Dept. on 11-2-46

The notes of E.P.H., Dept. of Finance

Depts. on pp 3-6 supra, may be pursued.

This Dept. may agree with the proposals for the cultivation of vegetables in school compounds, as every available space has to be utilized for the growth of food crops in view of the unprecedented food crisis that is staring us in the face. In another

file, it was suggested that the residents of bungalows in the city may be encouraged to grow vegetables in their compounds & it is proposed to request the Commr of the Madras Corps to make the services of the water works staff available to him for the construction of tubs or the installation of pumps to the existing wells in the compounds.

This is a move in the right direction at a critical time & may prove very useful in relieving the tension. This Dept. may perhaps suggest the scheme may be extended to the whole province so as to achieve tangible results, as it is no use tinkering with the problem in the face of the present food crisis.

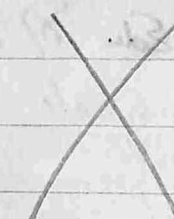
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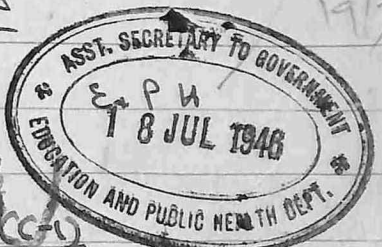
The file is sent to Food Dept for remarks on 2 at p.c above. Food can provide some of the facilities referred to at p.c above. What is required is that a start should be made in cultivating available school ground ~~for the purpose of the scheme~~ ^{for the purpose of the scheme} & not to start another scheme with complete paraphernalia of tools, equipments, trained staff & all that which will take time & involve cost. The Agri. Dept. may be asked to help with seed, manure & advice to the extent possible. There seems to be no harm in assuming that the proposal should be given effect to in all the schools of the province as no outlay of Govt. funds is involved & no trial is therefore needed. With these remarks the file may be sent to E & P.H.



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E.P.H. (C.C.)

Please see the notes 38998

from p 3 above.

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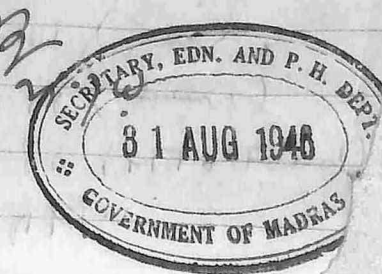
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Instructions may be issued to D.P.I. on the lines suggested
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