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Roc.No. 1520-B7/46.

Station Madras, Dated the 30th September 1946.

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

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH Department.

Sir,

REF: Government Order No.Ms.1521 Education
dated 26--9--1945.

In submitting herewith copies of the reports
of the Dt.Educational Officer, South Malabar and the
Inspectresses, V Circle Coimbatore, I have the honour to
state that except for slight improvement in attendance
there is no tangible result from the appointment of Mullah
teachers. Even the improvement in attendance may be only
due to general awakening of the masses. But in view of
the fact that anything once sanctioned becomes a vested
interest and it becomes difficult to abolish especially
if it is likely to lend itself to communal misunderstandings,
the scheme may be continued for another year.. The question
of extension to other areas does not arise. Even in the
area where the scheme is now in existence, if it does not
produce any tangible results in another year, it may be
dropped from the beginning of the financial year 1948-49.
This may be made clear in the order permitting the continuance
of the scheme till then.

R. Narasim

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for Director of Public Instruction.
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Copy of letter Roc.No.51-D/46 dated 31-7.1946 from the Dt. Educational Officer, South Malabar, Calicut.

Sub:Elementary Education-Employment of Musllians for religious instruction in Mopla Schools scheme -Report on working.
REF: Proceedings Rc.3075-B/45, dated 13th October 1945 of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the condition on Mopla schools in the District in which the sanction for appointing Mulla teachers was accorded in G.O.No.642 Mis Education dated 6th May 1943. The scheme was introduced as an experimental measure with effect from 1st June 1943 in 150 Aided Mopla Schools in the District, 50 schools being selected from for the working of the scheme in each of these Ranges Ponnani, Manjeri and Ottappalem. The scheme has been in force in these 150 schools for the last year 3 years.

2-Strength and attendance of the above schools as it stood on 30th June 1943, 30th June 1944, 30th June 1945, and 30th June 1946 are shown below with respect to each of the three ranges referred to above.

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Attendance.	Strength.	Attendance.	Strength.
Ponnani. 6793	4878	6480	4937
Manjeri. 5309	3831	5145	3599
Ottapalam. 4380	3528	5349	4419
30-6-45.		30-6-46.	
Attendance.	Strength.	Attendance.	Strength.
Ponnani. 6645	5077	6648	5007
Manjeri. 4871	3682	5187	3818
Ottapalam. 5510	4199	5674	4417

The figures of strength do not give any clear indication of the improvement effected by the appointment of Mulla teachers. But there is steady progress in the attendance of schools. The percentage of attendance has increased from 70% in Manjeri Mopla Range and in Ottapalam Mopla Range it remains as it was in 1943 at 80%. There is steady progress in strength of schools in the ottapalam Mopla Range 22 Schools have improved in strength considerably and 29 in attendance in Ponnai Mopla Range, as many as 22 improved in strength and 15 improved in attendance in Manjeri Mopla Range and 15 improved in strength and attendance in Ottappalam Mopla Range. There are some schools in each range where the strength and attendance have deteriorated also, after the appointment of Mulla teachers. But the Deputy Inspectors report that whatever progress is seen in the attendance of schools, it is mainly due to the efforts of the Musllians.

Statistical particulars alone cannot be made the guiding factor. It is reported that at normal times the scheme would have surely shown remarkable success but owing to the poor living conditions of the parents during these years, the school have definitely become less attractive for an average illiterate Mopla Parent or child, ever since the introduction of the scheme. The food scarcity, the demand of child labour to earn the necessities of living, the long absense of the adult members of Mopla family probably on war-service or business are factors which are against a large majority of children attending schools. Had it not been for the timely introduction of the scheme, the state of Mopla education would have been much worse than ever before. It is therefore pointed out that the appointment of a Mullas are likely to improve the enrolment in the coming years of normal times. The illiterate Mopla parents attach very great importance to religious instruction and instructors. They feel strongly and believe firmly that the secular education imparted to children without their religious instruction is not complete. Hence imparting religious instruction is incentive to these parents to send their children regularly to school.

It is a fact that the Mopplilas are a backward community and as such they have to be given sufficient encouragement and inducement in the matter of education and providing schools with religious instructors is a sure means of showing such encouragement.

The withdrawal of this concession will only be conceived as a retrograde step in the drive for literacy of Muslim children. The remuneration given to Mulla teachers is also reported to be unattractive as they do not take to no other work, when they have to attend schools almost on all days in the year. Hence to make them enthusiastic it is also suggested that an increase in their remuneration will be an effective step.

In view of the facts detailed above, I recommend the continuance of the scheme for a few years more to come, so that the beneficial results of its working can correctly and definitely be judged.

Sd. x x x x
Dt.Edl.Officer.

R.C.No.347-El/46, dated 15-8-1946.

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras with reference to Proceedings C.No.1520-B7/46 dated 5-8-1946.

2. The scheme has not produced any tangible results. As, however, the community will protest if the scheme is now withdrawn it may be continued in the District for another 2 years. The question of extending it to other areas may, perhaps, be deferred.

Sd. x x x
Divl.Inspector of Schools,
Coimbatore Division.

Copy of Rc.No.135/C/46 dated 24-9-1946 of the Inspectress of Girls Schools, V Circle, Coimbatore.

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towards employment of Musaliars for Religious Instruction.

With reference to Proceedings Re.No.1520-B7/46 dated 5-8-1946 and reminder thereon dated 2-9-1946, I have the honour to submit the report regarding the employment of Musaliars in Mopla Aided Girls' Schools in the South Malabar District.

There were 16 Mopla Aided Girls' Schools with a strength of 1593 children in 1945 receiving grant for Musaliars. In 1946 the same 16 such schools continue to exist with a strength of 1749 pupils. There has been an increase of 156 pupils.

The appointment of Musaliars rather helps to secure a regular attendance of pupils in such schools than contribute effectively to substantial increase in the enrolment of girls.

/True copy/

R. Narasimhan

for Director of Public Instruction.

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G.O. (Ms) 2361 Edn. dt. 10.12.46

Recorded. In the circumstances stated by the S.P.I. the scheme sanctioned in G.O. No. 642 Edn. dt. 6.5.43 may be continued for another year. The Director is requested to

submit a further report in Sept. 1947,

on the working of the Scheme during

1946-47. If the Scheme does not

produce any tangible results during

that year also, Govt. will be forced

to discontinue the Scheme from the

beginning of the financial year 1948-49.

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Note

In 1943 the Govt approved the proposal of the D.P.S that aided day schools for handicapped children might be permitted to employ local Musalims on their staff for imparting religious instructions and that a grant not exceeding Rs 60/- per annum for each school might be paid. The scheme was sanctioned only as an experimental measure. It is at present restricted to schools in South Malabar. The idea was that the scheme should be continued in South Malabar and also extended to North Malabar if it worked satisfactorily in South Malabar. In the circumstances stated by the Director - the question of its extension to N. Malabar need not be considered now. The draft on the previous page is for approval.

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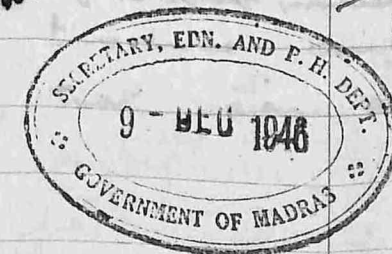
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