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KURNOOL DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE,
Dated the 26th February 1946.

From

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

To

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

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPTS. 4 - MAR 1946

Sir, R.C. No. 1385-C1/46. dated 26-2-46.

Sub:- ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - Compulsory Elementary Education - Introduction in rural areas - Instructions solicited on certain points.

I solicit the favour of orders with reference to some of the following difficulties which have been met with while implementing the scheme of compulsory Elementary Education in Kurnool District:—

A. Midday Meals Scheme.

1. The Headmasters of the main schools, who are also members of the Midday Meals Committees are granted a permanent advance of about Rs. 200/- to meet expenses in connexion with the provision of Midday meals. In their favour cheques are being issued by the President, District Board for recoupment of permanent advance. As many of the centres are located in places where there are no Sub Treasuries, cheques issued are being cashed at Sub Treasuries, by the Headmasters after incurring some inevitable actual expenses. Apart from the fact that their absence can be treated as duty, the source from which such expenditure can be met is not understood. In other words, can T.A. be paid to such teachers ? Or, can Money order commission be paid from the funds of the District Board, as is done in the case of pay and contingencies ?

2. At present white papers and stationery are being purchased from the amount realised by the three pies per pupil per meal. As the Accounts of the Midday meals scheme are subject to Audit, can the cost of bound note-books, stationery etc., be debited to the Elementary Education Fund of the District Board ?

3. In places where suitable buildings or choultries are not available, some buildings will have to be necessarily rented for serving Midday meals, as from hygienic point of view, it is not desirable to have the meals served within the precincts of the school building. In such cases, payment of rent to such buildings from out of the amount realised by the three pies per pupil per meal will result in a considerable reduction of the amount. Again, as the items of expenditure proposed to be incurred from the amount are already many and varied, the desirability of paying subsidy towards the rent, or, a non-recurring grant for the construction of sheds should be considered favourably by Government.

B. General.

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5. It appears desirable to make the first quarter, from which action has to be taken against defaulters, commence from 1-1-1946.

6. Permission has been granted in G.O.No. 2163 Edn. & P.H., dated 20-12-45 for the purchase of supply and slates (including slate pencils) and text-books. Can text-books on subjects like Geography, History etc., which have been prescribed as text-books in Standards III and above, be purchased and supplied to poor pupils; subject, however, to the conditions specified therein ?

7. Famine utensils which have been got for one year from the P.W.D. Stores are being supplied to the centres. Permission may kindly be granted for the incurring of expenditure towards the cost of transport of the utensils from the Elementary Education Funds of the District Board, as the debit of the expenditure to the amount realised from the three pies per pupil per meal would, not a little, affect the position.

8. As it is found difficult to obtain and supply equipment at the sanctioned scale of Rs. 100/- per teacher before 31-3-1946, permission may kindly be granted for the utilisation of the amount during the year 1946-47.

9. For want of Secondary Grade teachers, trained teachers of the Elementary Higher Grade who have failed at the S.S.L.C. Examination are being exempted from possessing the prescribed qualifications and they are permitted to handle English. It is very desirable that they should be paid at Rs. 25/- per mensem, the minimum in the time scale of pay prescribed for Secondary grade teachers.

10. Conductresses appointed in Mixed and Girl schools are now being paid a minimum rate of Rs.3/- per mensem plus the prescribed capitation allowance. As all the girl pupils of school-age in the compulsory centres will have to be brought within the folds of effective compulsion, the conductresses can no longer be continued on a part-time basis. They should be made full-time servants and be paid at the rate of Rs. 12/- per mensem with the full rate of dearness allowance permissible.

11. In view of the scriptory and other work in big Elementary schools (in compulsory centres) with more than five teachers, a duty allowance of Rs.5/- per mensem is proposed to be paid to the Headmasters of such schools. In the case of four Elementary schools, however, the Headmasters are already getting the allowance of Rs. 5/- under the scheme of supervision of lower Elementary schools. Without, however, jeopardising the work connected with the supervision and that of the work in Higher and lower Elementary schools, it appears very desirable to separate the higher Elementary standards in such Higher Elementary schools and to make the Headmaster of the Higher Elementary school the supervising Headmaster while the Headmaster of the lower Elementary school can be made responsible for the work relating to compulsory Elementary Education.

12. The lower age limit of six in respect of a non-muslim girl prescribed for enforcing compulsion, as laid down in G.O.No. 1958, Edn & P.H. dated 23-11-45, appears to be too high. The desirability of resorting to the original distruction of five years' age limit may kindly be considered by Government at the earliest opportunity.

The favour of an early reply on the above mentioned points is solicited.

Yours faithfully,

President, District Board.

phs 27/2.

Lr. No. 12473/B2/46-1. Km dated 6/3/46

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

Asst. Sec. to Govt.

6/3/46

To

The Director of Public Instruction.

Rc. No. 2322 D.7/46.

Cuddapah District Board Office,
Dated 26--3--46.

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

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

Sir,

Sub: EDUCATION - Elementary - Compulsory - enforcement of the scheme - ~~approval~~ of additional village servant - suggested for approval.

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I have to state that as per Sec. 51 (2) (5) of the Madras Elementary Education Act of 1920, the duty of service of defaulters notices and penalty notices etc. on the parents devolve with the village munsiffs. Hence, defaulters notices for the quarter ending with 31-12-45 were sent to the Head Masters of the Schools in Compulsory Centres with instructions to hand them over to the Village Magistrates for service and return of the counterfoils to this office. Many of the Head Masters complained stating that the Village Magistrates refused to receive the notices for service saying that in the absence of instructions from the Revenue authorities, they will not receive them. Thereupon the Collector, Cuddapah was addressed to see to the issuing of necessary orders to the Village Magistrates in the matter and copies of the letter were also communicated to the Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars in the District for information and necessary action. Still the Village Magistrates have not been rendering assistance in the matter and as a result of which many notices are kept unserved by the Head Masters of Schools.

In this connection, I wish to point out that the Village Magistrates have already multivarious responsibilities and in addition, this item of work will be a burden to get through without an additional servant. I, herefore, request that the Benign Government will be pleased to sanction the ppointment of one extra village servant, to each of the Village Magistrates Compulsory centres to facilitate his getting this item of work done through m.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

PRESIDENT.

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y to the Director of Public Instruction Madras.
y to the Divisional Inspector of Schools Anantapur.
to the District Educational Officer, Cuddapah.
to the President, District Board, Kurnool, Bellary, Anantapur and Chittoor.

G.F. 32.

East Godavari Dist.Board Office Department

From (Name) Rao Bahadur Zabdatul - Aqran Sri B.B.Sarvarayadu, Zamindar of - Designation Kapileswarapuram etc., & President, - Station Dist.Board, East Godavari.

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To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Fort St.George,
M A D R A S.

Enclosures: Two

D.Dis.- No. 24426/DB of 45 dated 27-----S-----1946.

Sir,

Sub:- Compulsory - Elementary Education - Supply of mid-day meals to poor pupils - accomodation for feeding - Sanction of rent - Requested.

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I have the honour to state that Elementary Education has been made compulsory in certain areas of this district where supply of mid-day meals is arranged through feeding Committes. The rate of Rs.0--1--9 fixed for a pupil for feeding is found - to be ~~made~~ inadequate and there is no provision for accomodation for ~~the~~ feeding the pupils.

An amount of Rs.27--2--0 was spent by the President of the feeding Committee, Tallarevu for construction of pendals for feeding purposes. The subject was placed before the Dist.- Board and the Board in its Resolution No.219/23--3--46 resolved to address Government in the matter.

The Director of Public Instruction was already ~~and~~ -- addressed in this matter in my letter Ref.E-8.-24426/DB of 45 D/6--3--46. (Copy enclosed.)

I request that the Government may be pleased to accord permission for securing buildings for rent at the various --- feeding Centres debiting the cost to the subsidy to be sanctioned by Government for the purpose.

(Encls.,- Two.)

SVC/28-3.

PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,
EAST GODAVARI.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, EAST GODAVARI
COCANADA, PASSED AT ITS MEETING HELD AT Cocanada ON Saturday
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219: Read; Bills received for feeding in Feb. 46 from the President, Tallarevu feeding committee.

An amount of Rs. 27-8-0 was incurred for the construction of pendals for feeding purposes.

Read; also note of the President, District Board, to place the subject before the District Board for consideration requesting accommodation for feeding in the centres where Ele. education was made compulsory.

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Sub:-Elementary - Education - Compulsion in selected Villages - Midday meals for ~~pxx~~ poor children-.

Ref;- Government Memorandum No.32083-A.5-Edn.,D/1stSep'45.

The Centres fixed for serving mid-day meals to poor Children and the number to be fed was approved in your R.C.No.1266-B/44 - D/5-12-45. The feeding Committees have been functioning and there - has been a general application for enhancing the ~~xxxxx~~ rate of --- feeding as the rate of 0-1-9 fixed per pupil is found to be inadequ--quate in view of the increased cost of the various food stuffs -- required for feeding.

In some of the Centres it is found that the number fixed to be fed is found to be insufficient as there has been general increase - in the admission of pupils who also require the help of mid-day meals.

As regards accomodation for feeding it is found that due to dry weather the feeding is now generally going on in pendals constructed for the purpose from the amount of 0--1--9 fixed per pupil.

I would therefore request you to consider the above facts - and enhance the rate of feeding per pupils from ~~0xixx~~ 0--1--9 to -- 0--2--6. Permission may also be given to reapproriate the number - to be fed from one centre to another not exceeding the limit of -- 3616 pupils to be fed in a month in this District.

Permission may also be given to secure rented buildings - where our necessary on a reasonable rent for cooking mid-day meals - and for feeding which will be met from the subsidy sanctioned --- separately for that purpose.

Regarding utensils the feeding Committees have been generally managing with pots purchased from the rate of 0--1--9 fixed per --- pupil. It has been reported that constant usage of pots is disadvantageous as they do not stand long and their usage is also dangerous. Some amount is required for each Eentre for the purchase of ~~t~~ utensils. This may also be considered and permission granted for the purchase of utensils according to necessity from the subsidy sanctioned for - mid-day meals-.

/Sd/ B.B.Sarvarayadu/President,Dt.Board-.

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PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,
EAST GODAVARI.

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Referred to the D.P.I. for remarks.

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To The D.P.I. (with a copy of pp 1 & 3 cf)

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Educational Department.

From

Dr. S. R. U. Savoor, M. A., D. Sc., I. E. S.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

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

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R.C. No. 965-B/46 Dated 29th March 1946.

Sir,

Subject:- Elementary Education - Compulsory - District Board, Kurnool - Instructions on certain points - soliciting.
Reference: Government Endorsement No. 12473-B.2/46-1 Education and P.H. dated 6-3-46.

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I have the honour to resubmit herewith the Government endorsement cited above and to offer the following remarks on the letter R.C. No. 1385 C.1/46 dated 26-2-46 of the President, District Board, Kurnool:

2. With reference to para 1 of the President's letter he may be informed that the amount may be sent by Money Order and that the Money Order commission ean be met from the funds of the District Board under contingencies.

3. Regarding para 2 of his letter the President may be informed that the cost of bound note books, stationery etc., may be met from the Elementary Education Fund of the District Board. In this connection the attention of the President, may be invited to para 3 of G.O. No. 506 Education dated 7-3-46 ordering the debit of the cost to the Elementary Education Fund.

4. Para 3 of the President's letter: - As far as possible feeding should be done in the schools. This is being done in most of the centres. In case it is found that separate accommodation is absolutely necessary rented buildings may be taken up for feeding and the expenditure on rent be met from the subsidy sanctioned by the Government for feeding. The Government may inform the President that no separate subsidy will be sanctioned for the present.

5. Para 4 of the President's letter: - In view of the fact that the question of empowering the District Educational Officers to impose the penalties on defaulting parents and making them responsible for the enforcement of compulsion is under consideration, the practice of serving notices with reference to rule 1 (1) of the rules framed under section 51 (1) of the Elementary Education Act of 1920 may continue.

6. Para 5 of the president's letter: - The suggestion of the President, to make the first quarter from which action has to be taken against defaulters, commence from 1-1-46 is recommended for acceptance.

7. Para 6 of the President's letter:- The Government may inform the President, that the text books on subjects, like Geography, History, etc., which have been prescribed as text books in standards III and above be supplied to poor pupils. The President may also be kindly informed that the purchase of text books for pupils reading in standards above the fifth is not permissible.

8. Para 7 of the President's letter:- The President may incur the expenditure towards the cost of transport of the utensils which have been got from the Public Works Department stores from the funds sanctioned for the midday meals scheme.

9. Para 8 of the President's letter:- The ~~President~~ President may purchase and supply equipment during 1946-47 at the sanctioned rate. He should give details if higher rate is necessary.

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10. Para 9 of the President's letter: - The President may be informed that his proposal to pay Rs. 25/- per mensem for the higher trained Teachers' Certificate holders who teach English cannot be accepted.

11. Para 10 of the President's letter: - The President may appoint conductresses (full time or part time) and pay them with reference to G.O. No. 598 Law and Education dated 25-4-32 and claim subsidy on their behalf as ordered by Government in their order No. 23 Education dated 4-1-46. He may decide the duties of conductresses either as part time or full time and pay them accordingly.

12. Para 11 of the President's letter: - The proposal of the President is not supported. As attendance officers are going to be appointed supervising Headmasters are not necessary.

13. Para 12 of the President's letter: - The Government will be addressed separately regarding the prescription of the same age limit for children of the Municipal and the non-Municipal areas. The minimum age limit of 6 fixed in G.O. No. 1958 Education and P.H. dated 23-11-45 may be retained and requires no modification. Rules do not prevent girls below the age of 6 from attending schools.

R. Narasimhan

For Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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Education Department.

From

Dr. S.R.U. Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

R.C.No. 1266-B/44 dated 29th March 1946.

Sir,

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION--Compulsory--Provision of midday meals--appointment of a clerk and store keeper for feeding centres.

I have the honour to submit a copy of letter R.C.No. 1805-D7/46 dated 15..3..1946 of the President, District Board, Cuddapah and R.C.No. 10877/45 dated 12.3.1946 of the President, District Board, Madura and to state as follows:-

Regarding the appointment of a clerk for purposes of keeping the accounts at the feeding centres I have the honour to state that the District Board, Chingleput has permitted one of the teachers of the Board Schools at each of the feeding centres to receive remuneration not exceeding Rs. 10/- per month for attending to the duties involved at each centre. The system is working satisfactorily. In the North Arcot the number of pupils fed is much larger than in Chingleput. At Arkonam about 600 pupils are fed, at Arni about 1,100, at Polur and Ambur nearly 2,000 each. I understand that so far no remuneration has been given to the Board School teachers who have been assisting in purchasing the stores and in keeping the accounts. The teachers deserve credit for their valuable work but I feel that they deserve some remuneration. I consider that there is no necessity whatever for the appointment of a separate clerk, because there is really no case for a full time clerk. The work involved consists of purchasing stores once a week or once a fortnight, purchasing vegetables and condiments daily, giving out the necessary rations and keeping the accounts. This will involve a couple of hours of work per day. It would be a great encouragement to the school teachers, if they were given a small remuneration for attending to this work outside the school hours. They will show better responsibility than any outsider in dealing with this work. The remuneration given to the teachers by the Chingleput District Board is reasonable, the actual number of pupils fed being about 350 or less. In the case of 4 centres feeding above 350 and less than 700 or 750, remuneration of Rs. 15/- per month may be allowed and in centres having more than 750 pupils for feeding Rs. 20/- per month may be allowed. I request that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to all the District Board in the matter. They may also be informed that the expenditure should be met from the subsidy sanctioned by the Government at the rate of Re. 0-1-9 per pupil per day.

2. With reference to para 3 of the letter of the President, District Board, Madura I request the Government to inform the Presidents of all District Boards that midday meals may be supplied on all the working days without reference to the 20 days per mensem and even in excess of 220 days in a year and that meals be served on half working days too, if necessary to maintain good attendance on these days. The Government will have to allow subsidy with reference to the actual number of days on which meals are supplied without restricting it to 220 days. In this connection I invite the attention of Government to my endorsement Re.No. 1266-B/44 dated 22.3.1946 with reference to Government endorsement No. 10624 B2/46-1 Education dated 22..2..1946.

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3. With reference to para 4 of the President's letter I am informing him that the procedure followed by him is correct.

4. In para 5 of his letter the President, District Board, Madura recommends that the cooks and the other menials may be paid for the vacation month. I consider that they should be paid, because unless they are retained, it may be difficult to secure new cooks and servants at the beginning of the next school year.

Hence they may be permitted to be retained on condition that the salary will be disbursed only after they resume work on the reopening of the schools. The District Board should meet the expenditure from the subsidy sanctioned by Government for feeding.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R. Narasimha

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of the letter No.R.C.1805.D.7.46. from the President, District Board, Cuddapah to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sub:- Education- Elementary - Compulsion - Midday Meal Committees- appointment of a clerk - Permissibility - instructions- requested.

In para 3 of Government Memo. No.32083.A.S. Edn., 1-9-45 it is stated that out of Re.0-1-9 allotted for each pupil 0-1-6 roughly represents the cost of the meal and the balance of 0-0-3 the cost of other incidental charges such as cooking, provision of utensils etc., which the Boards may provide in the manner best suited to the localities. The Chairman of the Midday Meal Committee of Pulivendala has with due approval of the Committee desired me to accord him permission to appoint a clerk on Rs.20/- per month from 1-2-46 to attend to the maintenance of accounts etc. of the committee and to meet the cost from 0-0-3 pies per pupil set apart from the allotment for Miscellaneous charges. I therefore request you to be so good as to kindly enlighten me if this item of expenditure is permissible from the funds of the Midday Meal Committees, as the same is not clear in the memorandum of instructions issued in the matter. The favour of early reply is requested.

Copy of the letter R.C.No.10872/45, dated 12th March 1946 from the President, District Board, Madura.

Sub:- Elementary Education - Compulsion in selected rural areas - Madura District-Provision of Midday meals- Certain queries - reply solicited.

In the matter of providing midday meals, the local committees appointed for each centre bring to my notice the necessity for a store-keeper and accountant (combined post) for distributing the daily rations to the cooks in time, to supervise the work of the cooks and other servants and to mantain the accounts. In two centres viz., Melur and Cumbum, the local committees have already appointed a store keeper and accountant etc. on Rs.30/- per mensem and they report that this expenditure can be met from the allotment of 1 anna 9 pies per pupil per day.

2. I agree with the opinion of the Feeding Committees on the need for a store-keeper and accountant and recommend that a post of store-keeper and accountant may be sanctioned for each centre. The salary to be fixed may be left to the discretion of the Feeding Committees of each centre subject to a maximum of Rs.30/- per mensem and subject also to the condition that the extra expenditure on this account should be met from the allotment of 1 anna 9 pies per pupil per day and that the quality of the food should not be lowered on this account.

3. Subsidy for the purpose of providing mid-day meals to the poor pupils is calculated at the rate of 1 anna 9 pies per pupil per day for 20 days in a month(for 220 days in a year). Normally a school works for 24 days in a month. If the pupils are to be fed on Saturdays (half-holidays) also, a school should be taken to work for 26 days in a month. I request instructions whether the pupils are to be fed on all working days including (Saturdays) or if they are to be fed only for 20 days in a month. In the former case, the total number of days on which the pupils are to be fed may go up to 245 days in a year and the subsidy will have to be increased for nearly one-tenth.

4. As children of different communities are to be fed at each centre, the holidays observed by one school differ from those of another. For instance, a Muslim school does not work on Fridays and observes a half-holiday on Sudays. In the Melur Centre, the pupils to be fed in Muslim schools are excluded for Fridays and included in the number to be fed on Sundays. I presume that this procedure

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is correct and that it may be followed in other schools as well.

5. It has also been brought to my notice by the Feeding Committees that the cooks, the store-keeper and Accountant and other servants have to be retained in service during the month of May when the Schools have their summer recess and no feeding will be done. They represent that it will be a hardship to servants to work for 11 months in a year and be discharged during the 12th month and expected to return to duty after the vacation. The extra expenditure to be incurred by their retention may be easily met from the allotment of 1 anna 9 pies per pupil per day. I recommend that the cooks, the sotore-keeper and other menials may be allowed to be retained throughout the month of May though there will be no work for them.

R. Narasimha

for Director of Public Instruction.

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From (Name) Sri B. Bakthavatsalu Naidu,
Designation President, District Board North Arcot, Vellore.
Station VELLORE.

Department
Received ... Registered 8 FEB 1946
To
The Secretary to Government Education and Public Health MADRAS.

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Enclosures:

No. Roc.Cl.18351/45 dated 5-2-194

Sir,

Sub:- Education - Elementary - Compulsory Education North Arcot District Board - Supply of midday meals to school children - additional staff - appointment sanction - Requested.

Ref:- This office Roc.Cl.18351/45 dated 15-11-45.
The Government memo No.5943? A-L dated 7-1-46.

Arrangements have been made to provide midday meals to the poor children reading in schools in the following centres, and much difficulty is being experienced in making the arrangements efficiently.

1. Polur 5 Arcot
2. Arkonam 6 Katpadi
3. Arni 7 Ambur.
4. Cheyyar

Information has to be ascertained from each school about the number of pupils who have to be fed each day before the end of first period of morning session and the services of competent paid servant besides a peon who knows cycling are found necessary to announce for preparation of meals in time by the issue of provisions.

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21/ The centres selected in this District are urban areas and the number of Elementary schools and the number of centres where distribution has to be arranged ranges up to 18. The centres are so unwieldy and the task involved is so stupendeous that it is not possible for any non-official agency to attend to this work satisfactorily.

I consider that a responsible paid servant is required to arrange for the purchase of provisions to maintain accounts and to supervise the preparation and distribution of meals and their timely service and to visit the schools to see to the proper distribution. Unless this is sanctioned I am afraid that the supply of midday meals would not work satisfactorily. Pending the appointment of a special staff I request that the Government would be pleased to sanction the appointment of a peon with a cycle allowance for each centre for the present to assist the Officers and servants now in charge of the arrangements.

President.

Refered to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

To the Director of Public Instruction

R.C.No.792-B/46 (14) B2-22

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 27-3-1946.

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

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Dr.S.R.U.Savoor, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

Sub: Elementary Education - Compulsory - District Board, North Arcot - Supply of midday meals - sanction of additional staff.
Ref: Govt. Endt No.8162-A.1.Edn and P.H. dated 13-2-1946 and reminder dated 19-3-1946.

I have the honour to state that I have called for the remarks of the District Educational Officer, North Arcot, in the matter and that I shall submit my final reply immediately on receipt of the same. He has been urgently reminded.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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This may lie over till 1/5/46

Office of the Director of public Instruction, Madras.

Dr.S.R.U.Savoor, M.A.,D.Sc.,I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction,Madras.

R.C.No.792-B/46. Dated 7th April, 1946.

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

S u b j e c t.

Elementary Education--Compulsory--District Board, North Arcot--provision of midday meals--Appointment of special staff.

REFERENCE:

Government Endorsement No.8162 A1 Education and Public Health dated 13th February, 1946.

RESUBMITTED.

2. There is no necessity for the appointment of a separate full-time clerk to arrange for the purchase of provisions, maintenance of accounts etc. In this connection kindly see my letter R.C.No.1266-B/44 dated 29..3..1946 to Government.

3. The appointment of a separate peon with a cycle allowance for each centre is not recommended. The peons allowed under G.O.No.Ms.23-Education dated 4.1.1946 may be utilised for work in connection with the serving of midday meals etc.

For Director of Public Instruction.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.

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The Question of sanctioning a remuneration to teachers for work connected with the supply of midday meals is under consideration separately. A decision on the question may be awaited

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction, M a d r a s.
Dr.S.R.U.Savoor, M.A.,D.Sc.,I.E.S.,
Director of Public Instruction,Madras.

R.C.No.1266-B/44. Dated 15th April, 1946.

S u b j e c t.

Elementary Education--Compulsion--Midday meals--Allocation of cost for food stuffs and incidental charges.

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Reference:-
Letter Roc.No.2066-E9/46 dated 22.3.1946 of the President, District Board,South Kanara,addressed to Government.

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2. It is not possible to provide a decent meal at less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ annas per meal. Hence the President's request is not supported.

3. It appears that the President has incurred an incidental charge of more than 3 pies per meal. The higher rate at which expenditure under this item was actually incurred may kindly be approved by Government in order to avoid audit objection. Necessary instructions may also be issued to the President to restrict, in future, the incidental charges to not more than 3 pies per meal, choosing,if necessary,bigger centres for feeding.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.

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Roc. No. 2066-E9-46.

South Kanara District Board Office,
Mangalore, dated 22-3-46.

From

Sri A. Laxminarayana Rao, B.A., B.L.,
President, District Board, South Kanara,
MANGALORE.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
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To

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

Through

The Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub: EDUCATION - Elementary - Compulsory - Midday meals for poor children - provision of 3 pies for incidental charges out of Re. 0-1-9 fixed per meal found insufficient - Deviation - Permission requested.

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 32083-A. 5 Education and Public Healt Department dated 1-9-1945.

The Government in their Memorandum No. 32083-A-5 Edn. & P.H., department dated 1-9-45 have stated that the Government subsidy payable to the Boards will be calculated on a per capita basis, at one anna nine pies for each pupil fed, for each day; and that of this, one anna six pies roughly represents the cost of the meal and the balance of three pies the cost of other incidental charges such as cooking, provision of utensil fuel charges etc., which the Boards may provide in the manner most suited to the localities.

My enquiry in all the midday meals centres in this district shows the the provision of three pies made towards the cost of other incidental charges such as cooking, provision of utensils etc., is not sufficient for the purpose on account of abnormal conditions especially in those meals centres where the number of pupils to be fed is small.

For instance, the following will be the approximate cost under incidental charges per month.

Rs 10-0-0	..	For a cook for 20 days at 0-8-0 per day.
Rs 5-0-0		For a servant to clean vessels, sweep, etc., for 20 days at as. 4/- per day.
Rs 5-0-0		For firewood, rent for buildings, hire for vessels
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In some places this may go even beyond Rs 20/- depending upon the local conditions. At the rate of three pies per meal about 64 pupils on an average will have to be fed daily to enable the midday meals committee to spend Rs. 20/- per month towards incidental charges. In some of the meals centres in this District the number of pupils fed daily is between 50 and 20 and in others the number does not remain constant.

The cost of food stuffs required for a meal can be reduced for the present to Re. 0-1-3 only, though the provision made for the same is Re. 0-1-6. Under these circumstances, I request that the Government may be pleased to give latitude to the President to cover the deficit under incidental charges by re-appropriating 3 pies more from Re. 0-1-6 alloted for food stuffs only for a meal wherever necessary. I also request that early orders may be passed in the matter so that bills received in respect of charges incurred for midday meals may be paid in full.

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PRESIDENT.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C.NO.792-B/46, dated 30-4-1946.

SUBJECT: Elementary Education - Midday meals - Appointment of special staff - North Arcot District Board.

REF:- Letter Roc.No.C.3-18351/45, dated 19-4-1946 of the President, District Board, North Arcot addressed to Government.

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Submitted in continuation of Director's Endorsement Rc.No.792 B/46, dated 11-4-1946 and Rc.No.1366-B/44, dated 29-3-1946.

for Director of Public Instruction.

SECT. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 - MAY 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Education and Public Health Department.

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATION Department

From (Name) Sri B. Bakthavatsalu Naidu,

Designation President, District Board,

Station North Arcot, Vellore.

Received Registered

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Through Madras.
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Enclosures:

Roc No. C3. 18351-45 dated 19th April 1946.

Sir,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MADRAS 24 APR 1946

Sub: EDUCATION - Elementary - Compulsory scheme - Midday feeding - Payment of honorarium to District Board staff in charge of Midday feeding - Approval requested.

Ref: Memorandum No. 32085-A-Education, dated 27-10-45 of Government in the Education and Public Health Department and Government's Memorandum No. 59433-A1 dated 7-1-1946.

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In para 3 of the Memorandum dated 27-10-45 referred to above, Government declined to sanction the appointment of a whole-time officer with a peon for each centre where midday feeding has been started and advised the President to implement the scheme with the assistance of the local committees and teachers with reference to the representations made in my letter Roc.C4.24737/44 dated 4-9-45 to the Government. Again in my letter Roc. C1. 18351-45 dated 15-11-45 addressed to Government the need for the appointment of a whole-time servant of the status of a teacher was fully explained but Government in their memo No.59433-A1 dated 7-1-1946 while declining to sanction the post of additional teacher for each of the compulsory areas have agreed to reconsider the proposal if need be in the year 1946-47. Again in my letter to Government Roc.18351-45 dated 5--2--46 I requested sanction for the appointment of a peon with cycle allowance as the need for the appointment was keenly felt in the light of the experience gained in the working of the scheme. No reply has so far been received to the letter.

As already reported to Government, Headmasters of schools in each centre, Headmasters of High schools in places where there are high schools, were entrusted with the task of attending to the feeding arrangements in the several centres and they have been in full charge of the work from commencement. They have been elected Secretaries of the Local Committee and were doing the work on behalf of the committee in all ways such as purchase of provision, storing them and issuing them daily, obtaining informations about the No. of children to be fed every day, distribution of meals to the different localities in the same centre, maintaining accounts for the advances made by the District Board for the purchase of provisions from time to time, tapping different sources in the locality to procure the necessary articles required for feeding, convening meetings of the local committees besides several other matters connected with the working of the scheme. The Headmasters of High schools in centres where there are High schools have utilised the services of the Assistant teachers under them without prejudice to their legitimate duties as the Headmasters themselves cannot attend to the work entirely owing to the large number of pupils fed in those areas. The additional work has involved a great strain to those who are entrusted with the work and in spite of it they were discharging the work with all enthusiasm and to the highest possible degree of efficiency and they deserve some honorarium for their labours and sincere efforts.

Pending the appointment of a special staff for working after the arrangements, which is absolutely necessary, I propose to pay honorarium to the members of the staff of the District Board who are in charge of midday feeding in each centres as noted in the appendix herewith enclosed. The honorariums are fixed taking into consideration the No. of children fed in each of the centres and the nature of locality and the responsibilities involved in the arrangements.

I had the pleasure of discussing the proposal with the Deputy Director of Public Instruction during his recent tour of the District in March last and was very much impressed with the perfect working of the scheme in the District. The necessity for the grant of honorarium to those in charge of the arrangements was fully explained to him. The expenditure will be limited to the allotment

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allotment given at 0-1-9 per pupil. I request that my proposal may be approved.

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PRESIDENT.

APPENDIX.

S.No.	Name of centre.	No.of pupils fed.	Dt.Bd.staff in charge fed.	Honorarium suggested
1.	Polur.	962	(a)Headmaster,Board High school.	Rs.20 per month.
			(b)Clerk or Assistant.	Rs.10 "
2.	Arkonam.	600	Headmaster,Bd.Boys school,Town Hall.	Rs.10 "
3.	Arni.	1130	(a)Headmaster,Bd.High school, Arni.	Rs.20 "
			(b)Physical Instructor.	Rs.15 "
4.	Cheyyar.	471	(a)Headmaster,Bd.High school, Cheyyar.	Rs.15 "
			(b)Clerk,or Assistant. "	Rs. 10 "
5.	Arcot.	937	(a)Headmaster,Board High school, Arcot.	Rs. 20 "
			(b)Clerk of asst.teacher.	Rs 15 "
6.	Palliconda.	478	Headmaster, Board Boys school,Palliconda.	Rs. 10 "
7.	Katpadi.	1006	Headma-ster, Board Boys school, Katpadi.	Rs. 10 "
8.	Ambur.	1870	Headmaster, Board Boys school, Ambur Krishnapuram.	Rs. 10 " Muslim children are fed separately

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C.NO.1266-B/44, dated 29-4-1946.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 1-MAY 1946 REF: EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

SUBJECT:- Elementary Education - Midday meals - Allocation of cost for food stuffs and incidental charges - South Kanara District Board.

Letter Ref:-No.2066-E.9/46, dated 12-4-1946 of the President, District Board, South Kanara.

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Submitted in continuation of Director's Endorsement Rc.No.1266-B/44, dated 15-4-1946.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Education and Public Health Department.

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From (Name) Sri. A. Lakshminarayana Rao, B.A.B.L.,
Designation President, District Board,
Station South Kanara, Mangalore.

Received Registered

To
The Secretary to the Govt., of Madras,
Education & P.H. Department, Madras.
Through
The Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MADRAS

Enclosures:

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1266 B/44

Ref. No. 2066/E9/46 dated 12-4-1946. 194

Sir,

Subject: EDUCATION - Elementary - compulsory - Midday meals for poor children - incidental charges - provision of 0-0-3 per meal found insufficient - deviation - permission requested.

Ref: (1) Govt. Memorandum No. 32083-A5- Edn. & P.H. Dept. dated 1-9-1945.
(2) My letter Ref. C.2066-E9-46 dated 22-3-46.

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I request that the Government may be pleased to pass early orders giving latitude to the President to cover the deficit under incidental charges by re-appropriating Re.0-0-3 from Re.0-1-6 allotted for foodstuffs only for a meal wherever necessary for the reasons stated in my above letter.

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PRESIDENT.

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Education Department

From (Name) Dr. S.R.U. Saveer, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,
Designation Director of Public Instruction,
Station M a d r a s

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To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, M a d r a s

Enclosures:

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

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

Sir,

Elementary Education--Compulsion--Midday meals--Supply of--Madura and Cuddappah Districts.

Reference:-My letter R.C.No. 1266-B/44 dated 29.3.1946.

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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Ref.C.2066-E9-46.

South Kanara District Board Office,
Mangalore, dated 9-5-1946.

From

Sri.A.Lakshminarayana Rao, B.A.B.L.,
President, District Board, South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education & Public Health Department, MADRAS.

Through

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MADRAS Re.12663/49 20 MAY 1946

Sir,

Subject: EDUCATION - Elementary - compulsory - Midday meals for poor children - provision of 3 pies for incidental charges out of Re.0-1-9 fixed per meal - insufficient - deviation - permission requested.

Ref: (1) This office Ref.C.2066-E9-46/22-3-46.
(2) Do Do dated 12.4.1946.

I request that the Government may be pleased to give latitude to the President to cover the deficit under incidental charges by reappropriating 3 pies from Re.0-1-6 allotted for food-stuffs only for a meal. Pending orders from Government, the excess spent by the Chairmen of the Midday Meals Committees under the incidential charges has been withheld. This has caused much difficulty and inconvenience to the Midday Meals committees. In some cases the Midday Meals Committees have reported that they would stop the arrangement of feeding the poor children. The Government may therefore be pleased to pass early orders in the matter.

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15/5/46 PRESIDENT.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 25 MAY 1946 d r a

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
R.C.No. 1266-B/44 dated 24th May 1946.

Elementary Education--Midday meals--Allocation of [illegible] stuffs and incidental charges--South Kanara District Board.
Reference:-Letter R.C.No.2066-E9-46 dated 9.5.1946 of the President, District Board, South Kanara.

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Submitted in continuation of Director's endorsement R.C.No.1266-B/44 dated 15.4.1946 and 29.4.1946.

Dy. Director of Public Instruction
(In charge).

To
The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.

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Rc. D7-4501/46 Cuddapah district Board office, 7-8-5-46

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
M A D R A S.

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

Sub:- Education - Elementary - Compulsion - midday meal - permission for appointment of staff - requested.

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I have to state that many of the chairmen of the Midday meal committes in the District represent that they have accepted to serve on the committees honararily and as such they are finding it very difficult to maintain regular vouchers and accounts etc., as per the instructions contained in G.O.No.506 Edn., dated 7-8-46 for all the articles purchased etc., as it involves much scriptory work and technical intricancies without regular staff being entertained for the purpose. They further represent that they dont find time to attend to these works, as they will have their private works to be attended to.

They state that they will make necessary arrangements to supply the prescribed quantity of food in the presence of the

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teachers within the alloted rate of 0-1-6 per pupil setting aside 0-0-6 per pupil towards the purchase of utensils etc., and if there be any excess expenditure over the limit allowed will not also be demanded payment from the funds of the Board.

Under the circumstances stated above, I request the Benign Government to either order the discontinuance of the maintenance of accounts on condition of the feeding being made satisfactorily within the allotment allowed or to accord necessary sanction for the entertainment of clerical staff to each centre for the maintenance of accounts, granting additional funds at an early date.

Yours faithfully,
President,
District Board, Cuddapah.

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Copy to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras for information.
" " " Divisional Inspector of Schools, Anantapur for ".
" " " District Educational Officer, Cuddapah for information.

Edu & P.H. Dept. (B2)

Memo No 28939 B2/46-1 Edn dt 3-6-46

Ref:- Letter from the P.D.B. Cuddapah Rc. D7-4501/46 dated, 29-5-46.

Sub:- Supply of mid-day meals - Appointment of clerical staff.

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The attention of the P.D.B, Cuddapah is invited to the orders in para (5) of G.O. 924 Edn dt 2-5-46 and he is informed that no clerical staff should be employed for work connected with the supply of mid-day meals. The services of teachers may be utilised for the purpose and they may be paid a remuneration as explained in the G.O. If the Chairman of the mid-day meal committee does not find sufficient time to maintain the accounts relating to the mid-day meals, the headmaster,

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of the Bd. School in the Centre may be nominated as member of the Committee and elected as its Chairman. The headmaster shd then be asked to maintain and render accounts to the P.D.B in accordance with the G.O.S.506 Edn dated 7-3-46. The maintenance of account shd never be dispensed with.

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To,
The P.D.B
Cuddapah.

S/c for info.

Education & P.W.Dept.(B.2)

SCHOOLS - Elementary - District Boards - Compulsory elementary education and supply of midday meals - Instructions issued.

From the P.D.B.Kurnool, Rc.No.1385-C1/46 d/26-2-46.
" Cuddapah RC.No.2322-D7/46 d/26-3-46
" E.Godavari D.Dis.No.24426.DR/45 dated 27-3-46
" N.Arcot, 1835/45 dated 5-2-46.
From the D.P.I. No.965-B/46 dated 29-3-46 and No. 1266-B/44 dated 29-3-1946 & No. 792-B/46 d.27-3 & 7-4-46
ORDER/Press.No. 924 Edn. dated 24/5/46

Certain questions have been raised in connection with the working of the schemes of compulsory elementary education and supply of midday meals. The Govt. issue instructions on these points:-

(1) Remittances of advances to teachers of Board Schools in areas selected for supply of midday meals:-

The question has been raised as to how advances for expenditure on the supply of midday meals should be remitted to Headmasters of Board schools in areas selected for the purpose, if they happen to be the members of the Midday Meal Committees P.D.Bs. are informed that the advances should be sent by money order and that the money order commission may be debited to the E.E.Fund of the District Board.

(2) Note-Books, stationery etc., for feeding centres:-

The cost of stationery, note-books, etc., required for feeding centres may be debited to the E.E. Fund of the Dt.Bd. - vide para 3 of G.O.No.506 Edn. dated 7-3-1946.

(3) Rented accommodation for supply of midday meals:

As far as possible feeding should be arranged for in the schools. In places where separate accommodation is found to be absolutely necy., bldgs. may be rented or pandals erected, the cost being met from the subsidy payable for the supply of midday meals. No separate subsidy will be paid for the purpose.

(4) Charges involved in the transport of utensils:

The charges involved in the transport

utensils from the P.W.D. Stores to the midday meal centres may be debited to the Government subsidy payable for the midday meal schemes.

(5) Employment of special (clerical) staff for the work connected with the supply of midday meals:

The Govt. consider that no clerical staff shd. be employed for the work connected with the supply of midday meals. The services of teachers in Board schools in the centres selected for supply of midday meals may be utilised for the purpose and they may be granted (suitable additional) remuneration at the following scale: Provided the addl. expenditure can be met from the Govt Subsidy payable for mid-day meals: (not exceeding up to a total amount not exceeding what is admissible according to)

In centres where the number of children fed is 350 or less . . . . . Rs.10/- p.m.

In centres where the number of children fed is above 350 and below 750 Rs.15/- p.m.

In centres where the number of children fed is 750 and above Rs.20/- p.m.

~~The expenditure on the grant of remuneration may be debited to the subsidy payable for the supply of midday meals.~~

It is not necessary to employ a separate cycle peon for each midday meal centre.

(6) Salaries to cooks employed in the midday meal centres for vacation months:

The question has been raised whether cooks employed for the supply of midday meals may be paid salaries for vacation months. Government have no objection to the payment provided that the amount due is disbursed after the cooks resume work on the re-opening of the schools after vacation.

(7) Cost of midday meals and other incidental charges: Adjustment:

The question has also been raised whether the cost of midday meal per pupil may not be reduced to less than 1½ annas so that the balance may be utilised to meet the addl. cost (in excess of 3 pies) under incidental expenses.. The Govt. consider that, as a decent meal cannot be given for less than 1½ annas, the cost of the meal should not be reduced on any account. Incidental charges on the supply of midday meals shd. be limited to the subsidy payable at the rate of 3 pies per pupil per meal by arranging for the feeding of a larger number of children at each centre.

(8) Supply of text-books to school children: Text books on subjects like Geography, History etc., which have been prescribed for standards III and above may be supplied to poor pupils attending elementary schools in compulsory areas and a subsidy claimed from Provincial funds towards the expenditure involved. No text-books should be supplied to pupils reading in standards above the fifth.

(9) Service of notices on guardians of defaulting pupils in compulsory areas:

The rules framed under section 51(1) of the E.E. Act enjoin on village munsiffs, the duty of serving notices on guardians of defaulting pupils in compulsory areas. The President should arrange to serve notices through the village munsiffs concerned. If the village munsiffs refuse to take action, the matter should be brought to the notice of the Collectors.

(10) The date of reckoning defaults: There is no objection to making the first quarter from which action has to be taken against defaulting guardians commence from 1-1-1946.

(11) Lower age-limit in respect of non-muslim girls:

The Government do not consider it necessary to alter the minimum age-limit for compulsory ele. edn. introduced recently.

(12) Allowances to H.E. grade teachers for teaching English: Increased pay to Elementary

The proposal to grant the minimum of the Secy. grade scale of pay to H.E. grade teachers employed for teaching English in elementary schools is not acceptable.

(13) Appointment of conductresses in schools:

Conductresses may be appointed in schools in compulsory areas in accordance with the instructions in G.O.No.398 Edn. dated 25-4-38 and a subsidy claimed towards the wages paid to the conductresses. It is for the President to decide whether the services are part-time or full-time with reference to the duties assigned to her.

(14) Allowances to headmasters of elementary

elementary schools in compulsory areas:

No allowance should be ~~granted~~ paid to headmasters of elementary schools in compulsory areas for the extra work ~~involved in the working of~~ connected with the scheme of compulsory elementary education.

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To all P.D.Bs.
Copy to the D.P.I.
Copy to Exr. of L.F.A. &

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
28 APR 1946
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Note: The Finance Dept may see.

Edn. & P.H. No. 12473 B2/46-1
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The draft order on pp 1-4 above may be accepted subject to the alterations indicated in pencil in item (5) on p 2 above.

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

Fin. No. 23410 (E-1)
27.4.46.

Edn. & P.H. Dept. (B2)

The draft order may now be issued with ~~corrections as~~ alterations as indicated in pencil. (The alterations will be inked, after approval.)

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H.M. Edn. may see.

The orders proposed to be issued as above ... by various P.D.B.s ; the ... various ... the D.P.I. have been ... various ... points.

1/5/46. H.M. (Edn.)

Draft approved

2-5-46

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2 - MAY 1946
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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D.O. No.3[illegible]511 B2/46-2. Edn. Dated 10 - 8 - 1946.

Edn. P.H. Dept. (B-2)

Dear Dr. Savoor,

Subject:- Selection of villages for compulsory education.

Reference: Your u.o. note No. 586 B1/4[illegible] dated 19.7.1946.

I am to say that the Hon'ble the Minister for Education desires that villages which are really rural in nature should, as far as possible, be selected for compulsory education in future.

To
Rao Bahadur
Dr. S. R. U. Savoor,
M.A., DSc, I.E.S,
D.P.I. Madras

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Yours sincerely,

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To the P.D.B.W.Godavari.

Edn and P.H. dept.

Memorandum No 55100B2/46 -1, dated 26.9.1946.

From the President, District Board, West Godavari, No. C.12.16822/46, dated 12.9.1946.

Subject :- Purchase of utensils - Transport charges.

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The P.D.B. West Godavari is informed that the orders in sub-paragraph (4) of G.O. No. 924 Edn. dated 2.5.1946 relates to the transport of utensils taken on loan ~~lease~~ from the Public Works Department. They have no reference to the purchase of utensils by Dist. Boards.

24/9/46

Roc.No.C.12-16822/46.

District Board Office,
West Godavari, Ellore,
Dated 12-9-46.

From

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

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department ,
M A D R A S.

Sir,

Sub: Schools Elementary - District Boards-
Compulsory Elementary Education and supply of
Midday Meals - supply of utensils - instruction
requested.

Ref: G.O.No.924 Education dated 2-5-46.

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The Government in para (4) of their order referred to above informed that the charges involved in the transport of utensils from the public works Department Stores to the midday meals centres may be debited to the Government subsidy payable for the midday meals scheme. Hither to the Secretaries of the midday meals centres were permitted to purchase the utensils required for the centres in the local shops . Now they are asked not to purchase the utensils in the local shops and to submit their indents to the office to purchase the same from the public Work Deportment Stores as stated by the Government . I therefore request you to furnish the address of the public Works Department Stores and the procedure to be adopted to place the indents of the utensils required for the various midday meals centres.

In this connection I may be permitted to state that it will be very difficult to place the ~~credit on~~ indent on and obtain the utensils from the stores situated far off from the District duly furnishing the sizes, capacities and weights ~~etc~~ of the utensils required for the various centres of the District.

President. 15-9-46

Subjects to be discussed with the Hon'ble Minister for Education on 25-6-46

Compulsory Education.

1. Selection of centres with two or more schools as specified by the Director of Public Instruction in his Pros. R.C. No. 2879 B of 44 dated 19-5-45 not to be insisted on.

Specific mention of the term 'Rural' in proceedings 2879 B. of 44 dated 24-11-44 of the Director of Public Instruction deserves notice.

2. District Board Resolution No. 1 dated 15-6-46 regarding Compulsory Education centres may be approved completely.

3. Mid-day meals - clerks. The clerks are not to be dispensed with as required in G.O.No. 924 dated 2-5-1946 as there is work for a full time servant to attend to all details of purchases, cleaning, supervision, issue, accounting, correspondence, consolidation of attendance, and distribution etc.,. The committees may be given full freedom to so adjust the expenditure that it does not exceed 3 pies limit which expenditure will include all items except food stuffs.

4. Mid-day meals - allotment - inadequate. Last year 7444 pupils were allowed to be fed. This year this is cut down to nearly half ( ), while the number to be enrolled remains practically the same. Even last year the number allotted was found to be highly deficient and there was strong agitation to double the number to benefit both the new admissions and the old ones on rolls who were very irregular and did not at all benefit by the educational facilities because of their poverty stricken condition particularly in these hard days of economic depression.

5. Mid-day meals - accommodation. The suggestion of the Government to have sheds erected in the school compounds is not feasible as the school will be converted into a choultry with the nuisance from flies, dogs, beggars etc which will prove detrimental to the sanitation and hygine of

of the school precincts, and the peaceful working of the school.

6. Mid-day meals - accounts. Periodical checking of the accounts at least once a month by an authorised agency of the Board or of the Department on the spot to be arranged for. This may be facilitated by the appointment of suitable staff.

7. Mid-day meals - Committees. Duties and responsibilities of the office bearers may be clearly defined or the President District Board may be authorised to define. In centres where suitable personnel intrested in this work are not forth coming, the work can be entrusted to contractors as is being done in the Labour Department.

8. Accommodation (Additional), for compulsion centres.

There is much delay in approval of plans, estimates and execution of work connected with the erection of sheds and in actual practice thereis no satisfactory solution in this regard at present. It is therefore suggested that the Government may get up standard cheap type designs with details of plans and estimates for school places of 35 and multiples thereof so that the work may be put through immediately without having to do anything with the technical branch in this regard

Note:- The suggestion of the District Board Engineer to erect 1 ½' Sq. central pillars for sheds with a width of 16' at intervals of 8' has completely rendered it unfit for class use.

K.S.V. Krishnan
Member delegate
D.B. South Arcot

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
28 JUN 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Secretary, E. & P.H.

The member delegate for the South Arcot District Board, Mr. K.S.V. Krishnan, M.L.A. met me yesterday and presented me a memorandum (kept below). pp 1-2 ante

Among the points mentioned in the accompanying memo, he presses for three points for our consideration:--

(1) He thinks that places for the mid-day meals should be chosen in the villages and not in towns. I entirely agree with him and that should also be the intention of the Government. In this connection it may not be necessary to insist that a particular locality should have more than 2 or more schools. If that is insisted upon then the villages will not have any chance but only towns and semi-towns will have that chance.

(2) He thinks that some sort of clerk or some full-time worker will be necessary to manage this feeding when numbers go beyond 200 or 250. If the number is within 250 he agrees that no clerk is necessary. This may be considered. But in any case it must be made absolutely clear that nothing more than 3 pies should be spent for supervision etc.

(3) He raises the third point, viz., what is mentioned in para 5 of the Memorandum. He represents that in many District Boards Schools since they are not big enough ~~for~~ grounds ~~for~~ on which sheds can be put for this purpose ~~and he wants~~ permission to rent certain buildings or sheds ~~as near as possible~~ for this purpose may be given. He is satisfied that if he is allowed to spend for this also out of the three pies which is allowed for management purposes, and I do not see any reason for disallowing it if he keeps within that three pies for the rent also along with supervision and other charges.

He has not pressed the other points mentioned in the memorandum for the present. This may be considered and a report submitted.

T.S. Avinashilingam
25-6-46

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
MADRAS

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
27 JUN 1946
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

This may be sent to the D.P.I. for his for early remarks.

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5-7-46

U.O.reply No.586 B.1/46 Office of D.P.I.,Madras,
19th July 1946.

Re-submitted.

In small villages which are really rural centres, it will be very difficult to get rented accommodation for the expected increase in enrolment due to the introduction of compulsion. Further on account of the backwardness of the locality, many of the school-age children who may be earning wages will not easily be available for schooling. Although all such children in small villages too will ultimately have to be brought under instruction in the early stage it will be better to restrict the scheme to bigger centres where accommodation will be more easily available and where parents will be more willing to send their children to school without frequent resort to the penal provisions of the Act. If the scheme is introduced first in small and out of the way centres, supervision will also be very difficult. Kind attention is, in this connection, invited to my letters R.C.No.2879 B/44 dated 1-5-1945 and 24-5-1945 wherein Government have agreed with the views expressed above. In his D.O.No.52465 A-18, Edn., dated 8-5-1945, the Secretary to Govt. has indicated that the villages should be chosen by the Educational Department in consultation with the Presidents of District Boards. For the above reasons, it would be advisable to introduce compulsion and midday meals in big centres first and then extend the scheme to smaller centres in succeeding years, ultimately giving the benefit of the scheme even to small villages.

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Regarding the second point, under consideration, viz., appointment of a full time clerk or servant, it may be stated that the work connected with the supply of midday meals will involve about a couple of hours of work per day and that therefore there is no need for a full-time clerk or servant for any feeding centre as already reported to Government in my R.C.No. 1266 B/44 dated 29-3-1946. Paragraph 5 of G.O.No.924, Education, dated 2-5-1946 states that no clerical staff should be employed for the supply of mid-day meals and that the services of ~~the~~ Board school teachers may be utilized and they may be remunerated for the extra work. This system works well in Chingleput and North Arcot districts. Please see in this connection paragraph 1 of my letter to Government R.C.No.1266 B/44 dated 29-3-1946. The Presidents of District Boards have full control over the Board school teachers and can therefore check immediately any irregularity on the part of teachers employed as part-time clerks. The subsidy of Re.0-0-3 per meal cannot permit the employment of a full-time clerk, as from this subsidy other incidental charges such as, cokking charges, rent (where rent-free accommodation is not available), water and transport charges, cost of utensils, etc., will have to be met. I, therefore, consider that there is no need for modifying the orders in paragraph 5 of G.O.No.924, Education, dated 2-5-1946.

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Regarding the third point, kind attention is invited to paragraph 3 of G.O.No.924, Education, dated 2-5-1946 permitting the renting of buildings and the erection of pandals, meeting the cost from the subsidy payable for midday meals. This meets the issue raised in the memorandum. Further instructions in this regard do not appear to be necessary.

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D. P. I.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
22 JUL 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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The file may be submitted to H.M. ~~with~~ for orders with reference to the note above.

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H.M. (Edn)

With regard to the first point.

I am not convinced by the D.P.I.'s arguments. The village people have a standing grievance that they are always the last to be served. While there may be administrative inconvenience, I would suggest that as far as possible villages be selected for compulsory education

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
6 - AUG 1946
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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The orders of H.M. may be communicated

communicated for information and guidance A draft ~~[illegible]~~ is ~~put~~ put up for appl. After issue the papers may be filed with ffl 924 ES. § 2.5.46.

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