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G.O. NO. MS. 1209 Edm.

Dated the 11th June 1947

[Despatch Abstract.]

Colleges - Petitions from parents of detained students - Refusal to
interfere - Papers recorded.

Back Papers.

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The cf contains three petitions about detentions of students in college examinations. It is understood that there is a general question in 4.3 section about this and AS III wanted to see these papers.

1/10/47

16/5/47.

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AS III

Please see the note for the cabinet regarding abolition of detention system at (X). ~~The matter~~ ~~was not discussed~~ No final decision has yet been taken in the matter. Reference is submitted to the portion marked 'B' of the note at (X). ~~Understand~~ The P.P.T. has circularised the heads of educational institutions to see that not more

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than 15% of the number of the students in the class are detained from appearing for the Public Examination (S.S.C or University). In the matter of promotions ~~as a result of~~ the seasonal (changed ~~not public~~) annual exam, the head of the institution has full discretion. No percentage for detaining the students has been suggested. On the other hand, the G.O. have ~~suggested~~ ^{asked} the D.P. to ~~be desirability of issuing~~ to issue instructions for ~~stoppage~~ tightening up the promotions in the lower classes so that all may appear for the public exam at the end of the course concerned. The petitions in this regard relate to detentions as the result of the annual class exam in the ~~Girls~~ College, Kumbakonam, the Engineering College, Quaid's College class (C.E course) and the Green Mary's College, Madras. ~~There is no provision~~ ^{Prima facie} for G.O. interference in the matter does not seem called for. However the remarks of the D.P. are

mainly to do with the

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may be called for. Subject to orders the draft memo below is for approval

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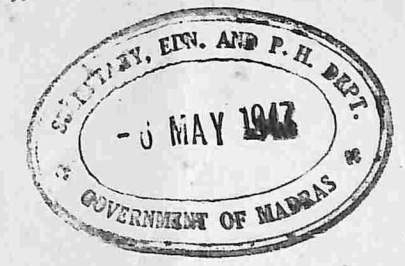
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Colleges - Petitions from parents of detained students - Refusal to interfere - Papers recorded

A draft memo. is submitted. After issue the papers may be recorded

Order No. 1209 (16.5.47) 17.5.47 28/5/47

in 16.5.47

from
N. Srinivasan, M.A.,
No. 4, Mettu Street, Salem.

To
The Minister for Education,
Government of Madras.

Sir,
I beg to submit the enclosed
memorial on behalf of the signatories.

I beg to remain
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

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Memorial on behalf of the signatories

KUMBAKONAM,
21st April, 1947.

From

The Parents of Detained Boys,
Government College,
K U M B A K O N A M.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
M A D R A S.

Respected Sir,

The Annual Examinations of the Government College, -
KUMBAKONAM, were held in March and the results were --
announced on 2nd April, 1947. Nearly 52 pupils have been
detained. Of these 52 pupils some are boarders residing
permanently in the Hostel and some are day boarders who -
their boarding in the Hostel. The majority of the -
pupils is made up of Hostel pupils. They worked hard
for the examination and in spite of their hard work they
have been detained for want of one or two marks. They -
also been asked to take their Transfer Certificates and
leave the College once for all. We understand that in the
matter of promotion, the Principal formulated the following
principles for promotion.

(A) Part I 30 per cent.
" II 25 " "
" III 35 " "

OR

(B) Part I 35 per cent.
" III 30 " " of the marks.

Through these were the principles, yet some pupils who
have got low marks have been promoted. How this is justi-
fied, we are at a loss to know. Our pupils have got more
marks than those pupils who have got low marks as pointed
above. But in some cases, the shortage of marks is only
1 or 2. Some have got 29 per cent. in Part I and 36 or 37
per cent. in Part III.

The boys have been put to a lot of worry and trouble.
We are also put to a lot of inconveniences, economical etc.,
if we are to allow our pupils to study in the same Class in
another College. The least expenditure for a student will
come to Rs.400/- These are ration days. We can ill afford
to spend once again on this score. Besides the pupils who
have been either unjustly detained or detained for want of
1 or 2 marks will have no peace of mind and their lives may
become a wreck. Considering the hardships caused as a re-
sult of the unsympathetic action of the Principal and con-
sidering the trouble and inconveniences caused to us and
considering the pitiable condition of the pupils, we most
earnestly beg you to review the cases of the detained --
pupils most sympathetically and see that justice is done
to these unfortunate pupils and have them promoted to --
higher classes.

Thanking you in anticipation,

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Yours obediently,

B. Gopalakrishnan S/o Bhinadaia. Dis. Supdt.
R. Chellam S/o S. Ramachandran
Dy. Collector

P. T. O.

24/4/47

Copy forwarded to

- (1) The Education Minister,
Government of Madras, MADRAS.
- (2) The Vice President,
Interim Government, NEW DELHI.
- (3) The Education Minister,
Government of India, NEW DELHI.
- (4) The Principal,
Government College, KUMBAKONAM.

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May be lodged.

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To

The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Honoured Sir,

The humble petition of poor parents of the students of
the Engineering College, Guindy, Madras.

We the undersigned parents beg to state the following
grievances for your kind and sympathetic consideration and
favourable disposal:

Out of about 100 students of the N.L.2. Class of the
Licenciate in Civil Engineering course of the College of
Engineering, Guindy, 30 students are detained this year,
thereby bringing the percentage of detention to 30 %.

It is not usual to detain any student in a professional
college except ^{under} special circumstances. This sort of
large scale detention vitally affects the poor parents
and mar the career of the students of the Institution.

We therefore pray for mercy and request that the Principal
of the Engineering College, Guindy may be directed to promote
everybody and thereby encourage and help us poor parents
and our sons.

We beg to remain,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,

Madras.
10--5--1947.

S. Chelliah

From
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B. Devaraja Mudaliar
T. J. Lakshmi

Encl N^o.

Referred to the
DPI for remarks at an early date

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Ministry
and Mr. P.
M. Collins
in Madras
pleased to
f. m. m. m.
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To The DPI
(with copy
of the letter)



Madras,
22nd April 1947.



The Principal,
Queen Mary's College,
Mylapore, Madras.

Madam,

We the undersigned and detained students of III Class (B.A. Junior) beg to request that another examination may be held and result announced before the re-opening of the College in ^{June} July 1947 to enable us to pass it and go to Class IV or the option to continue in the same college in III class or otherwise.

2. No doubt we failed in certain subjects at the annual examination conducted by the College in March 1947, and in the ordinary course have to study in that ~~2nd~~ class for one more year till March 1948 which needless to say (1) entails an average expenditure of over Rs.400 each per annum which it is difficult for our poor parents to spare for another year and (2) wastes a precious period of 12 months in the early days of our youth especially as we are all girl students and any delay in our completing the college course would adversely affect our early settling in life.

3. The remedy lies in holding another examination in the subject in which we failed ^{before} on the re-opening of the college. If we pass that examination we may be permitted to go to class IV and if any of us fail we can study for one more year in class III ~~1st~~ itself.

4. The practice of holding a supplementary examination in September for those who failed in March is in vogue in almost all important examinations conducted by the Universities in the Province. The Medical College and the School of Indian Medicine hold a second examination for the failed students in September each year. Even the candidates who sit for the

Government Technical Examination are allowed two chances a year.

5. Time is an important factor and none can delay in this age of speed the foolishness in wasting one year in an youngster's collegiate life.

6. As there are only a few students the question paper can be typed and reneued and no appreciable cost need involved in holding the supplementary examination.

7. If the rules of the college do not permit the holding of a second examination for us the remedy lies in amending the rule suitably. Every thing is changing now, and we only request that the old practices and rules should also be changed whenever necessary. Alternatively we would also suggest that we be promoted forthwith without further examination and our progress watched. If our progress during the year is not found up to the mark we may be detained at the time of selection.

8. Ours is a reasonable request and we humbly request that it may be reasonably considered and we be given another chance to rectify our poor progress in the III class.

9. Orders passed on this petition may kindly be communicated in time to the addresses noted below so that we can study and prepare ourselves and the examination. If orders of Government are to be obtained they may be addressed quickly and favourable orders obtained.

We beg to remain,
Madam,
Your most obedient students

Copy to the Director of Public Instructions, Madras.

Copy to Hon'ble Sri T.S. Avanasalingam Chettiar, Minister in charge of Education, Fort St. George, Madras.

K. Saradha, 34, Alkharasah Street, Triplicane.

C. Sarala 14, Doraiswamy Road. T. Nagar.

S. V. Kamala Bai 54, Gengu Reddi Road. Egmore.

S. Pattammal, 48 Lloyd's Lane. Royapettah

From

N. Naryana Ayyar,
No.1, Rajaji Street,
West Mambalam, Madras, 17.

The Secretary to the Govt. Education/Department.
Thro' The Director of Public Instruction,
Nungambakam, Madras.

Sir,

Engineering Courses vis-a-vis Examination results.

I beg to bring the following for your kind consideration and favourable decision.

In the year 1944 the L.C.E. Course was shortened by one year. This has intensified the studies to be covered in three years, and this is a great strain on the Juvenile intelligence. Further for a pass from one class to another a minimum of 50% is insisted upon. This can only help the students of extra-ordinary ability to get through while students of average ability will be denied the chance of a promotion. In all University Examinations (both technical and art courses) only a minimum of 35 to 40% is insisted upon for a pass. This liberal attitude by the University authorities is apparently to help also the students of average ability to get through.

Just to cite an example in the current year in the N.L.2 class out of 90 students 30 were detained. Of these 30 12 are students who have appeared for the examination for a second time. This miserable failure is due to two reasons, firstly boys who can score only above 50% are eligible for a pass and secondly failed students are not admitted in the same class for study and appearing for the examination. These failed students are thrown to their own resources and it is needless to mention that technical education in Engineering course in the Province Madras is almost nil or inefficient excepting the College of Engineering, Guindy.

In all other technical branches of studies such as medicines etc, failed students are promoted on condition that they qualify themselves by a pass in the failed subject the following year. It is a pity that such a concession is not given to students of Engineering College, Guindy. In other words if a student fails in a particular class it looks as though his career is finished.

I request the authorities to review the whole position with a view to alleviating the distress of the Engineering students and that the present minimum of 50% may be reduced to 35 or 40% for a pass as in the case of University Examinations, and that failed students be promoted on condition that they pass the following year in the failed subject.

I also request that miserably failed students be afforded one or two opportunities to appear for the examination and get a pass. To this end they should be readmitted in the same class, to enable them to receive the efficient training.

Yours faithfully,

N. Naryana Ayyar

Copy sent to The Secretary
to the Govt. Education Dept.,
in advance.

PARENT

Signature

Edu and P. Dept

Memo No. 44383 A/47-1 Edu & P. Dept

L.C.E. course - Promotion of
failed students - Letter from Sri N.
Narayana Ayyar, T. Nagar 25-5-47.

The D.P.S. is requested to offer
his remarks on the suggestion contained
in the letter cited above copy of which has
been sent to him.

29/5/47

7-6-47

To the D.P.S. ✓
D.P.S. 10/6

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

ENDORSEMENT L.DIS.No. 663 K.2/47 dated the 30th May 1947.

SUB:- College of Engineering, Guindy - L.C.E. Class =
Sessional written examination (2nd year) - Failures.

REF:- Letters dated 14th May 1947 from Sri B. Devaraja
Mudaliar and 25th May 1947 from Sri N. Narayanan,
to the Secretary to Government, Education and
Public Health, through the Director of Public
Instruction:

SUBMITTED.

2. A copy of the Endorsement dated 22nd May 1947 of the
Principal, College of Engineering, Guindy, explaining the -
position is enclosed for the information of Government.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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

Copy of Endorsement dated 22nd May 1947 from the Principal
College of Engineering, Guindy:

SUB:- College of Engineering, Guindy = L.C.E. Course
Sessional Written Examination (2nd Year) - Un-
precedented failures = Condonation = Requested:
REF:- Your R.C.No. 663 K.2/47 dated 19th May 1947.

Resubmitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

2. A student of the II Year L.C.E. Class is not required to
obtain 50% marks in written examinations. He is only required to
obtain 50% of the aggregate of marks for written and practical
examinations, and sessional work. The aggregate of marks for
all these is 1950. Out of these, 1400 marks are for written
and practical examinations. The remaining 550 are "Sessional
marks", that is, marks awarded for day to day work of the student.
The sessional marks do not only safeguard a student against the
drawbacks of a written examination but encourage him to work
throughout the year. They also greatly simplify the passing of
the examination as a whole as a student who attends his college classes
regularly and does his work conscientiously can secure 60 to 70%
marks easily, and this makes up to a very considerable extent for
his deficiency in the written examinations.

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Lloyd's Lane, Royapettah

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A student is not required to get minimum marks in any paper. All that is required in the written examination is that the marks of the subjects should not be less than 33% which is a very small percentage.

It will thus be seen that the second year L.C.E. Examination is very much easier than Public Examinations like the S.S.L.C. Intermediate, and I may add, the examinations conducted by the Technological Diploma Examination Board and the Commissioner for Government Examinations. The reduction of passing marks from 50% to 40% as suggested by the petitioner would greatly reduce the standard of the L.C.E. Diploma, and employers will be perfectly justified in not accepting it.

The number of failures in the second year L.C.E. class is 27 (not 30) out of 104 candidates. This gives a percentage of pass as 74%, which is higher than the percentage of passes from the college in the second year Engineering Examination of the University, which is only 70%. The Second Year University Examination is of the same nature as the second year Licentiate Examination and comprises written and practical examinations and sessional work.

The reason why the 27 students of the second year L.C.E., class have failed is lack of application, and probably a belief that owing to the great demand for technical personnel, the standards will be relaxed and students would be pushed through. The need for maintenance of standard is as great as ever before as the men who pass out of the college will be connected with works involving expenditure of vast sums of public money. The parents should not merely consider the interests of their sons, but should also give some consideration to the interests of the public.

The failure of these students will have a salutary effect on the students in the coming session and I have reasons to think that failures next year would be very much smaller. If on the other hand, concession is shown to these failed students, the effect on the college would be disastrous and would result in a lowering of the efficiency of the college as a whole.

I am fully alive to the interests of the students and it is after careful deliberation that I have detained these students. I am trying to help them by finding employment for them in the P.W.D., As a matter of fact, I gave intimation of this before the examinations and have already sent the names and addressed of failed students to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. to employ them as draughtsman so that they may not sit idle but on the other hand earn some money and learn engineering practice. This is the best way of serving the interests of the students and not by showing overkindness and promoting them when they are not competent for promotion.

/True copy/

for Director of Public Instruction.

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To

The Secretary to Government (Education),
Fort St. George,

M a d r a s.

Through

The Director of Public Instruction,

M A D R A S.

Sir,

Sub:- College of Engineering Guindy - Licentiate Civil Engineers' Course - Sessional written Examination (2nd year) - unprecedented failures - condonation - requested-

The conditions under which the pupils are undergoing instructions in Licentiate Civil Engineer's classes in the College of Engineering, Guindy, are extremely rigorous. It is tragic that in the last Sessional (written) examination for Licentiate Civil Engineer's (2nd year's or advanced course) held in March 1947, as many as thirty pupils who failed to secure 50% of the total marks have been thrown out of the College and are to be idle till the next annual examination is held.

In view of the growing need for technically (Engineering) qualified men, the duration of the course of instruction in Licentiate Civil Engineering is cut down to three years but attended with intensive training in all rapidity. Pupils more proficient in English and higher Mathematics have an easy walk over the annual "written" examinations while the average S.S.L.C. men in that situation are caught at disadvantage, contributing to such large numbers of failures as stated above. The Subjects (theory) are vast and varied.

It is not known how it came about that too much value is attached to pupils in this professional college securing as high as 50% of the total marks in 'written' Sessional Examinations for promotion to the next year's course, and why as a matter of uniformity, the same percentage of marks as prescribed for 'pass' in written examinations conducted by the Government, the University and other professional colleges, i.e. 35 or 40%, could not be adopted also in regard to Licentiate Civil Engineer's Sessional Examinations beyond the first year's course of instruction held in this College at Guindy.

The parents and guardians of the disappointed pupils will feel grateful if the Government will sympathetically consider the lot of these unfortunate pupils (thirty) and direct that such of those as have secured not less than 40% of the marks in the last Licentiate Civil Engineer's (2nd year) Sessional Examination be advanced to the next (final) year's course, subjecting them, if necessary, to further examination in due course, in the subjects in which their marks fell short of 50%.

Address.

† No. 22, A. Adam St., Mylapore

Yours obediently,

† B. Devaraja Mudaliar

(A parent interested)

From

N. Naryana Ayyar,
No.1, Rajaji Street,
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To

& Public Health
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Yours faithfully,

N. Naryana Ayyar
25/5/47
PARENT.

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in advance.

John (A)

Pl. see the DPT's letter and
its enclosures on pp 3-8 above. Orders have
already been passed in C. No 1209Edm
in Memo. No. 34645 A/47 - 1Edm of
6-6-47 on the rpt petitions recd from on
the subject by the Court. No action is
called for on the DPT's letter. The
papers may be added to C. No 1209Edm
of 11-6-47.

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Please see the letters out 1-90
[The main file on the subject was
circulated to HH (Edm) on 9/6/47 and
its return is awaited]. This may also
be circulated to HH (Edm) in carbon.

This may be over till 20.10.47. The main file
on return from circulation may be circ
to Hre (K.A.) before issue goes to.

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15/10/47

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16/6/47

F.H.H. (G.S.)

The main file has not been recd
back from circulation yet.
may be over till 11/11/47.

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24/10/47

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22/7/47

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Acquisition of the Manor House & its extensive grounds
for the Municipal College and High School
Cmo 37916/46 From the old boys of the Salem Municipal College
and High School, dated 30.6.46
Memo 37916 B/46 Edw I dated 16/7/46.

16/7/46
16/7/46
A copy of the representation from the old
boys of the Salem Municipal College and high
school cited above is forwarded to the
Commissioner, Salem Municipality and he is
requested to report very urgently whether
the Council has taken steps to acquire the
property referred to in the representation for
the use of the Municipal College and high

...taken immediately ^{if possible} for its acquisition as the extensive grounds situated in the midst of the town will be of great use for educational + other purposes. of the municipality. The D.P.D. is requested to report whether he has received any application for subsidy from the Salem Municipal Council for towards the cost of acquisition of the building and the grounds referred to in para 1 above and if so to forward it with his remarks very urgently.

15.7.44
18/7/46 26.7.46

To
The Commissioner
Salem Municipality
through the D.P.D.
D.P.D.