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G.O. NO. Ms. 1322 Edn.

Dated 24-6-1947

[Despatch Abstract.]

Examination - S.S.L.C. Selections - Detentions - Abolition - Stiffening of promotions in lower forms - orders passed.

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MEMORANDUM TO The Hon. Prakasam, Premier, Govt of Madras.

From

The Andra Provincial Students Congress.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
10 FEB 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
10 FEB 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Respected Sir,

We herewith bring the following facts for your kind consideration.

1. Ever since 1937, the students through their organisations, have been agitating for the removal and the abolition of the Detention Systems considering that this system has been responsible for much that is corrupt and inefficient and injustice in the educational system.

~~demand~~2. There has been unanimous supports to this popular and just student demand from all sections of the people. Andra Provincial Congress Committee passed resolution supporting the demand and requested the Government that this detention system should be abolished immediately. Varios other organisations, political and professional, cultural and functional associations, have been supporting this demand. Parents associations and Teacher bodies joint the students in demanding the abolition of this system.

3. The advisory Government turned a deaf ear to all this public opinion and there was little response to this demand from the educational authorities. This year the students have taken in right earnest the mobilization of student and public and public opinion, having in view the existence of the popular Ministry. Andra Provincial Students Congress called on the Students to observe October 18th as AntiDetention Day. The demonstrations were held throughout Andra, by peaceful strikes and public meetings. There was not one educational institution throughout Andra which did not join the demonstration. And between the last week of November and the last of December, petitions (Mahazars) were sent to the Educational Minister the Vice-Chancellor, and the Director of Public Instruction, from all sections of the poeple - students, parents Teachers, professional local bodies, etc.

In spite of this unanimous public opinion against the detention system, the Government had not moved to abolish it. Hence the Andra Provincial Students Congress organised strikes after January 10th throughout Andra in all those Institutions, where detentions were made. We hereby thank the Government for extending the last date on which lists could be send, by which arrangements the authorities in most of the Schools where strikes were organised, sent all the names without detaining any.

Though there has been this partial satisfaction of the demand the Detention system have not been abolished and it still looms large over the Student minds as a continuous source of trouble and injustice to the students in the coming years. Hence we request that the detention system should be abolished immediately, thus satisfying this just and popular demand of the student and the public.

We are aware that the nature of the demonstrations has been misrepresented to the Government, as having been caused to create trouble.

we assert that all our demonstrations have been peaceful and non-volentxx, and had nothing to do with anti-Ministry demonstrations. ere were not a few instances where educational authorities have ed most provocatively, in various ways. In particular, we must g to your notice the provocative actions of the authorities in Hindu College, Masulipattam, where the Principal without any justifiable reasons called the police to disperse the students and a brutal lathi charge followed on the students, involving serious injuries to many students including a number of lady students. We asked for an unofficial enquiry, but neither official nor unofficial enquiry was held over the action of the police.

Hence, we demand that the Detention should be abolished immediately and then an enquiry should be held over the action of the police in Masulipattam. We have come here to explain personally and submit this memorandum with a view to acquaint you of our just demand, the nature of our demonstrations and the necessity of immediate action on behalf of the Government.

Hoping that you will give immediate attention to this important and urgent matter.

Yours sincerely,

Date: 8th Feb. 1947.

Provincial S.C. Office,
Brodapet, GUNTUR.

A.S.R. Krishna

GENERAL SECRETARY,
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From

The Asst. Secy to Govt., E&PH Dept,
Madras

To

The DPI, Madras.

Sub:- Detentions - ~~the~~ Abolition - Tightening up of results in forms before VI form

Ref:- E&PH U.O. No. 12391-G3/47-1 Edn
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Please ~~send~~ ~~furnish~~ through a special messenger a copy of the minutes

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minutes of HM (Edn) which was sent along with the Govt. no. quoted above, so as to reach this office not later than 5 PM to-day (8/3/47). This is required in connection with a cabinet note.

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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HELD AT FORT ST. GEORGE ON MONDAY THE 21ST APRIL, 1947.

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His Excellency the Governor presided.

PRESENT:

The Hon'ble Sri O.P. Ramaswamy Reddiar.
The Hon'ble Dr. P. Subbaroyan.
The Hon'ble Dr. T.S.S. Rajan.
The Hon'ble Sri M. Bhaktavathsalam.
The Hon'ble Sri B. Gopala Reddi.
The Hon'ble Mr. Daniel Thomas.
The Hon'ble Sri H. Sitarama Reddy.
The Hon'ble Sri K. Chandramouli.
The Hon'ble Sri K. Madhava Menon.
The Hon'ble Sri Kala Venkata Rao.
The Hon'ble Sri A.B. Shetty.
The Hon'ble Sri V. Kurmayya.

AGENDA:

Educational Institutions - Detention System - Abolition.

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E. & P.H. Deptt.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 FEB 1947

Secretary, E. & P.H.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
12 FEB 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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May be sent to the D.P.I. w.o for report — A above.

13.2.47

(Copy to be sent)

U.O. No. 12391-G3/47-1 Edn
13/2/47

DPI
14/2/47

U.O. reminder 29/3/47
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29/3/47

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E.& P.H.(G.3)

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Examinations - S.S.L.C. - Detention system - Petition for abolition of

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P P 1-2-cf

C.No. 11664/47 .From the General Secretary, Andhra Provincial Students' Congress, dated 8.2.47.

H.P.M.'s minutes.

P 1 cf

> "In view of the agitation going on for a long time, the request may be complied with. All the students may be sent up for examination. H.M.(Edn.) may consider this ~~and~~ have this matter settled by the Cabinet."

This may first May be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) with reference to H.P.M.'s minutes above. Attention is invited to the Press note in ② and also the note at 2 on page 1 w.a of ②.

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Returned for further papers and received back on 12.2.47 W 12.2.47

H.M. (Edn) has already issued a press note, on 25-1-47 (Q-3 note file) in which it has been made clear that this is a question entirely for the heads of schools and colleges, and Government will not interfere.

There is the question whether a change of front so soon after that would be expedient. There is the further question whether it would be expedient to show a change of front merely because there continues to be persistent clamour over this from certain quarters. Even if these two points are considered secondary, on the merits of the matter itself, I submit, there are no grounds for a reconsideration.

As H.M.(Edn.) has made it clear in the press note, the question is entirely one in the discretion of the heads of institutions. All that the D.P.I., himself is proposing to do is to issue a circular as at 'Z' at Q-1 note file for the guidance of heads of institution and there ~~could~~ can be no question of direction by Government (please see V at Q-1 note file). Even if the

Government should think of issuing, or conveying, a direction that all the students are to be sent up, this may be put up with by heads of institutions ~~managements~~, as far as non Government schools are concerned; but colleges are under the purview of the University in respect of maintenance of educational standards - and such a direction by Government in respect of colleges may well be resented by the Heads of Colleges & by the Universities.

Apart from that, as indicated by me at Q-2 note file, selections, like promotions from class to class, ~~in the case of schools~~ are designed to relate educational advancement of pupils to the actual progress they make, and if detentions are abolished, that will mean a lowering of standards, and incidentally a lowering of the tone of discipline also; I do not think therefore, the completion abolition of detention would be justifiable in principle.

I respectfully submit therefore, that the stand already taken - by H.M.(Edn.) in the press note at Q-3 note file - should be maintained.

14/2/47

H.M. (Edn.)

Besides it is too late for this year

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May be circulated to H.P.M. with reference to the minutes on page 1 C.1.

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Secretariat, Edn. and P.H. Dept. 24 FEB 1947 Government of Madras

May be placed before the Cabinet.

H.P.M.

W.G. for H.P.M.
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Base SPHC-28

May be recirculated to Hon'ble (Edn.)

26-2-47

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Hon'ble Edn.

H.M. (Edn.)

Let cabinet decide the matter

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Secretariat, Edn. and P.H. Dept. 4 - MAR 1947 Government of Madras

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Meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Fort St.George on Tuesday 3rd June 1947.

His Excellency the Governor Presided.

Present:

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The Hon'ble Sri O.P.Ramaswamy Reddiar.
The Hon'ble Dr.P.Subbarayan.
The Hon'ble Dr.T.S.S.Rajan.
The Hon'ble Sri M.Bhaktavathsalam.
The Hon'ble Mr.Daniel Thomas.
The Hon'ble Sri V.Kurmayya.
The Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avinashilingam Chattiar.
The Hon'ble Sri H.Sitarama Reddy.
The Hon 'ble Sri Kala~~g~~Venkata Rao.
The Hon'ble Sri K.Madhava Menon.
The Hon'ble Sri K.Chandramouli.
The Hon'ble Sri A.B.Shetty.
The Hon'ble Sri B. Gopal Reddi.

Government of Madras 5- JUN 1947 Education and Public Health Dept.

Agenda.

Examinations - Detentions - Abolition.

ORDER:

It was decided that no action should be taken and the note was withdrawn.

Sd/- Archibald Nye.

E. & P.H.Dept.

4/6/47

The Cabinet note was returned by the Cabinet so that this department may have the fullest discretion to deal with the matter. I agree with the D.P.I. that in the interests of discipline, we cannot yield to whatever claim which the students put forward. Detentions, if necessary, may not exceed 15 per cent as per orders already issued. A suggestion may be made to the Headmasters also that they can, as far as possibl be strict in promoting pupils so that large numbers need not be detained at the time of selection.

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EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
11 JUN 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

TSA
11.6.47

E&PH (G13)

Please see the minutes of ~~HM (Edn)~~ above. ~~With reference to the minutes of HM (Edn) at M above,~~ A draft order ~~to the DPI~~ is subd. for approval.

~~17/6/47~~

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Please see the minute of H.M. (Edn.) on p.p. ante. Regarding the portion 'A' therein, reference is solicited to the note on pp. 11-12 in the linked file. This may ~~be~~ be circulated to H.M. (Edn.) again with the linked file ~~for revised orders, if any~~.

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H.M. (Edn.)

7-5-47.

This being an important matter which may again be agitated, the matter may be placed before the Cabinet.

TSA
28-5-47

29/5/47

E.& P.H.(G.3)

Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) above. The file linked below has been returned without specific orders apparently because the subject is being placed before the Cabinet for decision. With reference to Secretary's note in the L.F. on p.p.11-12 n.f. the note for the Cabinet has been suitably revised. The revised note below is submitted for approval. Chief Secretary may see for approval.

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Chief Secy

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E&PH(G3)
U.O. No. 11666-93/47-7 Edn.
29/5/47

P.26 (Spl) U.O. No.
3305/47-1
30-5-47

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E&PH(G3)

May be circulated ~~[illegible]~~ for approval of the note for the Cabinet.

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H.M. (Edn.)

TSA
31-5-47

Copies of the Cabinet note have been sent to the HM's, the Chief Secretary, and the Secretary to the Governor. The file may now be sent to Public (Spl) no. (Six spare copies of the Cabinet note are kept in the file).

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E & P H (G3)
U.O. No. 11664-G3/46-7 Edn
3/5/47

E & P H (G3)

Please see the proceedings of the meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 3/6/47 at p. 19 cf. It has been decided that no action should be taken and the note ~~for~~ the Cabinet was withdrawn. The papers may therefore be

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Order No. Ms. ~~Mt.~~ Edn/ — 47.

Recorded

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Abstract:-
Examinations – Detention System – Abolition – Papers Recorded.

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(16) E & P H (G3)

A note for the Cabinet is subd. for approval. This may be sent ~~to Finance for~~ ~~scrutiny~~ acceptance ~~and~~ the Chief Secretary for scrutiny before circulation.

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The draft note retyped is kept below.

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11.3.47

E & P H (G3)
U.O. No. 11664-G3/47-1 Edn
11/3/47.

11 MAR 1947

May be circulated to Hon. (Edn) G3

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12 MAR 1947

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E & PH (G3)

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13.3.47 Public (Spl)

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E & PH (G3)

U.O. No. 11664-G3/47-4 Edn

13/3/47

Recalled and file handed in by the Public (Spl) Dept. clerk on 24/4/47.

E & PH (G3)

Please seek the orders of the Cabinet on p. ~~final decision on the subject by the Cabinet may be awaited. The file may be sent to Public (Spl)~~

May be circulated to HM (Edn) for orders whether the subject will again be placed before the Cabinet.

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26.4.47

H.M. (Edn.)

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Orders have already been issued that in the Selection Examination more than 15 per cent of the candidates should not be detained. Further circulars have also been sent that hereafter the Headmasters and Principals may be strict in the promotion in the V Form and that pupils need not be normally detained from selection. In view of those orders already issued, I do not think it is necessary to bring this before the Cabinet.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3 MAR 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Secretary, E.& P.H.

We have sent instructions about a month back to the D.P.I. asking him to circularise to all Schools that the Headmasters should be asked to tighten up promotions at the end of the year and the habit of detaining in the VI Form may be given up. I would like to know whether action has been taken on that note and whether Circulars have been issued to the schools in this regard.

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H.M. Edn.

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5 - APR 1947

E.& P.H.(G.3)

Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) above. With reference to A above, the D.P.I. ~~was already~~ has been requested to examine the question and report to Govt.

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to Govt - Vide U.O.No.12391-G3/47-1 Edn., dated 13.2.47. p1 ante

He was ~~been~~ reminded on 29.3.47. His reply is awaited.

May be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) with reference to his minutes on p.3 ante. Instructions have not been issued to the D.P.I. as at A on p 3 ante. But he has only been asked to send a report on the subject.

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H.M. (Edn.)

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(N.W. ~~Instructions may be issued~~

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
9 APR 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

E.& P.H.(G.3)

Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) above. A draft ~~D.O.~~ u.o. note to the

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Secretary, E. & P.H.

Now that this year is gone, I think we must make some permanent arrangement for the future in the matter of selections and examinations. It has created a great deal of ill-feeling and disappointment and a sense of frustration in boys that having been promoted from the V Form, they should not be allowed the chance of appearing in the S.S.L.C. examination. Many of them point out to me that even if they fail, that they have appeared for the examinations entitles them to certain advantages and having been promoted to VI Form, why they should not be allowed at least those advantages. I think there is something in it. The note may be sent to the Director asking him as to why the headmasters should not be asked to be strict in their promotions from the lower classes and promote only such of the boys whom they think fit to the VI Form so that only such of those who cannot be sent up for want of attendance and or for such other things only should be detained and others should be sent up. The Director may be asked to examine the matter and report it as soon as possible, so that instructions may be sent before the annual examinations.

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12-2-47.

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Education and Public Health Department
(G.3)

May be sent to the Director of Public Instruction u.o. for report - 'A' above.

M.V.Subramanian,
Secretary to Government.

D.P.I. u.o.

U.O.No.12391-G3/47-1 Edn. dated 13-2-1947

(True Copy)

Submitted to Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, with reference to the Telephonic Message dated 8-3-1947.

Special.

for Director of Public Instruction.

8.3.47

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Education & P.H. (G.3.)

Sub: Examinations--S.S.L.C.-Selections--Detentions-Abolition--Stiffening of promotions in lower forms-Orders passed.

Sd 30 24/6.

Read: G.O.No. 2389 Edn., dated 13--12--1946.
~~D.P.I.'s U.O.No.Rc. 341-E/47 dated 23-4-47.~~ (D)

Order/No.Ms. 1322 Edn., dated 24-6-1947.

p.7 N2.

The Government agree with the D.P.I. that ~~in~~ the interests of discipline require that there should be no further relaxation in the matter of detentions. The ~~they cannot yield to whatever claim the students may put forward. Detentions in selection examinations,~~ general instruction sh~~ould~~/~~not~~ ~~if necessary, exceed 15% as~~ already approved by Government in G.O.2389 Edn. dated 13-12-46, to the effect that detentions in selection examinations, when they are found necessary, ⊗ should not ordinarily exceed 15%, will remain;

(D) / para 13, page 9.

2. The D.P.I. is requested to suggest also to the headmasters of schools that they should as far as possible, be strict ~~in~~ promoting pupils ~~in lower forms~~, so that large numbers of them need not be detained at the selection examination in the VI Form.

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To
The D.P.I.
2 spare copies.

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the D.P.I. is submitted for approval. The question of abolition of detention system as such is under separate consideration.

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Education and P.H.(G3) Department.

U.O.Note No. 12391-93/47-3 Edn. dated 11 -4 -1947.

EXAMINATIONS - S.S.L.C. - Selections - Detentions Abolition - Stiffening of promotions in lower forms.

This Department U.O.No.12391.G3/47-1.Edn. dated 13th February 1947.

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In the U.O. note mentioned above the D.P.I. was asked to examine and report, as early as possible why ~~after examining the question of issuing instructions to~~ Headmasters of schools should not be instructed to tighten up promotions ~~at the end of the each school year~~ in each class so as to give up the existing practice of detaining students from appearing for the S.S.L.C. examinations. The instructions were intended to be issued before the annual examinations of this year. The Director's reply has not yet been received. As the instructions should apply for promotions for this year, the D.P.I. may be asked U.O. to issue instructions to all headmasters of schools at once on the lines suggested in the U.O. Note read above and to send a copy of the circular so issued to Government for

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for information.

To the D.P.I.

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No.D.3444/47-E.I.
Government of India
Department of Education

New Delhi 3, the 20th June 1947.

25 JUL 1947

From

H.S. Verma, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India.

To

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

82245

Subject:- Detention of Students in Schools and Colleges - Request for abolition.

Sir,

P3 urgent

I am directed to forward for favour of disposal, a copy of a letter dated 17th May, 1947, from one Mr. G.S. Ramakrishna, General Secretary, Rajahmundry Students Congress, Madras, to the Hon'ble Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru, on the subject mentioned above.

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

'Raman'

Assistant Secretary.

JAI HIND

Copy of the letter dated the 17th May, 1947 from Mr. G.S. RamaKrishna, General Secretary, Rajahmandry, Students Congress, Madras, to the Hon'ble Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, Vice-President, Interim Government of India, New Delhi.

Every national leader strongly criticised the system of detention in Colleges and High Schools, but it is highly regretable to note, even when the congress is in power this mal-practice is still being continued against the Will of the students. And especially the students of Madras are highly disappointed, when the minister of Education, Madras , has publicly declared that the system of detention should be continued in future too. In the interest of the development of Education, is it not needful to abolish this mal-practice? At least to win the favour of the students--the Nation's back-bone -- this mal-practice must be abolished immediately. In the interest of the students, I request you to advise all the Congress Ministries to see that such a reform must be introduced in the present system of Education. If the ministries fail to do so, the students may be displeased with the Congress, and this may lead to choas in student-world.

Panditji, see that the youth of the day should not find fault with the Congress. ~~An I~~ Am requesting you to take immediate steps in this respect. "Jai Hind!"

'Raman'

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E&PH (G3)

Please see the copy of letter from the General Secretary, Rajahmundry Students Congress on p. 3 ante. Orders on the question of detention have been issued in G.O. No. 1322 Edn dt. 24/6/47. No action is called for on this. May be filed with the papers at (Y).

P21 cf (Y)

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U.O. reply No.RC.341 E/47

Office of D. P. I., Madras,
23rd April 1947.

SUB:-Examinations - S.S.L.C. - Detention system - Abolition -

A/ REF:-Government U.O.Note No.12391-G3/47-1, Education, dated 13-2-1947. p1 ante.

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Submitted.

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The question of detentions is a very important one and cannot be solved in a simple manner for the following, among other reasons:

(i) Even as it is the Headmasters are not promoting large numbers of students and with stricter standards things will become intolerable.

(ii) It will not be fair to adopt very strict conditions of promotion since boys can and do improve with a warning or warnings.

(iii) To adopt the policy of no detention will ruin all discipline especially in the present conditions. The students should know definitely that if they do not work hard they are liable to be detained. It is common knowledge how even now things are not quite as good in the third term in the examination going form as it is in the previous two terms.

This does not mean that I am for large detentions. The inspecting staff have all along been very earnest in advising just on the very lines suggested in the note and I do not think it is merely the cursedness of the Headmaster and his staff that things are as they are.

The fact is "detentions" is only one aspect of a big problem - namely, the efficiency and organisation of secondary schools. This aspect should be investigated fully and a radical remedy found. Otherwise we shall be merely exchanging one problem for another and in all probability getting deeper into the mire.

I may be permitted to mention that I have discussed this matter fully in my letter to Government R.C.No.1046-E/46 dated 18-7-46.

(X)

Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Edn & Pub Health Dept.

Copy of Rc.No.1046 E/46 dated 18th July 1946 of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras to the Secretary to Government Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH
2 MAY

S.S.L.C. - Detention of students for the S.S.L.C. Examination.

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In resubmitting the petition from the Old Boys' Association of the Board High School, Bapatla referred to me for remarks with Government Endorsement No. 30718 B1/46-1 dated 14-6-1946, I have the honour to state as follows:-

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2. The first thing to note is that the so called Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction do not exist. The only documents that may be regarded as having a bearing on this are G.O.No.Ms.742 dated 25-3-'38 and Proceedings No.401 - E/46 dated 2-4-46 and R.C.No.401 E/46 dated 9-4-46, copies of the last two of which are enclosed herewith. Neither the G.O. nor the Proceedings look upon detention at any stage as something that should not be, still less ought not to be, avoided. The view point is that detention is one that cannot be avoided and when that is so what should be the relation between the Headmaster and the department. In fact the Madras Educational Rules rightly enough does not contemplate a situation in which promotions are made or should be made rigorously but regulates only cases where there is "undue laxty" (rule 30) and even these are to be tolerated for some time in actual practice.

3. The letter under reference is a typical example of untruths and half truths which are prov~~isionally~~erbially worse than untruths and which only serve to cloud the real issues. The letter is supposed to contemplate what may be called an ideal state to attain which I am sure every headmaster would like to strive but which it is almost impossible at any rate in the immediate future to do.

4. No Educationist worth the name -- and he is far removed from a Saidst -- is anxious to detain a boy at any stage. Like every other "craftsman" he would be happy to pass on to the world every boy he is working at, as a finished product. But there are many difficulties in the way of his carrying out his desires, which contrast markedly his own position from that of other workers.

(i) Unlike the rest he has in practice a very limited freedom in the selection of his materials -- i.e. at the stage of admission and later. He cannot -- and I think he should not -- refuse a pupil simply because he does not come up to the highest or even a high standard. However he has to set up a minimum standard and even then he may have to make compromises.

Unlike other "materials", boys and girls in schools have to be treated, in the nature of things, as human beings, with compassion and not merely with Justice. As the work goes on, no teacher can at any stage reject a boy as unfit for his purposes with the same case with which for example a carpenter does a piece of timber which when sawn shows that there is a rot.

(ii) The pressure brought on the Headmasters and masters at the time of promotions is a factor which, however unseemly it may be, cannot be discounted.

(iii) Even in the case of good students it is not always possible to say whether they will reach a higher

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standard at the end of nine months work. This is all the more so in respect of borderline students.

(iv) Dealing as he does with boys and girls with whom he is in almost daily contact for a long time, the natural tendency of a Headmaster and teachers is to give the boy a chance in the next higher class and not to keep him back because he is just unfit for promotion; Optimism and charity are as strong as strictly scholastic ideas.

5. The above analysis leads to two or three results among the rest.

(i) While among the students detained in any particular class there are probably none that could use the facilities in the higher class to any advantage, it is not equally true that everyone who has been promoted is fit to use them. There are a good many on the border line, often more below than on it, and for the promoting of these the expectations of the Headmaster and his colleagues are the justification.

(ii) The result of the above is that at the last stage by a cumulative process, we have a definite number of persons in whose case, whatever may have been the excuse for promotion at early stages there cannot be a similar laxity in presentation for the final examination.

(iii) Any such laxity would result ultimately in making the public examination a really difficult matter and in ultimately reducing the standards. No examining body can fail a large number of students and faced by a large number of unfit candidates it can only lower the standards, otherwsie it will not survive Public criticism for any length of time.

6. It is imperative that the position of the Headmasters should not be weakened in any way.

(True Copy)

~~For Director of Public Instruction.~~

E.& P.H.(G.3)

Please see the u.o. note from the D.P.I. on p.9 ante. The remarks therein are with reference to the note of H.M.(Edn.) on p.1 ante sent to him for report. As the D.P.I. did not send his remarks until the first week of April 1947, and as the intructions in the matter were intended to be issued before the annual examinations of this year, the D.P.I. was asked early this month to send out a circular to all headmasters of schools on the lines suggested in the note of H.M.(Edn.) on p.1 ante and send a copy of the circular so issued to Govt. for information. The Director has not referred to this later reference, but has submitted his remarks now to the earlier reference issued to him in February ~~to which he did not send a reply when the latter reference was issued.~~ It would appear that the D.P.I. has not taken any action on the later instruction issued to him in the matter. The remarks of the D.P.I. would seem to suggest that it is not advisable to issue instructions as directed by the Govt. It is for orders whether the view of the D.P.I. will be accepted or whether he may be asked to carry out the orders already issued in the matter.

PP 7-8 ante

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PP 7-8 ante

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2. In this connection, it may be stated that the question of detentions which was before the Cabinet has been postponed - vide the note for the cabinet and the decision of the Cabinet at V. (The file on this ~~has been~~ was circulated to H.M.(Edn.) on 29-4-47.)

3. The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) for orders ~~in~~ with reference to A above. H.M.(Edn.) may perhaps discuss the matter with the D.P.I.

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S My views are similar to those of the D.P.I.: please see 'I' at V/2.

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G.O.S. 'before the Cabinet again, these further views, & the comments which H.M. (Edn.) will be recording on them now, may be taken note of, & the note for the Cabinet amplified accordingly.

Meanwhile I suggest that we need not insist on the D.P.I. issuing a circular on the lines advised previously.

E.S.(Ed)

H.M. (Edn.)

E & P.H. (G.3)

Please see the note for the Cabinet on pp. 15-18 c. of L.F. and the decision thereon at p. 19 c. of L.F. (p 19 c.f Top file) In view of the decision not to take any action on the question of abolition of detentions in examinations, there ~~is~~ seems to be no necessity to ask the D.P.I. to issue (instructions to the Headmasters of Schools) ~~[illegible]~~ suggested ante at pp 7-8 ~~c.f.~~. For orders whether he may be informed accordingly. Subject to orders, a draft u.o. note is subd. for approval. May be circulated to H.M (Edn).

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E.& P.H.(G.3)

The draft u.o. below need not issue.

Please see the orders ~~on~~ the L.F. (top file) (p 7 and of L.F. (Top file)) / ~~The~~ No separate action is called for on this file. The papers may be added to those in the L.F. top file

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Not to issue

E.& P.H.(G.3)

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~~In view of the decision of the Cabinet not to take in action on the subject of abolition of detentions in selection examinations.~~ The D.P.I. may be informed that ~~he need not issue~~ ~~thexinstructionsxcontained~~ instructions need not be issued to the headmasters of schools ~~on the lines~~ as suggested in this department U.O.No.12391-G3/47-1 Edn., dated 13.2.47.

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To
The D.P.I.