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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, M A D R A S.

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Sir,

R.O.P.53-B3/45-46 dated 12th January 1947.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION--Corporation of Madras--unsatisfactory position of the Education Department of the Corporation of Madras.

A copy of the report of the District Educational Officer,Madras, pointing out the irregularities of the Corporation in the matter of opening new schools and the unsatisfactory position of the Education Department of the Corporation is submitted to Government for such action as they consider fit.

R. Savoor

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Extracts from the Report of the District Educational Officer, Madras, Roc.No.379-C/46 dated 11.9.1946.

Budget Estimate--1946-47--Elementary Education Fund--Corporation of Madras--New proposals--Approval of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Ref:-The Director's Proceedings R.C.P.54-B3/46-46 dated 23.8.46.

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Generally, the Corporation does not observe the rules relating to the opening of new schools, or higher standards in the existing schools. In October, 1945, the Commissioner made a report about the opening of new schools in slum areas and the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura, wanted certain particulars regarding the new schools, and despite several reminders no reply has been received from the Corporation. It is therefore essential to insist that the Corporation should obtain prior approval in regard to the opening of each new school as the question of each school will have to be decided with reference to the needs of the locality. Further, in some cases the schools in slum areas, are away from the main school, and it may not be possible for the Headmaster of the main school to exercise supervision over the branch school; it is therefore suggested that in such cases the branch school may be treated as a separate entity and considered as a feeder school. Consultation with the Inspecting Officers is therefore necessary to settle such cases.

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2) In this connection I may state that prompt replies are not being received from the Corporation to this office references or to the references made by the Deputy Inspectors. The Government Education department has no knowledge of the transfer of teachers, even copies of transfer orders are not communicated to the Inspecting officers. Though the Commissioner is not required to consult the departmental officers in regard to appointments and transfers, yet it is necessary to keep the Government department informed of the position. Recently, a teacher who was working in an aided school, and whose work was considered unsatisfactory, was taken to the Corporation service, without consulting this department. Compulsion is not worked satisfactorily and the Corporation is not in a position to have the correct census of children of school-age in spite of the fact that the Corporation has a number of supervisers and also attendance checkers. The census work is left to the teachers and though the census ought to have been finished by the end of June, most of the schools have not finished even in July and the Corporation did not take any action. The Corporation with adequate supervising staff, feels that the collection of statistics and census is not the work of Corporation Officers. It is very doubtful whether the census figures are correct as there is no check. The supervising staff of the Corporation does not exercise any effective check in regard to the census work and the supervisers do not generally attend the meetings of the Attendance Committees. They can afford to flout the Deputy Inspector who is the President of the attendance Committee. The supervisers feel that they are better than the Deputy Inspectors. Rules relating to the grant of Recognition to Elementary Schools are not at all observed in many cases; the violation of rules may lead to surcharge if the matter is taken to the notice of the Examiner of Local Fund Accounts. Several suggestions have been made by the inspecting officers in the inspection reports but generally no action is taken. My predecessor(Sri T.P.Santhanakrishna Naidu) reported cases of falsification of attendance registers in two cases and I recently reported a case in which a teacher was actually found sleeping in the class. Disciplinary action taken by the Corporation in such cases is not communicated to the Inspecting Officers; it is not known whether any disciplinary

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action has been taken. Recently, on the 23rd August, 1946, I interviewed the Commissioner and mentioned some of these, but I understood, that the Commissioner, who is a very busy man, does not see all the papers (it is also not possible) and much is done by the Educational Officer, and though the Commissioner instructed him (the Educational Officer) to intimate to the Inspecting Officers, the action taken on the Inspecting Officer's reports including disciplinary action, he has not yet done it. The Educational Officer is very much upset by the procedure prescribed by the Director of Public Instruction regarding the mode of correspondence - vide Dis. 1869/43 dated 3.5.1943. So he tries to avoid consultation. I strongly feel that the present Educational Officer has a mentality not to consult the inspecting officers even in regard to cases required under the rules, and also to disregard the suggestions of the inspecting officers; the present Educational Officer considers that his position and status is better than a District Educational Officer's and that it is derogatory for him to correspond with the Deputy Inspectors of Schools. He is rather running a parallel Education Department. The real fact is, that the present incumbent being a non-official, does not care for the department as long as he has got the support of the councillors. I understand that this was the case even in my predecessor's time, but I feel that the present position is not quite satisfactory and with the present state of affairs, it is really difficult to enforce the rules of compulsion in the city and for the Government Inspecting Officers to do any constructive work in the Corporation schools. The Corporation is spending a very large amount, ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ but it is very doubtful, whether adequate return is received for the money spent. I have visited a number of Corporation Schools, and their working cannot be considered very satisfactory. Aided schools do better work; the aided schools are afraid of the cut in the grant, so teachers do work.

/True Extract/.

R. Narasimha
For Director of Public Instruction.

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E & H Dept.

G.O No. 973 Edn dy 25.6.41, with reference to which the case is to be dealt with has been called for from M.R.O Chittoor. This may be over till 4.2.47

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E & H Dept.

R.O. 3670-B2/47-1 Edn dy. 10.2.47

My dear Shenoy,

Sub: Administration of Corporation Elementary Schools.

I am to forward a copy of a letter No. ROP 53-B3/45-46 dy 2/12.1.47 from the Director of Public Instn on the subject mentioned above with enclosures and to request you to submit a report on the matter

Yours Sincerely,

To
J.P.L Shenoy Esq I.C.S
Commissioner
Corporation of Madras
(with copy of letter + enclosures)

Edn + B H depts

D.O. 3670-B2/47-2 Edn dt. 19.3.47

Dear Sir/Mr. Narasimhan,

Sub: Elr Edn - Corporation of Madras - Administration of Schools

I am to invite your attention to ~~my good~~ D.O. 3670-B2/47 Edn dt 10.2.47 addressed to ~~Mr.~~ J.P.L. Sherory ~~Esq I.C.S.~~ + ~~to request you~~ to ~~expedite~~ enquire ~~Mate~~ when a reply may be expected.

Yours Sincerely,

17/3/47

To
Rao Sahib
Sri V.C. Narasimham MA BL
Offg Commissioner
Corporation of Madras

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
25 MAR 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

CORPORATION OF MADRAS
Ripon Buildings,

Madras, 24th March '47

Dear Mr.Subrahmanyam,

Sub: Budget Estimate - 1946-47 - Elementary Education Fund - Corporation of Madras - Report of the District Educational Officer, Madras.

Ref: Your D.O.No.3670-B2/47-1-Edn. dated 10-2-47 enclosing a copy of a letter No.R.O.C.53-B3/45-46 dated 12-1-47 from the Director of Public Instruction and D.O. reminder dated 10-2-47

I have examined carefully the irregularities pointed out by the District Educational Officer, Madras in his report to the Director of Public Instruction in certain matters relating to the Education Department of the Corporation.

2. The District Educational Officer states that the rules relating to the opening of new schools or higher standards in existing schools are not observed by the Corporation and that particulars wanted by the Divisional Inspectors of schools were not furnished in spite of reminders. 15 branch schools were opened during the year 1945-46 in 15 slum areas in the city and sanction to open them was accorded except in two cases viz., the schools in Oddar hutting ground and Brislee Nagar by the District Educational Officer in his letter R.O.C.No.452 (C) 46 dated 7-5-1946 subject to the approval of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura. The particulars required by the Divisional Inspector of Schools in respect of the new schools referred to above including the two for which the District Educational Officer refused sanction were furnished to him through the District Educational Officer on 29-10-1946. The opening of two schools in Oddar hutting ground and Brisbe Nagar was found necessary in the interest of children residing in those slums. The question of recognising them and the 13 schools for which the District Educational Officer has accorded sanction as feeder schools is still pending with the Divisional Inspector of Schools. With regard to the opening of higher standards in the existing schools it has to be stated that such higher standards were opened in six Corporation Schools during 1945-46. The District Educational Officer accorded sanction in the case of one boys' school viz., Corporation Muslim Boys' School, Dadashamakhan and for the remaining five Girls' Schools the Inspectress of Schools accorded sanction in her letter R.O.C.No.75 D/46 dated 30-7-1946.

3. The attitude of the District Educational Officer and his Deputy Inspectors was sometimes not helpful to the expansion of Elementary Education. Here is an instance. One of the slum schools was opened on 27-3-1946 in Semmenpettah, Division No.21. The District Educational Officer in his letter R.C.No.488/C/46 dated 6-12-46 requested that the Corporation school might be closed down as being detrimental to the interests of the S.B.M.Elementary School, Kilpauk. The branch school was opened in that locality in order to provide instruction for about 60 children of elementary school-going-age who were not under instruction in that area. In fact the mission school has not been, in the least, affected as most of the children who were admitted in the Corporation school were drawn from Lockcheri and Mental Hospital slum and not from Semmipettah area itself. Although there is a real necessity to open a Corporation Branch School there, the then Government Inspecting authorities did not view the matter in the interest o the spread of compulsory elementary education in slum areas. Th

The necessity of this school has been further explained to the District Educational Officer and his sanction for the opening of the school is awaited.

4. The District Educational Officer has reported that replies to his references are not being furnished by the Corpora--tion promptly. Replies requiring statistics, numerical or financial have to be furnished only after collecting necessary figures from the several Corporation schools and from other departments of the Corporation. Certain delay in such cases is unavoidable. I shall see that such particulars are furnished in the future as quickly as possible. I may, however, bring to your notice that the then District Educational Officer and the Deputy Inspector of Schools called from the Corporation statistics and particulars which could not be furnished easily. The District Educational Officer, Madras in his letter R.C.No.529 (C) dated 7-5-1946 stated that statistics of adult illiterates in the City of Madras were called for by the Director of Public Instruction, Madras and that particulars were obtained with the help of the teachers in the city. But as there was a vast difference in the consolidated figures and the census figures of 1941, he wanted me to arrange to collect particulars of the number of illiterate adults in the city, males and females separately, between the ages of 18 and 40 and furnish the same to his office. In the first instance the services of the Corporation school teachers were utilised by the Dy. Inspectors without any reference to the Commis--sioner. The then District Educational Officer/the Deputy Inspector of Schools failed to obtain the permission of the Commissioner before ordering the Corporation teachers to attend to this work. As the statistics called for by the District Educational Officer had to be collected, he was requested to organise the census opera--tions with the help of the Corporation teachers and the staff of non- Corporation schools as well.

5. Another charge of the District Educational Officer against the Corporation Education Department is that transfers of teachers in the Corporation schools are not being communicated to the Government Education Department. The Education Department of the Corporation has been functioning as a separate department of the Corporation for the past 25 years and the transfers of its teachers from one school to another have never been communicated to the Government Education Department till this date. I do not think that any useful purpose will be served by communicating such transfers to the Government Education Department and the District Educational Officer himself has admitted in his report that the Corporation is under no obligation to report such matters to the officers of the Government Education Department. During the interview the District Educational Officer had with the Commissioner on 23-8-1946 this was discussed and made clear to him. The District Educational Officer had reported that a teacher of an aided school whose work was considered unsatisfactory was taken to the Corporation service without consulting the Government Education Department. Presumably the District Educational Officer refers to the appointment of P.C.Ayyanna who was working in the aided Mission School, Odder--palayam. This school was diminishing in strength and attendance during the period of its management by the Mission and in response to an appeal from the local people the Corporation opened a school of its own taking over the staff of the above Mission School including P.C.Ayyanna. The staff of this school has been doing good work in the matter of enlisting pupils etc., and I understand from my Educational Officer that there is nothing to complain against the work and conduct of Ayyanna.

6. The District Educational Officer has observed that

that compulsion is not worked satisfactorily by the Corpora--tion, that the census figures which should have been furnish--ed by the end of June were not furnished even in July and that the Corporation officers think that the collection of statistics is not their work. It is true that compulsion is not worked satisfactorily but there are certain handicaps which the Corporation has been experiencing in the working of the Elementary Education Act. Suggestions were made to Government in this office letter E.D.C.No.3707/45 dated 21-8-1945 to amend certain rules so that compulsion may be made more effective and the matter is still pending with the Government. Unless the existing rules are amended suitably it is difficult to secure satisfactory results. Efforts are made to enforce compulsion as effectively as possible under the existing difficulties. The present strength of our schools is 54,756 which marks an increase of 7,551 over the strength in 1945-46.

7. Regarding census, it has to be stated that since the formation of Attendance Committee, the work of taking census is being done under the direction of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools who are the ex-officio Presidents of the Committees. The work is being carried on jointly by the Corporation teachers and the aided school teachers. If there had been any delay in collecting the necessary statistics by any Headmaster of a Corporation School, the matter should have been reported to the Supervisors of the Corporation schools who are the Secretaries of the Attendance Committees for taking disciplinary action against the defaulting teachers I have instructed my Educational Officer and Supervisors to see that such statistics are collected by the Headmasters correctly and promptly in future.

8. The Corporation cannot claim that the census figures are correct as the public are under no obligation to furnish the particulars required by a teacher and rules in this behalf will have to be framed by the Government under the Madras Elementary Education Act in order to compel parents to give correct information about their children. This defect was brought to the notice of Government and a draft rule was suggested in paragraph 4 of my letter to Government E.D.C. No.C-1-3707/45 dated 23-8-45 and orders of Government are awaited.

9. The charge that the Corporation officers do not think that census is one of their legitimate items of work is not true. The Attendance checkers appointed only in the year 1944 at the instance of the Corporation are intended more to bring in children without instruction than to serve notices on the defaulting parents. Their task is to go round parti--cularly in slum areas and make the children not attending school to get themselves admitted into schools. In view of their limited number, the Corporation officers viz., Supervi--sors and 4 Attendance Checkers cannot be expected to engage themselves in census work and produce satisfactory results. As a matter of fact with a view to enforce compulsion more effectively the Corporation in its Budget for 1946-47 sanction--ed the appointment of 16 Attendance Checkers after mature consideration but unfortunately for want of funds the proposal had to be dropped. It may be pointed out in this connection that out of the four Attendance Committees for boys' schools, only two for the South Range functioned and the other two committees for the North Range did not function and the then District Educational Officer did not take any action to speed up the work connected with census operations though the matter was brought to his notice. The District Educational Officer has remarked that the Supervisors of the Corporation schools feel that they are of better status than that of the Deputy Inspectors of schools and that they do not attend the

Attendance Committees. My own impression is that Deputy Inspectors of Schools do not inspire confidence in the Supervisors of the Corporation Schools. I have directed the Supervisors to attend the meetings of the Attendance Committees regularly and the District Educational Officer may promptly bring to my notice if any Supervisor fails to attend such meetings.

10. The District Educational Officer has reported that rules relating to the grant of recognition to elementary schools are not at all observed in many cases by the Corporation Education Department. This remark is not substantiated by facts and is of a general nature and no specific instance of such violation of rules has been cited by the District Educational Officer. He was probably having in mind the rule which requires that 25% of the children reading in Standard I should be found in Standard V. As a result of representation made to the Director of Public Instruction this rule has been slightly modified so as to exclude the scheduled class children reading in Standard I. This by itself will not be very helpful. There are various other obstacles in the way of maintaining the proportion of 25% of strength of Standard I in Standard V. These were explained at length in paragraph 7 of this office letter to Government E.D.C.No.C.1/3707/45 dated 23-8-45 but no orders of Government have yet been received in the matter.

11. The District Educational Officer has remarked that disciplinary action taken against persons found responsible for falsification of accounts in two cases and against a teacher found sleeping in the class was not communicated to the Inspecting Officers by the Corporation. This is not correct. The two teachers who had marked false attendance of pupils were each fined Rs.3/- by me and the matter was communicated to the District Educational Officer by the Educational Officer of the Corporation in his letter E.D.C.No. A.1.3665/46 dated 18-11-1946 and 8-2-47 and similarly the punishment awarded to the teacher who was found sleeping in the class was communicated to the District Educational Officer by the Educational Officer of the Corporation in his letter E.D.C.No.A-1-2396/46 dated 28-8-46. There was some delay in awarding punishments in these cases and my Educational Officer has been directed to be prompt in submitting such cases for my orders.

12. The District Educational Officer insists that correspondence relating to Educational matters should be between the District Educational Officer and the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras and he is against my Educational Officer corresponding directly with him. There are numerous instances where the previous District Educational Officers were addressing the Corporation Educational Officer directly. It was only after 1942 that the question of correspondence cropped up. The Educational Officer is a Statutory Officer of the Corporation appointed by the Council under Section 85 of the Madras City Municipal Act with the approval of the Government. As the Head of the Education Department he has to contact the Government Education Department on all matters relating to the administration of his department. In the midst of various duties and obligations cast upon the Commissioner under the Madras City Municipal Act, it is not possible for him to go into every detail and correspond with the District Educational Officer. I shall address the Government shortly in this matter.

13. The impressions of the District Educational Officer regarding the Corporation schools do not seem to have been based on facts. Many of these schools have fared excellently well as compared with the aided schools in the city at the E.S.L.C. Examination. The reports of inspecting officers on the inspection of our schools with very few exceptions speak well of the instruction and general condition of schools. There is no proper understanding between the Inspecting officers of the Corporation and those of the Government Education Department. That in my opinion is responsible for charges being levied by one and counter charges by another. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Madras in his proceedings No.653-H2/4∅6 dated 15-1-47 and 27-1-47 allotted 2161 cases of biscuits for free distribution to elementary school children in the city and to children

of expectant and nursing mothers through the Child Welfare Centres in the city. The District Educational Officer, Madras was requested in letter E.D.C.No.D.1.477/47 dated 8-2-47 to instruct the Deputy Inspectors of Schools to furnish the number of children attending aided schools in the City and to make arrangements for distribution of biscuits to all the aided elementary schools. The Deputy Inspectors of schools were accordingly instructed by the District Educational Officer Madras to see the Educational Officer in his office on 17-2-47. But none of them except the Deputy Inspector of Schools, South Range, met the Educational Officer, Corporation of Madras who had necessarily to make all the arrangements for distribution of biscuits to children of aided schools also. This does not show that the Inspecting Officers of the Government Education Department co-operate with the officers of the Education Department of the Corporation. Unless there is hearty co-operation between these two departments on all matters relating to the imparting of elementary education, it is difficult to make any appreciable progress in the spread of elementary education. The District Educational Officer can send confidential reports to me if there is any serious defect, irregularity or delay in matters relating to our Elementary Schools. I shall always give my prompt and personal attention to such matters if brought to my notice. I have directed my Educational Officer and his supervisory staff to give their best co-operation to the officers of the Government Education Department and to furnish statistics etc., promptly.

I request that suitable instructions may kindly be issued to the officials of the Government Education Department to reciprocate and extend their co-operation to our officers in the interest of the expansion of Elementary Education.

Yours sincerely,

C. Narasimhan

To

M.V.Subrahmaniam Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.,
Fort St.George, Madras.

(9) E+8 H Dept

D.O. No. 3670-B2/47-3 Edn dt 29.3.47

My dear Savoor,

Subj: Administration of Corporation Elementary schools

Ref: your No. R.O.P. 53-B3/45-46 dt 12.1.47

I am to forward a copy of the D.O dt 24.3.47 from Sri C. Narasimham Commr. Corporation of Madras on the subject for ~~and to request you to offer~~ your remarks

Yours Sincerely

Dr S.R.V. Savoor
M A; D Sc, I E S
D. P. I
Madras

(under copy of H.9-13)

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D.O. No. 3670-B2/47-4 Edn dt 2.5.47

My dear Sawoor

Subj: Administration of corporation Elementary schools

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I am to invite your attention to my D.O. No. 3670-B2/47-3 dt 29.3.47 and to enquire when a reply may be expected.

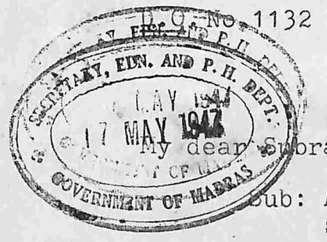
Yours sincerely

To

Dr S.R.V. Sawoor
M.A., DSc, IES
D.P.I
Madras

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D.O.No.1132 B2/47. Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras 6, Dated 16th May 1947.



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My dear Subramanian,

Sub: Administration of Corporation Elementary schools.

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Please see your D.O.No.3670-B2/47-4, Education, dated 2nd May 1947. The papers have been referred to the District Educational Officer, Madras for urgent remarks. He has also been reminded. I shall send my reply as soon as the report is received.

Yours sincerely,

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To

M.V.Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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D.O. Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Cathedral P.O.,Madras, Dated 26th June 1947.

Dear Mr.Subramanian,

Sub: Administration of Corporation Elementary Schools.

Ref: Your D.O.No.3670-B2/47-5, Education, dated 20th June 1947.

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A reply to the reference has been submitted to-day.

Yours sincerely,

To

M.V.Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

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Education Department

From (Name) Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A.(Oxon), M.B.E.,
Designation Director of public Instruction.
Station Madras.

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To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
27 JUN 1947

Enclosures:

Rc. No. 1132-B2./47, dated 17-6-- 1947.

Sir,

Sub:- Corporation of Madras - Administration of Corporation Elementary Schools.

Ref:- Your D.O.No.3670-B2/47-3, Edn., dated 29-3-1947.

With reference to the above D.O., I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the remarks of the District Educational Officer, Madras along with that of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura Division on the points raised by the Commissioner.

2) The Commissioner may be advised to see that his educational staff co-operate with the Government Educational staff in the matter of administration of elementary Schools. He may also be informed that , in regard to the opening of new schools, it would be better for the Corporation to consult the District Educational Officer in the first instance . In regard to transfers of teachers it is desirable that copies of all transfer orders are communicated to the District Educational Officer for information and the Commissioner may be

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instructed accordingly.

3) The suggestion of the Divisional Inspector of Schools that the Corporation Educational Officer should be a person lent from the Government Educational Service instead of being a non-official as at present is commended for the consideration of Government.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Office of the District Educational Officer, M a d r a s .
N.Roc.No.218 C/47 dated 16--4--1947.

Sub: Corporation of Madras -- Administration of Corporation Elementary schools (Elementary Education Fund -- Budget-estimate for 1946-47 --)

Ref: N.Roc.No.1132 B2/47 dated 3-4-47 of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras --

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Submitted to the Divisional Inspector of schools, Madura division Madura for favour of including his remarks and submit the same to the Director.

2. Before offering general remarks I give below certain details on the various points referred to in the D.O.

3. Opening of new school(Para 2)-- It would have been for more easy if the opening of new schools was done in consultation with the District Educational Officer before the schools were actually opened. The details required by the Divisional Inspector in his Rc.No.83M/46 dated 16.5.46 were furnished by the Commissione only on 29.10.46. And this was done after 5 reminders from this office.

4. Attitude of the Dt. Educational Officer -- not helpful. (Para 3) It seems strange that the Commissioner states in this manner when it is apparent that he himself does not take care to consult the Dt. Educational Officer when opening of new schools is considered. Instead of opening schools in localities chosen by him and then ask for permission and then delay in the matter of furnishing details the whole thing could have been made easily and quick if the Commissioner was only anxious and eager to get the help cooperation, advice and suggestion of the District Educational Officer. When the Commissioner did not show any readines to consult the Dt. Educational Officer there is no point in meerely alleging that the District Educational Officer was not helpful. The Dt. Educational Officer is and has always been ready and eager to help his best in expanding and improving elementary education. All the schools have now been recommended and the schools may be recognised (Please vide this office Rc.No.552 C/45 dated 16.4.47)

5. It is very pleasing to note that the Commissioner has agreed to see that (Para 4) furnishing of particulars and details will be done in future as quickly as possible. The Dt. Educationa Officer also can assure the Commissioner that in future any information called for will be done through the Commissioner with the request that he would issue instructions to teachers to furnish the same quickly.

6. In para 5 the Commissioner states that there is no need to send a copy of transfers etc. to the Dt. Educational Officer. It is true that the Commissioner need not consult or take into consideration the advice of the Dt. Educational Officer or the Deputy Inspector of schools in the matter of transfers. But as a matter of courtesy the Commissioner may send a copy of the transfer orders to the Dt. Educational Officer or the Deputy Inspector. It may be that the Dt. Educational Officer when he visits elementary schools see one teacher here today and the next day the teacher is found in another school. The Deputy Inspector who conducts the annual inspection is faced with a similar situation. The exact relationship between the Corporation office who are managers and administrative superiors and the Government educational Officers who are Technical advisers, has to be decided clearly in black and white. Otherwise this sort of mutual allegations will go on and temporary calm may prevail for sometim more due to the character and temperament of the particular perso then in office. I suggest therefore that in all matters of new

appointments if teachers from aided schools are appointed, the Dt. Educational Officer has to be informed of the same. Also though there is no need to consult the Dt. Educationl Officer, in matters of transfer a copy of transfer order may be sent to the Deputy Inspector. This does not in any way lower the prestige of the Corporation but it may help to increase the courtesy to be shown to the Dy. Inspector and Dt. Educational Officer. As regards the particular individual teacher it is quite likely that a teacher who was indifferent in his work, while in an aided school, should have shown good work. There are certainly psychological reasons for the same and it is but natural his work should be such that there is no-thing to complain.

7. I quite agree that the entire scheme of compulsion may be put in the hands of the corporation. The problem of aided schools has to be solved. In some wards at least the corporation may try a scheme of amalgamating with the aided schools so that in the course of five or ten years the entire elementary education may be completely in the hands of the corporation.

8. Paras 7 and 8 deal with census: The corporation has to be empowered to get full and correct census figures.

9. The alleged remarks of the Dt. Educational Officer that the Corporation officers feel that they are of a better status than the Deputy Inspectors and the Commissioner's opinion that the Deputy Inspectors do not inspire confidence such mutual exchanges could have been easily avoided if there had been more of personal and social contest among the officers. I am trying to see that such things do not happen and that more healthy traditions are built up.

10. I feel that no useful purpose will be served by my quoting instances wherein the rules were not observed -- as for instance, a school whose recognition expired on 31.5.46, renewal was applied for only on 10.1.47 and that too after several reminders from the Deputy Inspector and from the Dt. Educational officer. The branch school at Semmanpettah was opened without the knowledge of the Deputy Inspector and with no intimation even about the same. The Deputy Inspector says that he noticed the school in the course of his visit. When such is the case I do not feel that the allegation about the Dt. Educational Officer's attitude is justifiable, when the attitude of the Corporation is something like feeling that these rules are something like limitations on their own rights and prerogatives in the matter.

11. It is pleasing to note that that the Commissioner has instructed the Educational Officer to be prompt in future. For the District Educational Officer's visit on 30-6-1945 and 17-7-1945 the action taken was replied by the Commissioner on 18-11-1946 and 8-2-1947 and that too after several reminders. At the time when the District Educational Officer wrote, that is on 11-9-1946 the reply of the Commissioner dated 28-8-1946 (which was received only on 30-9-1946) was not in the hands of the then District Educational Officer and hence the remarks.

12. As regards the procedure in correspondence, the very fact that the Commissioner insists that the Corporation Educational Officer cannot sign "for Commissioner", seems to be somewhat in the nature of standing on one's own dignity. One cannot feel wherein lies the loss of dignity if the Corporation Educational Officer signs for Commissioner." This has been the subject of correspondence for some years and recently the Director has stated that as the correspondent of the schools the Commissioner alone can write and the Educational Officer signs for the Commissioner. Evidently the Corporation Educational Officer feels that his prestige and dignity is lowered by such an action. I am far from suggesting that this should be insisted. Personally I feel that this wrangling may

be put an end to and that the Corporation Educational Officer may be empowered to write individually in his own official capacity and that he may be called the Correspondent. As the present Divisional Inspector who was then the District Educational Officer, Madras knows more details of this matter, he may be pleased to write more fully on this.

13. I quite agree that there is no proper and cordial understanding between the Government Educational Officers and the Corporation Educational Officers. This can be easily evidenced by the incident referred to in thelast para (13) of the D.O.-- Regarding the non-attendance of the Deputy Inspector at the meeting for distribution of biscuits. The Deputy Inspector seems to have misunderstood the arrangements.

14. I must say that I am equally anxious as the Commissioner himself, that reciprocal Co-operation coupled with ~~the~~ regard is established between the two sets of workers in the cause of education. And I for my part I can assure my superiors that there will be nothing lacking in our efforts to work in harmony - and goodwill. I do hope that all this analysis of past events and incidents as is going on in correspondence will and for even, and that the future relationship will be more happily started and built.

SD .x.x.x.
District Educational Officer, Madras.

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Copy of the letter L.Dis.187-E.1/47, dated 11-5-1947 of the Divisional Inspector Madura Division.

Ref:- N.Rc.1132-B2/47, dated 3-4-1947 of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sub:- Corporation of Madras - Administration of Corporation elementary Schools - Ely. Education Fund - Budget Estimate(for 1946-47)

Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

2. I strongly endorse all the remarks of theDistrict Educational Officer except para 12. The Commissioner is the recognised correspondent of the schools and as such all correspondence should be carried on only in the name of the Commissioner. This question has been discussed several times and there is no need to revise the orders already passed by the Director. The Educational Officer, Corporation, may sign'for Commissioner'; there is nothing derogatory in it.

3. In this case, the plain fact is that there was no difficulty as long as theEducational Officer used to be a Government servant (persons lent from the Government service) and there was heaty co-operation between the Madras District Educational Officer and the Corporation Educational Officer, because the Corporation Educational Officer (a Government Servant) used to look to the Government Education Department for support. The difficulty began to arise when a non-official was first appointed as Corporation Educational Officer and he did not care for the Government Educational Officers as his future depended on the Corporation Councillors - this is the plain fact and I can say from personal experience as District Educational Officer, Madras that the Corporation Educational Officer (Mr. Sankaran) did not care for the Government Education Department and he used to speak very lightly of the Deputy Inspector of Schools. Experience has sufficiently shown that the Corporation Education Officer should be a person lent from Government Educational Service and a non-official should never be appointed to the post in future.

SD. x.x.x.
Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Madura Division.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Administration of Corporation of Madras - Education department.

p1 cf — From 1) The D.P.I R.O P 53-B3/45-46 dt 12.1.47
p4 cf — 2) The commissioner, Corporation of Madras D.O dt 24.3.47
p25 cf — 3) The D.P.I No. 1132-B2/47 dt 17.6.47

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Orders as 1790 Edn dt 9/8/47

* Recorded.

2. An extract from the remarks of the D.P.I in his letter read above is forwarded to the Commissioner Corporation of Madras. He is requested to see that the instructions made therein are carried out in future and that the action taken in pursuance of the suggestions should be reported to Govt.

the steps taken to implement the suggestions

for letter R. 1132-B2/47 dt 17.6.47

the Commr Corpn of Madras (with an extract of para 2 at p25 cf)

Secy to P.I

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From

Sri Rao Sahib C. NARASIMHAM, M.A.,B.L.,
Commissioner,
Corporation of Madras.

To

THE SECRETARY
To The Government of Madras,
Education & Pub. Health Department,
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
9 - OCT 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

E.D. C. No. A.1.3362 of 1947, Dated 4-10-47 Through the Mayor of Madras.

Enclosures: No.

Sir,

Subject:— Administration - Corporation of Madras - Education Department.

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Ref: G.O.Ms.1790 Education, dated 9-8-1947.

The District Educational Officer, Madras is usually consulted before any new school is started and his sanction is obtained for opening it. A few slum schools which satisfied the usual conditions for recognition were opened in anticipation of sanction in the interest of Elementary Education. In future previous sanction of the District Educational Officer will be obtained in each case.

2 - C. 3089 - B2/47.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION 12 OCT 1947 MADRAS

2. Transfer of teachers is effected in the interest of service and as punishment in some cases. Copies of transfer orders sent to District Educational Officer are not likely to serve any useful purpose and the Government may be pleased not to insist upon copies of transfer orders being sent to the District Educational Officer.

N. Venkatarao
For Commissioner. 4.10.47.

Forwarded.

T. Seendara Rao Naidu
Mayor. 7.10.47.

svs.4.10.47.

Edn & P. H. Deptt (B2)
Endt No. 80467-B2/47 Edn dt 10.10.47

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks

J. P. Kellett
Asst Secretary to Govt

To
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPTT. 27 FEB 1948

R.C.No. 3089 B2/47. Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, 24--2--1948.

Sub: Administration - Corporation of Madras - Education Dept.

Read.- Letter EDC No. [illegible]/47, dated 4-10-47 from the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras.
2. Endorsement No. 80467-B2/47, dated Edn., dated 10-10-47 from the Govt. Edn & P.H. Department.

p. 2 and

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Resubmitted.

2. The copies of the orders transferring teachers are only for the information of the Department. It is not proposed to interfere with the transfers or encroach on the powers of the Commissioner, but itmay be necessary to bring to the notice of Government if frequent and purposeless transfers are effected without caring for the interests of the schools. And for this purpose it will be necessary to watch the transfers. Hence it is suggested that the Government may insist upon the Commissioner complying with the orders of Government passed in G.O. Ms 1790 Edn., dated 9-8-1947.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

To
The Secretary to Govt., Edn & P.H. Department,
MADRAS.

P.R.K. 25/2/48

Edn & H (B2)

Cno. 53091. from the DPI, Rc. No. 11320₂/47 dt 17.6.47

The correspondence in the C.F. relates to the criticisms ~~of~~ the Education dept ~~audits~~ on administration of elementary schools by the Corporation of Madras and the reply of the Commissioner to the criticisms. The Director in offering his remarks on the reply of the Commissioner has made some suggestions. These may be communicated to the Coonor for ~~Corporation~~ information & necessary action.

At A on p. 26 Cf, the Director suggests that the recruitment to the post of the EOI officer should be made from the officers of the education department lent on foreign service terms. Submitted that the post of the educational officer is ~~now~~ permanently held by Sri N. Sankaran ~~and~~ who is now on other duty as ~~Deputy~~ Deputy Coonor. The Lady Superintendent of schools is holding additional charge of the post of Educational officer. It is not known how long Sri Sankaran will be on other duty. ~~Even if he is temporarily~~ (vacancy in the post of the EOI office should be filled ~~in by temporarily~~ by the loan of an officer of the education dept, the corporation may have to be consulted. Perhaps the D.P.I does not intend that ~~such~~ that action should be taken in this regard. Attention is invited to the note with Rc. No. 9738nd. 25-6-47. A draft order is submitted. Lr. may see before circulation

No action or reference to this is necessary

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May be perused & returned to E+P.H Secn.

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22.7.47

E. & H. H.

Ed Brd Dept

The file may be circulated to HTM for approval of draft order.

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The report makes some serious allegations. In the draft memo, the Corporation may be asked to report the steps they have taken in carrying out the suggestions made by the D.P.I.

With regard to 'F' in the report, the Commissioner may be asked to report the action taken against the persons responsible for the falsification of attendance registers and the case in which the teacher was actually found sleeping in the class.

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TSA 29.7.47

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT. 29 JUL 1947 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

H.M.Education.

A above

A sentence has been added to the draft

B above

In para 11 of his letter on p. 12 of the Commissioner has reported that punishments were awarded to teachers who were responsible for the falsification of accounts and against the teacher who was found sleeping in the class. H.M does not apparently intend that copies of the orders should be called for.

HM's attention may be invited to this; & also with this action is being.

For orders as to the issue of the draft with the addition made

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