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E & P.H. **(194 7) Department.**

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G.O. NO. 2391 Education.

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Dated 6th November, 1947.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Schools - Elementary and Secondary and Colleges - Proposal to increase the number of working days - Deferred.

Back Papers.

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Memo No. 52912 A/46-1 Edn dt 16-9-[illegible]

Colleges – Number of working days –

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The D.P.I is requested to furnish information regarding the average number of working days and holidays in a year in

(a) Arts and Science colleges,
(b) Engineering colleges,
(c) Other technical institution
(d) Secondary schools
+ (e) Elementary schools

He is also requested to furnish as far as possible similar information relating to educational instit

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foreign Countries such as U.K. and U.S.A.

16/9/46

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To D.P.I.

18.9.46

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
31 OCT 1946
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To the Secretary, E & P.H.

Agitation has been made amongst teachers that the number of working days now in force in this Province are too much. As far as I know from the talks that I have had from those who have been educated in foreign countries, our holidays are already too many and we are working less number of days than in other countries. In any case, I think, this matter must be investigated. The D. P. I. may be asked to furnish figures about the number of working days in other countries.

(1) for elementary schools.

(2) for secondary schools.

(3) for colleges, and

(4) for Technical institutions.

T. S. A. 2.9.46.
H. M. Education.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
C 7171 E4/46
14 SEP 1946
MADRAS

May be sent to the DPI u.o. for furnishing the information required by HM (Edn) in regard~~ing~~ to Secondary Education

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D.P.I. (u.o.)

E. & PH U.O. No. 52865-B1/46-1 Edn
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It would appear that Secondary Schools in England work for about 185 to 190 days in a year.

S. R. U. Savoor 28/10/46.
D.P.I.

Edn & PH (B1) Dept.

Rc. 7171-E-4/46
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May be circulated to H.M. (Education).

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No.D.4198/46-E.II.
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
New Delhi, October 31, 1946.

Dear Avinashilingam,

Please refer to my D.O. letter dated 25th July, 1946, regarding hours of work in Colleges and Laboratories abroad. I now enclose a statement giving the information on the points mentioned therein, with an indication of the sources from which it has been collected. I hope this will serve your purpose.

With apologies for the delay,

Yours sincerely,

(D.M.Sen).

The Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avinashilingam Chettiar, M.L.A.,
Education Minister,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George,
Madras.

UNITED KINGDOM

The University of London.

Teaching Session - 29 weeks 2 days.

Ist Term - 5th October to 14th December - 71 days

2nd Term - 9th January to 19th March - 70 days

3rd Term - 23rd April to 15th June - 64 days

Total 205 days

or 29 weeks 2 days

Ref: University Calendar for 1939-40.

The University of Oxford.

Teaching Session - 24 weeks.

1st Term - 14th October to 8th December - 56 days

2nd Term - 21st January to 17th March - 56 days.

3rd Term - 29th April to 23rd June - 56 days

Total 168 days
or 24 weeks.

Ref. Oxford University Calendar, 1945.

The University of Cambridge.

Teaching Session - 32 weeks and 6 days.

1st Term - The Michaelmas Term-1st Oct. to 19th Dec. 80 days.

2nd Term - The Lent Term - 5th January to 25th March. 80 days

3rd Term - The Easter Term- 16th April to 24th June 70 days

230 days
or 32 weeks & 6 days.

Ref: The Students Handbook to the University and Colleges of Cambridge: Supplement for 1945-46.

Number of hours in the Laboratory works.

University of Birmingham.

Chemistry Laboratory works between 9-30 to 5-0 every day except on Saturdays when it is closed at 1-0 P.M.

Ref: Regulations and Syllabus: Faculty of Science, 1945-46.

The United Kingdom.

The University of Birmingham.

Teaching Session - 29 weeks.

Winter term - first October to 15th December - 10 weeks
Spring term - 15th January to 30th March - 10 weeks.
Summer term - 30th April to 6th July - 9 weeks
Total 29 weeks.

Ref: Regulations and Syllabus 1945-46; Faculty of Arts.

The University of Aberdeen.

Teaching Session - 30 weeks.

Winter term -16th October to 21st December - 67 days
Spring term -15th January to 22nd March - 67 days
Summer term -16th April to 21st June - 76 days
Total 210 days
or 30 weeks.

Ref: University Calendar; Faculty of Science, 1945-46.

The University of Melbourne.

Teaching Session - 25½ weeks.

First term - 12th March to 26th May - 76 days
Second Term - 19th June to 18th August - 61 days
Third Term - 10th September to 20th October-41 days

Ref:Faculty Handbook: Science.1945. Total 178 days
or 25½ weeks.

The University of Michigan.

Teaching Session - 44 weeks, & 2 days excluding examinations.
46 weeks, & 6 days including examinations.

Spring term - 5th March to 23rd June - 111 days
(this includes 8 days of examinations and 1 holiday).
Summer term - 2nd July to 20th October - 112 days
(this includes 5 days of examinations and 2 holidays)
Fall term - 1st November to 23rd February - 115 days
(this includes 5 days of examinations and 7 holidays).

Ref: College of Engineering: Announcement 1945-46.

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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated ~~1~~ 22-11-1946.

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

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

Sir,

Sub: Colleges - Number of working days.
REF: Govt. Memo.No.52912-A/46-1 Edn., dated 16-9-1946.

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I have the honour to furnish the following information:

1. Arts and Science Colleges:-

Average number of working days.	..	..	..	160
Michaelmas Holidays.	..	..	..	3 weeks.
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Summer vacation.	..	..	..	2½ Months.

2. Engineering Colleges:-

Average Number of working days. 162

3. Secondary Schools.

An aided secondary school shall not ordinarily be eligible for the full grant sanctioned for it in any year unless it met on 180 school days in the previous school year.

4. Elementary Schools:

Average number of working days. 200

2. In England and Cannada the average number of working days for elementary schools is at least 200 while in Austrialia it is more than 220. In the University of Oxford there are 3 terms in a year which are 1st term 21 Jan. to 17 March; 2nd term 29 April to 23 June; 3 term 14 Oct to 8 December. Similar conditions exist in the University of Cambridge. – 230 days

168 days

In the University of Glasgow the terms are:

1. 6 Oct. to 12 December.
2. 13 Jan. to 20 March.
3. 14 April to 20 May and in some cases 19 June.

I may also add that there are no lecturers or other work on Sundays. The terms in German Universities are as under:-
1st Term. 15th October to 15th December.
2nd Term. 2nd January to end of March
3rd term 15th April to 10th July.

They have 3 months long holidays and 2 fortnightly holidays. The University of British Columbia works for two terms:

1st - 1st September to 9th December.
2nd. 11th January to 14th May.

They have 3½ months summer holidays from 14th May to 1st September I request I have no further information about educational institutions in United Kingdom and U.S.A. There are no other technical institutions under my control and the Director of Industries and Commerce may kindly be requested to furnish the information.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Telephonic Message.

From.

The Assistant Secretary to Government.
Education and Public Health Dept.
Secretariat.
Fort St. George.

To.

The Librarian.
Connemara Library.
The Librarian.
~~University of~~ Madras. training Library.

Sub: Working Of Schools.

At present Elementary Schools in this province should work for 220 days in a year. Secondary Schools in the presidency generally work for about 180 days. The question whether the number of working days should be varied has been raised. In that connection the view has been recorded, that the information regarding the system under which the Educational Institutions in foreign countries work may be of use. Please say whether there are any books in your Library on the subject and if so will you kindly send them for refrence.

Yours
Sincerely

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From
Sri R. Janardhanam Nayudu, B.A., L.T.,
Dip. (Oxon.), D.L.S. (Lond.), F.L.A.,
Librarian, Connemara Public
Library, Egmore, Madras.

To
The Assistant Secretary to Government
Education and Public Health
Department, Fort St.
George, Madras.

No. 1085 D/46/CPL dated 1st December 1946.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
7444
2 - DEC 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Sub: Working of Schools.
Ref: Post copy of your telephonic message received here on 30th November 1946.

The undermentioned three books with pages shown in each are being sent to you per bearer which may kindly be returned when no longer required.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
R. Janardhanam
Librarian.
(1. XII. 1946)

Extracts at p23 infra

1. Kikuchi:	Japanese Education (pages 104-105)
2. Wofford:	Moder Education in the Small Rural School (page 251)
3. King:	Changing Man: the Education System of the U.S.S.R. (pages 145-146 and 311).

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E & P. H. Deptt

Memo No: 50683B/46 2 Edn. d. 28.11.46.

Colleges - Number of working days.

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A copy of the letter from the Secy to the Govt. of India, Deptt. of Education, No. D. 4198 E II dated 31-10-46, to the Hon'ble Minister for Education,

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together with its enclosure, is forwarded to the D.P.I. ~~in continuation of Govt. Memo No: S 2902 A/46-1 Edn. d. 16-9-46.~~

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The Director is requested to examine and report urgently whether the colleges in the

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Province cannot work for the same number of days as the universities in the United Kingdom mentioned in the enclosure to the letter.

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24/11/46

To
The D.P.I.
(with copy of D.O
& encl.)

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D.4669/46-E.II
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

New Delhi, the 27th November 1946.
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Dear Avinashilingam Chettiar,

With reference to your letter dated the 12th November 1946, I forward herewith a statement giving the information asked for by you regarding the number of working days in schools in certain foreign countries. I hope this will meet your purpose.

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Yours sincerely,

(D.M. Sen)

The Hon'ble Mr.T.S.Avinashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

England and Wales		
i. Elementary Schools	-	Not less than 400 meetings. (equivalent to 200 days)
ii. Secondary Schools	-	37 - 38 weeks.
Italy	-	From 180 to 216 days
Russia.	-	190 days in country areas and 205 days in the cities
United States of America	-	200 days. (in 1939-40, the average school term in the country as a whole was about 175 days, which varied from 146 days in Mississippi to 188 days in Maryland).

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Edn and P.H.Department

Memorandum No. 50683B2/46 Dated. 12. 12. 1946.

Subject : - Number of working days for ~~elementary and~~ secondary schools.

Refer: Memo No. 50683 B2/46-2 Edl. 28.11-46.

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A copy of the letter from the Secry. to the Govt. of India, Department of Education, No. 4669/46 Edl, dated 27.11.46, addressed to the Honourable the Minister for Education, together with its ~~enclosures~~ enclosure is forwarded to the D.P.I. The Director is requested to examine and report urgently whether secondary schools may not work for ~~the same~~ a larger number of days than at present, as in the case of schools in foreign countries.

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To the D.P.I.
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From THE LIBRARIAN,
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY,
TRIPLICANE, MADRAS.

To

The Assistant Secretary to Government,
Educationa and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George.

This refers to your communication
No. dated

In reply please quote
No. 618 dated -4 DEC 1948

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT.
5-DEC 1948
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

REFERENCE:- Post copy of Telephonic Message.

Subject :— Working of Schools.

The under-mentioned four books are available here on the subject referred to in your letter. Please send a messenger with a requisition to take them on loan.

1. Ziegler: School attendance as a factor in school progress.
2. Deffenbangh: Compulsory school attendance laws.
3. Noonan: Influence of the summer vacation on the abilities of 5th and 6th grade children.
4. National Educational Association: Report of the committee on need of investigation of the cultural element and economy of Time in Education.

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Extract of pages 104-105 - Japanese Education:

Published in ---- 1909

For almost all schools, certainly for all of the elementary and secondary grades, the school year begins on the 1st of April and ends on the 31st of March next year; it is usually divided into three terms, the first term extending from April to the summer holidays the second from September to the end of the year, and the third from January to the end of March. In several schools and colleges of the higher grade, and in universities the session begins in September and ends in July next year, and is divided into three terms as in other schools. Holidays are as follows:-

(1) Fete days and festivals: these are the 1st of January; the GENSHI-SAI (3rd January); the Festival of Komei Tenno, father and predecessor of the Emperor (30th January); the KIGEN-SETSU (11th February); the SHUNKI-KOREI-SAI, or "Spring Festival of the Imperial Ancestors" (the day of the vernal equinox); the Festival of Jimmu Tenno (3rd April); the SHUKI-KOREI-SAI, or "the Autumn Festival of the Imperial Anecestors" (the day of the autumnal equinox); the KANNAME-SAI (17th October); the TENCHO-SETSU, or the "Emperor's Birthday" (3rd November); and the NIINAME-SAI, or the "Harvest Festival" (23rd November); Besides these it is becoming usual to celebrate the Empress's Birthday (28 May) in girls' schools. (2) Sundays (3) Summer holidays. (4) Winter holidays (5) Holidays at the end of the school year. (6) Such other holidays as may be determined by the director in Government schools and by prefects in public schools. The third, fourth, and fifth are determined in Government schools by the Minister and in public schools by prefects. As a rule, in higher schools, summer holidays begin about the 10th July and end about the 10th September; winter holidays begin about 25th December and end about 7th January; the spring holidays begin about 25th March and end about 7th April. In schools of lower grade summer holidays are shorter; in the Imperial Ordinance on elementary schools, it is laid down that the number of holidays in one year must not exceed ninety days, exclusive of Sundays; for middle and girls' high schools, the minimum number of working days is fixed at 200 days a year, not including days for examinations and school journeys.

The number of hours a week for lessons differ according to the grade and nature of schools. In an ordinary elementary school it increases from 21 in the first year to 27 in the fourth or last year; in a higher elementary school it is 28 for boys in the first and second years, and 30 in the third and fourth years, and 30 for girls all through, owing to girls having 3 hours of sewing lessons extra. In middle and girls' high schools the hours are from 28 to 30, while in technical schools in which there is good deal of practical work the hours are longer.

Again, although we speak of an hour's lesson, it is not actually an hour. In elementary schools it is usual to have three quarters of an hour or even less for small children for a lesson followed by a quarter of an hour's interval, which is spent in the palyground if weather permits, the children marching out together with the teacher to the playground and dispersing there to play as they please. In middle and girls' high schools, an hour means usually 50 minutes lesson and 10 minute in the playground.

Extract of page 251: Modern Education in the Small Rural School.

Published in 1938

In the first place, the term of the average rural school is materially shorter than the term of the urban school, and the average attendance of children is lower. According to the 1930-32 Biennial Report of the United States Office of Education, this difference in school term amounts to approximately one school month per year. In many of the agricultural states, however, the difference is as much as three months. The average attendance of the two types of schools showed a difference of two months. While this difference in the length of the school term and the number of days of attendance may not seem great for one year, over the period of school life for the child the difference is considerable. Assuming that the child continues to live in the same community for twelve years the urban child's opportunity for attendance at school within these years would exceed the rural child's by 259.2 days. In line with these facts the Biennial Survey asks the following question:

(Public school course how many years would it take for the rural

The following arithmetical problem may be presented. If a school term of 181-5 days a year is needed in order for the city child to complete the regular 12 year child who has a school term of 159.9 days to complete the same course? Based on the number of day's schooling offered, the answer is 13.6 years ~~days~~.[1]

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[1] BIENNIAL SURVEY OF EDUCATION 1930-1932, p. 40, United States Office of Education (Dept. of Interior), Government Printing Office.

Extracts of pages 145-146 and 311 - Changing Man.

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The school year is from September 1st to May 20th for primary schools in urban areas, and to June 1st in primary schools in rural areas. For incomplete secondary and secondary schools it is from September 1st to June 1st for urban schools, and from September 1st to June 10th for rural schools. There are winter and spring holidays, each of two weeks. The teachers do not have the full summer vacation. Part of that time must be spent in preparing syllabuses and time-tables, in conferences and discussion of their work. In the winter and spring holidays, too, the teachers are expected to spend some time on conferences. About 75 per cent of the town children spend six weeks of their summer holiday in camps, but not under canvas. For the rest of the time all kinds of activities, including open-air libraries, are arranged for them in the parks where cultural workers are in charge.

The length of the day varies with the age group. Classes 1 and 2, the youngest, spend four hours a day at lessons; Class 3 spends four to five hours; Class 4 spends five hours; and classes 5 to 10, six hours a day. School begins at 8.30 a.m. or 9 a.m. There is a five-minutes interval for physical jerks taken in the classroom, usually by one of the pupils. There is a mid-morning break of fifteen minutes spent out of doors or in the hall, when the monitors, Poineers, or Pioneer Leaders, organise collective games, usually with music or dancing.

The urban schools have a six-day week-five days school and one day holiday; the rural schools have a seven-day week- six days school and one day holiday. All....

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APPENDIX II

Time - Tables.

In September 1935, new regulations regarding holidays and new time-tables were introduced.

In all types of schools, the primary, the incomplete secondary, and the secondary, the year begins on September 1st. For classes 1,2 and 3 the year ends on June 1st, for classes 4 to 7 inclusive the year ends on June 10th, and for classes 8 to 10 inclusive it ends on June 20th.

For rural and urban schools the winter holday is from December 30th to January 10th inclusive; and the spring holiday for both is six days, for urban schools from March 26th to March 31st, and for rural schools any time between March 26th and April 26th, according to climatic conditions.

In urban schools the year consists of 42 six-day weeks for classes 1,2 and 3; 43 six-day weeks for classes 4-7 inclusive; and 45 six day weeks for classes 8-10. In rural schools the length of year is: for the first three classes, 36 seven-day weeks; for classes 4-7 inclusive, 37 seven-day weeks; and for classes 8-10, 38 seven-day weeks.

There are four lessons a day for the first three classes, for class 4 two days a week have five lessons. Class 5 has five lessons on four days and six lessons on one day. Classes 6-10 have five lessons a day with an extra one on two days. The extra lessons are to be used for handwork and manual work, music, drawing, and physical culture. A lesson is forty-five minutes long. The first, third, and fourth breaks are ten minutes each and the second break thirty minutes. In individual cases the second and third breaks may be extended to twenty minutes.

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EDUCATION AND PUB. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

REMINDER. EDUCATION Branch.

To The DIRECTOR, of PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. MADRAS

I ~~have the honour to invite~~ am directed to invite ~~invite~~ attention to the Govt Endt 12.12. ~~[illegible]~~.

No. 50683 B2/47, dated 11-~~1-47~~ and to request that the reply to it may be expedited ~~request that this reminder may be returned at once with information as to—~~

(1) the stage at which the matter now is,

(2) the date by which a reply may be expected, and

(3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

Office Secretariat.

Signature.

Station Fort St George

Designation. Asst Secy to Govt E & P.H Dept

Dated 17.2.47.

SUBJECT. Schools Number of working days in a year.

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REPLY.

To The Secretary to Govt.
Education and Public Health Dept.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8 - MAR 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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— A copy of government Memo No. 50683 B2/46 dated 28-11-1946 has not been received.

A request for the supply of a copy of the same was made in my Telephone Message dated 23-12-46, and no copy has so far been received. A copy may kindly be sent urgently

For Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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Ed. P.H. Dept [B2]

Memo no. 50683 B2/47/6 Edn. Dated 15.3.1947

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Sub:- Schools – ~~N~~number of working days in a year.

A copy of the Govt memo no 50683 B2/46 dated 28.11.46, is forwarded to the D.P.I.

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To
The D.P.I. ✓
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Education Department.

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

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

R.O.C.No.333 K2/47, Dated 15-3-47.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
18 MAR 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Sub:- Number of working days in Colleges.

21804

Ref:- Government ~~M~~ Memo.No.50683 -B2/46-2 Edn., dated 28-11-46

I have the honour to state that both the Madras and Annamalai Universities, who were consulted in the matter, are opposed to the ~~idea~~ idea of increasing the number of working days in Colleges. It may be pointed out that the foreign Universities do not work for a larger number of days than here and that the misapprehension that they do, has arisen from the fact that Sundays have been taken into account in the calculations. It is not therefore desirable to effect any change in the number of working days in Colleges now.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Edn and P.H. Dept

D.O. 5068 3 B2/47-7. Edn Dt 11.4.47.

Dear Dr. Savoor,

Number of working days in Schools and Colleges

Ref your letter No. 353 K2/47 Dt 15.3.47.

I am desired to forward a copy of the minute of (H. M. (Edn)'s ~~note~~) on the subject ~~noted above~~ and to request you to take steps as indicated in ~~the note~~ it and ~~send~~ make a report to Govt.

Yours sincerely

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To the D.P.I. ~~Calcutta~~ by name (with copy of the ~~[illegible]~~ minute)

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Madras Port Trust
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE,

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
2 - MAY 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

th April 1947.

My dear Avanashilingam,

Reference our conversation last night, I can arrange for the issue of permits to all the educational institutions in the City and mofussil to enable children not under the age of 15 accompanied by their masters, to visit the harbour in parties not exceeding 50 at a time for instructional purposes. I agree that these children should have an idea of the harbour and of ships. As explained to you, going on board the steamers is entirely at the discretion of Masters of vessels, but I do not think there will be much difficulty in persuading the Masters through the Local Agents to permit schoolgoing children to go on board. I do not want to increase the number making up a party due to the risk involved in admitting a lot of children into the harbour where work is in progress all the twentyfour hours.

You may send a circular to all institutions to apply to the Trust's Traffic Manager for permits for this purpose, who will fix up dates for such visits.

I am obliged to you very much for giving me an opportunity for removing the impression that school children are being denied a chance to visit the harbour.

Yours sincerely,

The Hon'ble Sri T. Avanashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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Copy to the Secretary E. & P.H. with
the letter under reply.

Secretary, Edn. and P.H. Dept.
2 - MAY 1947
Government of Madras

Fort St. George,
1st May, 47.

Asst. Secretary to Government
32209
2 MAY 1947
Education and Public Health Dept.

Dear Mr. Venkataraman,

Let me thank you for your letter of the 26th April promising all convenience to such of those children who may come with their masters to visit the harbour or ths ships in the harbour. But you have fixed the age as not under 15. I think it will be better if you can fix the age 12 or 13 so that at least boys reading in IV Form and above may get this advantage. I am sending instructions to send circulars to schools and colleges in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

TSA
1-5-47

Sri Venkataraman, Chairman,
Madras Port Trust, Madras.

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Secretary, E. & P.H.
This may be filed.
ISA 11-5-47
H.M. Education.

Madras Port Trust
CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE,

D.O. No. G663

3rd May 1947.

Dear Mr. Avanashilingam,

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
12 MAY 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

4-62-38

Ref:- Your demi-official letter dated the 1st May 1947.

As desired by you, I agree to permit children above the age of twelve accompanied by their masters to visit the harbour for instructional purposes.

Yours sincerely,

To

The Hon'ble Sri T. Avanashilingam
Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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D.O. no. 50688B2/47-8 Edn Dated 13.5.47

Dear
Dr. Savoor.

Sub:- Visit of students in Schools and Colleges to the harbour

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I am to forward for information copies of the letter from the Chairman, Madras Port Trust and the reply given by HH (Edn) and to request you to bring to the notice of the managements of schools and colleges in the city and in the moffusil, the facilities provided by the Chairman Madras Port

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Trust in the matter of visit of students to the harbour. 2/ I am also to enquire when the reply called for in my D.O. (11.4.47) ~~[illegible]~~ relating to the number of working days for schools and colleges, may be expected.

Yours sincerely

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Sub: ... in Schools and Colleges

I am to forward for information copies of the letter from the Chairman, Madras Port Trust and the reply given by HM (? ...) to request you to bring to the notice of the arrangements of Schools and Colleges in the city and to ... the facilities provided by the Chairman Madras Port.

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To

The D.P.I. (By name)

with enclosures

Copy of pages 35-37 cf

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G.O. 50683 B2/47.

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To

The D.P.I. (by name)

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D.O. no. 50683 B2/47-9 / Edn. Dated 19.6.47

Dear Sir ~~[illegible]~~

Sub: Number of working days in Schools and Colleges.

I am ~~directed~~ to invite your attention to my D.O. no. 50683 B2/47 dated 11.4.47 addressed to Dr. [illegible] on the subject mentioned above and to ~~ask~~ ~~request~~ enquire when a reply to it may be expected.

Yours sincerely

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Mr. D Siva Reddi, M.A (Oxon) MBE

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Rc.11550/E4/46

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, dated 2-7-47.

SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
5 - JUL 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Mr. Subramaniam,

Sub: Number of working days in schools and colleges.

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With reference to your D.O. No.50683 B2/47-9 Education dated 19.6.47, I wish to state that the matter is under consideration and a reply will be submitted shortly.

Yours sincerely,

To
M.V. Subramaniam Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
MADRAS.

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The reply from the D.P.I. may be awaited. This may lie over till 20.7.47.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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From

Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A.,(Oxon) M.B.E.,
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
4 JUL [illegible]
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

R.C.11554-E4/47, dated 21-7-1947.

Sir,

Sub: Madras Educational Rule - Rule 77 - Number of working days for secondary schools - proposal for the increase of - remarks submitted.

REF: Govt. Memorandum No. 50683-B2/46-Edn., dated 12-12-1946.

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With reference to the Government Memorandum cited above, I have the honour to state that I have considered the question of increasing the number of working days in Secondary schools and ~~xx~~ found that it is not possible to increase the number of working days without reducing the efficiency of instruction. Excursion is a regular feature in Secondary Schools; though on account of lack of facilities for travel, railway concessions etc. this was suspended in most of the schools and that with the return of normal conditions this school programme will be revived. I shall also impress upon the heads of Secondary Schools the advantages of excursions. In this connection, it is also requested that Government may take steps to provide the following facilities to students.

X (1) Restoration of Railway concessions (2) Similar concessions in buses and trams and (3) ration facilities.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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E&PH(B1) Dept.

D.O. no. 61217 B1/47-1 Edn dt 31/7/47.

Dear Mr. Reddi,

Sub: Number of working days in schools and Colleges.

Ref: My. Do. to Dr. Savarr, no. 50683 B2/47-7 Edn dated 11. 4. 47.
Your letter RC. no. 11554 E4/46 dated 21.7.47

I am desired to invite your attention to my D.O. letter cited above and to enquire when your reply to it may be expected.

Yours sincerely,

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To
Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A.(Oxon), M.B.E.,
DPI, Madras.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
19 AUG 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

D.O.No.333 K2/47.

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 14th August 1947.

p48 ante

My dear Subramanian,

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Please see your D.O.61217/B.1.47-1,Edn., dated 31-7-47 regarding working days in colleges. On receipt of your letter No.50683 B2/47-7, Edn., dated 11-4-47, the three Universities were addressed to offer their remarks. The Registrar, Madras University has informed me that the Syndicate is not in favour of increasing the number of working~~s~~ days in colleges and that provision for extra-curricular activities can be made by the Principals at such periods during the academic year as may be found convenient. Replies from the Andhra and Annamalai Universities have not yet been received and a further report will be submitted to Government on receipt of these replies.

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Yours sincerely,

S R K Saran.

To
M.V.Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H.Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

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E & PH (B1) Dept.

Please see the D.O. from the DPI on p1 ante. The file bearing C.no. 61217 B1/47 was sent to Devt. U.O. with this dept. U.O. no. 61596 B1/47-1 Edn dt 11.8.47. ~~Devt. may be requested to return the file to this dept.~~ This may be added to the file after it is received back. The further report of the DPI at X on p1 ante may be awaited till 15.9.47.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
1 OCT 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

D.O. No.333 K2/47.

Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,
Madras, 30th Septr.1947.

My dear Subramanian,

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Please see your D.O.No.61217/B.1.47-1,Edn., dated 31--7--47 on the subject of working days in colleges and my reply No.333 K2/47 dated 14-8-47. I have now received replies from the Andhra and Annamalai Universities, copies of which are herewith enclosed.

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Yours sincerely,

S R U Savoor

To

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

E & PH (B1) Dept.

The main file on the subject has been sent to PWD and Food for remarks. This may lie over till its receipt. till 18-X-47

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Copy of letter No.4580 dated 19th August 1947 from the Registrar, Annamalai University, Annamalainagar to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Ref: R.O.C.No.333-K2/47 dated 23-4-47 - number of working days in colleges.

At present the number of working days for the University every year ranges from 155 to 160. For the senior students, the University examinations commence early in April and including this period of examination, the number of working days will exceed the limit of 170, suggested in the letter under reply. The Syndicate feels that no drastic changes in the existing arrangement may be necessary in the direction indicated.

Copy of letter No.C1-2693/47 dated 22nd September 1947 from the Registrar, Andhra University to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sub: Number of working days in colleges.

Ref: Your letter R.O.C.No.333-K2/47 dated 23-4-47.

I have the honour to inform you that the Syndicate at its last meeting considered your above letter forwarding therewith an extract from the Minute of the Hon'ble the Minister of Education on the desirability of increasing the number of working days in colleges and resolved that the Director of Public Instruction be furnished with a statement of the average number of working days in the affiliated colleges and he be informed that the Syndicate regards that the present number of working days is quite sufficient and that increasing them would not conduce to efficiency. A copy of the statement showing the average number of working days in the affiliated colleges is herewith sent for your information.

Tabular Statement regarding the average number of working days in the affiliated colleges.

S.No.	Name of the college.	Working days for Junior Inter and degree classes.	Working day for Senior Inter & degree clas
1.	P.R.College, Cocanada	152	143
2.	A.C.College, Guntur.	162	145
3.	Hindu College, Masulipatam	140	131
4.	VR College, Nellore.	138	137
5.	Mrs.A.V.N.College, Vizagapatam	155	144
6.	M.R.College, Vizianagaram	150	133
7.	S.R.R.College, Bezwada	160	135
8.	W.G.B.College, Bhimavaram	177	165
9.	Sir C.R.Reddy Municipal College, Ellore	160	146
10.	Hindu College, Guntur	160	140
11.	Lady Hope Municipal College, Guntur	168	139
	Average number of days.	157	142

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C no. 61217 B1/47.

Schools. Elementary and Secondary and Colleges - Proposal to increase the number of working days - Deferred.

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From the DPI, Dis. no. 2969/46 dt 22.11.46. — p7 cf
Do, ROC. no. 333 K2/47 dt 15.3.47. — p31 cf
Do, R.C. no. 11554 E4/47 dt 21.7.47. — p47 cf
Do, Do. no. 333 K2/47 dt 14.8.47. — p49 cf
Do, Do. no. 333 K2/47 dt 30.9.47. — pp51+52 cf

Order Ms. no. . 2891 Edn. dated 6 11 1947.

The Government accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction that the number of working days in the elementary and secondary schools (and in colleges) in this province need not be increased.

2. In regard to excursions for students in Secondary schools, the Director is informed that the question of restoration of railway Concessions and

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which concessions in buses and trams can be taken up only after conditions become normal and that ~~again~~. ~~It~~ will not also be possible to provide ration facilities for students during excursions ~~at~~ present on account ~~in view of the present~~ of the shortage of food ~~stuffs~~ supply.

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To

The DPI.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3 SEP 1946
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

To the Secretary, E.&.P.H.

Agitation has been made amongst teachers that the number of working days now in force in this Province are too much. As far as I know from the talks that I have had from those who have been educated in foreign countries, our holidays are already too many and we are working less number of days than in other countries. In any case, I think, this matter must be investigated. ~~and so~~ The D.P.I. may be asked to furnish figures about the number of working days in other countries

(1) for elementary schools,

(2) for secondary schools,

(3) for colleges, and

(4) for Technological Institutions.

Extract given to D1, A section

Extract sent to [illegible]

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
3 SEP 1946
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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H.M.Education.

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Edu. & P.H. (B2) Dept

Please see H.M.'s note on p. 1 ante. The rules framed under Ele. Edu. Act, prescribes the number of days for which ele. schools shd. work in a year. Prior to 1932 the no. was fixed at 150 days. ~~See G.O. 364 Edn. 29-3-1932.~~ In that year it was raised from 150 to 200 days. In 1939 the Govt approved the introduction of revised syllabuses for ele. Schools. Under the new syllabuses handicraft ~~was~~ has been made Compulsory in lower ele. Schools and pre-vocational work in ~~the~~ higher ele. Schools. As the Syllabus laid Special Stress on the vocational side of edn. the D.P.I. expressed the view that the no. of working days shd. not be ~~increased from 200 to~~ less than 220. The rules framed under Ele. Edn. Act was amended to this end in 1940. Repeated requests from local bodies and aided managements for reduction in the no of working days from 220 to 200 were negatived in the past.

K on p 78 + para 2, p 114 G.O. 921 22.5.40

Papers called for

2. The adequacy of the ~~usual~~ number of the working days fixed by the Govt was examined again in ~~July~~ 1940 ~~in 1941~~. The High Commr. for India was addressed for information as to the ~~conditions~~ working of ele. Schools in England. After detailed examination of the ~~problem~~ question, it was finally decided that the minimum need not ~~be~~ be reduced below 220 days. Attention is solicited to ~~G.O. 921 Edn.~~ the notes on pages 106 – 110 of G.O. 921 Edn. of 22.5.40.

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3. In view of these it is s. for orders whether any refce. shd. be made to the D.P.I. as ordered by H.M.

11.9.46.

A refce. has been sent to the D.P.I. in regard to secondary schools and colleges and to Dev. about technological institutions. For orders as to circulation

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There is no harm in referring to the D.P.I.

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16/9/46 The ref. is for information. H.M. (Edn.)
& let the information be obtained

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16.9.46

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A draft d.o. is submitted with ref. to H.M's orders above.

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Information re. Ele. schools also has been called for separately along with them for other Edl. institutions. These papers may be added with those papers.

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[Memo No. 52912 A/46-1 Edn. d. 16-9-46]

p 11 C.F.

Secretary, E. & P.H.

I think it is many months ago that we issued a note asking for information about the number of working days in elementary, secondary and college courses in other countries. This information is necessary in view of the fact that the elementary school teachers are agitating for reduction in the number of working days. I ~~xxxxx~~ have no doubt that this is wrong. If the information is not obtained from the D.P.I., I think it must be possible to get this information from a reference to relevant books in the University Library. The information may be received as soon as possible and papers put up.

H.M. Education.

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p 3 C.F.

Please see H.M's minute on page 4 ante. The reply of the D.P.I. to the refer. sent to him on the subject has not yet been received. He has separately reported that secy. schools in England work for about 185 to 190 days as against 190 in Madras. As regards ele. schools attention is invited to the note on page 1 ante and also the statement on page 106 of (d) in which the systems followed in England and in Madras are compared.

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H.M. (Edn.)

Mr —
There are
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Secretariat Library
the University Library or
Connemara Library
from which the information
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T.M. recur.

20/11/46

⊗ pp. 4-6 c.f.

I am sending herewith a letter and a note⊗ from Mr. D. M. Sen, Secretary to the Department of Education, Government of India, giving information about the number of working days in colleges in America. I see from the note that the University of London is working for 205 days in the year, the University of Oxford works for 168 days, the University of Cambridge for 230 days in the year, the University of Birmingham works for 203 days in the year. The various references from which these figures have been taken are also given in the note. I do not know the reason why our colleges should not work for a similar number of days. The D.P.I. may be asked to consider the matter and report.

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Draft Memo for approval.
~~The~~ Director of Public Instruction

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has since sent a complete reply to the Memo on page 1 CF. The file may be circulated to H.M (Edn) ~~after~~ for perusal of the Secretary's letter. The draft Memo may perhaps issue after the file is returned by H.M. It is for orders whether the D.I.E should be asked to furnish information re: technical institutions.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
29 NOV 1946
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

H.M. (Edn.) TSA
28.11.46

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Issue Memo and take action w.r.t 'B' above

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Also A copy of H.M's note has been sent to D.I.E. in September itself, p. 1 ante. No reference from this Dept. seems necessary.

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6/12/46

9.12.46

p 14 C

I am herewith sending you a reply that I have received from Mr. D. M. Sen, Secretary to the Department of Education, Government of India, with reference to the number of working days in elementary and secondary schools in other countries. I see from his note that in the other countries in the secondary schools they are working for a much more number of days than we work and I do not see any reason why we should not increase the number of working days here also. I have been told that the number of holidays in this country are the maximum anywhere obtaining in the world and it is time that we put in as much effort as possible in this direction. In view of this, the Director may be requested to consider the advisability of prescribing a large number of working days for our high schools.

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5-12-46

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E and P.H. dept.

~~Note~~.

A draft memo with reference to H.M.'s note is submitted.

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With reference to Secretary's orders on page 5 ante, Telephonic Messages were issued to the Librarian, Connemara Public Library, and the Librarian University Library for books containing information regarding the working of schools.

The Librarian, Connemara Public Library has sent 3 books for reference. The Librarian, Madras University Library has written to say that four books are available and will be sent on requisition.

For orders whether these books should be obtained from the University Library ~~Madras~~.

[It is understood that books of this type required are not available in the Secretariat Library.]

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20/12/46 S

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A ~~[illegible]~~ requisition is placed below for signature. The books recd. from the Connemara Library are put up.

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They have already been returned to the Library.

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Let me have ~~the~~ these books, for reference, the following: -

Dutton - Modern [illegible] in the Small Village School.

Deffenbaugh & Keesecker - Compulsory School Attendance Laws

Man - By Beatrice King. Separately given to S[illegible]

The other books may be returned to the libraries

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1/2/47

The extract referred to by Secretary have been typed and added to the current file. The books required by the Secretary are put up. The ~~[illegible]~~ D.P.I. may be reminded for a reply to the Memo on p 17 c.f. The exchange reminder put up is for appl. / Kept with me. [illegible]

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19/2/47

This file relates to the number of working days to be prescribed for Ely. Schools, Secondary schools and colleges. H.M.(Edn.) desired that information should be obtained from the D.P.I. in regard to the number of days for which these institutions worked in a year. The information was submitted by the Director in November last (page 7 c.f.) Further references were ⊗ issued to the D.P.I. furnishing him with information regarding the number of working days in schools in foreign countries and asking him to report whether the number of days for which the schools and colleges work in this Presidency requires any revision. The Director's reply on page 31 c.f. relates to colleges. The reply does not refer to the ~~news~~ views of the Andhra University. Perhaps the Director has not yet received a ~~full reference~~ final reply from the University. His report regarding secondary school is still awaited. The D.P.I. may be reminded about these separately.

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2. As regards elementary schools the number of working days for a year has been fixed at 220. It may not be possible to raise the number further. Also there is no need for increasing the number on the basis of the information furnished by the D.P.I. on page 7 c.f. Please see also the note on page 3 ante.

3. The file may be submitted to ~~H.M.(Edn.) and Finance.~~ H.M. (Education) for ~~For~~ orders whether the question of altering ~~nating~~ the number of working days in elementary schools may be dropped. [The points relating to secondary schools and colleges will be ~~put~~ put up for orders after ~~the~~ complete information is rec'd. from the D.P.I.]

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'P' above - Information has been obtained from some of the library books obtained. 'X' at p: 21 is from a book dated 1909; it gives the number of school days in Ely Schools as about 220. 'Y' at p: 25 from an American publication of 1938 is not very clear; [illegible] with 2, it seems to indicate that [illegible] will have to be omitted in the calculation; the figures vary from 216 to 222 for the classes corresponding to our Ely Schools.

p 23 c.f.

'M' above - I agree, therefore, that the question may be dropped in respect of Elementary Schools.

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29/3/47

H.M. (Edn.)

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(1) The number of working days for the elementary schools are alright as they are and they need not be enhanced.

(2) For the high schools it is an unfortunate fact

that our education in the High Schools and Colleges is merely bookish. Apart from the reorganisation of the educational curricula, what we want is that the boys and girls in our schools should be taken out to certain places which it is good for them to see which will keep them in touch with the living conditions in the world. They must be taken to Industrial establishments, mills etc., in the locality, to a good agricultural farm, to any museum that may exist nearby, to any festivals that may be conducted nearby for social service. The intention of the Govt. is that they may be asked to work for 15 days more which extra number of days may be utilized for the above purposes of taking them out of the school along with the teachers.

The Govt. is also contemplating to evolve a scout movement which can be introduced in all schools for all pupils without much expense. These extra no. of days may be utilized for that purpose also. These activities, while they will help to bring cheer and change to the children ~~and~~ this will not be a strain upon the teachers or the children, and will be of a great benefit to both. The D.P.I. may be asked to submit revised rules to give effect to these ideas.

A Committee has been constituted for the purpose in G.O. 1373 Edn.
30/6/47

(3) What has been written about the highschools refers also to colleges. One will be surprised to see that thousands of students who are living in Madras, a large proportion of them, never got into a ship. They have not seen the lighthouse or any of the big workshops or even the museum in Madras. The colleges are now working only for 150 days. I think they can work with benefit for another 4 weeks and this 4 weeks may be utilized for these purposes. All these, I think, will be of lasting benefit to the children as well as of the staff of the schools and will give them a much desired change. The D.P.I. may be asked to take the necessary steps in this direction also. Possibly this is a matter for the Universit~~ies~~y and it may be put before the Vice Chancellor as the Govt. consider ~~in~~ the matter important; ~~and~~ The number of days to be worked by colleges for making them eligible for Govt. grant may be enhanced from 150 to nearly 170 days. The D.P.I. may be asked to take the necessary steps in the matter and report.

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

A copy of H.M's note above may be sent to the D.P.I. A draft DO is subd.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
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2 MAY 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Secretary, E. & P.H.

Please see herewith a letter of the Chairman of the Madras Port Trust. In a previous note that I have sent, I mentioned that the working days of the schools and colleges may be extended by two or three weeks and this period to be used for extra-curricular activities as well as for taking them on excursions to harbours, ships, museums, light-houses, temples, shandies and such other places which will bring the children into touch with life. I was having a talk with the Chairman of the Port Trust, Mr.Venkataraman the other day with reference to which he has sent the accompanying letter.

Circulars may be sent to schools and colleges in the terms of the letter at A so that boys and girls in our colleges can go round and see for themselves and harbour and the ships.

8-5-47.

H .M. Education.

The draft below is for

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The file relates to the question of raising the number of working days in schools and colleges should be increased. As regards Ele schools it has been definitely decided that the number of days need not be enhanced. As regards secondary schools and colleges the Director was asked to take further action in the matter on the lines indicated by HM (Edn) in his note on p 10 ante. The Director's reply in regard to secondary schools is on p 47 c.f.

X on p 9 ante

p 33 c.f.

The file may be ~~transfered~~ transferred to B1 section for further action.

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From the D.P.I., R.C. no. 11554 E4/46
dated 21.7.47.

Please see the letter from the D.P.I. on p 47 c.f. He reports that it will not be possible to increase the no. of working days in secy schools without reducing the efficiency of instruction ~~and that excursion, which is a regular feature in secondary schools was suspended on acct of lack of facilities. It will be revived as soon as normal conditions are restored. The Director has also promised to impress upon the Heads of secy schools the advantages of excursions.~~ The present reply of the Director

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is apparently to the memo on p17 cf. He has not sent his reply to the D.O. on p33 cf. He may now be reminded. A draft DO is submitted below for approval.

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[D.O. no. 61217 B1/47-1 Edn Dt 31.7.47]

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~~Dev Dept~~

~~To U.S.~~

~~This may be returned to E & P.H. dept with the request to ~~find out~~ let this dept know the final orders passed on the subject matter in this file.~~

13 Sept

Dev Dept

To U.S.

This file [was obtained from E & P.H. dept for reference in Dev c.no 30822 D1/47 and] may now be returned to E & P.H. dept ~~as~~ as this is no longer required in this dept.

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E & P.H.

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p49 cf 10724

Education & P.H. Department (B1).

From the Director of Public Instruction, D.O.No.333-K2/47 dated the 14th August 1947.

The Director of Public Instruction reports that the Registrar, University of Madras has informed him that the Syndicate is not in favour of increasing the number of working days in colleges and that provision for extra-curricular activities can be made by the Principals of colleges at such ~~convenient~~ periods during the academic year as may be found ~~as they may find~~ convenient. The replies from the Andhra and Annamalai Universities have not yet been received and the further report from the Director

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may be awaited.

2. The Director has already reported that it will not be possible to increase the number of working days in secondary schools without reducing the efficiency of instruction and that excursion, a regular feature in secondary schools, was suspended on account of lack of facilities during war time. He has promised that he will impress upon the heads of secondary schools the advantages of excursions. The Director, in this connection, has requested Government to take steps to provide the following facilities:

(i) Restoration of Railway concessions,

(ii) Similar concessions in buses and trams, and

(iii) Ration facilities.

We may leave the question at that, I think.

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~~It is not known whether any concessions in Railway, buses and trams were previously granted to students for excursions, what kind of concessions are now to be granted and whether the Government will have to incur any expenditure from their funds on this account. The Director may be consulted in the matter and he may be requested to submit detailed proposals.~~ In the present shortage of food stuffs it ~~would~~ does not seem be possible to encourage excursions. The remarks ~~3. The file may be sent to Food U.O. for remarks in regard to ration facilities (item (iii) above) to students of secondary schools who go for excusions.~~ of the ~~Food Dept~~ and P.W.D. may first be invited on the suggestion of the D.P.I.

A / I agree; item (i) & (ii) above may be considered as measures for adopting when general conditions become normal again.

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To A.S.

Please see para 2 of E.P.H. Dept's note above. This Dept may agree with A above. The file may be passed on to P.W.D.

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P.W.D (J).

Please see the notes of E&P.H. and the observations of Secy. (E&P.H) at p17 ante.

The file is sent to this dept. with reference to the suggestions of the Director of Public Instruction, in regard to the restoration of the railway concessions.

Owing to shortage of coal, coaching stock etc., sufficient arrangements were not practically possible for relieving the existing heavy congestion of traffic in railways by the restoration of some of the train services or by the introduction of additional services. However, despite all these handicaps the Railway Administrations have been trying their best to restore all prewar facilities. As resumption of all railway concessions will have therefore to be taken up only after conditions become normal again, it does not seem necessary to address the Railway Administrations in the matter.

The term "Restoration of Railway Concessions" expressed by the D.P.I., seems also to be vague in as much as it does not clearly indicate the nature of concessions which are asked to be restored; ~~[illegible]~~ Certain concessions viz monthly & quarterly season tickets at reduced rates, & issue of tickets at reduced rates ~~issued~~ to groups of bona fide students, are being continued to be given by Railway Administrations. Perhaps, the D.P.I. refers to the "Go as you please" etc., concession tickets which were ~~[illegible]~~ issued before the War. If E&P.H. desire to pursue the matter, they may be requested to first ascertain from the D.P.I., about the nature of concessions now required to be restored, and then address the concerned Railway Administrations in regard to such concession as are considered necessary.

para 11 at pp 12-13 cf
paras 17 at pp 17-18 cf
of G.O. Ms: 730 P.W. 15.3.47 (J)
& paras 5 & 7 at pp 37-39 cf of (J)
removed [illegible] section.

With these remarks, the file may be returned to E&P.H. They will no doubt consult Home D.A. on matters relating to ~~[illegible]~~ grant of concessions in buses and trams.

Item 2 at X ante p 47 cf

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(Notes of Food and Public Works Departments on pages 17-18 ante).

From the Director of Public Instruction, D.O,No. 333-K2/47 dated the
30th September 1947.

The proposal in this file relates to the question of increasing the number of working days in elementary and secondary schools and colleges. It has already been decided that the number of working days in elementary schools need not be enahanced - Vide the minutes of H.M.(Education) on page 9 ante.

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2. The Director of Public Instruction has already reported that it will not be possible to increase the number of working days in secondary schools without reducing the efficiency of instruction. Excursion, which was a regular feature in secondary schools, was suspended on account of lack of facilities during the war-time and the Director has promised that he will impress upon all the managements of schools the advantages of excursions. In regard to the ration facilities for students during the excursion, the Food department have agreed that it will not be possible to encourage them, in view of the present shortage of food stuffs. P.W.D. have agreed that the question of restoration of railway concessions can be taken up only after conditions become normal again and that it is not not necessary to address the railway administration in the matter at present. The question of similar concessions in buses and trams need not also be taken up at present.

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I have [illegible] in view that we need not pursue the question further.

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3// In regard to the question of increasing the no. of working days in colleges ~~3.~~ The Director has ~~since~~ forwarded a copy of the letter from the Annamalai and Andhra Universities containing the views of those universities in the matter ~~in regard to the raising of the number of working days in colleges~~. The Syndicate, of both these Universities are not in favour of increasing the (number of) working days in the colleges under their control, as it would not be conducive to the efficiency of the institutions. The Syndicate of the University of Madras is not also in favour of the proposal and it is of the opinion that provision for extra curricular activities can be made by the Principals of colleges at such periods during the adcademic year as may be found convenient.

p 52 cf

We need not, I think, pursue this question, either.

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4. The file may now be circulated to H.M.(Education) for orders whether in the circumstances, the question of increasing number of working days in secondary schools and colleges ~~should be enhanced~~. may be dropped.

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HM (Edn) has agreed that the question of increasing the number of working days in secondary schools and colleges need not be ~~increased~~ pursued. A draft order ~~is~~ will ~~submitted below for approval~~. be submitted ~~after the return of the file for consultation~~ and after orders are passed in the top file AS IV.

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Thro' A Sec.

The draft order below is for approval

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