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I.

Copy of letter R.C.No.71 B/47, dated 18th March 1947 from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary, E. & P.H. Department.

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I have the honour to bring to your notice that the question papers set for the SSLC. Public Examination, 1947, appear to have leaked out, with the result that candidates in a large number of centres were able to know the questions before the due time. In consequence, the examinations have had to be cancelled. I am considering when to hold re-examinations.

I feel strongly that a full investigation should be made into the causes of the leakage and steps taken if possible to book the criminals.

I request that Government will be so kind as to cause a full and confidential enquiry into the whole matter.

I am enclosing herewith the several such letters, etc., received so far in the offices of the Commissioner for Govt. Examinations and Director of Public Instruction about this leakage. I shall send you any other letters that may be received in future.

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II.

Copy of letter R.C.No.71 B/47, dated 19th March 1947, from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary, E. & P.H. Department.

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I have the honour to send herewith a note on the recent leakage of question papers set for the current S.S.L.C. Examination for information of the Government.

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Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 19th March 1947.

To
The Hon'ble the Minister for Education,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Sir,

I am submitting herewith a Note on the recent leakage of question papers for the current S.S.L.C. Examination (1947) for your kind information.

Yours sincerely,
S R U Savoor.

SECRETARY, E. & P.H. DEPT.
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19 MAR 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Secr: The matter may be referred to the C.I.D. ~~to~~ to investigate the leakage.
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Note on the leakage of question papers set for the 1947 S.S.L.C. Examination and the action proposed to be taken by the Director of Public Instriction.

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1. From the reports received till 18th March 1947, it is gathered that the leakage has been over a wide area, from Cocanada in the north to Ramnad in the south and Bangalore in the west. It is more than likely that candidates in the parts outside this area also have had the advantage of the question papers. It is understood that there has been a heavy despatch of postal articles during the last few days. Whether this is true or not, there is no reasonable ground for thinking that the centres outside the area indicated above are unaffected.

2. On this reasoning, it has been decided - with the concurrence of the Hon'ble the Minister for Education - that -

Same as the note on pages 7-8 below

(i) all the arrangements for the current examination be cancelled;

(ii) the answer books so far handed in be not valued;

and

(iii) steps be taken to hold a re-examination in all the subjects for all the pupils.

3. It is the desire of the Director of Public Instruction that the arrangements should be such as would -

(i) entail the minimum trouble to the candidates;

(ii) give no candidates undue advantages over the rest;

(iii) enable the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations to bring out the results approximately at the same time as that when they used to be announced in the previous years.

The difficulties in the way of this being achieved have not been rendered less by the fact that we have a record number of 43,700 candidates registered for the examination which is 10,600 more that the numbers registered last year.

4. The Director of Public Instruction has already under consideration a programme which would enable the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations to complete the several steps in the organisation of an examination from the setting of question papers to the delivery of the printed copies thereof, and later the valuation of answer books and the tabulation of marks, ending with the publication of results, on or before 1st June next. Detailed are being worked out now.

|| 5. In the meanwhile it is essential that a complete and quick enquiry is held into the tragic incident and the Commissioner for Government Examinations has already addressed Government on this in his letter No.R.C.71-B/47 dated 18th March 1947.

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Public Department.

D.O.No. 5/411-1/47

Dated, 20/3/47

My dear Underwood,

Examinations - S.S.L.C. Public Examinations, 1947 - Leakage of Question Papers.- Letters from the D.P.I. R.C. No. 71-B/47 dated 18/3/47 and 19/3/47.

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I am directed to forward the two letters cited above, together with their enclosures ⊗ on the question of the leakage of Question Papers sent for the S.S.L.C. Examination for the current year, and to request you to investigate the matter fully and report to Govt. how the leakage has occurred. The encls. may be returned with the reply

Yours sincerely,

20/3/47

F.L. Underwood Esq., OBE., IP.
D.I.G. of Police, Railways
& C.I.D., Madras.
(with encl. 42 pages)

20.3.47

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SECY., EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
21 MAR 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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

Sri. K.Bashyam avl.
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

Dear Sir,

I have just now seen your reply in the Legislative Assembly, that if any clue is given you will follow it up to trace the source of the leakage of the question papers in the S.S.L.C. Examination. Here is some useful local information.

? The local Mathematics Assistant Sri.M.S.Ramakrishna Aiyar is said to be a very close friend of one Author of an Arithmetic text book, which author is also alleged to be the chief examiner in arithmetic for this year. The above said Ramakrishna aiyar as well as another teacher Viraraghava aiyar had the arithmetic paper a day or two before the exam. Almost all the students of the school had the benefit of the same, those who asked, got.

The English , History and Geography papers also seem to have reached Pollachi before their time and through unauthorised sources. There is one C.R.S.Mani, a hotel proprietor and another P.N.Arumugam, a college studentwho seem to take a pleasure in obtaining these papers and distributing ~~xn~~ them to the students freely and voluntarily. There is also a report that the papers were received in Pollachi from Madura and Dharapuram.

Such widespread leakage is possible only if the starting point is corrupt. If the information I have given will enable the department to trace and punish the person responsible and also take steps to prevent recurrences I will feel amply rewarded.

One Interested.

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Public (S.C)

The anonymous letter overleaf may be perused. It does not seem ncy. to pass this on to the ~~Spl. Br.~~ D.I.G. of Police.

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We may as well pass this on to the DIG

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The Tamil petition at Flag 'J' may also be sent. This has also been included in the d.o.

Re 26/3/47.

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Government of Madras.

Public Department.

D.O.No.S/411-2/47. Dated, 27th March 1947.

My dear Underwood,

Examinations - S.S.L.C. Public Examinations, 1947 - Leakage of question papers.

In continuation of my d.o. No.S/411-1/47, dated 20-3-1947, I am to enclose a copy of an anonymous petition addressed to Sri K.Bahsyam and another petition in Tamil (in original) dated 20-3-1947.

Yours sincerely,

ABR 26.3.47

F.L.Underwood Esq., OBE.,
Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rlys. & C.I.D.,
Madras.

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D.O.No.S/411-5/47.

Public Department.
Fort St. George.
Madras, dated 9th Apr., 1947.

My dear Underwood,

Examinations - S.S.L.C. Public Examinations, 1947 - Leakage of Question papers - Ref. my D.O. No. S/411-1/47 dated 20th March, 1947.

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I am directed to enquire at what stage the investigation is and when a report may be expected.

Yours sincerely,

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(K. Ramunni Menon).

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F.L. Underwood Esq., OBE., IP.,
Dy. Inspr. Genl. of Police, Railways & C.I.D.,
Madras.

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Government of Madras,
Public Department.

D.O. No. S/411-4/47 dated, 13th April, 1947.

My dear Underwood,

Examinations - S.S.L.C. Public Examinations, 1947 -
Leakage of question papers.

In continuation of my D.O. No. S/411-2/47, dated 27th March, 1947, I am to forward herewith a post card written by one L.R.P.H. Ramamurthy (perhaps pseudonymous), regarding the leakage of question papers.

Yours sincerely,

(K. RAMUNNI MENON)

Issued
18/4/47

F.L. Underwood Esq., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Inspector General of Police, Rlys. and C.I.D.,
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F.L.UNDERWOOD. ESQ, O.B.E.,I.P.
Deputy Inspector-General of Police,
Railways and C.I.D.,

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Madras,

16th April,1947.

My dear Ramunni Menon,

Sub:- Examinations - S.S.L.C.Public Examinations,
1947 - Leakage of Question papers - p.13 ante

Ref:- Your D.O.No.S/411-3/47 dated 9th April,1947.

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Mr. G. L. Lobo, the Special Officer for Government Examinations, gave a complaint on the 21st March,1947 alleging theft of S.S.L.C.question papers, resulting in a province-wide leakage of their contents. This was registered as Madras City X.Station Crime No.60/47 under section 379 I.P.C.and investigation was taken up by the Crime Branch of the C.I.D.

2. During investigation, it was discovered that the S.S.L.C.question papers were being printed in the Diocesan Press, Vepery, Madras, from the year 1940, prior to which year the papers had been printed in England. Though there are apparent safe-guards in the Press against the leakage of the contents of question papers, yet, there are several loopholes in the system, which allow unscrupulous workers easily to obtain possession of question papers without arousing suspicion. In this case, a binder named Rajagopal has been found in collusion with an ex-employee of the Press named Chelliah to be responsible for stealing the papers from the Press and selling copies of them to several students and businessmen for many hundreds of rupees. The purchasers from the primary source have in their turn sold copies to their friends and have also transmitted them to their relations in the outlying parts of the Presidency. When the papers filtered to most of the Students' Hostels in the city, hundreds of copies were taken and broad-casted by post to students in the mofussil High Schools all over the Presidency.

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3. Investigation has also disclosed that, except for one or two District Educational Officers, all the others have remained quiescent over the matter of this leakage. Headmasters and High School Assistants have vied with one another in furnishing students with answers to these questions before the examinations commenced, instead of informing the authorities about,

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leakage or attempting to find out the source from which these boys received the question papers. Even the Director of Public Instruction is unhelpful and refused to divulge to the Police the source of a very valuable piece of information, and this fact was brought to the notice of the Hon'ble Home Member also.

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4 A provisional charge sheet against the two accused have been laid before the Chief Presidency Magistrate, under section 120 B and 381 I.P.C. Investigation has to be conducted throughout the Province to reveal the ramifications of the question paper racket and I have asked for a special staff to cope ~~up~~ with this work.

Dealt with in Home Dept

5. The employment of a private Press in the printing of question papers without supervisions from the S.S.L.C. Board was mainly responsible for this wide leakage. I will deal with this and other matters in my report after completion of the investigation about the end of May.

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Yours sincerely,

H. Underwood
17.4.47

To

K. Ramunni Menon, Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.
Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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Memo.No. 30068A/47-IG,3 Edn., dated 10.5 — 1947

Investigation has disclosed inter alia that except for one or two District Educational Officers, all the others have remained quiescent over the matter of leakage of the question papers for the S.S.L.C. Examination in March 1947 and that headmasters and school assistants have vied with one another in furnishing students with answers to these questions before the examinations commenced, instead of informing the authorities about the leakage or attempting to find out the source from which the boys received these question papers. The D.P.I. is

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requested to take strong action against the D.E.Os ~~and~~ the headmasters & assistants concerned and submit to Govt. at an early date a report in the matter. Further details regarding these D.E.Os ~~and~~ Headmasters & assistants, if required by the D.P.I., may be obtained from the Dy.Inspector-General of Police, Railways and C.I.D., Madras.

despd. 10/5/47.

To

The D.P.I., Madras

The Dy.I.G. of Police,
Railways & C.I.D,
Madras.

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C. No. 313/C.I.G./47.

Office of the Deputy Inspector
General of Police, Railways and
C.I.D., Madras. Dated 5-7-47.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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SECRETARY, EDN. & P.H.
58202
15 JUL 1947

My dear Ramunni Menon,

In continuation of my report dated 16-4-47, I am herewith sending my final report along with a copy of the final charge-sheet filed in this case, which was promised in the last para of the preliminary report. I am also enclosing a copy of my report to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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2. The S.S.L.C. question papers have been printed in the Diocesan Press, Vepery, Madras, since the year 1940, before which they were printed in England. The manuscript question papers were usually sent to the Press in the third week of November of every year, and the printed papers properly packed and sealed used to be received by the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations in the first week of March. Between these two dates, the question papers have been in the absolute control of the press. An examination of the system of printing and packing of the papers in the Press has revealed that there are several loop-holes for dissemination of the contents of the papers, particularly when large number of workers are employed in the work. Communist infiltration into industrial concerns and the consequent sapping of loyalty to the employer militates the entrustment of the work of a confidential nature to Private Presses. The only remedy appears to be in the S.S.L.C. Board utilising the services of the Government Press for such work or owning a press of their own.

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3. The leakage in this case started from the binding section of the press. A binder named Rajagopal entered into a conspiracy with an ex-store-keeper named Chelliah to pilfer papers from the press. Chelliah is keeping a book-binding establishment of his own. He had canvassed businessmen and students as purchasers of the papers and offered Rs.400/- to the binder for implementing his part in the transaction. The plan worked without a hitch. Chelliah also utilised the services of his relations in South Arcot and Chingleput districts to expand the market for the papers and with the experience he had in past years in the same line he is learnt to have amassed several thousands of rupees by these nefarious transactions this year. Both the accused have been charged under sections 120 B and 381 I.P.C. and the case is on trial from the 14th of ~~this~~ last month before the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras.

4. The unparalleled extent of the leakage was due to several factors. It started with the few students who could afford to invest heavy sums of money in the purchase of sets of papers trying to recoup their outlay by sales of the papers in their turn to other students. The process eventually led to the wide leakage in Students' Hostels in the City. The inmates of these Hostels broadcast the questions to their friends in the moffussal through letters. Some students are reported to have taken wanton pleasure in addressing several copies of question papers to the Secretaries of Student's Unions in the districts. The communists helped this process a great deal to further their own policy of ridiculing the existing regime by pointing the finger of scorn at the leakage as an example of administrative inefficiency.

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5. The activities of the Communist Party among the students had also caused disruptive and aggressive tendencies amongst them. The theft of a parcel of answer papers in the University Examination from Trichy Fort Railway Station in March this year is strongly suspected to be the work of the communist sponsored Railway Labour Union of that place in collusion with a detenue named Ramaswami. The motive again is to bring the Government into disrepute. The working of "Cells" by the party among students has undermined discipline. The teachers go in fear of them. There are a number of reports about the students threatening teachers and having their own way in the examination halls, particularly in the circars.

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6. The officers of the Educational department have not been seen to advantage during the investigation of this case. Only the District Educational Officer Ramnad acted with promptness vigour and thoroughness when the leakage became known to him. The District Educational Officer Anantapur was a close second and the rest were nowhere. Most of them sent reports to the Director of Public Instruction only when they were called for. They did not appear to have ~~taken the~~ to take the teachers and the taught into their confidence or ~~to attempted~~ to have elicited from them how the papers came to each centre.

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This apathy is no surprise when the Director of Public Instruction himself refused to disclose the identity of the source who told ~~hold~~ him about the complicity of the accused Chelliah in the case, when that information would have been of vital significance, if it had appeared in the First Information Report itself. Mr. Lobo the Special Officer, who gave the written complaint to the C.I.D. was also not helpful in this respect during the trial of the case. The names of some of the institutions, Headmasters and Assistants who are implicated in this matter either actively or passively, are given in the enclosure, but on account of the wide area involved, the list cannot be exhaustive.

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If a complete picture of the delinquencies of these teachers is to be obtained, investigation has to be undertaken

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in each of the High Schools in this Presidency, which apart from the shortage of investigating officers, will cause considerable expenditure to Government.

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7. The Diocesan Press are the printers for the University also. The same modus operandi was employed by the culprits to leak out the Intermediate Examination question papers in English Parts 1 and II and History, and a re-examination was conducted in thess subjects. In the printing of S.S.L.C. Examination papers, at least care was taken to see that the heading denoting the identity of the papers was not printed and the number of copies was limited to the figures furnished by the Secretary. In the cass of the University, the identity of the paper was no secret to the Press-workers and extra copies were printed of the descriptive heading portion for being used as labels on packets. This resulted in half-a-dozen papers under each subject being decapitated and the body thrown out. The misuse that these could be put to by an unscrupulous worker particularly under conditions of inefficient supervision, needs no elaboration. The University question papers had also leaked out in all the centres in the Presidency and in most cases the dissemination had been simultaneous with the S.S.L.C. papers and through the same sources. The necssity for a separate press under Government supervison for the printing of the question papers receives additional support from this incident also. The leakage also points to the need for a more efficient control of the presses printing the question papers.

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Yours sincerely,

F.L.Underwood 10.7.47

(F.L.Underwood)

To

K. Ramunni Menon, Esq.,C.I.E., I.C.S.,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George,Madras.

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CHARGE.

The S.S.L.C. Public~~xxxxx~~ Examination and the Intermediate University Examinations were scheduled to be held in Madras City and all over the province from the 17th and 20th of March respectively. The printing of question papers set for these Examinations was entrusted by the Secretary to the Commissioner for Government Examinations and the Registrar of the Madras University to the Diocesan Press, Vepery, Madras. The arrangement for the printing was that the papers should be handled by the confidential section of the press to prevent leakage. The manuscript question papers in the S.S.L.C. examination were handed over to the Manager of the Press Mr. V.M.Philip on or about 21-11-46. In the case of the University, the question papers were sent to the Manager on 6-12-46. In the former case, the process of the composition and printing were being gone through in December 1946 and January 47 and binding started on 31-1-47. The University papers were also got ready during the same period.

A.1. Rajagopal Naidu who is a binder in the employ of the Diocesan Press had access to the printed question papers and was actually employed in binding and banderolling some of the S.S.L.C. question papers in packets of 10 and the University question papers into 20s. The 2nd accused Chelliah had been employed in the same press from his boyhood, but left its service last year to manage his own book-binding concern going by the name Rawlinson & company . The first accused had put his brother-in-law as an apprentice in A.2's firm. A.1. and A.2. are friends.

On or about the month of February 1947, the two accused agreed with each other to do or cause to be done an illegal act to wit~~ness~~ to commit theft of a set each of question papers set for the S.S.L.C. and Intermediate Examinations from the Diocesan Press, Madras, with the object of enriching themselves by sale of the contents of these papers. In pursuance of the above said agreement, the first accused on or about the beginning of March, committed theft of printed copies of each one of the question papers and passed them on to A.2. The latter had copies of the contents of these papers and the original papers were replaced.

A.2. sold copies of these papers to several persons who in turn passed them on to their friends and associates with the result that the contents of these papers had leaked out extensively throughout the Province necessitating the cancellation of the regular examinations.

This has caused considerable loss to the Provincial Government and the University.

Accused 1 and 2 entered into an agreement to do an illegal act to wit~~ness~~ the theft of S.S.L.C. and Intermediate Examination Question Papers from the possession of the Diocesan Press with the object of selling the contents of these papers thereby causing wrongful gain to themselves. These accused have thereby committed an offence punishable under section 120 B. I.P.C.

In pursuance of the aforesaid conspiracy and in furtherance of the illegal agreement, A.1. committed the offence of theft by a servant, an offence punishable under section 381 I.P.C. or in the alternative A.1. received or retained stolen property to wit~~ness~~ question papers having reason to believe them to be stolen property and thereby committeed an offence punishable under Section 411 I.P.C.

In pursuance of the aforesaid conspiracy and in furtherance of agreement, A.2. received or retained stolen property, an offence punishable under section 411 I.P.C.

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(True Copy)

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10/7/47
for Dy. Inspr. Genl. of Police, Rys & CID
Madras

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From
F.L.Underwood Esq., O.B.E., I.P.,
Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Railways and C.I.D., MADRAS.

To
The Director of Public
Instruction,
MADRAS.

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C.No. 313 /C.I.G./47 dated

Sir,

Sub:- S.S.L.C. Public Examination 1947 - Leakage of question papers.

Ref:- Your R.C.No. 888 E.1/47 dated the 13th May 1947.

I herewith furnish particulars regarding District Educational Officers, Headmasters and Assistants who failed to take any action on knowing of the leakage of S.S.L.C. question papers this year. The list is not exhaustive. On considerations of unnecessary expenditure to Government, and since it is not directly concerned with the investigation the police did not think it worthwhile to probe into the conduct of the staff in each and every High School in the Presidency. The revelations noted here were only incidental to the investigation. It is learnt that malpractice committed this year were out of all proportions to the usual incidents and that these took the form of insertion of worked out answer papers in the Examination Hall. This naturally presupposes the awareness of questions by the candidates several days in advance of the examinations. If only such incidents had been followed up by the Educational authorities, the source of leakage could easily have been spotted out.

South Arcot Dt.

The biggest centre for leakage in the Tamil area was South Arcot District. Accused Chelliah's brother-in-law Mr. Samuel is a contractor in Tirukkoilur. Samuel's sister Mrs. Kamala Edwin is the Headmistress of the Board Elementary School Panruti; her sister Soundara Bai, who is an assistant in the same school, appeared for the S.S.L.C. examination this year. One Theagarajan, is the watchman in the same school. These individuals were responsible for the wide dissemination of the papers not only in South Arcot district but in the neighbouring districts also. The District Educational Officer South Arcot ~~xxxxx~~ had some information about the activities of these individuals, but he does not appear to have applied his mind to it. The extracts from his report dated 25-3-47 to the Director of Public Instruction will support the above observations.

"2. No information of any kind about leakage of question papers came to my ~~motive~~ notice during the period in question. (7th to 14th).

3. On 17-3-47, the first day of the Examination, I visited the Government Training School centre in Cuddalore. I heard no rumours even. At night, at about 7.30 P.M. the departmental officer at Panruti came to me and informed me of a case of malpractice in that centre and informed me also that he feared a more than intelligent anticipation of the questions by the pupils. As the information was vague and indefinite (underlining mine) he was instructed to watch the centre and make a necessary report thereon.

4. On 18-3-47 afternoon, I visited St. Josephs High School centre at Cuddalore, whereat the Chief Superintendent told me about the rumoured leakage of the question papers. Thereupon I decided to vist some centres including Panruti. The next day at 7 A.M. (underlining mine) when I was starting, I found

from the Dailies that S.S.L.C. Examinations had been discontinued from the forenoon of the 19th instant and this was confirmed by the Chief Superintendent, Government Training School, Cuddalore centre, who showed me the Telegram. Hence I had nothing to report till now".

It is apparent that no enquiries were instituted promptly. The Headmaster of the Tiruvannamalai High School, had been offered the question papers by Samuel. Rightly he refused to have any truck with him, but at the same time he failed to inform the authorities. The Headmaster of the Danish Mission Elementary School Santhapet, Tirukkoilur purchased Science papers for Rs. 100/- . An Annamalai University student sent copies of question papers to his friends in Tanjore but the source from which he received was never traced and the District Educational Officer readily accepted the student's explanation that copies of question papers were found pasted on the walls of the mess room in the Hostel.

Ramnad:-

The following extracts from the report of the District Educational Officer Ramnad give the names of the delinquent teachers.

"So it is not strange that the substance of the poem asked to be written down in question (1) of the English II paper should have been written on the Blackboard and taught to the pupils of S.M.S.V.High School Karaikudi by Sri. Aravamuth Aiyangar, doing composition work of the school. The Departmental Officer (Men's Branch), the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Ramnad had actually seen the substance written on the blackboard".

"Each one of the teachers during the course of the enquiry admitted that the pupils in their schools had rumours of certain questions appearing in the Examination and that they were surprised to find that the rumour has come true".

"I am herewith giving details about what I heard during enquiry from the following Assistant Superintendents Miss Rajam Joshua, Assistant Meenakshi Girls High School and Sreemathy Kanthaimathy, Sub-assistant Inspectress of Schools, Ramnad, that they had heard the Assistant Superintendents generally talking of leakage of questions as they were handing over their answer books to the Chief Superintendent Their statement is corroborated by each and everyone of the Assistant Superintendents."

Sri. V.Venkatramaier, Assistant, A.C.High School Pallathur said that the boys of Pallathur High School, ~~and~~ had rumours about most of the questions in English 1 and II paper and that they had come to know almost all the questions of English 1 paper on the morning of 16-3-47 just before they started to the examination at Kondanoor. He added that the English II paper questions were known verbatim and that the boys sought help for answering them".

"Sri. B.S.Venkatachari, Assistant, N.S.Board High School Thiruppatur, during the course of the enquiry informed me that his pupils at Thiruppattur had known some questions."

"Sri. P.S.Iyyavu Iyangar of N.S. M.V.P.S. High School Devakkottai informed that he left Devakkottah on the morning of 17-3-47 and that pupils of his High School had rumours about many questions both in English 1 and II paper and these rumours so found had become true. Sri. V.Subramanian Assistant in N.S.M.V.P.S. High School Devakkottah said that he had learnt of the leakage of questions only when he came to Karaikudi on the evening of 16th March. At Karaikudi, he found that S.S.L.C. pupils knew a good number of questions.

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Deputy Inspector General of Police,
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From the Dy. Inspector General of Police, Railways and C.I.D. Cir. 313/C.I.G/47
dated 5.7.47

Subject

S.S.L.C. Public Examination 1947 – leakage of question papers.

Memo No 30068A/47 – 3 G3 Edn dated 21-7-47

A copy of the final report of the Dy I.G of Police, Railways and CID cited above is communicated to the D.P.I.; he is requested to offer his remarks on the points raised therein and to submit to Govt. a report in the matter at a very early date. A copy also of the judgment of the court should be obtained and sent to Govt at the earliest possible moment.

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S.S.L.C. Public Examination, 1947 –
Leakage of question papers

Memo. No. 30068A-4-G3. Edn., dated, 28-8-47.

The D.P.I is requested to expedite his reply to memo no 30068A/47-3 G3 Edn dated 21-7-47 on the subject mentioned above

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To The D.P.I

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S.S.L.C. Public Examination 1947 - Leakage of question papers -

Memo No 30068A-5 G3 Edn. dt 31-10-47

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To The D.P.I

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Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

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R.C. No.2373 E4/47 dated 8-11-1947.

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Sir,

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Sub: SSLC Public Examination, 1947 - Leakage of question papers. - p. 38 ante

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Ref: Government Memo No.30068 A-5-G3 Edn., dated 31st October 1947.

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2. In respect of the three District Educational Officers involved, their explanations were called for and one of them who is yet to submit his explanation, is being reminded of the same.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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Memo No. 30068.A - 6.G3.47 Edn (2) / 21.1.48.

S.S.L.C. – Public Examn – 1947 – Leakage of Question papers.

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Ref: Govt. Memo No. 30068 A/47-1 G3 Edn dated 10-5-47. From the D.P.I., R.C. No. 2373 E4/47 dated 8-11-47.

The D.P.I. is requested to report at an early date the final action taken against the D.E.Os, headmasters and school assistants concerned.

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Designation Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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From

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To

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R.C. No.3931 C6/47 dated 5th Febr. 1948.

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Sir,

Sub: SSLC - Public Examination 1947 - Leakage of question papers.

Ref: Government Memo No.30068-A/47-1.G.3 Edn., dated 10th May 1947.

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pp. 53-89 infra

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2. No blame can be attached to other officers.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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Sub: Enquiry - SSLC Public Examination, 1947 - Leakage of question papers - Failure to take prompt action by Sri V. Natarajan, DEO., Madras - Explanation called for.

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S.S.L.C. Public Examination 1947 - Leakage of Question papers.

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From the D.P.I., R.C.No. 3961 C6/47, dated 5-2-48. p.45 q
-do- " 2373 E-4/47, dated 11-2-48. p.43 q

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The D.P.I. is requested to forward to Govt. the reports of the Divl. Insprs. of Schools, Madura and Anantapur referred to in his second letter read above and also the reports dated 20-3-47 and 25-3-47 of Sri V. Natarajan and Sri A.V. Tyagarajan regarding the leakage of question papers in the S.S.L.C. Examination 1947. He is also requested to expedite the reports due from the ~~other~~ Divl. Insprs. of Schools Coimbatore and Rajahmundry.

To

The D.P.I.

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No. Roc. 2373 E4/47 dated 16th March 1948.

Sir,

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I submit in original the following papers required by Government.

pp 1-4 Ⓐ 1. Report dated 20.3.47 of Sri V. Natarajan.
2. Report dated 25.3.47 of Sri A.V. Tyagarajan.
pp 5-16 Ⓐ 3. Report dated 10.12.47 of the Dvl. Inspector, Anantapur.
pp 17-64 Ⓐ 4. Reports dated 26.11.47 and 30.12.47 of the Dvl. Inspector, Madura.
pp 65-105. Ⓐ 5. Report dated 24.3.47 of the Divisional Inspector, Rajahmundry.

2. The Divisional Inspector, Coimbatore, has promised to send his report as early as possible.

Secured vide #107- B O y Ⓐ

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For Director of Public Instruction.
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Est. P. H (93)

Please see the D.P.I's letter at page 63 ante.
The receipt of the report of the Divl. Inspr. of Schools, Coimbatore, may be awaited till 3-4-48.

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p. 63 cf

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**Memo No. 30068. A. 47. 8. 93. Edn dt 8.4.48.**

S.S.L.C. Public Examination – 1947 – Leakage of Question papers.

Ref: From the D.P.I., Roc. No. 2373 E4/47, dated 16-3-48.

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The D.P.I. is requested to state whether the report of the ~~Division~~ Divl. Inspr., Coimbatore, on the subject cited above has been received and if so, when it may be expected by Govt.

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To
The D.P.I.

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R.O.C.No.2373-E.4/47

Officeof the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 9-4-1948.

From

SRI D.S.REDDI, M.A. Oxon),
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
14 APR 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sir,

Sub: S.S.L.C. - Public Examination 1947 - Leakage of question papers.

p65 ante

Ref: Govt. Memo.No.30068/47-8-G.3 Edn dated 8th April 1948

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The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore is yet to furnish his report regarding Salem District. I shall submit the report of that Dn on receipt of the final report.

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IRR 12/4

for Director of Public Instruction.

RVR 12/4/-

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E&P.H(93)

The D.P.I's report may be awaited till 1-5-48.

16.4.48.

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Education & P.H.(G3) Deptt.

EXAMINATIONS - S.S.L.C.Public Examination,1947-
Leakage of question papers - Enquiry into -
Orders passed.

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~~17-5-48~~

From the D.P.I., RC.No.2373.E4/47 dated 11-2-1948. p 43 cf
" RC.3931.C6/47, dated 5-2-1948. p 45 cf
" Roc.No.2373.E4/47 dated 16-3-1948. p 63 cf
" " " dated 16-4-1948. p. 69 cf

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Order/Ms.No. 1229 Edn. dated 15-5-1948.

pp. 14-17 nf.

p. 16 nf (H m's minutes)

The Government have considered the reports forwarded with the D.P.I's letters cited above; the leakage of question papers on the whole reflects adversely on the morale and sense of diligence and care of the officers of the department in the districts concerned. Not only should these officers have been more vigilant but if anything ~~came~~ had come to their notice, it was up to them to have investigated the matter and reported to the D.P.I. More vigilance is called for in ~~the~~ future. ~~and~~

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The D.P.I. is informed that the Government regret that the officers in many places should have been so indifferent in the matter. He is requested to issue circular instructions that in future in matters like leakage of questions papers the Government expect better diligence and attention from the officers of the department.

2. The Government agree with the views of the D.P.I. in his letter first read above and the Director. ~~The Director~~ is requested to take necessary action for debarring the teachers concerned from remunerative work.

p 17 nf.

p 43 cf

'A' on p 15

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To the D.P.I. (with pages ~~To the C.G.E.~~ 53-59 cf and the reports at (A) retd in orgl.)

Copy to the C.G.E. ✓

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Notes

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Examinations - S.S.L.C. Public Examination,1947 - Alleged leakage of question papers.

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PP1-45 cf

C.Nos.22090,22092 and 22091/47. - From the D.P.I.,
R.C.No.71B/47 dated 19-3-47.
From the D.P.I. D.O.,dated 19-3-1947.
" " Commissioner for Govt. Examinations,
R.C.No.71-B/47 dated 18.3.1947.

Please see the letters from the D.P.I. on p.p.1-45 c.f. and the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) on p. 5 c.f. The case may be sent to Public (Secret) u.o. for further action.

15.3.47

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~~Public (Secret)~~
Pub. (Secret).

E & PH (G3)
u.o. No. 22090-G3/47-4 Edn
19/3/47.

Recd at 5.20 PM.
19.3.47.

Pub (S.C) Depth

It is not known why E & P.H department have sent this to this department. They themselves could have addressed the C.I.D. Of this section should take the further action indicated in H.M.'s note on page 5 CF. The draft U.O. to Mr Underwood put up below is for approval

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**Secretary, E. & P.H.**

This may be passed on to the C.I.D. in connection with the leakage of question papers.

TSA
10-4-47

H.M. Education.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO G...
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

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UNDER SECRETARY
18 APR 1947
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

E. & P.H. w.o. No.
28326-1-G3.
16-4-47.

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Pub (S.C.) Deptt.

Please see H.M. Education's orders on the previous page. A Draft D.O. with fair copy is submitted.

AEB
18.4.47

[Issued D.O. to D.I.G., C.I.D., No. S/411-4/47 d/ 18/4/47]

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pp 17/18 c/ [From the D.I.G., C.I.D. D.O. d/ 16/4/47]

Please see the report of the D.I.G., C.I.D. on pp. 17-18 c/. The file may be transferred to ~~E.~~ E. & P.H. The further report referred to 'A' on p. 18 c/ will be passed on to E. & P.H on receipt.

Public (S.C.)
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
21 APR 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

21/4/47

Education and P.H. Deptt.

No. 30068 A
21.4.47

The report on pages 17-18 is for perusal. The further report promised may be awaited till 1.6.47

21.4.47

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'M' on pp. 17-18 c/.

Please [illegible] asked to [illegible] details [illegible] asked to take up disciplinary action against the D.E.O., Headmistress and Assistants concerned.

'N' on p. 18 c/.

H.M. (Edn.) may consider the question of taking this up with the D.P.I. himself after ascertaining from H.M. (Home) the nature of the obstruction.

E.P.H.C. 43.
21.4.47

21/4/47

H.M. (Edn.)

H.M. (Home)

I have had a talk with the D.P.I. over the matter. He tells me that it was he who gave the information which has led to the finding of the binder but only he refused to divulge the man who told him this information. That is for obvious reasons of delicacy because the gentleman who gave the information was a respectable man who would not

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like to have this information given out. I have asked the D.P.I. to take strong action against such of the D.E.Os. or Headmasters who were in charge in this matter and did not take proper action. / A

Secy E & P H may send a memo for A alone to the DPI / A

TSA
9-5-47

H M (Home)

I cannot see why the DPI should not give the information as it would aid investigation. But I will not pursue this in view of what HM (Edn) has said. I hope action will be taken against the DEO's / A and Headmasters concerned.

[illegible]
10/5/47

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

A draft memo to the D.P.I. is subd. for approval. (Issued as Memo No. 30068A/47-1 G3 Edn 10.5.47.) (pp 19-20 cf)
(The further report of the investigation is awaited until 1.6.47.)

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9.5.47

Hm (Edn) may see the minutes of Hm (Home) after issue

W.
9-5-47

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H [illegible]
HM (Edn) — [illegible]

TSA
11-5-47

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

The D.P.I. may be reminded for the report called for in the memo at pp19-20 cf, on 20.6.47. & Public (Secret) may be requested to state whether they have received a further report from the CID. [The Dy. I.G. of Police Railways & CID recently asked for sanction for engaging the ~~Police~~ crown Prosecutor for conducting the case against the accused. (file in Home Deptt)]

5/7/18/47

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31.5.47

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31-5-47

Public (Secret)

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E. & P. H. D. O. No. 30068 A-2-G3. 31-5-47.

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Public (S.C.)

Please see E. & P. H. Deptt's note at the bottom of p. 6 ante. No further report from the D.I.G., C.I.D. has been recd. in this section. May be returned to E. & P. H.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
4 JUN 1947
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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5/6/47

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Please see the note of Public (SC) above. The result of the case filed in the court - vide G.O. No. 2127 Home dated 31.5.47 may be awaited until 1.7.47. The further report from the CID, if any, may also be awaited until then

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4.6.47

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The result of the case filed in the court is not yet known. ~~The~~ case is still sub judice. No further report from the CID has also been received. This may continue to lie over until 20-7-47

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pp21-33 cf Cio 58202 from the Dy. I.G. of Police Railways and C.I.D C No 313/C.I.G/47 dated 5-7-47

p.7 cf The Dy I.G. of Police Railways and CID who was entrusted with the enquiry into the leakage of the S.S.L.C. question papers for March 1947 Examn. has now subd. his final report in the matter ~~vide~~ pp 21-25 cf. The report discloses the undesirability of entrusting the work of printing question papers to Private Presses. The Dy. I.G. of Police suggests therefore that the only remedy lies in

A on p 21 cf the S.S.L.C. Board utilizing the service of the Govt. Press for such work or owning a Press of their own. ~~This reports also reveals that~~

The Officers of the Edn. depts are reported to have not been seen to advantage during the investigation of the case. B' on p 23 cf. ~~[illegible]~~ A reference is also solicited to the portion marked 'C' at p. 23 cf. With reference to memo on pp 19-20 cf. the Dy. D.G. has furnished to the D.P.I. particulars regarding persons found to be implicated in the matter either actively or passively - vide copy of his letter on pp. 29-33 cf. A report of the action taken by the D.P.I. regarding this is due from him. It may be awaited. It does not seem necessary to institute at considerable cost to Govt. further investigation into this matter to get at a complete picture of the delinquencies of the officers, teachers etc. of the Edn. depts. E' on pp 23-25 cf In this connection, it is reported that one D.E.O., the D.E.O. Ramnad, acted with promptness, vigour and thoroughness when the leakage ~~be~~ came known to him. B' on p 23 cf The A.E.O. Anantapur seems to come second ~~to~~ in this behalf. ~~[illegible]~~

~~[illegible]~~

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19.7.47

The main point in the report is that the Private Press (the Diocesan Press, Vepery Madras) at which these question papers were printed did not ~~appear~~ appear to have exercised an efficient ~~control~~ supervision over this ~~work of~~ confidential work especially when the Press quoted higher rates for such confidential printing. The Press should have ensured complete secrecy at every stage and prevented the leakage. This raises the question of the payment of printing charges to this Press ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ and ~~This also raises the question of~~ the need for a more efficient control over the Presses printing the question papers. 'D' on p 25 cf These two are noted in the linked file.

It is for orders whether ~~before~~ the points raised above are further considered, the remarks of the D.P.I. may be invited on the report. If so, the draft

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~~Memo below is for approval.~~
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Before passing final orders the Courts' judgment should be awaited and the judge's observations, if any, ~~on the evidence~~ should also be considered.

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18.7.47

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19.7.47

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11/7/47

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P. 35 C.7. [Issued as Memo. No. 30068A/47-3 G3. Edn., S., 21-7-47.]

25 JUL 1947

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25.7.47

This may continue to lie over until 26.8.47 pending the receipt of the reply to the memo on p. 35 cf

av
14.8.47

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11.8.47

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~~A~~ Draft reminder to the D.P.I. is sub. below for appd.

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28.8.47

28.8.47

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Extract of the Minutes of H.M. (Education), dated 29-8-47.

**Confidential**

original on p 13 n.f. in l.f.

**Secretary, E.& P.H.**

vide press cutting at ⑫ in l.f.

I understand that the case put up for the leakage of examination papers has resulted in acquittal. It speaks very poorly of our administration that we have not been able to fix up the guilty person of even such a wide leakage.

(True copy)

E & P H ~~Deptt~~
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Please see the note on p 15 n.f. in the linked file. The receipt of the reply of the D.P.I. to the memo on p 35 c.f. may be awaited until 16.9.47.

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This may continue to lie over until a further report is received from the D.P.I. and the result of the proposed appeal is known. (Rot-11-47)

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Memo No 24992/47-9 G3 1.10.47 with A.S.

[Memo No 30068-A-5 G3 dated 31-10.47] – p.38 cf

Cur 90062 from the D.P.I. Rc No 2373E4/47 dated 8.11.47 p.39 cf

Please see the memo on pp19-20 cf and the report of the D.P.I to it at p.39 cf. It is for orders whether the D.P.I should be asked to send a further report ~~in due course~~ on the final action taken against the D.E.Os, ~~asts~~ H.Ms and School assts: concerned. ~~H.O. (Edn) may see~~

14-11-47

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Yes

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Send Dr. Jennings

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Edn. & P.H.(G3) Dept.

From the D.P.I. Rc.No.2373.E-4/47, dated 11-2-1948.
-do- Rc.No.3931.C6/47, dated 5-2-1948.

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pp 15-20 cf

In Memo.No.30068.A/47-1.G3.Edn. dated 10-5-1947, the D.P.I. was asked to take strong action against the D.E.Os., Headmasters and Assistants who remained quiescent over the matter of leakage of the question papers for the S.S.L.C. Examination in March 1947 and did not immediately inform the authorities about the leakage or attempt to find out the source of the leakage. The D.P.I. was also asked to submit to Govt. a report in the matter. He has now submitted his report to Govt. - vide his letters at pp.43-45c He states that so far only the Divisional Inspectors of schools Madura and Anantapur have submitted their reports in the matter and that it is observed ~~fro~~ therefrom that no positive ~~s~~ substantial evidence is forthcoming to take action against the teachers involved under rule 154 of the M.E.R. The D.P.I. has not forwarded to Govt. the reports of the Divisional Inspectors of Schools referred to above but he states that no PRIMA FACIE case can be established against the teachers concerned. He therefore considers that no disciplinary action other than debarring them from remunerative work is possible. It is for orders whether the D.P.I.'s view may be accepted or whether the reports of the ~~Dxxx~~ Divl. Inspectors of schools of Madura and Anantapur may be called for. for reference and the question pursued further.

Call for these reports and also note to D.P.I. to expedite the other reports due
29.2.48

As regards the D.E.Os., the D.P.I. has obtained and forwarded to Govt. the explanations of only Sri V.Natarajan and Sri A.V.Tyagarajan who were ~~the~~ then the D.E.Os. of Madras and ~~North~~ South Arcot. The explanations of these officers ~~dated 20-3-47 and 25-3-47 referred to~~ are at pp. 53-59 c.f. Neither copies nor the originals of the previous reports of the officers dated 20-3-47 and 25-3-47 referred to in their explanations have been sent by the Director. They may be called for. It is also for consideration whether the personal files of the two officers may also be called for. Subject to orders, the draft Memo. below is submitted for approval.

pp. 53 + 57

29.2.48

Personal files may be called for at a later stage if necessary
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27.2.48

With reference to the Asst. Secy.'s orders above, a revised draft memo is subd. for approval.

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[Memo no. 30068 A/47-7 G3 Edn. 3.48 dated 2-3-48] – p.61 cf

From the D.P.I. Roc.No.2373.E4/47, dated 16-3-48. p.63 cf
From -do- -do- dated 16-4-48. p.69 cf.

The case relates to the leakage of the question papers for the S.S.L.C. Examination of March 1947. The matter was reported to the D.I.G. of Police, Rlys. & C.I.D., Madras, and he was asked to investigate the matter fully and submit a report to Government. His reports are at pp. 17-18, 21-25 and 29-33 c.f. In his report d/ 10-7-47 to the D.P.I. he furnished particulars regarding D.E.Os., Headmasters and Assistants who failed to take any action on knowing of the leakage of S.S.L.C. Question papers. On considerations of unnecessary expenditure to Govt., he did not make investigation into the conduct of the staff in each and every high school in the Presidency but confined his investigation to certain centres. He pointed out that the malpractices committed were out of all proportion and that if any such incidents had been followed up by the Ednl. authorities, the source of leakage would have been spotted out. His report touched the ten Dts. of South Arcot, Ramnad, Salem, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Kistna, Anantapur, Chittoor, Bellary and Madras. A copy of his final report was sent to the D.P.I. for remarks and he was also asked to submit a report urgently. The D.P.I. has now forwarded the reports of the Divl. Inspectors, Coimbatore, Madura, Anantapur and Rajahmundry in the matter.

p.7 cf.
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pp.29-33 cf.
p.29 cf
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pp 29-33 cf.
p.35 cf.
pp 63 & 69 cf
Ⓐ 107, 17, 5 & 65.

The allegations in these reports may be classified under 2 groups;

(1) How far the Headmasters and Assistants of the schools are to be blamed and whether any action against them is called for; and pp.29-33 cf.

(2) the inactivity of the D.E.Os. of S. Arcot and Madras where leakage was manifest in a large measure.

Item (1) above:- The Divl. Inspectors of Madura, Coimbatore Anantapur and Rajahmundry, have submitted their reports in this regard. Their reports noted below may be perused.

Madura. pp. 17-64 (A)
Coimbatore. pp 107-117 (A)
Anantapur. pp. 5-16 (A)
Rajahmundry pp 65-105(A)

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Ⓐ/27, 29, 31
Ⓐ/9-16, 13.
Ⓐ/39-40, 61, 89 & 111
'P' on p.67 Ⓐ

*Their reports contain statements obtained from the Headmasters* and Assistants of the High Schools concerned and also the investigation report made by the D.E.Os. concerned.

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The Divl. Inspector, Rajahmundry, states that he could not find definite material to frame charges against any of the headmasters in view of their statement that they could not suspect ~~suspect~~ of leakage of papers long before the radio announcement.

'A' on p.17 Ⓐ and
'A' p.37 Ⓐ
& 59

The Divl. Inspector, Madura, states that evidence is not adequate to take disciplinary action against the teachers in Madras and that in the Dts. of Ramnad, Madura and S. Arcot, it is very difficult to get conclusive evidence and that most of the pupils connected with the leakage are not available for the enquiry. It is not clear why no report from the D.E.O. Tanjore was obtained although the D.I.G. pointed out that Tanjore was one of the Dts. where there was much leakage and where the Chief Supdt. or the D.E.O. did not take action. p.31 cf

The Divl. Inspector, Coimbatore, is also of the same opinion. He states that it is very difficult to get further details and substantial evidence. p.113 Ⓐ

The Divl. Inspector, Anantapur states that he is unable to make any recommendation to initiate proceedings and take action under rule 154 of the M.E.R. against any teacher employed in non-Government institutions. p.8 Ⓐ

In the circumstances, the D.P.I. has come to the conclusion that no prima facie case has been established and that no disciplinary action other than debarring the teachers from remunerative work is possible. It is ~~therefore~~ for orders whether the Govt. may agree with the D.P.I. and ask him to take action only as at 'A' above. p.43 cf

'A'

'P'

6.5.48

Item (2) on p. 14 ante: The D.I.G. has made particular references to the D.E.Os. of S.Arcot and Madras and points out that these officers remained silent without making any report although they were aware of the leakage of the papers. The D.E.Os. are:-

'X' on pp 29 & 33 cf

1. Sri V.Natarajan, D.E.O., Madras. ~~was~~ Divisional Inspector of Schools Coimbatore
2. Sri A.V.Tyagarajan, D.E.O., South Arcot.

'A' on p.51 cf

The D.P.I. communicated the relevant extracts of the ~~letter~~ report from the D.I.G. to the officers, pointed out to them that according to the facts disclosed by this report, they remained quiescent over the matter of leakage of question papers and asked them to show cause why disciplinary action should not be taken against them. The explanations of these officers are on pp. 53-59 c.f. Their first reports d/ 20-3-47 and 25-3-47 are on pp. 1-4 of (A). These reports show that they visited the examination centres on the 17th and 18th March. They were in possession of certain rumours regarding the leakage of question papers. These officers could have made a report then and there either to the Divl. Inspector concerned or to the D.P.I. on the information available. Their plea that they could not act on mere rumours does not seem acceptable. The D.P.I. also commenting on these explanations, remarks that both the officers, particularly Sri A.V.Tyagarajan, should have been more alert and shown a greater sense of responsibility in the matter. He, however, adds that every year reports of this kind were made just before the ~~xxxxxx~~ commencement of the S.S.L.C. Public Examination and that there was no reason to suspect the leakage was real. It is submitted that as these officers held responsible positions and as there was sufficient information about the leakage of the question papers, though only rumours, they should have made a ~~vigilant~~ confidential enquiry as made a report, for what it is worth, to the higher authorities. ~~It seems evident that they have shown a lack of judgment in the matter.~~ In the circumstances, it is for consideration whether any action should be taken against these officers.

'A' on p. 51 cf

pp. 53-59 cf

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p. 45 cf

I think it is sufficient if they are told as at 'R' above.

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~~The remarks of Public~~ may be obtained u.o. prior to ~~circulation.~~

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This, on the whole, does reflect on the morale and sense of diligence and care of the officers of the department in the districts concerned. Not only should they have been more vigilant but, if anything came to their notice, it is up to them to have investigated the matter and reported to the D.P.I.

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More vigilance is called for in the future and the D.P.I. may be informed that the Government regret that our officers in many places should have been so indifferent. He may be asked to circularise that in matters like this in the future the Government expect better diligence and attention from the officers of the department.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
10 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

TSA
8-5-48

Please see the orders in circulation at pp. 16-17 above. It is presumed that ~~(a)~~ P on p. 15 ante ~~is approved~~ has been approved in circulation. In this view, the draft order below is submitted for approval.

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14.5.48

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pp. 63-64 g

[G.O./Ms. No. 1229 Edn. (Confdl.) dated 15-5-48]

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