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Dated 28-6-48.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Rajah's College of Sanscrit & Tamil Studies Trivadi. Anti-Religious propaganda — Report of the committee of enquiry — Papers recorded.

Back Papers.

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Cmo. 72965 B1/47.

D.O. no. 72965 B1/47-1 Edn dated 3/9/47.

Dear Mr. Venkataswamy Naidu,

Sub: Education - Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi - Anti-religious propaganda by members of the teaching staff.

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I am desired to invite your attention to Go. no. Ms. 1750 Education dated the 4th August 1947, in which a Committee consisting of yourself and two other members was constituted to enquire and report on the allegation that the members of the teaching staff of the Rajah's college of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi are actively spreading anti-religious

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propaganda. I am to request you to report whether the Committee has visited the College and if so, when the report of the Committee may be expected.

Yours sincerely.

To

Sri K. Venkataswamy
Naidu, M.L.C
"Appah Gardens"
Taylor's Road,
Kilpauk,
Madras.

14/9/47

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May wait for a further week more before reminder.

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Sri Venkataswami Naidu may now be reminded. The draft DO in ppl-2 above may now issue.

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K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU,
B.A., B.L., M.L.C.
PHONE:

APPAH GARDENS,
KILPAUK, MADRAS.

SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P. H.
4 OCT 1947
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

3rd October '47.

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To
Sri M.V. Subramanian,
Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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Dear Sir,

Ref: D.O.No.72965 B1/47-1
Education dated 30th Sep.
1947.

We visited Tiruvadi College on 1st October 1947 and we are shortly submitting our report. Kindly excuse delay.

Yours sincerely,

K Venkataswami

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The Do letter from Sri K. Venkataswamy Naidu on p 3 ante is submitted for perusal.

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C.No. 72965 B1/47. Do. No.

Dear Mr. Venkataswamy Naidu,

Sub: Edn – Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi – Anti-religious propaganda by members of teaching staff.

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I am desired to invite your attention to your Do. No. Nil dated 3.10.47 and to enquire when the report of the Committee constituted on the above subject may be expected.

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Yours Sincerely,

Sri K. Venkata-
swamy Naidu, MLC,
"Appah Gardens"
Taylor's Road,
Kilpauk, Madras.

Wait till 5.11.47
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To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Government of Madras,
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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Sir,

Ref: Education and Public Health Department-
G.O. No. Ms.1750 Education dated
4th August '47.

Sub: Education- Rajah's College of Sanskrit
and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi - Anti-
religious propaganda- Committee of
Enquiry - Consituted.

We beg to submit our report annexed herewith. We regret the delay caused, which was quite unavoidable. We thank the Government for giving us an opportunity to serve on the committee.

We beg to remain,
Sir,

Yours obediently,

T. P. Meenakshisundaram

Encl (one Report)

REPORT.

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The Government of Madras by its Go.No. 1750 Education dated 4th August 1947 constituted a committee consisting of Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, B.A.,B.L., M.L.C., Deputy President, Madras Legislative Council,(CONVENORE), Sri T.P. Minakshisundaram Pillai, B.A.,B.L., Ex-Head of the department of Tamil in the Annamalai University and Sri A. Vedarathnam Pillai, M.L.A., to enquire and report on the allegation that the teaching staff of the Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil studies, Tiruvadi, are actively spreading anti-religious propaganda.

The Committee under the directions of the G.O. had to visit the college and to make a report on the following points.

1. Whether the allegations mentioned in the article published in 'Vellimani' dated 11-7-'47 are true and whether anti-religious propaganda is actively carried on and inculcated to the students, studying for the Tamil Vidwan Examination in the institution.

2. Whether the atmosphere of the institution is such that it tends to create anti-religious feeling among the students, who study there.

3. Whether the conduct of the staff is such that it helps in spreading these tendencies and

4. with reference to the findings on the foregoing points, what remedial measures are, in the opinion of the committee called for.

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The enclosure to the G.O. contained two cuttings from 'Vellimani'. One contained a letter alleged to have been written by a student containing the allegation which had led to the appointment of the committee. The article complains (1) that the majority of the Tamil students are anti-religious Blackshirts coercing the orthodox students not to follow their religious practices. 2. that Tamil Union and it funds are used for their own propaganda, only those of their own views are invited to deliver lectures. (3) that four teachers (ie) - Messrs Purushothama Naidu, Sivaprakasa Seturayar, Govindaswami Pillai and Ramaswami Chettiar are followers of the so-called Self-Respect Movement and side with the Blackshirts even when the other students ill-treated by the anti-religious students appeal to them as teachers for justice. The other cutting from Vellimani is a leaderette on this letter calling attention to these atrocities.

On the 29th of September after unavoidable delay the Committee decided to pay a surprise visit on the 1st of October 1947 to the Tiruvadi Oriental Institution without giving anyone any previous ntocie, and to hold a formal enquiry after notice to the persons concerned if the committee found a necessity therefor at its informal enquiry during its surprise visit. The

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Committee did not feel it necessary to hold a formal meeting and the report therefore is based on the informal enquiry only.

The members read the two articles from 'Vellimani'. At the Tiruvadi College the students were watched during their morning study and in their classes. Most of the studnents were interviewed at an informal conference of the students. The Principal and the teachers were also observed and interviewed. Some of the members of the Public were also consulted in the most informal manner. The Committee went round the building and its surroundings with a view to report on the atmosphere prevailing there.

Most of the students appeared with sandal paste, Vibuthi or Namam on their foreheads; so did the teachers with the exception of the Principal. The Tamil teachers with the exception of Sri Ramaswami Chettiar are more or less Sanatānists and the Committee did not hear any complaint against them in the course of its informal enquiry, on the score of irreligion. Sri Ramaswami Chettiar is under a cloud of suspicion but when interviewed he stated that he believed in the Saiva Siddhanta Philosophy, which he seems to beleive rather fervently. It was stated that he interpreted " அறுதொழில் " occurring in Tirukkurel as the six basic inductions of the world instead of as the six traditional duties of the brahmins.

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This interpretation is not new and certainly is not irreligious. One cannot subscribe to the view that a man by the very fact of denying the superiority of the brahmin caste or the social hieraxrchy becomes a Brahmadvesha, a hater of the Absolute God. One has to distinguish between four different kinds of criticism (1) Bonafides new interpretations and critical apprecia-tions of the old texts with a view to bring out their modern value. (2) Criticism of the myths, with a view to bring out of their literary worth inspite of their crudities and contradictions without wounding the religious suscexptibilities of any of the auditors. (3) The criticism of society and its conventions such as the untouchability and caste provided there is no personal attack involved and no bitterness or venom poisons the xxxxxx talk (4) the attack on any religion or on all religions. It is very unfortunate that all these are confused and that people who ought to know better express the view that even the first kind of criticism is irreligious, because they feel that this kind of criticism slowly leads to the fourth kind of attack.

There was not even a whisper during the course of this enquiry that the fourth kind of criticism (ie) attack on religion or any irreligious talk was ever indulged in either by the students or the teachers within the college premises. The teachers never indulged in such a course even outside the college according to the information received. As for the students there are admittedly followers of the Congress,

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the Dravidakazhagam and the Communist Party. The highest estimate, the committee heard placed the number of Blackshirts amongst students at fifteen among a total of 150 students or so. When compared with the Arts and Science Colleges elsewhere this is nothing unususal. The committee had the assurance that no blackshirt was allowed to be worn inside the hostel or school. About ten students it was reported never took part in the Independence Day Celebration. If the absence was wanton, the Government should take serious note and insist on some oath of allegiance to the Government in view of troubles brewing all over the country.

As for the lectures delivered at the Tamil Union, they could be arranged only with the permission of the Principal and the Principal had no reason to complain on the ground of irreligion, though there were controversies about language and social hierarchy. Outsiders are brought for delivering lectures only with the permission of the Principal and in some cases such as the celebration of the Pannar Selvam Day in honour of Late Mr. Pannar Selvam, who was responsible for opening the T.D. Vidwan Course in Tamil in the college, permission was sought for from the District Board. None of the leaders of the Self- Respect Movement ever delivered any lecture inside the college. The authorities informally consulted denied it as false that any student ever coerced any other student to give up one's religion or its practices.

There is"friction" --that was the word used by some in the course of the inquiry -- between the Tamil and the Sanskrit section. Originally the institution was a Sanskrit Patasala. Diverting its funds for the opening of a Tamil section has not as yet found favour with the Sanskrit students, who may have reasons for believing that instead of closing down Sahitya Sanskrit section, the funds diverted might have been utilised for opening other Sanskrit studies now neglected in the country. When the newly opened Tamil section increased in its strength by leaps and bounds, So as to eclipse the original nucleus of a Sanskrit section with its number of students diminishing to 12 or so, the Sanskrit section cannot but regret this turn of events. Added to this the introduction of common mess has been resented by the orthodox section. It is very unfortunate this division is almost communal; the Sanskrit section consisting mainly of brahmins and the Tamil section consisting mainly of non-brahmins.

This friction has led to a number of penpricks. Even though the college admits only those, who have expressed in writing their willingness to partake of the common mess a few brahmin students are still allowed to ~~sat~~ sit apart and to be served first. The non-brahmin students feel that it is the remnant that is served to them. In the absence of a spirit of 'give and take' these thoughts only promote communal strain. 'Close Down' (the Tamil section) is the caption of the article published in 'Vellimani' and there is a feeling here that closing down of the Tamil section will remove the present friction. But unfortunately ~~the students~~ the students studying in the Siromani courses are not more than thirteen or so, while the Tamil students are many times more. In addition, one has to bear in mind that an appreciable proportion of these Sanskrit students come not from the heart of the Tamil country or even from Tanjore but from the West Coast. Such is the popularity of the Sanskrit section in the Tamil country, that one is tempted to question the usefulness of this section as at present constituted.

There was a complaint against the Principal, who belongs to the Sanskrit section of the staff and a University Commission had to go into these allegations. The conclusions of the committee are not yet known but it seems that some of the Tamil staff figured in the inquiry against the Principal. Vellimani'S article against the Tamil department with the significant headline "Close Down" the Tamil section came immediately thereafter. The whole affair suggests to one's mind the game of battledoor and shuttlecock but unfortunately too grave and grim for any fun.

It is very unfortunate that any journal should publish such defamatory articles on the poor and helpless teachers without any inquiry by openly publishing the names of the teachers. This does not seem to be in keeping with the established journalistic etiquette. The caption of the letter "Close Down" reveals the true motive of the correspondent who pretends to be a student. The letter mentions only the non-brahmin teachers and condemns them all as believing in force and irreligion. It leaves the brahmin teachers alone out of account suggesting by its silence that the brahmins alone are ~~XX~~religious.

The committee is of opinion that with reference to the first point raised in the G.O. the allegations mentioned in the article published in 'Vellimani' dated 11-7-1947 are not true and that no anti-religious propaganda is actively or otherwise carried on and inculcated to the students studying for Tamil Vidwan Examination in the institution.

With reference to the 3rd ~~xxxx~~ point the committee is of opinion that the conduct of the staff is not such that it helps in spreading these tendencies.

With reference to the 2nd point the committee is of opinion the atmosphere is not healthy and therefore is more dangerous than any atmosphere tending towards anti-religious feeling. It is in an atmosphere of communal friction as explained above, where oneside pretending to be orthodox and condemning all love of Tamil and social reform as irreligious activity that the students live and study. The status of the ~~xxxx~~ teachers nurtures an inferiority complex in the minds of the Tamil students as well. There is nothing but high sounding names. Every teacher is a Professor starting on a salary of Rs.40/- per mensem and the head of the institution is a Principal-cum-Professor on a salary of Rs.125/- In this shadow of inferiority, the heart burning only increases. The boys, themselves are too poor to be contented with their lot in the world. In the hostel they starve till 1-30 P.M., when alone the first meal is served for the day; xthe second and the last meal is served at 7-30 P.M. No lamp is provided and they have to purchase kerosene oil by their own money. Nor is any furniture supplied. The expenditure per head on boarding comes to Rs. 60/- a year or Rs.5/- per mensem.

The Kalyani Mahal, where the institution is housed is a palace but there are no decent rooms and partitionsx The ~~statement-that-students-coming-from~~ have created certain cells for the students to live in. The building is facing the most ancient temple of Dakshina Kailas but worshippers of Mammon have put a block of bazaars, as so many barriers between the temple of God and the temple of Learning. The institution is on one of the banks of the beautiful R.Cauveri but the zenana arrangements of the palace have successfully blocked the very sight of Mother Nature appearing in all her glory outside the wall of the palace.

In this unnatural atmosphere of friction, starvation, Kerosene smoke, zenana walls, competitive bazaars and unhealthy streets seperated from God and Nature the students have no physical education whatsoever, the very basis of all mental and spiritual education. There are no extra curricular activities like scouting, Redcross or other social service. Except their union and its meetings indulging in high sounding words as usual the students have no way of escape from the drudgery routine of an Oriental College. Their intellectual world is equally isolated. They live in the world of ancient books; rather they cram some verses of the past. The syllabus of study and the questions asked at the Examinations have no room for original or creative thinking; nor any scope for contact with the world of to-day. Except in Tamil and even there except for a paper on Composition the student is expected to recite the words spoken by the ancient world--~~an atmosphere~~ very much above them when they were written, words, which fail to carry any significance to the modern world unless re-interpreted in the language of the modern man.

It is surprising that no congregational prayer is adopted in the college. Once in a year when the college re-opens the teachers alone meet and pray. The inspiring presence of a Guru is absent.

With reference to the fourth point calling for suggestions from the committee the following recommendations are made.

If any improvement is to be thought of, it can be only when the atmosphere changes. (1) The boys should be well fed. (2) The building should be electrified and the rooms extended so as to be well lighted and airy with the necessary minimum ~~fn~~ of furniture. (3) The wall preventing a view of R. Cauveri should be demolished so that the students can enjoy the beautiful landscape from the class-room itself. (4) The extra-curricular activities like scouting, community service should be organised. (5) Physical education should be introduced and made compulsory for all. (6) Daily congregational prayer in Tamil should be introduced a chorus or Bhajan party organised with the temple and the Cauveri as centres of activity. (7) The Oriental studies and colleges should be removed from their isolation and fitted into the general educational system of the country as institutions specialising in Tamil or Sanskrit after the candidates have received a basic minimum of secondary education. This will avoid the Sanskrit students and Tamil students continuing to be distinguished on communal lines from the beginning to the end of their scholastic career. (8) The syllabus must be revised as to leave room for creative thinking by providing instruction. Such modern developments of Literature as short stories etc. (9) Following these the status of the Oriental teachers should have to be on a par with the other teachers to invite

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and inspire more and more people of the better sort to take up the work of teaching Oriental languages and subjects.

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CONCLUSIONS:

1. The committee is of opinion that with reference to the first point raised in the G.O. the allegations mentioned in the article published in 'Vellimani' dated 11-7-1947 are not true and that no anti-religious propaganda is actively or otherwise carried on and inculcated to the students studying for Tamil Vidwan Examination in the institution.

2. The atmosphere of the institution requires radical change if the insitution should serve the purpose effectively and towards this end we hope the Government will consider the suggestions made and introduce changes which will help the student to secure proper environment for study.

3. The committee is of opinion that the conduct of the staff is not such that it helps in spreading these tendencies.

4. The remedial measures suggested in page 11 are in our opinion necessary to improve the institution.

K. Kumaraswami Naidu

T.P. Meenakshi Sundaran

APPENDIX.

(a) STRENGTH.

Sanskrit section:		Tamil Section.	
College.....	12	College.......	62
High School.	26	High School...	34
	38		96

38 plus 96 = 134

(b) EXPENDITURE.

	Rs.	as.	Ps.
Teaching staff	22,137	7	0
Clerk and servants	693	9	0
Provident Fund contribution	768	0	0
Contingency	35	0	0
Library	100	0	0
Scholarship	390	8	0
	24,126	8	0

or nearly 24,000 Rs.

(c) Expenditure on Boarding.

Number of boarders 103 .... Rs.6,095 - 3 - 0

(ie) Rs. 59 per head per year.

K Venkataswami Naidu

T P Meenakshisundaram

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Cm. 72965 B1/47. **Confdl.**

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Education and Public Health Department
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D.O.NO. 72965 B1/47-2 Edn Dt 12/11/47.

Dear Mr. Venkataswami Naidu,

SUBJECT: Education - Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi - Anti-religious propaganda by members of the teaching staff.

I am desired to request you to return the the article on the above subject published in "Veli Mani" dated the 11th July 1947, which was forwarded to you along with G.O.Ms.No.1750 Education, dated the 4th August 1947. ~~I am to desired to request you to send it at an early date~~, ~~as it has not been received with your letter forwarding the report of the Committee of Enquiry constituted in the G.O. referred to above.~~ as it is required for reference. It has not been received along with the report of the Committee of enquiry

Yours sincerely,

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To
Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, M.L.C.,
"Appah Gardens",
Taylor's Road,
Kilpauk, Madras.

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(Placed below)

K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU,
B.A., B.L., M.L.C.
PHONE : 2732

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

The Secretary

Education & Public ~~health dept~~

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Sir,

G. O. No 72965 B1/47-2

Education dated 12-11-47.

Re Rajas College Tiruvadi

I am herewith returning the article of Vellimani dated 11-7-47 as required by you.

Yours truly

K Venkataswami Naidu

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VELLIMANI ISSUE DATED 11-7-47

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தியாகராயநகர் :: சென்னை

கல்தா கொடுங்கள்

சில காலமாகத் தமிழ் நாட்டைச் சேர்ந்த பள்ளிக்கூடங்களிலும் கலாசாலைகளிலும் ஒரு வெறுக்கத்தக்க பிரசாரம் நடந்து வருவதாகத் தெரிகிறது. மேற்படி பிரசாரத்தை நடத்துகிறவர்கள் திராவிடக் கட்சியைச் சேர்ந்த உபாத்தியாயர்கள் என்றும் அறிகிறோம்.

பள்ளிக்கூடங்களிலே உபாத்தியாயராக அமர்ந்து பிழைப்பு நடத்தும் இந்த நாஸ்திக சிகாமணிகள் வேலியே பயிரை மேய்வது போல் மாணுக்கர்களைக் கெடுக்கும் தீய விஷப் பிரசாரத்தில் ஈடுபட்டிருப்பதன் நோக்கம் என்ன ?

'' கடவுள் இல்லை; விபூதி பூசாதே; புராணங்கள் பொய் '' என்ற துர்ப்போதனைகளைச் செய்வதற்காகவா இவர்கள் சம்பளம் பெறுகிறார்கள் ?

இதற்காகவா மாணுக்கர்கள் இவர்களுக்குத் தண்டச் சம்பளம் அழுகிறார்கள் ?

பள்ளிக்கூடங்களும், கலாசாலைகளும் பொதுவான ஸ்தாபனங்கள். எந்தக் கட்சிக்கும், எந்த மதத்துக்கும் அங்கே தனிப்பட்ட சலுகைகூடாது. கல்விக்கான மேற்படி பொதுஸ்தாபனங்களில் மதம், குலம், கட்சி என்ற பாகுபாடு இருக்கக் கூடாது. மாணுக்கர்களின் இளம் உள்ளத்தைக் கெடுக்கும் எந்த விதமான துர்ப்பிரசாரத்துக்கும் அங்கே இடம் தரக்கூடாது. அப்போதுதான் கல்வித் துறையில் மாணுக்கர்கள் முன்னேற்ற மடைய முடியும். இது எல்லா நாடுகளிலும் கடை பிடிக்கப் பட்டு வரும் பொதுவான கொள்கையாகும்.

ஆனால், நமது தமிழ் நாட்டைப் பிடித்துள்ள எத்தனையோ துரதிருஷ்டங்களில் இன்று பள்ளிக்கூடங்களும் கலாசாலைகளும் நாஸ்திகப் பிரசாரங்களுக்கு இலக்காகி யிருப்பதும் ஒன்று.

மேற்படி திராவிடக் கட்சியின் நோக்கமும் அதனுடைய கொள்கையும் தமிழ் நாட்டுக்குப் புதிதல்ல. நாட்டில் இந்தக் கட்சிக்கு எத்தகைய செல்வாக்கு இருக்கிற தென்பதும் தெரியாத விஷயமல்ல. இத்தனை காலமாக இவர்களுடைய நாஸ்திகப் பிரசாரத்துக்கு வாஸ்தவமாகவே நாட்டில் யாராவது செவி சாய்த்திருந்தால், கும்பகோணத்தில் நடந்த மாமாங்கத்துக்கு லட்சக் கணக்கான பேர் கூட்டம் கூடுவானேன்!

ஆகையால்தான் பொது மக்களிடையே செல்வாக்கை இழந்த திராவிடக் கழகத்தைச் சேர்ந்த கறுஞ் சட்டைக்காரர்கள், தங்களுடைய மேடைப்பிரசங்கத்தைக் கேட்பதற்கு ஆளில்லை எனத் தெரிந்ததும் பள்ளிக்கூடங்களிலே புகுந்திருக்கிறார்கள். புகுந்து அங்குள்ள மாணுக்கர்களைத் தங்களுடைய துர்ப்போதனைக்கு உள்ளாக்குகிறார்கள். கடவுளையும் மதத்தையும் பழிக்கின்றார்கள்; தேசத் தலைவர்களையும், காங்கிரஸ் ஸ்தாபனத்தையும் கண்டபடி ஏசுகிறார்கள். தங்கள் பிரசாரத்தை அவமதிக்கும் பிள்ளைகளுக்குத் தண்டனை கொடுக்கிறார்கள். மீறிப் பேசினால் டிஸ்மிஸ் செய்கிறார்கள். பள்ளிக் கூடத்திலே சேருவதற்கு 'ஸீட்' இல்லை என்று சொல்லிப் பழிவாங்குகிறார்கள்.

பள்ளிக்கூடங்களிலே நடக்கும் இந்த அக்கிரமத்தைப் பொறுத்துக் கொண்டிருப்பது புனிதமான ஆலயத்துக்குள்ளே கசாப்புக் கடை வியாபாரம் நடப்பதைச் சகிப்பதற்குத்தான் ஒப்பிட வேண்டும்.

திருவை யாற்றுக் கலாசாலையில் இந்தக் கறுப்புச் சட்டைக் காரர்கள் செய்யும் அக்கிரமங்களைக் குறித்து நமக்கு வந்துள்ள ஒரு கடிதம் சாங்கோபாங்கமாக விளக்கிக் காட்டுகிறது, திருவையாற்றைப் போலவே இந்தக் கறுஞ் சட்டை வீரர்கள் இன்னும் பல இடங்களிலும் தங்கள் லீலைகளைப் புரிந்து வருகிறார்கள். சிதம்பரம் அண்ணாமலை சர்வகலாசாலை, சென்னை பச்சையப்பன் கல்லூரி, விழுப்புரம், சேலம் முதலிய இடங்களிலும் திராவிடக் கட்சியின் பிரசாரம் நடந்து வருகிறது.

நாமக்கல் பள்ளிக்கூடத் தலைமை உபாத்தியாயர் செய்யும் அயோக்கியத் தனமான காரியங்களைக் கண்டித்து ஒரு பொறுப்புள்ள தேசபக்தர் நமக்குக் கடிதம் எழுதியிருக்கிறார்.

அந்த ஊர்ப் பள்ளிக்கூடத் தலைமை உபாத்தியாயர் திராவிடர் கட்சி தோன்றிய நாளாகப் பள்ளிக்கூடத்தில் காந்தீயத்துக்கும் காங்கிரசுக்கும் விரோதமான காரியங்களைச் செய்து வருகிறாராம். இதன் விளைவாக ஜில்லா போர்டு தலைவர் ஸ்ரீ நாச்சியப்ப கவுண்டர் தலைமை உபாத்தியாயரை அழைத்துக் கண்டித்ததாகவும் அறிகிறோம். அதே பள்ளிக்கூடத்தில் ஒரு சு.ம. தமிழ்ப் பண்டிதர் வகுப்பில் பாடம் நடத்த வேண்டிய வேளையில் காங்கிரஸ் ஸ்தாபனத்தையும், நமது அரும் பெரும் தலைவர்களையும் வாயில் வந்தபடி ஏசியதாகவும் இதற்குத் தக்க ருசு இருப்பதாகவும் மேற்படி கடிதத்தில் குறிப்பிடப் பட்டிருக்கிறது.

பள்ளிக் கூடங்களிலே வளர்க்கப்படும் இந்த நாஸ்திகப் பயிரை முளையிலேயே கிள்ளி எறிய வேண்டியது சர்க்காருடைய முதல் கடமையாகும்.

இந்த அநீதியைத் தடுப்பதற்குச் சர்க்கார் தகுந்த நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப் போவதாகப் பத்திரிகைகளில் ஏற்கெனவே செய்தி வெளியாகியிருந்தது.

கல்வி மந்திரி ஸ்ரீ அவிநாசிலிங்கம் அவர்களுக்குப் பலமான எச்சரிக்கை செய்கிறோம்.

இந்தத் தீயப் பிரசாரத்தின் கொடுமையிலிருந்து மாணுக்கர்களைக் காப்பாற்றும்படி வற்புறுத்திக் கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறோம்.

சர்க்கார் எடுக்கப் போவதாகச் சொல்லும் நடவடிக்கையை உடனே எடுக்கும்படி வேண்டுகின்றோம். அப்படி நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கும் முன்பாக எந்தெந்த ஊரில் இத்தகைய நாஸ்திகப் பிரசாரம் நடக்கிறது என்பதை முதலில் ஆதார பூர்வமான சாட்சியங்களுடன் விசாரித்துத் தெரிந்து கொள்ள வேண்டுகிறோம்.

பிறகு சம்பந்தப்பட்ட உபாத்தியாயர்களை உடனே வேலையிலிருந்து கல்தா கொடுத்து வீட்டுக்கு அனுப்பும்படி கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறோம்.

வெள்ளிமணியில் வெளியாகும் அரசியல் விஷயங்களில் காணப்படும் பெயர்கள் யாவும் நிஜப்பெயர்களே

நாட்டு வளப்பம்

சீர்திருத்த யோசனை

சென்ற வாரம் சென்னையில் நடந்த மடாலய தேவாலய சீர்திருத்த மகாநாட்டை நமது பிரதம மந்திரி ஓமந்தூர் ராமசாமி ரெட்டியார் திறந்து வைத்த போது, சில அருமையான சீர்திருத்த யோசனைகளைக் கூறியிருக்கிறார்.

"மடங்களும் ஆலயங்களும் சீர்திருந்த வேண்டுமானால் ஆலயத்தைப் பரிபாலிக்கும் பொறுப்பு வாய்ந்தவர்களிடையே உண்மையான தெய்வ உணர்ச்சியும், பாரபட்சமற்ற பரந்த நோக்கமும் ஜீவகாருண்யமும் இருக்க வேண்டும்.

"நமது நாட்டில் சுமார் நூறு மடங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. அவற்றின் வருஷ வருமானம் சுமார் பத்து லட்ச ரூபாய் இருக்கலாம். இந்த வருமானத்தைச் சிறந்த முறையில் செலவு செய்ய வேண்டும்.

"திக்கற்ற குழந்தைகளுக்கும், ஏழை எளியவர்களுக்கும், வயதானவர்களுக்கும் இலவசமாக உணவு அளிக்கலாம். தர்ம வைத்தியசாலைகள் நிறுவலாம். தெய்வப் பெரு நூல்களை வெளியிடலாம். வாசக சாலைகள் வைத்து நடத்தலாம். சாதிசமயச் செருக்கற்றவர்களை ஆலயத் திருப்பணியில் ஈடுபடச் செய்யலாம்!"

பிரதம மந்திரியின் மேற்கண்ட சீர்திருத்த யோசனைகள் மிகவும் பயன் தரத் தக்கவை என்பதையும் காரிய சாத்தியமான சிறந்த வழி என்பதையும் நாம் சொல்லத் தேவை யில்லை.

பிரதம மந்திரியின் யோசனையை மகா நாட்டுக்கு விஜயம் செய்திருந்த மடாதிபதிகளும், கோவில் நிர்வாகிகளும் உடனே காரியாம்சத்தில் நிறைவேற்றி வைத்துத் தமிழ் நாட்டின் பண்டைப் பெருமையைக் காப்பாற்றிக் கொடுப்பார்கள் என்று ஆவலுடன் எதிர்பார்க்கிறோம்.

புரட்சி தணிக!

தமிழ்நாடு காங்கிரஸ் சோஷலிஸ்டுக் கட்சியைச்சேர்ந்தவர்கள் ரொம்பவும் பிடிவாதக்காரர்கள். யார் என்னத்தைச் சொன்னாலும் கேட்கமாட்டார்கள்.

சில காலமாகவே இவர்கள் எதற்கெடுத்தாலும் முற்போக்கு என்றும், தீவிரவாதம் என்றும், புரட்சி என்றும் சொல்லிக்கொண்டு வருகிறார்கள். இதற்காக, காங்கிரஸ் தலைவர்களைப் பழிக்கவும் குற்றம் சாட்டவும் இவர்கள் யோசிப்பதில்லை.

நமது தலைவர்கள் இடைக்கால சர்க்காரில் பதவி ஏற்றது இவர்களுக்குப் பிடித்தமில்லை. "இந்த அரை குறை சுதந்திரம் யாருக்கு வேண்டும்? புரட்சி! புரட்சிதான் முழு சுதந்திரத்தை அடையும் வழி" என்று கூச்சல்போட்டார்கள். சிலதீவிரவாதிகளின் புரட்சிவேகம் பொதுக் கூட்டங்களில் கல்லை விட்டு எறிவது வரை போய் நின்றது!

சோஷலிஸ்டுக் கட்சித் தலைவரான ஸ்ரீ ஜெயப்பிரகாச நாராயணன் [illegible]பத்தில் பம்பாயில் நடந்த மாகாண சர்க்கார் ஊழியர்கள் மகாநாட்[illegible]ல் ஒரு விஷயத்தைத் தெளிவுபடுத்தி யிருக்கிறார்.

அதாவது, பிரிட்டிஷார் முழு அதிகாரத்தையும் இந்தியாவுக்கு மாற்றிய பின் நேரு சர்க்காருக்குத் தம்முடைய பூரண ஆதரவை அளிக்கப் போவதாகவும் தேவையானால் நேரு சர்க்காரைப் பலப்படுத்தப் போவதாகவும் கூறி யிருக்கிறார்.

அநேகமாக பிரிட்டிஷார் சோஷலிஸ்டுக் கட்சியின் புரட்சி இல்லாமலேயே பூர்ண சுதந்திரத்தையும் கொடுத்து விட்டார்கள். ஸ்ரீ ஜெயப்பிரகாச நாராயணனும் தம்முடைய ஆதரவைத் தருவதாகச் சொல்லிவிட்டார். எனவே, தமிழ்நாட்டு சோஷலிஸ்டு வீரர்கள் தங்களுடைய ஆதரவைத் தர வேண்டியது தான் பாக்கி. ஆகையால் இனியாவது அவர்கள் தங்களுடைய புரட்சி கோஷத்தை நிறுத்திக்கொண்டு தேசீய சர்க்காருக்கு ஆதரவு அளிக்க வேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறோம்.

அரிசி விமரிசனம்

சென்னை மாகாணத்தில் அரிசி நிலைமைதிருப்திகரமாயில்லைஎன்று சிவில் சப்ளை கமிஷனர் மிஸ்டர் மாஸ்டர்மன் கணக்குப் போட்டுப் பார்த்து, புள்ளி விவரங்களுடன் விமரிசனம் செய்ததன் பலனாக இப்போது பொது மக்களுக்கு இரண்டு அவுன்ஸ் அரிசிக்கு ஆபத்து ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதாவது அரிசிக் கையிருப்பில் பற்றாக் குறை ஏற்படும் என்ற காரணம் பற்றி சென்னை சர்க்கார் வருகிற ஞாயிற்றுக் கிழமையிலிருந்து அரிசி ரேஷனைப் பத்து அவுன்ஸிலிருந்து எட்டு அவுன்ஸாகக் குறைத்திருக்கிறார்கள். அத்துடன் அரிசி விலையையும் கொஞ்சம் கூட்டியிருக்கிறார்கள். அதாவது படிக்கு நாலு தம்பிடி வீதம் அதிகம் கொடுக்க வேண்டும். அவ்வளவுதான். இந்த நாலு தம்பிடியைக் கொண்டு உற்பத்தியாளர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்படும் போனஸ் தொகையில் பாதியை ஈடுகட்டுவார்களாம். குறைக்கப்படும் இரண்டு அவுன்ஸ் ரேஷனைச் சரிக்கட்ட உருளைக்கிழங்கை மலிவான கண்டிரோல் விலைக்குக் கொடுப்பார்களாம். இந்த ஏற்பாடு கூட அடுத்த ஜனவரி மாதம் வரைதான் என்று தெரிகிறது. அப்புறம் குருவை நெல் சாகுபடிகாலம் வந்துவிடுவதால் அரிசிப் பஞ்சம் தீர்ந்து விடும் என்று எதிர்பார்க்கிறார்கள். இந்த இரண்டு அவுன்ஸ் குறைவையும் நாலு தம்பிடிக் கூடுதலையும் தங்கள் சொந்த நலனை உத்தேசித்துப் பொது மக்கள் பொருட்படுத்த மாட்டார்கள் என்பது நிச்சயம்.

அடுத்த இதழில்

'அநுத்தமா'

எழுதிய

தொடர் கதை

ஆரம்பமாகிறது.

வெள்ளி மணி dated 11-7-47

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முடிக் கொலையுங்கள்

திருவையாறு 6-7-47

அன்புள்ள "வெள்ளிமணி" ஆசிரியர் அவர்களுக்கு,

"வானம் அளந்த தனைத்தும்
அளந்திடும் வண் மொழி"

என்று பாரதியார் புகழ்ந்து வாழ்த்திய தமிழை இப்பொழுது வளர்ப்பதாக இருக்கும் திருவையாறு அரசர் கல்லூரி மாணவன் எழுதுகிறேன்.

தமிழ் மொழியைத் தமிழருக்குத் தமிழிலேயே கற்பிப்பதற்கு மணி மணியான தமிழாசிரியர்களைத் தருவதற்காக இந்தக் கல்லூரி நடத்தப்படுகிறது. இங்கே சுமார் 200 மாணவர்கள் படிக்கிறோம். எல்லாரும் தமிழ் வித்வான் பட்டம் பெற்றுப் பள்ளிக்கூடங்களில் தமிழ் ஆசிரியர்கள் ஆகப் போகிறோம்.

பட்டப் பகலில் எங்கள் கல்லூரியில் ஒரே இருள் மயமாக இருக்கும். நான் பொய் சொல்லுகிறேன் என்றால் புறப்பட்டு நேரே திருவையாறு வந்து பாருங்கள். 200 மாணவர்களில் 160 பேர் கறுப்புச் சட்டையை அணிந்திருப்பார்கள். கறுப்புச் சட்டை அணிவது புது நாகரிகம் என்று எண்ண இடமில்லாதபடி கல்லூரியின் தூண்களிலும் கதவுகளிலும் கொட்டையெழுத்துக்களில் **"கறுப்புச் சட்டைப் படையில் சேராதவன் உஷார்! புராணம் ஒரு புளுகு மூட்டை"** என்றெல்லாம் எழுதியிருப்பதைப் பார்க்கலாம்.

மாணிக்க வாசகரும், ராமலிங்கசுவாமிகளும் பிறந்த இந்தப் புண்ணியத் தமிழ் நாட்டிலே விபூதி பூசினால் அடியும் திட்டும் தாராளமாகக் கிடைக்கும் இடம் எது என்றால் திருவையாறு அரசர் கல்லூரிதான். இங்கே நடக்கும் சில அபூர்வ சம்பவங்களைக் குறிப்பிட ஆசைப் படுகிறேன்.

கல்லூரியில் திருவள்ளுவர்க் கழகம் ஒன்று நடக்கிறது. கழகத்தின் தலைவர் சு. ம. கட்சியைச் சேர்ந்தவர். இக்கழகத்துக்கு வருஷா வருஷம் நடக்கும் விழாவிற்குப் பத்தரை மாத்துச் சு. ம. வைத்தான் தலைமை வகிக்கவும் பேசவும் கொண்டு வருவார்கள். பணம் பொதுப் பணம். கூசாமல் எவ்வளவு வேண்டுமானாலும் செலவுசெய்வார்கள். ஒரு வருஷம் என்னைச் சேர்ந்த மாணவர்களும், நானும் இப்படி சு. ம. கட்சிக்குச் செலவு செய்யப் பணம் தர முடியாது என்று சொன்னோம். இந்த அநியாயத்தை எங்கள் ஆசிரியர்களிடத்தில் போய் முறையிட்டோம். என்ன பதில் கிடைத்தது தெரியுமா? தமிழருக்குத் திருப்பணி செய்வதாகக் கூறும் அந்த வித்வான்களிடத்தி லிருந்து வந்த பதில் இதுதான்:—

"அவர்கள் செய்வதுதான் சரி;

எங்கே உன் கடவுள்? ஆரியர் சூழ்ச்சியில் அகப்பட்டுக் கொண்டு ஏதாவது உளறுகிறீர்கள்!" இப்படி எங்கள் ஆசிரியர்களான ஸ்ரீ புருடோத்தம நாயுடு, ஸ்ரீ இ. ரா. கோவிந்தசாமிப் பிள்ளை, ஸ்ரீ. சிவப்பிரகாச சேதுராயர், ஸ்ரீ. ராமசாமி செட்டியார் ஆகியவர்கள் சொல்லி விட்டார்கள். மொத்தம் ஆறு ஆசிரியர்களில் நான்கு பேர் அசல் சு. ம. கட்சியைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள்.

இப்படி இருந்தால் கறுப்புச் சட்டை மாணவர்களின் ஆர்ப்பாட்டத்துக்குக் கேட்கவா வேண்டும்? நாளுக்கு நாள் வளர்ந்து கொண்டே போவதில் ஆச்சரியம் இல்லை.

இவ் வருஷம் 'பன்னீர்ச்செல்வம் நினைவு விழா' ஒன்று நடத்தினார்கள். அதே விழா, கல்லூரித் தலைமை ஆசிரியர் ஸ்ரீ. புருடோத்தம நாயுடு தலைமையில் நடந்தது. என்ன நடந்தது? ஸ்ரீ நாயுடு அதில் சேராத மாணாக்கர்களுக்காகத் திட்டுக்களை நடத்தினார். "கல்லூரியிலிருந்து வெளியே அனுப்புவேன்" என்று வீரம் ததும்ப கர்ஜித்தார். "மார்க்குகளைக் குறைப்பேன்! ஜாக்கிரதை!" என்று மிரட்டினார். எப்படி இருக்கிறது தலைமை ஆசிரியர் கதை?

ஆசிரியர் இப்படி எங்கள் மீது பாய்ந்ததும் சு.ம. மாணவர்கள் சிலர் எழுந்தார்கள். என்னைச் சேர்ந்த மாணவர்களைக் 'கன்னா பின்னா' என்று திட்டினார்கள். பிறகு கோபம் அதிகமாய் விட்டது. சில மாணவர்களைப் பலமாகத் தாக்கி அதன் பேரில் வழக்கு நடத்துவதை ரிக்கார்ட் மூலம் நிரூபிக்கத் தயாராயிருக்கிறேன். அடித்த சு.ம. மாணவர்களை 'டிஸ்மிஸ்' செய்யப் போகும் சமயத்தில் தலைமை ஆசிரியர் புருடோத்தம நாயுடு பல சூழ்ச்சிகள் செய்து வழக்கைத் தள்ளச் செய்து விட்டார்.

இங்கே தீபாவளிக்குக் கோடி உடுத்த யோக்கியதை யில்லை. விபூதி பூச அருகதை யில்லை. கடவுள் என்று சொல்லத் தைரியம் இல்லை. திருவாசகம் தேவாரம் பாட முடிய வில்லை.

இந்த நிலையில் தமிழ்க் கல்லூரி நடக்கிறது. இதற்கு நிவர்த்தி உண்டா? சர்க்கார் கவனிக்குமா?

தமிழும், தமிழகமும் முன்னேற வேண்டுமானால், தமிழர் பண்பாட்டைக் கடைப் பிடிக்க வேண்டுமானால் இந்த மாதிரியான தமிழ்க் கல்லூரிகள் ஒழிய வேண்டும்.

காங்கிரஸ் மந்திரி சபையார், பள்ளிக்கூடங்களில் நாத்திகம் போதிப்பதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப் போவதாகப் பத்திரிகைகளில் ஒரு செய்தி வந்திருக்கிறது. இது உண்மையானால், அதாவது காங்கிரஸ் மந்திரிகள் அவ்வாறு உறுதி கொண்டிருந்தால், முதலில் திருவையாறு தமிழ்க் கல்லூரியை மூட வேண்டும். நாத்திகத் தமிழ் ஆசிரியர்களை உற்பத்தி செய்யும் இதைச் சும்மா விட்டு விட்டு வேறு என்ன செய்தாலும் பயன்படாது.

இப்படிக்கு,

அரசர் கல்லூரி மாணவன்

"சைவன்"

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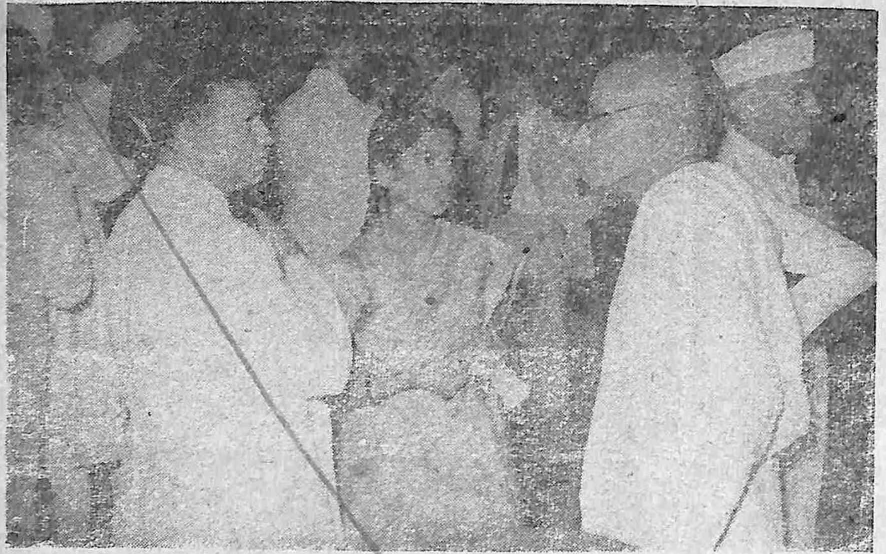

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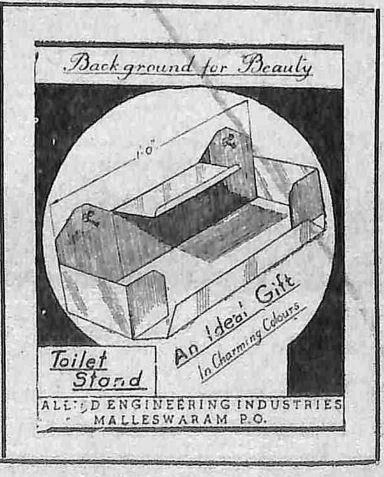

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C.no. 72965-B1/47.

Education – Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi – Measures of improvement.

Memo no. 72965-B1/47-3 Edn. d. 27/1/48

The attention of the Special Officer, District Board, Tanjore, is invited to D.O. no. 62572-B1/47-2 Edn., dated the 4th August 1947 and he is informed that the Committee of Enquiry Constituted by the Government to enquire and report on the allegation that the members of the teaching staff of the Rajah's college of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi are actively spreading anti-religious propaganda, has suggested certain remedial measures for the improvement of the College. A copy of the suggestions

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is forwarded to the Special Officer and he is requested to take early action in the matter in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction and the University wherever necessary & to send a report to Government ~~in due course.~~ at an early date

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To

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Education - Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi - Measures of improvement.

Memo no. 72965-B1/47-4 Edn dt 27/1/48

The attention of the Director of Public Instruction is invited to G.O. no. 1750 Education, dated the 4th August 1947 ~~and~~ The Committee of Enquiry constituted therein to enquire and report ~~on~~ into the allegation that the members of the teaching staff of the Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi, are actively spreading anti-religious propaganda, has made certain suggestions for the improvement of ~~the~~ Oriental education. A copy of the suggestions is forwarded

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to the Director and he is requested to offer his remarks ~~[illegible]~~ thereon at an early date.

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To
The DPI (with a copy of items (vii), (viii) & (ix) on p.2 nf).

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From (Name) Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A., (Oxon)

Designation Director of Public Instruction,

Station Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H.Department,
Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 2 MAR 1948

Enclosures:

Rc. No. 275-G2/48 dated 25-2-1948. 194

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Sir,

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Sub: Education - Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil studies, Tiruvadi - Measure of Improvement.

Ref: Govt.Memo No.72965-B1/47-4 Edn., dated 27-1-1948.

The whole question is now under consideration of the Director and a report will be submitted to Government in the matter as early as possible.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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Please see the letter from the DPI on page 28 ante. His reply may be awaited till 25 3/48.

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Memo No. 72965 E3/47-5 Edn. dated 12-4-48.

Education – Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi – Measures for improvement.

Ref. From the D.P.I., Rc. No. 275-E2/48, dated 25-2-48.

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The D.P.I. is requested to state at what stage the matter stands at present and when his final report may be expected.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Subject.

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Reference. p 30 ante

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R.C. No. 275-G2/48.

Station Madras., *Dated the* 5th May 1948. 19

From (Name) SRI D. S. REDDI, M.A. (Oxon.),

(Designation) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
MADRAS.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH Department.
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that Government have, in their Memorandum No.4005-G5/48-5 Education dated 24.4.'48 permitted the Director to constitute a committee to examine the Re-organisation of Oriental Schools. The University of Madras have appointed a Committee to examine the Reorganisation of Oriental Colleges. The latter committee have met once and discussed the general points. They will go into details at the subsequent meetings. These two Committees will examine the question and I will submit the recommendations of the Committees in due course.

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Regarding the question under reference I may state that the committee referred to above will consider the suggestions of the committee of enquiry for the improvements of the Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi viz. Paras VII and VIII of the extracts sent with the Government Memo. No. 72965-B1/47-4 Education dated 27.1.1948. As regards the other suggestion of the committee regarding the status of the teachers (Para IX) I invite your attention to G.O. No. 477-Education dated 11..3..1948 wherein Government have already passed orders on the question of scales of pay for teachers in the Oriental Colleges and Schools.

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~~Please see the reply from the D.P.I. at pp 32-33 above. His final report in the matter may be awaited till 10/6/48.~~

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34 **E. & P H. Dept. (G3)**

Memo. no. 72965 G3/47-6 Edn d. 17-5-48.

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Education – Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi – Measures of improvement

pp 24-25 cf. **Ref**: Govt. Memo. no. 72965-B1/47-3 Edn. d. 27/1/48

The Special Officer, Dt. Bd., Tanjore is requested to say when the report ~~referred to~~ called for in the memo. cited above may be expected.

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To

The S.O., Dt. Bd.
Tanjore.

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From
H.C.M.McLaughlin Esq.,
Collector and Special Officer,
Tanjore District Board, Tanjore.

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

R.C.No.652/48/Ch.A.3. dated

8- JAN 1948

Sir,

Enclosure:-Three.

Sub:--EDUCATION--Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies-Tiruvadi Measures of improvement-remarks on suggestions-offered.

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Ref:--Government Memorandum No.72965/B.1/47-3--Education dated 27-1-1948 and 17-5-1948.

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pp40-44 infra

I forward herewith a copy of the detailed report R.C.No.1/48 dated 28.2.48 of the Principal, Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi on the suggestions of the Committee of enquiry for the improvement of the College together with copies of his two subsequent reports on the subject and offer below my remarks on the proposals .

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Suggestion No.I.

The boys were not under-fed even during ration-time and there is nothing wrong with the food now supplied to them. Grocery articles have been arranged this year to be purchased at the local Co-operative Stores. The system of purchase of vegetables by a Committee consisting of the boys themselves had to be resorted to as there were loud complaints from the boarders about the choice and adequacy of vegetables supplied through the Chattram Servants. This cannot be a "distraction" as stated by the Principal and has not interfered with their studies. The students will suffer very much if this practice is discontinued.

Suggestion No.2.

The buildings have since been provided with electric lights and the supply of electricity is being arranged for with the Electric Supply Corporation, Kumbakonam.

The proposal to extend the rooms and render them more spacious and to furnish them cannot be acted on unless the adjacent buildings are acquired and pulled down and fresh structures put up. All this will be very costly and must wait until normal conditions return.

Suggestion No.3.

This is an old building and the pulling down of the wall in question may affect the structural stability of the building. This is not an urgent or necessary alteration. Even now the shutterless windows on the walls give a fairly good view of the river.

Suggestion No.4.

Scouting is shortly to go and a citizenship course is to be substituted for it. The suggestion will be borne in mind.

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Suggestion No.5.

The post of a Physical Training Instructor will be got sanctioned for this College.

Suggestion No.6.

Daily work in the College may be commenced and closed with prayer. I do not agree to the Principal's suggestion that the Boarding Superintendent should arrange for one hour's recitation of Prabandha or Thevaram by Tamil students and the Gita and Sahasranamam by Sanskrit students between 6 and 7 P.M. daily in the Cauvery Ghat. If a few pupils refuse to participate, they cannot be compelled to do so.and I think, according to the present policy of the Government, instruction or activity in any particular religion should not be encouraged.

I may however in this connection refer to Government Order (MS) No.194.F.D. dated 5.4.48 in which the appointment of a tutor has been sanctioned for teaching Thevaram and Tiruppugal to the pupils on a voluntary basis.

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Suggestion No.7.

It is upto the Principal to take effective steps in this direction. Detailed proposals will be called for and action taken thereon.

Suggestion No.8.

This is a matter for Government to determine. Orders have been passed in G.O.Ms.No.477 E & P.H. dated 11.43.48 that the revised scales of pay of the establishment of this College should be fixed with reference to the scales prescribed by the University for Oriental Colleges and Schools and the question of revising the salary scales obtaining in this institution has been referred to the Director of Public Instruction Madras whose instructions are awaited.

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FOR SPECIAL OFFICER

Copy to the Principal, Rajah's College, of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies
Tiruvaiyar.

T.K.G.

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Copy of letter R.C.1/48. dated 15th May 48 from the Principal The Raja's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies Tiruvadi to theSpecial Officer,Tanjo

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Sub:--Measures for improvement of the College.
Ref:--Your R.C.652/48. dated10.4.48.

I have the honour to state that direct purchase of provisions was sugges-ed on grounds its being more economical on the whole and the possibility it affords for the unfettered choice of the best available quality of provisions at any time.

2. It is after all a distraction for the students to be burdened with the daily purchase of vegetables, from their legitimate studies. If there are complaints in the purchase of vegetables by the Chattram staff, they should be set right in the proper way instead of making over the purchase to the students as the same thing could be said with regard to the other items too.

3. The post of Physical Training Instructor is understood to have been abolished as a measure of retrenchment about 3 or 10 years back. The order on the subject is not traceable here. The Inspecting Officer of the College has not said anything about physical education in the College.

4. I am not aware of students in any other college being taken out for Bhajana or chorus singing and as regards the question of its being in consonance with the Government Educational Policy, the opinion of the Director of Public Instruction, who is the competent authority to advise on the matter, may be sought. It may not be quite practicable to take out compulsorily, grown up students such as we have here. But if it is deemed necessary, it can be tried.

5. I am submitting proposals separately for the other items.

T.K.G./

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Copy of letter R.C.1/48. dated 15.5.48 from the Principal Rajah's College Tiruvadi to the Special Officer Dt.Board, Tanjore.

Sub:--Scouting and Community service for students.
Ref:--Your R.C.A.3.652/48 dated 10.4.48.

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I have the honour to report that the Oraganising Secretary of the Hindustan Scout Association, Madras has been addressed on the subject of starting a Rover and Scout Contingent in the College and to advise on the preliminary steps to be taken in that connection.

Proposals for starting the contingents will be submitted on receipt of necessary information regarding details, from him.

As community Service is part of the aims and objects of Scouting it may be treted as included in it.

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Copy of report R.C.1/48. dated 28.2.48 from the Principal The Raja's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi to the Special Officer, Tanjore District Board, Tanjore.

Sub:--Measures for the improvement of the college suggested in the Extracts from report of the Enquiry Committee communicated in Memorandum of the Government No.72965-B.1/47.3 Edn. dated 27.1.48.

Ref:--Your R.C.A.3.652/48. dated 12.2.48 asking for report.

I have the honour to submit the following in connection with the suggestions of the Committee.

I. Feeding of the Boys:-- There is nothing wrong with the food now supplied. But I would like to suggest the purchase of quarterly provisions (except rice) in the open market directly instead of getting them on the tender system through a contractor.

(b) Curds could be prepared daily out of buffalo-milk purchased by the Mess instead of being purchased daily from Vendors which would also guard against external infections.

(c) Leaves for serving meals should be supplied by the Chattram Department instead of the boarders being asked to come with their own leaves or plates.

(d) Sitting planks and tumblers for drinking water should be supplied to all Boarders at the cost of the Chattram to ensure the right type of atomosphere.

(e) The purchase of Vegetables for daily use should be left in the hands of the Chattram establishment and students should not be asked to go to the market as at present.

II. Building:-- I understand that proposals to have the entire college and Hostel premises electrified have been taken in hand.

(b) If the rooms are to be extended and made more spacious, and furnished with tables and chairs for each Boarder for reading, the Manageme would have to find more room for 50 percent of the boarders elsewhere as the present space in the Hostel will not suffice to accommodate all, on the new plan. The Hostel would have to be extended by acquiring other adjacement buildings of the chattram too after having them suitably remodelled. This would necessitate the acquisition of (i) the whole of the present upstairs portion of the building in which the Chattram Manager has his office, (2) the present Chattram Guest House and the portion facing it, the Manager's old house (now dilapidated) etc.,

III. The suggestions to demolish the walls preventing the view of the Cauvery from the class rooms, is, I am afraid, impracticable as it would not only not serve the purpose but would also endanger the safety of the building and make it collapse as there are two such walls and there would be no point in demolishing the outer one leaving the inner one to stand The outer wall is quite as necessary for the safety of the building as the inner one. A closer and leisurely inspection of the building would show the danger in interfering with the walls.

IV. Suitable members of the staff should be deputed to take practical training in Scouting and start a Rover Corps in the College. The Management should provide funds for the purpose of maintaining a Rover Corps. Funds may also be provided for taking out excursion parties, historical expedition inter-collegiate sports, Tournaments, Debates etc., A special allotment might be made for conducting the Hostel Day and an Open Terrace Dinner in wh all the staff and students may join.

The Management should provide funds for all these purposes.

V. Physical Education:- A physical training instru equipment for the purpose, should be provided. The post of the Master, (abolished some years ago) might be reinstituted. Drill and physical education and Games should be made compulsory.

. Owing to intervention of leisure hours and the difficulty in adjusting the timetable of work of the college and high school section classes daily, prayers before the commencement of the classes every day, would not be practicable. A better plan would be to have half an hour's prayer period daily in the evenings between 6-30 to 7 P.M. before night-meal time. The students, the majority of whom are boarders, could be assembled in the long corridors facing the Cauvery ghat. The Sanskrit students might be asked to recite the Bhagavad-Gita Sahasranamam and other Stotras in a congragation and the Tamil scholars could be similarly seated on the other Corridor and asked to recite the hymns of Tevaram and other religious literature. The Boarding Superintendent might be asked to take his roll call just before this prayer period after which the students may go and have their night meals. This would be most conducive to the spiritual, educational and disciplinary well being of the students and give a much needed corrective and tone to the whole atmosphere. I have tried to persuade the students to have such recital every evening after finishing their evening wash or ablutions but few have been interested. It is worth while to insist on its observance as part of the Hostel routine.

It is not possible to take out the students outside the College to the temple or such other place for chorus-singing or Bhajanas as suggested as that would interfere with their studies for the University Examinations. The kind of Evening Prayer-recitals I have suggested is one at which all can take part and there cannot be a fitter place for it than the Cauvery which would be ideal for the purpose.

VII. Without interfering with the present University syllabus, the standard and outlook of the students could be improved and breedened by providing facilities for wide general reading by:-

(a) providing, at the cost of the Management, an uptodate, wel equipped and adequately furnished Reading Room for the College, supplie good, healthy and learned periodicals, Illustrated Journals and News English, Tamil, Sanskrit and Hindi. The Reading Room might be placed in charge of an Attender and kept open from 7 A.M. to 12 and from 3 to 6 P. daily.

(b) The Sanskrit and Tamil Literary Societies of the students could be made to profit fully by the increased facilities of the Reaing by discussing the current knowledge and advancements in various spheres, i their meetings.

(c) The students Literary Society should be made to eschew communal and irreligious activities speeches, resolutions etc., and great caution in the choice of subjects and speakers for its meetings. It is regretable that owing to the anti-social activities and propaganda a well-known communal and anti-religious organisation in the Provin associated with the Black Shirt Movement, some of ~~is~~ its ideologies should have infiltrated into the impressionable minds of some of the studes here. There is no doubt that if wholesome steps on the lines indicated ab and by the Committee are taken to purify the atmosphere, and preven the circulation of unwholesome papers and journals, among the students, s tone of the college would be speedily improved. Students above the ages 18. and 20 should not be admitted to the high school and college Sections respectively. The minimum general educational qualification for admission the preparatory classes to the course should be fixed preferably at least a pass in the VIII St. of an elementary School.

IX. Status and Emoluments of the Staff:-- It is obvious that the of an institution depends on the status and position of its staf, Committee have rightly emphasised this aspect as the crowning part Committee have rightly emphasised this aspect as the crowning part reform. The status, salary and emoluments of teachers of"Oriental C are proverbially unsatisfactory. Even there, other institutions and managements have done something to improve the situation and revise the scales of teachers in the light of new scales fixed by the Government for Pandits etc., in High Schools. But so far as this College is concerned, nothing has been done, by the Management or the Government. This should immediately be looked into.

The present scales of the staff here are miserably low and still remain at the pre-war level of insufficiency even through revolusionary changes have taken place in the whole world and the country at large and post-war reconstructions schemes and enhancement of pay, better service conditions etc., have been introduced in practically every department. With the improvement in the status and emoluments of teachers, the tone of the College is bound to improve and the social relations of the staff would be ebttered and this would be in a position to utilize their time and leisure more profitably than in gossip or personal factions.

(b) The present salary of the Principal (125-fixed) is lower than what even a Senior L.T. in a High School is getting. It is virtually impossible for him on such a low salary to maintain the dignity and prestige of his post and position as the academic and administrative head of a premier educational institution in the Presidency or even a proper standard of life befitting that status. Indeed, it is not possible on his present salary, for him to become a Member of any Social Club or subscribe for any Journals or ~~oth-~~ even Newspapers-let alone his adding to his Library or meeting other legitimate commitments like Insurance etc., It is high time that the position should be improved and decent scales granted. It is suggested that at least the following scales might be caused to be given.

Professors	Junior	Rs.	75--5--100
	Senior.		100--5--150
Vice Principal			150-10-200
Principal			200-10-300

The principal should also be given a house-rent allowance in lieu of free quarters, as in other colleges, and a personal peon to keep up the prestige of the Post. There should be two peons for the College stablishment. A boarding Superintendent should be separately appointed from outside the staff.

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EDUCATION - Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil Studies, Tiruvadi - Anti-religious propaganda by members of the teaching staff.

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pp7-19 c.f.

From Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, Convener of the Committee of Enquiry dated Nil.

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Please see G.O 1750 (Edn) dated 4.8.47 constituting a committee to enquire and report on the allegation that the members of the teaching staff of the Rajah's college of Sanskrit and Tamil studies, Tiruvadi are actively spreading anti-religious propaganda. The Committee of Enquiry was specifically asked to report on the following points:

pp22-23 c.f.

(i) whether the allegations mentioned in the article published in "Velli Mani" dated the 11th July 1947 are true and whether anti-religious propaganda is actively carried on and inculcated in the students studying for the Tamil Vidwan Examination in the institution;

(ii) whether the conduct of the staff is such that it helps in spreading these tendencies;

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(iii) whether the atmosphere of the institution is such that it tends to create anti-religious feeling among the students who study there, and

(iv) with reference to the findings on the foregoing points, what remedial measures, are, in the opinion, of the committee, called for.

2. The Committee after a surprise visit to the institution and after holding an informal enquiry has submitted its report which is on pages 7-19 c.f. The conclusions arrived at by the Committee are on page 18 c.f. They are examined below:

p14 c.f.

With reference to items (i) and (ii) above, the Committee has reported that the allegations mentioned in the article published in "Velli Mani" dated the 11th July 1947 are not true and that no anti-religious propaganda is ~~actually~~ actively or otherwise carried on and inculcated in the students studying for the Tamil Vidwan Examination in the institution. They have also reported that the conduct of the staff is not such that it helps the spreading of these tendencies. No further action is therefore called for on these two points.

pp22-23 c.f.

As regards items (iii) and (iv), the Committee has reported that the atmosphere of the institution requires radical change ~~of the i~~ and has suggested certain remedial measures which are as follows:

(i) The boys should be well fed.

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Even on these [illegible], the Committee [illegible] based on any [illegible] (on point (iii) [illegible] there is an [illegible] of anti-[illegible] spreading; [illegible] on items (iii) & (iv) there is no [illegible] need for action.

P.T.O.

(ii) The building should be electrified and the rooms extended so as to be well lighted and airy with the necessary minimum of furniture.

(iii) The wall preventing a view of River Cauveri should be demolished so that the students can enjoy the beautiful landscape from the classroom itself.

(iv) The extra-curricular activities like scouting, community service should be organised.

(v) Physical education should be introduced and made compulsory for all.

(vi) Daily congregational prayer in Tamil should be introduced, a chorus or Bhajan party organised with the temple and the Cauveri as centres of activity.

P/p 17-18

(vii) The Oriental studies and colleges should be removed from their isolation and fitted into the general educational system of the country as institutions specialising in Tamil or Sanskrit after the candidates have received a basic minimum of secondary education. This will avoid the Sanskrit students and Tamil students continuing to be distinguished on communal lines from the beginning to the end of their scholastic career.

(viii) The syllabus must be revised as to leave room for creative thinking by providing instruction in such modern developments of Literature as short stories etc.

(ix) Following these, the status of the Oriental teachers should have to be on a par with the other teachers to invite and inspire more and more people of the better sort to take up the work of teaching Oriental languages and subjects.

3. Items (i) to IX except ~~(viii)~~ (vii) are matters which have to be attended to by the management of the College; in this case the District Board, Tanjore. Item (VII) ~~(ix)~~ & also (VIII) & (IX) is a matter which concerns the D.P.I. Copies of items (i) to ~~(viii)~~ (VI) ~~as (IX)~~ as (VIII) & (IX) may be sent to the Special Officer, District Board, Tanjore and he may be requested ~~to~~ take earlier action in the matter in consultation with the D.P.I. and the University, wherever necessary, and to send a report to Government. A copy of item ~~(ix)~~ VII and also (VIII) & (IX) may be sent to the D.P.I. and he may be requested to offer his remarks on the suggestions.

4. The file may be circulated to H.M.(Education) for orders.

20-11-47

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HM (Edn) H.M. (Am.)

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The matter of re-organizing the Oriental Colleges will have to be taken up separately in consultation with the Universities. I would like to have a talk with the Vice-Chancellor over it before expressing an opinion on this file. This may be sent up to me about the 7th January.

TSA
25-12-47

May be circulated to HM (Edn)

3-1-48

S 3/1/48
HM (Edn) H.M. (Am.)

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

I have had a talk with the Vice-Chancellor over this matter and after consideration at the Collegiate Sub-committee meeting of the Provincial Advisory Board of Education, I had asked a note to be issued to the University asking them to take up the re-organization of Oriental Colleges.

TSA
11-1-48

Please see the minutes of HM (Edn) above. ~~The note referred to above from the Vice Chancellor may be awaited till~~ HM ~~He~~ has not passed orders on the points raised in para 3 of the note on page 2 ante.

15/11/48

It is for consideration whether the file may be circulated to HM (Edn) for orders, whether action may be taken as indicated in para 3 on p 2 ante.

15-7-48

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S 16/7/48
HM (Edn) H.M. (Am.)

May be done

TSA
23-1-48

JOINT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
23 JAN 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Please see the orders in circulation on page 3 ante. Two draft memos – one to the S.O., Dt Bd, Tanjore and the other to the DPI – are submitted below for approval.

28.1.48

4/2/48

1682
28/1/48

[Memo. no. 72965-B1/47-3 Edn dt 27.1.48] pp 24-25 cf

[Memo. no. 72965-B1/47-4 Edn. dt 27.1.48]. pp 26-27 cf

Please see the minutes of HM (Edn) on page 3 ante. With ref. to the portion marked 'x' therein, the question of reorganising the oriental institutions (including oriental colleges) is under separate consideration – vide the linked file. No action is therefore necessary on this point in this file.

10.2.48

x G.O. no. 4005 B1/48 (S.P. ...)

But remind the D.P.I on the point raised

10.2.48

7/2/48

11/2/48

Extract of the minutes ~~noted~~ & the note above added to the lr. & action taken.

11/2/48

From the D.P.I., R.C. No. 275-E2/48 dated 5-5-48. pp 32-33 cf

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Please see the D.P.I's ~~letter~~ remarks at pages 32-33 cf. His further report on the suggestions (vii) and (viii) on page 2 ante may be awaited till 15-6-48. The Spl Officer, Dt Board Tanjore, has not yet submitted the report called for in the Memo at pp. 24-25 cf. He may be reminded. A draft Memo is submitted for approval.

15.5.48

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pp 26-44 cf

From the Special Officer, Dt. Bd. Tanjore
No. 652/48/Ch. A.3 dated 5/6/48.

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Please see the remarks of the Spl. officer, Dt Bd., Tanjore at pp 36-37 cf. His reply with reference to 'A' at p. 37 cf may be awaited. The D.P.I.'s final report has not yet been received on the matter. He may be reminded. A draft reminder is submitted for approval.

17.6.48

cc 17/6

pages 36-37 cf

The Special Officer has ~~[illegible]~~ answered the points raised in the note on pages 1-2 ante. The D.P.I says that a committee has been constituted by the University of Madras to examine the question of reorganisation of Oriental colleges and that a committee has been appointed by him to examine the Oriental studies. He also says that the modifications in syllabus⊗ suggested by the Committee of Enquiry into the affairs of the Tiruvadi College, will be looked into by the reorganisation committee. Hence no further action seems called for in this file. The papers may, perhaps, be recorded after perusal by HM (Edn).

p 32 cf

⊗ Items (vii) & (viii) on page 2 ante

p 33 cf

18-6-48

H.M. (Edn)

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SECRETARY, EDN, AND P.H. DEPT.
28 JUN 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

TSA
23.6.48

May now be lgs. 1657 & 28/6/48.

Recorded.

cc 25/6/48

26/6/48

Sub.
Edn. – Rajah's College of Sanskrit and Tamil studies, Tiruvadi – Anti-religious propaganda – ~~Com~~ Report of the Committee of Enquiry – Papers recorded.