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Abstract

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To: *Todig 5/11*
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From The Correspondent,
Presentation Convent Orphanage,
Coimbatore.

To: The Honourable Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

49348 Honourable Sir,

I have the honour to place before you the following petition and humbly request you to pass favourable orders:-

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2/ The Director of Public Instruction in his Proceedings R.O.P.No.217-Fl/47-48 dated 26th May 1948 has removed the Orphanage from the list of orphanages receiving aid from the Government.

3/ I have to state that this order is too severe a punishment for whatever mistakes may have existed in the Management of the Orphanage.

pages 3-5 signed
4/ The appended copy of explanation for all the charges framed against the management of the Orphanage clearly shows that, the mistakes however grave, is very satisfactory. If a sympathetic view had been taken, this order for the withdrawal of the recognition would not have been passed.

5/ In this respect I am constrained to state that an unsympathetic view has been really taken by the acting Inspectress of schools who inspected the school. Against my will I have to bring to your notice that she has deliberately magnified faults and has purposely recommended the closure of the ~~Sixth~~ Orphanage.

6/ The explanation was sent hoping that the higher authorities would view the whole matter justly when our explanation was sent. But unhappily it is not the case. So I have to humbly appeal to you, honourable Sir, for justice.

7/ This orphanage has been existing for nearly half a century and so far the inspecting authorities have found it working satisfactorily. Only for the first time off the day of the inspection a number of faults was brought to my notice and I assured the Inspectress to remedy whatever defects there might be and completely change the staff of the orphanage.

8/ I appeal to you in the name of the poor parentless children to have mercy on them. If the orphanage is closed where can they go, who will feed and clothe them. Please think of their plight. They are your children too since they come under your administration for getting government aid with which they are maintained although we too spend large sums of money over and above it. When I told them of the order for closure, they began to weep and cry and are desperate.

9/ To close this Orphanage for a few mistakes found at one inspection and cancel all the grants for two years is a punishment utterly unproportionate to the wrong. Generally a severe warning is given. I therefore humbly appeal to you for justice and request you to restore the recognition and grant, partial grant atleast, if not full, for the years 1946-47 and 1947-48.

Praying for a favourable reply,

Coimbatore,
Dated 14th June 1948.

I beg to remain,
Honourable Sir,
Yours most obediently
Seraphim Mary
correspondent.

Encl. copy of the explanation.

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/True copy of the explanation/.

Madam,

I have the honour to submit the following explanation with regard to the irregularities pointed out in your letter Re.No.110/C/1947 dated 21-3-1948.

On the 27th Feb.1948, the Inspectress of the V circle paid a surprise visit to this Orphanage. In the course of her inspection she noticed a number of discrepancies in the maintenance of registers and accounts.

Please allow me to state that though some of the irregularities were regrettable, they were not wilfully committed. As a correspondent, I am new. So also were the clerk and superintendent. Owing to want of experience they have committed some errors. Since they have been brought to my notice I may assure the authorities that the inefficient staff of the Orphanage will be replaced by competent persons.

This Orphanage has been existing for years and so far the inspecting authorities have found it working satisfactorily.

If by misfortune owing to the negligence of the clerk there have been some errors in the last inspection the entire cancellation of the grant will be a most terrible blow in these difficult times. It cannot be denied that the orphans have been fed and clothed for the year 1946-47 and large sums of money have been spent by the management, apart from the Government grant.

I may assure you that I have no intention to cheat the Government and cook up false figures and deliberately falsify accounts as has been unhappily contrived. You may rest assured that honesty has been our policy and wilfully we have never resorted to questionable methods.

The vouchers for 1946-47 have been audited by our certified auditor. When he audited them all were found correct according to his statement. After being audited, we have no interest in tampering with them since it does not benefit us in this way. If therefore you think that they have been tampered with, I am unable to understand your view. I depend on the verdict of the auditor whether the vouchers have been in order or not. He says they are in order and the inspecting authority says that many of the vouchers are not in order. What the auditor considers in order you consider not in order.

In this respect kindly allow me to make the following observations.

With regard to rationed articles, you say that there are no proper printed vouchers. It is to be noted that rationed articles such as rice, sugar or kerosene were purchased in common both for the convent and orphanage. Hence for the portion of the articles purchased for the Orphanage, we have to make special vouchers for the sum due from the Orphanage. There is nothing wrong in this method and so the absence of proper vouchers in printed form or from rationing authorities need not be interpreted as falsification of account.

Again in these days many dealers do not give printed vouchers or stamped receipt or any voucher at all. Again sometimes owing to the urgent need of food stuffs we have to get articles wherever they are available even in black market.

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Under such circumstances proper vouchers cannot be had and we have to make vouchers and get them signed by the suppliers. So for these reasons the vouchers need not be suspected to be bogus or improper.

With regard to voucher No.33 the auditor confirms that there were two vouchers, No.33 and No.33A for that amount at the time of audit. Otherwise he would not have certified them to be in order. If therefore now there is only one voucher to be found and that so badly tampered with, it is evident that some mischief has been done. Perhaps the person who was entrusted with the task to go and obtain a duplicate voucher for the one lost must have tampered with the 1st one itself instead of getting the duplicate. The same reasons may be given for the appearance of a name on some vouchers. No such things were found while auditing. These mistakes and irregularities are found only after auditing. We do not gain any thing by tampering with the vouchers once they have been audited.

There may have been also some clerical error with regard to Date etc.

I am sure that you will be satisfied with the above explanation.

I admit that the clerks and superintendents have been careless and have not been doing their duty properly. I promise you that I shall replace them by more able persons.

I am grateful to you for having pointed out the defects in the management of the Orphanage. May I assure you that I would try my best to follow your advice and suggestions in the management of the affairs of the orphanage to your entire satisfaction.

In the light of the explanation I humbly request you that (1) the recognition of the Orphanage may not be withdrawn (2) that the grant may be paid for the year 1946-47 failing which the terrible financial blow will affect the financial stability of the institution (3) and the return of the registers so as to enable me to prepare the accounts for the year 1947-48 for submitting the same for purpose of grant.

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Seraphim may
Correspondent.

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From Scaphia Mary^{the}, Correspondent, Presentation
Convent Orphanage, Bangalore D. 14-6-48.

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From the Director of Public Instruction
ROP no: 217-J, /47-48 W2-8.48

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En date 4.9.48

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To
 Mrs. Sophine May
 Correspondent,
 Presentation Convent,
 orphanage, Cambodia.

The Government decline to interfere in the matter. It is open to the management of the orphanage to set things right and apply for recognition and aid again.

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Expt#(83)

Petition from the Correspondent, Presentation
Convent Orphanage, Coimbatore. Request for
restoration of recognition and partial grant.

plef From Sr. Josephine Mary, Correspondent, Presentation
Convent, Orphanage, Coimbatore D/ 14-6-48
From the Director of Public Instruction
Ref no: 217-J/47-48 D/ 2-8-48.

Please see the petition from the
Correspondent, Presentation Convent Orphanage,
Coimbatore at pp 1-2 of, copy of the explanation
for the charges against the management
of the orphanage at pp 3-5 of and the
remarks of the D.P.I. at p. 6 of. The Correspondent
requests that the recognition of the orphanage may
be restored and that partial grant at least,
if not full, may be granted for the years 1946-47
and 47-48. She has contended that the orphanage
was working for nearly half a century and that
the Inspecting Authorities had found it
working satisfactorily. At the last inspection,
the Correspondent states that the acting
Inspectors of schools has deliberately magnified
faults and purposely recommended the closure
of the orphanage. She says that a warning
should have been given and that the
punishment meted out is utterly disproportionate
to the wrong. She has also stated that owing
to the closure of the orphanage, many poor orphans
would suffer untold hardship. Her explanation
for the irregularities pointed out by the D.P.I.
in Re: Ho/47/217 is at pp 3-4 of.
The D.P.I. has pointed out that grave irregularities
such as inflation of account, manipulation
of vouchers etc have been noticed in the
orphanage and hence it was removed from

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the list of orphanages receiving aid from Govt with effect from 1947-48. He has further stated that the advance grant of Rs 170/- paid, ~~to the~~ orphanage, was also ~~about to be~~ recovered from the management ~~of~~ the orphanage.

The D.P.1 has not made clear ^{in his exp. at p 6 cf} whether the furnishment noted out to the orphanage is justifiable or not. Moreover he has not presented a detailed report in respect of the ^{inflation} of account and manipulation of vouchers, made mention of by him at p 6 cf. In the circumstances it is for orders whether a detailed report may be called for from him

before further action is taken in the matter, so that the representation on page 1 cf. may be considered with all the details pertaining to it. The D.P.1's present remarks at p. 6 cf. are not helpful in this regard. Subd. for orders.

The D.P.1 is competent to admit orphanages to aid and also to withdraw aid from orphanages. The reasons for the withdrawal of aid from the Presentation Orphanage, ^{which has been in existence for the past 50 years} ~~Boimbatra~~, are stated at page 6 cf. For orders whether the Govt. will interfere in the matter. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) with reference to his minute on page 1 cf.

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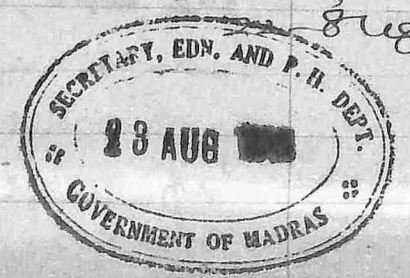
He need not interfere. It is open to the management to ask things right & apply for recognition & aid again.

A draft order is submitted.

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I do not think we have to interfere in the matter. Further report may be called for from the D.P.1.