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Minutes of the meeting of the representatives of the various Scout and Guide Organisations in the City held at 5.15 p.m. at Mrs Austin's Residence, Anderson Road Nungambakkam, on Wednesday 8th January 1947.

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Present.

Mrs Clubwala	Provincial Commissioner in the Chair.

Hindustan Scout Association.

Srimati S. Manjubhashini	District Commissioner
Srimati S. Chellammal	
Sri V.S. Ratnasabhapathy	Provincial Organising Commissioner
Sri M. Rajagopalan	Provincial Organising Commissioner
Sri T.V. Nilkantam	Provincial Secretary

The Boy Scouts Association.

Mr.J.I. Muthiah	Provincial Organising Commissioner
Mr. V. Subramanyam	Provinical Organising Commissioner
Mr M.D. Subramanyam	East Madras Association
Mr E.K. Swamy	Provincial Organising Commissioner North Madras Association
Mr V.K. Parthasarathy	East Madras Association
Mr K. Ramanatham Chettiar	East Madras Association
Mr S. Amudachari	Hony; Secretary,East Madras Asstn
Mr S. Venkatesa Iyengar	Chairman -Executive East Madras Association.

The Catholic Scout and Guide Federation of India.

His Grace, Dr. L. Mathias, Archbishop of Madras, President
Father Theodare
Brother Eleazar

South Indian Catholic Guide Federation

Sister Stephanie	Provincial Commissioner
Miss Schweitzer	Trainer

Madras Girl Guide Association.

Mrs Unger	Provincial Hony; Secretary
Miss G. Samuel	Provincial Diploma'd Guider
Mrs Austin	Madras Divisonal Commissioner
Mrs Lepper)	
Mrs Bamford)	
Mrs Hensman)	
Miss Bain)	Provincial Council Members.
Miss Hellier)	
Miss Pearson)	

Apologies for absence were received from;

Sir Lakshmiswamy Mudaliar	Chief Scout of Madras Province
Mr Damadoran Naidu	Mayor of Madras
Mr Hejmadi	President Boy Scout Association
Mr Venkataswamy Naidu	District Commissioner, North Madras Boy Scout Association
Miss Stokes,	Madras Girl Guide Provincial Council
Mrs Maynard	" " " " "
Mrs Krishnamma	" " " " "
Miss Vedanayakam	" " " " "

Mrs Clubwala, Provincial Commissioner of the Madras Girl Guide Association welcomed all the representatives of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide Associations, and thanked them very much for giving up their valuable time to come to the Conference.

She explained that the suggestion for a Conference was made by the Hon'ble Minister for Education so that there should be unity between all the associations. Mrs Clubwala then started to explain that as a Province, Madras Provincial Guides cannot act, or allow action concerning them to be taken without the consent of the organisation as a whole. Any such proposal must be put up to the General Council who are alone entitled to speak on such a matter, though even their decision must be ratified by the Imperial Headquarters and World Bureau.

The Provincial Commissioner and Mrs Austin had seen the Hon'ble Minister for Education and presented him with a copy of their memorandum and invited the Hon'ble Minister to attend the Conference. The Minister suggested it would be better if the - discussion took place without him being present.

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Mrs Clubwala said that she had sent Lady Crofton, Chief Commissioner copies of the Hindustan Scout Memorandum, as well as the memorandum the Girl Guide Association had drawn up, with the request that this unity formation as suggested by the Hon'ble the Minister for Education, might be discussed at the All India General Council to be held at Jaipur in January.

The Commissioner then read the Memorandum.

(Memorandum)

Mr V.T. Nilakanta, as Provincial Secretary of the Hindustan Scout Association, mentioned that speaking with his experience of 30 years in scouting he felt if scouting was to achieve the very healthy purpose it has in view it was better to work as a single Association. Baden Powell visited India in 1921 to bring about Union. He urged all to forget all differences which were in the minds of the grown-ups, and not in the minds of children, and in the end effected a substantial amalgamation before he left. Mr Nilakanta mentioned that much more benefit would be derived for the youth if all came under one banner. It is not for us to stand on our own dignity and prestige. The boys and the girls are far more important. If this unity is likely to have a healthy effect on the youth, it is better for the elders to forget themselves and remember the boys an girls only. In all calculations, he urged the members to think not of any organisation or person in particular, but base the data on what is good for the boy or girl. His request was that each organisation should go out of existence and let something new be born. It was the Scouts that the associations produced that really mattered and he appealed to the members to exercise self-restraint and think in terms of the youth and the country. What was wnated was boys and girls of the right type who can become good citizens. The country was on the threshold of a new national life and the youth must be given best advantages for correct understanding. Even if associations may be running under different labels the aim is the same and the pattern of working is the same.

He added that in some educational institutions where the total strenght of the school consisted of 1,500 students the strength of the scouts was only 20 or 30. He felt that the management shoul feel it a direct responsibility to provide facilities for the boy to join whichever Association he wants to join.

Regarding Unity, Mr Nilakanta said that each Association has its onw All India Headquarters and is bound to consult it. The point was that, as individuals with experience, do we feel that we must have unity. Unity comes in when we feel it in our instinct.

A suggestion has been made by the Catholic Scout and Guide Federation that there should be a central Committee guiding the various associations. When it is felt that more than one Association is itself hard, the chances of a federation is harder still. If the Catholic Association on account of religion can claim a separate existence, how does it prevent other religious bodies to start their own federation. Shall we not find ourselves in greater trouble than we are at present. Personally he felt that individuals should forget their differences and give rise to a new association.

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His Grace the Archbishop speaking for the Catholic Federation said that they did not want to lose their identity, and that the unity of all associations that was proposed was out of the question. The Federation that he proposed was something similar to thenew constition in India, under which each Association will have its own autonomy. He felt that much more could be done for the boys and girls that way than under a - single totalitarian unit. He suggested a Central Board with The Hon'ble Minister for Education as Presianet the Director of Public Instruction as Vice Presi ent and the Provincial Heads of existing Scout and Guide Associations as members one representative from ach of them

Mr Muthia raised a question "Why was the name of the King deleted from the Girl Guide Association.

Mrs Austin replied that at the General Council meeting in Hyderabad in 1946 when the question of the promise came up it was evenly supported, some of the Indian women were most anxious that it should be changed and some of the European members that it should not be changed and after much discussion it was felt tha that as conditions in India were changing rapidly, it was - decided to change the wording without changing the meaning. The feeling was that if such a view would help Guiding in India it was the thing to do. There was no question of disloyalty.

Mr Muthia asked whether that was the feeling of the girls or parents?. He asked that question because he knew from experience that politics played a great part in the movement. He felt that scouting should be made an outdoor game. It is not a political movement. The King is the constitued authority at present. You may delete it later if the constitution shanges. But for the sake of discipline, we would not like to change it. When there is a change in constitution, the programme of scouting will change. We have incalculated a political spirit into the minds of children with the inevitable result that they have gone out of control. We do not want pressure being brought on boys. There are as many as five Associations in India that are wlrking independently and not affiliatiing together. It is not possible to bring them together. Why? I do not think we could talk of Unitu. After all human mind is different. Boys have got different ideas and different aspirations. Ask the boys to join voluntarily we do not want to bring pressure on the recreation of the boys Provided we have the real scout spirit we can carry on. Mr Subramaiam said I think the point we were told by the Minister was whether we should like to have one unified scout movement. Is it possible to have one united movement. How is it going to be possible. If the Girl Guide was able to dispense with item of King why not we do it. It is the spirit that matters not the wording of the promise. If all the Provinces felt that this kind of unity is conducive then All India must fall in with us. I would appeal to our Catholic Federation to come to our Scout movement. We can each have our own forms of religion and worship. If we could come to an agreement and put up a - strong plea to All India they must yield. It is brotherhood that matters.

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Mr Ratnasabapathy congratulated the Girl Guide on giving the lead in deleting the word King in the promise.

Mrs Hensman questioned when it was decided to delete the word King.

Mrs Clubwala mentioned that it was removed after ascertaining the feelings of all divisions and districts in our Province. All but two were in favour of the new promise. She added that Kodaikanal was one of the two places that wanted the old promise, but that district is not functioning at present.

Mr Ratnasabapathy continued: In England there was only one movement. He wanted to follow that ideal. It is vital to the training of youth. The Girl Guide has rightly taken this step. Let us have a united Scout and Guide Movement. We want to come as near to the Chief's ideal as possible. We had made a mistake in not making it possible for all organisations to come together. The Chief Scout's recommendation was that they must come together as often as possible. In the Hindustan Scout Association, we are trying to work out as one agency. I take it for granted that the Girl Guide and Boy Scout organisations want to come under one Association. I want to know if we are really serious about our Unity. If so, what are the practical ways of achieving it. Speaking for Madras, are we decided to have one organisation, never mind whether the Minister wants us to unite or not, without distinction of caste or religion. Let us go forward towards the ideal set by the Chief Scout. In England Rovering and Rangering are done by one organisation.

Mr M. Rajagopalan presented a memorandum containing suggestions for effecting Scout Unity.

Scout Unity.
(Suggestions.)

1. The aim is to effect unity on an All India basis. The centre will be willing. If there is need, necessary steps for bringing it home to them will have to be taken and necessary pressure may have to be applied.

2. The Unity will have to be taken and proceeded with stage by stage.

Stage 1. Each separate Scout Association in this Province will have to signify its willingness for unity on an All India basis.

Stage2. When the Provincial Associations are willing, the next step will be to appoint a joint Committee for the purpose of drafting a scheme on which the future United Association is to be patterned. The pattern drawn up will be an agreed to pattern. Unanimous agreement is to be the basis of acceptance.

Stage 3. When the agreed pattern is settled the cooperation of the Centre as well as all other Provincial Associations is to be sought. Each provincial Association in Madras will send out this pattern to its sister Provincial Associations, by way of securing their support for an All India Unity. At the same time each Provincial Association in Madras will approach the Centre for an All India Unity on the basis of the pattern drawn up.

Stage 4. Representatives may if necessary be sent to the All India Headquarters (Delhi as well as Allahabad) so that they may explain the pattern. Such representatives may visit other Provincial Headquarters also for he same purpose.

Stage 5. Each All India Headquarters will agree to Unity on the basis of the pattern and fix a date for the actual amalgamation.

The actual amalgamation will be proclaimed at Special Rallies

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to be held in the various Provincial Headquarters and also in important Districts if necessary.

TIME LIMIT.

If the scheme is to be effectively carried out a time limit should be set on all these different stages:-

(1) Before the end of March 1947 the different Provincial Associations should agree to the principle of unity and should agree to the steps. The joint Committee should be appointed on this basis. All this should be before the end of March 1947.

(2) Before the end of May 1947 the joint Committee should prepare the scheme and draw up an agreed pattern.

(3) The pattern should secure the formal approval of the respective Provincial Associations immediately and should be sent up to the Centre (the respective All India Headquarters) for their approval and the Centre will be requested to adopt it on an All India basis. This will be during the month of June 1947. During the same period steps will be taken to secure the support of the Provinces to the pattern.

(4) The Centre will be expected to give its formal approval during the month of JULY 1947 During the last week of August necessary steps for Amalgamation Rallies will be taken and every thing will be well arranged for an effective Rally to take place during the early part of October 1947.

(5) From November 1947 the United Association will function.

Mrs Lepper said that all speakers are agreed that Scout and Guide Association is a very fine thing. The tests we take and the training we give are all the same. Why then is it necessary to change that movement which is world wide.? Why should we want to alter the good work that we have done.?

Mr Nilakanta explained that the difference was only in name. The principle and quality of scouting is not going to be changed in the constitution. There are two aspects, one is the training of the boy and the girl. This will not be changed. As regards the rest - the administrative side, each area can modify its constitution to suit its particular conditions. What is wanted is a new Provincial Association.

The Archbishop explained that the administrative side should be fraternal and that came in the second stage after all were agreed on a federation.

Sister Stephanie: You implied that we must consider the boys and girls and how is this to be done if you are going to change the entire administrative side.

Mr Nilakanta: We are not going to deviate from scouting as already laid down. The actual training of the boy or girl will be unaffected. A new pattern will be necessary.

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We should have one Provincial Commissioner and a Provincial Executive. How are the districts to function? How is a district association to be formed? These are the matters to be considered.

Mrs Lepper: Would you affiliate with the world Association?

Mr. Nilakanta : Yes we will, that does not matter. It is all only one agency.

Mrs Hensman:. We are here to settle two things tonight and have co come for a constructive talk. We are getting more and more into a groove that unity is uniformity. I do think we have got to decide three things to-night. (1) Grants will be stopped unless we care to have training more or less on the same pattern. Aim at a federation, a central federation of all who unite to work together. We must look at it from the point of view of unity and not uniformity. The United States of America have got people of different thoughts and each state has its own policy, yet they have a united federation. I think we should have some such federation - a central organisation of representatives of all organisations who wish to combine. We should be free to carry out our trainingt together. I think if we are sincere and genuine and if we could aim at some sort of Federation, that would be helpful.

Mr Muthia: Your proposal is to have one Central Council?

Mrs Hensman: It is a Central Council of representatives of all Associations who wish to join.

Mr Ratnasabapathy : Who will represent us outside India at World Conferences?.

Mrs Hensman: The Federation would choose the best representatives.

Brother Eleazar: We the C.F. take the point of view that religion is very important. It is very important to child education. The child is like a metal and should be shaped properly. Indifference is created by just saying "Go to your church". We do not want to force religion on any body, but we do not want our boys to feel that religion is a minor matter. There are four Associations in France which all work well together. It is a division based on religion only. The technique is exactly the same. We will not unite with any one if we have to lose our identity. The

The Archbishop said that Federation must be non-political and read his memorandum to the Minister.

(Memorandum.)

Mrs Austin: Will there be a separate arrangements for all religions in Roman Catholic Schools?

Miss Pearson: Scouting and Guiding is one movement. One organisation will not meet all the needs of the children. It is very difficult. There is danger in uniformity. I think there should be Unity but not uniformity.

Mr. Ratnasabapathy: Baden Powell wanted everybody to live his own religion. I want to be brotherly. I want to cast off -- distinctions. Brotherhood is our motto. That must be our aim and object.

Brother Eleazar: We give all boys the same training. If the Hindustan Boy Scouts is brought under the Roman Catholic atmosphere he will get the same training in scouting as he will get from you, but our Roman Catholic boys will get something more. We cannot separate religion.

Mr. V.K. Parthasarathy (Boy Scouts): Every sphere of life has got two sides i.e. taking action or doing and the other discipline, control or administration.

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On the question of training everybody is agreed. The World Scout Movement is the same. Religion and politics are completely to be eschewed in any constitution. We should try to bring about fraternity and teach the young what service is. With politics and religion it is absolutely impossible to bring about unity. If we w - want to teach citizenship to the Scout and we are forced to have religion brought into the movement, it is better we disperse.

Mrs Lepper: We agree with all religions and we stand by the original principle of Scouting. Scouting is inter-demominational. It does not matter to what religion one belongs. I think the idea of a Federation is a great possibility. But there is one point I - should like to mention. In the memorandum drafted by the Roman Catholic Federation there are two Government Officials at top-- The Minister and D.P.I. That would give the impression that it is a Government organisation. It should be voluntary. Why should we not have a Central Associationswith representatives of each - Association and why not such representatives elect their own Chairman anathus form an amalgamated federation.

Miss Hellier here asked that associations should recognise each others enrolments.

Mr Muthia: There are two associations -- to his knowledge -- working with different ideas. The Wolf Cub analogy is fundamental. There are many differences between associations even in thetechnique. I do not think it is possible to think of a federation. The simple psychology of education is forgotten.

Mr Nilakanta: It is not the intention, if we bring the Girl Guide and Boy Scout under one administrative control, to bring them under one camp. We have our District Commissioners separately from our Boy Scout Commissioners. The Girls and Boys are trained separately.

Mr Muthia: We should try to find out the root trouble and tackle it.

Mrs Lepper: The root trouble so far as the Girl Guides are concerned was the promise, and that has now been modified. Therefore there is no reason why we cannot work together as a Council.

Mr.S. Amudachari (Boy Scouts) I am afraid we are going into irrelevant discussions. Unless we are to reconcile our views and say that there should be unity of associations, it is not possible to come together. We are not going into denominational views. Character building must be essential basis of scouting and religion and politics must not come into it. I do not think any country is so much affected by religion as we are inIndia. Let us, therefore, think in terms of Scouting and how best to bring about unity amongst the associations.

Mrs Clubwala: I thank you all for your suggestions. We are all agreed on unity andthat we should have unity but not uniformity. I shall go with all the views expressed here to Jaipur so that we may discuss and come to a clearer decision.

Mr Nilakanta: I am anxious that we should meet again and the contribution you have made is very valuable and we should all try to come closer.

With a vote of thanks the meeting terminated.

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Dear Mr. Avanashilingam,

I am enclosing you for your information details of the discussion that took place at our meeting on the 8th. I think everyone appreciated the opportunity of meeting each other.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Mary Clubwala

The Hon'ble Mr. T.Avanashilingam Chettiar, M.L.A.,
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The Girl Guide Association, Madras Presidency
and States.

Memo for meeting to be held on January 8th, 1947.

1. AIMS

"The Girl Guide Movement has been constituted under a Charter of incorporation for the purpose of developing good citizenship among girls by forming their character; training them in habits of observation, obedience and self reliance; inculcating loyalty and thoughtfulness for others; teaching them services useful to the public, and handicrafts useful to themselves; promoting their physical development; making them capable of keeping good homes and of bringing up good children."

"The method of training is to give the girls pursuits which appeal to them, such as games and recreative exercises, which lead them to learn for themselves many useful crafts and to become happy, healthy and helpful citizens. It is a scheme of elder and younger sisters playing games together, rather than the instruction of pupils by school teachers, as in school."

2. MEMBERSHIP

"Membership in the Guide Movement is voluntary, and in no circumstances should a girl be compelled against her wish to be a member of a company or attend its meetings. Regular attendance will be expected while she is a member of the company, though at any time she is free to resign."

We feel very strongly if it were to be made part of school curriculum in which children are forced to take part, the whole value of Guiding would be lost, the essence of Guiding being that the children are left free to choose whether they will be Guides or not.

3. POLICY

The movement is non-political, non-caste and inter-denominational. Its desire is to co-operate with educational and other bodies working toward this end. In our movement we have Hindu, Mahommedan, Parsee and all denominations of Christian children. Our revised promise stands as under:-

ON MY HONOUR, I PROMISE THAT I WILL DO MY BEST:-

1. To do my duty to God, my Country and its laws
2. To help other people at all times
3. To obey the Guide Law. (Copy attached)

from which you will see there can be no political bias.

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4. **RELIGION**

The Girl Guide Movement is based on religion and the holder of any religious faith may become a member. Our aim is the practical application of all religions and not the teaching of any particular form of religion.

5. Our whole aim and object is the welfare of the children. We are perfectly prepared to co-operate with educational and other bodies who have the same end in view - but we are the original movement, having started in India in 1911, and we are not prepared to lose our identity.

Having compared the Hindustan Scout and Guide Rules Policy and Organization with our own, we find it almost identical, and feel there can be no cause for dissention now that the Promise has been revised to meet the needs of the modern youth of India.

6. In our Organization, we have one Girl Guide Association for the whole of India, subdivided into Provinces and/or States, each under its own Provincial or State Commissioner. Each Province or State is entirely responsible for the training of its Guiders and Guides, and has Diplomad Guiders or Local Advisers who have passed tests qualifying them to instruct others. These Trainers in turn, co-operate with an All-India Trainer working from Headquarters and touring the whole of India. In this Province we have one Diplomad Guider and eight with Local Adviser certificates.

The Provincial or State Commissioner represents her Province on the All India General Council, which meets once a year in different parts of India. This year the meeting is to be in Jaipur. The All India G.G. Association is represented on the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. At the recent International Commissioners Conference held in France there were 22 countries represented, and to the World Conference I am glad to be able to say that India has always been able to send an Indian representative.

7. We have always had the welfare of the youth of India at heart, and it was a great regret to us that certain sections of the movement felt they could no longer co-operate. Some years have passed and the original source of dissention no longer exists, and we would ask the Hindustan Scouts and Guides to reconsider their policy and rejoin us in one Movement for the welfare of the youth of India, co-operating with the youth of the World.

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THE GUIDE LAW.

1. A Guide's Honour is to be trusted.
2. A Guide is loyal.
3. A Guide's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Guide is a friend to all, and a sister to every other Guide, no matter to what creed, country or class the other belongs.
5. A Guide is courteous.
6. A Guide is a friend to animals.
7. A Guide obeys orders.
8. A Guide smiles and sings under all difficulties.
9. A Guide is thrifty.
10. A Guide is pure in thought, in word, and in deed.

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Secretary, E. & P.H.

Please see herewith a letter from Lady Nye and the enclosures along with it. This may be filed with the connected papers relating to the unification of scout movements.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Guindy,
April 3rd 1947.

Dear Mr. Avinasilingam Chettiar

At long last we have had the promised meeting about the co-ordination of the existing scout and guide movements in the Province. I am enclosing the minutes and do hope you will feel that the result is satisfactory and that you will give the newly constituted Board your blessing and support.

I know they will greatly appreciate a message from you to be read at their first meeting on April 22nd. If you care to send it to me I will see that it reaches the right person.

Yours sincerely
Colleen Nye.

The Hon'ble Mr T. S. Avinasilingam Chettiar, M.L.A.,
Minister for Education,
Fort St George, Madras.

Minutes of a Meeting of Representatives ~~of~~ Scouts Associations in Madras Province convened and presided over by Her Excellency Lady Nye at Government House, Guindy, at 5-00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 1st 1947.

Present:

The Hon'ble Mr.B.Gopal Reddy, M.L.A. Sri K.A.Nachiappa Gounder, M.L.A. Srimathi S.Manjubhashini	Representang the Hindustan Scout Association, Madras Presidency.
The Most Rev.Dr.L.Mathias. The Very Rev.Mgr.A.F.Theodore. Sister M.Stephanie. Sister Mary Ignatius	Representing the Catholic Scout and Guide Federation of India.
Mrs.A.Lepper Mrs.E.O.Austin Miss Linsdale Mrs.Rao.	Representing the Girl Guide Association, Madras Presidency.
Diwan Bahadur Sir Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, M.L.C. Rao Sahib T.R.Kothandarama Mudaliar Sri K.Venkataswami Naidu, M.L.C. Sri K.Govindachari.	Representing the Boy Scouts Association, Madras Presidency.

Mr.Govind Swaminadhan, also representing the Hindustan Scouts Association, was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting at the outset and expressed his apologies on arrival.

Her Excellency, addressing the gathering, said that the object of the meeting was to devise a practical means by which scout activity in the Province could be co-ordinated on a basis of mutual understanding, goodwill and co-operation by, for example, periodical meetings of representatives of scouts organisations to discuss future plans for work, co-operation at rallies and in other ways that seemed practicable. Her Excellency expressed the hope that by such practical co-ordination and co-operation it might eventually be possible to form a united organisation, which everyone seemed so much to desire, for the promotion of scouting in the Province.

Sir Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar expressed his gratitude to Her Excellency for taking the initiative in bringing about a round table conference of the associations interested in boy scout and girl guide activities in the Province, and said that, for his part, as a representative of the Boy Scouts Association, Madras Presidency, he felt that there should be no difficulty for representatives of all the associations concerned to attend a periodical meeting, say, every quarter, to discuss what the various organisations had been doing, chalk out programmes in the light of experience to ensure that there will be no overlapping and waste of effort, and so on. He thought that such periodical meetings between the various scout groups would in no way interfere with the liberty of individuals or schools to join any particular scout organisation, but rather thought that such discussions would be an endeavour for the common cause. His Association had asked him to assure the representatives of the other Associations present at the meeting of their readiness and entire willingness to co-operate in the manner proposed in the interests of scouts and guides throughout the Province.

Dr.Mathias, representing the Catholic Scout and Guide Federation of India, endorsed the remarks of Sir Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar and expressed his Association's willingness to co-operate, but he was not clear what form such co-operation should take to give the movement in the Province a better push. He suggested the formation of a small committee,

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committee, properly constituted with rules and empowered to act, should meet as early as possible and discuss proposals. He was doubtful if it would be practicable to form such a committee, frame rules and draw up a plan immediately, as that would take up much time, but he felt that if some practical suggestions were put forward it would provide a basis of discussion at the meeting.

Mr.Nachiappa Gounder thanked Her Excellency for the interest evinced by her in the matter. He said that the Hindustan Scout Association was anxious to co-operate with other organisations but that in so far as the bringing about of a united organisation went, his Association felt that that was a question to be settled by the respective Headquarter organisations. With regard to actual working arrangements, however, his Association was willing to co-operate on the lines proposed but he wanted to be assured that there should be no misunderstanding in the minds of the public that individuals and institutions were at liberty to join any particular organisation of their choice. On this basis his Association agreed to work together as proposed.

At this stage Her Excellency informed the meeting that the main idea was to provide an opportunity to those interested in promoting scout activities by means of a meeting held, say, once in three months, to discuss practical aspects of scout work and training, to draw up programmes, to arrange for contingents to attend each other's rallys, to share ideas, etc. without any fear in the minds of any organisation that one Association was going to work against the other. Her Excellency felt that co-operation on these lines would prove to be beneficial to scouting as a whole in the Province.

Mrs.Lepper expressed her regrets for the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Commissioner of the Girl Guides Association (Mrs.Clubwala). She said that her Association had already had helpful discussions with the Hindustan Scout Association on the question of a united organisation and that the matter was still engaging attention both in the Province and at the respective headquarters. The Girl Guides Association was of the impression that the idea at present in so far as unity was concerned was to form a board or "loose Federation" without interfering with the present activities of the Associations concerned. As regards Her Excellency's suggestion for co-ordinating scout activity by means of periodical meetings to exchange ideas, to hold combined rallies, etc., the Girl Guides Association had drawn up a few suggestions for a united board of scouts and guides for the Province.

These suggestions of the Girl Guides Association were then put to the Committee as a basis of discussion and resulted in the adoption of the following unanimous resolutions:-

(1) A body known as "The Board of Scouts and Guides Associations of Madras Province" be brought into being forthwith;

(2) The said Board shall consist of the Head of each Association or its Commissioner and two other representatives (one of whom shall preferably be a trainer) of the same Association;

Provided that in the case of an Association which is representative of both boy scout and girl guide sections, such Association shall select three representatives of each such section in the aforesaid manner.

In clarification of the above basis of representation, it was agreed unanimously that the Board as constituted shall be composed of 18 members so as to be representative of all the scout groups present at the meeting.

(3) The Board shall meet three times a year and at intervals of about four months.

(4) The first meeting of the Board shall be convened by Srimathi Manjubhashini and Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu (who shall act as Joint Secretaries for the purpose), and (through the kindness of Diwan Bahadur Sir Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Madras) shall be held at 5-30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 22nd 1947, at the University Buildings, Chepauk, Madras. The date, time and venue of subsequent meetings shall be decided upon by the Board from time to time.

(5) The members present at each meeting of the Board shall elect a person to take the chair in such manner as to ensure that a representative of each of the three main organisations shall occupy the chair in turns at each successive meeting of the Board by rotation.

(6) The aims of the Board shall be to promote and co-ordinate scout activity in the Province by discussion, the mutual exchange of ideas and information, the conduct of combined scout functions and, generally, to bring about other forms of practical co-operation.

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SECRETARY, TO GOVERNMENT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 12 SEP 1947

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Fort St. George,
10-9-1947.

Dear Panditji,

You know there are two Scout Movements in this Province. The Badenpowell Scout Movement was the original one. Due to various reasons, the Hindustan Scout Movement came into existence as a protestant one. But now with the attainment of Independence, there is no necessity for the maintenance of these two separate movements. In fact it has led to undesirable results in some cases. This has been realised by many of the workers in the movement itself and in Madras we have made certain attempts at unification. But what stood in the way is, the loyalty of their workers to their organisation

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Fort St. George,
10-9-1947.

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at the Centre. Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru is the head of the Badenpowell Scouts and, I understand, his headquarters is also Allahabad.

I shall be very happy if you can kindly talk over with Sir Tej Bahadur and arrive at a scheme for the unification of these two scout movements so that there may be a single unified and strong scout movement in the country.

Requesting an early reply,

Yours sincerely,

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(Minister for Education)

To
Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru,

Allahabad.

Copy to Secretary, E.& P.H.

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10.9.47

(Minister for Education)

To
Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru,
Allahabad.
Copy to Secretary, E.& P.H

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Tel: "SERVINDIA"

Servants of India Society
Allahabad

21st October, 1947.

pp1-2 ante

Dear Mr. Avinashilingam,

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th September regarding the desirability of having a unified scout movement in India. The Hindustan Scout Association came into existence earlier than the Baden-Powell Scout Association, but for reasons which are well known to you it could not carry on its work freely in Madras for many years. I entirely agree with you that with the attainment of Independence for India, there is no reason for the maintenance of two separate movements with different ideals and methods of work. I hope there will soon be one National Scout Organisation in India.

I should have gladly discussed the question of unification with Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, but he is very ill. It is not easy to discuss with him this question which may seem to him rather controversial in his present state of health. I have, however, asked Dr. Amaranatha Jha, who is the Provincial Commissioner of the U.P. Branch of the Baden Powell Association and whom you know to talk the matter over with him. He too is in favour of unity and it will be easier for him than for me to discuss the question with Sir Tej Bahadur.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. N. Kunzru

The Hon'ble T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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Fort St. George,

5th November, 1947.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
7 - NOV 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Dear Kunzruji,

Let me thank you for your affectionate letter of the 21st October about taking the matter of uniting the various scout organizations in this country. I hope you will be able to take up this matter as soon as possible and let ~~us~~ me know. The people here are prepared to unite, but it is their respective Headquarters that seem to be in the way. I shall be obliged if you can take active interest in the matter which will result in an early union of these organizations.

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Yours sincerely,

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To
Pandit H.N.Kunzruji,
Servants of India Society,
Allahabad.

Copy to Secy., E.& P.H. (with the letter from Mr.Kunzru)

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E & PH (B1) Dept.

The letter from the HM (Edn) in reply to the letter from Pandit H. Kunzru on p 5 ante is submitted for perusal. May be filed.

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Education and P.H. Dept.(B1).

LETTER REF.NO. 96208 - B1/47-1E dt. 5/2/48

To
- (1) The Chief Commissioner, Madras Boy Scouts Association, Wenlock Park, South Beach Road, Post Box.No.424, Triplicane, Madras.5.
- (2) The Provincial Commissioner, Hindustan Scout Association, 2, North Mada St., Mylapore, Madras.4.
- (3) The Provincial Commissioner, The Girls Guides Association 36 E. Mount Road. Madras.
- (4). The President, The Catholic Scout & Guide Federation of India. Archbishop's House, 2 Armenian Street Madras

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Dft in Secty's above 5/2/48 & other cir.

Desp 5/2/48

Sir,

SUBJECT: Unification of Scout Movements in Madras.

I am directed to inform you that the Honourable the Minister for Education desires to hold a conference of the representatives of the scout associations in the Province to discuss the question of combining ~~the associations~~ them into a single organisation. The conference will be held in his room at the Secretariat, Fort St. George, at 2 P.M. on the 16th February 1948. I am accordingly to request you to meet

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the Honourable Minister with ~~three~~ two other leaders ~~in the highest~~ officials ~~offices~~ of your ~~Scout~~ association.

Your obedient servant,

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~~Copy to the D.P.I.~~

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Education and P.H. Department (B1).

Unification of Scout Movements in the Province.

MEMO NO. 96208. B1/47-2 Edn dt. 5/2/48.

A copy of the letter Ref.No. 96208 B1/~~47~~ 48-1 Edn. dated 5/2/ 1948 addressed to the Chief Commissioner, Madras Boy Scouts Association, ~~and~~ the Provincial Commissioner, Hindustan Scout Association, The Provincial Commissioner, the Girl Guides Assn and the President of the Catholic Scout & Guide Federation is communicated to the Director of Public Instruction and he is requested to be present at the ~~meeting on that date.~~ Conference ~~on 9th February 1948~~ to be held at 2 Pm on the 16th February 1948.

To

The D.P.I.

Dr in Secretariat 5/2/48 & then cir.

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Secretary, E. & P.H.

This may be put in the
Scout Unification file.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
9 FEB 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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H.M. Education.

Girl Guide Association.
36.E. Mount Road,
Madras

3rd February 1948.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
9 FEB 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear

I would like you to know that the All India General Council have had the following promise ratified, and unanimously agreed to, and infuture may be used in the Province.

"On my honour I promise that I will do
my best to God and my Country."

Further the Madras Province due to the work of the United Board as well as our full desire for one Guide Organisation, spoke on this subject at the Conference, and the following Resolution ~~moved~~. was moved.

RESOLUTION ON SCOUT AND GUIDE UNITY MOVEMENT?:

Resolved:

1. That the All-India Council of the Girl Guide Association of India authorises Madras Presidency Girl Guides to work out and carry out a merger with the Hindustan Scout -- Association of that Province, provided
   a) that the fundamental principles of Guiding * are adhered to
   b) That the Hindustan Scout Association of that Province has permission for such a union from its All India Headquarters.
2. That any other province finding it desirable to work in closer co-operation with the Hindustan Scout Association of that Province should form as a preliminary measure a Joint Board of Scout and Guide Associations such as has been found to be practicable in Madras 1947- 48. This preliminary measure to be followed up by a merger on the same lines suggested for Madras if the first stage proves successful.
3. That the area of such co-operation may cover
   a) a common programme of training for women leaders.
   b) agreed reorganisation of districts and divisions on geographical basis with pooling of Commissioners.
   c) combined meetings of Local Associations and Provincial Councils.
   d) agreement on a name, uniform, badges and "R.P.O." suitable for a future united organisation.
4. The Provinces acting on this resolution are directed to report each step as taken to the All India Executive - Committee of the Girl Guide Association.

* The fundamental principles of Guiding are.

1. Its voluntary aspect.
2. Its non-political aspect.
3. Its non-sectarian aspect.
4. Its internation aspect
5. the use of patrol system
6. the retention of the three-fold promise.
7. A Trefoil Badge.

I would like to know if any of you have any suggestions you would like to implement this resolution.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Clubwala,
Provincial Commissioner.

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The Hindustan Scout Association

MADRAS PRESIDENCY

TELEPHONE: 86313.

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Dr. Rm. Alagappa Chettiar,

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Provincial Commissioner
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T. V. Nilakantam, B.A., B.L.

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PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS
2. NORTH MADA STREET
MYLAPORE, MADRAS. 4

6th Feb. 1948.

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To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department
Government of Madras
Madras.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.
FEB 1948
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Sir,

Ref: Your letter No. 96208-B1/47 Ed. dated 5th Feb. 1948.
Sub: Unification of Scout Movements in Madras.

I thank you for your letter. I am glad that the Hon'ble the Minister for Education is calling for a Conference of representatives of Scout Associations to settle the question of Unification. The Hindustan Scout Association is always in favour of such a unification. Messrs. V.S.Ratnasabhapathy, Provincial Secretary, T.V.Nilakantam, Assistant Provincial Commissioner For Training and myself will be glad to attend the Conference on behalf of the Hindustan Scout Association at 2 P.M. on the 16th February 1948.

Yours sincerely,

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(K.A.Nachiappa Gownder)
Provincial Commissioner.

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The letter from the Provl. Commr., Hindustan Scout Association on p.29 ante is submitted for perusal.

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MADRAS PRESIDENCY & STATES

10th February 1948.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To
M.V.Subramanian, Esqr. I.C.S.
Secretary to Government.
Fort St. George.

pp 24. 25 ante.

Dear Sir,

Ref; your letter No.96208-B1/47-1 Edn.

Thank you for your letter of the 5th instant. Two of our Office Bearers and myself will attend the meeting on the 16th February at 2 p.m. at the Secretariat, Fort St.George.

Yours faithfully,

Mary. Clubwala.

Provincial Commissioner.

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The letter from the Provincial Commissioner, Girl Guides Association on p 31 ante is subd. for perusal. The file will be put up on 14/2/48 for orders to HM (Edn).

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K. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU,
B.A., B.L., M.L.C.,
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APPAH GARDENS,
KILPAUK, MADRAS.

Dated 11th February '48.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
16 FEB 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

THE UNITED BOARD OF SCOUTS AND GUIDES ASSOCIATIONS, MADRAS

To
The Hon'ble The Education Minister,
Government of Madras.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
14 FEB 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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GOVT. OF MADRAS

Sir,

At an informal meeting held under the Presidency of Her Excellency Lady Nye it was decided to form a United Board of Scouts and Girl Guides Associations, Madras to evolve - Unity of all the associations. This idea of a United Board was approved by all the associations and each association sent their representatives to form the Board. The Board is functioning from ~~December~~ August 1947 and its meetings are held at University Buildings at Chepauk. Myself and Mrs. S. Manjubhashini Ammal are Joint Secretaries.

As the Government is also anxious for Unity I write this to inform the Government the existence of this Board and request the

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Government ~~this Board~~ to give all facilities for Unity. Since the formation of the Board a spirit of cordiality is developing among the units and United Rallies have become a common feature. The grand Scout Rally at Corporation Stadium to greet Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Mountbatten and the service corps in Government House during the Darsan of Mahatmaji Ashes are two very good contributions of the United Board.

Yours faithfully,

Fort St. George,
28-2-1948.

To

The Private Secretary
to H.E. Lord Mountbatten,
the Governor-General of India,
NEW DELHI.

Dear Sir,

I had an occasion to talk with His Excellency over the urgent necessity to create a unified scout movement in India. Whatever may have been the reason for the starting of these different scout movements, the Boy Scouts and the Hindustan Scouts, in the past, there are no reasons today why there should be two scout movements. It is necessary for maintaining the growth of the real scout spirit that the jealousies engendered by these two separate movements should be wiped out by the formation of a single united scout movement in the country. The various representatives of the scout organisation met me at Madras at my invitation on the 16th instant and they have resolved that unity must be established as soon as possible.

Some of them have told me that ~~you have~~ H.E. Lord Mountbatten undertaken to summon a Conference of these organisations in March and bring out unity. I warmly welcome that measure

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I am only anxious that it must be done as soon as possible. I hope that is possible and can be done before the end of March so that before the next school year begins, this will be an accomplished fact.

I may point out here that if a unified single scout movement is created throughout the country, the resources of both the movements now working separately may be ~~pulled~~ pooled together with the result that it will give a great impetus to the scout movement throughout the country.

I shall be glad to have an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. T.S.A.
28-2-'48.
(Minister for Education.)

Copy to the Secy., E.& P.H.

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

Captain (S) R.V. Brockman, CSI, CIE, CBE, RN.
Government House
~~The Viceroy's House~~.
New Delhi.

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5th March, 1948.

pp 35-36 ante

My dear Minister,

I am to thank you for your letter of the 28th February, and to inform you that the newspaper report that His Excellency the Governor-General is summoning a conference to discuss the amalgamation or the federation of the various Boy Scout Associations throughout the country is not correct.

However, the Minister of Education at the Centre is actively considering this matter, and I would suggest that you should communicate direct with him should you so wish.

Yours sincerely,

R.V. Brockman
Private Secretary.

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The Hon'ble Mr. B. Gopal Reddi,
Minister for Education,
Madras Government.

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8th March, 1948.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
11 MAR 1948
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
10 MAR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Dear Moulana Sahib,

I understand that you are considering the matter of summoning a conference to discuss the amalgamation of the various Boys' Scouts and Girl guides associations throughout the Province. The move has not come one day too early. Whatever may have been the reason for having more than one scout movement in the past, that reason has disappeared since August 15, and for the strength of the movement itself, we should have a single united scout organization. The Scout Organizations in this Province are very anxious to have one united scout movement and I shall be glad to know when you are summoning a conference.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Copy to Secy., EPH with the letter in original, to be filed.

To
Hon'ble Moulana Abul Kalam Azad,
Minister for Education, Government of India,
NEW DELHI.

E & PH (B1) Dept.

Please see the Correspondence on pages 37-38 ante. May be filed.

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TEL: "SERVINDIA"

Servants of India Society
~~Allahabad~~

BY AIRMAIL.

18, Ferozshah Road,
NEW DELHI, 17th March, 1948.

Dear Shri Avinashilingam,

The Provincial Secretary of the Hindustan Scout Association of Madras has written to me that you have informed the Scout Associations in Madras that unless they unite before the 15th of April they will be given no grant and will cease to be recognised by the local Government. I know your anxiety to bring about unity but I find it very hard to believe that you could have taken up such a position and asked them to disregard their parent organizations and act independently of them. I am sure that your attitude has not been correctly understood. I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me know the real position.

You will be interested to know that the Central Government, although it is interested in bringing about unity between the principal Scout organisations has agreed to give unconditionally an annual grant of Rs. 15,000/- to the National Headquarters of the Hindustan Scout Association. I may add that it proposes to invite both the Scout associations to send 4 or 5 representatives to a conference to be held soon to discuss the question of unity.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,
H. N. Kunzru
(H.N. KUNZRU)

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Fort St. George, Madras,
20th March, 1948.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
22 MAR 1948
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Dear Kunzruji,

Let me thank you for your kind letter of the 17th March. Having different organisations in Scouting, leads in some cases to the defeating of the very purpose of Scouting itself by creating unnecessary jealousies. Whatever ~~mxx~~ might have been the reasons in the past for having different organisations, I think, as at present situated, there should not be any reason for keeping them seperate and give scope for unnecessary tendencies. You will be glad to know that I have received just now a letter from Moulana Azad that he is taking steps to have them united. I hope ~~xxx~~ we will succeed in bringing about the much desired unity.

Thanking you,

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Yours sincerely,

Sri H.N.Kunzru,
Servants of India Society,
18, Feroz Shah Road, New Delhi.

Copy to Secretary, E. & P.H. with the letter from Sri Kunzru.

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22 MAR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

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New Delhi, the 16th March 1948.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Dear Mr. Chettiar,

Maulana Sahib is in receipt of your letter of the 8th March. A Conference is soon to be summoned to discuss the amalgamation of the Boy Scouts Associations. Maulana Sahib agrees with you that the time has come when there should be only one organisation.

Maulana Sahib is also in receipt of your letter of the 9th about earmarking a porition of the Post War Development grants to provinces for the development of education. The matter is receiving due attention.

Yours sincerely,

(J.K.Atal) ICS.

Secy., E. & P.H.

This may be filed.

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The Hon'ble Mr. T.S.Avinashalingim
Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

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The correspondence from page 40-42 ante is submitted for perusal. May be filed.

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21st July 48.

Dear Moulana Sahib,

You wrote to me some time back that you will be summoning a conference of the various scout associations in India to evolve a common united scout organisation throughout the country. Having more than one scout organization is creating trouble and it is not good for the furtherance of the scout ~~movement~~ ideals themselves. I shall be glad to know as to when you will be summoning a conference and when you propose to take steps for uniting them.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

To

Hon'ble Moulana Abul Kalam Azad,
Minister for Education,
Government of India, New Delhi.

Copy to Secy.,E.& P.H.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Camp: 13-D, Ferozshah Road,
New Delhi, 30th April 1948.

My dear Maulana Sahib,

I am sorry I was not able to meet you to-day though I waited for nearly an hour as you were engaged in the Cabinet meeting. I would not be able to meet you before I leave because I am meeting Sardar Patel at Mussorie. I hope you have received the letter of my colleague, Sri Avinashilingam Chettiar about the admission to Colleges. I am sure the reply would satisfy you.

There are two other matters I wanted to talk to you and which I am putting down here. One is about the two Scout organizations, (1) The Hindustan Scouts and (2) the Baden Powel Scouts. I think it is unnecessary and even harmful to have two Scout Organizations. In Madras I met both the organizations and told them that it is better to amalgamate themselves. They told me that th the difficulties are really with the All-India leader of the Scout Association and if the Government of India urges them to agree to the amalgamation they would be willing to amalgamate. I need hardly point out to you the desirability of having one single Scout Organization. I hope you would find it possible to take action in this matter very soon.

The other matter is about the publication of many useful books which are yet in manuscripts in the Saraswathi Mahal Library at Tanjore and the Oriental Manuscript Library and the Library at Adyar. There are many books in Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu and Marathi on subjects like philosophy, medicine, science, etc. It has been calculated that to publish all of them it might cost between Rs.30 to 50 lakhs. The subject is of an All-India interest and importance and it is not fair for one Province alone to have to bear the burden of publishing them nor are we in fact able to bear the full burden. I would like the Government of India to give us a grant of the whole or at least half the amount necessary for publishing those books. I hope you will find it possible to help us soon and sufficiently in ~~that~~ this matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) O.P.R.

To

Hon'ble Mr. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad,
Minister for Education,
New Delhi.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

New Delhi, 3rd May 48.

My dear Reddiar,

Thank you for your letter of April 30th 1948. I am sorry that I was not able to have the pleasure of meeting you when you came to see me on Friday. I am still more sorry that I was not able to keep the appointment with you and that you had to wait for an hour. There was rather an important Cabinet meeting that day and though I thought that it would finish before noon, it actually dragged on up to 1-30 p.m. and I was, therefore, unable to come to office.

I am in full agreement with what you have said about the Boy Scouts organisations and I gave expression to these very views during the course of a statement in the last session of the Assembly. I have the matter in hand and I am hopeful that it will soon be settled satisfactorily.

With regard to the publication of the old manuscripts about which you have written there can be no doubt this is a very important work and we should give serious thought to it. Will you kindly let me have a detailed note on the subject and also the titles and other particulars of a few books in order that we may be able to get a better idea of these books and this Ministry may be able to consider what steps to take in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) A.K.AZAD.

To
Hon'ble Mr.O.P.Ramaswami Reddiar,
Premier, Madras.

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Minutes of H.Pr. d/8-5-48.

H.M.Education may see and is requested to call for particulars from Saraswati Mahal Library, Oriental Manuscript Library and Adyar Library which has ma scripts in different languages which are not publish till now.

O.P.R. 8/5.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIO
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
~~CENTRAL BUREAU OF EDUCATIO~~

Telephone :

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Dear Sri Avinashilingam Chettiar,

Please refer to your letter dated the 26t April 194 addressed to the Hon'ble Maulana Abul Kalam Aza regarding the merger of the Boy Scout Association and the Hindustan Scout Association. I have already had some general discussions with the two Associations separately and am trying to call for nother meeting when representatives of both the Associations ald meet each other and settle the various details. I do no yet know whether my endeavours would succeed and if so, when the meeting would materialize. In any case, it is nt our intention at present to call the representatives of any Provincial Government at this stage to any such me details of the merger have really to be worked o the two Associations themselves. All that we could bring them together.

Yours sincerel

(Tara Chand)

le T.S.Avinashilingam Chettiar,
for Education,
of Madras,
rge, MADRAS.

AIR MAIL.

Fort St. George,
Madras, 11th May, 1949.

Dear Dr. Tara Chand,

Let me thank you for your letter of the 1st May with regard to the unification of the Scout Movements. I very much appreciate your attemps in this direction, but I am sorry to note the pessimistic tenor of your note when you write "I do not know whether my endeavours would succeed and if so, when the meeting would materialise".

I had a meeting of the various Scout Associations in this Province a few months back. They are all anxious for unity and passed a resolution that if the Centre does not bring about unity in the middle of April, the Madras Association should go forward and unite. I hope this will meet with your approval and will help you to bring about unity in the Centre quicker.

The maintenance of these two separate associations in the Scout Movement is creating a lot of jealousies. To-day, in the absence of any other constructive work among the youth, the Scout Movement, if properly organised under a unified basis, will succeed in forming the nucleus of a great youth movement in the proper direction. Losing time in this matter means only stagnation and the youth are getting restive without proper direction. I hope you will kindly appreciate the feelin of people in this province and support this move.

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I shall be glad to have an early reply.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. P.S.A.
12.5.48.

Dr. Tara Chand,
Secretary to Government,
Department of Education,
Govt.of India. New Delhi.

Copy to Secy., E.& P.H. with the letter in original from Dr.Tara Chand.

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AIR MAIL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
~~CENTRAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION~~

Ministry of Education,
Govt. of India.
New Delhi, 3.

Telephone :

The 15th May 1948.

Dear Avinashilingam Chettiar,

I have just received your letter dated 11th May. I have asked the representatives of the Hindustan Scouts Association and the All-India Boy Scouts Association to meet at a conference to be presided over by the Hon'ble Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on the 29th May 1948. I hope if the Conference meets they will evolve some scheme to unite together. I know that the rivalry between the two Associations is creating a great deal of trouble and my earnest desire is to put an end to these. I am sure your endeavours in this matter will be of great help to us.

Yours sincerely,

(Tara Chand)

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

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D/o. No.

Adviser
EDUCATIONAL ~~COMMISSIONER~~
to ~~WITH~~ THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

New Delhi, the 14th June, 1948.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
21 JUN 1948
GOVT. OF MADRAS

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
22 JUN 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

JUN 1948

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To be filed in the file re. to unification of Scout Movements.
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Dear Shri Avinashilingam Ji,

I have just received your letter dated 9th June. The Hindustan Scout Association and the Boy Scout Association, India, have agreed to merge into an organisation to be called "Hind Scouts". The details of the constitution and other matters are being worked out by a small sub-Committee, consisting of representatives of the two Organisations. I have already sent to you a copy of the proceedings of the two meetings at which these matters were decided. As soon as we have in our hands the details of the new Organisation, I will send necessary directives to the Provincial Organizations.

Yours sincerely,

(Tara Chand)

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

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Education and Public Health Department.
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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES - Organisation of scouting - Appointment of a Special Officer.

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MEMO NO. 96208-B1/47-6 Edn dt 27/7/48.

The Director of Public Instruction is informed that the Government have decided to appoint Sri. T. V. Neelakantan as Special Officer for organising scout movement ~~a Special Officer Officer~~ on a salary of Rs.300/- plus Learners allowance per mensem on a contract ~~basis~~ for a period of three years from 21.10.48 ~~to organise and help in the organisation of scouting in all the schools and colleges in this Province and that Sri T.V. Neelakantan should be appointed as Special Officer for the purpose from 21-10-48~~, the date on which the sanction for the post of Citizenship Officer is due to expire. The ~~post will~~ Special Officer will act as a ~~liaison~~ liaison between

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the Scout Associations & the various institutions and the ~~be a gazetted one and the officer~~ will be of gazetted rank.

The Director is requested to submit, at a very early date, a draft 'form of contract' to be entered ~~into~~ into with the Special Officer ~~executed by the officer and the Government for the purpose.~~ providing for the termination of contract within the period of three years, if necessary, after giving reasonable notice (~~[illegible]~~) not exceeding three months

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To

The D.P.I.

28/7/48

B1 ~~Education~~ Education Department.

From

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS

TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

6 OCT 1948

R.C.No.1358-C1/48 dated 1st October, 1948.

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SIR,

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES - Organization of Scouting Appointment of a Special Officer on contract -- Execution of a deed of contract - Draft form -- Submitted.

pp 54-55 ante

Reference:-Government Education and Public Health Memorandum No.96208 B1/47-6 Education dated 27th July, 1948.

pp 57-61 infra

With reference to the Government Memorandum cited above, I submit herewith a draft of the Agreement of Service to be entered into with Sri T.V. Neelakantan. The draft has been prepared by the Government Solicitor, Madras.

2. In this connection I may submit that I propose to entrust the Special Officer with such miscellaneous work as attending to papers connected with the following subjects, besides the duties relating to organizing scout movements:

(1) Adult Education
(2) Red Cross
(3) Libraries,
(4) Visual Education
(5) Social Workers' training, etc. etc.

I request that the Government be pleased to accept the above proposal and also revise the designation of the post as "SPECIAL OFFICER (EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES), MADRAS".

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

For Director of Public Instruction.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES - Organisation of scouting - Appointment of a Special Officer for 'Citizenship Trainin and Scout Organisation' on a contract basis for three years - Ordered.

From the Director of Public Instruction, R.C.No.1358-C1/4
dated the 1st October 1948.

ORDER MS.NO. 2628 EDUCATION, dated 20.10. 1948.

Despatch & then take further action
20/10/48

pp 56-63 cf

Sri T.V. Neelakantam, Special Officer for organising Citizenship Training is appointed on a contrac basis for a period of three years from 21-10-48 as Special Officer for 'Citizenship Training and Scout Organisation'.

p17 nf & also p14 nf

2. He will be paid a salary of Rs.300/- (Rupe three hundred only) per mensem plus the appropriate dearness allowance. The Special Officer will act as a liaison officer between the scout associations and the various educational institutions in this Province and will, in addition to organising the scout movements, be entrusted with the work connected with Adult Education, Red Cross, Libraries, Visual Education and Social Studi etc.

Vide the orders in Circ on pp 14 & 17 nf

pp 11-12 nf

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3. The Director of Public Instruction is requested o make suitable alterations in the draft of the agreement orwarded with the letter cited above, with reference to the hange of designation of the post and the duties entrusted o the officer. He is requested to have the agreement xecuted by the Special Officer and to forward it to Government fter execution.

pages 57-62 cf.

4. The expenditure should be met by re-appropriation of funds.

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pp. 57-63

Desp with enclosure to D.P.I.
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25/10/48

To
✓ The D.P.I. (with encls).
✓ The A.G. thro' Fin.
✓ The Public (C.L.) Dept.
✓ The S.G.P. (for publication in the F.S.G.G. of para 1)
✓ The Secretary, M.P.S.C.
✓ The Reporters' Board. (para 1 only).

SECRETARY, E.& P.H.

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In this Province, there are now 3 scout movements. Originally, there was only one. It became 2. Now it is 3. These are against the very principles of scouting. There is a lot of jealousy between them and it is not leading to a healthy influence over the students.

2. I have had a talk with the leaders of these movements. They are also anxious that there must be unified scout movements but their headquarters do not seem to give us definite replies. We cannot allow our children to be affected by these jealousies for want of replies from the headquarters.

3. I am feeling why we should not unite them into a single body. We are giving grants for both these institutions. We may refuse to recognize these institutions, unless they combine and ~~xxxx~~ they may be combined as Madras Scouts. When a unified scout movement of All India is bound to come later, we will affiliate ourselves to it. I would like to have this matter discussed in an informal meeting of Ministers or, if necessary, even a Cabinet decision may be taken in the matter.

4. H.M. Finance may see first. He is interested in scout movements and so his opinion may be helpful.

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H.M.Education.

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Edn and P.H. (B1) Dept.

Please see the minutes of H.M. (Edn) above. The correspondence in regard to the unification of scout movements in this Province are on pages 40-73 cf of Go. no. 752 Edn dated 16. 4. 1947 and on pages 1-23 cf. Attention is specially invited to the correspondence on pages 17-22 cf carried on by H.M. (Edn) with the head of the Baden Powell Scout

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Association, Allahabad ~~and the Hindustan Scout Association, Allahabad~~. The main obstacle in the way of the unification of Scout Associations in this province is their loyalty to their organisation in the Centre.

2. The Government sanctioned grants for 1947-48 to the associations as follows.

The Boys Scouts Association, Madras.	Rs. 7,500.
The Hindustan Scout Association.	Rs. 7,500 + Rs 3000
The Girl Guides Association	Rs. 3,000.

Subsequently an additional grant of Rs. 3000/- to the Hindustan Scout Assn. was granted for the improvement of its Girl Scouts Section. The payment of grant for these associations for 1948-49 is under consideration as a Part II Scheme for 48-49 - Vide the Part II note at 'A'.

3. The file may now be circulated to HM (Finance) with reference to para 4 of the minutes of HM (Edn.) on page 1 ante.

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S. Apparently H.M. (Edn.) does consider the move for co-ordination (pp:13-16 c.) to be an adequate step. I submit, however, that apart from the question whether withdrawal of recognition and grants would be efficacious in forcing the various bodies to amalgamate, such withdrawal would mean in the first instance a closing-down of these activities in Schools - which would obviously be undesirable; & it is likely that there would be criticism about the Govt. adopting such a method of 'co-ercion', however desirable the end (a unified Scout organisation) might be.

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H.M. (Edn.)
H.M. (Fin.)

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H.M.Finance is interested in scout movements. I think there is no more need for these many movements in scouting. In fact, it is against the principle of scout movement itself. I would like to know what H.M.Finance thinks about this unification. The file may be put up to me after it is seen by H.M.Finance.

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3.1.48

In Bombay, they recognized only the Hindusthan Scout and they withdrew grants for others.

I do not know whether we can do likewise here. It may not be [illegible] proper.

The second alternative is to ask our Collectors and D.E.Os to organize scouting under the auspices of the Hindusthan, while we continue to give grants to other associations.

If H.M. (Edn) agrees the second may be tried for a year and review the position later.

B.G.R.
4.1.48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
0 - JAN 1948
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Please see the minutes of H.M. (Edn.) and H.M. (Fin) above. The file may now be circulated to HM (Edn) with reference to the last sentence of his minutes above.

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Hon. Minister (Edn.)

I do not think the above suggestion will work. The only suggestion that will work and will be feasible which to a certain extent is agreed to by the local workers of both organizations, is to start a new organization called "The Madras Scouts" to be recognized by the Government of Madras, in which both can be absorbed.

H.M.(FIN.) may give his views over this proposal.

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11-1-48

May be circulated to H.M.(Fin.)

12.1.48

Secretary, Edn. and P.H. Dept.
12 JAN
Government of Madras

H.M.(Fin.)

Better we settle the issue at a Conference. Both the associations may be invited ~~at~~ in the first instance by H.M.(Edn).

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May be circulated to H.M.(Edn) with reference to the minutes of H.M.(Fin.) above.

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Secretary, Edn. and P.H. Dept.
19 JAN 1948
Government of Madras

H.M.(Edn.)

I agree. A conference of the representatives of both the scout associations may be summoned on Monday the 9th Feb. at 3.0 P.M. in my office. Three leaders in the highest offices of each of these scout associations may be summoned for the conference. The subject may be "The unification of the scout movements in Madras". The D.P.I. may also be asked to be present at the conf.

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Secretary, Edn. and P.H. Dept.
24 JAN 1948
Government of Madras

[illegible] are all three associ[illegible] in the Province, namely the Hindustan Scouts Association, the Boy Scouts Association and the Girl Guides Association. It is presumed that one representative from each of these association should be called for. A draft letter is submitted below for approval. A draft memo to the D.P.I. is also subd. for approval.

27.1.48

H.M's intention apparently is not to invite the representative of the Girls Guides Associn now.
27.1.48

Am I to invite the Girl Guides? H.M. may kindly say what his intention is.

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27.1.48

H.M.(Edn.)

I am suprised at this delay. I sent a note on the 24th January asking that a meeting of the two scout organisations may be summoned on the 9th February. A note like the above is put back to me on the 28th January ~~January~~ and sent in a non urgent pad along with other files. I have given the date specifically 9th for the meeting. They should have put it in a blue pad or if they had any doubt, they would have asked me on the phone. When I phoned to the Asst. Secretary as to what had happened, the Supdt., came and searched for the file. I don't expect the Office to do the work in this way. When something urgently should be done, & a date has been given, they should send it in blue pad or ask me personally on the phone for any clarification if it is necessary. The people responsible for the delay may be asked to explain.

As it is I am afraid, we cannot have the meeting on the 9th. Notice may be sent and they may be asked to meet me on the 16th of this month at 2 P.M. Notice may be sent to the scout associations mentioned above and in addition also to the Catholic Scout Association.

Secretary, Edn. and P.H. Dept.
4 FEB 1948
Government of Madras

TSA
4-2-48

the minutes of (Edn) on page 5 ante.

2 The draft letter and the 4 draft memo as added to may now be issued.

3 With reference to the portion marked Z in HM's minute it is submitted that the file was received on the 26th evening and subd on the 27th morning. It was circulated to HM (Edn) on the 28th instt. As the file was not received back with HM's orders, I was under the impression that the date of the conference would probably be changed. As the file was marked V.E. by AS IV it was submitted in a red pad. HM's instructions that such files should be subd in blue pad are noted for future guidance

As in the normal course it was expected that the file would be back in two days or so by being in an 'ordinary' pad, & that would still leave sufficient time for notice for the conference, it was not put in a 'special' pad.

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HM (Edn) — a.i.

[Issued as Letter Ref. no. 96208-B1/47-1 Edn dated 5/2/48.] pp 24-25 cf

[Issued as. Memo. no. 96208-B1/47. 2 Edn dated 5/2/48]. p 26 cf

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
6 FEB 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

~~The file may lie over till 15/2/48~~

~~In the mean time~~, The file may be circulated to HM (Fin) with ref. to his minutes on p 4 ante (for information that the Conference has been fixed on 16.2.48.).

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HM (Fin)

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

The file may lie over till ~~15~~ 14/2/48 when it may be circd. to HM (Edn) for use at the Conference on 16/2/48.

(To be put up in a special pad.)

10.2.48

9/2/48

9/2/48

Please see [torn] orders of Assistant Secretary on page 6 ante. The file may now be circulated to HM (Edn) for use at the Conference of the representatives of the Scout associations fixed for 16.2.48 at 2 P.M. in the HM's room.

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HM (Edn) / HM (Fin)

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~~The follows~~

The following persons representing the various Scout Associations were present:-

Mr. A. I. Theodore.	Ag President.	C. S & G. Asso of India
Sister M. Stephanie	Adviser.	do.
Miss J. C. Ryan.	Division Commissioner	do.
Bro. Eleazar.	Vice President	do
B. D'Netto.	Federation Scout Commissioner	do
Mrs. M. Chubwala	Provincial Commissioner	G. G. A.
Mrs. Rajamannar	Division "	, Madras, "
Marjorie Sykes	Commissioner for Training, Madras	"
N. Kothandarama Mudaliar.	Hon General Secretary.	Boy Scouts Assn Madras
J. I. Thathiah,	Provincial organising commissioner.	Boy Scouts Association, Madras Presidency
V. G. Rathnasabhapathy	Provincial Secretary	Hindustan Scout Assn
T. Nilakantan	Asst. Provincial Commissioner (Training)	do
K. A. Nachiappa Gounder MLA	Provincial Commissioner	do

(P.T.O.)

the minutes

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After some discussion, it was decided that in view of the fact that Governmr-General Lord Mountbatten has agreed to summon a conference and establish a single united scout movement in India, some time may be given for the scout movements in the Province. The time was fixed at 15th April within which they have agreed that they will unite. If summoned at Delhi, they will unanimously say that in the absence of Delhi taking a lead in the formation of a single united scout movement, the Madras branches of all these scout associations will secede from their various centres and unite forming into a single scout movement in Madras. [illegible], this file may be put up on the 15th of April.

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The file may lie over till 15.4.48.

18.2.48

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From Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, M.L.C.,
dated 11.2.48.

The letter from Sri K. Venkataswami Naidu, MLC, on pages 33-34 cf is submitted for perusal.

20.2.48

H.M. (Edn.) – for information.

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pp35-36cf

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
17 FEB 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Please see the copy of the letter that I am writing to H.E. Lord Mountbatten, Governor-General of India.

TSA
28.2.48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
1 MAR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The file may lie over till 15/4/48

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as previously ordered – Vide the minutes at 'A' on page 8 ante till 15.4.48

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Please see the letter on page 42 cf in regard to the summoning of a Conference of the Scout Associations to discuss the amalgamation of the associations into a single organisation. It is not known whether the Conference was convened and if so, what ~~was the~~ decision ~~on the question~~ was arrived at

2. The file may now be circulated to HM(E&On) with reference to his minutes at 'A' on page 8 ante.

15.4.48
16/4/48
H.M. (Edn.)

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15.4.48

Please see my letter to Moulana Azad put in the cf.

Let us wait for a couple of weeks to get a reply from Moulana Azad and then take ~~steps~~ whatever steps that may be necessary. This file may be put up to me about the 15th of May.

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22-4-48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
22 APR 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

May lie over till 14/5/48.

22.4.48

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22/4/48

Please see herewith a copy of the letter of H.Pr. to Hon'ble Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister of the Government of India, with regard to the unification of the scout movements and also the reply of the Hon'ble Minister for Education of the Government of India. In view of this letter and the reply, I believe we may also take up the matter further. Copies of these letters may be kept in the Scout Unification File.

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12-5-48

H.M.Education.

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

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Submitted for orders as to the further action to be taken now. It is for consideration whether a conference of the representatives of the scout associations may be called for again.

Rcd 13.5.48
ASH 14/5/48

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H.M. (Edn.)

~~Please~~

Please see herewith a letter from Mr. Tara Chand, Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India, with regard to the unification of the scout movement. I believe we may await this Conference before we take further steps in this direction. The file may be put up to me on the 7th of June.

ISA
28-5-48

May lie over till 5-6-48.

27.5.48

Rcd 26.5.48
26/5/48

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

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The file may now be circulated to H.M. (Edn) as orders ~~above~~

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H.M. (Edn.)

Rcd 5.6.48
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11 JAN 1948

Secretary, E.& P.H.

I am glad to be able to say that our efforts for the unification of the two scout movements is bearing fruit and that the representatives of both the scout movements met under the presidentship of Moulana Azad, Education Minister of the Government of India and agreed to unite.

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Rcd
11.6.48

2. This will mean that in this province also we will have only one single scout movement. Till now, the existence of these two or three scout movements made it difficult for Government to take their part in organizing these activities. To-day, when there is unrest in the country and among the youth, a properly organized scout movement will provide for the proper organization of the youth of the country, in schools and outside schools but more particularly in the schools and colleges. It is my intention that the scout movement should be ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ enlarged so as to embrace within itself also such discipline of a semi military character.

3. In many other countries, scout movements, though voluntary, are done under the auspices and support of Government. That is so to a certain extent in this country also as we are making grants from Provincial funds for these associations. It will go a great way to organize the scout movement in schools and colleges, if we can appoint a Provincial Officer to help in the organization of the scount movement in all our schools and colleges. He may be called the Special Officer to help in the organization of scouting.

p. 237 of Budget Estimates for 1948-9

4. We have provided for a grant of Rs.21,000/- for the 3 ~~xx~~ scout organizations in the province, The Hindustan Scouts, the Boys' Scouts and the Girl Guides. In view of their uniting into one organization, it may not be necessary for us to give them the whole amount. Mr. T.V. Neelakantan, who has a life time of servi in scouting and who is reputed to be one of the first rate organizers in scouting, is now the Special Officer in charge of citizenship training and is being paid Rs.300/- with additional D.A. I propose that he may be appointed as Special Officer for scouting at the same pay.

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5. We need not spend any extra amount for this purpose from provincial funds but this may be appropriated from the Rs.21,000/- allotted for grant to various scout organizations.

6. Finance may be consulted and the note may be put up.

TSA
9.6.48

H.M.Education.

Yesterday, I dictated a note over this matter which I think would have been sent to the office ~~xx~~ yesterday or this morning. That was with regard to the appointment of a special officer to help in the organising of scout movements throughout our schools and colleges. That note may be put in this file and further action taken.

TSA
10.6.48

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

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARY
18 JUN 1948
45268 E4
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Please see the minutes of HM (Edn). The exact lines on which the Unified Scout Association will carry on its activities is not known. Before appointing a special Officer, it would seem desirable to ascertain whether the combined Scout Association would like to utilise the services of a Provincial Officer to help in the organisation of scout movements. The remarks of the DPI may be obtained.

A draft ~~——~~ D.O. is submitted below for approval.

USR
15.6.48

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The Dy. Secy. Fin:

The Special Officer is to work as 'liason' between the Association & the various institutions on behalf of Govt. & I do not think he will be wanted by the Association. DPI. opinion does not need be consulted. The case may

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18.6.48

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

The case deals with proposals for the unification of the various scout movements in the Province. The file has been remitted to this deptt. with reference to the proposal to appoint a Special Officer on Rs 300 p.m. plus D.A. to ~~help~~ act as a 'liason' between the Scout Association and the various institutions ~~in the organisation of scouting movements in (all the schools and Colleges)~~ on behalf the Government.

2. A provision of Rs 21,000 ~~is made~~ exists in the Budget for 1948-9 (approved as Part II scheme) towards grants to the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides movements in the province. With the unification of the three scout movements, it is considered that the above provision may, to the extent necessary, be appropriated to meet ~~grant already provided for may be reduced and that~~ the cost of the Special Officer ~~proposed may be met from the grant provision of Rs 21,000~~ – please see para 4 of the ~~made~~ minute note of HM (Edn) on p 11 above. ~~In the circumstances~~ This department may agree to this proposal.

3. H. M. Finance and H.M. the Premier may see the case before issue of orders. (The question of the actual grant to be paid to the amalgamated Scout Assn. will, it is presumed, be considered separately)

Thro ExpA.
21.6.48
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This will amount to Rs 16770/- a year.
24-6-48

Edn (Ost)

Notes from page 11 ante may be perused. The proposal is to appoint a special Officer on Rs 300 p.m. plus Dearness Allowance to act as a liaison between the Scout Association & the various schools & Colleges on behalf of the Govt and to reduce the grant provided for payment to the Scout Associations to the extent necessary to meet the salary of the Special Officer proposed to be appointed. Finance have agreed to the proposal. Their presumption that the actual grant to be paid to the amalgamated Scout Assn. will be considered separately after the details of the amalgamation are known is correct.

The file may now be circulated to H.M. (Edn) H.M. (Fin) & H.Pr. for orders.

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H.M. (Edn.)

H.M. (Fin.)

H. Pr.

We want a properly guided youth movement. The scout movement has the potentiality of a good youth movement in which boys may be trained in character as well as in service and devotion to the country and hereafter we should actively encourage these movements in our schools and colleges and the proposal is to give that encouragement. There is no extra expenditure involved, and so may be approved.

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The gentleman who is the Special Officer for Citizenship Training, Sri T.V. Nilakantam, is one of our best men available for the purpose and if appointed he will serve both the purposes.

TSA
5.7.48

The question of reducing the present [illegible] may be considered separately.

He may be appointed on the salary proposed.

G.P.R.
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
13 JUL 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Please see the minutes above. The DPI has separately addressed the Govt for the continuance of the post of citizenship Officer for a further period of three months from 21.7.48 and the Finance Dept have agreed to the continuance of the post. Orders will issue shortly. (File in B2 Secy)
It will seem therefore sufficient to appoint Sri T.V. Nilakantam as Special Officer for organising scout movements from 21.10.48. The amalgamation of the scout Associations is expected to take effect from 1.10.48

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2. It is presumed that the post of Special Officer for organising scouts movements should be a ~~of Gazetted rank~~ one and that the office should be of gazetted rank orders are solicited as to the period for which the appointment should be made in the first instance and whether rules should be framed governing the conditions of service of the officer or whether it should be treated to be a temporary post of a special nature not suitable to be dealt with under the rules and a declaration to that effect should be issued.

3. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) for orders on the above points.

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c.f. G.O. No 938 Edn
20/4/48

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14.7.48

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H.M. (Edn.)

He may appointed by contract for three years

TSA
20.7.48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
20 JUL 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Please see the orders in circulation above. The DPI may be requested to submit a draft 'form of contract' to be ~~executed~~ entered into with Sri T.V. Nilakantam. ~~by the [illegible] and the Government~~. A draft memo is submitted below for approval.

2. Finance may see before issue

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Dy. Secy. Fin.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
28 JUL 1948
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

53088 E III

E.&P.H. No 8778
96208-B1/47-5 Edn
23/7/48

Finance E III

(Previous note of Finance on p13 above)

The orders in circulation on p1 above, the further note of E&P.H on pp 14-15 above the minute of H.M. (Edn) above and the draft memo below may be perused and the case returned to E.P.H

Rs. DR 26.7.48
26.7.48

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Issue
27/7/48

Fin no 53088 E III-1
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[Memo. no. 96208-B1/48-6 Edn. d/ 27.7.48] pp 54-54 cf

pp 56-61 cf

From the DPI., Rc. no. 1358-C1/48 d/ 1.10.48.

The DPI has submitted a draft of the agreement to be entered into with the proposed Special Officer. Legal may be consulted whether the draft is in order.

pp 57-61 cf

As the draft agreement has been prepared by the Govt. Solicitor, it does not seem necessary to send the file to Legal.
13/10/48

2. The DPI proposes to entrust to the S.O. ~~the work~~ in addition to the work connected with the organisation of scouting in schools, the work relating to adult edn., red cross, libraries, visual edn., social workers' trg. etc. He therefore recommends that the S.O. may be designated as "Spl. Officer (Extra-curricular activities). The recommendation may be accepted.

p 56 cf

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3. The file may be sent to Legal and Fin. Dn for remarks prior to circulation.

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Finance (E III)

16 OCT 1948
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96208 B1/48

(See finance note on pp 15-16 above)

The further note of E.P.H and the draft agreement on pp 57-63 c.f. may be perused and the case returned to E.P.H.

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16 OCT 1948
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Fin. no 91175 E III
16/10/48

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16.X.48

The notes of this department and of Finance on page 16 ante may be perused. The file may now be circulated to HM (Edn) for orders whether the proposed Special Officer may be appointed ~~from 21.10.48~~ for a period of 3 years from 21.10.1948 on a pay of Rs 300/- p.m. after entering into an agreement with him as in the draft agreement on pp 57-61 cf prepared by the Government Solicitor. Orders may also be taken whether the Special Officer may be designated as "Special Officer (Extra-Curricular activities), Madras" as recommended by the DPI. ~~HM (Fin) may please~~

p 56 cf

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The designation may be "Special Officer for Citizenship ~~and Scout~~ Training for Scout organisation".

TSA
18-10-48

19 OCT 1948
SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Please see the orders in circulation above. It is presumed that H.M. (Education) has agreed to entrust the work connected with Adult Education, Red Cross, etc., to the Special Officer as proposed by the Director of Public Instruction.

2. The intention of H.M.(Education) previously was that the expenditure on the appointment of the Special Officer

Officer should be met from the provision of Rs.21,000/- made in the Budget for the payment of grants to the three scout associations resulting in a reduction in the grant payable to them and that no additional expenditure need be incurred from Provincial funds, ~~resulting in a reduction in the grant payable to the associations~~. But H.M. (Finance) has minuted that the question of reducing the grant to the associations may be considered separately. In view of this, additional expenditure will have to be incurred from Provincial funds on the appointment of the Special Officer. The expenditure during the current year i.e. for about six months from 21-10-48 to April 1949, may be met by re-appropriation. The Director may be requested to suggest the head to which the expenditure should be debited. It would seem that it should appropriately be debited to 37.c. Education - General Direction - Pay of officers.

Vide Minutes of HM (Edn) in paras 4 & 5 on pages 11-12 ante.

Vide his minutes on p 14 ante

3. A draft order is submitted below for approval. Action in regard to the reduction of the grant to the associations may be ~~considered~~ taken after issue of the draft order.

~~Public (Ser) may see~~

19/10/48

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For further action

vide G.Ms. 7920 Edn/48

20/10/48

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SECRETARY
8 FEB 1951
8911
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
27 JAN 1951
3573
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Office of the Accountant General, Madras.
Fort St.George, dated 25 January 1951.

No.G IV Edn I 754.

From

The Accountant General,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sub: Madras Educational Service - Sri T.V.Nilakantan - Special Officer for citizenship Training and Scout organisation - Leave.

Sir,

Sri T.V. Neelakantan was first appointed as Special Officer, Office of the Director of Public Instruction temporarily from 21-4-48. The appointment was continued on contract from 21-10-48. Up to 20-10-48 the Officer earned leave under the Madras Leave Rules at 1/22 of duty. With effect from 21-10-48 the officer was governed by the leave terms for contract officers. Vide Appendix 5 of the Madras Audit Manual and earned leave at 1/11 of duty. Though the officer has been in continuous service from 21-4-48, he has been subject to the Madras Leave Rules up to 20-10-48 and there after to the provisions of the Leave terms for contract officers. Orders of Government are requested as to whether the leave earned during the temporary period (i.e. from 21-4-48 to 20-10-48) under the Madras Leave Rules could be carried forward to his period of contract and availed of with the leave earned under the leave terms for contract officers.

Yours faithfully,

A. Mohamed Sultan

(A.MD. Sultan)
Assistant Accounts Officer.

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Edn.Dept.(A).

It seems that, in fairness, the leave earned by the officer in his tempy.appt. prior to his contract appt. should also be taken into account. Fin. may see for remarks.

He has continued in service without a break.

Thro' B.

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Finance

Edn. O.O.
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Fin (CSR)

Please see the letter from the A. G. C.P. I above.

The leave earned by the officer in his temporary post prior to the Contract appointment may be taken into account for purposes of leave as there was no break in his tenure of office.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY
4934
6 FEB 1951
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Fin. no. 811/C.S.R.
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Edn. Dept. (A)

A draft Memo. is subd.

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P.J.
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