

Education and Public Health

(194⁸) Department.

Ms. SERIES.

G.O. NO. 2795 Edn.,

Dated 9-11-1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Educational Rule-List of backward Classes-Inclusion of Gangavars
community-Ordered.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Abstract.

CHIEF - Classification of Castes - Designation of Kothanar Community as "Gangavars" - Orders passed.

Public (Elections) Department

G.O. No. MS. 1344

Dated 2nd June, 1948.

O R D E R

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A representation was received by Government requesting that the Kothanar community which is at present classified along with "Boyars and Oddars" should be designated separately as "Gangavars" or "Kothanaickers". The opinion of the members of the communities affected by the proposal was invited by means of a Press Communique. The suggestion to designate the community as "Gangavars" found favour with the communities affected. His Excellency the Governor therefore accepts it and accordingly directs that the Kothanar community should in future be separately classified as "Gangavars" and designated as such in all public records. A copy of the Press communique on the subject is enclosed.

(BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR)

K. Ramunni Menon,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To The President of the Gangavar Seva Central Sangam, Coimbatore.
To The Secretary, Gandhi Seva Sangam, Seeranaickenpalayan,
Lawley Road P.O., Coimbatore.
To The Secretary, Gangavar Sangam, Kuniyamuthur.
The Local Secretary, Vannikula Kshatriya Maha Sangam, 12, Memorial
Hall Street, P. T. Madras.
Copy to Public (Services) Department (With extract of Notes)
Copy to Education and Public Health Department (Ann with extract
of notes)
To The Departments of the Secretariat.
To All Heads of Departments (including Collectors and District
Judges)
To The Secretary, Madras Public Service Commission.
To The Superintendent Government Press for publication in the
Fort St. George Gazette.
To The Director of Information and Publicity.

Forwarded/By Order

Superintendent.

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COPY of Government Press Communique No. 15, dated 29th May, 1948.

In their Press Communique dated 22nd March 1948, the Government invited the opinion of the communities affected on a representation received by Government requesting that the Kothanar community should be designated separately as "Gangavars or Kothanaickers" instead of as being classified along with "Boyars and Oddars" as hitherto. The suggestion to designate the community as "Gangavars" found favour with the communities affected. The Government have therefore decided that the Kothanar community should, in future, be separately classified as "Gangavars" and designated as such in all public records.

M.E.R. - List of backward classes - Inclusion of Gangavars community - Ordered.

G.O.No.1344 Public (Elections) Dept. dated 2-6-48.

ORDER/Ms. No. 2795 Edn. Dated 9.11.48

The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette:

Notification.

Madras Educational Rules.

Amendment.

In group II "Castes other than Harijans" in Appendix 17A to the M.E.Rules after item 28 the following entry shall be inserted

28A. Gangavars.

To
The D.P.I. ✓
The Commr. of Labour. ✓
The S.G.P. for publ. ✓
The Pub(Ele) dept. ✓
The Public (Ser) " ✓
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Extract of Notes from Public (Elections) file bearing
current No. 4669/47.

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A representation was received by Government requesting that the Kothanar Community which is at present classified along with "Boyars and Oddars" should be designated as "Gangavars" or "Kothanaickers". The Government invited the remarks of the Board of Revenue on the representation. The Board in consultation with the Collectors concerned expressed itself in favour of the suggestion. The opinion of the members of the communities affected by the proposed change were invited by means of a Press Communique. Only three communications were received in response to this invitation. The Vannikula Kshatriya Maha Sangam, Madras, object to the Kothanar community being called Kothanaickers but has no objection to that community being designated as Gangavars. The other two communications are in favour of the proposed change. Hence there is no objection to the community being separately designated as "Gangavars" instead of their being classified with 'Boyars' and 'Oddars'.

A draft order and a draft Press Communique are submitted for approval. Edn. and P.H. and Public (Services) may see before circulation.

J.I.A.
28-4-48.

Public (Services) Deptt.

Consequential amendments to the General Rules will be issued on receipt of a copy of the order together with relevant extracts from the note file. The file may be passed on to E & P. H.

K.V.R.
29-4-48.

Edn & P.H.

The notes of Pub.(Elections) and Pub.(Services)

p.t.o.

from page 1 above and the draft order below may be perused.
Action to amend the list in the M.E.R. may be taken on receipt of a copy of the order with an extract of notes. Pub. (Elections) may therefore be requested to send relevant extracts from the file along with a copy of the order, they propose to send to this department.

May be returned to Public (Elections)

B.M.
7-5-1948.

Pub. (Elections) Department.

(The notes above may be read)

For orders as to circulation.

J.I.A. K.R.M.
9-5-48. 10-5-48.

H.Pr. O.P.R.
25-5-48.

H.M. (Edn) T.S.A.
27-5-48.

En No. 1334 Public (Elections) Dated 2.6.48.

EDUCATION & P.H. DEPT.

'Odders' and 'Boyers' are shown as separate communities in list-II Castes other than Harijans-in Appendix 17-A to the M.E.R.

The Ex-President of the Gangavar Seva Central Sangam, Coimbatore, brought to the notice of Government that the community Gangavars or Kothanaickers ^{had} been commonly classified as Boyers and Odders, that this classification was highly derogatory to their community and requested that they should be separately called as 'Gangavars' or 'Kothanaicker', names in vogue for a very long time. The Board of Rev. consulted the Collectors of the Tamil Districts and as the majority of them, having no objection, recommended that Boyers and Odders might be renamed 'Gangavars' and 'Kothanaickers'. The Government in the Public Department published a Press Note inviting the views of the individuals or organisations of ~~members~~ of the community affected on the request. Since the ~~proposed~~ change found favour with the communities affected ~~the~~ the proposal was accepted by and the Government

directed that Kothanaicker community should in future be separately classified as 'Gangavar' and designated as such in all publications.

The term 'Kothanaicker' or 'Gangavar' ~~are~~ not in the list of backward classes under Appendix 17-A of the M.E.R. According to Thurston's Castes and Tribes of South India 'Boye' is a title of 'Odde'. 'Odde' according to Thurston are the ~~villages~~ ^{villages} of the country, quarrying stone, sinking wells, constructing tank bunds and executing other kind of earth work more rapidly than any other class, so that they have got almost a monopoly of the trade. The caste title of the people is Nayakan and Boyan. Though there is no mention of Kothanaicker that in Thurston's book it is presumed the name refers to the Naickens, the caste title of Oddes. Neither is there a reference to the name Gangavars in Thurston's book. It is stated in Vol V (page 435) of the Castes and Tribes that in each Odde (Odde) community there is a headman called the 'GangaRaja' and it is presumed that the name Gangavars derived from Gangaraja.

Representations made in the petition from the Ex-President, Gangavar Seva Sangam, is that the Gangavars have been classified as Boyars and Oddes, who do menial work, and that they should be separately called as 'Gangavars'. This supposes that even after the Public department have changed the designation of Kothanaickers (skilled workmen) as Gangavars there are yet Oddes and Boyers who do menial work like carrying palanquins, scavenging and such other works having nothing in common with the 'Gangavar' community.

The question for consideration in this dept. is whether the name Boyas and Oddes should be deleted from the list of Backward classes and the name 'Gangavars' substituted instead. This would prevent several Boyers and Oddes who do menial work and who are not Gangavars from becoming eligible for the educational concessions. The only thing to be done is to add the ^{word} "including Gangavars" after the names Boyes & Oddes in the list

list and thus enable the Gangavars to educational concessions without having to call themselves Boyas and Oddes.

A draft order is submitted. Public may see

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29/9/48

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Public (Elections) Department.

E + P.H. 41328/48-2C/EN

1-10-48

Please see the notes of E & P.H. from XX on p.2 ante.

2. With reference to T on pp.3-4 above, it is submitted that it is against the spirit of G.O.No.1344 Public (Elec) dated 2-6-1948, to include Gangavars among Boyars and Oddars as in the draft--please see in this connection A on p.1 CF, orders in circulation at M on pp.2-2³ NF and K on p.15 CF of the G.O. The purport of the G.O. is NOT to change the name of Boyars and Oddars to Gangavars or the indicate the last mentioned community as being ~~xxxx~~ included in the first two but to classify it separately, from them.

3. With these remarks the file may be ~~returned~~ returned to E and P.H.

Perhaps "Gangavars" may be included as a separate item in Group II "Castes other than Harijans" in Appendix 17A to the M.E. Rules.

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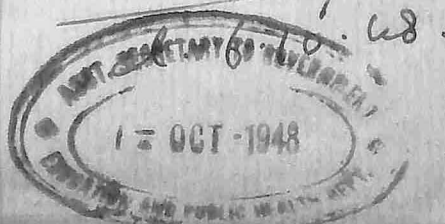
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E & P.H.



Pub. (Elec) II
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Please see the note of Pub (Elec) at page 4 ante - with reference to 'M' at page 4 ante it is for consideration whether 'Gangavars' may be included as a separate item in the list of backward classes appended to the MER (List II in Appendix 17). It may be mentioned that this inclusion will not ~~cost~~ ^{involve} any additional cost to Govt. as 'Gangavars' who hitherto had been applying for fee concessions under the names of 'oddies' or 'Boyas' will now claim the concessions under a different name viz 'Gangavars'. Submitted for orders.

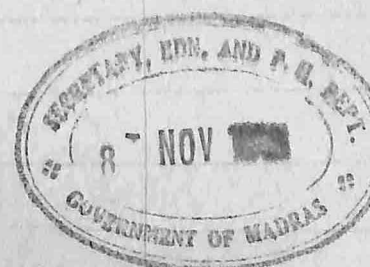
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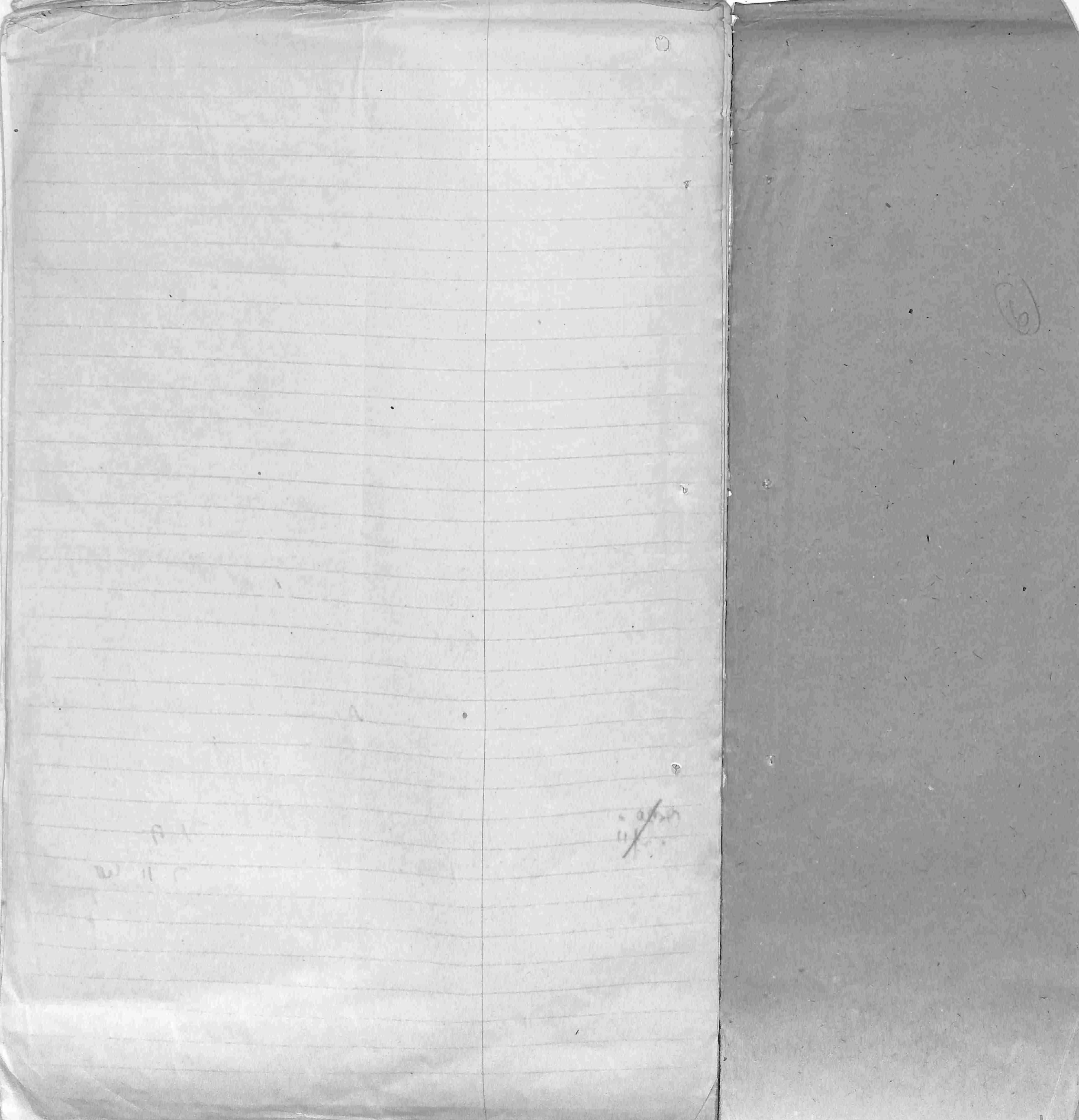
A revised draft order is submitted

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