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[Despatch Abstract.]

Elementary Education - Aided School Teacher Indulgence in Communist Activities - Measures against - papers Recorded

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12/4/48

D.O. No. 25907 C1/48-1 Edn., dated 12-4-48.

Dear Mr. Reddi,

Sub: Communist Propaganda - Malabar Dt. - Part played by teachers.

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I am to enclose an extract from the confidential report of the D.M., Malabar, dated the 4th April 1948, and to request that ~~a high level and secret investigation~~ urgent confidential [illegible] by be made into the part played in the dissemination of communist propaganda by teachers in aided and local board schools, and a report, with recommendations for ~~curbing~~ eradicating the evil, be submitted to the Govt. at a very early date.

Yours sincerely,

9/4/48

Despatched
14/4/48

To
The D.P.I. (By name)
(With enclosure)

From

M. Mukundan,
Secretary,
Chirakkal village Congress Committee,
Post Chirakkal, North Malabar Dt.

To

The Dist. Educational Officer,
North Malabar,
Calicut.

Sir,

not on file

We learn that Sri P. Gopalan of this village had addressed a petition to you on the 27th February 48, requesting you to take necessary action in the matter of subversive and anti-government speeches, songs and performances indulged in at the time of the conference held at Azhicode on the 22nd February by the Chirakkal Taluk Aided Elementary School Teachers' Union. Our village congress committee had also passed a resolution on 3rd March 48 inviting the attention of the authorities to such practices being indulged in by communistically minded teachers in the institutions of this amsom and the same was communicated to the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Chirakkal Taluk, Cannanore, for necessary action.

We are surprised to find that nothing has been done thus far to effectively curb such practices going on in educational institutions by your department, and we hope that you abandon the inert attitude that has been so far adopted and take very early and stringent measures in the matter to put a stop to such anti-governmental and dangerous subversive activities.

Yours faithfully,

M. Mukundan
15-4-48.

Chirakkal,
15th April 48.

Copy submitted to:

The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Fort St. George, Madras

2. President, K.P.C.C. Calicut.

To D.P.H.(Ed)

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Referred to the D.P.I. for enquiry and report in continuation of ~~[illegible]~~ D.O. No. 25907 E.I/48-1 Edn. dated 12-4-48.

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Education and P.H. Department(C1)

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D.O.No. 25907 C1/48-3 Edn. d. 24-4-48.

Dear Mr. Reddi,

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Sub: Communist Propaganda-Malabar Dt.,

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In continuation of my D.O.No.25907 C1/48-1 Edn., d/ 12-4-48, I am to enclose copy of a letter d/ 15-4-48 from M. Mukundan, Secretary, Chirakkal Village, Congress Committee on the subject noted above. I am to ask you to make a report to Govt. (on the matter) at an early date.

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Despatched
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Yours sincerely,

23/4/48

To the D.P.I.
by name
(with copy of letter)

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E. & P. H. Deptt.

D.O. No.25907C1/48-4 Edn., dated 3-5-48.

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Dear Mr. Reddi,

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA – Malabar District.

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In continuation of my D.O.No.25907 C1/48-3, Edn., dated 24--4--48, I am to enclose a copy of the minute of H.M. (Edn.), dated 30--4--48 on this subject and to ask you to say what action you propose to take to stop ~~the~~ communist propaganda through school masters.

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3-5-48

Yours sincerely,

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To ✓ Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A., (Oxon),
D.P.I.
(with a copy of the minute of H.M. Edn., dated 30--4--48.)

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SECRETARIAT, EDN, AND P.H. DEPT.
8 MAY 1948
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

D.O.

Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 7th May 1948.

Dear Mr. Subramanyam,

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Ref: Your D.O. letters 25907 C1/48-3 dated 24-4-48 and 48-4 dated 3-5-48 re: Communist propaganda, Malabar Dt.

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With reference to your D.O. letters, I am submitting herewith a copy of the report of the District Educational Officer, North Malabar in the matter. I propose to take action under G.O.No.Ms. 379 Edn., dated 27-2-48 against teachers who are members of communist organizations or who are engaged in Communist activities or propaganda and against managements which engage such teachers. It may not be possible in every case to obtain sufficient evidence to prove the guilt as in a court of law. In such cases, I suggest that action may be taken after consulting the District Magistrate or the District Superintendent of Police.

When the Inspecting Officers or the Police report that a teacher is engaged in political activities, the managements employing the teacher, whether District Board or private, will be called upon to remove the teacher from service, permanently or temporarily, for a specific period and if the management fails to do this, the recognition of the school will be withdrawn. As for teacher-managers, they may first be called upon to show cause why action should not be taken against them under Rule 14 of the Rules for Recognition and if their explanation is not satisfactory, the recognition of the school may be withdrawn.

page 18 of the Rules Book

I have indicated above the lines on which I propose to take action in the matter and request you

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to let me know whether Government agree with the above.

Yours sincerely,

To

M.V.Subramanian, Esq.,I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H.Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

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Copy of D.O.(Confidential) dated 22-4-48 from Sri V.K. Krishna Menon, M.A., District Educational Officer, North Malabar, Calicut to ~~the~~ Sri Rao Bahadur V.R.Ranganathan, Dy.Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Communism - Elementary schools and elementary school teachers.

Only a few months ago, in connection with the Students' Strike in the Calicut Schools, I sought to draw the Director's attention to the insidious and spreading influence of communists among the younger students. I don't know if my opinions expressed then were deemed worthy of serious consideration. Circumstances compel me now to report on a similar situation in respect of Elementary Schools and I hope it will not be set down to any Communist bee in my bonnet.

You will have noticed from the newspapers that there has been of late an outbreak of communist violence in North Malabar, particularly in its Northern Taluks. The disorder has been such that Police have had to resort to firing on quite a number of occasions. The Government apparently are determined to be firm in maintaining ~~more~~ law and order and with increasing evidence of this attitude more and more of the leading communists are going ~~underground~~ underground hoping to direct activities from there. Some of the more important of the leaders are Elementary School teachers. The other day the D.S.P. reported confidentially about the activities of one such teacher and requested that his certificate may be cancelled. The Deputy Inspector, Calicut, has reported that certain teachers known to be in the Communist van, have left their schools without notice and would seem to have gone into hiding as a result of the Police investigations directed against them. These papers I have, as I should, formally submitted to the Divisional Inspector for orders. I am however enclosing the report of the Deputy Inspector, Calicut Taluk, and that by the Deputy Inspector, Chirakkal, for your information.

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If it were a case of a few individual teachers here and there being involved in undesirable activities, I should not have cared to write this. But of late I had occasion to visit the affected areas of Chirakkal and Kottayam and from enquiries of an informal nature I was able to gather that the Communist situation in respect of our aided elementary schools is grave enough. I find that quite a large number of teachers, a decided majority according to some, are arrant communists and they look upon schools as a serious venue for their activities. These teachers are not content to take to school-mastering as a source of livelihood, whatever their serious interests; they have entered the profession more with a view to converting children to communism so that the party can expect a steady flow of recruits, recruits all the more reliable because trained at the susceptible part of their lives. School children are made use of further to stand guard at convenient spots and intimate in advance the on-coming of Police parties., are made to carry food to the communists gone underground and to carry messages etc. It is with the help of school children so unscrupulously and effectively seduced that many of those gone underground are successfully maintaining themselves in concealment. When I asked some of the parents why they did not protest against these things their answer was, (1) that they were terribly afraid of reprisals and (2) that the children have been in many cases so well trained that they don't betray. Parents, those who are opposed to communist, though they constitute an effective number, are not properly organised and so are helpless against a well-organised lot like communists. This defect, however, is the general bane of our country as a whole, and it is no use harping on that.

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it is, I am ~~afraid~~ forced to point out in respect of communism in our Elementary Schools, (1) that they are a well-organised party, organised for all their activities on the lines of a supremely efficient secret society with its own code of signs and symbols and gestures and obeying no scruples, eager only that the Party ends must be achieved by hook or crook, (2) that a large number of elementary school teachers are members of the party, (3) that their infiltration into the teachers' profession is part of a deliberate plan to propagate the party creed and (4) that the dragon's teeth are deliberately and freely sown in the elementary schools and with increasing success.

That this spread of communism is confined to the few Taluks of this district and therefore only to a small corner of this vast Presidency may tend to give the impression that it is only a minor matter. But as things are developing, it is like cancer, which, though small or unimportant, the part affected, is nevertheless fatal. This communist menace, as I view it, is so grave that only action at Government level can effectively check and eradicate it and the time has come for Government to take notice of this situation as it affects the aided schools. Possessed of reports from Collectors and Police Superintendents, Government are in a better position to know all the available relevant facts and recommending Government action, as I do, I do not presume to make any suggestions as to reasons and remedies. I dare say I may even be thought ill-informed and unduly alarmistic but so long as I am convinced of the gravity of the situation I have a plain duty to draw the attention of the Director to it and this is my justification for writing this. If you think that I am justified in doing so, you may kindly place it before the Director for his consideration.

Copy of letter R.O.C.No.190 G1/48 dated 17-4-48 from the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Chirakkal Taluk addressed to the Dt. Edl.Officer, North Malabar.

Sir,

Sub: Elementary Education - K. Kunhi Rama Varier - Headmaster, Trichambram East H.E.School - Communistic activities - Report submitted.

Ref: Your Roc.No.134 G/48 dated 15-4-48.

I have the honour to submit the particulars of the Service Register No. and T.S.L.C.No.available from this office records of the teacher K.Kunhi Rama Varier, Headmaster, Trichambaram East H.E. school, T.S.R.No.6531,T.S.L.C.No.7840/37 called for in your above reference.

As per this office records the initial of Kunhi Rama Varier is T.H. and not K. only.

While submitting the above particulars I beg to report that the Communistic activities among the teachers, mostly of the Aided schools in Karivellur, Kanhileri, Korome, Payyannur, Kankol, Vellur, Kalliasseri, Pappinisseri, Azhicode, Irikkur, Elliranhi, Kalliat, Puzhathi, Mayyil and Kannatiparamba, Taliparamba Amsoms are getting too beyond the departmental control. Quite recently the teachers union conducted their annual Day at Azhicode when the Department was exhibited in its worst light. The farce enacted there exhibited some of the activities of the Education Department so as to leave a very ugly picture on the audience. The object seems to be to appeal to the public so that the teachers under the present Government are oppressed very badly, their immediate day to day wants are not even being attended to and that unless the public go to their rescue, the educational effort that is now being pursued will be a waste. Even the songs sung at Kummi and Kolattam had an appeal to the public on the present

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oppressed condition of the aided ely.school masters, on the present unsuccessful rationing system and the poverty stricken condition of villages. Even the recent strike of the N.G.Os was referred to in one of those songs. It looks as if the little children are even trained to defy the respect for law and order in their class rooms. When the inspecting officers get into schools which are predominantly of the Communistic minded teachers, the pupils do not even show their respect by getting up from their seats. It was not noticed in the class rooms, but it was reported that the Communistic doctrines are freely promulgamated in the so-called evening classes, night classes, and Saturday classes which are beyond the supervision of inspecting officers. At Elliranhi the school children were even prompted by the local Communistic agents to shout M.S.P.Moordabad', 'Government Moordabad', and incidents occurred at Elliranhi are well known. The recent activities of the Communistic minded teachers are to join with the other Communists, doing all sorts of underhand activities. At Schools they pretend [illegible] ~~of~~ to be loyal teachers, with an air of defying the inspecting officers. The activities are confined mostly to aided school teachers much less to the teachers in Board and Government schools. Both these are being fast converted into the level of the aided school teachers.

I request that the Government may be moved to kindly take note of these movements of the aided ely.school teachers in the Chirakkal Taluk, the stronghold of the communistic activities.

Sd/- Dy.Inspector of Schools,
Chirakkal Taluk.

ROC.No.134 G/48 dated 20-4-48.

Copy submitted to the Divisional Inspector of Schools Coimbatore Dn. in continuation of this office Roc.No.134 G/48 dated 14-4-48. The change in the initials of the teacher reported by the Dy.Inspector may be noted and his detailed remarks given due consideration.

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D.E.O.North Malabar.

Copy of Confidential letter dated 19-4-48 from C.I.Mathai, Deputy Inspector of Schools, Calicut Taluk addressed to the District Educational Officer, North Malabar.

Dear Sir,

I beg to submit the following facts for your kind consideration and necessary action.

Sri T.C.Narayanan Nambiar, a secondary grade teacher in St.Antony's H.E.School, Calicut, has been absent from the school since the beginning of this month. I understand that his house in Calicut was searched by the police a few days ago. He is alleged to have been involved in communistic activities and is wanted by the Police but his whereabouts are not known. He is a temporary teacher in the school.

Sri K.Madhavan Nair and Sri P.K.Narayanan Nair are two H.E. grade teachers in St.Xavier's H.E.School, Peruvayal. Both of them are accused in two Criminal cases similar to those in which communists get involved. The first case appears to have been started in August 1947 and Sri Narayanan Nair had at one time been interned in Calicut for a month. In connection with the second case Sri Narayanan Nair was arrested in February last and kept in Jail for a month. Both the teachers attended the school on 17-4-1948, the second day of Inspection of the school. Sri Madhavan Nair is a temporary teacher, and Sri Narayanan Nair, permanent.

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It seems to me that it is dangerous to keep such teachers in schools. The manager of St.Antony's H.E.School who happens to be the manager of the other school also may therefore be directed to dispense with the services of the above teachers in the respective schools.

Sd/-Dy.Inspector of Schools,
Calicut Taluk.

R.O.C.No.134 G/48 dated 22-4-48.

Copy submitted to the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division for favour of instructions as to what should be done.

Narayanan Nambiar referred to in the Dy.Inspector's report was one whose certificate had been once cancelled and later restored.

(Sd) x x x x
Dt Edl.Officer, N.Malabar.

MINISTER AGRICULTURE
3 MAY 1948
GOVT. OF MADRAS

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H.M.(Agriculture).

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I am getting certain representations such as this. If the Communists have got hold of schools and using it for their own propaganda, it is time we must take action. I am not able to know what exactly we should do because we do not know which are the Communists and which are not. Will you kindly interest yourself in the matter and let me know what may be done?

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2-5-48

H.M.Education.

I just returned from Malabar today. Apart from the Congress Organisations, the Dist. Magistrate as also the D.S.P. are of opinion that a very good portion of the teachers of the Aided schools in particular and also Local Board schools are either communists or ~~have~~ very good sympathisers of communists, as most of the leading communists were communists were teachers in elementary schools before. In fact the elementary school teachers seem to be liaison between the communists who are hiding and their adherents outside. Their technique seems to be to mark their attendance in the schools and absent themselves immediately for helping the communists. It is true that they ~~ax~~ use the schools for their own propaganda and the lessons are actually taught condemning the Government and eulogizing Soviet Administration. A surprise inspection of all the schools in Chirakkal and Kottayam taluks in Malabar by a batch of Deputy Inspectors helped by the Revenue staff of the area on one day will give us an idea of how many teachers are absent and that without leave. It can safely be presumed that those who are absent are communists. The Deputy Inspectors from other taluks may be drafted for this work for a day or two and surpirse inspections be made. After that the local Congress Committees could be asked to report to us suspicious conduct of teachers and they can be specifically watched.

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Azhicode, 29-4-48.

From
The President,
Azhikode Thekkubhagam Desha Protection Committee,
Azhicode, N. Malabar.

To
The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

At a meeting of the Azhikode Thekkubhagam Desha Protection Committee held yesterday evening under my presidency, the following resolution was unanimously adopted and I beg to communicate to you the same for taking early and necessary measures.

Resolution.

"The Communists who are reactionaries endanger the cultural progress of the country and these dangerous elements are being helped by certain teachers who are sympathisers of Communists and such Communist-minded teachers are infusing inthe minds of school children hatred towards the national government and they are also propagating for the spread of communism among young school children who are to be the future citizens of the country. In the best interest of the country and also for an atmosphere of peace and tranquility , it is absolutely necessary that these communist-minded teachers should be prevented to continue their avocation in life as teachers and this meeting therefore request the Government to take suitable measures to prevent communist-minded teachers functioning in schools."

Proppser: M. Anandan
Seconder: K. Krishnan.

Passed unanimously.

President.

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G.Parameswaran Pillai,B,A.,
Personal Assistant to
the Special Officer,
Malabar District Board.
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Calicut,
May, 22, 1948.

Esteemed Sir,

I am giving below a note about the Communist activities of Elementary school teachers in this district as orally instructed.

Yours truly,

G.Parameswaran Pillai
22/5/48.

Notes.

A large percentage of Elementary school teachers mostly of Aided schools in the district are, it is found, active communist workers or communist minded. The disturbances in North Malabar have revealed that some of the teachers are in the fore-front of the movement and form the brain of the party in some of the villages. It is unfortunate that many of these teachers should have found their way into dacoity-parties that were responsible for many acts of voilence and crime. Some of the teachers seem to have been shot dead and some taken into custody.

The communist meance is of immense potential danger for the future in as much as these teacher communists make an organised ~~atter~~ attempt to instill wrong ideas into the minds of the young children of Elementary schools. It is understood that the boys are taught communist slogams and songs, taken to form the jathas organised by the party in villages and in some cases are even used as spies or messengers. The Inspecting Officers of the department who pay visits three or four times a year and devote a few hours in a school cannot certainly detect the nefarious activities as the children are cleverly taught to deny any knowledge of the songs and slogams.

It would appear that in some interior villages, school buildings located in out of the way places remote from public roads are used by the workers to conduct study classes with or without the knowledge of the manager or head teacher, admission being secured by stealthy methods.

This interference with the young elementary school children is a grave menance and has to be stopped effectively.

The following may receive consideration.

1.The ill paid, ill-educated, discontented and leisurely teachers are easily exploited by political parties. This must be stopped. Teachers should not have any political party affiliation. They should be declared as public servants and the rules of conduct should be made strictly applicable to them.

2.In the Training schools many of the pupil teachers are communist minded, especially in North Malabar. It is from here that subtle propoganda is done and many of the ignorant pupils teachers are converted by the rest. Admission to Training schools ~~schools~~ should therefore be made with great descrimination and applicants suspected of communist activities strictly excluded. The activities of the trainees should be strictly watched by ward system or tutorial system and those who show unhealthy tendencies weeded out.

3.Special care to be taken in permitting untrained teachers in schools under Aided management. The communist teachers gain access to the schools as untrained teachers and then start fifth column work as it were, in schools.

4. Every village should have a strong committee consisting of the Village Munisiff and two or three prominent and reliable non-officials who may be vested with power to visit the schools and report about the working of the schools, undesirable activities of the teachers, if any. The committee should be nominated by the Collector to prevent undesirables getting into it. This committee should form the Advisory committee co-operating very closly with the Inspecting officers and management. The members being of the village will be able to detect undesirable activities of teachers.

5.The officers of all departments are empowered to visit schools. Many of the touring officials including the Revenue Officials rarely do it. Every officer of the Revenue Department and other departments may be required to send up confidential reports about activities of teachers.

6.Rule 154 of the Madras Educational Rules may be modified and the District Educational Officers given wide powers to take action under it without much of formal enquiry and procedure.

7.Immediate investigation should be made and lists of teachers who are actively collaborating with or contacting ~~the~~ the communists and who have communist sympathy should be drawn up. The lists can be prepared by the departmental officers contacting the Police officers and Village headmen and all undesirable elements weeded out by action under Rule 154, M.E.R. Such of those who have doubtful sympathies may be given chance to redeem themselves.

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SECRET. E. & P. H. Deptt. (C1) 23

D.O. NO. 25907 C1/48-7 EDUCATION, DATED 26-5-48.

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Dear Mr. Reddy,

SUB:- Communist propaganda - Malabar Dst.

Ref:- Your D.O., dated 7th May 1948.

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I am to say that the Govt. generally approve of your suggestions. They consider also that ~~in any case a very prompt~~ ~~steps are~~ ~~action is~~ ~~necessary, and that action may also be taken under~~ of regularisation of all the 'action' of teachers it may be (formally taken under) rule 154 of the M.E.R. or Rule 14 of Part II of the Rules relating to [illegible] ~~You may dispense with the formalities of an enquiry etc., if necessary and~~ and of further tests in taking action under these rules you may dispense with the formalities of an enquiry etc. if circumstances warrant such a course.

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2. I am to enclose in this connection copies of the minutes of H.M. (Agr.), dated 8-5-48 and H.M. (Edn.) dated 12-5-48 and to ask you to examine, in consultation with the Board of Revenue, the feasibility of a simultaneous surprise inspection suggested by the H.Ms., with reference to the number of schools in the two taluks referred to, the number of Deputy Inspectors of Schools, Revenue Inspectors, Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars., that will be available for the inspection. If such inspection is found to be feasible, it should be arranged quickly and carried through successfully by the middle of June as desired by H.M. (Edn.). As for police ~~and~~ aid that may be ~~sought for and obtained, if~~ necessary, I am to ask you to consult the I. G. of Police at once in the matter and draw up a plan of action with his advice. The D. M. Malabar should also be informed of the proposed surprise inspection immediately after you have examined the matter and found that the inspection is feasible.

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3 Reports on the steps you are taking in pursuance of these suggestions may be submitted to the Govt. promptly and as often as necessary.

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Y.S.

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To

The D.P.I. (by name)
(with enclosure)

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4. I am also to enclose a copy of the notes on the same subject since received by H.M.(Edn.) from the P.A. to ~~the~~ S.O., Dt. Bd., Malabar, together with an extract of H.M's. minutes thereon dated 25.5.48, and to ask you to examine the suggestions made by the P.A. and to ~~submit~~ offer your remarks thereon at a very early date.

Y.S.

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ASST. SECRETARY
25 MAY 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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From the Special Branch, Criminal Investigation Department.

Chief Secretary.

No. 2775 /C **Dated** 20th May 1948

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Elementary School teachers and Communism.

The following Elementary School teachers have come to notice so far in Kurnool district for participation in Communist activities.

1. Kambagiri Raju of Panyam.
2. Rama Murthi.
3. Nagendrappa.
4. Ramulamma.
5. Ananthamma.
6. Dasari Venkatramiah.
7. Alle Venkatamma.
8. Balija Venkatamma,
   Nos.2 to 8 working as teachers at Velgodu.

No.1 Kambagiri Raju was seen associating with Communists during the N.G.G.Os' strike. In 1947 the Communist Party, Kurnool, held study classes at Panyam and he played a prominent part in organising those classes. He attended the Andhra Rashtra Teachers' Federation meeting held at Bezwada, an organisation sponsored by Communists.

No.2 to 8 are all natives of Velgodu and some of them are related to Communists. No.4 Ramulamma is the wife of G. Venkata Reddi, a Communist against whom a warrant for detention is pending. She went to Bezwada on 23-4-48, accompanied by No.5 Ananthamma, to attend a conference of the Mahila Sabha, of which Dr. Atchumamba is the President. They returned to Velgodu on 27.4.48, and enquiries with the Headmaster disclosed that they had taken casual leave from 23.4.48 to 28.4.48. The other teachers have been identifying themselves openly with Communists, in whose company they were all seen at Tharthur, where they had gathered to disobey orders under Sec.144 Cr. P.C.

2. I suggest that the certificates of these teachers be cancelled, or at least suspended for a specific period, under Sec.154 of the Elementary Education Act. This action would go a long way to check the spread of Communism among the younger generation.

V. Ayyaswamy
Superintendent of Police.
Special Branch C.I.D.

E.&P.H.

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Pub. (Genl A) Dept.

Subd. for perusal. May be transferred to E.&P.H. dept. for necessary action. They may be requested to circulate to H.Ps. also and let this dept. see before orders are issued.

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Edn. & P.H. Dept.

Secret

D.O. No. 38602/48-1-C, -Edn., dated

Dear Mr. Reddi,

Sub:- Communist activities of teachers of elementary schools – **Kurnool Dt.**

I am to forward a copy of the confidential report No. 2775/C, dated 20.5.1948, of the Supt. of Police, Special Branch, C.I.D., on the subject mentioned above for necessary urgent action ~~by you~~ and to ask you to submit a report to the Govt. on the action taken.

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Yours sincerely,

To
Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A. (Edin.),
D.P.I., Madras
(with enclosure)
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Note:- May be circulated to H.M. (Edn.) and H.Pr. for perusal before issue.

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This situation must be controlled as otherwise the situation in Kurnool also will become as in Malabar. I think the Diretor may be given powers to cancel their certificates. He had already asked for such power in connection with the communist teachers in Malabar.

H. Pr. may see.

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Dear Mr. Reddi

Sub: Elementary Schools, Kurnool Dt. – Communist activities by teachers

I am to forward a copy of the confidential report, No. 2775/C, dated 20-5-48, of the Supdt. of Police, Special Branch, C.I.D., on the subject mentioned above and to request you to take necessary action immediately as to the cancellation of ~~that~~ the certificates of the teachers ~~(referred to therein)~~ ~~be cancelled forthwith. Soon~~ and to send a report ~~sent~~ to Govt. (at an early date.) ~~I am to add that if regularisation of the action ordered to be taken is required,~~ it ~~the~~ ~~action~~ Action may formally be taken under rule 154 of the ~~M. Ed.~~ M.E.R or under

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rule 14 of the Rules for Recognition in chapter I in Part II of the Rules Relating to Elementary Schools in ~~does~~ (dispensing with) the formalities of an enquiry, etc., ~~being dispensed~~ ~~with~~ ~~where~~ if the circumstances ~~of~~ ~~a case~~ warrant such a course.

Yours Sincerely

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Despatched
R.S.R.
31-5-48

To ✓

Sri. D.S. Reddi
M.A. (Oxon)
D.P.I. Madras
(with copy of p.c.f.)

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From
Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A.(Oxon)
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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

Sir,

Rc.No.1553-B/48 dated 8th June 1948.

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

Sub: Communistic activities in Malabar and Kurnool Districts-action against teachers involved in the - report.

Ref: Your D.O.letter No.25907-C1/48-7 Edn.dated 26-5-48 and 38602-C1/48-1 Edn.dated 31-5-48.

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I am submitting herewith a copy of the instructions issued to my subordinate officers in regard to the action to be taken against teachers connected with the communistic activities, and in regard to the payment of grant in respect of such schools. I have also to inform Government that all the Women officers working in North Malabar are being replaced by men as it is considered unsafe for women Officers to tour these localities.

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I shall submit a further report, if and when necessary in the matter.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC [illegible]
RC.NO.1553-B2/48 dated 8th June 1948.

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A list of teachers in Malabar who are involved in specific cases of lawlessness in connection with the communistic activities received from the Dt.Superintendent of Police is herewith forwarded to the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore and he is requested to issue orders suspending the Teachers' certificates of the teachers for an indefinite period without assigning any reason It is not necessary to follow the usual formalities required under the rules for suspending the certificates and it is also not necessary to wait for the production of the certificates. The orders of suspension may be issued and the usual notification published in the Fort St.George Gazette. Copies of the orders of suppension issued by the Divisional Inspector may also be forwarded to the Dt.Supdt.of Police and submitted to the Director. Copies of the orders should also be sent to all the inspecting officers in Malabar district and South Kanara District. The Dt.Supdt.of Police may be requested to furnish to the Divisional Inspector and the Dt.Educational Officers concerned the names of teachers who are suspected of complicity in communistic activities and the Divisional Inspector shall suspend the certificates of these teachers also as directed above as and when the names are reported.

It is understood that there are similar cases of teachers who are connected with the communisitic activities in Kurnool District also. A list of such teachers received from the Dt.Supdt.of Police, Kurnool is enclosed. The Divisional Inspector, Anantapur is requested to take similar action in regard to these teachers also, and submit copies of his orders to the Director and the Dt.Supdt.of Police.

not read.

In cases where the teachers are managers also, they may be declared unfit to be managers with reference to rule 14 of the rules for Recognition of Ele.schools and in these cases also, the usual formalities need not be observed. Copies of orders declaring teachers unfit to be managers should also be forwarded to the Dt. Supdt.of Police and all inspecting officers and also submitted to the Director.

The following further instructions are also issued in this connection.

(i) The Dt.Educational Officers are directed to submit every month to the Divisional Inspector a list of teachers found absent from schools without satisfactory reasons.

(ii) The Dy.Inspectors should visit frequently schools where communist teachers are reported to be working. If need be, regular tour programme may be deviated or supsended.

(iii) The office-bearers of the Teachers' Associations who are suspected to be communists may be removed from office and others may be elected or nominated in their places.

(iv) Where managers are in hiding or are in custody, the teachers of the school or local people if they come forward to take over the management of the school, this may be approved as a very temporary measure to enable the schools to continue. In such cases, it should be made clear to the new managements that the transfer is only temporary and that this should not mean ownership of the school or its funds.

(v) Where managers are hiding or are suspected to be actually engaged in communistic activities, grants to the teachers may be paid direct.

(vi) Even where the managers are functioning, as in the present circumstances it may not be possible to find out whether any manager is or is not connected with the communistic activities, the Dt.Edl. Officers are informed that grants may be sanctioned to the Managers only on the production of a written solemn declaration that he has conducted his schools free from communstic ideas and activities, that he has worked the required number of days as mentioned in the monthly returns and that he has no communist minded teacher on the staff or atleast, none who is actually involved in the present trouble and a certificate signed by both the 'Menon' and the Village Munsif that the school has been working regularly and that according to their information and knowledge, the manager and the school are free from communistic contamination. On production of such certificates, the bill may be sent to the managers or teachers as circumstances require.

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(vii) In regard to the grant for individual teachers, the Dt.Educational Officers may use their discretion to withhold grant for any teacher who is suspected to be engaged in communistic activities and whose regular work in the school is suspected.

(viii) The Dt.Educational Officers should meet the District Magistrate and the District Superintendent of Police or their Deputies as often as possible. Similarly, the Deputy Inspectors should be in touch with the Inspectors of Police.

The Divisional Inspectors are also informed that where the teachers have actually been convicted, their certificates should be cancelled. The Divisional Inspectors are requested to submit the names of such teachers to the Director for necessary action.

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To
The Divisional Inspectors of schools, Coimbatore and Anantapur.
The District Educational Officers, North and South Malabar and Kurnool.
Copy to the Divisional Inspectors of Schools, Madura and Godavari.
Copy to the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar and Kurnool.
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List of teachers concerned in specific cases.

S.No. (1)	Name. (2)	School to which attached. (3)	Remarks. (4)
1.	Vengilat Padmanabhan. S/O Kanari.	Patannakkara Boys School, Pinarai.	Secretary of the Dharmadam Communist Party. Was an accused in Tellicherry Cr.No.129/46,Sec.148 and 323 I.P.C.(Congress and Communist clash at Dharmadam in which the accused in both the cases (case and counter)were acquitted. He is now in remand in Tellicherry Cr.No. 56/48, Sec.143 I.P.C. and 6 (1) of M.M.P.O.Act and Cr.No.60/48, Sec.143,148 and 341 I.P.C.
2.	Pudukkudi Kumaran.	Mairlagurikkal School, Maloor.	He is also wanted in the above two cases (Cr.Nos.56 and 60/48) of the Tellicherry Town. He was also an accused in Cr.129/46 of Tellicherry. He is now absconding.
3.	Koroth Kannan.	Andaloor H.E.School, Dharmadam.	He is a Communist member and is now in remand in Tellicherry Cr.60/48.
4.	Pudukkudi Balan.	Teacher, Muzappilangad Boys' School, Meloor.	Communist member. Was an accused in Tellicherry Cr. 129/46 and is now an accused in Tellicherry Cr.66/48 Sec. 143 and 506 I.P.C.
5.	C.V.Mukundan.	Palayad Girls' School, Dharmadam.	He was arrested during the recent Communist troubles and Dharmadam and convicted in Tellicherry petty Case No.232/48,Sec.160 IPC.
6.	Pandiala Gopalan.	Kizakkumbhagam School, Pinarayi.	Secretary of the Pinarayi Communist Party and has addressed various communist meetings. Now in remand in Tellicherry Cr.Nos.72 and 73/48, Sec.147, 341 and 323 I.P.C. and 147 and 323 I.P.C. respectively.
7.	Thayyan Chandukutty.	Patannakkara School, Pinarayi.	An ardent Communist and an accused in Tellicherry Cr. 73/48 Sec.147 and 323 I.P.C. Is in remand now.
8.	C.V.Raghavan.	Vadakkumbad East Ely. School, Vadakkumbad.	For shouting Communist slogans,he was charged under Sec.290 I.P. and fined Rs.50/- on 13-5-48. He is the delegate of Vadakkumbad Communist Party to the Dist. Communist Party conference.

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9.	Pancli Paloran Andi.	Sree Narayana Vaidya sala Girls' School, Vadakkumbad.	Was an accused in Tellicherry Cr.71/47, Sec.341,147 and 324 I.P.C. in which he was acquitted.
10.	Kurukkanveettil Chathu.	Machormala School near Thillengeri.	Accused in Panur Cr.12/48 Sec.436 and 511 I.P.C. Is also concerned in Thillengeri shooting case. Now in remand.
11.	Korothkandi Kumaran Master.	H.E.School, Kunnummakkara.	Accused in Badagara Cr.35/48 (Onchiyum shooting case).
12.	C.K.Kunhikrishnan, Adiyodi.	Chambad Panniyannur.	Accused in Panur station Cr.No.12/48 Sec.436,511 IPC
13.	Karathan Valsan.	Teacher-Manager, Sivapuram Boys School.	Ardent Communists. Now in remand in Kuthuparamba Cr. 29/48, sec.395 I.P.C.
14.	Alayadan Kunhikannan.	-do-	
15.	P.Achuthan.	Tholambra Ely.School.	Accused in Kuthuparamba Cr. 29/48, Sec.395 I.P.C. and is in remand.
16.	K.V.Narayanan Nambiar.	Kalliasseri Central Ely.School.	Arrested in connection with disturbances following Aaron Mill strike.
17.	K. Anandan Nambiar.	Kalliasseri-Kannapuram School.	Used to address Communist meetings. Is in remand in Baliapattam Cr.30/48, sec.147 and 323 I.P.C.
18.	T.P.Balakrishnan.	Kannapuram Ely.School.	Accused in the above case and is in remand.
19.	C.Ambukutty.	-do-	-do-
20.	PDamodaran Nambiar.	Thilanur Ely.School, Chelora.	An active communist and a member of the direct action Committee of the Chirakkal Communist Party. Was arreste on 29-4-48, sentenced to 3 months R.I. under sec.64 M.C.P.Act.
21.	C.K.Sreenivasan.	Vayal H.E.School, Azkodu.	In 1947 he published a booklet entitled "Raktha Geetha exhorting peasants to trespass into the lands of Jenm A case under Press (Emergency Powers) Act is pendin against him. He resigned fr the Party in April 1948 and is now a Congress Volunteer
22.	K.Krishnan	Manayaguru H.E. school, Karivallure.	All the 3 were convicted in Karivallure Shooting case (Cr.No.84/46) Now on bil.
23.	K. Kunhiraman Nair.	-do-	
24.	P. Raman Nair	-do-	

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25.	K.V.Achutha Variar.	Manayaguru H.E. School, Karivallure.	Has been arrested on 30-4-48 in connection with recent troubles.
26.	P. Balan.	Mozappilangad West School.	An ardent Communist. Was arrested on 30-4-48 in connection with recent troubles.
27.	K.Krishnan Nambiar.	Mayyil H.E.School.	Staunch Communist. Accused in Kandakkai grass cutting case which is pending trail (Irikkur Cr.14/47 sec.147,379 I.P.C.)
28.	K.Kunhiraman Nambiar.	Kandakkai Ely. School.	-do-
29.	O.K.Kunhiraman Nambiar.	Kuiloor Ely.school.	Accused in Taliparamba Cr.No. 107/46, sec.147,148,332,323 and 511 I.P.C. Is now in jail.
30.	O.P.Anandan Nambiar.	Ellaranhi Ely. school.	Accused in Kavumbai rioting case. (Taliparamba Cr.117/46) was arrested recently and is in remand.
31.	M.C.Rayarappan Nambiar.	-do-	He was convicted in Kavumbayi rioting case.
32.	K. Raghavan.	-do-	Is an accused in Kavumbayi rioting case. Is O.V. since 1946.
33.	N.K.Kumaran.	Chooliyad Ely. school, Chooliyad.	Convicted in Taliparamba Cr.85/46, sec.147, 148 and 379 IPC.
34.	P.V.Kunhiraman.	Poothappara Mopla school.	Secretary, Poothappara Communist party and Deshabhimani reporter. Arrested by Cannanore police in April 1948 and convicted to 3 months' R.I. under M.C.P.Act.
35.	P.V.Kunhappa Nambiar.	Puzathi H.E.School.	Was a Communist detenue from 1940 to 1942. A staunch Communist worker who passed OV in April 1948. Recently arrested by the Feroke Police and is now in remand.
36.	T.Krishnan.	Attadakka School.	Convenor of the direct action committee of Chemoilode village. Was arrested by Cannanore Town Police in April 1948 and convicted to 3 months R.I. under 64 of M.C.P. Act.
37.	C.K.Kunhambu.	Athirakam Ely. School, Elayavur.	Secretary of the Cannanore Rural Firka Communist Party and the Acting Secretary of the Chirakkal Taluk Communist Party. Accused in Cannanore Town Cr.No.72/48 Press (Emergency Powers) Act for publishing a prejudicial pamphlet. Has been arrested on 19-5-48.
38.	E. Narayanan Nair.	Mammamkannu school, Mozappilangad.	A militant Communist wanted by Baliapattam Police for leading Communist Jathas on 29-3-48 and 10-4-48.

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39.	M.P.Krishnan Nair.	Meloot Ely.school, Kannadiparamba.	All concerned in Cheleri Dacoity case (Baliapattam Cr.33/48, sec.450 and 395 I.P.C.)
40.	M.P.Kunhiraman Nambiar.	-do-	
41.	E.P.Krishnan Nambiar.	Pathayam Ely.school Kannadiparamba.	
42.	M.P.Krishnan Nair.	Kambil Mopla School, Kannadiparamba.	
43.	T.K.Kunhikannan Nambiar.	Kairalam.	
44.	K.M.Chandu Nambiar.	Teacher-Manager, pathayam ely.school.	Staunch Communist. Sentenced to 3 months R.I. under Sec.64 of M. C.P.Act in May 1948.
45.	P.Narayanan Nair.	Teacher-Manager, Alakad H.E.school Valloor.	Accused in Alapadamba dacoity case. Was arrested on 14-5-48.
46.	V.M.Vishnu Nambeesan.	Alakad H.E.School, Valloor.	-do-
47.	Anayodan Balan,	Chirakkal Aided school	Staunch Communist workers. Were convicted to 3 months R.I. each under M.C.P.Act in Cannanore Town case.
48.	V.Kalu Nair,	Adirakam Ely.School.	
49.	P.V.Kunhunni Nair,	-do-	
50.	M.R.Narayana Kurup.	Teacher, Onchiyam Ely. school.	Accused in Badagara Cr.43/48, Sec.147,148,332,333 and 225 I.P.
51.	A.K.Krishnan Nair.	Teacher-manager, Ely. school, Arikulam.	~~xxxxx142~~ Accused in Quilandi Cr.51/48, Sec.147,323 and 506 IPC An ardent Communist worker.
52.	N. Appukutty Nair.	Aided ely.school, Arikulam.	Accused in Quilandi Cr.24/48 Sec.6 (2) of M.M.P.O.Act. and Cr.No.49/48, Sec.247,448,379 IPC
53.	P.Narayanan Nair.	-do-	Accused in Quilandi Cr.49/48, Sec.147,448,379 I.P.C.
54.	R.Kunhiraman Nair.	Naderi Aided H.E. school.	Accused in Quilandi Cr.24/48 6(1)&(2) of M.M.P.O.Act. Used t take part in communist Jathas and meetings.
55.	Keezane Gopala Kurup.	Avala North Mopla Aided school.	Accused in Payyoli station Cr. 39/48 Sec.6 (2) of M.M.P.O.Act.
56.	Mayaroth Kunhikelappan Nambiar.	-do-	Accused in Payyoli station Cr. No.10/48, sec.148,447,379 and 506 (2) I.P.C. and in Cr.No.23, sec.144 and 352 I.P.C.
57.	Kovummal Narayanan Nair of Muyipoth.	Teacher-Manager, Vannarodi Hindu Aided school, Muyipoth.	Accused in Payyoli Cr.10/48, sec.148,447,379 and 506IPC and 23/48, sec.144,352 I.P.C. He is also the accused in petty case 30/48, sec.290 IPC. He is now in remand.

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58.	Kuttancheri Kelu Nair. Kandakkai.	Kolapparamba Ely. School, Kandakkai.	Accused in Cr.No.109/46, sec.148 447 and 379 I.P.C. of Taliparamba Station.
59.	Vellikattidathil Kumaran Nambiar, Kandakkai.	Krishna Vilasam Ely.school, Kandakkai.	-do-
60.	Thiyyenchori Othenan Nambiar, Kandakkai.	Teacher-Manager, Mopla Ely.school, Peruvanyur, Kandakkai.	Accused in Cr.14/47, sec.148,379 I.P.C. of Taliparamba.
61.	Thottiyil Sankaran Nair.	Thozhuvannoor Mopla Ely.school, Ponnani.Tk.	Took part in the Teachers' movement in 1939 and convicted to 3 months R.I. A virulent worker of the party. A quite undesirabl
62.	E.P.Govindan Nair.	Aided Mopla school, Kattiparathy.	Took part in the Teachers' agitation and underwent 3 months R.I
63.	M. Pachukutty, Manakoode.	Headmaster, Thazathilakundile Mopla School, Vadekkengara.	Accused in Malappuram Cr.No.19/48 Sec.6 (2) of the M.M.P.O.Act. Case P.T.
64.	C.Ramankutty Nair.	Headmaster, Pilamenthol H.E.school.	-do-
65.	Cherukattu Govinda Pisharoti.	Pilamenthol H.E. school.	-do-
66.	Cherakatt Raghava Pisharoty.	Pupil-teacher, Malappuram Trg. school.	-do-
67.	A.P.Chokku.	Nellicode Ely. school.	Accused in Calicut Taluk stn. Cr.43/48, sec.6 M.P.O.Act.
68.	K. Koyakutty.	Mopla Ely.school, Puthiyapalam.	Accused in Calicut Kasaba Cr. 79/48 M.M.P.O.Act. An active worker.
69.	T.E.Narayanan Nambiar.	St.Antony's School, Calicut.	A Communist leader and an absconding detenue.
70.	Premchand, Iringallur.	B.E.M.School, Puthiyara.	Accused in Feroke Stn.Cr.No. 53/48 sec.6(2) of M.M.P.O. Act. An out and out Communist
71.	Peruvamkuziyil Kuttiassan S/O Ahmadkutty.	Teacher, Puthiyamalikakkal Aided School, Malappuram.	A full time worker and Deshabhimani reporter. Accused in Malappuram Stn. petty case 53/48 for indecent behaviour at a congress meeting. P.T.
72.	Sadhu P.Kunhikoya Malappuram.	Kalpatta Aided Mopla School, Wayanad.	Accused in Malappuram petty case along with No.71 for abusing Sri K.Kelappan at a public meeting.
73.	K.P.Ahamed, Punerpa.	Teacher, aided ely. school, Punerpa, Puzakkattori Amsom.	Accused in Cr.No.13/48 of Malappuram, Sec.47 Police Act.

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74.	T.P.Narayanan Nair.	Pangu Aided school.	Accused in Cr.10/48 of Malappuram M.M.P.O.Act.
75.	M. Muhammad master.	Aided Mopla school, Valambur, Walluvanad.	An active member of the Walluvanad Taluk Communist Party. Was arrested on 19-2-48 at Makkada f taking out a Communist Jatha and released.
76.	K.K.Muhammad.	-do-	-do-
77.	V.P.Gopalan Nair.	Elankulam Aided Ely.School.	An active member of the Communist Party. Was arrested in Cr.22/48 of Perintalmanna for taking out a Communist Jatha and released subsequently.
78.	C. Ganapathi Nair.	-do-	An active member of the Party. Convicted to 6 weeks R.I. in Perintalmanna Cr.22/48 for defying 144 order.
79.	Arangot Narayanan Nair.	Pathirimanna Aided Ely. School.	Very active worker. Accused in Cr.32/48 of Perintalmanna (rioting case).
80.	Vilakkathala Narayanan.	Vadakumgara Aided Ely. School.	-do-
81.	K.P.Ahmedkutty.	Karkadakam Mopla Board school, Walluvanad.	An active Communist. Took part in the Communist Jatha at Makkada on 19-2-48.
82.	Kongasseri Theyyunni Menon.	Karimpuza Ely. School, Walluvanad.	An active organiser and member of the party. Wanted in Cr.No. 51/48 of Cherplechery station for taking out a Communist Jatha on 1-3-48.
83.	Malappuram Krishnankutty.	Kuttanessery Hindu Ely.School, Walluvanad.	-do-
84.	Parakkottil Govindan Nair.	Valambirimangalam aided ely.school, Walluvanad.	-do- He has been arrested in the above case.
85.	P.Madhavan Ezuthachan.	Thavannur Aided Ely. School, Ponnani.	Very active worker of the part; He has got a conviction to his credit in 1941-42 for Communist activities.
86.	Punnakkal Kanaran.	Panambad Hindu Ely.School.	-do-
87.	V.V.Vijayan.	Palikulam road school, Ponnani.	An active Communist and accuse in Valapad Cr.51/48 for taking out a Jatha in defiance of the ban.
88.	E.R.Vasudevan.	-do-	-do-
89.	T.K.Kukkunni Nambiar.	Bashabodhini School, Irimbiliyam.	Convicted in a Megaphone case in 1947. Convicted to 3 months R.I. in Cr.45/39 for taking part in party activities. An active worker and organiser.

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90.	Parapurath Vikraman Nair.	Mopla aided school, Valiyakunnu.	He was released in the above case being a minor. An active Communist worker.
91.	Valancheri thodiyil Ravunni.	H.E.School, Parathur.	An active worker. He was the C.P. in a petition for forcibly removing the fence of a Namboodiri.
92.	Mooliyil Govindan Nair, Valancheri.	H.E.Training School, Calicut.	Active worker. Convicted in a megaphone case in 1947.
93.	Ambangettumanakkal Subramaniyan Namboodiri.	Mopla Aided school, Valiyakunnur.	Active Communist. Took part in removing the fence of one Namboodiri along with No.91 and was the C.P. in a petn. on this.
94.	Thottiyil Srambikal Sankaran.	Thozuvannur Mopla aided school.	Convicted to 3 months R.I. during the past teachers' movement in 1939. A staunch Communist.
95.	A.K.Balan.	Odayamkunnu Boys' School.	An active underground worker. Convicted in a case under sec.290 I.P.C. of Cannanore.
96.	Manikoth Govindan Nambiar.	Kalliasseri Central School.	Staunch Communist and accused in Baliapattam Cr.21/48, Sec. 147,323 I.P.C.
97.	Chinnencheri Narayanan Nambiar.	Moraza Central School.	-do-
98.	Meethara Narayanan.	Moraza School.	-do-
99.	Mundayattu patinhara veettil Kannan Nambiar,	Chaleri.	Accused in Baliapattam Cr.33/48 sec.395 I.P.C.
100.	Maruthiyattamputhen Veettil Cheriya Krishnan Nambiar.	Chalery.	-do-
101.	Alayadan Chandukutty.	Ayyallur Aided School, Kolari.	Accused in Cr.No.49/48 sec.148, 149,324,323,and 307 I.P.C. of Mattanur.
102.	K.K.Anandan Nambiar	-do-	-do-
103.	P.Kunhikannan.	-do-	-do-
104.	Alangari Kunhikannan.	-do-	-do-
105.	C.V.Chathu.	Muzakunnu Ely. School.	Accused in Cr Nos.30,31,32 and 33/48 of Mattanur Sec.395 IPC
106.	Kunhiraman, Chambad.	Teacher.	-do-

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Kottayam Taluk Aided Elementary School Teachers' Union

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Dated 24-6-1948.

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From

C. C. Sankaran Secretary,
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To

The Minister for Education,
Fort. St. George MADRAS.

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Honoured Sir,

I was authorised by the Kottayam Taluk Aided Elementary School Teachers' Union working Committee to submit the following resolution unanimously passed by it, when it met under the Presidentship of Sri. A. Chathu Kutty on 12--6--'48 to your Honourable Presence for sympathetic consideration of the same and pass favourable orders. The following is the resolution

1. The Aided Teacher s' Union Committee views with deep regret the action of the Govt. in not yet disbursing the 1st instalment grant ever after six months.

2. The Committee notes with great anxiety and discomfort the statement of the D. E. O. to the union President that the disbursement of the grant will be still suspended to that date till the Govt have detected and taken proper action against all communist Teachers.

3. The Committee expresses its sad disappointment and sorrow at the action of the Govt in victimising and penalising in this manner such of the sincere and semistarved teachers who have zealously and loyally discharged their duties so long for the sake of those few who have resorted to communistic and subversive teachers.

P. T. O.

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4 The committee therefore appeals to the Minister for Education and the director of Public Instruction to disburse the suspence grant at an early date and to issue order to the officer concerned to disburse the 2nd instalment before 31st July 1948.

I beg to remain,
Honourable Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Secretary.

Manikoth Kumaran,
M. L. A.

Cannanore,
Dated 23-6-1948.

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Sri. T. S. Avanashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education, Madras.

Sir,

The Aided Elementary school teachers, who number about 1700 in this Taluk are hit hardly the delay in the disbursement of the quarterly grant.

No doubt a good number of them, especially in the interior parts are communist-minded but these have no hold or place, now, in the Teachers' Union Executive. And they have to be treated individually. The Union Executive are taking steps to collect the names of such teachers and are ready to cooperate to bring them to book.

Anyway, the policy of withholding of grant can be tried only for a very short while, just to make them remember and realise the situation, but if continued for long, will bear unintended and undesireable results.

I, therefore, suggest that the quarterly grant be ordered to be paid, without delay, and the Aided Teachers Union be asked to furnish a (confidential?) list of Teachers, who are known to be communist-minded.

Yours faithfully,
M. Kumaran
23/6.

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H.M. (Edn)

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RESOLUTION.

This meeting is of opinion that it is unjust to withhold the past arrears of grant of Elementary aided teachers since 1947 December, which has ~~been~~ led to serious hardship to large number of poor families. However it reiterates its full approval of the policy of purge in the educational field, ridding it of all communist elements.

M. Narayana Kurup
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SECRETARY.
Kerala Provincial
Congress Committee,
Calicut

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
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D.O.No. 38602-48.C1-Edn

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Fort St. George,
Dated 23rd July 1948.

Dear Mr. Reddi,

Sub: Communist Propaganda - Malabar District - Activities by elementary Schools teachers.
p31 cf Ref: Your letter Rc.No.1553.B/48 dated 8-6-48.

I am to enclose ~~you will find~~ a copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Kerala Provincial Congress Committee, Calicut. The Hon'ble Minister (Education) has minuted on it as follows.

p13 N.3 "I understand large numbers of teachers have not been paid six months salaries. I do not know whether we will be defeating the purpose by keeping back the pay of these large number of people. I appreciate the need for peremptory action. But stopping the pay for these large numbers may perhaps create difficulties and discontent and defeat the purpose of such action. The Director of Public Instruction may be asked to report about the matter."

I am to request you to forward to Government a report on the matter.

o/c 23/7/48

Yours sincerely,

ORM 23/7/48

To
Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A., (Oxon),
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras (with enclosures).

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D.O. Director of Public Instruction, Madras, 2 30--7--48.

Dear Mr.Subramanian,

Sub: Communist propaganda - Malabar Dt. - Activities by ely.school teachers.

Please see your D.O.No.38602-48-C1, Edn., dated 23rd July 1948. I have requested the Divisional Inspector to enquire into the complaint immediately and submit a report.

Yours sincerely,

To

M.V.Subramanian, Esq.,I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H.Department,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Secret

D.O. No. 25907 C.1/48-9 Edn. d. 9-8-48. Edn.

Dear Mr. Reddi,

Sub: Elementary Schools, Malabar – Communist activities of teachers.

I am to enquire what action has been taken with reference to paragraphs 2 and 4 of my ~~D.O.~~ D.O. 25907 C.1/48-7 Edn. d. 26-5-48.

Yours sincerely,

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To

Sri. D.S. Reddi M.A. (Oxon.)
D.P.I.

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D.O.No.1553 B2/48.

Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 19th August 1948.

Dear Mr.Subramanian,

- p49 ante

Ref: Your D.O.No.38602-48.C.1.,Edn., dated 23-7-48, No.25907-C.1/48-9, Edn., dated 9-8-48 and my D.O. reply dated 30-7-48.

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In continuation of my D.O. dated 30-7-48, I have to inform you that the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore, has enquired into the complaint visiting Malabar and has submitted a report. He reports that orders have been issued for the issue of the first and second quarter bills and that grants were not withheld for reasons of communistic activities and they could not be disbursed for other reasons, e.g., non-production of acquittance rolls, want of sanction of transfer of management etc.

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With reference to your D.Os No.25907-C.1/48-7 dated 26-5-48 and 9-8-48, kindly see the instructions issued to the District Educational Officers, a copy of which was submitted with my letter R.C.No.1553 B2/48 dated 8-6-48. In regard to para 2 of your D.O. dated 26-5-48, I have to inform you that as a result of the personal discussion with the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, it has been decided that a simultaneous visit to all the schools was neither necessary nor practicable. The District Educational Officers have been asked to contact the Police Officers and take the necessary action. As regards the precautions to be taken in admitting candidates for training, I consider that no special instructions are necessary. If a student is found

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taking interest in Communistic activities and is found trying to influence other students, he will be expelled. This has already been done in one or two cases.

Yours sincerely,

To

M.V.Subramanyan, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H.Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

H.M. Education may see and is requested to take action against the teachers. May I know what action taken against the teachers? How many till now discharged and how many are really helping communist activities. After seeing please return this letter to me.

O.P.R.
28-7-48

Original retd
to P.P.S. G.HPR

Copy of the letter from Sri K.Kelappan,President, Kerala Provincial Congress Committee, Calicut, Chalapuram P.O., S.Malabar, dated 25-5-48. to the Hon.O.P.Ramaswami Reddiar, Premier, Madras.

My Dear Premier,

There is an agitation afoot to get the punishment of all communists sentenced for long terms cancelled. The communits are always ready to appologise and to swear by the congress to get them out of jails. Several persons have published notices in the press severing their connection with communist activities; and now they are actively carrying on communist propaganda. It is my belief that very few of them have really changed. The same is the case with communist teachers. The department must cancel the teaching licences of all communist teachers and new teachers should be entertained only with the express sanction of the department.

It will be wrong to think the communist activities in Malabar have ceased. There is every sign of its revival. I hope the Government will see to it that vigorous congress propaganda is carried on in villages and grievances of the villages redressed as far as possible.

Yours sincerely,
(sd) K.Kelappan.

(True copy)

Secret.

D.O. No. 25907C1/48-10 Ed. d. 4-9-48. E.A.N.(C)

Dear Mr. Reddi:

Sub: Elementary Schools, Malabar – Communist activities of teachers.

Ref.. your D.O. 1553 B2/48 d. 19-8-48.

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I am directed to forward a copy of a letter received from the Pt. of the Kerala Provincial Congress Committee and to ask in how many cases the certificates of teachers have been suspended or cancelled and in how many cases the original orders of punishment have been modified or cancelled.

Yours sincerely

To
~~Sri~~
Sri. D.S. Reddi
M.A. (Oxon)
D.P.I.
(with copy of letter at p17 cf)

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Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 17th September 1948.

Dear Mr.Subramanian,

Sub: Elementary Schools, Malabar - Communist activities of teachers - p59 ante

p 59 ante Ref: D.O.No.25907 C1/48-10. Edn., dated 4-9-48.

So far the certificates of 114 teachers in the Coimbatore Division, 6 in the Godavari Division and 8 in the Anantapur Division have been suspended by the Divisional Inspectors and copies of these orders are in my office file. In no case have the Divisional Inspectors modified these orders so far.

Yours sincerely,

To

M.V.Subramanian, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Edn.& P.H.Dept., Fort St.George, Madras.

Manikoth Kumaran,
M. L. A.
Cannanore,
Dated 22nd Sept 1948.

Hon: Sri: T. Avinashilingam Chettiar,
The Educational Minister, Madras.

Sir, Non payment of grant to Azhicode South H.E. School.

I absolutely fail to see why when, apparently, drastic action is decided on against a single school, with a view to make an example of it, the reasons for so doing should be kept a closed secret.

I cannot interpret in any other way, the long delay in payment of grant to this single school in that area, though I failed to unearth any reason, myself, through local enquiries.

The Dy. Inspector of the range, has recommended this school for grant. The Taluk Congress Committee have no charges against it. The hitch seems to be at the D.E.O.'s office, at Calicut.

Meanwhile, the public opinion is veering round in favour of the teachers and against this arbitrary administrative action.

I therefore, request you to call for a report from the D.E.O. Calicut, as to the grounds on which the grant to Azhicode South H.E. School has been withheld so long.

Yours faithfully.

M Kumaran
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Education and
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Endt. No. 47096 C1/48-1 Edn. dated 10-7-48.

Referred to the ~~D.P.~~ Director of Public Instruction for enquiry and early report.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Rc 1491/B2/48
13 JUL 1948
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Asst. Secy. to Govt.
8/7/48

To
The Director of Public Instruction
(to be sent)

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, Madras.
ROC. NO.1491-B2/48, Dated 15==9==1948.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT.
18 SEP 1948
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Sub: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - Aided Schools - Delay in Payment of Teaching Grant - Malabar District.

Ref: Endorsement No.47096-C1/48=1=Edn., Dated 10-7-1948 of the Government, Education and Public Health Dept., on the Telegram from the President Aided Teachers' Union, Chinka Tk.

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RESUBMITTED to the Secretary to Government Education and Public Health Department, with a copy of the Endorsement L-Dis. H.17-E2/48, dated 31st August 1948 of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division.

2. Consequent on the participation of a large number of Teachers of aided elementary schools in Malabar District in Communistic activities and as adverse reports have been received from the Police Department against many of them, grants have had to be withheld and detailed instructions were issued in my Proceedings Roc. No.1553-B2/48, dated 8th June 1948 to the Inspecting Officers for the issue of Teaching Grants. A copy of this Proceedings was also submitted to Government in my letter Roc. No.1553-B2/48 dated 8th June 1948 with reference to D.O. letter No.25907-C1/48-7, Education, dated 26th May 1948 of the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department.

3. The Production of a certificate from the Village Officer, to prove the non-participation of the school or the teachers in communistic activities was insisted upon with reference to the above Proceedings and even this has now been relaxed and grants are allowed to be paid, if the Inspecting Officers are satisfied about the regular working of the school and the Teachers conduct, and no further case of delay has now been brought to my notice. In these circumstances, the delay caused already was inevitable and in view of the Divisional Inspector's remarks, no further action appears necessary.

4. I may, also add in this connection that there is a tendency on the part of the Teachers' Union in Malabar to exaggerate things. In the circumstances that existed a few months ago the with holding of Teaching grant was necessary till the ~~school~~ sheep were separated from the ~~Government~~ goat and this was no easy matter. And some delay in the circumstances was inevitable. Malabar is one of the few Districts having the largest number of aided schools in the Province.

P. M

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Dept.,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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Copy of Endorsement Roc. No.167-G/48, dated 13--8--1948 of the District Educational Officer, North Malabar.
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Sub: Grant - Non-Payment of I Quarter - Complaining - Telegram from the Teachers' Unions.

Ref: N.Rc.No.1491.B2/48, dated 20-7-48 of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

N.Rc.417-E2/48, dated 28-7-48 of the Divisional Inspector of Schools,Coimbatore.
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Resubmitted to the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore.

2. As per the instructions contained in the Proceedings Rc. No.1553-B2/48, dated 8-6-48 of the Director of Public Instruction written declarations duly signed by the village officers were insisted on, for releasing the first quarterly teaching grant bills. Hence the delay. The payment has since been completed and issue of bills for the second quarter teaching grant is being proceeded with.

(True copy).

Copy of Endorsement L.Dis. No.417-E2/48, dated 31--8--1948 of the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Division.
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Sub: Elementary Education - Aided Schools - Delay in the payment of instalment grant - complaint from the Chirakkal Teachers' Union.

Ref: Rc. No.167-G/48, dated 13--8--1948 of the ~~Divisional Inspector~~ District Educational Officer, North Malabar.
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Submitted to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, with reference to his N.Rc. No.491-B2/48, dated 20-7-48 hrein enclosed.

2. The first instalment of the grant has already been paid and a report has been made to the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (Elementary Education) Madras, in my D.O. letter dated 8th August 1948.

Payment of the second quarter grant is being pushed through.

Hence no further action is needed in the matter,

V.Naratajan,
Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Coimbatore Division.

(True copy)

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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To Secretary, E.& P.H.

Please see herewith the wire from Cannanore. They have not even received the pay of the last quarter. The D.P.I. may be asked to enquire into the matter.

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25-6-48

H.M.Education.

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

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The original draft below is for approval.

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8/7/48 Endorsement 47096 as at p1 Endt d. 10-7-48. From the D.P.I. Roc No 1491 B2/48 d. 15/7/48

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The report at p5 cf may be circulated to the H.M.(Edn)

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TSA
26-10-48

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These papers may now be added to those in the top file.

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Extract from the confidential report of the D.M., Malabar, No. S.C.234/48, dated 4th April 1948.

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6. That communist propaganda is widespread in the area is quite clear. The local M.L.A. Mr. Kumaran admitted that communist propaganda was being frequently and effectively put out while counter-propaganda was not adequate even where it existed. The extent to which the propaganda has permeated was brought to light by the seizure of a printed issue of the communist party containing directions and plans of action found in the possession of an elementary school teacher. I have no doubt that communist tendencies are largely fomented by teachers in aided and local board schools and that this will have to be tackled by suitable instructions to the Education Departmental officers to check up their antecedents and recommend suitable action including reduction or withdrawal of grants in necessary cases.

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Home Department.

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E. & P.H. may see with reference to 'B' on p.3 ante.

O.P.
8-4-48.

E. & P. H.

Draft D.O. below is for approval.

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9/4/48

D.O. No. 25907 C1/48-1 Edn dated 12-4-48
Endt. No. 25907 C1/48.2 Edn dated 15-4-48.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. 20 APR 1948

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Secretary, E.& P.H.

Please see herewith a representation from the Secretary, Chirakkal village Congress Committee. I remember to have sent some other reports like this and asked for a report. We have banned the Communist Party ~~and~~ but I have received many complaints that the teachers in schools in Malabar are having definite communist leanings and doing communist propaganda in the schools. This must be avoided. Orders ~~must~~ may be issued to the D.P.I. that the Inspectorate must watch these matters and take action wherever necessary.

19.4.48

H.M. Education.

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

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The petition at p3 cf. may be forwarded to the D.P.I. for enquiry and report in continuation of the d.o. at p1 cf. The ~~original draft~~ draft below at p ; is for approval. After issue, the file may be circulated to the H.M. (Edn.) for information w.r.t. his minutes at p above. [It may be mentioned that the communist party has not yet been banned].

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Issue on 4 date 24/4/48

[D.O. 25907 C1/48-3 Edn. dated 22-4-48.]

The matter is serious. I have received reports that especially in Chirakkal Taluk the communists have become teachers but are practically spending their time in communist propaganda. This sort of thing should not be allowed to continue. I am not quite sure whether the Deputy Inspectors of Schools, who go to enquire, are not being coerced and threatened against making their report of facts. The matter must be considered in its present perspective and action must be taken to curtail this propaganda through school-masters.

30-4-48

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 30 APR 1948 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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Subd for orders whether H.M's. minutes on page 2 ante need be communicated to the D.P.I.

A draft D.O. is subd.

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pages 9-14 cf.

[D.O. No. 25907 C1/48-4, Edn., dated 3.5.1948]

From the D.P.I., D.O. No. Nil, dated 7.5.1948.

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pages 15-16 cf.

Secretary, E.& P.H.

Please see herewith the note of H.M. Agriculture. I think a surprise inspection of all the schools in the two taluks at the same time will enable us to find out who ~~which~~ are the truants and who are not. As H.M. Agriculture says we may presume that these people are communists and even if they are not communists, we will be justified in punishing them. The matter may be kept confidential and action taken. If the help of the Revenue Dept. is necessary, orders may be issued in consultation with that Dept. The help of the police may be necessary as there will be disturbances in view of ~~the~~ large communists in these two taluks. In that case the Home Dept. may also be consulted in the matter. The inspection may be somewhere in the middle of June after the schools are reopened.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 13 MAY 1948 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

12-5-48

H.M. Education.

Please see the papers at pages 15-17 cf. and the orders of H.M. (Edu.) above. The idea of a surprise inspection of all the schools ~~in~~ the ~~same~~ taluks of Chirakkal and Kottayam on the same date may be communicated to the D.P.I. and he be asked to arrange for it to take place in the ~~middle~~ middle of June. Whatever help is required of the Revenue and the Police Staff may be sought for by the Director. necessary instructions in this regard may be issued to the

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to the Collector, Revenue and Home may perhaps see on this point.

2. Attention is, in this connection, invited to the reports at pages 11-14 c.f. and the D.P.I's D.O. thereon at pages 9-10 c.f. The course of action proposed by the Director may be agreed to as one to be adopted in the normal course of watchful administration. The Director may be informed that the steps proposed to be taken must be taken quickly and effectively. ~~[illegible]~~ For orders. H.M. may see again for perusal of the D.P.I's. D.O. and the report on pages 9-14 c.f., after return of the file from Revenue and Home.

15/5/48

15/5/48 S / Rev Home

Secretary's Queries:-

What is the number of schools in the two taluks and what is the number of Dy. Insprs. even taking the whole district? Apparently ~~the~~ H. M. (Agri.) means, by help of Revenue Officers, using ~~these~~ Revenue Officers for the inspections. Even so what will be the number of (R.Is., Dy. Tahrs., Tahrs., &). I very much doubt whether a simultaneous surprise inspection will be feasible.

Re. D. P. I's. D. O. (and the action to be taken even under ~~the~~ H. M. (Agri.)'s minute), I suppose the D.P.I. will have to take ~~prompt~~ formal action by way of cancellation of Teachers' certificates. Won't the formalities, as they now stand, have to be waived? We can arrange for this.

M.V.S.
15/5/48

Submitted that figures regarding ~~and~~ no. of schools, no. of Dy. Inspectors, no. of R.Is., Dy. Tahrs., Tahrs., etc. are not available. They will have to be called for from the D.P.I. and the Bd. of Revenue or the Collr. Whether a simultaneous inspection will be feasible or not

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may perhaps be decided in consultation with the D.P.I.

Regarding cancellation of teachers' certificates, this can be done under rule 154 of the M.E.R. Rule 14 of the Rules for Recognition of Elementary Schools contemplates the declaration by the D.P.I. of a teacher to be unfit. Action, can, therefore, be taken under both the rules. But under both, a formality of an enquiry will have to be gone through. Though in the present case, prompt action is required, it is not clear whether this formality may be dispensed with. The D.P.I. may perhaps be informed that he should take prompt action in the matter, waiving even the formalities if ~~necessary, and~~ if circumstances warrant such a course.

I think the formality can altogether be dispensed with.

A draft D.O. to the D.P.I. covering all points is submitted for consideration. Rev. and Home may see before circulation.

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Rev.
Home.

D.P. in sealed cover 17/5/48

Edn. No. 25907 C1/48-5
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Rev Depr

To A.S.

E&PH Depts notes from the bottom of p. 3 ante and the draft D.O. below may be perused and the file passed on to the Home Depr.

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Home

Assistant Secretary to Government
11 [illegible] Rev. G1. 29107
Revenue Department

Received in Rev. at 5.30 p.m.

Home Department

Please see the notes from p 3 ante and the draft D.O. below. As the file relates to the Communist Propaganda in Malabar district E&PH may be requested to let Public also see the case. The file may be returned to E&PH.

The D.M. & the I.G. of Police

18/5/48.

Revenue 29107 G/48

Assistant Secretary to Government
18 MAY 1948
Home Department

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should be informed even now of the ~~for~~ proposed surprise checks of schools in the middle of June next. The hands of the Police are already full; but in this matter special arrangements will have to be made, if necy: The D.P.I. should :. be advised to consult the I.G. also immediately & then fix up his plan of action. Public should also see.

They are doing a good job of it & are bringing the Communists under control

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U.S. E & P.H.

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E. & P.H. (G) ~~Dept.~~ A.U.O. 40826 J/48-1
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With reference to the suggestions of Home, the pencil alterations to the draft D.O. are for approval. Public may now see.

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May be perused & returned to E & P.H. ~~A copy of the do. may be sent to the I.G. of Police~~ This Dept. may agree with Home Depts' note above (the Communist Party has not yet been banned in this Province). C/o X on p2 ante

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E & P.H.

The file may be circulated for approval of the draft D.O.

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Ms. (Co.)
Ms. (Agri.)
H.Pr.

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pages 11-12 cf.

1. I have seen the draft order submitted herewith. That by itself, I am afraid, will not deal with the situation. The situation is, as has been pointed out by the copy of the letter from Mr. V.K.Krishna Menon, the D.E.O. of North Malabar, very serious. I see that school children are not only used for spreading Communist propaganda but are made use of to further their nefarious purpose. They are made to stand guard at convenient spots and intimate in advance the incoming of Police parties. They are made to carry food to the communists gone underground and to carry messages, etc. This is really a very unscrupulous use of the school children and as has been pointed out by the D.E.O., unless very strong measures are resorted to, we may not be able to do anything in the matter. It is true that the public themselves have taken up the matter of proposing the insidious communist propaganda and lawlessness in Malabar but that should not make us stop taking action against school masters who have made it their virtual profession rather than teaching children in the schools. Please see herewith also a note that I have received from the P.A. to the Special Officer of the Malabar District Board. He came for the Educational Conference of local boards to Madura when I had a talk with him over the matter. I asked him to submit a note as to how this can be ~~made~~ met and the suggestions that he has given are incorporated in the notes he has sent. The suggestions that he has given are:

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page 21 cf.
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Suggestion No. 2, page 21 cf.

(1) That communist-minded persons should not be admitted in the training schools. In the absence of the Communist Party being made illegal, it will not be possible for us to refuse admission to them but still, this matter may be examined and put up. Item 3

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in his notes is something which we can enforce. He says special care has to be taken in permitting untrained teachers in schools under ~~aided~~ managements. They start 5th column work in aided schools. I think the D.P.I. may be asked to go into the matter and take whatever action is necessary. The other suggestions that he has made are also worth consideration. He wants wide powers to be given to the D.E.Os. to deal with the menace and I think we should give them wide powers. This is also a matter for the D.P.I. The D.P.I. may be asked to examine the matter immediately on these lines and the D.O. that is being issued may be amended accordingly. /B

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Suggestions 1 & 4 to 7 on p. 21 c.f.

Suggestion No. 6 on page 21 c.f.

2. If it will take time for us to examine these suggestions, the D.O. submitted to may issue and we may issue another D.O. or G.O. as may be necessary in view of the examination of these suggestions.

3. The D.O. put up may be issued immediately. The matter has already been discussed with H.M. Agriculture and H.Pr. As early steps have to be taken in the direction, the D.O. may issue immediately and the file then circulated to H.M. Agriculture and H.Pr. after issue.

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

Circulation interrupted – for action with reference to 'P' above.
25/5/48

A copy of the notes of Mr. Parameswaran on page 21 c.f. with an extract of that portion of H.M's. minute marked 'A' on pages 7-8 above may be sent to the D.P.I. and he be asked to offer his remarks on the suggestions in the first instance before they are examined here. As desired⊗ by H.M., a para. has been added to the draft D.O. below. It may now† issue. After issue, the file may be circulated† to H.M. (Agr.) and H.Pr. for perusal.

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⊗ Vide 'B' above

† Vide 'P' above

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H.M. (Agr.)
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[D.O. 25907 e.1/48-7 Edn d.26-5-48]

H.M. (Agr.) for H.Pr.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

K. Madhava Menon,
Minister for Agriculture.

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Camp: Mangalore,
D/28th May 1948.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
8 JUN 1948
GOVT. OF MADRAS

My dear Chettiar,

I have gone through the parts where elementary school teachers ~~and communists~~ are giving troubles in Malabar. I happened to travel with the D.P.I. and I discussed with local people also at Calicut. The D.P.I. and the local authorities feel that under the present rules they cannot take action without observing various formalities and that means delay. You must empower the D.P.I. to summarily dispose off complaints that he gets about the complicity of teachers in the disturbances. Wherever he has reasonable grounds to feel that a teacher is a communist or is helping the communists the D.P.I. must have summary power to cancel or suspend the certificate and I am sure a dozen such cases will have a very deterrent effect. Will you please give him such powers? It might require amendment of the rules, but

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I think it can be easily done by executive orders.

Will you kindly see?

Yours sincerely,

K Madhavamenon

Hon'ble Sri T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Fort St. George,
M a d r a s.

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No 9, 10 ante

Secretary, E. & P.H.

Please see herewith the note of H.M. Agriculture. I think I have already put up a note that rules may be amended if necessary and the D.P.I. may be given summary powers to deal with the teachers doing communist propaganda. I would like to know at what stage the matter is. The matter may be considered as urgent and the proposals for the amendment of the rules put up.

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8-6-48

H.M. Education.

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9 JUN 1948
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p23 cf

The note referred to by H.M. at X
Please see D.O. cor 23 cf
above is at A on p 8 ante. The D.P.I. has been authorised to dispense with the formalities of enquiries in respect of cancellation of a teacher's certificate or declaring a teacher as unfit if the circumstances warranted such a course. He has also been asked to arrange for quick and successive simultaneous surprise inspection of Elementary Schools in the middle of June as desired by H.M. He has been further asked to offer his remarks on the suggestion made by the P.A. to the Special Officer Malabar & B.S. The Director's report is awaited.

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H.M. Agri. may see.

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Seen. The Department is taking active steps.

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The papers dealing with the Communist activities of teachers in Kurnool Dt. have been added to this file - please see ~~ppost~~ papers at pp 25-30 cf. The report

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from the D.P.I. at pp 31-41 C.f, regarding the Communist activities of teachers in Malabar and Kurnool Dts. may be circulated to the H.M's (Edn) and (Agri) for perusal

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Secretary, E.& P.H.

Please see herewith the note sent by H.M. (Agriculture). I don't think Govt. have passed any orders in this respect. The matter may be put up immediately.

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H.M. Education.

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21 JUL 1948

Please see the minutes of H.M (Edn) at 'A' on p 8 & ~~at~~ 'B' on p 11 ante. Instructions were given to the D.P.I. in D.O No. 38602 C1.1.48/1. D. 31.5.48 to take action on the (Concerned teachers) dispensing with the formalities of an enquiry etc. if the circumstances warranted such a course. The Confidential instructions issued by the D.P.I to his subordinate officers in this connection are at pp 33.34 cf. It is presumed that the grant in the case referred to at p 43 was withheld as a result of the D.P.I's instruction. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn)

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24/7/48 H.M. (Edn)

I understand large numbers of teachers have not been paid six months' salaries. I do not know whether we will be defeating the purpose by keeping back the pay of these large number of people. I appreciate the need for peremptory action. ~~In~~ But stopping the pay for these large numbers may perhaps create difficulties and discontent and defeat the purpose of such action. The D,P.I. may be asked to report about the matter.

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A draft D.O. to the D.P.I. is submitted

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[~~Issued~~ as D.O. No: 38602 - 48 C1 Enclosed 23.7.48]

From the D.P.I. D.O. Nil. dated 30-7-48.

The D.P.I's further report in the matter may be awaited. The Director has ~~not~~ not sent so far any report with reference to paragraphs 2 and 4 of the D.O. at pp 22-24 cf. He may now be asked for a report. The draft below is for approval

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p 55 CF

[D.O. No. 23407 C1/48-9 Enclosed 9-8-48]

From the D.P.I. D.O. No. 1553 B2/48 d. 19-8-48.

Secretary, E.& P.H.

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Please see herewith a letter from Sri Manikoth Kumaran, M.L.A. Cannanore. I think we must have received a report from the D.P.I. about the matter of payment of grant to the teachers in certain taluks in Malabar district where there was a lot of Communist menace. If no report has been received, a report may be called for on that matter.

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With reference to the minutes of HPR. at p57 cf. and the minutes of HM(Edn) at p4 ante, the D.P.I. was asked to report in the D.O at p59 cf. in how many cases certificates of teachers have been suspended or cancelled for ~~[illegible]~~ Communist leanings and in how many cases the original orders of punishment have been modified. The D.P.I. has accordingly sent the report at p61 cf.

2/. With regard to the minutes of HM(Edn) above; attention is invited to the minutes of the HMs at p13 ante, the D.O. at p49 cf and para 1 of the D.O. at p55 cf. The D.P.I. stated then, that grants were ~~not~~ withheld in no case for reasons of Communist activities. But it is seen from the report at p5 cf of the linked file C.No. 42096 e./48, that the Director had in fact asked the Inspecting Officers to withhold the grants from managements and teachers who could not produce a certificate from the local ~~[illegible]~~ V.M. that they had nothing to do with the Communists. Apparently this had resulted in a long delay in the payment of these grants. The report however makes it clear that the production of this certificate is not now insisted upon and that the grants are being paid ~~without~~ without delay. In the circumstances stated, no action seems called for in the matter.

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3/. The file may be [illegible] the HM(Edn), the HM(Agriculture) and the HPR.

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H.P.R. ✓

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No further action appears to be necessary in this file. The papers may, for future reference, be Recorded.

Order MS No. 3021 Edu., dated 30.11.48

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Abstract
Elementary Edn. - Aided School Teachers - ~~[illegible]~~ Indulgence in communist activities - Measures against. Papers recorded.

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Subd. that the file containing the refce. to two D.P.I. mentioned by Secy. has been circulated to. H.M.(Agri) and H.Pr. ~~Secy~~. and has not yet returned. Secy. ~~has~~ presumably refers to para. 1 of that reference where in the D.P.I. was inform

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as at 'A' on pages 1-2 of the revised draft sub'd in this case. It was not specifically stated therein that it had general application. As the entire reference related exclusively to Malabar, it is not likely that the D.P.I. will take a particular portion of it as having general application. It seems therefore better to inform the D.P.I. again as at 'A' on pages 1-2 of the revised draft sub'd for orders.

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