

Education and Public Health (1948) Department.

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G.O. NO. 3141 Edn.,

Dated 9-12-1948.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Hindi-Muthialpet High School, G.T. Madras-Collection of funds by members of the teaching staff to assist anti-Hindi Picketing-Papers recorded

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On 2nd Sept. 1948
 G.T. Madras.
 To, The Educational Minister.
 To The Government of Madras
 Fort. St. George, Madras.

The headmaster and the
 Tamil Pandits are collecting
 funds from the students of
 the Muthialpet High School to
 assist the Anti Hindi Picketing
 in front of the school and are
 helping the agitators in all
 ways.

The Students of
 The Muthialpet High School
 G. T. Madras.



The Educational Minister.
To The Government of Madras.
Fort. St. George. Madras

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EDU. & PH. (B1) Dept.

C. no. 66386-B1/48.

Schools. Muthialpet High School, G.T., Madras.
Collection of funds by members of the teaching staff
to assist Anti-Hindi picketing - Report - Called for.

Memo. no. 66386 B1/48 - 1 EDU D 9/9/48

*Dispatched
Sent to Public*
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The Director of Public Instruction is
informed that ^{it} has been brought to the notice
of Government that members of the teaching staff,
including ^{the} headmaster, of the Muthialpet High
School, Georgetown, Madras, are collecting funds
from the students of the school to assist the
anti-Hindi picketing that is being done now
by the volunteers of the Dravida ^{Kazhagam} ~~Kalagam~~.
The Director ^{of Public Instruction} is requested to enquire into
the matter confidentially and to submit a
report to Govt. at an early date.

The D.P.I.

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Anti-Hindi Agitation - Collection
of funds by teachers of the
Muthialpet High School, S.T.

Madras to assist Anti-Hindi
picketing - Report - called for.

It has been brought to the
notice of Govt. that members of
the teaching staff including the
headmaster of the Muthialpet
High School, S.T., Madras are col-
lecting funds from the students
of the school to assist the Anti-
Hindi picketing which is being
carried on now by ^{the} volunteers of

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From the Special Branch, Criminal Investigation Department.

Chief Secretary. No 5774/C. Dated the 2nd Oct., 1948.
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Anti-Hindi agitation - Collection of funds by teachers of the Muthialpet High School, George Town, Madras, to assist anti-Hindi picketing.

Reference Public Department Memorandum No. S/4529-1/48, dated 20th September 1948.

2. Enquiries disclose that the allegation is correct.
3. The Head Master of the Muthialpet High School is Perumal Mudaliar who was till recently in Erode. This man is said to be an anti-Hindi enthusiast and an ardent Kazhagamite. There are altogether seven Tamil Pundits and two of them are reported to be loyal supporters of the Head Master. These are T.P. Singaravelanar who takes the Fourth and the Fifth Forms and Dorairaj alias Mudiarasana who takes the third and Fourth Forms. It is reported that the Head Master wanted these two teachers to come to the School in black shirts (the symbol of the Kazhagam), and promised to get them the shirts if they had not the means to get these shirts made themselves.
4. It is said that no prayers are held in the School as in others and the day starts with the Tamil slogan வெற்றி தமிழுக்கு (Victory to Tamil!).
5. Confidential enquiries disclose that the Head Master had asked the class monitors of the IV, V and VI Forms to collect funds for expenditure in connection with the agitation. It often happens that the students of the High School gather in front of the Elementary School where the picketing was going and garland the picketers. Money collected from among the students was used for purposes of this kind. Ramasami, a student of the Fourth Form, was used as an agent for keeping the money and the accounts of expenditure. It is reported that nearly Rs.25/- were collected in this fashion and expended. It is said that all the money has been spent and there is nothing remaining now.
6. It is learnt that Sanjiva Naidu, Secretary of the School Trust, refused to give permission to a meeting arranged in the School on the 26th on the ground that it was intended to support the anti-Hindi agitation. The Head Master is reported to have told him that it was just a meeting of Tamil teachers and eventually permission was granted. It is reported that Mylai Sivamuthu, President of the Reception Committee of the Teachers Conference held on 14th August 1948 attended the meeting and the anti-Hindi question was discussed.

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Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch, C.I.D.

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The Dranda Kazhagam. The Supdn of Police, S.B., C.I.D. is requested to make confidential enquiries into the matter & to submit a report to Govt. at an early date.

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Schools - Muthialpet High School, S.T., Madras -
Collection of funds by members of the teaching ^{staff}
to assist the anti-Hindi picketing. 6

Memo. no. 66386 B1/48 - 3 Edn D 18/10/48.

A copy of the ~~letter from the Supdt of Police~~ ^{Special Branch} ~~NO. 5774/C~~ ^{Secret}
dated the 2nd/3rd October 1948 is Communi-
cated to the Director of Public Instruction in Con-
tinuation of Government Memo no. 66386 - B1/48-1
Education, dated the 9th September 1948. He
is requested to take disciplinary action against
the ~~school and~~ school and also against the
~~headmaster & other~~ members of the teaching staff of the school
who are involved in the ~~conducting of the~~ anti-
Hindi Movement. A report on the action taken
should be submitted to Govt. at an early date.

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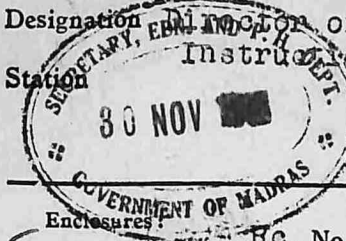
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From (Name) D.S.Reddi Esq., M.A. (Oxon) To

Designation Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.

The Secretary to Government,
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Enclosures

Re. No. 2301 E/1/48 dated 28th November 1948.

Sir,

Schools -- Muthialpet High School, George Town--
Collection of funds by members of the teaching
staff to assist the Anti-Hindi picketing.

- Ref: 1. Govt. Memo. No.66386 B1/48-1 Edn. dated 9.9.48.
2. Govt. Memo. No.66386 B1/48 3 Edn. dated 18.10.48.

I submit herewith a copy each of letters No.309 A/48
dated 19.10.1948 and Rec.No.20-B/48 dated 22.11.1948 from
the District Educational Officer, Madras.

2. No further action appears necessary in the matter
in view of the fact that the allegations are reported to be
baseless.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter Cl.No.309 A/48 dated 19.10.48 from the District Educational Officer, Madras to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Schools -- Muthialpet high school, G.T. Madras
Collection of funds by members of the teaching staff to assist Anti Hindi Picketing --
Ref: Your Proc. Roc.2301 E/48 dated 17.9.48.

From the confidential enquiries that I made I have not been able to find any member of the teaching staff, including the Headmaster of the Muthialpet High school, Madras engaged in the activities under reference.

(True copy)

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Copy of letter Roc.No.20 B/48 dated 22.11.48 from the District Educational Officer, Madras to the Director of Public Instruction Madras.

Anti Hindi Agitation -- Muthialpet High school
Ref: D's Proceedings Rc.No.2301 E1/48 dated 25.10.48.

I have the honour to submit herewith my remarks with reference to the Proceedings quoted above.

2. It is a fact that Sri M.R. Perumal Mudaliar was connected with the Mahajana High School, Erode, till June 1947 and he left that institution because of difference of opinion with the Management.

3. He is not a member of Dravidian Kalagam for he knows quite well that he will lose his job if he becomes a member.

4. The two Tamil Pandits Sri T. Singaravelanar and Sri Durairaj came in black shirts on the 1st day of the agitation; but they were sent for by the Headmaster and asked to come in the usual dress on pain of disciplinary action being taken against them. Thereupon they changed their dress in the afternoon and attended the school in their usual costume. It is not true that the Headmaster asked them to come in black shirts and that he promised to get them black shirts if they had no means to buy them.

5. It is also not true to say that prayers are not conducted in the school. Prayers are conducted with in the several class rooms instead of making the boys assemble in large numbers at one place. This is just to avoid excitement especially when there is a large crowd outside. It is usual in all Secondary schools I have seen, to sing the song "Victory to Tamil" and there is nothing special about the singing of the song in this particular institution. It is not possible to find, despite my searching enquiry, that the Headmaster had asked Monitors of 4th, 5th and 6th Forms to collect funds for financing the agitation. Pupils do not gather in front of the Elementary school where picketing is going on. Except on one occasion -- vide my letter Roc. No.20 B/48 dated 12.11.1948. Pupils do not garland picketers. There is no student by name Ramaswamy at all in 4th Form. Pupils do not collect monies for the agitation and they have not collected Rs.25/- as stated in the representation.

6. It is true that the Correspondent refused to permit a Tamil meeting to be held in the school in the Month of September the President (Mylai Sivanuthu) of the Tamil Sangam assured him through the Headmaster and that the meeting had nothing to do with the Anti Hindi Agitation. Thereupon the correspondent seems to have given the permission asked for.

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7. In spite of the fact that the Anti Hindi Agitation is still going on, the school is working normally. I may also add that the agitation is at present dying a natural death.

(True copy)

W. S. S. S. S.
for Director of Public Instruction, Madras.



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Secretary, E. & P. H.

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Please see herewith a post card which says that the headmaster and staff of the Muthialpet High School are collecting funds from the students of that High School to assist the anti-Hindi picketing. The matter may be enquired into confidentially through the G.I.D. as well as through the normal channel of the Education Department and reported.

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H.M. Education.

E. M. P. H. (S. I.) Dept.

Please see the minutes of J. M. (E. M.) above. A draft memo to the S. P. J. is submitted below for approval.

2. After is due, the file may be sent to Public (S. I.) Department and they may

may be requested to ask the C.I.D. to enquire into the matter confidentially and to submit a report at an early date.

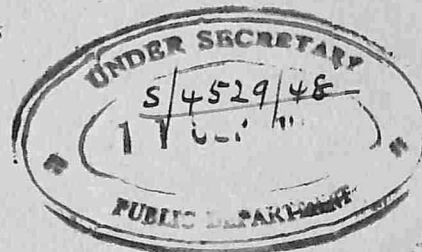
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Draft memo to C.I.D. subs.

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pp 5-6 c.f. (Issued as Memo No. S/4529-1/48 D/20.9.48 to the Supdt. of Police, S.B., C.I.D., Madras).

p. 7 c.f. (From the Supdt. of Police, S.B., C.I.D., Madras, No. 5774/C dated 2/3.10.48.)

Please see the reply from the C.I.D. on p. 7 c.f. in which they have reported that the allegation, that members of the teaching staff including the headmaster of the Muthialpet High School, G.T., Madras, are collecting funds from the Students of the School to assist the anti-Hindi picketing, is correct. With these remarks, The file may be returned to E & P.H. Dept. with reference to their note on page 2 ante.



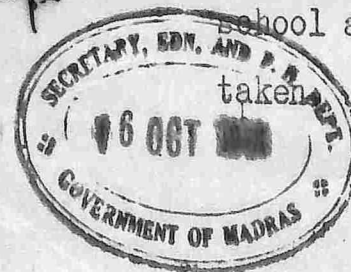
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In EPH (B) Dept.

Please see the note of Public (S.C.) above and the C.I.D. report on page 7 c.f. The report from the D.P. is awaited.

2. The file may now be circulated to H.M. (E.H.) with reference to his minutes on page 1 ante.

A copy of the C.I.D.'s report may be sent to the D.P.I. and he may be asked to take disciplinary action against the school and also against the headmaster and report the action taken.



Please see the orders in circulation on page 3 ante. ~~It is presumed that the school has fallen under the headmaster but also~~ ~~A draft memo to the D.P.G. is submitted~~ ~~against the Tamil Pandits who are supporters of the Headmaster~~ ~~below for approval. A draft memo is subd below for approval~~

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From the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. no. 2301 - E1/48 dated 28.11.48. pp 9-11 of

Please see the letter from the D.P.G. on pages 9-11 of. In the circumstances stated by the D.E.O., Madras, in his letters, copies of which are on pages 10-11 of, the Director considers that no further action appears to be necessary in the matter. The Director's view may be concurred in.

2. The file may be circulated to J.M. (Edn) for orders.

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The papers may now be recorded.

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