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[Despatch Abstract.]

ELEMENTARY School - Aided - Staff - Membership of political organisation -
Orders passed.

Back Papers.

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Further Papers.

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Prohibition of political Activity

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Tanjore Dt. 4.10.1947.

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Hon'ble Sri T.S. Arinashilingam Chettiar M.L.A.,
Minister for Education, Fort St. George
Madras

Dear Sir, 8-OCT 1947

Please let me know at your earliest
whether School teachers - either Private
Management - Local Body or Govt -
can enrol themselves as 4 anna
primary members of the Congress -
to take part in elections & be elected
to responsible positions in the Congress Committees.

As this information is urgently needed, I shall thank
you to favour me with a reply by return - A Govt.
Press note in this behalf will be helpful.
Thanking you
Yours sincerely
Rajamadam S. Ramamoorthi

ELEMENTARY Schools - Aided - Staff - Membership of
political organisation - Orders passed. 3

Order (Ms.) No. 379 Edn., dated 27/2/48

In G.O.No.2396 Edn., dated 27-10-1939, the Government permitted employees in aided educational institutions to enrol themselves as ordinary members of primary organisations of any political party and to do constructive work of any kind unconnected with elections. The Govt. have had occasion to reexamine the question. They consider that the staff in aided elementary schools ^{should} ~~shall~~ not be allowed to become members of ~~any~~ political organisations ^{or} to work for them, or to join any political party. They accordingly withdraw the permission given in the G.O.referred to above to employees of aided elementary schools to enrol themselves as members of political organisations.

The D.P.I. is requested to circularise managements of all aided elementary schools.

To
The D.P.I.
The Director of
Inf. & Pub.

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E.P.H. Deptt. (B2)

Letter No. 81085 B2/47-1 dated -10-47.

To
Sri Rajamadam S. Ramamoorthi,
Thyagaraja Nagar,
Madras 17-

Sir,
Sub: Teachers becoming members of Congress.

Ref: Your letter dated 4-10-47 addressed to H.M. (Education)

I am directed to ^{state} ~~say~~ that teachers in educational institutions under the Government and the local bodies shall not take part in, subscribe in aid of, or assist in any way ^{any} ~~in~~ political movement in India or relating to Indian affairs. They shall not also canvass or otherwise interfere or use their influence in connection with or take part in any election to a legislative body. But they may exercise their ^{votes} ~~rights~~ without giving an indication of ^{their} ~~the~~ manner of voting. This prohibition does not apply to teachers employed in secondary schools and colleges under private

Rule 21, p13 of
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management. Teachers employed in aided elementary schools shall not stand as candidates, ^{or} ~~and~~ interfere or use their influence ~~in connection~~ ⁱⁿ an election to a legislative body or a local authority. But they may enroll themselves as ordinary members of primary organizations of any political party and do constructive work/unconnected with elections. They can also exercise ^{their} ~~from~~ votes at an election without giving any indication of the manner of voting.

Rule 25, p 32
of Rules re. Elg. schools
b12 of
G.O. No. 2396
27-10-39

Note:- Orders of H.M. may be obtained on the point regarding the issue of a Press Note.

one 21/11/47 S by V/mw) H.M. (Wm.)

I think it is bad for elementary school teachers even to become primary members of any of the political parties. This sort of thing leads to a lot of schism in schools. It will be good to keep them out of politics altogether.

H.Pr. may also see.

TSA
5-12-47

in H.M. minute
may be noted on
before H.Pr.
6/11/47

Attention is invited to the minute of the former Premier (Honble Sri C. Rajagopalachari) on page 7 and the subsequent notes in G.O. No. 2396 Educ. d. 27-10-39 and the orders on 14 ibid. According to these orders teachers in aided elementary schools can become ordinary members of primary organisations of any political party and do constructive work of any kind ~~unconnected~~ unconnected with elections.

(A)

H.M.
12/11/47 S by V/mw)

H.M. (Wm.)
H.Pr.

Circumstances have changed and this sort of leaving them open for canvassing for political parties is bound to affect the morale of the schools and so, it is better that they are not allowed to join any political party.



TSA
G.P.R.
29/1/48 24-12-47

A draft order is submitted for approval. The draft letter on page 1 and will be sent.

30.1.48.

revised after the draft order is sent.

It is not clear from the minutes on page 3 whether the permission given to teachers in aided elementary schools to become ordinary members of primary organisations of political parties should be withdrawn or whether the order in G.O. No. 664 dated 15-4-40, relating to staff in aided schools and colleges should also be cancelled.

At present, we are concerned only with elementary schools. Elementary school teachers under all managements may not be allowed to become members of any political organisation, to work for them or join any political party.

A draft order is subd.



(1)	(2)	(3)
Class of teachers	Enrol themselves as members or not	Rules.
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1. Teachers in Govt. schools.

Shall not take part in, subscribe in aid of, or assist in any way any political movement in India or relating to Indian affairs. Shall not canvass or otherwise interfere or use his influence in connection or take part in any election to a legislative body. But may exercise his vote without giving an indication of the manner of voting.

See para. Government Conduct Rules. Rule 21, p 13 of (X)

2) Teachers under local bodies.

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The prohibition applies to election local authorities also.

Rule 14 of the rules relating to personal conduct of employees of local bodies.

p 373, Bk 157
+ pp 306-307, Bk 157 A

3) Teachers in schools under private managements.

(i) Secondary schools and colleges.

The restrictions do not apply

pp 9-10 of G.O. No. 664 15-4-40

(ii) Elementary schools

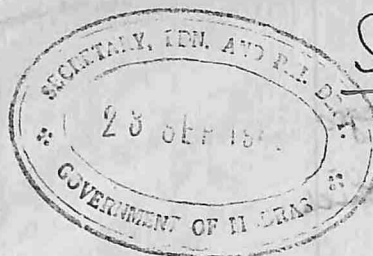
Shall not stand as a candidate or interfere or use his influence in an election to a legislative body or local authority. But may enrol themselves ordinary members of primary organisations of any political party and do constructive work unconnected elections.

Rule, p 32 of Rules for Eln schools

p 12 of G.O. No. 2396 27-6-39

Can vote at elections

21/11/47



Secy Ed P. H

A Is there an order prohibiting
aided school (Elementary) teachers
from entering local bodies
as members. If so let me see
the papers.



B Are Secondary teachers + L.T.s
except from the above rule.
If so what is the rationale.

KM

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'A' of H.M.'s minute above:

1. There is an order prohibiting aided school
(Elementary) teachers from entering local bodies as
members. This order is in G.O.No. 664 Ed Dt. 15.4.40.

The history behind the order is as follows:

2. Prior to 1939 teachers in aided elementary
schools were permitted to become members of political
organisations and to contest elections to the legisla-
ture as well as local bodies, though teachers in
local body and Govt elementary schools were prevented
from doing so. On a representation from the then P.D.B.
Malabar, the Government took up the question of having
a uniform code of conduct for teachers in all grades
of schools. The Hon'ble Sri C. Rajagopalachari, who
was then the Hon'ble Premier ^{mentioned} mentioned as follows:-

" I agree with H.M.(Education) that aided
school teachers should not take part in party
politics and be placed on the same

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footing as Board school teachers. Necessary steps should be taken to carry this out".

C.R.
1--6--39.

3. In G.O. No.1280 Edn. dated 6-6-1939 the Govt. issued orders restricting teachers in elementary schools from taking part in election campaign, whether in respect of a Legislative body or a local authority. In G.O.No. 2396 Edn. dated 27-10-39, Government ordered that the employees of aided educational institutions should not be prevented from enrolling themselves as ordinary members of primary organisations of any political party and from doing constructive work of any kind unconnected with elections.

4. On a further examination of the question they decided that the restriction relating to participation in elections ~~under~~ need be applied only to the staff of aided elementary schools including higher elementary schools and that members of the staff of secondary schools, colleges and other institutions under private management which receive Govt. aid might if permitted by the management stand as candidates in any election or take part in election campaigns.

5. On a further examination of the case in February 1948 the Govt. took up the position that the staff in aided elementary schools should not be allowed even to become members of political organisations or to work for them or to join any political party. They accordingly withdrew the permission given earlier to employees of aided elementary schools to enrol themselves as members of political organisations.

'B' of H.M's minute above:

It is submitted that all Secondary teachers and L.Ts. are not exempted from the above rule. Such of the Secondary grade teachers and L.Ts. who are employed in aided elementary schools ~~are~~ including higher elementary schools are not exempted from the rule. But Secondary teachers and L.Ts. in aided secondary

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schools and Colleges are exempted from the rule. The reason why this distinction came to be made between the aided secondary school and college teachers and aided elementary school teachers was not however specifically recorded.

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7. In 1947, Miss D. Dhanammal, Headmistress of the H.C.M. Higher Elementary school, Ongole, stood as a candidate in the Ongole municipal elections. This was brought to the notice of the Sub-Asst. Inspectress of Schools, Ongole Range, who took exception to her candidature. Thereupon, Miss Dhanammal resigned her appointment and contested the elections and got elected. In January 1948, Miss Dhanammal, then a municipal councillor, petitioned some of the H.Ms. that she shd. be re-instated as Headmistress and ~~apparently~~ at the same time allowed to continue as councillor. The H.Ms. (L. A.) and (Rev.) recorded the following minutes on the petition:-

"H.M.(Edn.). Please examine the question and see that elementary school teachers are also given the same facilities as that of secondary schools in this connection".

K.C.
21-1-48
H.M.(L.A.)

"H.M.(Edn.). There is a principle involved in this. Please get this examined and kindly circulate to me".

K.V. 21-1-48.
H.M.(Rev.)

8. With ref. to the minutes above and the existing orders on this subject set out in para 4 above, the following points were raised for orders:-

(a) Whether as suggested by H.M.(L.A.) in his minute of date 21-1-48, the distinction between aided secondary school teachers and aided elementary school teachers in the matter of contesting elections should be removed, that is, whether aided elementary school teachers also should be allowed to contest elections if so,

(b) whether the petition of Miss Dhanammal will be

admitted.

4. The H.Ms. and H.Pr. ~~have~~ recorded the following minutes in circulation:-

"I think it is better that elementary school teachers keep off from politics. Already the elementary schools are not working well and if we allow them also to stand for elections, it will be very difficult indeed."

T.S.A. / 24--3--48
H.M.(Edn.)

"When members of the secondary schools are allowed to stand for elections I don't see any reason why the concession should be denied to members of the elementary schools. I strongly feel that they may also be allowed and the present restrictions may be removed."

In the particular case under reference I think it proper to allow her to continue as Municipal Councillor even if she is reappointed as Headmistress provided that the management is willing to take her back. It will be neither inconvenient to her nor detrimental to the efficient discharge of her duties or the institution."

K.C. / 25-3-48.
H.M.(L.A.)

"I agree with H.M.(L.A.)"

K.V. / 28-3-48
H.M.(Rev.)

O.P.R.
21-4-48
H.Pr.

"I adhere to my view expressed already. This vexed question has been considered more than once and yet no reasons have been advanced for the existence of the differentiation between elementary school teachers and secondary school teachers. They should be treated alike. I would request H.M.(Edn.) and H.Pr. to reconsider the matter. If for any reason they are still unable to agree with my views the matter may be discussed at a meeting of the Hon'ble Ministers."

K.C. / 5-5-48
H.M.(L.A.)

"I have nothing more to add to what I have said above. H.Pr. may see."

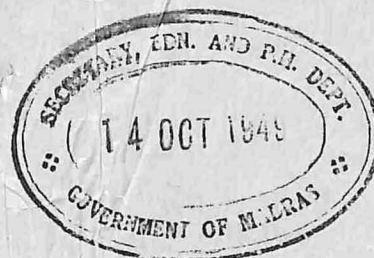
T.S.A. / 23-5-48.
H.M.(Edn.)

"Place before the Informal Meeting of Ministers".

O.P.R. / 4--6--48.
H.Pr.

Accordingly the matter was placed before the informal meeting of Ministers and the following resolution was passed:-

"Resolved that the staff of aided Elementary schools should not be permitted to contest elections to the Legislature and Local Bodies".



Seen. Charles
KM
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"Resolved that the state of mind
schools should not be permitted to conduct
elections to the Legislature and local bodies

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