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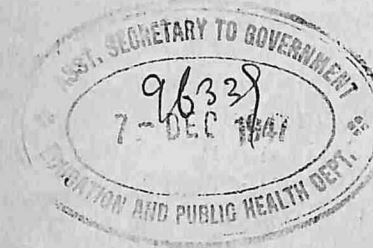
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H. C. No. 3152-E/47.

Station Madras, Dated the 5th December 1947.

From (Name) Dr. G.R.U. Sanyal, M.A., D.Sc., I.E.S.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Education and Public Health Department.

Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

In submitting herewith a copy of letter No.

P. 2 cifa. No. 608-B/47 dated 30.11.1947 received from the District

Educational Officer, North Malabar, I have the honour to

state that I agree with the District Educational Officer

2. Withdrawal of concessions and scholarships should be possible for misconduct even if it is not specifically mentioned.

[Signature]
For Director of Public Instruction.

Copy of letter Rec.No.608-B/47 dated 30th November 1947 from the District Educational Officer, North Malabar, Calicut to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Strikes in Schools--Disciplinary action to be taken--Instructions solicited.

I have the honour to state that of late there have been quite a number of "Strikes" organised against the enhancement in the rate of fees. Strikes took place in 11 schools, judging from the reports already come in. A protest against such increase, if it had come from the parents, who are concerned in the payment, or if it had been made at the time when the increase was ordered, would have had some significance. As it is, the parents have not murmured; they fully realise that the Government have allowed the freedom to increase the fees in order that the Managements of Schools may be in a position to pay their teachers better. Students also know that the object of enhancement is something with which all reasonable people should sympathise and that their parents are not interested in organising such a protest. I am not aware of even a single petition or parents' meeting organised to record a protest against the higher rate of fees; indeed, at the time of admissions, there was even a scandal that some were obtained through bribes, a fact which only tends to show that parents hope, if necessary, even prepared to spend more to see that their children are properly educated. Such being the case, the strikes organised by the students are uncalled for, most unjustified, and in the nature of a growing offence of discipline. The "strike fever" is, in fact, what the phrase literally suggests, a recurring malignant disease and it follows that like such diseases drastic remedies are necessary, if fatal consequences are not to follow ultimately.

That the students' present behaviour is about the limit is now recognised even by private institutions which, up till now, were inclined to be rather indulgent. Thus, in Calicut, the heads of the institutions finding the situation required severe notice decided to act in concert and between them, the three institutions have sent out as many as 25 students with their Transfer Certificates. Other institutions in the mofussil have reported similar strikes and requested for some definite guidance from the Department. The schools suggest that the scholarships, Military concessions, R. 92 concessions etc., in certain cases should be withdrawn and have requested for orders to that effect. Under the rules, the District Educational Officer can withdraw Scholarships and Military concessions if the progress and conduct of the students are unsatisfactory; about Rule 92 concessions, the rules don't mention the possibility of withdrawal and so the position is not so clear.

In any case, I am not sure whether as a matter of policy, the organisation of and active participation in strikes may be accepted by the Government as constituting "misconduct" warranting the withdrawal of the concessions. If my opinion were asked, I should unhesitatingly state that it should be taken so and general action taken along that line as one of the effective means to stop the increasing rot in school discipline.

Strikes are now resorted to light-heartedly and in every case are no better than organized hooliganism. The indulgence that the students have been getting now for some time in these cases has only tended to blind them more to their responsibilities so that even parents are beginning to feel helpless. It is time that a halt is cried before the situation deteriorates further and this can be done only by making the students realise that their conduct is likely to be fraught with substantial and direct injury to themselves. Some drastic action is called for, again, if only because the communists are unscrupulously exploiting the situation and egging the students from behind. I understand further that the students are not satisfied with present orders about detentions being limited to 10 percent and that they are organising to 'strike' so that detention may be done away with altogether. It looks as if we are not come to the end of their misconduct, and compromise and indulgence will only encourage them further. I, therefore, request for your instructions as to the extent to which I may go in the matter of the withdrawal of the concessions.

/True copy/.

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

E. & P. H. (C1.)

Sub: M.E.R. - Educational concessions - Cancellation for taking part in strikes - Orders passed.

Read: From the D.P.I., No.3152-E/47, dated 5-12-47.

ORDER (MS.) No. 697

Edn., dated 20-3-48

The Govt. direct that educational concessions granted under rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules be cancelled in the respect of pupils in secondary schools, who are in receipt of the concessions, if they resort to or participate in strikes, etc. and that the rules be amended for this purpose.

The D.P.I. is requested to submit a draft of the necessary amendment to the M.E.R.

The educational concessions awarded to children and dependents of Defence Services personnel and the scholarships awarded by the Department are liable to forfeiture for 'misconduct'. Resorting to or participation in strikes may be classed as 'misconduct' and the concessions and the scholarships may be withdrawn from pupils who resort to or participate in strikes.

To The D.P.I.
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MADRAS Educational Rules - Disciplinary action to be taken on students who strike.

From the D.P.I. No. 3152.E/47, dated 5-12-47.

Monetary help is granted to students in educational institutions as (1) Scholarships. (2) Educational concessions under Rule 92 of the M.E.R. and (3) educational concessions to the children and dependents of Military personnel. All scholarships tenable in educational institutions are liable to forfeiture for idleness, misconduct, irregularity in attendance or failure to make due progress or to secure annual promotion. The Educational concessions granted to children and dependents of military personnel are cancelled for misconduct on the part of the concession holders. The educational concessions granted under Rule 92 of the M.E.R. are withheld only from any pupil who remains for more than one year in the same class but are revived on his or her being promoted to the next higher class. It will be seen that while the scholarships and the military concession could be forfeited for misconduct on the part of the holder, there is no such condition stipulated for the award of the concession under Rule 92 of the M.E.R.

2. The D.E.O., North Malabar, brings to the notice of Government the growing menace to the cause of education by the students ^{in school} resorting to strikes lightheartedly. He says that while scholarships and Military concessions could be withdrawn under the rule from delinquent students as a deterrent, there is no provision in the rules governing the award of concession under Rule 92 authorising the educational authorities to withdraw them as a punishment. He raised the question whether as a matter of policy the Government would like the concessions to be withdrawn for participation in strikes.

3. The D.P.I. says that the withdrawal of concessions and scholarships should be possible for misconduct even if it is not specifically mentioned. Headmasters or Principals or other constituted school, College or Hostel authorities have been vested with full power under Rule 91 of

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Regulation No 8,
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