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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Examination - Abolition of - Ordered

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E. & P.H. (G.3)

Examinations - S.S.L.C. - Selection Examination -  
Abolition of - Ordered.

Read:- G.O.No.2389 Edn., dated 13.12.1946.

G.O.No.1322 " " 24-6-1947.

G.O.No.2213 " " 15-10-1947.

From the D.P.I.No.2362-E/47 dated 3-2-48.

Order/Ms. 639 Edn., dated 24-3-48

In G.O.No.2213 Edn., dated the 15th October, 1947, the Govt. passed orders to the effect that detentions in selections for the S.S.L.C. Public Examination should be restricted to 10% and that strictness should continue to be observed in promotions so that only the minimum number of students would be detained in the selection examinations. The Govt. have considered the question further and have decided that the selections for S.S.L.C. Public Examination as such in the XV VI form should be abolished and that candidates should not be detained in the VI form except for shortage of attendance.

2. The Govt. <sup>consider</sup> direct that the discretion to admit supplementary pupils to the VI form, irrespective of <sup>as to age,</sup> ~~any~~ restriction, may continue to be exercised ~~by headmasters~~ by headmasters of High schools. <sup>where,</sup> ~~concerned.~~ <sup>It,</sup> however, considerations of accommodation make it impossible to admit all the supplementary pupils that seek admission, the age of the pupil should be the deciding factor, i.e. students <sup>of</sup> ~~with the~~ younger age should be preferred. <sup>pradmission</sup> The D.P.I. is requested to issue circular instructions to all managements in this respect. <sup>accordingly.</sup>

To  
The D.P.I.  
The Director of  
Information and  
Publicity.  
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To  
The Minister for Education,  
Govt. of Madras,  
Madras.

From  
G. Lingarajdy,  
Student,  
5/45, Arandalpet, Gunter.

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to remind you  
about the abolition of Detention System in  
High Schools. Because you did not abolish  
Detention System earlier, this year students  
were wantonly detained in some places  
and some Head Master's detained exactly  
up to ten per cent. So I request you  
honour to abolish Detention System soon  
and give it to the press.

Thanking you in anticipation  
yours faithfully  
G. Lingarajdy  
Gunter }  
27.3.48 }

Secretary, E. & P.H.

Our high schools today are faced with a two-fold problem, (1) the lack of accommodation for large number of boys who are seeking admission and (2) indiscipline because of these large numbers.

At present, the boys are promoted from the lower classes to sixth form class by class by detaining certain number of boys in each class examination. In the S.S.L.C., there is what is called the selection examination where some are detained again. Accordingly, some people stop their studies without getting selection while some others continue to study for more than one year without getting selection or after selection.

The result of this is that these boys who do not succeed in passing the examination have to be in this class for more than one year. They are also usually the older boys in the class. They do not have much interest in studies. Since interest in studies is ~~lax~~ lacking in them, their attention is diverted to other channels such as mischief-making. Consequently, these are the boys who are the leaders of indiscipline in schools. I have heard from more than one headmaster that it is these supplementary students that create most of the troubles. On the other hand, the stoppage of some boys in the selection examination has prevented many boys from completing the S.S.L.C. course. Completing the S.S.L.C. course confers certain advantages and these people though virtually go through the course are denied these advantages by stoppage at the selection examination. This has been mostly the case with regard to Harijans. Due to want of funds or other conveniences when they fail in selection examination, they have to stop their studies also.

These two difficulties can be solved by one stroke. Let the school be strict in the annual examinations when promotions are made. The selection examination as such may be abolished. No boys need be detained normally except for reasons of want of attendance or bad conduct etc. These boys will then complete their courses and will be eligible for the privileges in Government service etc. once they complete the course. With this, we may refuse admission to supplementary boys except when they are under a certain age, say 17 years and only ~~one~~ for one more year. These boys if they further want to attend the examination, may get private coaching and appear for the

examination.

Apart from solving the immediate difficulties mentioned above, this will also save the school from the disturbances caused by the elderly boys who have no interest in studies but still are forced to study by their parents in the school. This will also incidentally throw open many seats for new admissions. I feel this seems to be the solution for many of the problems mentioned above.

The D.P.I. may be asked to give his remarks over this matter. For this year, there will be selection examination. If we decide as above, this will come into effect from the next school year. But we must announce our decisions in the matter in the beginning of the next academic year.

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H.M. Education.

Copy to the D.P.I.



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A copy of the minutes of HM (Edu) above may be sent to the D.P.I. and he may be requested to offer his remarks thereon as soon as possible

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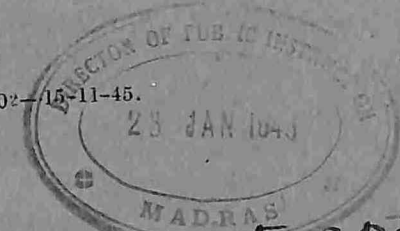
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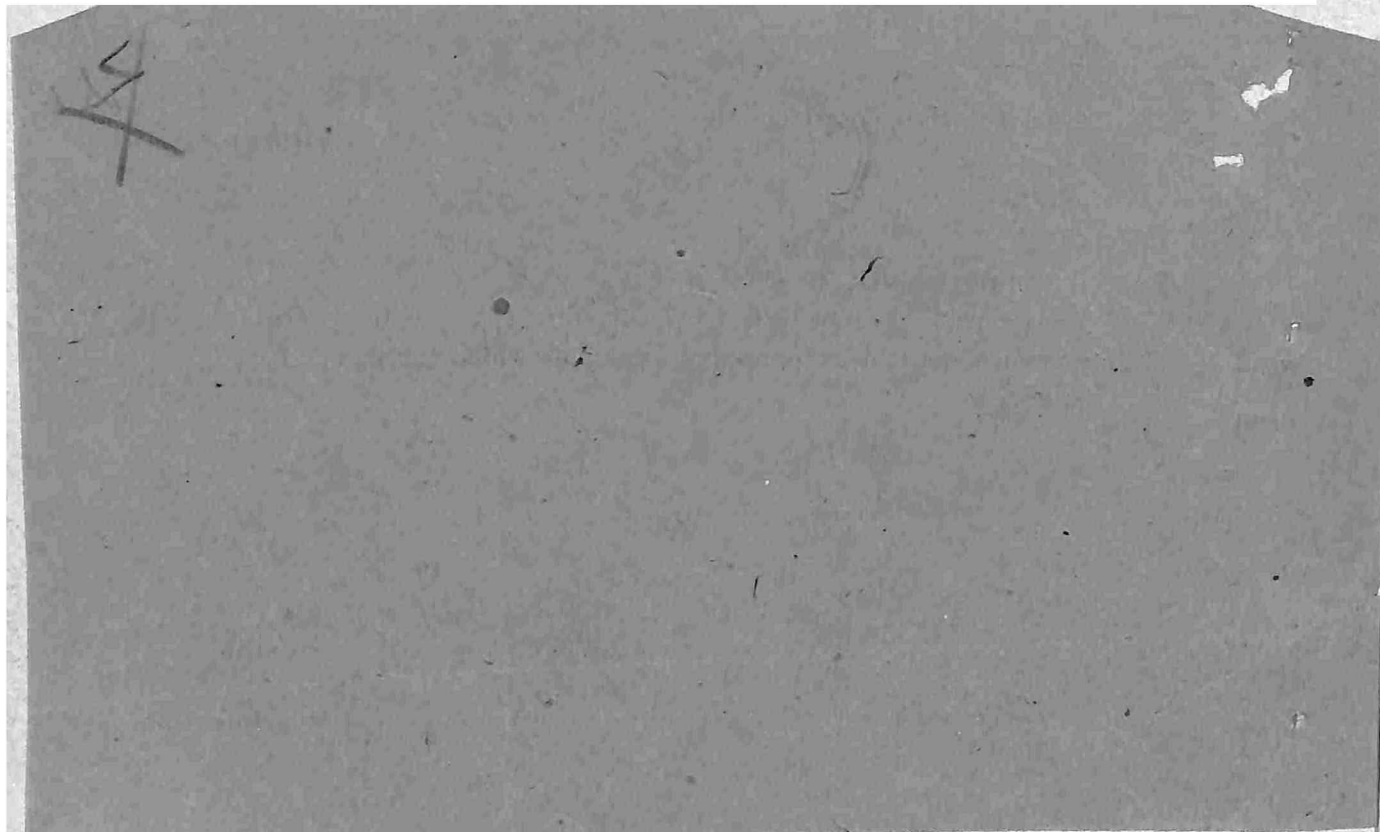
DEPARTMENT

SUBMITTED that the Director of Public Instruction may be asked to expedite <sup>his</sup> reply to the unofficial Department reference noted on the margin regarding which reminders have already issued on—  
Dated 7-1-1948

Subject.  
Examinations - S.S.C.  
certain difficulties in  
admission and in discipline  
in schools.

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To The Director of Public Instruction - Department - u.e.



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RC No. 2362 E/48 dated 29.1.48.

Retransmitted.

2. The matter is under consideration. A reply will be submitted in due course.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT  
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

The file has been submitted to D. M. R. R.

Dr. Abdul Wahid  
for Director of Public Instruction

29.1.48  
To  
The Asst. Secy. to Govt.,  
Edn. & P. H. Dept.

U.O.No.2362 E/47  
3rd February 1948.

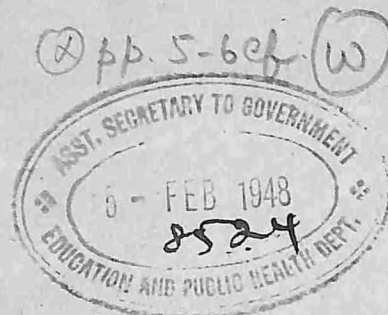
Sub: S.S.L.C. - Abolition of Selection Examination -  
Ref: E.& P.H.U.O.No.1298 G3.47.1.Edn., dated 7-1-48.

Resubmitted.

2. I consider that the abolition of the Selection Examination preferable to the fixation of a 10 % limit, irrespective of the actual performance of the pupils at the Selection Examination. Moreover, as pointed out in the H.M.E's minute the detained pupils have no interest in their studies and are naturally a source of indiscipline. If as in the University ~~there~~ was a September Examination there would be an inducement for the detained students to continue to be interested in their studies but since this is impossible to introduce, the long interval of idleness between the end of December when the selections are made and the following June when the next academic year commences is educationally injurious to the pupils themselves.

For these reasons the selection examination may be abolished altogether. I would, however, suggest that detention may be retained only in cases where there is shortage of attendance and not for misconduct. In the latter case the Headmaster has ample powers under the Madras Educational Rules to take disciplinary action against the pupils concerned and it is not desirable that detention should be used as a method of enforcing discipline.

3. As regards supplementary pupils I would suggest that the Headmasters should be given discretion to admit supplementary pupils irrespective of their age if there is room in the class. It would suffice if they are informed that if considerations of accommodation make it impossible to admit all the supplementary pupils that seek admission, the age of the pupils should be the deciding factor.



Rule 97 of the  
M.E.R.

To The Secy. to Govt.  
Edn. & P.H.

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The D.P.'s <sup>final</sup> reply may be  
awaited till 15.2.48 if necessary.

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W.S. (for inspection)  
S. Govt.

[P.T.O.]

Please see the minutes of H.M. (Edn) on pp. 1-2 ante and the D.P.I.'s remarks at p. 7 ante. The suggestions made by H.M. (Edn) are -

(1) The selection examination as such in the VI Form may be abolished, boys being detained only for reasons of want of attendance or bad conduct ~~etc~~ etc.

(2) Admission to supplementary boys may be refused except when they are under a certain age, say 17 years and even ~~in~~ in their case, the admission may be for only one more year.

The D.P.I. agrees ~~with~~ <sup>to</sup> the suggestion (1) above, but suggests that detention may be <sup>applied</sup> retained only in cases where there is shortage of attendance and not for mis-conduct. He states that ~~the~~ Headmasters have ample powers under the M.E.R. to take disciplinary action against the pupils concerned and that it is not desirable to use detention as a method of enforcing discipline. Under rule 97 of the M.E.R., headmasters and principals of educational institutions can inflict the following punishments in the interests of the students or the institutions concerned:--

1. Fine, loss of attendance, loss of term certificates, suspension and expulsion.

It is ~~therefore~~ for orders whether the suggestion of the D.P.I. that students need not be detained from appearing for <sup>S.S. Ex.</sup> public examination ~~for mis-conduct~~ merely on account of mis-conduct may be approved.

With reference to the suggestion (2) above, the D.P.I. states that ~~the~~ headmasters may be given discretion to admit supplementary pupils irrespective of any age limit ~~if~~ there is room in the classes. He considers that it would be sufficient if the headmasters are informed that if it is found impossible to admit all the supplementary pupils on account lack of accommodation, the age of the pupils concerned should be the deciding factor. <sup>ie the younger age should be preferred.</sup> The case may be circulated for orders.

18-MAR-1948  
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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phase see the orders in circuit at p. 2 ante. A draft order is subd. for approval.

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[G.O. No. 639 Edn dated 24-3-48] p. 11 up

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Suggest (1) above  
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Secretary, E. & P.H.

I think in this file orders have already been passed by me. Perhaps, it might have gone to the Premier. I would like to know at what stage the matter is? If orders have already been issued, a copy of the order may be put up.



H.M. Education.

Education & P.H. (G3). Dept.

Please see the minutes of H.M. (Edn) above. Orders regarding the abolition of <sup>the S.S.L.C.</sup> selection examination have been issued in G.O. No. 639. Edn. dated 24-3-1948. A copy of the G.O. is put up. at flag (A). The case may be circulated to H.M. (Edn).



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P. H. Y.

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I have seen the order. It must be made clear for the purposes of discipline that the Headmaster can always detain pupil for indiscipline and misbehaviour.



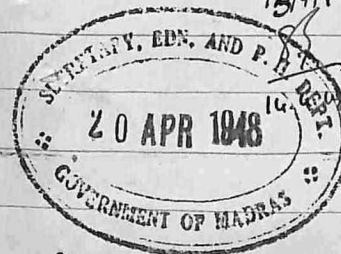
Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn) above. Attention is in this connection invited to the remarks of the D.P.I. at p. 7 and to the notes and orders at p. 8 of the G.O.No.639.Edn. dated 24-3-1948 (Y). Under rule 97 of the M.E.R., <sup>Headmasters</sup> ~~Heads of institutions~~ and principals of educational institutions can inflict the following punishments in the interests of the students or the institutions concerned:--

"fine, loss of attendance, loss of term certificates, suspension and expulsion."

The intention <sup>of H.M.(Edn)</sup> ~~is~~ presumably that the heads of educational institutions

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should be competent also to detain pupils from appearing for the S.S.I.C. Public Examination for indiscipline and misbehaviour on the part of the students. The D.P.I. <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ against using detention as a method of enforcing discipline. He therefore suggested that detention should be retained only in cases where there <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ shortage of attendance and not ~~for~~ for misconduct. His suggestion was approved and orders were issued in G.O.No. 639.Edn., dated 24-3-1948 to the effect that candidates should not be detained in the VI Form except for shortage of attendance. It is ~~to be~~ for consideration whether the above decision may now be considered. If so, rule 97 of the M.E.R. ~~may~~ <sup>including specifically</sup> be amended ~~so that~~ 'Detention' also as one of the ~~actions of~~ punishments which the heads of educational institutions can inflict on students. <sup>The case,</sup> ~~It~~ may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.), H.Pr. and H.E. for orders.



Can the suggestion to amend the M.E.R. be viewed by the D.P.I. may be invited to do so.

I advise that the point need be further pursued at all.

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H.M.(Edn.)