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D.O. No. F.1-13/46-E.III(p)

Ministry of Education,

New Delhi, the 1st March, 1948.

Dear Mr. Chettiar,

Kindly refer to your D.O. letter dated the 17th December, 1947 regarding the establishment of the Regional Committees of the All India Council for Technical Education. As the date of the next meeting of the Council is fast approaching it will be appreciated if the views of the Provincial Government are communicated to us by wire.

2 I may mention that all other Provincial Governments including that of Bombay, which originally had some misgivings regarding certain functions proposed to be assigned to the Regional Committees e.g., institutions of All India Diplomas & Certificates, recognition of institutions, conduct of examinations etc., have now concurred in the proposals.

3 I am enclosing a copy of this Ministry's letter No.F.1-13/46-E.III(P) dated the 22nd January 1948 to the Government of Bombay in which the position has been fully explained and which should be helpful in clearing up the doubtful points, if any. It is hoped that the Government of Madras will fall in line with the rest of India and make it possible for fully representative Regional Committees to be set up at an early date.

W I shall be obliged if the concurrence of the Provincial Government in the proposals is communicated by telegram, if possible.

I wonder if the Madras Government would take kindly to the suggestion of their being represented by their H.M. Education rather than by an officer of the Industries Department since the All India Council for Technical Education concerns itself mainly with high^{er} technical education which I know is under the Education Department.

Yours sincerely,

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(S.R. Sen Gupta)

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No..F.1-13/46-E III(P),
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

NEW DELHI 3, the 22nd January, 1948.

To,
The Hon'ble Mr. T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar, M.A.B.L.,
Education Minister,
Government of Madras, MADRAS.

From: Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, F.R.S.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Joint Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Education and Industries Department,
Bombay.

Subject:- All India Council for Technical Education-
Regional Committees - Formation of.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 7764/6336-K dated the 2nd May, 1947, on the subject mentioned above and to express regret for the delay in replying to it. This delay has been unavoidable since it was hoped that as a result of frank discussion of the issues between officers of the Bombay and the Central Governments and further discussions if necessary at the recent Education Conference, the Provincial Government would come to appreciate the significance, the importance and the necessity of the different types of committees of the All India Council for Technical Education. Even though the issues raised in your letter were not discussed at the Education Conference, it is understood that these have been discussed on more than one occasion amongst officers of the two Governments and it is hoped that now that at least some of the obscurities have been removed and grounds for misapprehension cleared, the Provincial Government will reconsider the matter in the light of these discussions.

It appears that the Provincial Government's objection is mainly to the institution of the All India Diploma/Certificate Schemes including examinations and recognition of Institutions which offer such courses. It seems desirable, therefore, to furnish a little of the previous history of these All India courses. The Association of Principals of Technical Institutions (India) had initiated these All India Schemes with a view to securing a measure of uniformity and adequacy in the standard of higher technical education throughout the country. The position of the Boards and the All India Schemes set up by the Association of Principals of Technical Institutions (India) vis-a-vis the All India Council for Technical Education was considered by the Council at its first meeting. The Council felt that the institution of All India Diploma and Certificate Schemes should not now be left in the hands of the Association of Principals of Technical Institutions but be taken over by the Council itself, even though the Council was not a statutory body. The Council apprehended that even though the Association of Principals of Technical Institutions (India) had done a good and necessary piece of work, the running of these All India Schemes if left in hands of that organisation might cause considerable misunderstanding and misapprehension since certain other bodies like the All India Commercial University, British Institute of Engineering and Technology etc. were also running courses and awarding degrees and diplomas and some of the so-called American Universities were conducting examinations for the award of their degrees. As the All India Council for Technical Education had been set up with the concurrence of all concerned, the Council felt that it would be far better for the Council to take over these Boards from the Association of

Principals of Technical Institutions (India) if they were agreeable. The Government of India had no objection to the Council taking over these Boards and the Association of Principals of Technical Institutions (India) when requested to hand over the Boards did so without raising any objection. The Council having thus taken over the All India Boards became automatically responsible for the working of the schemes which had been launched with the same objective as the Council had in view.

It may be mentioned that the All India Diploma Courses are equivalent to Degrees of Indian Universities in the content of education but more emphasis is laid on the practical side. Another important and very desirable feature, is that students are admitted to such courses not solely on the basis of any previous examination, such as, Matriculation or Intermediate, which they may have passed, but on satisfying a qualifying test. Thus, a person whose regular academic education may have been interrupted would help a number of gifted persons who may be engaged in lower industrial occupations to acquire such qualification as would enable them to better their prospects in life. The Diploma course is generally taken on a full time basis and the Certificate course on a part time basis. Provision has also been made to complete the diploma course purely on a part time basis. Such a course would however necessarily take a longer period than the full time course. The All India Diploma and Certificate Schemes are intended, therefore, to fulfil a very important function, that is, to enable persons whose education has been interrupted to acquire higher technical qualifications.

I am to state that the conduct of these examinations and the supervision of such institutions as may prepare students for these All India Courses will be, according to the Council's decision, among the functions of the Regional Committees when they are set up. It may be added that the Council is not in favour of an examination ridden educational system and it is hoped that in due course All India Diplomas and Certificates will be awarded on the results of day to day performance of a student during his studies. At present however, only one passing out examination in the professional subjects concerned, is conducted on the completion of the course, the examiners being all experts not connected with any of the affiliated institutions. It is hoped that as the Diploma and Certificate Schemes become firmly established the credit system now in common use in America would come into operation in India also at least in so far as the All India Courses are concerned.

The Provincial Government is no doubt aware that at the instance of the All India Council for Technical Education the Inter University Board is also examining the question of improving the standard of technical education and will perhaps bring the University courses upto the desired standard.

As stated in the Government of India letter No.F.1-13/46-E. III(P), dated the 8th April, 1947, the Council do not propose to permit any institution to run All India courses unless the request of such institution has the support of the Provincial Government. need have no apprehension that the Council will in any way interfere with the working of any institution.

The laying down of scales of salaries etc. of teachers on at least a regional basis appears to be desirable, from the point of improvement of the technical institutions. At present there is a considerable drift of talent to industry and from institutions offering inadequate salaries to those offering reasonably satisfactory salaries. The Government of India are therefore of the view that this question requires looking into at least on regional if not on All India basis.

It is hoped that the Provincial Government will in view of what has been stated above agree that the institution of such a scheme is the first essential step towards co-ordination and

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improvement of higher technical education which they also have in view.

I am to state that there is no intention whatsoever of encroaching in any way on the rights and privileges of any statutory bodies who may be controlling any non-university and Provincial institutions. All that is intended is to enable the Provincial Governments to take advantage if they choose to do so, of the existing All India Certificate and Diploma Scheme which is bound to gain increasing recognition from employers with the lapse of time because of its intrinsic merits, and that neither the Government of India nor the All India Council for Technical Education have any intention of taking over the administrative or supervisory control over the University or the Provincial Technical Colleges. The Regional Committees when established, will supervise the work of only the Higher Technical Institutions which the Central Government may set up, and those institutions which offer All India Courses with the approval of the Provincial Government and will render any advisory service which the Governments within the region may require of it, for the promotion of Technical Education.

A summary of the views of the Provincial and State Governments on the proposal for the establishment of Regional Committees is enclosed for your information. I am to express the hope that in view of the explanation furnished above the Provincial Government will now have no objection to the functions proposed for the Regional Committees of the All India Council for Technical Education. It will be appreciated if the Government of Bombay will concur in the proposals at an early date so that fully representative Regional Committees may come into being without further delay. On receipt of the Bombay Government's reply a fresh letter to the Provincial Governments etc. will issue stating the functions and composition of the Regional Committees and giving the demarcation of the Regions so as to fit in with the changed political circumstances.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd/- S.R. Sen Gupta.
for Secretary.

Letter no. 756 E.S. Dated 2.4.48.7 E.S. (C)

To The Secretary to the Govt. of India

Ministry of Education

New Delhi

Sir,

Sub. Education - All India Council

of Technical Education - Nomination

of H.M. (Eds) - Agreed to.

Ref: Mr. Sen Gupta's D.O. no. P.1-13/46

- E-III (P) d.1-3-48 to the H.M. (Eds)

Madras.

With reference to paragraphs 1 to 4 of the D.O. cited above, I am directed to invite attention to this Govt. letter no. 442 E.S. Dated 5-3-48 where this Govt. have agreed to the proposals of the Govt. of India with matter of establishment of Regional Committees. As regards paragraph 5 of the

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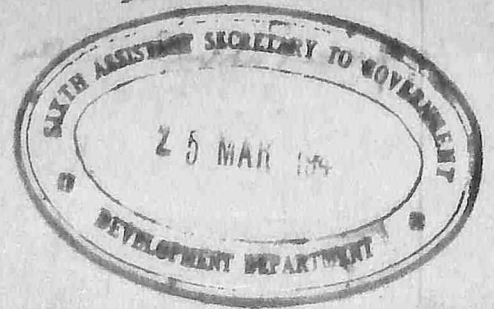
connection the note of Secy. at p 200 of G.O. 125 Edn d. 26-1-48 and the note of Secy. Dev at p 1 of the Gov. The Govt. of India have now suggested that the Govt. be represented better by their H.M. (Edn) rather than an officer of the Industries Dept. It is for orders whether in the circumstances stated in para 5 of the 20. at p 10, this will be agreed to

3/. In the letter of 2/7-48 the Govt. have agreed to the establishment of Regional Committees of the All India Council of Technical Education. ~~As agreed to~~ This Govt. will have two representatives on the Regional Committee for the Southern Zone, one being their representative on the All India Council. If now H.M. (Edn) were to go as the representative on the All India Council, he will also be a representative on the Regional Committee.

4/. As regards the second nominee on the Regional Committee no decision has been taken. Attention is in this connection invited to the notes in the linked file (cov. 16907 A/P. 8) that the Govt. have agreed to the establishment of Regional Committees, it is for consideration whether ~~action~~ should not be taken for nominating the second representative on the Southern Regional Committee.

5/. The remarks of ~~Secy~~ and P.W.D. may be invited before circulation.

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The Jt. Director of Industries and Commerce was suggested to be the representative of the Govt. on the All India Council of Technical Education, on the ground that he was the Secretary of the Special Committee set up by the Provincial Govt. on Technical Education in 1944. The Govt. of India were accordingly informed that the Jt. D. I. & C. was nominated to the All India Council of Technical Education as a representative of the Madras Govt.

In view of 'A' m p 1 of and H.M. (Edn)'s minute at p 1 of above, this Dept. may perhaps agree that orders may be taken in circulation for H.M. (Edn) representing this Govt. on the All India Council of Technical Education. ~~With their remarks~~ the case may be passed on to P.W. Dept.

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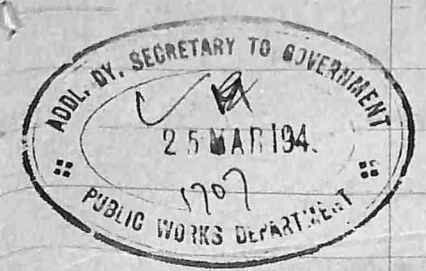
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The note of E.P.H. & Devt. on pp 1-3 above may be perused and the file ret'd to E.P.H. (no remarks seem called for at this stage)

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The file may be circulated for orders on the proposal at 'A' on p 2 ante



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The draft below is for approval.