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Education - University -
Appointment of a University
Commission by the Govt. of
India.

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No. 55-5/47-E.I.
Government of India.
Ministry of Education.

New Delhi 3, the 7th April, 1948.

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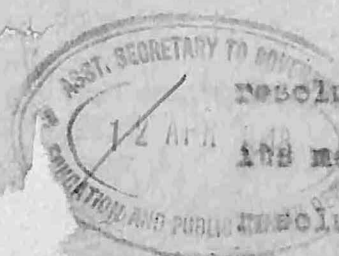
From
Dr. Kars Chand, M.A., D.Phil.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To
All Provincial Governments.

Subject:- Proposed appointment of a University
Education Commission to report on
University Education in India.

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Sir,



I am directed to forward herewith a copy each of the resolution passed by the Inter-University Board (India) at its meeting held at Jaipur in December, 1946 and of the resolution passed by the Central Advisory Board of Education in India at its meeting held in Bombay in January, 1947, on the subject mentioned above.

The Government of India are of the opinion that in view of the vast changes which have taken place since those resolutions were passed, the recommendation contained therein has become of even greater urgency. The educational system of this country was planned and built up by an alien Government and was shaped largely in order to meet the requirements of the Administration under the conditions which then prevailed. Expansion on all sides has, no doubt, taken place but all this has happened within the limits prescribed by the existence of a foreign rule. With the achievement of independence, new vistas have opened up before the country and the Government of India feel that the time has come when the question of Education at all its stages must be surveyed in order to meet the demands of free India.

The importance of Primary and Secondary Education in a Democracy is obvious even to the casual observer. What the Government of India wish to emphasise is that provision of expanded facilities of Higher Education is equally

necessary for the satisfactory functioning of Democracy. The country cannot attain its rightful place among the nations of the world without vast expansion in its Agriculture, Commerce and Industry. The defence of the country itself requires the existence, within the country, of facilities for technological and scientific studies of the highest order. Even Secondary and Primary Education depend in the ultimate analysis on the quality of Educational leaders who must be produced by a suitable system of Higher and University Education. Extension of the boundaries of knowledge and research are essential if India is to maintain its position in the comity of nations. All these factors demand that at the present juncture in the history of the country the question of University and Higher Education must be examined afresh in the light of the changed circumstances. ~~and their work~~ It may be added that there has been no detailed examination of even the existing Universities and their work since the Report of the Sadler Commission was published in 1917.

The Government of India are, therefore, agreeable to accept the recommendation of the Central Advisory Board of Education and of the Inter-University Board (India), and take necessary action in consultation with the Provincial and State Governments. I would, therefore, request that the views of the Provincial/State Government may be communicated to this Ministry at an early date, and in any case, not later than the 30th of April, 1948. I am constrained to suggest a date-line for the replies, as it will be readily realised that the final selection and assembly of personnel of the Commission will take some time. The Commission should start work by October, 1948.

The Government of India will bear the entire expenses of the Commission and they hope that the Provincial/State Government will afford the Commission, if and when appointed, such facilities as the Commission may require in their work.

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

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Secretary.

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Extract from the draft proceedings of the 13th Meeting of the
Central Advisory Board of Education, held at Bombay in
January, 1947

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84. Item XVII: The Board considered the proposal of the
Vice-Chancellor, Madras University for the appointment of a
University Commission and found themselves generally in
agreement with the intention of the Inter-University Board
resolution on the subject. But in order to make the terms
of reference as wide and elastic as possible, the Board
adopted the resolution in the following amended form:
"The Board is of the opinion that it is desirable that the
work of the Indian Universities be reviewed and resolves that
for these purposes, the Government of India be requested to con-
stitute a Commission on the lines of the
report on Indian University Education
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Central Advisory Board of Education in India.Item VIII of Agenda

Thirteenth Meeting, Council Hall, Bombay,

January, 9, 10, 11, 1947.

Appointment of a commission on the lines of the Sadler Commission to visit Indian Universities to report on their working and to suggest ways and means of effecting such improvement as may be necessary with a view to meeting modern requirements.

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The Vice-Chancellor, Madras University, from whom the above proposal was received has stated that he would like to initiate discussion on the subject at the Board's meeting and has not sent a memorandum.

The proposal was also considered by the Inter-University Board, at their last meeting and they adopted the following resolution:-

"The Board is of the opinion that it is desirable that the work of the Indian Universities be reviewed and resolves that for this purpose the Government of India be requested to constitute a commission on the lines of the Sadler Commission, to report on the work of Indian Universities and to suggest any changes that may be deemed desirable in the light of modern conditions and changes in Educational policies adopted in other countries and to suit modern requirements in India.

The Board is further of the opinion that the commission so appointed should be mainly composed of eminent educationists with University experience including some eminent educationists from foreign countries."

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Education - University -
Proposed appointment of a
University Commission.

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From the Secretary to the Govt of I,
Ministry of Education, No.
55-5/47-E-1 dt- 7-4-48.

Memo. No. 2669/48-1 Edu dt- 13/4/48

Forwarded on 13/4/48

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A copy of the letter from the
Govt of I, cited above, is forwarded
to the D.P.I. for very early remarks.
He is requested to treat this
reference as special and send
his reply by 20/4/48.

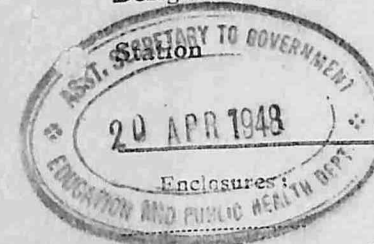
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Education Department
From (Name) Sri D.S.Reddi, M.A. (Oxon)

Designation Director of Public
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To
The secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health dept.,
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No. Roc. 998. K. 3/48. dated 19-4-1948. 194 .

Sir,

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Sub: Education - University - proposed -
appointment of a University commission.
Ref:-Government Memorandum No. 26691.G.3/48-1
Education, dated 13-4-1948.

I have the honour to state that the appointment of a
University commission by the Government of India should be welcomed
and I agree to afford such facilities as the commission may require
in their work.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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Letter No. 790

E.& P.H.(G.3)
Edn., dated 27-4-48

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

S/S
27-4-48

Sir,

Sub:- Education - University - Appointment of
a University Commission by the Govt. of
India -

11-3-48

Ref:- Your letter No.55-5/47-E-1 dated 7-4-48-

I am ^{directed} to state that this Govt. welcome the
appointment of a University Commission by the Govt.
of India and agree to afford such facilities as the
Commission may require in their work.

Y.O.S.,

Copy to the D.P.I.
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Sub:= Education - University - Appointment of a University Commission by the Govt. of India - Views of this Govt. called for.

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C.No.2661/48 - From the Secy. to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Education, No.55-5/47 -E-1 dated 7-4.48.
C.No.2884/48. From the D.P.I. No.Roc.K.2./48 dated 19.4.48.

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Please see the letter from the Govt. of India on p.p.1-3 c.f. and its enclosures on p.p.5 and 7 c.f. The Govt. of India state that in view of the vast changes that have of late taken place in the ~~country~~ country, the question of education at all its stages should be ~~surveyed~~ ~~and~~ surveyed in order to meet the demands of a free India. They state that for the satisfactory functioning of democracy, provision of expanded facilities of Higher Education is highly necessary and ~~that~~ even Secondary and Primary Education depend upon the quality of educational leaders who must be produced by a suitable system of Higher and University Education. They therefore hold that at the present juncture of the country, the question of University and Higher Education must be examined afresh in the light of the ~~changed~~ ^{changed} circumstances. They are therefore agreeable to accept the recommendation of the Central Advisory Board of ~~Board~~ ^{Education} and of the Inter-University Board (India), regarding the appointment of a commission on the lines of the Sadler Commission to report on on the Indian University Education and to suggest improvements and extensions that may be desirable to suit present and future requirements of the country, and to take the necessary action in consultation with the Provincial Governments and States. They have therefore ~~called~~ ^{called} for the views of this Govt. on the above proposal by the 30th April 1948. The Govt. of India are prepared to bear the entire expenses of the Commission and they request the Provincial and State Governments to afford necessary facilities to the Commission in their work. The D.P.I. who was consulted in the matter reports that the appointment of a University Commission by the Govt. of India should be welcomed and he is prepared to afford such facilities as the Commission may require in their work. In the circumstances, the views of the D.P.I. may be

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be ~~xxxx~~ concurred in and the Govt. of India informed accordingly. Subject to ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ orders, a draft letter is submitted for approval. - May be circulated to H.M. (Edn) *af*

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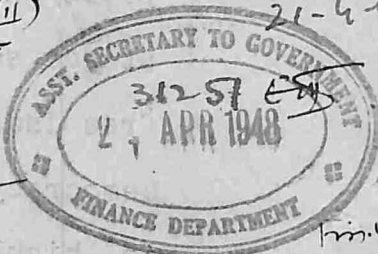
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May be circulated to H.M. (Edn) for approval of the proposal in the draft. (Ref due to L. Secy on 30-4-48)

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