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Grant - Teaching - St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput - Grant for 1948
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DIOCESE
DE
THOME DE MELIAPOR

No. Bishop's House,
San Thome, Mylapore, Madras,
12th. February 1949.

DATE.....

From The Bishop of Mylapore,
The President of
"The Mylapore Diocese
Educational Society"

To The Director of Public Instruction
Madras.

Sir, ref: R O C 783-D3/47 dated 17th. January 1949.

I acknowledge receipt of your communication quoted above.

From it I see that you, not satisfied to impose upon Rev. Fr. E. De Sousa an extremely severe punishment, have been pleased also to punish the School, by withholding "the teaching grant including fee compensation under rule 92 M.E.R. payable to the institution for the year 1947-48 as a penalty etc."

Such penalty, that falls entirely on the School, that is to say, on our Society to which St. Joseph's High School belongs, is absolutely unjust and we do not accept it.

A "penalty" supposes a fault, but our Society has no fault whatsoever, except, perhaps, that of having spent lakhs of rupees in favour of education, which now seems to be a crime.

St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput, was put up entirely at our expenses: neither for the buildings nor for the land where they stand has the Government contributed one rupee.

The strength of the School is at present more than 800 pupils of whom more than 500 (i.e. about two thirds) do not pay fees or pay only part.

If the management is to be so heavily punished for faults in which, as you know, it has no responsibility, how can we run the schools? Are you to be punished if any of your subordinates abuses your trust to defraud the Government? If the Government does not fulfil its promise regarding grants, and for any fault committed by the correspondent or by a member of the Staff, refuses to pay to the management what is due to it, where is justice? How can we trust the Government?

DIOCESE
DE
S. THOME DE MELIAPOR

No.

"EPISCOPAL SECRETARIATE"
SAN THOME-MYLAPORE,
MADRAS 4. (INDIA)

DATE

To the Honble. Education
Minister - Madras

COPY

Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras

Rec. 783 D3/47 dated 18-2-49.

Sub : Schools - Secondary - Aided - Irregularities -
St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput :-

Read: Letter dated 12-2-49 from the Bishop of Mylapore.

The Director sees no case for reconsideration of the
orders passed in Proceedings Rec. No. 787 D3 47 dated 17-149

V.K. Krishna Menon.

for Director of Public Instruction

Superintendent

True copy forwarded By order

To The Bishop of Mylapore,

Copy to the Divisional Inspector, Mathurai,

" " District Educational Officer,
Chingleput

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REC-123 03-47 dated 12-2-10

Hand: letter dated 11-2-48 from the Bishop of Chicago
 St. Joseph's High School, Chicago -
 and: School - Secondary - Aided - Roman Catholic -

The Director uses no case for consideration of the
orders passed in Proceedings No. 787 of 25 dated 17-1-48

For Director of Public Instruction
V.K. Krishna Menon.

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To the Bishop of Mysore,
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" " District Educational Officer,
Changanassery

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From The Correspondent of "The My

To
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Sir,

Re: R.O.C. No. 61-D.3/49 dated 3-2-194

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of your Communion sent to His Excellency the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Mysore, "The Mysalopore Diocese Educational Society", to the Mysore Secondary School.

On behalf of our Society, as its Correspondent,
honour to reply to it as follows :

This School, started in 1947-48 as a middle School, granted by your Department Temporary Recognition up to 1 (Please see your "Dis. No.2112 /48 dated 5th. May 1948) and Recognition of the IV Form (see your Dis.No.2687/1948 dated 2nd. 1948), both however subject to the condition (among others) that "an endowment of at least Rs.30,000/- should be created and conveyed to the school before 1948-1949"

+Granted

Therefore the temporary ~~visa~~ recognition of that School terminate soon, and we are unable to apply for further recognition of that School, mainly for the following considerations :

- 1- We cannot accept the condition imposed upon the Management "to create an endowment of Rs.30.000- and legally convey it to the School";
- 2- We cannot expose more schools with their buildings and furniture etc. to the threat of the "Requisition Bill", which as far as we know is still pending.
- 3- We have for many years offered our generous cooperation to the Government in the fields of education and social assistance; we have spent several lakhs of rupees without any interest except that of giving our contribution for the welfare of the people specially for the less privileged classes of Society; we never asked for favours, but we think we have a right to have cooperation and consideration from your Department. This cooperation is expected specially in obtaining from your Department and its officials the help required to put into practice the many and ever changing rules of your Department.

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We have more than one hundred Schools and Charitable Institutions far and near; it has been always our definite rule and direction that the rules of your Department should be faithfully observed there. But we cannot be everywhere. There may be here or there on the part of the correspondents some mistake, some oversight, negligence or even fault; There may be in the Schools some practice which it is not known that your Department objects to.

Therefore, we think we have a right to expect from your Department that, if your Inspectors find anything of that kind, our Society should be duly informed and given time to correct whatever was found wrong.

Only if we should fail in doing so, then there might be a case for inflicting a penalty upon the Management.

Instead of this reasonable attitude of healthy cooperation to improve the efficiency of the schools and to facilitate the difficult task of the Management, your Department seems to have now preferred to adopt an attitude of hostility.

The recent case of St. Joseph's High School - Chingleput and the unfair way in which our Society, without any fault of its own was treated by you in that connection is a sad experience: we know how that if the correspondent of a school commits any fault, or any thing that you consider to be a fault your Department will not be satisfied to punish the responsible person with extreme rigour, but will inflict upon the school, i.e. upon our Society as a penalty (which you do not take the trouble to justify) not only the teaching grant for one year (!) but even the fee compensation, as you have done in that case !...

4-. Holy Name's Secondary School, as also St. Joseph's High School, (Chingleput) is frequented mostly by boys of poor classes, about two thirds do not pay fees, or pay only part of it. The School admits free of fees some of them, but the majority are favoured by the Government which promise to pay their fees or half fees due to School.

If the Government, whatever may the pretext, fails to pay the fee compensation that ex justitia is due to the School an injustice is committed against the Management.

There will be no security in running such schools.

Therefore, Sir, unless your Department gives us the undertaking that the above said grievances will be redressed and that the exigency and danger referred to in nos. 1 & 2 above will be removed we regret we are forced to close down that School.

Yours faithfully,

Francis Carwallus

The Correspondent of "The Mylapore Diocese Educational

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The Correspondent of the Department of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sir,

Res: M.O.O. No. 61-D. 344 dated 1-11-1948

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter sent to His Excellency the Hon. B. P. S. Rao, Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated 1-11-1948, regarding the recognition of the IV form (new year) No. 2627/1948 dated 1-11-1948, both however subject to the condition (among others) "an endowment of at least Rs. 50,000- conveyed to the school before 1-1-1949".

On behalf of our society, as the Correspondent, I have the honour to reply to it as follows:

This school, started in 1947-48 as a middle school, granted by your Department Temporary Recognition up to 1-1-1949 (Please see your letter No. 2112 dated 25.11.1948) and recognition of the IV form (new year) No. 2627/1948 dated 1-11-1948, both however subject to the condition (among others) "an endowment of at least Rs. 50,000- conveyed to the school before 1-1-1949".

Therefore the temporary recognition of that school, terminate soon, and we are unable to apply for further recognition of that school, mainly for the following considerations:

- 1- We cannot accept the condition imposed upon the Management "to create an endowment of Rs. 50,000- and legally convey it to the school".
- 2- We cannot expose more schools with their buildings and furniture etc. to the threat of the "Reduction Bill", as the law which we know is still pending.
- 3- We have for many years offered our generous cooperation to the Government in the fields of education and social assistance; we have spent several lakhs of rupees without any interest except that of giving our contribution for the welfare of the people, especially for the less privileged classes of society; we have asked for favours, but we think we have a right to have cooperation and consideration from your Department. The Government is expected specially in obtaining from your Department of India the help required to put into practice the various changing rules of your Department.

DIocese
DE
THOME DE MELIAPOR

"EPISCOPAL SECRETARIATE"
SAN THOME-MYLAPORE,
MADRAS 4. (INDIA)

DATE 2nd. March 1949

No.

From

The Correspondent - Diocese of
Mylapore Educational Society
Mylapore, Madras.4.

To

The Honble: Mr. T. S. Avinashilingam
Education Minister,
Madras.

Sir,

Since the Director of Public Instruction has refused to reconsider his decision regarding the irregularities that he found in St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput, I am sending you herewith for your information and further orders a copy of the letter written by His Excellency the Rt. Rev. Bishop of Mylapore, President of our Society - to the Director of Public Instruction and a copy of his reply as well.

I avail myself of this opportunity to enclose also a copy of my letter to the D.P.I. in connection with Holy Name Secondary School, Madras.

Trusting in your sense of justice and sympathetic consideration,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Francis Carvalho

Correspondent Diocese of Mylapore
Educational Society.

Edn & P. H. (B.) Deptt.

Endorsement No. 17590 B, 149-1 Edn d. 18.3.49.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction

for early remarks.

(By order)

V. Raman
Assistant Secy

To
The Director of Public Instruction

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DIocese
DE
HOME DE MELIAPOR

SECRETARIAL
SAN THOME-MELIAPOR
MADRAS 4 (INDIA)

DATE 20.4.1949

The Correspondent - Diocese of
Mylapore, Educational Society,
Mylapore, Madras.

To The Honble: Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari,
Minister,
Madras.

Since the Director of Public Instruction has refused to
reconsider his decision regarding the first-mentioned
order in St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput, I am sending you
herewith for your information and further orders a copy of the
letter written by the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Mylapore,
President of our Society, to the Director of Public Instruction
and a copy of his reply as well.

I avail myself of this opportunity to enclose also a copy
of my letter to the D.P.I. in connection with Holy Name Secondary
School, Madras.

Trusting in your sense of justice and sympathetic
consideration,

Yours faithfully,
The Correspondent, Diocese of Mylapore,
Educational Society.

Correspondent, Diocese of Mylapore,
Educational Society.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
R.O.C.No.783.D3.47-dated 5th April 1949.

Subject:- Schools -- Secondary -- Aided -- St. Joseph's
High School, Chingleput -- Appeal against
orders passed. Remarks.



Reference:- Government endorsement No.17,590 B.1.49.1.
Edn., dated 18-3-49 on letter dated 2-3-49
from the Correspondent, Diocese of Mylapore,
Educational Society, Madras.

Resubmitted.

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2. The Right Rev. Bishop of Mylapore, has urged
no special ground in support of his request for reconsideration
of the orders already passed by the Director and the Government
are fully aware of the circumstances under which the orders
were passed. (Vide Government Memorandum No.23,730.B.1-48.3.
Edn., dated 28-12-48). There is nothing new to warrant the
modification of the orders.

For Director of Public Instruction

To the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health
Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

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C.No. 17590 B, /49.

Grant - Teaching - St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput -
grant for 1947-48 - Payment - Sanctioned.

Read again Memo No. 23730 B, /48-3 Edm d/28.12.48

From the correspondent, Diocese of Mylapore Educational
Society d/2.3.49.

... the B.P.G. Rec. No. 782 B3/47 d/5.4.49

Order No 1372 Edm dated 3.5.49
Ms

In the circumstances stated, sanction
is accorded to the payment in the current year to
the management of the St. Joseph's High School,
Chingleput of the teaching grant due to the school
for the year 1947-48, ^{but} withheld from payment in 1948-9

[P.T.O.]

of Rev. Fr. J. De Souza the correspondent of the St. Joseph's High School, Chingleput, As pointed out by the Bishop, it may be difficult for the management to run the school if the grant ~~to~~ which is legitimately due for the upkeep of the institution is withheld. For orders whether the D.P.I. may be informed that the grant may be paid.

14-4-49

I am inclined to agree with the Assistant Secy. that the D.P.I. should be informed not to withhold the grant as this will be punishing the Management and the school for what appears to have been the fault of the individual Correspondent. If the D.P.I. had stated that the management was in any way privy to the actions of the Correspondent, then punishment by withholding the grant may have been justified. In any case, the punishment will fall on the school in which, it is stated, 500 pupils do not pay any fees or only part fees.

There is no reason to revise the order against the Correspondent. It may stand.

H.M. (Edn)

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A draft order is submitted below for approval.

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