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No. D. 1045/49. D.I.
Government of India,
Ministry of Education.

New Delhi 3, the 20th April, 1949.

From The Secretary to the Govt. of India.

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

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Subject. Resolution passed at the third Provincial
Conference of the Association of University
Teachers.

Sir, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter
dated 22nd February, 1949 from the Secretary to the
Association of University teachers, Madras, forwarding
the abovementioned resolutions, which relate mainly to the
difficulties of the College and University teachers. It
appears that a copy of the resolutions has already been
sent to you by the Association direct. I am to request
you to kindly consider the points raised therein and to take
action as is considered necessary.

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Yours faithfully,
B. Chatterjee
(B. Chatterjee)
for Secretary.

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Copy of letter dated the 22nd February, 1949, from the Association of University Teachers (Formerly known as "The College Teachers' Union"), South India.

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We enclose herewith a copy of the resolutions passed at the recent Conference for consideration by the Central Government. The conditions of College and University teachers in the South may be judged from a perusal of these resolutions.

In a hard and inexorable world where material wants cannot be dispensed with, the plight of college teachers, who have been subjected to perpetual want not for a month or two but for years, may be imagined. They are the worst treated in our province, and our peculiar problems may be realized from the copies of our latest representations to the University and the Government of Madras enclosed herewith. In influential positions are allowed to have their way to the detriment of the vast majority, and the teachers in aided Colleges have been living for years under great disabilities and hardships. This is treated as the general cry of discontent; in short this is without a parallel. Men and women of the highest qualifications with 10 to 15 years of service have been working in aided Colleges on the meagre salaries of Rs. 150 or 160 (in cases even lower) in the post-war world of high cost of living. Their most pressing claims have been disregarded and treated with indifference for the reason that they are powerless to enforce their demands. The harmful consequences of such a policy will not be realized by those who are on the managements of aided colleges. Effective check and supervision and rigid enforcement of suitable regulations by the government can alone avert the undesirable consequences of the present state of affairs.

In several quarters mistaken notions are entertained that College Teachers are well paid. But this is not the truth. A few may be tolerably well paid, but the vast majority are plunged in dire want and consequent expansion is effected by the savings effected in paying teachers as low as possible. Things are as bad as they can be in the South especially and College teachers are subjected to the worst type of exploitation.

To mention one instance. In a big city college (Pachaiyappa's College, Madras) increases sanctioned two years ago to more than 50 Teachers after due consideration of their several representations were subsequently withheld after the pay bill was sent by the college to the management. Repeated representations have elicited not even a reply from the management. Unfairness and vindictiveness, favouritism and prejudice seem to be the order of the day. We request you to imagine the precarious condition of teachers in Higher Centres of learning, and see whether they are calculated to provide the necessary training to the youth of the country under the present conditions.

In all enlightened countries, the Government consider it their duty to interfere in all cases of injustice, and we believe that in our woeful land eternal vigilance and strict impartiality on the part of the Government can alone deal with the several difficult problems that confront us.

We hope that the Central Government will persuade the Government of Madras to intervene and ensure fair conditions of work to teachers in aided colleges.

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From the Secretary to the Govt.of India, Ministry of

Education No.D.1045/49.D.1., dated 20-4-49.

Please see the letter from the Govt.of India

p.1 c.f., and its enclosure on p.3 a.f. A copy of the

resolutions passed at the Third Provincial Conference

of the Association of University Teachers ~~xxxx~~ referred.

to in the letter of the G.of India on p.1 c.f., will be

found on p.p.11-13 a.f. of ~~Lr.~~ Lr.Ref.No.12175-G2/49/1 Edn.,

dated 4.4.49. The Govt.of India request ~~xxxx~~ this Govt.

to consider the ~~xxxxxxx~~ points raised in the resolutions

referred to and to take such action as is considered

necessary. Attention is in this connection solicited to

the notes on p.p. 1--6 n.f. and the letter on p.p.16--17

c.f. of Lr.12175-G2/49/1 Edn., dated 4.4.49, where the

the resolutions of the Conference were dealt with. In view

of the fact that the Association has not been recognised

by ~~xxxx~~ Govt., no action ~~xxxx~~ seems to be necessary on the ~~xxxx~~

~~xxxx~~ resolutions of the Association. The papers ~~xxxx~~

~~xxxx~~ on the subject may be ~~xxxx~~

as a ~~xxxx~~ available for ~~xxxx~~

Reference - No reply is necessary to Govt.

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