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[Despatch Abstract.]

Schools - Provision of Religious instruction - Papers -
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NOTE for the Informal Meeting of Honourable Ministers
NOTE FOR THE CABINET.

SCHOOLS - Provision of religious instruction - Appointment of Religious Instructors.

In connection with the appointment of a religious instructor in the Government Madrasa-I-Azam, Madras, the Honourable Premier raised the question that while religious instructors are appointed in schools intended for Muslims, why cannot they be allowed to be appointed in other schools also.

(a) Under rule 9 of the Madras Educational Rules, strict neutrality should be observed by the State in regard to the provision of religious instruction in schools; no expenditure should be incurred for the purpose from public funds and the instruction should be outside school curriculum and hours. Sub-clause (9) of the same rule lays down that no pupil shall be permitted to attend any form of religious instruction or observance without the written request of the parent or guardian of the child, which request shall be made in writing and will be in force until revoked. In the case of institutions, maintained by Christian Missions, the imparting of religious instruction is permitted subject to the following conditions:-

(i) Where the religious instruction given in an institution is in a faith other than that to which the pupil belongs, he shall be exempted from attending the religious classes, if his parent or guardian requests in writing for such an exemption. Such exemption shall be in force until the request is withdrawn by the parent or guardian.

(ii) The religious instruction given shall not constitute an attack on other faiths.

(iii) The staff, pupils or buildings of any school or college shall not be utilised for proselytization purposes.

3. In 1931, the Government, on the recommendations of the Muslim Education Committee constituted by them, accepted the principle that Muslim religious instruction

or if such person person is a minor, his guardian has given his consent thereto.

(3) Nothing in this Article shall prevent any community or denomination from providing religious instruction for pupils of that community or denomination in an educational institution outside its working hours."

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With regard to Muslim schools, it was a concession that they were having for the last many years and we have agreed to extend for five years. After that, this separate religious instruction will also go. Even earlier, for after the passing of this Draft Constitution, it will have to go."

T.S.A. (vinashilingam Chettiar)
28--9--48.

"Place before the informal meeting of Ministers".

O.P.R. (amaswami Reddiar)
13--10--48.

On a recirculation of the file, H.M. (Education) minuted as follows:-

" This is a matter connected with elementary schools also and so this may also be considered along with other points that we are considering in the matter for reform of administration in elementary education. A note may be prepared and circulated to all H.Ms. and put up along with the note for elementary education".

T.S.A. (vinashilingam Chettiar)
2--11--48.

When the file was recirculated to Hon. Pr. Minister for Food on behalf of the above note has accordingly been prepared.

6. The point for decision is whether the existing arrangements in regard to the provision of religious instruction in schools should be altered and if so, on what lines.

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Extract from the minutes of Hon. Premier in the file (C.No.4441-A/48) regarding the relaxation of age-rule on behalf of Janab Syed Ahmedullah Sahib, Temporary Religious Instructor, Government Madrasa-i-Azam, Madras.

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When we are allowing Religious Instructors for Muslim Schools why cant we allow for others also?

O.P.R. (amaswami Reddiar)
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Please see the minutes of Hon. Premier extracted above.

2. Under rule 9 of the Madras Educational Rules, no pupil shall be permitted to attend any form of religious instruction or observance without the written request of the parent or guardian of a child, which request shall be made in writing and will be in force until revoked. According to rule 9(A) of the rules, religious instruction may be given in schools and colleges under private management subject to the following conditions:-

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(Extract was given only on 11/9/48).

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attention also to Section 22 (1) of the Draft Constitution of India drawn up by the Constituent Assembly, which is also based on the principle of religious neutrality, and which is more or less on the same lines as the general arrangements which we already have: the special arrangements which we have for Muslim institutions run by Government would not be in conformity with this provision.

In view of what has been set out above I submit that it is not necessary to alter our present arrangements in the manner indicated in the minute of H.Pr.

by
M/P
H. (Pr.)
H. Pr.

Section 22 of the Draft Constitution, reads as follows:

"22.(1) No religious instruction shall be provided by the State in any educational institution wholly maintained out of State funds;

Provided that nothing in this clause shall apply to an educational institution which is administered by the State but has been established under any endowment or trust which requires that religious instruction shall be imparted in such institution.

(2) No person attending any educational institution recognised by the State or receiving aid out of State funds shall be required to take part in any religious instruction that may be imparted in such institution or to attend any religious worship that may be conducted in such institution or in any premises attached thereto unless such person, or if such person is a minor, his guardian has given his consent thereto.

(3) Nothing in this Article shall prevent any community or denomination from providing religious instruction for pupils of that community or denomination in an educational institution outside its working hours."

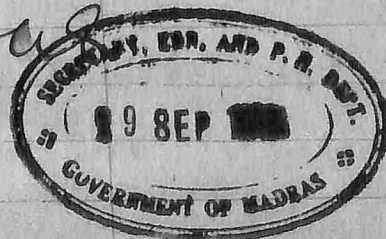
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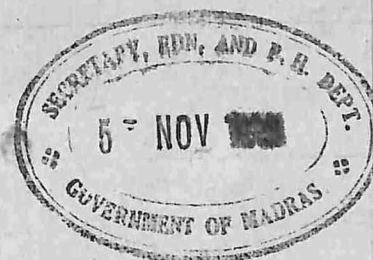
The file may now be circulated to J.M.(E.M.) with reference to the minutes of Hon. Premier on page 4 ante.

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H. (Pr.)

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Ascertained from
B.L. Sathyan

Please see the minutes of J.M.(E.M.) above. The file referred to therein has been circulated with a note for the Cabinet to J.M.(E.M.). A draft note for the Cabinet is submitted below for approval. The file may be circulated to J.M.(E.M.) for approval of the note and to Hon. Premier for orders whether the subject may be considered at a meeting of the Cabinet instead of at an informal meeting of J.M.s as ordered on page 4 ante.

C.B. also will have to see the file before the note is issued.

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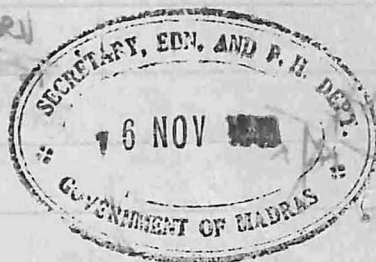
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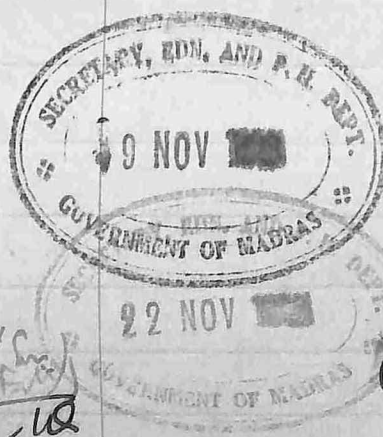
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Pls see the order in circulation
on page 6 ante. The ^{addition on page 4 of the} note for the informal
meeting of Nov 18 below is for approval.

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The note for the Informal Meeting of JMS has been issued. The file may now be sent to P.P.S. U.O.

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The subject has been included in the list of subjects awaiting discussion at the informal meeting. I will call for the file when the subject is to be discussed.

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The file may lie over till it is called
for by the P.P.S. Watson. P.

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At the informal meeting of the council of ministers held on 11-5-1949 the following resolution was passed.

"Resolved that there need not be any change, but that

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the present arrangements may continue."

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P.P.S. to H.Pr., 12/5/49

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E & P H (R1) Dept.

Please see the decision of the meeting
of the Informal Meeting of H.M.S. on pages 7-8 above.
no further action is necessary in the file. The papers
may be
Recorded.

Go. Ms. no. 1573 E.H. on 16-5-1949

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