

E & P. H. (1949.) Department.

Ms. SERIES.

G.O. NO. Ms. 1976 Edn.

Dated 17-6-49.

82
closed.

108u
Supdt
Sg

Order on page 122 cf

[Despatch Abstract.]

Schools - secondary - Sathakathun Taria Middle School,
Kilakarai - closure - Ordered.

2

2

BEFORE THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Sub: SATHAKATHUN JARIA MIDDLE SCHOOL - Withdrawal of Recognition with effect from 1st June 1949. Temporary Recognition upto the end of the School year 1948/49 - in respect of Forms I to III - Granted, and closure ordered thereafter.

Ref: Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, R. C. No. 42-D3/48 dated 15-2-1949. 119

Managing Committee of Sathakathun Jaria Middle School represented by
Correspondent: S. V. M. Seyed Cassim,
Kilakarai, Ramnad District .. Appellants.

Sathakathun Jaria or Eternal Charity is a Charitable Trust created by prominent philanthropists for educational advancement of the people of Kilakarai irrespective of caste or creed. Under this Trust was started an Elementary School in 1928, which became a full-fledged Higher Elementary School in 1939. As the strength of the School increased and the people of Kilakarai who are all merchants demanded Secondary Education for their children, the Management applied to the Education Department for permission to convert the said School into a Middle School. But the department has been refusing to grant their request. There was another Elementary School by name HAMEEDIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, run by one man, which came into existence only in 1938 and continued to remain an Elementary school till 31-5-44. The authorities granted permission to the Hameedia Elementary School to start a Middle School in preference to the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Elementary School, which is obviously a much older institution managed more efficiently and founded on a permanent Trust and which needed mere conversion into a Middle School.

Thus the preferential right of Sathakathun Jaria not having received due consideration, the Management made

personal representations to the Divisional Inspector of Schools who regretted that he was not in a position to grant permission to convert Sathakathun Jaria into a Middle School but gave assurance that he would be in a position to grant permission to start a High School. Soon after, the District Educational Officer, Ramnad, in his letter No. R.C.12-15M/43 of 3-2-1944 wrote as follows:

"The Divisional Inspector of Schools has informed me that a deputation met him in connection with the proposal of opening Forms III and above in the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Elementary School, Kilakarai, when it was suggested to them that it may be possible to consider the question of opening of Higher Forms by the new Committee on an approved site and building from 1945-46 onwards, if they would agree to provide all requirements such as Building, Play Ground, Equipment, Endowment and the like. Please inform me whether a new Committee has been formed and if so the name may be furnished with information as to whether they agree to provide all requirements stated above. If so, detailed information as to how far they propose to provide each item of requirements. An early reply is requested."

The Management replied to the Divisional Inspector of Schools through the District Educational Officer by their letter dated 21-2-1944 that they had met all the requirements called for and that a new Committee had been formed and registered under the designation of SATHAKATHUN JARIA HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE. While these communications were being exchanged, orders were passed in favour of the Hameedia School for opening High School Forms as well.

The Management of the said Trust were applying for recognition, but in 1945 the Department refused permission on the ground that the locality could not hold two Secondary schools. They made their last application in 1947 and were granted permission to convert the said Higher Elementary School into a Middle School obviously being satisfied that the area can accommodate two Secondary Schools.

But the order of recognition came as late as in August 1947 that is, at the fag-end of the First Term of the academic year 1947-48, when the Management was faced with the

insurmountable difficulty of getting sufficient strength. However, the said Middle School has made remarkable progress with its strength having increased by 200 per cent, thus necessitating the opening of an additional section in Form I.

The Management received a communication from the Director of Public Instruction R. O. C. No. 43/D/3/48 dated 28th April 1948 intimating to them that the Director was receiving complaints of irregular admission in the said Middle School, that the School is uneconomic and that it gives rise to unhealthy competition with the Hameedia High School. The Management replied that they have not knowingly or wilfully caused any irregular admissions to be made in the said School. The Director of Public Instruction suggested that the Managements of both the Institutions might come to a compromise by amalgamating them into one Institution under a joint Management. The Management of the Sathakathun Jaria at once agreed on condition that the first three Forms of the amalgamated School should be housed in the said Sathakathun Jaria Building while the three Higher Forms might be accommodated in the Hameedia High School Building. In spite of the reasonableness of the terms of the Sathakathun Jaria Management, the compromise efforts fell through. The Director of Public Instruction by his R. O. No. 42-D.3/48 dated 15-2-1949 granted temporary recognition up to 1948-49 and ordered closure of the said Sathakathun Jaria School thereafter on the same old grounds mentioned above.

The Management of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School beg to prefer this Memorandum of Appeal to the Honourable Minister of Education against the said order of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, on the following among other grounds:

(1) The order of the Director of Public Instruction is against all canons of law and justice, irregular and unsustainable.

(2) The order of the Director of Public Instruction is prima facie based on one sided report hxx sent by the

departmental Officers, and that too on extremely vague, indefinite and unspecified allegations against the Management.

(3) The Order of the Director of Public Instruction is materially irregular and unjust inasmuch as it has been passed without any opportunity being given to the Management to answer the charges levelled against them, without mentioning specific instances of the alleged irregularities committed by the Management, so that the Management will be in a position to answer them and without conducting any inquiry, judicial or quasi-judicial, into the allegations made against the Management.

(4) The Director of Public Instruction has entirely ignored the elementary principles of law, justice and equity in putting the Management in the dock but denying them any opportunity to defend and thus denying them even bare justice.

(5) The Director of Public Instruction acted illegally in passing the Order without at any time drawing the attention of the Management to any specific case of irregularity committed by them with regard to admission.

(6) The Director of Public Instruction failed to note that the Management has nothing to do with admissions of pupils and that the matter of admissions is left entirely to the discretion of the Head Master of the Institution without any reference to the Management as per Madras Educational Rules.

(7) The Director of Public Instruction erred in assuming that the said School is continuing to be uneconomic, while in fact the strength of the School has increased by 200 per cent since its conversion into Middle School and by 100 per cent since April 1948.

(8) The Director of Public Instruction failed to consider the fact that Kilakarai being surrounded by villages containing a population of about 2 lakhs and the 21 Elementary Schools with compulsory Elementary Education in force in the area, coupled with the fact that the said School is situated in the heart of the Town, it is but natural and logical that the strength of the said Middle School has improved as mentioned above and that no

irregularity need be committed at all for improving the strength of the said School.

(9) The Director of Public Instruction has completely ignored the fact that recognition was granted to the said Middle School as late as August 1944 and therefore it was physical impossibility to have sufficient strength in the first year of the opening of the Middle School, and that the Management have been making up the difficiency very rapidly.

(10) The Director of Public Instruction failed to note that the question of an Institution being economic or not cannot be decided in the first year of its existence itself and that reasonable time should be given to an Institution to develop itself.

(11) The allegation in the said Order that "the condition of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School is also reported to be unsatisfactory" is unsustainable, particularly in view of the fact that it is vague and also that the Director of Public Instruction has not exercised any discretion of his own and has not brought his judicial mind to bear upon the facts of the case but had only relied upon the judgment of the departmental Officers without coming to any findings of his own.

(12) The Director of Public Instruction erred in assuming that "there is no scope for two Secondary Schools in the locality", which statement is unwarranted and untenable in view of the following facts: When the Management of Sathakathun Jaria applied in the year 1945 for permission to convert the Higher Elementary School into a Middle School, as the Institution then was, the Director of Public Instruction by his R.O.C.No.95D/45 dated 13-2-1945 informed them that their request for the opening of secondary school could not be complied with as the locality did not need two Secondary Schools. The fact that after two years the Director of Public Instruction was pleased to permit conversion of the same Higher Elementary School into a Middle School in the same locality is ~~manifest~~ proof positive of the Director of Public Instruction being satisfied that the conditions

of 1945 did not continue and that Kilakarai can have two Secondary Schools without prejudice to each other.

(14) The allegation mentioned in the above ground is obviously based on the wrong assumption that both the schools will be full-fledged Secondary Schools, while in fact the Management of the above mentioned Institution will be quite satisfied with Middle School itself, which from all points of view will be an asset to, and can never hinder the progress of, the other existing Institution.

(15) Inasmuch as the Director of Public Instruction has not found that the efforts to bring about a compromise have failed on account of any unreasonableness on the part of the Management of the above Institution, the Director of Public Instruction has no valid ground for abolishing the above Institution while retaining the other.

(16) The Director of Public Instruction has not taken into account the heavy financial commitment of the Management for developing the school, entirely relying on the recognition given by the Department and on the hope given to the Management by the Department that if the conditions mentioned in the Order of recognition are fulfilled, the above Institution would be granted further recognition.

(17) The Management further submit that if the recognition is withdrawn as per the Order of the Director of Public Instruction, the intention of the donors and the purpose of the Charitable Endowments which are described in the Schedule below to the Institution will completely fail and the educational progress of the people at large will be permanently hampered while grave injustice will be caused to the people.

SCHEDULE.

School Building	..	..	Rs. 25,000
4 properties in Madras	..	..	Rs. 55,000
1 property in Kilakarai	..	..	Rs. 5,000
New site for school	..	..	Rs. 20,000
TOTAL			Rs. 1,05,000

Besides the school gets an annual income from business and collections.

8

13

8

page 7.

In these circumstances, it is just and necessary that the said Order of the Director of Public Instruction should be cancelled and further recognition granted to the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School.

And Cassini
Correspondent.
2/3/49

MADRAS. I

2nd MARCH 1949 I

RECOGNITION--Secondary Schools--Sathakathun Jaria Middle School--
Opening--Permission Granted.

HEAD: Endorsement Re.No.336-B/47 dated 19-5-1947 and 12-7-1947 of
the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura.

The Director is pleased to permit the opening of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School with Forms I to III by conversion of the higher elementary standards of the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Elementary School, in the current year subject to the following conditions:-

1. Adequate and suitable accommodation should exist for all the classes.
2. Qualified staff as per M.E.R. should be employed from the date of conversion.
3. Adequate equipment, library and laboratory materials should be supplied to the school, to the satisfaction of the District Educational Officer before the end of August 1947.
4. A committee should be constituted to manage the affairs of the school and the body got registered immediately, if not already done so.
5. An endowment fund of not less than Rs 50,000/- should be created and legally conveyed to the school before December 1947.
6. The Middle School and the Elementary School should be located far apart. The proposal of the management to house the Elementary school opposite the main buildings is allowed strictly as a temporary measure.

The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura is requested to obtain and submit the application for recognition as per rule 54 of the M.E.R. along with his remarks.

M. ABDUL HAQ
FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.
(TRUE COPY) FORWARDED (BY ORDER).

(sd): S. Swamy
SUPERINTENDENT.

To The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura.
Copy to the District Educational Officer, Ramnad.
Copy to the Correspondent
Copy to D Section.

ks.30.7
4.46 P.M.

10 17
PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
HQS. NO. 43/D.3/48 dated the 28th April 1948. 10

SECONDARY SCHOOLS -Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai -
Conversion into a Middle School for Girls - Proposals.

It has been brought to the notice of the Director that the strength of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai is uneconomic, that the management is guilty of having made irregular admissions and that it is working prejudicially to the interests of the existing school thus creating an unhealthy atmosphere in the locality in the field of education.

2. The Correspondent is, therefore, requested to state why further recognition of Sathakathun Jaria Middle School should not be refused. His reply should be submitted so as to reach the Director's office not later than 10th May 1948. He is further informed that the Director would be willing to consider the opening of a Middle School for girls in the locality by the management and their views may be expedited in this regard.

Sd. M. Abdul Haq

for Director of Public Instruction.

To the Correspondent, Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai,
Ramanad District.

Recognition - Secondary School---Aided - Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai - Temporary Recognition upto the end of the school year 1948-49 in respect of Forms I to III --- Granted and Closure ordered thereafter.

Read: Letter No. 28-B/48 dated 19-1-1949 from the Divisional Inspector, Mathurai.

On receipt of complaints, the Director had detailed enquiries conducted by Departmental Officers and from their report it is seen that the management had been committing irregularities for improving the strength of their already uneconomic school. The condition of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School is also reported to be unsatisfactory and there is no scope for two secondary schools in the locality. Efforts to bring about a compromise between the two managements having failed, the Director after a careful consideration has come to the conclusion that the said Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai should be closed after the end of the school year 1948-49. The following orders are therefore passed with due consideration to the interests of the above school.

2. Temporary recognition is hereby accorded for the school year 1947-48 1948-49 in respect of Forms I to III in the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai. The school shall be removed from the Departmental List of recognised schools thereafter (i.e. after the end of the school year 1948-49).

3. The Divisional Inspector is requested to issue necessary instructions for taking charge of the relevant records, before the actual closure of the school and give publicity to the above, so that parents may arrange to get their children transferred to the other school in time.

V.K. KRISHNA MENON
for Director of Public Instruction.

(TRUE COPY) FORWARDED (BY ORDER)

Sd.....
SUPERINTENDENT

To
The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathurai.
Copy to the Dt. Edl. Officer, Ramnad.
Copy to the Correspondent, Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai.
Copy to E, F and D.I Sections

RVR 15/2/-

Muslim League

முஸ்லிம் லீக்,
கீழக்கரை.

KILAKARAI.
(RAMNAD DT.)

Date 8. 3. 1949.

Ref. No. A 7869 - MAR 1949

10 MAR 1949

1849
Sunn

சென்னை துறைமுகத்துக்குள் வந்த பிறகு
கீழக்கரை முஸ்லிம் லீக் காரியாலயத்தில்
எடுத்துக் கொள்ளுமாறு.

இவ்வூர் புராண ஸ்ரீராமமரகிய
சுருத்திரத்தின் கீழ்க் கிடக்கின்ற பரதகுமார
சுவாமி இவ்வூரில் உள்ள பிடிவெண்
புறத்தில் கிணம் கிளவி கிணக்கா ஸ்தலம்
புறம் சிவன் கல் சிவன் சிவன் சிவன்
சிவன் சிவன் சிவன் சிவன் சிவன்
சிவன் சிவன் சிவன் சிவன் சிவன்
சிவன் சிவன் சிவன் சிவன் சிவன்

இவ் விலக்குபணம் இவ் விலக்குபணம்
இவ் விலக்குபணம் இவ் விலக்குபணம்
இவ் விலக்குபணம் இவ் விலக்குபணம்
இவ் விலக்குபணம் இவ் விலக்குபணம்
இவ் விலக்குபணம் இவ் விலக்குபணம்
இவ் விலக்குபணம் இவ் விலக்குபணம்

[illegible]

[illegible]

இப்படி சந்தையை நன்கு அறிந்து
உயர்ந்த சிவனாக வகுப்பதில்
இன்னும் துருத்தியாக வில்லை. அருந்திய
யின் கனம் துருத்தியின் அருந்திய
இவ் வியல் துருத்தியின் துருத்திய
புறத்தின் துருத்தியின் துருத்திய
வகுத்து கிணறு.

[illegible]

கிணம் நாடெங்கும் சிவர்க்கினி
தினது உத்தியோகம் மேற்கண்ட தேவ
கிராமம் இவ்வாறு திரவணத்தினால் திரவ கிராமம்
கிணம் புனர் நாடிய பிறகு கிராமம் கிராமம்

Muslim¹⁵ League,

KILAKARAI.
(RAMNAD DT.)

Ref. No.

மனதாரக்ஞன் அருள் தனைய கருங்குதி தரவர்கள்
இக்கருமஞ்ஞன் தனையாட்டு, எத்தனையக
கொண்கிறும் இவ் வான் தனையகருங்குதி
மெய்க் கொங்கங்களைக் கருதி நீடுநி
திசெய்க்க நினைவாயம் மெய் தனையும்பட
மணியுடன்க் கொடுக்கிறும்.

Kilakarai Muslim League,
 Amma Taluk
 8/3
 SECRETARY.

செய்துள்ள காரியம்

KILAKARAI

செய்துள்ள காரியம்

செய்துள்ள காரியம்

Date

4-

செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்

Kilakarai
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்
செய்துள்ள காரியம்



21986

on 16 16 15 29
Secretary, E. & P.H.

404531-43 info
Please see herewith a representation from the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai. There is another ^{high} Middle School in the same place and there seems to be a lot of jealousy between them. I understand this school is threatened with withdrawal of recognition or refusal to recognise it further.

The D.P.I. may be asked to continue the recognition for this school till the matters enquired into are put up before the Government for decision.

ISA

19.3.49

H.M. Education.

Copy to the D.P.I.

40
H. 31-43 infra same as H. 1-13 ante.

31

17

17

16

BEFORE THE HON'BLE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Sub: BATHAKATHUN JARIA MIDDLE SCHOOL - withdrawal of Recognition with effect from 1st June 1949. Temporary Recognition upto the end of the school year 1948/49 - in respect of Forms I to III - Granted, and closure ordered thereafter.

Ref: Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, R. C. No. 42-D3/48 dated 15-2-1949.

Managing Committee of Bathakathun Jaria Middle School represented by
Correspondent: S. V. M. Seyed Cassim,
Kilakarai, Ramnad District

Appellants.

Bathakathun Jaria or Eternal Charity is a Charitable Trust created by prominent philanthropists for educational advancement of the people of Kilakarai irrespective of caste or creed. Under this Trust was started an elementary school in 1928, which became a full-fledged Higher Elementary School in 1939. As the strength of the school increased and the people of Kilakarai who are all merchants demanded secondary education for their children, the management applied to the education department for permission to convert the said school into a middle school. But the department has been refusing to grant their request. There was another elementary school by name HAMEEDIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, run by one man, which came into existence only in 1938 and continued to remain an elementary school till 31-5-44. The authorities granted permission to the Hameedia Elementary School to start a middle school in preference to the Bathakathun Jaria Higher elementary school, which is obviously a much older institution managed more efficiently and founded on a permanent Trust and which needed mere conversion into a middle school.

Thus the preferential right of Bathakathun Jaria not having received due consideration, the management made

personal representations to the Divisional Inspector of Schools who regretted that he was not in a position to grant permission to convert Sathakathun Jaria into a Middle School but gave assurance that he would be in a position to grant permission to start a High School. soon after, the District Educational Officer, Hameed, in his letter No. R.C.12-15M/43 of 3-2-1944 wrote as follows:

"The Divisional Inspector of Schools has informed me that a deputation met him in connection with the proposal of opening Forms III and above in the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Elementary School, Kilakarai, when it was suggested to them that it may be possible to consider the question of opening of Higher Forms by the new Committee on an approved site and building from 1945-46 onwards, if they would agree to provide all requirements such as Building, Play Ground, Equipment, Endowment and the like. Please inform me whether a new Committee has been formed and if so the name may be furnished with information as to whether they agree to provide all requirements stated above. If so, detailed information as to how far they propose to provide each item of requirements. An early reply is requested."

The Management replied to the Divisional Inspector of Schools through the District Educational Officer by their letter dated 21-2-1944 that they had met all the requirements called for and that a new Committee had been formed and registered under the designation of SATHAKATHUN JARIA HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE. while these communications were being exchanged, orders were passed in favour of the Hameedia School for opening High School Forms as well.

The Management of the said Trust were applying for recognition, but in 1945 the Department refused permission on the ground that the locality could not hold two Secondary schools. They made their last application in 1947 and were granted permission to convert the said Higher Elementary School into a Middle School obviously being satisfied that the area can accommodate two Secondary Schools.

But the order of recognition came as late as in August 1947 that is, at the far-end of the first Term of the academic year 1947-48, when the Management was faced with the

insurmountable difficulty of getting
However, the said Middle School has made
with its strength having increased by 200 per cent
necessitating the opening of an additional section 1.

The Management received a communication
Director of Public Instruction R. O. C. No. 43/1/3/4
28th April 1948 intimating to them that the Director
receiving complaints of irregular admission in the said
school, that the school is uneconomic and that it is
unhealthy competition with the Hameedia High School.
Management replied that they have not knowingly or
caused any irregular admissions to be made in the
The Director of Public Instruction suggested that
of both the Institutions might come to a compromise
merging them into one Institution under
Management of the Sathakathun
that the first three Forms
housed in the said Sathakathun
Higher Forms might be accommodated
Building. In spite of the
Sathakathun Jaria Management
The Director of Public Instruction
dated 15-2-1949 granted temporary
ordered closure of the said
on the same old grounds mentioned above.

The Management of the Sathakathun
School beg to prefer this Memorandum of appeal to
Minister of Education against the said order of the Director
Public Instruction, Madras, on the following among other

(1) The order of the Director of Public Instruction
is against all canons of law and justice, irregular and
unlawful.

(2) The order of the Director
is prima facie based on one sided report by

departmental Officers, and that too on extremely vague, indefinite and unspecified allegations against the Management.

(3) The Order of the Director of Public Instruction is materially irregular and unjust inasmuch as it has been passed out any opportunity being given to the Management to answer the charges levelled against them, without mentioning specific instances of the alleged irregularities committed by the Management so that the Management will be in a position to answer them without conducting any inquiry, judicial or quasi-judicial, in the allegations made against the Management.

(4) The Director of Public Instruction has ignored the elementary principles of law by putting the Management in the dock but not allowing them to defend and thus denying them even a fair trial.

(5) The Director of Public Instruction has acted arbitrarily in passing the Order without at any time giving the Management to any specific case or charge against them with regard to admission.

(6) The Director of Public Instruction has stated that the Management has nothing to do with the matter of admissions is left entirely to the Head Master of the Institution without any reference to the Management as per Madras Educational Rules.

(7) The Director of Public Instruction has stated that the said School is continuing to be unrecognized and that the strength of the School has increased by 200 per cent since its conversion into Middle School and by 100 per cent since its conversion into High School.

(8) The Director of Public Instruction has failed to consider the fact that Kilakarai being surrounded by a population of about 2 lakhs and the Government having with compulsory elementary education in force in the area, with the fact that the said School is situated in the heart of the town, it is but natural and logical that the strength of the school has increased as mentioned above.

Irregularity need be committed at all for improving the strength of the said School.

(9) The Director of Public Instruction has completely ignored the fact that recognition was granted to the said Middle School as late as August 1944 and therefore it was physical impossibility to have sufficient strength in the first year of the opening of the Middle School, and that the Management have been making up the deficiency very rapidly.

(10) The Director of Public Instruction failed to note that the question of an Institution being economic or not cannot be decided in the first year of its existence itself and that reasonable time should be given to an Institution to develop itself.

(11) The allegation in the said Order that "the condition of the Gathakathun Jaria Middle School is also reported to be unsatisfactory" is unsustainable, particularly in view of the fact that it is vague and also that the Director of Public Instruction has not exercised any discretion of his own and has not brought his judicial mind to bear upon the facts of the case but had only relied upon the judgment of the departmental Officers without coming to any findings of his own.

(12) The Director of Public Instruction erred in assuming that "there is no scope for two Secondary Schools in the locality", which statement is unwarranted and untenable in view of the following facts: When the Management of Gathakathun Jaria applied in the year 1945 for permission to convert the Higher Elementary School into a Middle School, as the Institution then was, the Director of Public Instruction by his R.O.C.No.95D/45

13-2-1945

and 21-3-45 informed them that their request for the opening of a secondary school could not be complied with as the locality did not need two Secondary Schools. The fact that after two years the Director of Public Instruction was pleased to permit conversion of the same Higher Elementary School into a Middle School in the same locality is ~~gratuitous~~ proof positive of the Director of Public Instruction being satisfied that the condition

of 1945 did not continue and that Kilakarai can have two Secondary Schools without prejudice to each other.

(14) The allegation mentioned in the above ground is obviously based on the wrong assumption that both the schools will be full-fledged Secondary Schools, while in fact the Management of the above mentioned Institution will be quite satisfied with Middle School itself, which from all points of view will be an asset to, and can never hinder the progress of, the other existing Institution.

(15) Inasmuch as the Director of Public Instruction has not found that the efforts to bring about a compromise have failed on account of any unreasonableness on the part of the Management of the above Institution, the Director of Public Instruction has no valid ground for abolishing the above Institution while retaining the other.

(16) The Director of Public Instruction has not taken into account the heavy financial commitment of the Management for developing the school, entirely relying on the recognition given by the Department and on the hope given to the Management by the Department that if the conditions mentioned in the Order of recognition are fulfilled, the above Institution would be granted further recognition.

(17) The Management further submit that if the recognition is withdrawn as per the Order of the Director of Public Instruction, the intention of the donors and the purpose of the Charitable Endowments which are described in the schedule below to the Institution will completely fail and the educational progress of the people at large will be permanently hampered while grave injustice will be caused to the people.

SCHEDULE.

School Building	..	..	Rs. 25,000
4 properties in Nadrae	..	..	Rs. 55,000
1 property in Kilakarai	..	..	Rs. 5,000
New site for School	..	..	Rs. 20,000
TOTAL			Rs. 1,05,000

Besides the school gets an annual income from business and contributions.

In these circumstances, it is just and necessary that the said Order of the Director of Public Instruction should be cancelled and further recognition granted to the Sathakathan Jeria Middle School.

hus Cassim
Correspondent.
2/3/49.

M A D R A S.
2nd MARCH 1949

24 45
PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
HQC. NO. 43/D.3/48 dated the 28th April 1948.

24
SECONDARY SCHOOLS -Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai -
Conversion into a Middle School for Girls - Proposals.

It has been brought to the notice of the Director that the strength of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai is uneconomic, that the management is guilty of having made irregular admissions and that it is working prejudicially to the interests of the existing school thus creating an unhealthy atmosphere in the locality in the field of education.

2. The Correspondent is, therefore, requested to state why further recognition of Sathakathun Jaria Middle School should not be refused. His reply should be submitted so as to reach the Director's office not later than 10th May 1948. He is further informed that the Director would be willing to consider the opening of a Middle School for girls in the locality by the management and their views may be expedited in this regard.

Sd. M. Abdul Haq

for Director of Public Instruction.

To the Correspondent, Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai,
Ramanad District.

Recognition - Secondary School---closed - Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai - Temporary Recognition upto the end of the school year 1948-49 in respect of Forms I to III --- Granted and Closure ordered thereafter.

Read: Letter RC. No.28-B/48 dated 19-1-1949 from the Divisional Inspector, Mathurai.

On receipt of complaints, the Director had detailed enquiries conducted by Departmental Officers and from their report it is seen that the management had been committing irregularities for improving the strength of their already uneconomic school. The condition of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School is also reported to be unsatisfactory and there is no scope for two secondary schools in the locality. Efforts to bring about a compromise between the two managements having failed, the Director after a careful consideration has come to the conclusion that the said Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai should be closed after the end of the school year 1948-49. The following orders are therefore passed with due consideration to the interests of the above school.

2. Temporary recognition is hereby accorded for the school year 1947-48 1948-49 in respect of Forms I to III in the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai. The school shall be removed from the Departmental List of recognised schools thereafter(i.e. after the end of the school year 1948-49).

3. The Divisional Inspector is requested to issue necessary instructions for taking charge of the relevant records, before the actual closure of the school and give publicity to the above, so that parents may arrange to get their children transferred to the other school in time.

V.K.KRISHNA MENON
for Director of Public Instruction.

(TRUE COPY)FORWARDED(BY ORDER)

Sd.....
SUPERINTENDENT

To
The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathurai.
Copy to the Dt Edl. Officer, Ramnad.
Copy to the Correspondent, Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai.
Copy to R. F and D.I Sections

RVR 15/2/-

RECOGNITION--Secondary Schools--Sathakathun Jaria Middle School--
Opening--Permission Granted.

HEAD:--Endorsement No. 536-B/47 dated 19-5-1947 and 12-7-1947 of 26
the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura.

The Director is pleased to permit the opening of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School with Forms I to III by conversion of the higher elementary standards of the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Elementary School, in the current year subject to the following conditions:--

1. Adequate and suitable accommodation should exist for all the classes.
2. Qualified staff as per M.E.R. should be employed from the date of conversion.
3. Adequate equipment, library and laboratory materials should be supplied to the school, to the satisfaction of the District Educational Officer before the end of August 1947.
4. A committee should be constituted to manage the affairs of the school and the body got registered immediately, if not already done so.
5. An endowment fund of not less than Rs 50,000/- should be created and legally conveyed to the school before December 1947.
6. The Middle School and the Elementary School should be located far apart. The proposal of the management to house the Elementary school opposite the main buildings is allowed strictly as a temporary measure.

The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura is requested to obtain and submit the application for recognition as per rule 54 of the M.E.R. along with this remarks.

M. ABDUL HAQ
FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.
(TRUE COPY) FORWARDED (BY ORDER).

(sd): S. Swamy
SUPERINTENDENT.

To The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura.
Copy to the District Educational Officer, Samudra.
Copy to the Correspondent
Copy to D. Section.

ks.30.7
4.46 P.M.

27
Kilakarai, 21st March 1949.

23175

From:-

S. M. Fernandez,
The Honorary Supervisor of Conductors,
The Parents Association,
Sathakathum Jaria Secondary School,
Kilakarai, Ramnad Dist.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,

Madras.

Sir,

On behalf of the parents of the pupils attending the Sathakathum Jaria Secondary School, Kilakarai, I have the honour to bring to your notice that the Kilakarai Panchayat Board has given wide publicity to your decision to close the Sathakathum Jaria Secondary School with the year 1948-49.

We cannot understand the need for this action more than three months in advance of the next academic year and a month or so prior to the annual examination of the school. The department could have resorted to this step after the annual examination is over or if they thought that the time was short, they could have instructed the Headmaster of this School to hold the annual examination before the scheduled date and then published their decision. The educational welfare of our boys does not seem to have received any consideration in the hands of the authorities. As it is the result of this untimely action may be likened to the behaviour of a man who is told that he would be dying three months hence. It is just and necessary that our children should not become the victims of this untimely step.

I, therefore, request that the department may be pleased to instruct the Headmaster of this School to declare all the pupils who attend the examination passed irrespective of the marks obtained by them.

2. The Panchayat Board has also published that the parents are at liberty to admit their boys in the Rameediya Ammudiyar High School. We cannot understand the need for this pointed reference to this particular institution. It has only created the wrong impression that the department prefers this High School to any other institution. If this actually be the case, it is nothing but a gross interference in the freedom of choice which is the parents' and none can deny that right to parents.

I, therefore, request that the department may kindly remove this misconception by publishing through the Panchayat Board, Kilakarai that the parents may admit the students to any High School.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Yours faithfully,

S. M. Fernandez

Copy to:-

1. The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura.
2. The District Educational Officer, Ramnad at Madura.
3. The Hon'ble The Minister for Education, Madras.

Education Department.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
M a d r a s

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, M a d r a s.

F.O.C.No.42-D3/48 dated 16th March 1949.

Sir,

SCHOOLS--Secondary--Aided Nivalry--Hamidia and Sathakathun
Jaria Secondary Schools, Kilakkarai--Report. *Mr. 13 anti*Reference:--minutes dated 5.3.1949 on the representation of
the Correspondent, Sathakathun Jaria Middle School,
Kilakkarai--copy received direct from the Hon'ble Minister
for Education.

The request of the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Elementary School management for sanctioning the conversion of the Higher Elementary Standards into a Middle School was refused more than once in the past and even the management's representation to Government was not favourably considered as may be seen from Government Memo. 23,651-B/48 Education dated 22.6.1944 wherein Government declined to interfere with the decision of the Director. Subsequently, however, permission for the opening of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School was granted with effect from 1947-48 and the circumstances under which such permission was granted were reported to Government in my letter R.C.571-D/3/47 dated 6.8.1947.

The management of the Hamidia High School, Kilakkarai entered a protest against the establishment of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, but no action was taken thereon. Subsequently however, on a representation made by the Correspondent of the above school to the Hon'ble Minister for Education about the unhealthy rivalry created by the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School and his claiming compensation from Government for about Rs.4,00,000/- invested on the school account, remarks were called for in Government Endorsement 2496-B1-48 dated 15.1.1948. With reference to my reply letter R.C.43-D3/48 dated 27.3.1948, specific recommendations were again called for in Government Memo. 32,489-B1/48 dated 11.5.1948 on the request of the Hamidia management. After investigation into the matter, the Divisional Inspector, Mathurai reported in his R.C.28-B/48 dated 2.6.1948 that

1. The Sathakathun Jaria Middle School was uneconomic and that even the poor strength was made up of of irregular admissions and admission of pupils of low standard,
2. The term fee register was not written up correctly, strengthening the suspicion regarding non-collection of fees and
3. That unhealthy rivalry was being carried on and that 2 Secondary Schools cannot continue to exist in the locality without unhealthy rivalry.

Kind attention is invited to my letter R.C.42-D3/48 dated 18.6.1948 addressed to Government wherein, I had reported the arrangements that were being made to effect a compromise agreeable to both of them, with a view to running one amalgamated High school in the locality, pooling the resources of both the managements. But, as reported in my subsequent letters to Government Foc.No.42-D3/48 dated 14.3.1948 and 26.10.1948, the compromise proposal failed.

17 MAR 1949

20983
1747

Not put up

Copy at p 12 of of (Y)

Mr. 13 of of (Y)

p 3 of of (Y)

Mr. 7-8 of of (Y)

p 9 of of (Y)

p 14 of of (Y)

p 15 of of (Y)

p 17 of of (Y)

29

29

: 2 :

The progress of the full-blown Hamidia High School, Kilakkarai being satisfactory and there being no scope for 2 secondary schools in the same locality, the decision to close the uneconomic Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakkarai was found absolutely necessary and this fact was reported to Government in my letter Roc.No.42-D3/48 dated 26.10.1948. In their Order No.3091-Education dated 6.12.1948, Government have recorded the papers.

p17 of (Y)

p18 of (Y)

Representations however, continued to be received from the management of the Hamidia High School, Kilakkarai complaining against the other school, the Divisional Inspector, Mathurai also reported in his letter Roc.No.28-B/48 dated 19.1.1949 that the rivalry between the 2 Secondary schools was getting from bad to worse day by day and requested for issue of early orders in the matter. Thereupon, orders granting temporary recognition for the years 1947-48 and 1948-49 in respect of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakkarai and removing the school from the recognised list thereafter were issued in Proceedings R.C.42-D3/48 dated 15.2.1949 due regard being had to the fact that the management should not be put to any loss of grant for the period of its existence and with a view to regularising the permission granted to convert the school. This is also in accordance with G.O.No.3091-Education dated 6.12.1948. Thus, it may be kindly seen that there is no question of withdrawal of recognition as such, as contemplated in the minutes of Hon'ble Minister for Education.

Int recd.

p19 and

p18 of (Y)

In this connection, with reference to the 'endowment' and 'plans for building a hostel', mentioned in the above minutes, I may be permitted to state that the management of the Hamidia High School, Kilakkarai have already spent large amounts, without any financial aid from Government on school buildings, hostel and quarters for teachers and are proposing to spend money on land acquisition for playground as well.

However, in view of the recent representation received from the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakkarai, with the minutes dated 5.3.1949 of Hon'ble Minister for Education (copy enclosed) I have referred the papers to the Divisional Inspector, Mathurai for specific remarks. I shall submit a further report in the matter on receipt of the above.

p14 X

Yours faithfully,

K. Subramaniam

For Director of Public Instruction.

Enclosure.

12/4/49.

Secretary, E & P.H.

Please see herewith a representation from the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School. The D.I.I. may be asked to state the reasons why he wishes to withdraw the recognition of the school. I understand that the school has got an endowment of nearly a lakh of rupees and that they are having also plans to build a hostel so that it may serve for boys coming from the surrounding villages. The management also prepared to change, if necessary, to make it more efficient. The matter may be examined and put off. In the meantime, the recognition need not be withdrawn.

Copy to the D.I.I.
(with representation).

Id. C.44.
5.3.49
H.M. Education

(True copy).

K. Subramaniam

FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

From

The Correspondent,
Sathakathun Jaria Middle School,
Kilakarai, Ramnad Dt.

To.

The Director of Public Instruction,
M A D R A S.

Through

The Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Madura Division,
M A D U R A.

Through

The District Educational Officer,
RAMNAD AT MADURA.

Sir,

Sub:- Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai -
Order of Closure by the Director of Public
Instruction with effect from the end of
1948-49 - Request for reconsideration.

Ref:- RC. No.42-D.3/48 dated 15-2-1949 of the
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

I beg to invite your sympathetic attention to the following facts and humbly request you to be pleased to conduct an impartial enquiry into the allegations and complaints against the management referred to in the above order, and kindly to ~~reconsider~~ reconsider the said order in the light of the findings that may be arrived at after such enquiry:-

1. As regards the irregularities stated to have been committed by the management, I submit that not a single boy was admitted into our school contrary to the provisions of the Madras Educational Rules.

2. Regarding the statement that the school is uneconomic, I submit that, as the recognition for the school was received only late in the month of August 1947, the management were faced with great many difficulties in getting sufficient strength for the year 1947-48, but the next year 1948-49, they were able to increase the strength by 200 per cent. I am confident that, on account of the implementation of the compulsory elementary education scheme in Kilakarai and as our area contains a population of about two lakhs, there will be no difficulty in getting sufficient strength in a very short time and two secondary schools can easily flourish without any room for competition. Anyhow, in order to avoid any semblance of competition, I submit that the management will be satisfied with a Middle School.

3. We submit that we have rectified all the defects mentioned in the Inspection Report for 1947-48, and it will be borne out by an impartial inquiry that may be conducted by you. The present managing committee are prepared to resign, if the Department so desires, and a new committee may take their place.

4. In these circumstances, we beg again to request you to reconsider your above-mentioned order and to be pleased to allow us to run our school, and in the meanwhile order that the above-mentioned order should not be given effect to.

MADRAS
2-4-49

Yours faithfully,

hnd Cassin
Correspondent. 2/4/49

Copy to
The Hon'ble Minister of Education, Madras.
The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
The Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura
The District Educational Officer, Ramnad at Madura.

31 187 59
Secretary, E. & P.H.

Please see herewith a copy of the representation of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai, Ramnad Dt. Once before we received a representation from them. I had asked that the withdrawal of recognition of that school may be stopped pending enquiry. There are two schools in Kilakarai. This school is run by nationalist Muslims. The other school authorities are trying to bring a bad name to this school and on certain representations received, the D.P.I. seems to have issued orders that the recognition will be withdrawn by the end of this ^{year} ~~month~~ and that certificates must be issued to all the boys in the school. The authorities of this school have applied to Government for consideration. I think the matter must be looked into properly before their recognition is withdrawn. The Deputy D.P.I. (Secondary Education) phoned to me that as the recognition automatically comes to a close at the end of this year, there is no question of withdrawal. In that case, the D.P.I. may be asked to continue the recognition for 1949-50 and report to us the conditions of the school so that if it is to be withdrawn or terminated, it may be done after full enquiry.

2 I understand that the Divisional Inspector has issued orders asking the headmaster to conduct the examinations earlier and issue transfer certificates to the students. That must be countermanded immediately if we are to give them recognition for the next year also pending enquiry and the D.P.I. may be asked to do that immediately so that ~~afterwards~~ ~~nothing~~ further inconvenience may not be caused.

3 I also understand that the school has got a lot of money and they want to run it on a residential basis. In the circumstances, we must encourage such aided institutions rather than close them hurriedly. The D.P.I. may issue orders giving them temporary recognition for 1949-50 and intimate that fact to Government as well as put up papers after enquiries about any irregularities that may be said to be in the

6 APR 1949

4 APR 1949

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. KILAKARAI

26418

60

school.

H.M. Education.

187

4-4-49

Copy to the D.P.I.

Special

X53-55g

21/4/49

21/4/49

Dead
21/4

To

The D.P.G.

32

61

E&P.H.(B.)

Schools - Secondary - Aided - Rivalry - Hamidia and
Sathakathun Jaria Secondary Schools, Kilakkarai

From the B.P.G. Roc. No. 42-B3/48 d/16.3.49.

Memo No 17487B/49-1 Edm. dated 24.4.49.

The B.P.G. is requested ^{to state} when the further
report promised in his letter cited above may be
expected.

2. He is also requested to take
~~immediate~~ immediate action with

reference to paras 2 and 3 of
the minutes of the former H.M.(B.)
a copy of which has been sent to him
dated 4-4-49 if he has not
already done so.

21-4-49

21/4

J.S., E & P.H.

Has temporary ³³ recognition for 1969-50 not yet been granted? Please send a reply by ⁶²



28/4/49 884
H.M. (Educ) 33 181

Class Prefix

Recd. from

By

Sent at H. M.

To

By

Handed in at (Office of Origin).

Date. Hour. Minute.

Service instructions.

Word

TO

Recd. here at 16 E.

X O VIRUDHUNAGAR 27 49 RPPD ~~SECRETARY~~ HONBLE MINISTER FOR
EDUCATION MADRAS

REFERENCE KILAKARAI MIDDLE SCHOOL (STOP) DIRECTOR HAS NOT YET SENT ANY
RECOGNITION ACCORDING PREVIOUS HONOURABLE EDUCATION MINISTER INSTRUCTIONS
(STOP) SCHOOL SUFFERING DUE TO DEALY (STOP) PLEASE ARRANGE TO SEND
RECOGNITION ORDER = MUTHUSAMY SECRETARY RAMNAD DISTRICT CONGRESS

TO DEPT. VIRUDHUNAGAR

28/4/49

28/4

2/5

34

63

34
29/11/49

Schools. Secondary. Ramnad Dt. - Sattakathur
Taria Middle School, Kilakarai - Grant of
temporary recognition for 1949-50

From the Secy, Ramnad Dt Congress, Venthur
27.4.49

Memo No 17487 B, /49-2 Edn. d/28.4.49.

A copy of the telegram cited above together
with a copy of the minutes of MM (En) thereon
is forwarded to the DP S and he is requested
to give a reply by telegram direct & send copy
of the reply to Govt for information. The matter
should be treated as specially urgent

6624
Adm. Secy
28/4/49

To

The

with

+ 20

DP S.

my telegram
telegram from.

USK
28.4.49

28/4/49

[Faint handwritten text in Tamil script, likely a letter or document, mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through.]

C/4

INDIAN POSTS AND



TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT.



[Handwritten signature/initials]

O L MADURA B 28

118

Abdul Karim 155 Angappan

REFERENCE OUR APPEAL TO HOBBLE MINISTER DATED 2-3-49 AGAINST DIRECTORS CLOSURE ORDER NO 42-3-48 OF 15-2-49 STOP DESPITE APPEAL AND LATER DEVELOPMENTS DIRECTORS CLOSURE ORDER WIDELY PUBLICISED SCHOOL RECORDS DEMAND HEADMASTER COMPELLED TO HOLD ANNUAL EXAMINATION BEFORE SCHEDULED DATE AND ISSUE TRANSFER CERTIFICATES UNDER PROTEST FROM PARENTS AND OUR PUPILS DIVERTED TO HAMMEEDIA SCHOOL STOP TEACHERS DEMAND ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED SERVICE STOP HOSTEL CONSTRUCTION HELD UP STOP NEXT YEARS ARRANGEMENTS ADVERSILY AFFECTED STOP CONTINUANCE OF OUR SCHOOL IMPOSSIBLE IF RECOGNITION ORDER DELAYED ANY LONGER STOP PRAY URGENT HELP AND TELEGRAPHIC ORDERS FOR CONTINUANCE OF OUR 21 YEAR OLD INSTITUTION

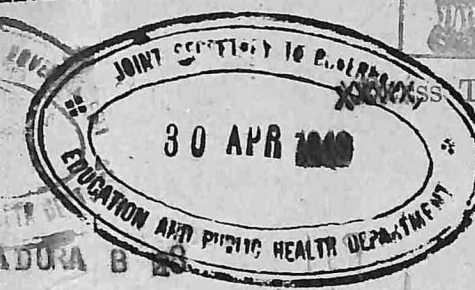
CORRESPONDENT SATHAKATHUN JARIA MIDDLE SCHOOL KILAKARAI

C/4

INDIAN POSTS AND



TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT



TELEGRAM

36 65 1015
Secy. S. & P. H.
20/4 36

O L MADRAS B 23

33220

REFERENCE OUR APPEAL TO HONBLE MINISTER DATED 2-3-49 AGAINST
DIRECTORS CLOSURE ORDER RC NO 42-3-48 OF 15-2-49 STOP DESPITE APPEAL
AND LATER DEVELOPMENTS DIRECTORS CLOSURE ORDER WIDELY PUBLICISED SC-
HOOOL RECORDS DEMANDED HEADMASTER COMPELLED TO HOLD ANNUAL EXAMINATION
BEFORE SCHEDULED DATE AND ISSUE TRANSFER CERTIFICATES UNDER PROTEST
FROM PARENTS AND OUR PUPILS DIVERTED TO HAMMEEDIA SCHOOL STOP TEACHERS
DEMAND ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED SERVICE STOP HOSTEL CONSTRUCTION HELD
UP STOP NEXT YEARS ARRANGEMENTS ADVERSILY AFFECTED STOP CONTINUANCE
OF OUR SCHOOL IMPOSSIBLE IF RECOGNITION ORDER DELAYED ANY LONGER STOP
PRAY URGENT HELP AND TELEGRAPHIC ORDERS FOR CONTINUANCE OF OUR 21
YEAR OLD INSTITUTION

CORRESPONDENT SATHAKATHUN JARIA MIDDLE SCHOOL KILAKARAI

C.F. 32.

In reply, please quote
number, date and
short title.*

007 37 67
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. 37

Received _____ Registered _____

From (Name)

(Designation) The Director of Public Instruction,

Post Box _____ (STATION) Madras.

Telegraphic Address _____

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,

R.C. No. 42 D3/48, dated 3-5-1949.

Sir,

Sub: Schools - Secondary - Aided - Sathakathun Jaria
Middle School, Kilakarai - Recognition-report
Submitting.

ENCLOSURES _____

SPARE COPIES _____

Ref: 1) Minutes of the Hon'ble Minister (Edn) dated
19-3-49 and 4-4-49. 1459-60 ante
2) Govt. Memo. No. 17487 B1-49-1, Edn., dated 21-4-49
and
3) Govt. Memo No. 17487 B1/49-2 Edn., dated 28-4-49.

Temporary recognition upto the end of the school
year 1949-50 has since been granted to Forms I to III in the Sathakathun
Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai and copies of the orders were despatched
to the Divisional Inspector of Schools, the District Education Officer and
the Correspondent by yesterday's post.

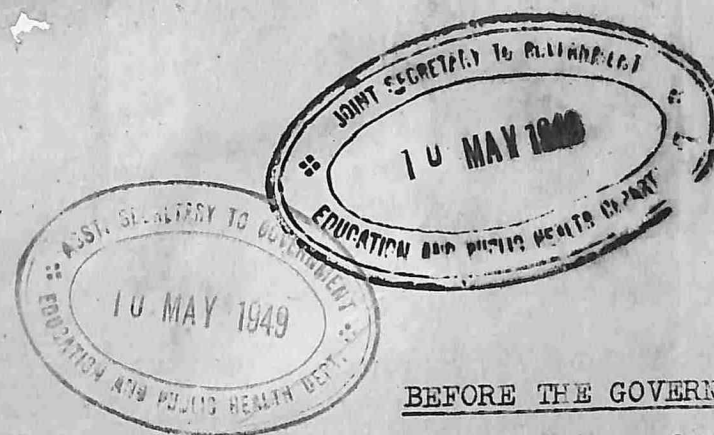
Yours faithfully,

Phenikarum

for Director of Public Instruction.

KT.3/5.

3/5



BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Ministry of Education
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

25869

Janab K.T.M.Husain Sahib,
Correspondent,
Hamidiah High School,
Kilakarai, Ramnad.

Petitioner

REVISION PETITION against the order of the Director of
Public Instruction, Madras

The petitioner above named begs to present this
memorandum of Revision Petition against the above order
on the following among other grounds.

The petitioner begs to state that the question of the
closure of the Sathakathun Jaria Secondary School, Kilakarai
has been before the Director of Public Instruction for the
last one year and more. During the consideration of the
question of the closure of the said school, several reports
from the concerned officers of the Education Department
have been received. The Director of Public Instruction
after a thorough and complete investigation of the question
has in his proceedings R.C.42/D3/48 dated 15th Feb. 1949
~~has~~ ordered the closure of the said Jaria Secondary School
at the end of the school year 1948 & 1949. And the
District Educational Officer, Ramnad in his memo RC.107/A/48
dated 27th Feb. 1949 has directed the petitioner to make
the necessary arrangements to admit the pupils of the said
school in the petitioner's school at the beginning of the
school year 1949 -50. The petitioner has therefore made
the necessary arrangements to provide admission of the pupils

70-
of the closed school into his school.

The petitioner was surprised to receive a memo from the District Educational Officer, Ramnad on 3-5-49 intimating that the Director of Public Instruction had extended the recognition of the said Jaria Middle School upto the end of 1949 - 50 and the transfer certificates need not be issued. The order of the Director of Public Instruction extending the recognition is dated 2-5-49 but the correspondent of the said school has by a printed leaflet dated 30-4-49 announced that his school would continue to function.

The petitioner begs to state that there has arisen no new or other circumstance since the order of closure, on 15-2-49 to modify the order on 2-5-49. The petitioner begs to submit that when once the order for closure has been passed, it is final and cannot be reopened and even if it can be reopened under the Educational Rules, a certain period must elapse before such order can be modified. And unless sufficient and satisfactory reasons are adduced, the order for closure cannot be reopened. The petitioner apprehends that there might have been some misrepresentation on the part of the authorities of the said school to the effect that the authorities of the said school are Nationalist Muslims and that the correspondent of the said school was elected as a Vice-President of the Kilakarai Congress Committee. Under the present constitution of the Congress, there are no committee elections at all. And the announcement in the Press that there was a congress committee election at Kilakarai and that the correspondent ~~had~~ of the said school was elected as Vice-President is just a political cloak.

The petitioner begs to submit that in view of the declared unsuitability of the said school to be conducted, there is no sufficient or good cause for the continuance of that school. The petitioner begs to enclose extracts

39
from the Visitors' Book of the opinions of leading Officials, and national leaders and Educationists who have testified to the soundness and the suitability of the petitioner's school.

For these reasons and under these circumstances, the petitioner prays that the order of the closure of the said school be confirmed and the extension of recognition be cancelled.

Dated at Madras, this 9th day of May 1949.

K.T.M. Husain
Petitioner

E & P.H. (B.)

The file on this subject is under circulation to H.M. (Edng). Further action in this regard may be taken on the return of the main file from circulation.

file since Recd.
11/5/49

72-
Before The Govt of Madras

Ministry of Education

For Mr. George

Madras

K.T.M. Humain
sahib
correspondent
Hammadiah High
School, Kilakarai
Raman

Petitioner

Office of the District Educational Officer, Ramanad at Mathurai.
Re. 107 A/49 dated 3-5-49. 73
407 WD 73

Sub: Recognition - secondary schools - Sathakathun Jaria Middle
school, Kilakarai - temporary recognition granted up to
the end of the school year 1949-50.
Ref: Procs. No. 42 D3/48 dated 2-5-49 of the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.
Letter dated 1-5-49 of the correspondent, Sathakathun Jaria
Middle school, Kilakarai.

.....
As the Director of Public Instruction has extended the recog-
nition of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle school up to the end of 1949-50
the headmaster of the school is informed that transfer certificates
need not be issued to pupils as instructed in this office Re. 107 A/48
dated 9-3-49 and transfer certificates already issued may be recalled.
The records of the school also need not be handed over to the Deputy
Inspector of schools, Ramanad. The school will continue to work under
conditions existing already.

(B.O.) Sd/ A. Gopalan,
Dt. Ed. Officer, Ramanad.

N. Naga Krishna Pillai
7-5-49
HEAD CLERK.

ccp. 3. 5.

To

The headmaster, Sathakathun Jaria middle school, Kilakarai.
Copy to correspondent, -do-

2. He is informed that the records of the school need not
be handed over to the Deputy Inspector, Ramanad as the school
will continue to be in the list of recognised schools.

Copy to the correspondent, Hammadiah High school, Kilakarai.
Copy to the headmaster, -do-

Copy to the Dy. Inspector of schools, Ramanad.

Copy to the Executive Officer, Panchayat Board, Kilakarai with
request to notify the public the continuance of the school.

41 75
80/ 41
40
BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Ministry of Education.

Fort St. George.

MADRAS.



K. T. M. Hussain Sahib,
Correspondent,
Hemidiah High School,
Kilakarai, Ramnad.

1000000

..... Petitioner.

Revision PETITION against the Order of the Director
of Public Instruction, Madras.

37988
Sum
In addition to what has been mentioned in the Petition submitted on the 9th of this month, the Petitioner craves leave to draw the attention of the Government that the Sathakathun Jaria Secondary School has been started as a rival School and its sponsors have conducted the School affairs only on that basis. Such rivalry has already caused great difficulties and any further continuance of the present state of affairs will prove disastrous.

The Petitioner further begs to submit that he has no objections if the rival Institution is converted into a Girl School as there is no other Girls' Middle School now in the locality and prays that the Order of the Director of Public Instruction in extending the recognition of the said Sathakuthun Jaria Secondary School for another year upto the end of 1949-50 may be suspended immediately pending further investigation in the matter.

Dated at Madras this 17th. Day of May, 1949.

K. T. M. Hussain

PETITIONER.

76

Education Department 42-2 77
From The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
To The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health
Madras. (Department,

Roc.No.42 D3.48 dated 13-5-49.



Sub: Recognition - Secondary Schools - Aided - Sathakathun
Jarai Middle School, Kilakarai.

Ref: Govt. Memo. No. 17,487 B.1.49.2 Edn., dated 28-4-49.
2) My letter R.C.No.42 D3/48 dated 3-5-49 to Government.

37570
SUNW

I have already carried out Government's instructions and informed Government of it. But it is desirable that Government should also know of the correct position and a copy of the Divisional Inspector's letter is accordingly submitted for Government's information.

Yours faithfully,

Wickraman
for Director of Public Instruction.

KT.14/5.

6/14/5

43 29
Copy of letter from the Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Mathurai Division, Mathurai, to the Director of Public
Instruction, Madras.

-oOo-

Re.No.104 B/48 Dated 20th April 49.

Sub:Recognition - Secondary Schools - Aided
Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai -
Re-consideration of orders.

In resubmitting herewith the representation of the management
for a reconsideration of the Director's decision refusing further recogni-
tion to the school, I have the honour to submit the following report:-

1.It may be observed that the grounds on which the Correspondent
of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai has appealed
against the orders of the Director granting temporary recognition
to the School for the years 47-48 and 48-49 and removing the
school from the departmental list of recognised schools thereafter
are the following:-

- i. The circumstances pertaining to the origin of
the two secondary schools at Kilakarai,
- ii. The condition of the school since its foundation,
- iii. The responsibility in regard to irregularities
reported by inspecting officers and failure to
afford opportunity to the management to vindicate
itself in this regard,
- iv. The need for two secondary schools - one high school
and another middle school at Kilakarai and
- v. The availability of large financial resources with the
Sathakathun Jaria Trust.

The above grounds are discussed below:-

i. The management of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School is
nursing a grievance that their higher elementary school, which had
come into existence long before the Hamidia Lower Elementary School,
should have been converted into a secondary school in preference to
the Hamidia Lower Elementary School. The history of this has already
been fully discussed by me in my confidential letter dated 30-4-47
to the Director - please see also my letter Re.28 B/48 dated 1-3-48
in reply to the Director's Pros.No.43 B/48 dated 19-1-48 and 7-2-48.
A perusal of the files relating to the opening of the schools shows
that although there might have been an intention on the part of the

Sathakathun Jaria Trust to convert the higher elementary school into a secondary school before the management of the Hamidia Ely. School came forward with a proposal to open a middle school, an application in writing for the opening of a middle school was actually made first by Janab K.T.M. Hussain Sahib of the Hameedia School and it was only on coming to know about this the management of Sathakathun Jaria Higher Ely. School followed with an application shortly after for permission to convert the higher elementary school into a middle school dated 23-11-43.

On the recommendation of the then educational officers the Director granted permission for the opening of a middle school first under the management of the Hamidia Committee in his Pros. Roc. No. 1024 D/43 dated 10-12-43 and refused permission for the conversion of the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Ely. School into middle school in his Pros. Roc. No. 970 D/44 dated 30-9-44. On a representation made to Government by the management of the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Ely. School, the Govt. declined to interfere with the decision of the Director - vide Govt. Memo No. 23651 B. Edn. dated 22-6-44. Further, the Director, on an application by the management of the Hamidia Middle School, granted permission for the opening of IV Form in that school and so this became a High School. Forms V and VI have been opened in successive years and the school is now a full fledged high school with a pucca building and adequate equipment.

Later, in 1947, the management of the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Ely. School renewed its request for the conversion of the school into a middle school. The application dated 14-5-47 was submitted to the Director with this office Rc. 336 B/47 dated 19-5-47. This office did not make any definite recommendation in regard to the conversion of the school, but invited the attention of the Director to the confidential D.O. letter dated 30-4-47. The Director, in his Pros. Roc. 571 D3/47 dated 30-7-47 granted permission for the opening of middle school by the Sathakathun Jaria with Forms I to III by conversion of the higher elementary standards with effect from 47-48. This is how the School came into existence. The management claims right of continuance by

virtue of this permission, which in their opinion implied recognition of the need for two secondary schools at Kilakarai. Ever since the opening of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, the management of the Hamidia High School has been making repeated complaints of unhealthy rivalry between the two institutions alleging admission of pupils of the Hamidia High School into the middle school, non-levy of fees in the middle school etc. Reports on these complaints have been submitted to the Director in this office Rc.No.28 B/48 dated 1-3-48, 22-3-48 and 2-6-48 - vide Director's office file Rc.No.43 D.3/48 dated 19-1-48 and 7-2-48. The Director suggested a compromise proposal - please see Director's Pros.Rc.No.43 D3/48 dated 18-6-48. It is incorrect to say that the management of the Sathakathun Jaria agreed to the compromise proposal of the Director. The management of the Sathakathun Jaria made a number of queries on the proposed compromise and did not finally give an unconditional agreement to the proposal. The Director, in his letter No.42 D3/48 dated 28-7-48 also suggested a conference at Madras to discuss this un-healthy rivalry with the two managements. Accordingly a conference was held at Madras on 16-8-48 and the proposals were discussed with the two managements in the presence of the Dy.Directors of Public Instruction (Finance and Ely.Edn.). The irregularities committed by the management of the Sathakathun Jaria were pointed out to the Correspondent. The Correspondent of the Sathakathun Jaria was advised to convert his school into a middle school for muslim girls as suggested by me. This suggestion was acceptable to Mr.Kasim, who represented Sathakathun Jaria and he promised to write to the Director after placing the proposal before the management. In his present representation to Govt. he deliberately suppressed the advice offered to him by the Department to convert his school into a school for muslim girls. The management was unwilling to accept the departmental advice to convert their school into a middle school for muslim girls and was very keen in continuing the school as a boys' school - please see this office Rc.No.28 B/48 dated 16-10-48. Therefore the right to exist in preference to the other school - the Hamidia School - on grounds of priority of existence and priority of idea of conversion of ely.school into middle school as set forth in the appeal cannot be accepted now

as a valid ground for appeal. Further, the Hamidia School has come to stay as a full fledged high school with Forms I to VI and has not yet developed sufficient strength in the higher forms especially. It has a pucca building with all essential equipment and a fairly suitable staff. The management of the Hamidia school has also constructed quarters for teachers besides a hostel for the students. No grant from Govt. has been paid for these buildings. The right of this school to exist and flourish cannot ^{therefore} be prejudiced now. Justice and equity require that this school should not only be continued but should also be helped to grow and saved from dying out as an uneconomic school.

The management in its representation contends that it has not been allowed sufficient time to develop. It has not had two years' life; first year started late in August 1947 and in the second year have occurred the troubles of rivalry to impede its growth. The present strength of the school is made up as follows:-

I Forms	55 (2 Sections)
II "	15
III "	8
Total	78

Forms II and III are therefore un-economic. It may be argued that they will become full classes in the course of the next two years with accession of promoted pupils from Form I and then from Form II. The School was opened on 23-8-47 and it was first inspected in 47-48 on 8-3-48 by Sri K.S. Nagarathnam Iyer, the then Dist. Educational Officer.

The strength and attendance were as follows:-

	Strength.	Attendance.
I Form	28	17
II "	11	8
III "	7	6
Total	46	31

The School was inspected on 11-4-49 by the present Dist. Educational Officer Sri A. Gopala Iyer, when the strength and Attendance were as follows:-

	Strength.	Attendance.
I Form	55	36
II "	15	12
III "	8	8
Total	78	56

86 47 87 47
It may be seen that though the classes were having annual examination only 36 out of 55 pupils in Form I were present.

In the inspection report for 1947-48 Sri K.S.Nagaratnam Iyer has made the following remarks about admission of pupils:

"Laxity in the conducting of the examination in the case of private candidates is noticed. The standard fixed is low. In the case of some pupils irregularities in admission were noticed. A large number of pupils have been admitted into forms for which they were clearly unfit and their progress is poor. The School has not made a satisfactory start".

The annual inspection of the school for the year 48-49 was conducted on 11-4-49. The present Dist.Educational officer has brought to my notice the following facts observed by him and they are very significant and they deserve very serious and careful consideration:

" I found again laxity in admission in 1948-49. All pupils admitted from ely.Schools had been admitted without any test. Only pupils who sought admission after private study had been tested. And then the majority of the pupils in the three forms were found far below par in their attainments. The pupils of Form I were tested in writing as on this form it was that laxity was pronounced. The answer papers disclose appallingly low standard especially in Arithmetic. The annual examination answer papers of pupils of Forms II and III were also perused and their achievement especially in English and Mathematics were found to be unsatisfactory. I am afraid only a small proportion of pupils would be found fit for promotion this year. The promotions for 1947-48 were equally disappointing. I Form 7 - promoted out of 28, II Form 3 - promoted out of 11 and III Form 3 promoted out of 5 and this promotion ratio in spite of the liberal principles adopted especially for Form I. (1) Form I students who had secured 25% in all subjects were promoted to II Form; (2) Form II and III - students who had received 30% in all subjects except in any one subject were promoted.

The management pleads for more time to build up the School. It throws all the blame for irregular admission on the headmaster. I am sure that the headmaster could not have himself been responsible

for lax admission; he has been fair in making promotions though with rather liberal criteria. The management should have been anxious to secure good strength in Form I especially and the headmaster should have agreeably to the wishes of the management relaxed the standards of admission. This is how Form I strength has been built up and it is now 55 of whom I am sure only 15 will be of average attainment. The management should have read the inspection report for 1947-48 and it certainly cannot plead ignorance of the remarks made therein. It had then an opportunity to vindicate itself.

Again ever since the school was opened, staff has been inadequate and unsuitable and to add to this unsatisfactory condition frequent changes in the headmaster's post have been made. It was only recently that a qualified Tamil Pandit was employed. There are now only an unqualified Hindi Pandit, and unqualified combined Drawing and Brill Master and an unqualified Craft Instructor. Out of 8 teachers 3 are unqualified and this too after appointing a qualified Tamil Pandit recently. Equipment cannot be said to be adequate though it has been improved this year. Sanitary facilities are inadequate. Sufficient extent of playground has been provided at some distance on the outskirts of the village. It is only recently that weaving as a craft has been introduced with one big loom on which only a tape is woven. The condition of the school, its internal state of efficiency, cannot be considered satisfactory at all. The strength in Form I is put artificially consisting as it does of a large number of pupils unfit for the class.

(3) Irregularities:- The first and foremost irregularity has been the promiscuous admission of pupils from the ely. schools, chiefly from the Sathakathun Jari Ely. School, with hardly any test which has been done obviously to inflate strength and to justify existence and popularity of the school. Secondly the Correspondent of the Namidia High School has been from time to time reporting that pupils from his school were being drawn into the middle school. No clear evidence in support of this charge has been forthcoming as pupils thus drawn would seem to have suppressed their previous school history. Two instances

49 49 49

were however verified by me on the date of inspection of the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School on report by the Correspondent, Hamidia High School. One - S. Govindan, who was admitted on 21-6-47 in III Form in the Hamidia High School left the School from 22-7-47 and did not apply for transfer certificate. He was found to have been admitted into the middle school on production of the E.S.L.C. on 23-9-47 and he left the school on 20-6-48 having passed III Form. This pupil sought admission again in the Hamidia High School into IV Form when the Headmaster discovered the irregularity and refused him admission. One Vata Thami Sahib studied in V class in the Hamidia High School, left the school and was admitted into III Form in the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School without any test. The pupil has since left the school and as it is understood gone to Ceylon. These are two instances which have come to light. It will be an arduous task indeed to make a detailed investigation into every new admission into the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School to find out wherefrom really each pupil came and so this could not be undertaken on the eve of the closure of the school.

There is the fact that the strength of the Hamidia High School in its I form which reached 64 and was in two sections at inspection on 10-9-47 had fallen to 47 on 31-3-48 and is now only 43. A statement showing the strength of the school class-wise from 1945 to 1949; admission and withdrawals year wise of the Hamidia High School is appended. The maximum total strength reached was 208 in 1947 and since then there has been a fall. This apart, there is also the fact to be taken into account that pupils on first admission from e.g. schools and private study are drawn into the middle school who would otherwise seek admission into the Hamidia High School and this accounts for the fact that high school though in its fifth year of existence has made only a strength far less than 200; a strength which is certainly not satisfactory for a complete high school.

The Correspondent of the Hamidia School has been alleging that pupils in the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School are being really educated though fee receipts are put up. This is a charge which

92

8: 50 1093 50

my predecessor as well as myself have found difficult to verify. All pupils questioned by me only averred that they paid fees. In one of his reports to the Divisional Inspector of Schools Rc.724 A/48 dated 23-6-48 Sri K.S.Nagarathnam Iyer mentioned the instance of one Nagarajan, a student of I Form who told him that he did not pay any fees but no recorded proof was secured of this by him and he added that Janab K.T.M.Hussain, the Correspondent of the Hamidia High School could not bring anybody reading in the school to prove his contention that education was really free and entries regarding fee collection were not bonafide in the middle school. To me also the Correspondent could not produce specific and authentic proofs in support of his allegation in this regard. But certain facts indirectly go to create a suspicion, that pupils in the middle school may not be paying fees. It is understood that one Sri V.Subramania Iyer, retired Headmaster of Govt. Training School, a former Headmaster of this middle school had to leave the school as he felt he could not be a party to the falsification of fee accounts, no fees being actually collected. Sri C.G.Venkatesan, who came after Mr.Subramania Iyer in this explanation for the irregularities detected by Sri K.S.Nagarathnam Iyer during his visit to the school on 22-6-48 with reference to the Director's Pros.No.42 D3/48 dated 17-8-48, mentioned that the management used to pay school fees on behalf of the pupils and this was of course denied by the management. It is not clear why the Headmaster should have uttered a falsehood, especially after he left the school. Another fact which strengthened suspicion is no pupil is granted any fee concession not even 92 M.E.R.concessions. All are full fee paying scholars. This appears to be somewhat strange. It is true that Sri C.G.Venkatesan was responsible for some irregularities in regard to maintenance of registers as reported by Sri K.S.Nagarathnam Iyer for which he was warned by the Director in his Pros.Rc.42 D3/49 dated 11-2-49, but this is no reason why he should utter a falsehood in regard to levy of fees. The management disowned responsibility for the irregularities in maintenance of registers and records reported by Sri K.S.Nagarathnam Iyer in this office Roc.No.724 A/48 dated 23-6-48 and verified and reported again

by me in this office Re;No.107 A/48 dated 21-12-48 to the Divl. Inspector of Schools, Mathurai. The management was made aware of the irregularities and had opportunity to explain. There was nothing happening behind its back. It is unreasonable to contend that the management was not made aware of irregularities or that for all irregularities only the headmaster was responsible. There was the inspection report for 1947-48 in which irregular admissions had been clearly mentioned. There was the report of the irregularities made by Sri K.S.Nagaratnam Iyer. The management had opportunity to peruse and comment on the explanation of the Headmaster. It passes one's comprehension on what basis is the contention made by the appellants that the management was not made aware of irregularities. The management cannot altogether disown responsibility for improper maintenance of registers, especially in regard to fee collections. The correspondent had his own responsibility in regard to this and the inference is that he failed to discharge it in adequate manner:

The correspondent in his representation maintains that there is need for two sec.schools at Kilakarai and that he will be satisfied with a middle school. Tracing the origin of the schools, I may state that successive Dist.Educational Officers have held the view that the locality does not require two sec.school. The appellants have considered the opinion of inspecting officers partial, biased and ill-founded on facts. This is indeed a scathing comment to make in the fact of the recorded opinion of the successive Dist.Edl.officers.

Turning to statistics, it is observed that Kialakarai itself has a population now of a little less than 20,000 making allowance for increase after 1941, with schoolage population of something less than 2800 calculated at 14%. But the census of schoolage children maintained for the panchayat area under compulsory education Scheme shows 2396 children only. The population of outlying feeder villages is about 8000; giving schoolage population of about 1200. There is compulsion in force only in Kilakarai Panchayat limits and not in the outlying villages. There are 6 lower ely.schools and 1 higher ely.school at

Kilakarai and 11 lower ely.schools in outlying villages within a radius of 5 miles. Std.V strength in schools in Schools at Kilakarai is 117 and in outlying villages is 76. Together there are about 200 pupils in Std.V but only a fraction of these pupils will pass on to Sec.Schools in these rural areas, say at least one third and this would give only about 70 pupils. Of these, not all would be found fit for Form I, if admissions are carefully made. So one should not be carried away merely by population figures and number of schools which appear large enough. Further, there is the naked fact of poor strength in the Hamidia High School - a high school with Forms I to VI with only 162 pupils after nearly five years of existence and with a hostel attached to it. This conclusively proves that there is no need for two sec.schools. The Correspondent of the Sathakathun Jaria middle school represented to me that he would confine himself only to the ely.school under the Sathakathun Jaria management as a Feeder to the middle school and some outside village schools. There is no guarantee that he would not transgress his limits at Kilakarai and it is not a practicable proposition.

Regarding the financial resources, I understand that the actual endowment created for the school as verified at the time of inspection with reference to documents is made up of:

1. A house valued at Rs.10,000 donated by the late Abdul Hakim Sahib in 1932 in Madras,
2. A house valued at Rs.6000/- in Madras purchased by the present middle school committee in '46,
3. A house in Madras valued at Rs.4275 purchased by the present middle school committee - 1945,
4. A house in Madras valued at Rs.8000/- purchased by the present School Committee - 1948 and
5. A house at Kilakarai valued at Rs.3000/- 1/8 share of it only gifted by a muslim gentleman -1937.

The total capital value as per documents of these properties comes to about Rs.28,650. The present value will not doubt be greater. The annual interest accruing as rental is about Rs.3400/-. In the appeal to Government the Correspondent has furnished the present value of the properties and so has put up the values. There is no cash endowment, all the endowments ^{so far created being in the form of immovable properties which} yield however some income.

The main ~~xxxxxx~~ difficulty which stands in the way is that the time does not appear to have come yet when the need for two sec. schools in the locality can be recognised without fear of any unhealthy rivalry between the two institutions. The past history of the 2 schools has belied the expectation of harmonious working of the schools and has been coloured with acrimonious rivalry thriving on prestige and animosity with the consequent that complaints and counter-complaints were lodged. As long as the 2 schools exist, I am convinced that there will be no peaceful ~~and steady~~ development of either of the Schools. If the management of the Sathakathun Jaria is sincerely interested in the cause of education, they should have accepted the advice offered by the department to convert the school into a middle school for muslim girls. But they are keen in continuing the boys' school in a spirit of rivalry so as to prejudice the other high school. Public interests have to be placed foremost and protected and if this is to be done scope should be provided for one Sec. school, one already built up, to develop and establish itself stably. If two schools are allowed to continue there will not be peace even for the department. This question has been dragging on since 1942 and in the interest of all it is very much desirable that a final decision is taken. I therefore do not recommend any re-consideration of the orders already issued by the Director in Pros. Rc⁴² D3/48 dated 15-2-49.

The Hon. Minister's note dated 4-4-49 is herewith resubmitted.

P.N. Chamu Nair,
Divl. Inspector of Schools, Mathurai Dvn.

/True Copy/

W.H/S.

Whickham
for Director of Public Instruction.

2/14/5

100

Not to issue
14.6.49-7/9

* p 67 of

To
The Correspondent,
Hamidia High School,
Kilakkarai, Ramnad Dt.
The D.P.G.

54

101

54

E&PH.(B).

Schools - Secondary - Sathakathum Taria Middle School,
Kilakkarai - Grant of temporary recognition for 1949-50

Petition from the correspondent, Hamidia High School,
Kilakkarai d/ 9.5.49.

Memo No

The Govt. see no reason to revise the
orders already passed by the D.P.G. in the matter.

14
13/5/49.
1020
13/5/49

12
12/5/49

102

55

103

55

SIDH (10)

Schools - Secondary - Aided - Sathakathum Taria
Middle School Kilakarai - Temporary recognition
up to the end of the school year 1949-50

27
26/5

1670f - From the DP 9 No 42 D/48 & 3.5.49 + 13.5.49

Memo No. 17487 B/49-3 Edn. d/ 26.5.49

The DP 9 is informed that as the recognition
accorded by him to the Sathakathum Taria Middle
School Kilakarai is strictly for the current school
year only, he may review the whole
position later in the year to see what other steps
the improvement the school has made in the
matter of education and its relations with the
rival school.

Not issued.

2
26/5/49

To
The DP 9.

682
24.5.49

Y
C
24/5
1949

1947, the management of the Sarakathenjaria Elementary School was able to get permission for making it a middle school. Emboldened by their success, your Memorialists' rivals adopted unfair tactics to draw out the students from the Hamidia High School by not collecting fees at all, and in fact every device was resorted to, to disorganise the Hamidia High School. Though permission was granted to make the School a middle school, no fresh buildings were put up and even to day the school buildings are in the same condition as they were, while it was an elementary school.

Your Memorialist complained to the educational authorities against the sharp practices of the management of the Sathakathunjaria and after an enquiry they were all found to be true. The authorities felt that there was no scope for another middle school at Keelakarai and accordingly they made proposals for the amalgamation of the two schools. Your Memorialist agreed to those proposals but the management in charge of Sathakathunjaria did not accept them. In this connection your Memorialist begs to state that though permission was granted for the Sathakathunjaria School to become a middle school, to the best of his information no recognition has been granted to it yet.

Having found that your Memorialist's complaints against the management of the Sathakathunjaria middle school to be well founded and on account of its attitude towards the proposals for amalgamation the educational authorities felt that this intolerable situation could not continue in the interests of education at Kilakkarai and accordingly in August 1948 a conference was convened at Madras at which the

Deputy Directors, the Divisional Inspectors and the Managers of the two schools were present. After taking the entire course of events, into consideration, the authorities decided that the continuance of the Sathakathunjari Middle School would prove injurious to the cause of education in Kilakkarai and consequently they advised its management to convert it into a Girls School. That was however ignored even as the proposals for amalgamation were ignored. Finally in or about November 1948 the District Educational Officer, Ramnad at Madura visited the place and apparently he should have been impressed with the various irregularities committed by the Sathakathunjaria School. The Director of Public Instruction seems to have passed proceedings to the effect that the Sathakathunjaria Middle School must be closed with the academic year ending with April 1949. The Divisional Inspector of Schools and the District Educational Officer of Ramnad at Madura intimated your Memorialist in their letters dated 27-2-1949 that the Sathakathunjaria Middle School will not function from June 1949, and your Memorialist should make the necessary arrangements to take in the students now reading in the Sathakathunjaria Middle School. Further directions were issued for the transfer of the certificates of the boys. Apparently the management of the other school appealed to the Minister from the orders of the Director of Public Instruction and your Memorialist understands that the District Educational Officer was asked to submit a report on that. Accordingly he visited Kilakkarai in the 2nd week of April 1949. He has submitted a report which in view of what he actually saw should have been very condemnatory of the other school.

108
:4:

Accordingly your Memorialist prepared the way for the in-take of the students to Hamidia High School. It may not be out of place to mention at this stage that though in the actual rolls of the Sathakathunjaria School there are supposed to be about 55 students, as a matter of fact only about 35 attend the School and of these to the best of your Memorialist's information, about 15 to 20 alone are fit to be taken in the respective classes. As mentioned earlier the Sathakathunjaria School Management appears to be very lax in the collection of fees and the lower class pupils appear to have been admitted to the higher classes and admissions were made without even transfer certificates. These irregularities were proved by the statements of the former Headmaster and Clerk of that very institution.

Your Memorialist was however, surprised to receive a communication from the District Educational Officer of Ramnad dated 2-5-1949 wherein it is stated that the recognition of the Sathakathunjaria Middle School has been extended for one year i.e. upto 1950. Your Memorialist was naturally perturbed on this turn of events and in fact he later on met the Director of Public Instruction who stated that he was only obeying the orders of the higher authorities. Thereupon your Memorialist submitted a petition to the Hon'ble Minister for Education to reconsider the orders if any passed by the Government in this matter. So far your Memorialist has not received any orders on that petition. As a result of this, the management of the Sathakathunjaria Middle School are issuing wild advertisements to the effect that there is hostel accommodation in their

109
58
58
:5:

school for 100 boys who will be admitted on payment of Rs.15/- covering all charges i.e. school fees, hostel fees etc. This open defiance and flagrance of rules and regulations is likely to cause very great hardship to the Hamidia High School and the institution built up at such enormous cost is likely to get disorganised.

Your Memorialist begs to draw your attention to the fact that several important persons who happened to visit the institution have expressed their appreciation of the way in which the Hamidia High School is conducted. Sir Norman Straithe, I.C.S. while he was Adviser to H.E. The Governor, Mr. Kamaraja Nadar, President of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee and several other eminent persons have visited the institution. For instances Mr. Kamaraja Nadar has written in the visitor's book that he was deeply impressed with the efficient management of the institution and the way in which no distinction between Hindu and Muslim is made both in the matter of admission of students as well as the employment of the staff. However if the present state of affairs is allowed to continue the prospect of even the Hamidia High School being closed will not become remote. For example in 1947, the strength of the Hamidia School was 208. In March 1949 it was 162, of whom 40 resided in the Hostel. The total charges for each student in the hostel comes to Rs. ~~25~~ 30/- (in ~~the~~ inclusive of school fees). The result of students of being offered accommodation for Rs.15/- in all can well be imagined.

The Sathakathunjaria School management have advertised that they are going to re-open the school on the 4th of June 1949. Your Memorialist therefore

prays that the Government may be pleased to cancel
the order of the Exeucational Authorities extending
the recognition of the School for another year and
your Memorialist further prays that the orders may be
issued forthwith.

Madras dated this the 26th day of May 1949.

K. T. M. Husain

MEMORIALIST.

To

The Hon'ble The Premier,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
M A D R A S.

The Humble Memorial of
Haji K.T.M.Hussain Sahib,
the Correspondent of
HAMIDIA HIGH SCHOOL,
Kilakkarai, Ramnad Dt.

Report

As desired by the Hon'ble the Premier I visited Kilakkarai on the 6th instant and made close enquiries into the affairs of the two secondary schools there. The result, I may point out even at the outset, tends only to confirm the various reports which the Inspecting officers have been submitting to the Director all along.

Kilakkarai is a small village on the coast, about 12 miles from Ramnad. Its population is predominantly Muslim. The last census gave the population number as slightly over 14,000 (11,000 Muslims, and 3,000 Hindus and Christians). The Correspondent of the S.J. School claims however that it has since risen to 30,000. Making a generous allowance for increase, we may set it down at 20,000. There are appreciably more females than males, and there is no reason to think that the proportion either in this respect, or communally, has been disturbed in any way by the trend of subsequent events.

The soil is poor and agriculture is not the mainstay of the people. Though connected by bus and road with places like Ramnad, the village lives rather an isolated kind of life. The vast patches of sand and backwater have in the past stood generally in the way of free connections with the outlying parts and the people subsisting mostly on fishing and allied occupations have tended to look rather towards Ceylon, Burma, Malaya etc., to provide further scope for their activities. Conch-shell collection is a major occupation for which the market is said to be Bengal. A few rich people organise the trade based on the efforts of the majority and the large majority of the people are poor, living a hand-to-mouth existence. Restrictions to trade and immigration in respect of Ceylon and unsettled conditions in Burma and Malaya have interfered badly with the smooth and contented existence of this village and they have yet to find out ways and means of adapting themselves to the changed conditions.

Educationally, as is the case everywhere with Muslims generally, the people are backward and remarkably so even for a Muslim village. The number of Elementary schools for a population of 14,000 is only 7, and of this only one is a Higher Elementary school. For that matter, there is only this one H.E. School for a radius of five miles and for the 18 elementary schools therein. The total population of the entire area for which these 19 schools cater is 28,300 (approximately). The total strength of all the schools is 1928 (1234 boys plus 694 girls). Of these, those who are in the V Standard come to only 184 (138 plus 46) which is less than one-tenth, the rest (9/10) leaving the school at various stages. The statistics for Kilakarai alone indicate no better. The total of the elementary schools is only 1323 (888 boys plus 435 girls) and those in the V Standard come to 117 (89 boys plus 28 girls). Again, only one-tenth attain to the V Standard. The figures in respect of the VI, VII, VIII Standards as evidenced by this one H.E. school that exists are equally revealing. The VI Standard has 14 (9 plus 5), VII Standard 7 (6 plus 1) and VIII Standard 2 (2 plus 0). It would seem that there is not only no desire for education but that there is even an active resistance to it. The conservatism of the people is indeed aggressive in this respect and boys no less than girls are withdrawn freely from schools at all stages so much so that the stream runs practically dry towards the very end, with only two pupils in the VIII Standard.

It is against this background of conservatism and backwardness that we have to decide the question of facilities for secondary education. Figures are good pointers here as well. The numbers on the rolls on the 6th instant when I visited the two schools is 137 for all the 6 forms in the Hamidia High School, and 38 for the three Forms in S.J. Middle School.

Hamidia High School.

S.J. Middle school.

Form I	7	19
Form II	42	14
Form III	31	5
Form IV	23	
Form V	18	
Form VI	16	

The Class-war strength for the last two years again is as follows: --

	Hamidia school		S.J. School	
	1947	1948	1947	1948
Form I	64	44	28	55
Form II	37	43	11	15
Form III	34	24	7	8

It will be seen from the above figures that

(1) The totals of both the schools put together do not reach the 250, which form the strength of an average school with one section for each Form elsewhere throughout the Presidency. To split this relatively low strength into two schools is obviously to weaken both and reduce them to below economic level.

(2) The proportion of I Form strength to II and III Form strength in the S.J. School is unduly high and this lends colour to the other managements' contention that there is tricky manipulation. To my questioning, the S.J. management could only plead that the uncertainty of its existence was responsible for it. That uncertainty should rather reverse the figures. I am convinced that the I Form strength is artificial and in spite of all the enticements offered by the management they are unable to keep it up through the other forms. There is a fall, pupils staying away in large numbers even before they complete the I Form.

(3) The existence of the S.J. Middle school has affected the corresponding Forms of the Hamidia High School appreciably and it is not as though the school is over-full.

(4) The closure of S.J. School is not going to create any problem of congestion or accommodation in the High School.

There are two high schools in Ramnad, twelve miles away from Kilakarai. I find that in these schools, the pupils from Kilakarai and its immediate vicinity number only 46 (34 Rajah's High school and 12 in the Schwartz High school). These prefer to continue where they are, though there is a high school in Kilakarai. Even if they were to change their minds, the strength of the Kilakarai high school is not likely to swell over-much. If this is so, at a time when everywhere else in the Presidency the problem is one of congestion, when more and more new schools are coming up, then, definitely, Kilakarai cannot afford the luxury of a second Middle school now and for some years to come. I am not surprised therefore that four successive D.E.Os have reported against the grant of permission to start a second school and the Divisional Inspector has endorsed their opinion. There is, there has been, no case for a second school.

Yet permission was given by the D.P.I. to start a second school. This was done at a time when everywhere there was such a pressing demand for the opening of new schools and it was felt that perhaps in Kilakarai too there might be some hope. Permission was given experimentally and two years has shown that two schools cannot exist side by side without both being weakened. Accordingly last March the temporary recognition given to the Middle school was withdrawn.

The question as to which school should be scrapped was not difficult to decide. The High school had somewhat established itself and as a high school it had to be preferred against the new comer which was only a middle school. Regarding funds both the schools could be said to be well off, the high school being patronised by a generous rich man, the S.J. ^{Middle} ^{being} High school supported by adequate trust funds.

But in the former case, buildings had been put up for school and hostel and staff, whereas in the case of

of S.J. School buildings have yet to be. In the Mamidia school, the plan of development is more than half accomplished whereas the S.J. school plan still remains on paper. If the former is scrapped, then all the money so far expended will have been wasted, whereas the S.J. funds, unexpended, are available for other purposes. And what clinches the issue is the existence of definite and acute rivalry, a rivalry in which the S.J. management is seen to be the active aggressor.

The Correspondent of the S.J. Middle school is a young man, enthusiastic and public spirited enough no doubt, but unable to distinguish clearly between the personal and the equitable. In his attitude and conduct he besides shows an indifference to those principles of rectitude which are essential in Public work. In the matter of admissions last year he was accused of having deliberately enticed away pupils from the neighbouring school. Though this was incapable of conclusive proof in a faction-ridden place, the District Educational Officer could not free his mind of suspicion in at least one case. Again, it has been discovered at inspection that one of the pupils from the High school, was admitted into a Higher class Viz., the III Form, as a private candidate without Transfer Certificate. On discovery at the time of inspection the correspondent could only plead that he was ignorant of the antecedents of the pupil. Considering the smallness of the place and its factiousness, this plea was not convincing but the matter could not be pursued further as the student had left the place with the Transfer Certificate for Ceylon. It looks very much like a case of a boy being helped forward with a certificate of Higher school qualification to be used in Ceylon. A more striking instance of the man's unscrupulous methods came under my own notice. I found that he has put in an advertisement in some of the vernacular papers calling for applications for admission to his school and in this advertisement the promise is held out that boys need pay only Rs.15/- per month for all their expenses, residence in a hostel, tuition fees, games fee, etc. At a time when even orphanages with their very

low standards of living are finding it difficult to manage on more than 15 rupees, for this man to make an offer of the kind is either to show generosity of a type which is unusual, or to play a hoax. It cannot be the former, for he has no money of his own and the trust fund at the disposal of the school committee may be administered only according to fixed conditions which do not include this kind of eccentric and indiscriminate charity. The spirit of charity again is not very much in evidence in other respects for I find there are in his school no M.E.R. concessions and there are no Harijans, while Hamidia in these respects has a good record. For a total strength of 172 as per financial statement for 1948, the Hamidia has 55 concessions (inclusive of 6 full-free girls) under 92 M.E.R., 2 free girls (Managements' concessions) and 11 Harijan free scholars. By the records of the S.J. School, there are no concession holders. In the circumstances I asked the correspondent what he meant by the advertisement. I was assured of all sincerity in his announcement and when I asked him how he proposed to house the pupils seeing that there was no hostel yet, he pointed to a couple of cart loads of bricks gathered in an open ground and said that he had already started collecting materials and that a Hostel would come up in about three weeks! Unless he owns an Aladdin's lamp, how he will make good his word in these days of shortage is beyond my comprehension. It is my suspicion that he hoped to get a good number of enquiries in response to his advertisement which he wants to palm off on the educational department as so much evidence about the availability of sufficient strength for his school, in-as-much-as the objection raised by us is that there is not enough strength to justify a second school. I do not believe that even more liberal terms would actually attract a sufficient number of students. For one thing,

there are not enough Muslims outside Kilakarai, and secondly as for the Hindus and Christians they do not appear to me to be likely to be attracted to send their children to an institution and a locality with its distinctly Muslim atmosphere. The action, however, is characteristic of the correspondent who is acting in a spirit of rivalry and spite. It is in the same spirit that he reopened the school ten days earlier than he need have and six days earlier than the Hamidia school. The Manager of the Hamidia school on the other hand lacks assertiveness and will allow himself to be overborne. Already he is depressed over this fall in the strength of his school, and he is not inclined to go forward towards the completion of his buildings. He is not a relentless fighter like the other man and would rather lose, than incur the acute hostility of a section of his fellows.

The personal rivalry of the two managements having grown acute like this, neither school can thrive alongside of the other and it is necessary in the interests of the higher education just beginning to strike root there that one or the other must be nipped early enough.

It was after the fullest consideration that the Director ordered in March that the S.J. School would not be recognised any further and it was unfortunate that, soon after, Government should have decided to interfere and pressed for the cancellation of that order. From the minutes of the Minister it was seen that his main consideration was that the management of the S.J. School was composed of nationalist Muslims and congress members. It is true that the President of the Panchayat Congress Committee and some others are on the managing committee but as for Muslim nationalism I understood on enquiry that the so-called nationalist muslims also voted for Muslim League candidates. However, this may be, the political consideration was something very extraneous which has no place in matters of this kind. Now that the matter has been reopened, it is my respectful suggestion

- (i) That a final decision has to be made and
(ii) that this may be done at once.

The present position is that the Middle school has been given another year of existence at the instance of Government. If this is to be confirmed, then, I may state that the years' end will force the hands of Government to grant a further extension. The enterprising correspondent of the S.J. School will see to it that buildings are started and he will argue that having been put to so much expense he should in all fairness be allowed to continue further. It will be an argument awkward for Government to meet, then, if Government are prepared to concede his wish now even without buildings. Government have therefore to make up their minds once for all whether they would allow a rival school to continue knowing it to be a rival school; if they are against such a thing, it is necessary to approve the abolition at once finally and firmly. No doubt there is some awkwardness for Government to go back so early on their own orders but it is better to face that awkwardness and risk, if necessary, the challenge of the embittered party than that they should be accused of fanning the flames of local faction by deliberately playing off one party against another.

Thiruvananthapuram
S. S. S. I.
9/6.

121- 06/64 82764

B. I. Cable INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT. No.

Reed. at H. M. Sent at H. M. Office Stamp.

From To 15 JUN 1949

By

16 JUN 1949

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

GOVT. OF MADRAS

45872 After representations honorable minister was pleased to allow continuance of Kilakarai middle school we now understand hamechya management are misrepresenting local educational needs through hired agents to rekill this institution. Please protect this institution from miscreants detailed below.

President Town. Congress =

MFP-42 Telegraph-5166-(P-130)-9.7.48-30,000 Books.

Schools - Secondary - Sathakathun Jaria Middle school,
Kilakarai - Closure - Ordered.

Petition from the Correspondent, Hamidia High school,
Kilakarai dated 9-5-49, 17-5-49 and 26-5-49.

From the D.P.I. Rc.No.42 D3/48 dated 3-5-49, 13-5-49
and 10-6-49.

ORDER (MS) NO. 1976 EDN. DATED 17-6-49

On a representation from the management of
the Hamidia high school, Kilakarai against the grant of
temporary recognition to the Sathakathun Jaria Middle school
Kilakarai till the end of 1949-50, the Govt. have carefully
considered the necessity for the existence of two schools
in the locality and have come to the conclusion that there
is no necessity for ^{more than one} ~~a~~ second secondary school and that the
Sathakathun Jaria Middle school which was opened long after
the opening of the Hamidia High school should be closed.
The D.P.I. is therefore requested to issue orders ~~forthwith~~
withdrawing the temporary recognition accorded to the
Sathakathun Jaria middle school, Kilakarai, and ^{for the closure of} ~~closing~~ the
school at once.

2. To avoid any hardship resulting to the
pupils already admitted in the Sathakathun Jaria middle
school, the D.P.I. is requested to take steps immediately
to have these pupils admitted in the Hamidia High school
and to arrange for the refund of school fees etc. if any,
that have already been paid by them to the Sathakathun Jaria
middle school. The Director ~~is requested to~~ ^{may} address ^{the} Govt.
if there should be any difficulty in getting the students
admitted in the Hamidia High school or in arranging for
the refund of their school fees etc. by the managements of
the Sathakathun Jaria Middle school, ^{provided that he}
^{cannot deal with these matters.}

To The D.P.I. to be

16/6/49
16/6/49
16/6/49

16-6-49

17/6

0 (11/11) 50 0

After inspection of the school at
Kilakarai it was found that
the school was not properly
maintained and the
pupils were not
admitted in the
school at once.



123 JAI HIND. 66
TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE

கீழ்க்கரை, நகர் காங்கிரஸ் கமிட்டி 66

KILAKARAI 17th June 1949.

To.
The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Madras.



I beg to enclose herewith a copy of
a letter dated 13th June 1949 and state
as follows -

After 5 years of continuous drilling
the educational needs of this locality,
the Educational Department at last granted
permission in 1947 a week before the Inde-
pendence Day to convert Sathakathun Jaria
Higher Elementary School, Kilakarai into
a Middle School. Hardly had the school
worked one full year when the department
ordered the closure of the school. Since
this closure order in the midst of its pro-
gress came in the wake of Independence, it
was a great shock to this town, the most
populous in the Taluk and knowing fully
the local conditions we brought this in-
justice to the notice of the Hon'ble Minis-
ter through our respected Leaders like
Sri K. Kamaraj Nadar, President, T.N.C.C.,
who have personal knowledge of this town.
The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to pass
orders permitting the continuance of the
school.

We now understand that misrepresenta-
tions are being made again by the Hameediya
management through hired agents with a ven-
geance to bring about the closure of the said
Middle School at any cost, without the least
regard for the educational welfare of this
area. Why the said Hameediya High School
proved a total failure inspite of the fact
that more than two Secondary Schools can be

TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE

கிழக்கரை, நகர் காங்கிரஸ் கமிட்டி



TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE

கிழக்கரை, நகர் காங்கிரஸ் கமிட்டி

KILAKARAI 14th June 42.

-2-

can be accommodated in this town of 20,000/- strong, not to say anything about the suburban villages within a radius of 5 miles, and why the said Middle School is so popular and promises a bright future to become a College in due course, have been fully explained to The Hon'ble Minister in our previous representations. The said Middle School enjoys the support and confidence of all sections of the people and it has al ready embarked on building programmes on a large scale to meet the increasing demand for Secondary Education, which is only natural to this compulsory education area. When Ramnad Town with a population of about 20,000 has 3 full fledged High Schools (with "Admissions-Closed" Boards hanging), we do not understand why the Department should give credence to the fantastic idea that Kilakarai with a population of 20,000 cannot accommodate one High School and one Middle School, which can very well be a feeder to the former school.

I, therefore, humbly request your honour to take necessary action to allow the said Middle School to develop unhampered as a preliminary step to a full-fledged High school. For our part we will spare no efforts to see that the very much needed 2 Secondary Schools in our area work efficiently and cater to the educational needs of this area.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
President,
Town Congress Committee,
KILAKARAI.
Ramnad District.

Encls:-
1 Copy of Telegram.

Copy to The Hon'ble
The Prime Minister, Madras
for information.

TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE
KILAKARAI

KILAKARAI

TELEGRAM.

125

68

66

(1) EDUCATION MINISTER, (2) PREMIER,

MADRAS.

AFTER REPRESENTATIONS HONOURABLE MINISTER WAS PLEASED
TO ALLOW CONTINUANCE OF KILAKARAI MIDDLE SCHOOL --
WE NOW UNDERSTAND HATTEDIYA MANAGEMENT ARE MISREPRESENTING
LOCAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS THROUGH NAMED AGENTS TO RE-KILL
THIS INSTITUTION -- PLEASE PROTECT THIS INSTITUTION FROM
HARMFUL -- PRESENTED PETITION NO. 100 --
-- PRESIDENT, TOWN CONGRESS --

FROM:-

Ch. R. S.

President, Town Congress Committee,

KILAKARAI. 13th June 1940.

126
TELEGRAM.

* (1) EDUCATION MINISTER, (2) PREMIER,
MADRAS.



47124
ST
AFTER REPRESENTATIONS HONOURABLE MINISTER
TO ALLOW CONTINUANCE OF KILAKARAI SCHOOL --
WE NOW UNDERSTAND HANDEDIYA MANAGEMENT ARE MISREPRESENTING
LOCAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS THROUGH HIRED AGENTS TO RE-KILL
THIS INSTITUTION -- PLEASE PROTECT THIS INSTITUTION FROM
MISCREANTS--DETAILED PETITION FOLLOWS--
==PRESIDENT, TOWN CONGRESS==

From:-

Ch. R. Raju

President, Town Congress Committee,

KILAKARAI. 18th June 1949.



TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE

கிழக்கு, ஸ்ரீ சங்கரன் கிழக்கு

KILAKARAI 14th June 1949.

To.
The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Madras.

47126

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith a copy of my telegram dated 13th June 1949 and state as follows:-

After 5 years of continuous drilling about the educational needs of this locality, the Educational Department at last granted permission in 1947 a week before the Independence Day to convert Sathakathun Jaria Higher Elementary School, Kilakarai, into a Middle School. Hardly had the school worked one full year when the department ordered the closure of the school. Since this closure order, in the midst of its progress, came in the wake of Independence, it was a great shock to this town, the most populous in the Taluk and knowing fully the local conditions we brought this injustice to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister through our respected Leaders like Sri K. Kamaraj Nadar, President, T.N.C.C., who have personal knowledge of this town. The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to pass orders permitting the continuance of the school.

We now understand that misrepresentations are being made again by the Hameediya management through hired agents with a vengeance, to bring about the closure of the said Middle School at any cost, without the least regard for the educational welfare of this area. Why the said Hameediya High School proved a total failure inspite of the fact that more than two Secondary Schools can be

TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE

TOWN CONGRESS COMMITTEE

கீழ்க்கரை, நகர் காங்கிரஸ் கமிட்டி 71

KILAKARAI 14th June 49.

can be accommodated in this town of 30,000/- strong, not to say anything about the suburban villages within a radius of 5 miles, and why the said Middle School is so popular and promises a bright future to become a College in due course, have been fully explained to The Hon'ble Minister in our previous representations. The said Middle School enjoys the support and confidence of all sections of the people and it has already embarked on building programmes on a large scale to meet the increasing demand for Secondary Education, which is only natural to this compulsory education area. When Ramnad Town with a population of about 20,000 has 3 full fledged High Schools (with "Admissions-Closed" Boards hanging), we do not understand why the Department should give credence to the fantastic idea that Kilakarai with a population of 30,000 cannot accommodate one High School and one Middle School, which can very well be a feeder to the former school.

I, therefore, humbly request your honour to take necessary action to allow the said Middle School to develop unhampered as a preliminary step to a full-fledged High School. For our part we will spare no efforts to see that the very much needed 2 Secondary Schools in our area work efficiently and cater to the educational needs of this area.

Yours faithfully,

P. Rayer

President,
Town Congress Committee.
KILAKARAI.
Ramnad District.

Encls:-
1 Copy of Telegram.

C.Nos. 47110, 47124 and 47126.

Lodged & filed with the Govt. schools at Kilakarai.

22/6/49.

22/6/49

E.R.H. (B.)



S.V.M.Seyed Cassim, Correspondent,
SATHAKATHUN JARIA MIDDLE SCHOOL,
Kilakarai, Ramnad District. Petitioner.

SUB:- Sathakathun Jaria Middle School, Kilakarai -
Temporary Recognition for 1949-50 granted on
6-5-'49 - Withdrawn by order dated 18-6-1949 -
Reconsideration and grant of Permanent Recognition
prayed for.

Ref:- RC. No.42-D.3/48 dated 6-5-'49 and 18-6-'49 of the
Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

The petitioner submits that the order of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, dated 18-6-'49, closing the above school with immediate effect has caused greatest disappointment and grave anxiety among the people of Kilakarai, and they consider that it is a severe blow upon their educational advancement. The petitioner wishes to bring the following factors to the kind and serious consideration of the Hon'ble, the Premier of Madras, and humbly requests that the abovementioned order of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, be reconsidered in the light of those factors and that permanent recognition be granted for the above school:-

1. Since its recognition in August 1947, the above school has made marked progress in efficiency and strength. In the year 1948-49, it has shown 100% increase over the strength of 1947-48. There are very large number of applications for admission this year and it is expected that the building in which the above school is at present housed, and which can accommodate about 160 students, will be almost full this year. Therefore the management have made all preparations for constructing a new building on a new site, about 10 acres in extent, donated -

by two philanthropic gentlemen of Kilakarai for the purpose. It may be mentioned here that no new building was constructed till now for housing the above school solely on account of the fact that the authorities themselves were satisfied, when they granted recognition in 1947, that the present building met all the requirements of a secondary school, and only about a month ago, the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Madura, has suggested the construction of a new building. Accordingly the management have purchased all the materials for the purpose. The construction of a hostel to accommodate about 50 students has begun and will be complete by about 20 days. Till then the boys who have come from outside are temporarily housed in a rented building.

Kilakarai is a most important Muslim centre and one of the biggest towns in Ramnad District. It contains a population of about 30,000. There are about 2 lakhs of people inhabiting its surrounding areas. The abovementioned institution was started as an elementary school by the public spirited philanthropists of Kilakarai, who founded an endowment, by name SATHAKATHUN - JARIA (Eternal Charity) in the year 1926, whose main object was the development of education among the masses irrespective of caste or creed. It grew into a Higher Elementary School in the year 1936. Though the management have been trying to convert the higher elementary school into a Secondary School since 1943 the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, for reasons best known to himself thought it fit to raise a mere elementary school which was run by the management of the present Hameedia High School, Kilakarai, to the status of a Middle School in preference to the above school, in spite of the fact that, in the case of the above school, mere conversion of a higher elementary school into a Middle School was required, while in the case of Hameedia Elementary School, things had to be started from a scratch, at the cost of the said Higher Elementary School.

Thus the preferential right of Sathakathun Jaria not having received due consideration, the Management made personal representations to the Divisional Inspector of Schools who regretted that he was not in a position to grant permission to convert Sathakathun Jaria into a Middle School but gave assurance that he would be in a position to grant permission to start a High School. Soon after, the District Educational Officer, Ramnad, in his letter No.R.C.12-15M/43 of 3-2-1944 wrote as follows:-

"The Divisional Inspector of Schools has informed me that a deputation met him in connection with the proposal of opening Forms III and above in the Sathakathun Jaria Higher Elementary School, Kilakarai, when it was suggested to them that it may be possible to consider the question of opening of Higher Forms by the new Committee on an approved site and building from 1945-46 onwards, if they could agree to provide all requirements such as Building, Play Ground, Equipment, Endowment and the like. Please inform me whether a new Committee has been formed and if so the name may be furnished with information as to whether they agree to provide all requirements stated above. If so, detailed information as to how far they propose to provide each item of requirements. An early reply is requested."

The management replied to the Divisional Inspector of Schools through the District Educational Officer by their letter dated 21.2.1944 that they had met all the requirements called for and that a new Committee had been formed and registered under the designation of SATHAKATHUN JARIA HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE. While these communications were being exchanged, orders were passed in favour of the Hameedia School for opening High School Forms as well.

Three years after the Hameedia Elementary School was raised to the status of a Middle School, and after being completely satisfied that Kilakarai is large enough to accommodate two Secondary Schools, the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, was pleased to convert the abovementioned Higher Elementary School into a Middle School and to allow the same to be housed in the present building about which the inspection report of.

1947-48 states that the accommodation is fair.

3. There are 10 Elementary Schools in Ramnad Taluk whose total strength comes to more than 10,000 students as on 1-3-1949 of which 14 schools are situated in Ramnad Town including Sakkarai Kottai, where 2393 pupils are studying. These schools serve as feeders to the 3 High Schools in Ramnad Town which are unable to provide seats even for the boys coming out of those schools. For the rest viz. about 7985 boys who study in the other 86 - Elementary Schools, the two Secondary Schools in Kilakarai are the only institutions nearest to their places which they can resort to for higher studies. In addition to this there are places like Ervadi, Kidaram etc. which are in Mudukalattur Taluk for whom Kilakarai is the nearest and most convenient centre and already a large number of boys from those places have obtained admission in the above school. These statistics clearly show that Kilakarai can easily hold not only ~~two~~ but more Secondary Schools. Any contrary opinion held by the department of education is borne out of the prejudice caused by the false complaint and baseless allegations made by the management of Hameedia High School against the above school. It is not out of place to mention here one of the nefarious practices resorted to by the management of the Hameedia High School in order to blacken the name of the above school about which already a petition has been submitted by me to the authorities, viz. that they seduced two boys of the above school to give false evidence before the District Educational Officer, Ramnad at Madura, against the above school. The petition is pending.

It must be noted that Kilakarai is an urban area in which compulsory education is in force. Many of the boys of Kilakarai are studying in distance places like Devakottah, Madura, Trichy, Palankottah, Tuticorin etc. Thus being the facts, it is fantastic to suggest that there is, or there need be any competition between

the two said schools.

4. It has to be noted that the above two schools in Kilakarai are the only secondary schools for the whole coastal area between Rameswaram and Vembar the western boundary of Ramnad.

5. There is no cause for any apprehension that the two schools will remain uneconomic. On the other hand the above school has become economic this year itself its strength having already shot upto more than 150.

6. The petitioner wishes to state that Ramnad Town with a population of about 20,000 is having 3 High Schools running in full strength and urge that Kilakarai which is a bigger and more prosperous town than Ramnad containing only merchants and businessmen can easily accommodate two secondary schools.

The petitioner wishes to re-call the facts that the management of the above school in their petition submitted to the Hon'ble Minister for Education dated 3rd March 1949 undertook that they would be satisfied with a Middle School in order to avoid any semblance of unhealthy competition with the other school and on the basis of that representation the Hon'ble Minister for Education was pleased to grant recognition for the above school.

Another very important fact which deserves the very serious consideration of the Hon'ble Premier is the great plight into which the teaching staff of the above school would be thrown into if the school is suddenly closed barely within one month of the grant of temporary recognition for 1949-50, and this temporary recognition was granted after two Hon'ble Ministers of Education had gone over the whole question and

after their deep and careful consideration for well over two months of the pros and cons of the subject.

Further contract for building new premises for the above middle school have been already given to private contractors and the construction of a hostel is already on. The management have already spent large sums of money for these purposes and these expenses have been incurred by loans raised on the strength of the promise of donations made by the ^{people} of Kilakarai and unless recognition is granted to the above school the promised amounts cannot be collected, loans cannot be repaid and the management will suffer very heavy loss.

As per the above order, the intention of the donors and the purpose of the Charitable endowments which are described in the Schedule below to the Institution will completely fail and the educational progress of the people at large will be permanently hampered while grave injustice will be caused to people.

SCHEDULE.

School Building ...	Rs. 25,000
4 properties in Madras.	Rs. 55,000
1 property in Kilakarai	Rs. 5,000
New site for school..	Rs. 20,000

Total Rs.	1,05, 000
	=====

Besides the school gets an annual income from business collections. The donations promised in writing so far amount to about Rs.35,000. Further the management is ready and will to furnish any securities which the Government may require.

7. A number of scholarship have been donated by individuals for helping the boys studying in the above school. So far 24 jan students have been admitted with the hostel facilities.

The petitioner submits that any allegations that there is, or will be any dwindling of strength of the Hameedia High School on account of the existence of the above school is - patently false and entirely baseless.

In these circumstances it is prayed that in the interest of justice and in the larger interest of the people of Kilakarai and the surrounding villages, the Hon'ble Premier be - pleased to re-consider the abovementioned order of the D.P.I. and to satisfy the wishes of the people by granting permanent recognition for the above school. The petitioner wishes to emphasise that the bulk of the people of Kilakarai Hiddus, - Muslims, Christians etc. are deeply interested in the welfare of the above school and humbly invite the Hon'ble the Premier to pay a visit to Kilakarai when the wishes of the - people can be easily ascertained.

M A D R A S,

Dated, 22nd June 1949.

Yours faithfully,

Rund Cassim
22/6/49
Correspondent.

Asst. Rayan Committee member.
22/6/49
Dr. G. S. S. S. S. S.
Dr. M. G. N. S. S.
22-6-49

137

E & P.H. (B.)

Lodged and filed with G.O. No. Ms 1976 Edn
d/17-6-49. *not put up*

25/6/49
27/6/49

27/6/49

Secretary, E. & P.H.

Please see herewith a representation from the Sathakathun Jaria Middle School. The D.P.I. may be asked to state the reasons why he wishes to withdraw the recognition of the school. I understand that the school has got an endowment of nearly a lakh of rupees and that they are having also plans to build a ~~xxx~~ hostel so that it may serve for boys coming from the surrounding villages. The management also prepared to change, if necessary, to make it more efficient. The matter may be examined and put up. In the meantime, the recognition need not be withdrawn.

SA
5.8.49
H.M. Education.

Copy to the D.P.I.
(with representation).



15 MAR 1949

17487

E & P.H. (B.)

Please see the minutes of H.M. (Edn) above and the representation at pp 1-13 of. A copy of the minutes has been sent to the D.P.G. direct and therefore it is submitted that his report may be awaited till 5.4.49.

2. Attention may however, be invited in this connection to the report of the D.P.G. in his R.O. No. 42-B3/48 d/26-10-48 at p17 of of (Y). The Director has stated that there is no scope for two secondary schools at Kilakkarai and that this resulted in an unhealthy rivalry between the Sathakathun Jaria and Hamidiar Secondary Schools. The efforts of the D.P.G. proved to be futile largely due to the unhelpful attitude of the management of the Sathakathun Jaria Secondary School, Kilakkarai. In their efforts to maintain

G.O. No. 3091 Edn

6-12-48

p17 of (Y)

p11 of and p17 of (Y)

the strength of the school, the management have of the secondary Sathakathum Jaria Middle School, it is reported, ~~has~~ adopted questionable methods often resulting in violation of departmental rules.

Consequently the D.P.G was forced to withdraw the recognition granted to this school from the next school year so that the educational interests of the students of Kilakkarai might not receive a serious set back. In the circumstances stated it is for consideration whether any revision of the existing orders (issued by the D.P.G) is necessary. ~~by decision in this regard may perhaps be taken~~

The receipt of a reply from the D.P.G to the minutes at plants may be awaited till ~~the file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn)~~ 5-4-49

~~for perusal~~

Ad
11/3/49
Lsn
16-3-49

[C.No. 23175. Letter from Mr S.M. Fernandes. d/21-3-49] p51cf.
C.No. 26985 from the D.P.G. Rec. No. 42 B3/489/16-3-49. H 53-55cf

The final report promised by the D.P.G in his letter may be awaited till

Ad
29/3/49
Lsn
29-3-49

C.No. 26418 from the correspondent Sathakathum Jaria Middle School, Kilakkarai d/2-4-49. p57cf

The letter from the correspondent, Sathakathum Jaria Middle School, Kilakkarai d/2-4-49 at p57cf and the minutes of H.M (Edn) thereon at H 59-60 cf. may be perused. H 59-60
A copy of the minutes has been sent to the D.P.G. and he will no doubt take this into account before submitting his final report promised in his letter at p55cf. His report

He D.P.G will presumably
submit his final report
p19cf submitting his reply.
also p17cf of Y 17/3/49

p2 ante
unnecessary to
trouble him now.
2/4/49

may be awaited till 16-4-49. H.M. (Edn) may see the case meanwhile. report on H 53-55cf

Ad
5/4/49

Ad
6/4/49

The further report promised in the D.P.G's letter at H 53-55cf has not yet been received. The draft reminder to the D.P.G is for approval. H.M. wanted to see this file. The draft may come after perusal by H.M.

Ad
20/4/49

Ad
20/4/49

Ad
20/4/49

Ad
20/4/49

Ad
20/4/49



12.7 (Edn) 22/4
[Memo No 17487 B3/49-1 Edu dated 21-4-49]
From the Secretary, Ramnad District Congress
Vindhunagar Telegram 27-4-49

Please see the minutes of H.M (Edn) on the telegram at page 62cf. A copy of the telegram together with a copy of the minutes of H.M (Edn) thereon may be sent to the D.P.G and he may be requested to send a reply to the Secy District Congress Committee District + copy to Govt for information. A draft memo is subd below for approval

Ad
28/4/49

Ad
28/4/49

Ad
28/4/49

[Issued as Memo No 17487 B3/49-2 Edn d/28-4-49]
C.No. 33220. Telegram from the correspondent, Sathakathum Jaria Middle School.

p63cf

Please see the telegram at p65cf. The D.P.G was instructed to accord temporary recognition for 1949-50 in Memo No. 17487 B3/49-2 Edn. d/28-4-49. He has been requested to send a copy of his orders for information. It may be awaited till 15-5-49. A copy of the telegram on p65cf may be sent to the D.P.G for confirmation. H.M. on p63cf.

Ad
2/5/49

Ad
2/5/49

Ad
2/5/49

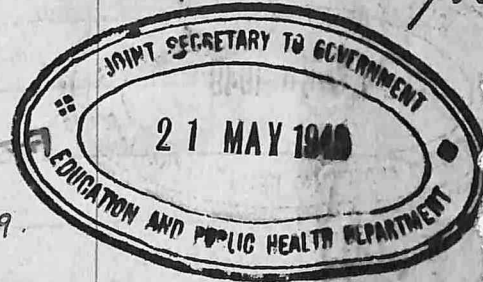
C. No. 33998 from the D.P.S. Re. No. 42 D3/48 d/3.5.1949.

Please see the letter from the D.P.S. at p 67 of. The Director has accorded temporary recognition to the Sathakathum Taria Middle school, Kilakkarai upto the end of the school year 1949-50. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) for perusal of the Director's report at p 67 of. with reference to his minutes on p 62 of.

13/5/49
13/5/49
13/5/49
S
10/5/49
11/5

C. No. 33869 from the correspondent, Hamidiyah High School, Kilakkarai d/9.5.49.

The correspondent of the Hamidiyah High School, Kilakkarai has now represented that he was instructed by the A.E.O. Ramnad to make necessary arrangements for the admission of the pupils of the Sathakathum Taria Secy. School who would have to had to seek admission elsewhere in the event of the withdrawal of recognition accorded to that school. The correspondent of the Hamidiyah High School contends that the recent orders extending the temporary recognition to the Sathakathum Taria Secy. School for the year 1949-50 has adversely affected all the arrangements he had to make for the admission of the students of the other school. He therefore requests for the reconsideration of the orders extending recognition to the Sathakathum Taria School for another year. In as much as the revised orders were issued only after careful examination of the question, the correspondent of the Hamidiyah High School, may be informed that the Govt. see no reason to modify the existing orders. Subject to orders a draft memo



p 67 of

p 69 of

p 71 of

p 63 of

is submitted below for approval. HM(201) may see. In the interests of smooth working, it is necessary that the middle school should be shifted to some other adjacent village. The D.P.S. will not look into this matter in due course.

13/5/49

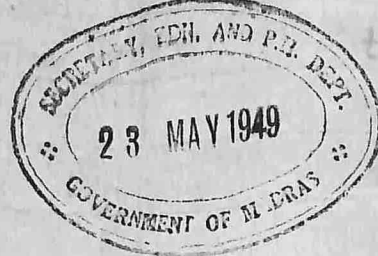
S

HM(201)

p 53 of

Letter of D.P.S. at page 53 of states the case against Sathakathum school. The order extending recognition to the school, of the date H.M. 12 at p. 59 of. There is nothing that can be done now. Drafting may be approved.

H.M. (Edn) this may wait. 16/5
20/5



P.T.O.

There is a fine view of the mountains from the station and the water is very good. The water is very good.

Page 12

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

1957-1958

Schools - Secondary- Aided - Sathakathan Jaria School
Kilakarai- Petition against the continuance of recognition
for one more year

p. 1 C.F.

From K.T.M.Hussain Sahib Correspondent Hamidiyah High school
Kilakarai Ramnad dated 17-5-49

4 C-E

From the D.P.I. R.O.C. No 41 D3/48 dated 13-5-49

With reference to the minutes of the previous H.M. (Edn) in regard to the continuance of the recognition granted to the Sathakathu Jarla Middle school Kilakarai and the instructions given on further petitions received from the correspondent of that school, the D.P.I. has already extended the temporary recognition accorded to the school for one more year. The file on the subject has been circulated to the

year. The file on the subject has been circulated to H.M. (Edn) for ~~approval of the Divisional Superintendent~~ ^{orders on a previous representation from the} correspondent of the Hamidiyah High School ~~Hamidiyah~~.
2. The D.P.I. has now submitted a copy of the Divisional

Inspector's letter setting out the exact position for the information of Govt. It will be observed therefrom that the Divisional Inspector is ~~against~~ ^{against} the grant of recognition.

3. Attention is solicited to the petition from the correspondent of the Hamidiah High school on page 1 C.F. wherein he has suggested that the rival middle school may be converted into a middle school for girls as there is no provision for the education of girls in the locality. It is not known whether the correspondent of the Sathakathin Jaria school will agree to this course. It does not seem desirable for the Govt to ~~interfere in the local politics.~~ *suggest this course*

The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) for perusal of the Director's report in continuation of the main file. and for orders as to whether any further instructions should be issued to the D.P.I. in the matter

1815725

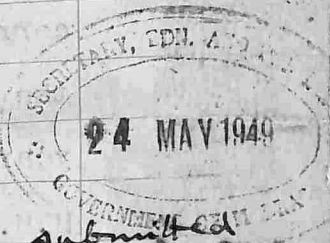
[illegible]

There is undoubtedly rivalry between the two schools, but the question is whether this rivalry is healthy or not. This depends on the school population available for the two schools. The D.E.O. is of the view that the population is not sufficient to support the two schools.

It is suggested that the D.P.I. may be informed that the recognition accorded ~~to~~ by him is strictly for the current year without any commitment regarding the future and that the whole position will be reviewed by the D.P.I. ^{later in the year} to see ~~to~~ the improvement the Jaria school has made in the matter of education and its relations with the rival school.

H.M.(Edn)

24/5



~~with reference to~~ X above, a draft memo is submitted below for approval. Attention is solicited in this connection to the minutes of H.M.(Edn) on p 5 ante on the representation from the Correspondent of the Hamidia High School Kilakkarai - It is presumed that no orders need be issued on the representation now.

24.5.49

26/5

C.No. 40419. Memorial from the Correspondent, Hamidia High School, Kilakkarai d/26.5.49. H 105-110g.

Please see the memorial submitted by to H.Pr. by the correspondent, Hamidia High School, Kilakkarai at pp 105-110 of and the minutes of H.Pr. thereon at p 105 of.

2.) On an earlier petition submitted by the correspondent it was considered that no orders were necessary at present and that it would be sufficient if the D.P.I. is also informed ~~that it has been ordered in circulation~~ that the recognition accorded to the rival school, the Sathakathum Jaria Secondary School ^{would} be strictly for the current year and that the

H 4-5 ante and 'X' above.

position should be reviewed by the D.P.I. later in the year. The draft memo approved has been held over. The file may be circulated to H.Pr. through H.M.(Edn) with reference to the former's minutes at p 105 of.

26/5/49
26.5.49

26/5

There is a great deal in the memorial of the Hamidia High School. ~~The~~ M.R.I. The D.P.I. had decided to stop recognition of the rival school, but the late Minister for Education passed the order at p. 59 c.f. of which he sent a copy direct to the D.P.I. In the circumstances it was not considered expedient to issue a third order in revision and accordingly it was recommended that the recognition should be strictly for the current year(p. 8 n.f.) . This order may stand for the present.

H.M.(Edn) 27/5

H.Pr.

27/5

This may be sent to D.P.I. for urgent report on the rival school, by deputing a responsible person to visit the place personally. There seems to be some sort of rivalry between the two parties. This place is small ~~and~~ one who cannot agree to have two middle schools. If both were allowed to continue, it will be wasteful of money and both may not thrive. I suggest we discuss this with him so that we get his report back in a week.

26/5

H. Pr. desires to have a report, within a week from the D.P.I., after an inspection of the Sathakam school, with reference to the complaints against it, and with reference to the necessity of two schools in the same locality. File may be sent by special messenger to D.P.I.

12/26 / D.P.I. 30m

E & P.H. U.O. No.

17487 B, / 49-4 Edn.
2.6.49.

Rev
4-30 PM

Resubmitted.

2. The Deputy Director (Finance) was ordered to visit the place. His report is herewith enclosed. I support his recommendation.

12/26
D.P.I.

E. & P.H. Dept.

The report which Hon'ble the Premier required is at pp. 113-120 c.f. The Deputy Director has found (1) that the population of the village is not sufficient to support two middle schools, a fact which is also established from the actual enrolment in the two rival schools, (2) of the two schools the Hamidia High School has the greater enrolment and that the enrolment of the rival school is not only smaller but may, to some extent, be fictitious, (3) the Hamidia school has already proper

pp 113-120 CF

D.P.I. U.O. No. 42D3/48
10--6--1949.

44666

buildings while those of the rival school are only on paper, (4) that the Correspondent of the S.J. Middle school is not particular about the means he has been adopting to progress the institution. On the other hand, the Headmaster of the Hamidia school is a quiet man unequal and unwilling to enter into strife, (5) that the S.J. Middle School is supported by Nationalist Muslims though the Deputy Director is not sure how far this nationalism is real.

In the result the Deputy Director supports the reports of 4 successive D.E.Os., the Divisional Inspector and the orders of the D.P.I. refusing recognition to the S.J. Middle School after it had been given two years of trial. He considers that however awkward it may be to cancel the recognition given, it is better done now than at a later stage.

H.P. (E. & L.)

H.Pr.

I don't know the
the school of factions
of the locality. The report
of the D.P.I. appears reasonable
KM

Kilakarai, I know personally. Having regard to its size and population, the existence of two schools is superfluous, and also a luxury, and it cannot at all be justified on any ground than perhaps to patronise certain political groups there.

The Government are concerned only with the real needs of the people and not with sentiments. The report of the Dy.D.P.I. is reasonable, As he has considered every aspect bearing on the subject, there are no reasons to differ from his conclusions. The S.J. Middle School is really a rival to the already existing high school, the effect of which would be to render both the schools deficient and ultimately unworkable. The S.J. school shall be ordered to be closed at once, and orders to that effect

should be issued forthwith, and its recognition is to be withdrawn.

To avoid any hardship resulting to the pupils already admitted in the S.J. school, the D.P.I. may be directed to take all steps immediately to see to the admission of those pupils in the other school, and steps are also to be taken to secure to those pupils fees etc., if any, that have already been paid to the S.J. school. If, however, any difficulty is felt in this matter, which he feels that he can't deal with himself, the Government should be addressed.

Immediate

16/6

16/6

Please see the orders in circulation above.

2) A draft order is submitted below for approval.

The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) for perusal of the orders of H.P. after issue of the draft.

The draft may come after perusal by H.M. (Edn)

A telegram since received from the President Town Congress has been added to C.F. (P121cf)

16/6/49

16-6-49

16/6/49

H. M. (Edn)

17/6

17/6

Issued as G.O. Ms. No. 1976 Edn. d/17.6.49.



82

11/6