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[Despatch Abstract.]

Subject Madras Education Rules-School Holidays-change in the existing system papers recorded.

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School Holidays. ✓

Memo No 55839/46-10/Edon AT 6-8-48

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A copy of the sub. leader <sup>in</sup> of the 'Hindu' dated 23-7-48 is forwarded to the DPI. He is requested to offer his remarks at an early date on the suggestions made in sub. leader. He is also requested to obtain and send along with his remarks a copy of the report referred to.

To  
The DPI ✓  
(with a copy of the sub. leader kept below).

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an extract  
from Hindu only  
W/8/48

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6/8/48

DPI Remd on  
18/5/48

Note

Please see the minutes of WAM (Edn) at p. 1. A draft memo to the DPI is submitted for approval. The

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 report referred to in the Sir's letter, ~~which~~ it seems,  
 is a report published in England. It is  
 for orders whether the Heiden Office may  
 be requested to furnish a copy to Lord.  
 The D.P.I. may be asked to obtain and  
 send a copy of the report along with his  
 reply.  
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[Issued as Memo No. 55839/48-1C1ED on 8/6/8.48]

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School Holi-days.

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Ref. Govt. Memo No. 55839/48-1C1ED on 8/6/48  
 and subsequent reminder.

Memo No. 55839/48-2<sup>C1</sup>ED on dated 14-12-1948

The ~~attn~~ D.P.I. is requested to  
 expedite his reply to the Govt-  
 memo cited above.

To  
 the D.P.I.  
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Director of Public  
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Madras.

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To

The Secretary to Government,  
Education and Public Health  
Department,  
Madras.

dated 6-1-1949

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Sir,

Sub: School Holidays.

Ref: Govt. Memo No. 55839/48-1 Cl Edn.,  
dated 6-8-1948.

Memo

With reference to Government/cited, I may state as follows.

So far as elementary schools are concerned, the vacations conform, as ~~the~~ to the suggestions made in the leader, as for example, schools are not generally closed for more than a month.

Even in regard to secondary schools six weeks is our long vacation, except in a few cases where on account of the extreme severity of the summer, 7 weeks are allowed.

A large number of miscellaneous holidays for religious festivals etc. are now given, which cannot be cut down at present.

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The article under reference is not traceable in such journals as the Times Educational Supplement, Journal of Education and Education received in this Office.

Yours faithfully,

*D. O. Pantanghi*  
for Director of Public Instruction.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS  
PUBLIC (INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT

Extract from The Hindu  
of Madras, dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 48

School Holidays

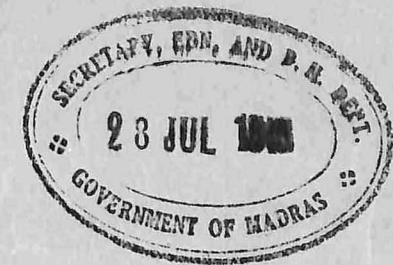
Working men who feel that their offspring have too many holidays from school will be inclined to welcome the report, now published, of an English committee which has investigated the necessity of planning a reformed holiday programme for schools. This Committee, composed of teachers and education officers, recommend that school-children, especially under the age of eleven, should have shorter holidays though they hasten to qualify this by stating that they must have more of these! A twelve months study of children's needs and aptitudes has convinced the Committee that pupils under 11 should have not less than a week's break after six to eight weeks at school but should never be away from their classes for more than four to five weeks. The long vacations such as we have during the summer in India are definitely not favoured by the majority of teachers questioned by the Committee who think that a six weeks' holiday, for instance, is too long for infants who only get bored; and that modern methods are more fatiguing for the children in the primary classes and, therefore, breaks should follow eight weeks' school work. In some cases, possibly, too many breaks adversely affect the work of pupils in the higher classes but it is not difficult to achieve a fair compromise on this point. In any event, the medical authorities consulted by the Committee hold strongly that if children stay away from classes for more than four weeks, the general standard of their health and hygiene declines—certainly in the depressed areas. The Committee have recommended the spacing out of school holidays so that primary school children will have in all eleven weeks and a half, spread out in five instalments, and pupils in secondary schools twelve weeks on the whole in similar, well-arranged stages. Now that educational reform is so much in the air, the authorities here might study the Committee's report with profit. Our holiday programme is no doubt complicated not only by the vagaries of the weather but by the necessity of observing festivals and ceremonies enjoined on us by religion, custom and usage. A study of how England and other countries are dealing with this problem of holidays should, however, help us to solve it here.

Secretary, E.& P.H.

Please see herewith the sub leader of The Hindu. I have also been thinking that long and continuous holidays have a bad effect upon the children. A copy of that report may be sent for by the Dept. This may also be circulated to the D.P.I. for his opinion.

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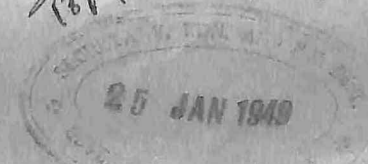
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Please see the remarks of the D.P.I. at p 54. This may be circulated to H.M. (Edu).

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