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No. F 2-19/49-D.2
Government of India,
Ministry of Education,

New Delhi, the 8th July, 1949.

From

The Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education Department, MADRAS.

Subject: Social Education Conference.

Sir,

In continuation of their telegram No. F.2-19/49-D.2. dated 15th June, 1949 on the subject mentioned above the Govt. of India realise that a conference such as envisaged in that telegram will not serve the immediate objective before it, which is to give shape to the administrative set up for social education work in the country. Instead, it is felt that the Officers-in-charge of social education in provinces should meet to settle the details of the scheme, the general outline of which was decided at the Provincial Ministers (Education) Conference held in New Delhi on the 19th and 20th Feb., 1949.

2. Accordingly, Govt. of India have decided to call a meeting of the officers-in-charge of social education in the provinces to consider the following Agenda:

- (i) Syllabus: (a) Literacy (b) General (c) Methods - audio-visual and others.
- (ii) Period of the Course, time table of the classes, age groups of students.
- (iii) Teachers - student ratio, distribution of work among teachers.
- (iv) Recruitment and selection of teachers, their emoluments & training.
- (v) Equipment for teachers & students.
- (vi) Organisation and Finance - Administrative set up - Central Govt. Provinces, Divisions, Districts, Tehsils, Units.
- (vii) Post-literacy work - Libraries & reading rooms etc.
- (viii) Literature.

3. The meeting will be held on 25th July, 1949 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the morning and 3 to 5 P.M. in the afternoon in the room of the Secretary, Ministry of Education (Room No. 61) North Block, Central Secretariat, New Delhi. If necessary the meeting may be continued to the next day.

4. It is requested that the name of the officer-in-charge of social education in your province who will attend the meeting, together with his advisers if any, may be intimated to this Ministry telegraphically at an early date. It may also be stated if the officer of his advisers would need accommodation in New Delhi. The Provincial Governments will be responsible for defraying travelling and other expenses of their delegates.

Yours faithfully,

(TARA CHAND)
Secretary.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Report of the Education Ministers' Conference
held in New Delhi on the 19th-20th February, 1949.

At the meeting of the Central Advisory Board of Education held at Allahabad on 6th-9th January, 1949, the final report of Adult (Social) Education Committee appointed last year by the Board was adopted with a few minor modifications. The question of calling a meeting of the Provincial Education Ministers in New Delhi sometime in February, 1949, for the purpose of considering the implementation of the scheme was also informally discussed.

2. Accordingly, the Conference met in New Delhi on the 19th-20th February, 1949, under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Minister of Education, Government of India. The following were present:-

The Hon'ble Shri Gopi Nath Bardoloi.	Assam.
The Hon'ble Acharya Badri Nath Verma.	Bihar.
The Hon'ble Shri B.G. Kher.	Bombay.
The Hon'ble Shri T.S. Ivanishilingam Chettiar.	Madras.
The Hon'ble Pandit Lingaraj Misra.	Orissa.
The Hon'ble Shri H.N. Roy Chaudhury.	West Bengal.
Dr. Tara Chand, Educational Adviser to the Government of India, Ministry of Education.	
Prof. Humayun Kabir, Joint Educational Adviser to the Government of India, Ministry of Education.	
Shri Ram Saran Upadhaya.	Bihar.
Shri B.D. Joshi.	Bombay.
Shri G.C. Chatterjee.	East Punjab.
Dr. V.S. Jha.	C.P. & Berar.
Shri T.P. Santanakrishna Naidu.	Madras.
Shri Chuni Lal Sahni.	U.P.
Shri A. Kazmi.	U.P.
Dr. D.M. Sen.	West Bengal.

As the Hon'ble Maulana Abul Kalam Azad could not attend on the 20th, the Hon'ble Shri B.G. Kher acted as Chairman in his place.

Shri L.R. Sathi, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Education, acted as Secretary to the Conference.

3. The agenda before the Conference is given in the annexure.

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4. Papers circulated to the members along with the agenda are also given in the annexure.

The importance of implementing as early as possible the educational development programme was emphasised by the Hon'ble Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Minister of Education, Government of India, in his inaugural speech. He stressed the need of making an immediate start with the scheme for Social Education and the training of teachers required for the spread of basic education. He pointed out that freedom had roused great expectations among the people, but the unprecedented problems which came in the wake of the partition of the country and later on the financial difficulties which India faced in recent months had unfortunately held up progress in all spheres of national activity. The Government, said the Chairman, were anxious to devise ways and means by which in spite of the financial stringency a start should be made for the implementation of the educational schemes. While it was important to improve the financial position of the country as soon as possible, the urgent need for the spread of education could not be minimized.

The Hon'ble Minister also said that the committee on social education appointed by the Central Advisory Board of Education had recommended that the education of adults should not be confined to imparting literacy alone, but should give them training in the elements of citizenship. This was a task which could not wait. He hoped that all the provinces would agree to make a start with the social education schemes during the next financial year. He also stressed the importance of making a beginning in training basic education teachers. In view of the large number of teachers required to implement the basic education schemes, he expressed the willingness of the Ministry of Education to extend financial assistance to the provinces.

5. The Conference carefully considered the Memorandum given in the annexure and recommended that Social Education in the Provinces should proceed along the lines laid down in scheme (b) of the Memorandum;

Provided that the number of teachers required for the scheme should be calculated on the basis of one teacher for 90 adults,

each teacher taking three batches of 30 adults each during a year.

6. The Conference accepted the proposal of the Government of India that of the sum of Rs.1 crore earmarked by the Centre for Social Education, 10 lacs may be reserved for central activities and the remaining Rs.90 lacs distributed to the provinces.

It was agreed that the 90 lacs of rupees at the disposal of the Ministry of Education should be distributed among the provinces in proportion to the number of illiterate population in each. The population should be calculated on the basis of the 1941 census after allowing for increase or decrease on account of the partition of India or merger of States. The Provinces would be required to contribute an amount equal to the Central subvention but in order to help provinces, which may find it difficult to provide their full quota in the first year, it was agreed that each Province should submit the first three years' scheme of their five-year programme on Social Education and spread their contribution over the three years in any manner they liked, provided their quota at the end of the three-year period equalled that of the Centre.

The Hon'ble Gopi Nath Bardoloi (Assam) and the Hon'ble Harendra Nath Chaudhury (West Bengal) wished to place on record their views that backward provinces and provinces that had particularly suffered from the partition should be given special grants in addition to what they were entitled to on the basis of illiterate population.

7. The Conference was of the opinion that there was no need for a Central Board of Social Education. The Ministry of Education could whenever they considered it necessary, call together an ad hoc body for expert advice on any matter pertaining to social education.

8. In connection with the implementation of the approved scheme of Social Education, the Conference made the following observations:

(i) The Provinces should review their own schemes of social education so as to bring them in line with the scheme approved in the Conference;

(ii) The Universities should be requested to investigate the desirability or otherwise of mobilizing students for literacy work;

(iii) Existing Normal Schools and Training Colleges should

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include in their courses the theory and methods of teaching adults;

(iv) The Centre should maintain a union/catalogue of films and film strips acquired or prepared by the Ministry of Education and the provinces, and circulate periodically to all the provinces fresh entries on the union catalogue.

(v) The Government of India should encourage the use of visual aids by

- (a) facilitating the supply of raw films and projectors to the provinces, and
- (b) making the tax on projectors refundable on production of a certificate from the provincial Government that the projectors were being used for educational purposes;

(vi) The provinces should start circulating libraries.

9. The Conference authorised the Hon'ble Minister of Education to decide the basis for the distribution among the provinces of the grant for training of teachers for basic education.

In his concluding remarks, the Chairman of the second Session, the Hon'ble Shri B.G. Kher, asked the Provincial Governments to consider the value of Museums as agencies of Social Education. He expressed his thanks to Provincial Ministers for Education and their advisers for the cooperation given by them in the work of the Conference.

The Conference terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair proposed by Dr. Tara Chand.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education and Public Health Department

D.O.No. S-2450 B2/49-1 Education .

Fort St. George,
Madras,
11th July '49.

My dear Reddi,

Sub:- SOCIAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE.
Ref:- Government letter No.45975-B2/49-Edn.,
dated 21-6-1949 addressed to the Govern-
ment of India.
From the Government of India, Ministry
of Education, No.F2.19/49-D2, dated
8-7-1949.

I am to forward herewith a copy of the letter from the Government of India cited with its enclosure and to ask you to suggest immediately the names of officers who may be deputed for the Social Education Conference to be held on July 25th, 1949 in New Delhi. It may also be stated whether they would need accommodation there.

Yours sincerely,

To
Sri D.Sadasiva Reddi, M.A.(Oxon),
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras. (with encl)

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Office of the
Director of Public Instruction
Madras, 15th July 1949.

My dear Prabhu,

Ref: Your D.O.52450 B2/49-1 Education dated 11.7.49
regarding Social Education Conference.

Lt. Col. M.A. Hamid, Joint Director of Public Instruction
will attend this conference.

He would need accommodation in New Delhi.

Yours sincerely,

J.M. Lobo Prabhu Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.,
Madras.

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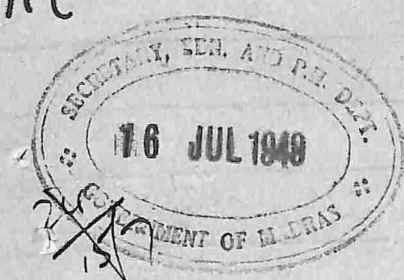
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To

The Secretary to ^{the} Government of India,
Ministry of Education
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub. Social Education Conference.
Ref. your letter F2-19/49.D2 d 8/7/49.

I am directed to state that the Madras Govt. proposes to depute Lt. Col. M. Abdul Hamid, Joint Director of Public Instruction, for attending the Social Education Conference to be held on 25th July '49 in New Delhi. He ^{will} require accomodation.

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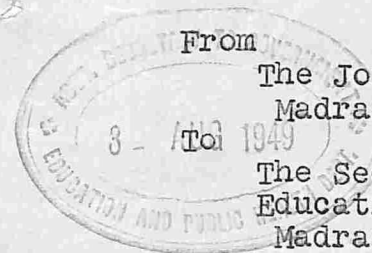
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Office of the Director of
Public Instruction,
Madras-6, Dated 1--8--1949.



From
The Joint Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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

Sir,

Sub: Social Education - Conference - Joint Director of
Public Instruction - Attending of.

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In accordance with Memorandum No.54250-B2/49-2 Edn. dated 20 July 1949 I attended the Delhi Social Education Conference. I left Madras on Sunday 24 July and returned on Wednesday 27 July performing both journeys by Air. I request that Government be pleased to issue orders on the subject as these are required by the Accountant-General.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
Joint Director of Public Instruction

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Order no. 2537 Edu.d. 11-8-49
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To
The D.P.S.
The A. by Mrs. Fin.
S/c -

The Govt. approve the action of
Lt. Col. M.A. Hamid Joint D.P.S. in having
~~performed his journeys to and from Delhi (by air)~~
for attending the Social Education Conference, held
on 25th July 49 at Delhi. He is eligible to draw T.A.
for his journeys to and from Delhi by air.
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It is understood from R.M. Martin
Temporary Jt. Director is drawing pay in a
Special scale of Rs 1200. If so, he
belongs to grade II and can travel
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Govt. It seems sufficient to approve
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Delhi in connection with the Social
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Delhi - Approved.

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d 1-8-49.

Order no. 2557 Edu.d. 11-8-49
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To
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The A. by Mrs. Fin.
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