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[Despatch Abstract.]

SCHOOLS - Secondary - Aided - St.Thomas Secy. school Veerapandianpatnam. Provision of an endowment - Payment of grants - Representation from the Public Orders passed.

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From

The Public Of Virapandianpatnam.

To

The Hon'ble Minister for Food and Fisheries,
Government of Madras.

Sir,

Virapandianpatnam is a coastal village chiefly inhabited by Paravans-an educationally backward fishing and sea-faring community.The peculiar geographical position combined with the seafaring profession of the people of this locality and other coastal villages has kept this belt area a separate entity quite different from other centres as to deserve special consideration for their educational uplift. Most of the people cannot afford to send their children,for reasons of finance to places outside of this locality for higher education. Though a High school was started at the taluk headquarters not far from here,no pupil has had ever attended that institution. This sad plight coupled with the indifference of the Parava boys for higher education made it imperative to have a secondary school in this locality for solving the longstanding and ever harassing problem of higher education of these pupils because such is the nature of these Parava boys that High school must come to them rather than they go to the High school. So the Tuticorin Diocesan Authorities applied to the Department of Education for permission to open a Middle school in June 1946. Keeping in view the community to which the people belong and in full sympathy with the action of the Diocesan Authorities for the educational uplift of the backward communities,the Department granted permission asked for,without any condition of endowment.

2. The Management put up a pucca building at a cost of Rs.60000/donated by the Public of Virapandianpatnam and supplied adequate equipment to the entire satisfaction of the

Departmental Authorities by faithfully adhering to the instructions communicated now and then.

3. From the time a Secondary school was started here, the percentage of the Parava boys availing themselves of the facilities for higher education afforded by our school is phenomenal. It is now gratifying to note that the majority of our school strength is drawn from the Fishing and Sea-faring community and hence this is a big boon not only to the students of this village but also to those of the isolated and inaccessible coastal and interior Parava villages.

4 On the occasion of the Solemn opening of the St.Thomas Middle School New Building on 31.5.47, Sri.Bakthavatsalam, the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, congratulated the public of this village for having come forward with large sum of money for the uplift of their educationally backward community children and most passionately exhorted them to raise the status of the Middle school to that of a High school.

5 With the hearty cooperation of the people of Virapandianpatnam, the Management applied to the Department for permission to open Form IV in June 1948 for which there was a need. While duly granting permission to open Form IV, the Government has insisted on the creation of endowment for the school. This onerous condition has given great anxiety to the Management. In all fairness this condition should be waived as regards our school.

6 For one thing this institution is managed by the Tuticorin Diocesan Educational Association, a registered body with the sound financial background under the Presidentship of the Bishop of Tuticorin.

7 Secondly the G.O. of the Central Government of India Ministry of Edn No.D.759/48 dated 5.4.48 lays down that encouragement in the shape of financial aid, building and equipment grant should be given to such schools as ours which cater to the

higher educational needs of the Fishing and Sea-faring communities (vide copy enclosed)

Thirdly, though the leading men of this place who carry on business in Ceylon are eager to subscribe to the school fund it is impossible to get their subscriptions owing to the ~~Control~~ Control of Exchange of the Ceylon Government.

Under these circumstances we request that you recommend to the Hon'ble Minister of Education that

1. the condition of endowment be completely waived
2. special building and equipment grant be given to our school
3. full fee remission be given to Paravans and other Scheduled classes.

We know how eager you are to raise the social, economic and educational status of the Sea-faring and Fishing communities. Hence we are quite confident that with your first hand knowledge of the situation, you will intercede for us most equitably and obtain for us the favours asked for in our memorandum.

yours faithfully,

J. S. Lobo
Manager

ST. THOMAS' HIGH SCHOOL
VIRAPANDIANPATNAM

Virapandianpatnam,
14-9-49.

on behalf of the Public of Virapandianpatnam.

From.
Rev. Fr. J. S. Lobo,
Manager
St Thomas High School,
Virapandianpatnam P.O.
Tirunelveli Dist.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
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Endorsement No 74746 B,/49-1 Edn d/ 4-10-49.

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for remarks.

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(By order)

V. Ramaswami
Assistant Secy. to Govt.

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To

The Director of
Public Instruction.

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The Madras Mail dated July 13,1949.

Exemptions permissible

The Education Minister added that the Director of Public Instruction had,however,been advised to use his discretion in connection with the creation of endowments. The Director was at liberty to reduce the minimum endowment of Rs.35000 now asked for,say to the minimum of Rs.1000/ in some cases and ask the management to make up the balance in the next two or three years. If necessary,he might waive the rule insisting on an endowment if he thought that the institution concerned was financially sound.

S.F.31/49 dated 28-5-1949.

Ref:- Director's Pros. Roc.476 D3/49 dated 20--5--1949, communicating G.O.Ms.No.1657, Edn.dated 20--5--1949.

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Secondary schools - Aided - creation of endowments--condition not to be imposed on schools opened before June 1948--orders passed.

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(Copy) Communicated to the Correspondents of all aided secondary schools in the Circle for information.

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Inspectress of Girls' Schools. Fifth Circle.

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Govt.Memorandum No.26149/48.2C.Edn.dated 12-5-48

Sub:-Educational concessions and facilities for Fishing & Sea-faring communities-

Ref:-Copy of the D.P.I's Pros.R C.No.1255 E.4/48 dated 20-5-48

2) From the Govt.of India,Ministry Of Edn.No.D.759/48 dated 5.4.48

Referred to the Director of Public Instruction for urgent remarks-

He is requested to indicate the facilities now offered by the Educational Department for the advancement of the fishing and sea-faring communities and suggest with reference to the proposal of the Govt. of India,what further facilities and concessions may be provided for them.

2. It has been suggested that these communities may be granted full fee concessions insted of the present half fee concessions as one of the ways of furthering their education and recruitment to the Navy. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to examine this suggestion and submit the necessary proposals with an estimate of cost.

3. The Director of Public Instruction is also requested to state whether apart from the PESTHA and PADAYACHI communities appearing in section 11 of App.17 A to rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules,there are any fishing and sea-faring communities in this Province known by other names and if so they may be included in the Appendix.

4. As the Govt. of India have called for a very early reply the Director of Public Instruction is requested to treat the matter as very urgent and submit his reply within a fortnight.

Copy of the letter No.D 759/48 dated 5.4.48 from the Govt. of India Ministry of Edn.New Delhi.

I am directed to state that the Govt.of India are interested in the recruitment of properly qualified and able candidates to the Royal Indian Navy.This has become very important in view of the Navy in the process of development.A rating for the entry into the Navy is required to have been educated atleast upto the class which is two years below the Matriculation and the normal age of entry is from 15 to 17.The Govt.of India are advised that there are large fishing and sea-faring communities in India which can provide valuable recruits to the Navy. At the present time however the Royal Indian Navy obtains practically none of its recruits from these communities as their standard of education is comparatively low. The Govt.of India,therefore,consider that early steps should be taken to provide suitable educational facilities for the pupils of the communities in question by opening schools in selected areas where these communities predominate or by such other measures as the Provincial Govt may consider suitable to gain the end in view. A scheme of scholarships may also be instituted to encourage the parents of these communities to pay their boys in schools.

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The Govt.of India will appretiate early action in the matter. ********

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From

The Rt.Rev.Francis T.Roche, S.J.,
Bishop of Tuticorin and President of the
Tuticorin Diocesan Association. 8

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Sir,

Sub:- Creation of endowment fund for the St.Thomas Secondary school Virapaniampatnam,Tirnevelly Dist. Particulars called for furnished-permission for extension of time asked for-

Ref:- Your proceedings R.O.C.No.342. D.3/49 dated 22-4-49

In pursuance of the departmental communication to the correspondent of the St.Thomas Secondary school,Virapandiampatnam,insisting on the creation of the endowment fund,I have the honour to inform you that the management has so far statisfied all the conditions by faithfully adhering to the departmental instructions and is making all the necessary arrangements to create an endowment fund for the said school Some of the leading people of this place who are businessmen in Ceylon have collected fund for the school and have the amount with them. Now that Control of Exchange is in force at present in the Island our benefactors are taking suitable measures through their proctor Mr.Villavarayer for legally withdrawing the amount and conveying it to the proposed endowment fund. It is only a question of time for the Ceylon Government to pass order for withdrawal.

Besides,Ibeg to state that the management is ably running the institution on efficient lines to the entire satisfaction of the Dt.Educational Officer from the Mission fund as is stated in the T.I.R. The management has spent upto now without any financial aid from the Govt .Rs.66014-14-3 as detailed below:-

For the permanent school building		Rs.59234-14- 3
For the well equipped libarary	..	" 1900- 0- 0
For the Science laboratory	..	" 1880- 0- 0
For the adequate supply of furniture	..	" 1300- 0- 0
For enclosing & levelling the playground of 5 acres	..	" 1700- 0- 0
Total		Rs.66014-14- 3

Finally I beg to bring to your kind notice that this institution deserves sympathetic consideration in a special way at the hand of the Govt. as it is primarily catering to the educational needs of the scheduled and Harijan Communities. The History of the institution would indicate what pains and sacrifieces the management has made to induce the people of the scheduled and Harijan communities living in the coastal areas in isolated villages. to attend this school and it is gratifying to note that 80% of the school strength is drawn from the scheduled and Harijan communities The institution has already proved to be a big boon to so many families of these communities. Any break in the study will deprive these pupils of the great benefits conferred on them by the institution which has made all provisions for them at a great cost and they will have neither means nor convenience to prosecute their studies outside this locality.

Under these circumstances I plead for an extension of one more year so as to effect the withdrawal of the amount left in Ceylon with a view to legally convey it to the endowment fund as per departmental instructions. The time at our disposal is very limited and the date of the reopening of the school is fast approaching. Hence I request that the permission for the opening of Form V and the extension of recognition to forms I to IV may kindlybe

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granted before the reopening of the school in June 1950.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd.) Francis T.Roche, S.J.,

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Copy to His Grace The Most Rev.L. Mathias the Archbishop of Madras, President of the Madras Catholic Educational Council, Madras.

Copy to Rev.Fr.J.S. Lobo, the correspondent of the St.Thomas High School Virapandianpattinam for information and guidance.

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Secretary, E & P.H.

I have programmed to visit Veerapandiyanpattinam on the 27th October. I would like to see the file relating to the application for the opening of V Form in St.Thomas Secondary school, Veerapandiyanpattinam, Tinnevelly Dt. I enclose a copy of the application in the matter addressed to the D.P.I. I would like to see the papers before I leave Madras on tour in Tinnevelly Dt. on the ~~25th~~ 24th October.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 19 OCT 1949 EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

REV. FR. J. S. LOBO.
Catholic Mission.

VIRAPANDIANPATNAM.
Dated 6- 5- 1949.

Dear Mr.Roche,

We applied to the Director of Public Instruction,Madras for the opening of Form V in our newly started High school. The Deputy Director Mr.Krishna Menon who is dealing with our papers insists that an endowment must be created for our school before permission for the opening of Form V, and extensionof recognition to Forms I to IV are granted. If permission is not granted for these two things this year,all our efforts and the money we have spent(nearly a lakh for buildings,equipment etc) will be a waste and there will be chaos in the village itself. It is a desperate situation I do not know where to turn.So I need your help. As the Minister for Food and Fisheries you are interested in the education of the children of these communities.As you know our school is started primarily to give a lift to the children of the Parava community.

The Central Govt recently has induced the Provincial Govt.to afford great facilities for the education of the fishing community. Find enclosed a copy of it.(2) a copy of the memorandum of our Lordship.

I am sending these through Mr.Valaraian Fernando to call on you in advance. His Lordship is here today. This evening I will accompany him so as to be at Tuty in time for the reception.

With Blessings

yours sincerely,

J.S.Lobo

From

The. Rt.Rev. Francis T.Roche,S.J,

Bishop of Tuticorin and President of the

Tuticorin Diocesan Association.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Sir,

Sub:-Creation of endowment fund for the St.Thomas Secondary school,Virapandianpatnam-Tinnevelly Dist-particulars called for-furnished-permission for extension of time asked for-

Ref:Your proceedings R.O.C.No.349 D./49 dated 22-4-49

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Under these circumstances I plead for an extension of one more year so as to effect the withdrawal of the amount left in Ceylon with a view to legally convey it to the endowment fund as per departmental instructions. The time at our disposal is limited and the date of the reopening of the school is fast approaching.Hence I request that the permission for the opening of form V and the extension of recognition to Forms 1 to 1V may kindly be granted before the reopening of the school in June 1949.

Date-5-5-49

yours faithfully,

Sd) Francis T.Roche S.J.,

Copy to His Grace the Archbishop of Madras,President of the Madras Catholic Educational Council ~~of~~,Madras.

Copy to Rev.Fr.J.S.Lobo,the Correspondent of the St.Thomas High school Virapandianpatnam for information and guidance.

Copy of the Govt.Memorandum No.26149/48-2C.1,Edn.dated 12-5-48

Director's Pros.RC.No.1255-E.4/48 dated 20-5-48.

Ref:From the Govt.of India,Ministry of Edn.No.D.759/48 dated 5-4-48

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4. As the Govt.of India have called for a very early reply the Director of Public Instruction is requested to treat the matter as very urgent and ~~xxxxxx~~ submit his reply within a fortnight.

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Copy Of letter N.D 759/48 E.11 dated 5th April 1948 from the Govt. of India,Ministry of Edn,New Delhi,to the Secretary to the Govt.of Madras Edn.P.H.Dept.

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I am directed to state that the Govt.of India are interested in the recruitment of properly qualified and able candidates to the Royal Indian Navy.This has become very important in view of the Navy in process of development.A rating for entry ~~xx~~ into the Navy is required to have been educated atleast upto the class which is two years below Matriculation and the normal age of entry is from 15 to 17. The Govt.of India are advised that there ~~xxxxx~~ are large fishing and seafaring communities in India which can provide valuable recruits to the Navy. At the present time however The Royal Indian Navy obtains practically none of its recruits from these communities as their standard of education is comparatively low. The GGovt.of India, therefore consider that early steps should be taken to provide suitable educational facilities for the pupils of the communities in question by opening schools in selected areas where these communities predominate or by such measures as the Provincial Govt may consider suitable to gain the end in view.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS

Roc.836 D3/49 dated 1-11-49



Sub:--Schools--Secondary--Aided--St. Thomas Secondary School, Veerapandianpatnam--Representation from the Public to Hon'ble Minister for Food and Fisheries--Remarks offered.

Ref:--Govt. Endt. No.74746-B1/49 Dated 4-10-49 on the representation from the Public

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Resubmitted.

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2. The management of the St. Thomas Secondary School, Veerapandianpatnam have to create an endowment of Rs.20,000/- in respect of the High School section opened from June '48 as per G.O. No.1657 Education dated 20-5-49. In his letter dated 5-5-49. the Correspondent applied for extension of time by one year for satisfying the endowment condition on the plea that the school is catering to the needs of scheduled castes and Harijan communities primarily and on account of difficulties in realising the amounts invested in Ceylon. The request was granted and they were made to understand that no request for further extension of time would be considered. The present request attempting to evade the endowment issue altogether is inadmissible.

File in P. section

3 Regarding the grant of full fee ~~remissions~~ remissions, it has already been recommended to Government in the Director's letter Rc.1255 E4/48 dated 7-12-48 that pupils belonging to fishing and sea-faring communities might be granted full fee concessions and Government orders are awaited.

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4 The Management may be requested to submit an application for building grant under chapter VIII of the Grant-in-Aid Code to enable the Director to examine the proposal.

5 In respect of the Special equipment grant for the Institution the management may be informed that they may submit an application in proper form to the District Educational Officer, Tinnevelly District in time next year. If the management urgently needs any equipment they may be instructed to apply to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras through the District Educational Officer Tinnevelly for permission to proceed with the purchase of necessary articles without any assurance about sanction of grant.

For Director of Public Instruction

Clb.3-11-49

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To

The Secretary to Govt. of MADRAS.
Edn. & Public Health Dept.
Fort St. George
MADRAS.

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From

Rev.Fr.J.S.Lobo,
Correspondent,
St.Thomas High school,
Virapandianpatnam.

To

The Hon'ble Minister for Food & Fisheries,
Government of Madras.

Sir,

You know that we got permission for opening Form V in June '49 on a very stringent condition that an endowment should be created before submitting application for permission to open Form VI in June '50 and for recognition to Form V already opened this year. The D.P.I has stated that no sympathy will be shown in the relaxation of this condition. In the course of this week I will be sending my application for permission to open Form VI and for recognition to Form V.

I need not reiterate that this institution is catering primarily to the educational needs of the Fisherfolk and Harijan communities.Resolutions have been passed in the Tiruchendur-Srivaikuntam Barathar Conference held on 27-10-49 requesting the Government to give all educational facilities for the uplift of the Fisherfolk with liberal building and equipment grant and to waive the condition of endowment to such of the institutions as cater primarily to the educational needs of the Fisherfolk community.

You know well that our local benefactors who promised money for endowment fund are unable to send it from Ceylon owing to the Control of Exchange now in force in the island.

I believe as you are fully acquainted with the circumstances under which the school is run,you will be able to plead for us most efficaciously-the more so because the Government of India is exceedingly eager to give all possible facilities for higher education to the people of the coastal villages.

It is a pity I had not sufficient time to meet you privately after the Conference and explain atlength all the details of my case.

Under these circumstances I request you to speak to the Minister for Education on this matter so that permission for opening Form VI in June 1950 and recognition to FormV may kindly be granted.

Eagerly expecting your reply,

yours faithfully,

Virapandianpatnam,
Dated: 17-11-1949.

Correspondent.

Vide Cyc. y mr Bishop enclosed.

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From

The Rt.Rev.Francis T.Roche,S.J.,
Bishop of Tuticorin and President of
The Tuticorin Diocesan Educational council.

To

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

Sir,

Sub:- Creation of endowment fund for St.Thomas High school,
Virapandianpatnam,Tirunelveli Dist-

Ref:- Your Proceedings R.O.C No.342 D.3/49 dated 22-6-49

In reply to the Departmental communication to the Correspondent of the St.Thomas Secondary school,Virapandianpatnam, I write to state that the question of endowment is pending with the Government. His Grace Archbishop Mathias,President of the Catholic Educational Council of South India,has seen the Hon'ble Minister for Education.

I am therefore to request you not to press the question of endowment until we receive further instructions.

Station: Tuticorin

Date: 17-11-49

yours faithfully,

+ Francis T. Roche
Bishop of Tuticorin

Copy to the Correspondent,St.ThomasSecondary school,
Virapandianpatnam for information.

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School - Secondary - Aided - St. Thomas Secondary School, Veerapandianpatnam - Provision of an endowment - Payment of grants - Representation from the Public - Orders passed.

Petition from the Public of Veerapandianpatnam d/ 14-9-49
From the D.P.I. Roc. 836 B3/49 d/ 1-11-49.

Memo/Order No 3836 Edn. dated. 15.12.49

The Manager, St. Thomas Secondary School, Veerapandianpatnam is informed:

(i) that the request for exemption from providing endowment for the high school forms of the school cannot be complied with; the Director will however be prepared to allow payment by instalments, restricted by the circumstances of the school, subject to the conditions laid down in paras 4 & 5 on p14 of and A on p3 nf

(ii) that in respect of the request for Special equipment and building grants, the management should apply to the D.P.I. in the prescribed form through the

paras 4 & 5 on p14 nf and B on p3 nf

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Divisional Inspector, Mathurai and the DEO

(iii) that students belonging to the Parava community are already eligible for full free concessions under rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules.

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To

The Manager,
St. Thomas Secondary School,
Veerapandianpatnam

The D.P.I.

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Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department.
G.O.Ms.No. 3836 Education, dated 15th December 1949.

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Abstract.

SCHOOLS - Secondary - Aided - St.Thomas Secondary school, Veerapandianpatnam - Provision of an endowment - Payment of grants - Representation from the Public- Orders passed.

READ:-

Petition from the Public of Veerapandianpatnam, dated 14th September 1949.
From the Director of Public Instruction, Roc. No. 836 D3/49, dated 1st November 1949

O R D E R:-

The Manager, St.Thomas Secondary school, Veerapandianpatnam is informed.

(i) that the request for exemption from providing endowment for the high school forms of the school cannot be complied with; the Director will however allow payment by instalments, justified by the circumstances of the school which should be stated to him.

(ii) that in respect of the request for special equipment and building grants he may apply to the Director of Public Instruction in the prescribed form through the Divisional Inspector, Mathurai and the District Educational Officer and

(iii) that students belonging to the Parava community are already eligible for full fee concessions under rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

J.M.Lobo Prabhu,
Secretary to Government.

To The Manager, St.Thomas Secondary school, Veerapadianpatnam.
" " Director of Public Instruction.
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(True copy-Forwarded-By order)

Superintendent.

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Secretary, E & P.H.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
27 SEP 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
27 SEP 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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I would like that the requests contained in the enclosed petition may be looked into and the papers submitted to me in due course.

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The remarks of the D.P.I. on the petition may be invited in the first instance. The draft endorsement on p 4 of is for approval.

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Sd 28/9/49.

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[Issued as Endt No. 74746 B1/49-1 Edn dt 4-10-49]

Sent in original

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A copy of the application addressed to the D.P.I for the opening of higher forms in the St. Thomas Secondary Schools, Veerapandianpatnam and the minutes of H.M (Food) thereon at p 1 cf may be perused.

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2. An earlier representation on the subject has been referred to the D.P.I. for remarks on 4-10-49. As the Director may have to consult the Inspecting Officers in the matter, it is doubtful whether he can submit his report before H.M. (Food) leaves Madras on 24-10-49.

Pending receipt of the Director's report the file may be circulated to H.M. (Food) for perusal through H.M. (E & L) with

reference to the minutes of the former at p1ante and p1cf

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C.No. 85792 from the D.P.I. Roc. No. 836 D3/49 d/1-11-49. p14cf

SECRETARIAT EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 31 OCT 1949 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

The file relates to the representation of the management of the St. Thomas Secondary School, Veerapandianpatnam requesting that

(1) the creation of endowment for the high school sections of the school may be waived;

(2) the ~~school may be sanctioned~~ special equipment and building grant ~~and~~ may be sanctioned to the school;

(3) full fee remission may be given to the Parava and other scheduled class students of the school.

The representation at pp 1-3 cf may be perused.

X on p3cf

2. The D.P.I. to whom the matter was referred, has reported that the high school sections of the school ~~was~~ were opened after June 1948 and that therefore the management has to create an endowment of Rs 20,000 for the high school forms with reference to the orders in G.O. Ms. No. 1657 Edn d/ 20-5-49. He has also stated that the management was sanctioned a years time for creating the endowment and that therefore the request of the management for exemption ~~from~~ from

p14cf

(Y)

p14cf para 2

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para 2 on p14cf

A | ~~need~~ is inadmissible. In the circumstances reported, the Director's views may be concurred in and the management informed that the request for exemption from providing endowment for the high school forms can not be complied with.

paras 4 & 5 on p14cf

3. As regards the request for building and equipment grants the management may be requested

B 11-11-49 | to apply to the D.P.I ~~through~~ or the Divisional Inspector, ~~as the case may be~~, in the prescribed form.

Thro' C/S Section regarding Request no. 3. on p3cf. — Sd 5/11/49. — 11-11-49 — 8/11/49

C | The request is for the grant of full fee Concessions to Paravans and other scheduled classes. Under the rules, Paravans are eligible for full fee Concessions — vide item 73 in the list of Harijans under Rule 92 of the M.E.R. No action is therefore called for on this request.

8R 10/11/49 — 10/11/49 — from 2 of G.O.P. 1657 Edn 20-5-49 (Y)

A above. The question whether the provision of endowments in respect of schools opened after June 1948, has been referred to the D.P.I. He has called for the views of inspecting officers. Any orders that may be issued on this general question will apply to this case also.

11-11-49 — 12/11/49 — S II / S — E&M (E&L) / (Food)

Though in individual cases the D.P.I. has been instructed to use his discretion liberally, it would appear from his reply on page 14 c.f. that he is still following the G.O. of 20-5-49 very strictly. Altogether this question of endowment is: (1) unnecessarily discrediting the intentions of Government; and (2) discouraging the spread of Education by private agencies.

In respect of discrediting Government, it may be pointed out that though the rule is a general one, in effect it is applied to Christian institutions only as these institutions happened to be at the time the only ones concerned with putting up aided schools. They could argue that as many as 600 aided secondary schools have so far come into existence without the security of cash endowments. In fact the argument could go further and say that if cash endowment has been insisted upon, not one of these institutions could have come into existence, as it is idle to expect that any private institution will be able to find money for constructing a building as also for creating a large endowment, out of private donations. The fact that 600 institutions relieve Government of nearly 2/3rds of their responsibility for secondary education makes clear the necessity for encouraging and not discouraging private agencies for education. The necessity for this is particularly at present when Government have no money of their own to spend on expanding ordinary secondary education.

If it is conceived that the endowment is necessary to guarantee the salaries of teachers, the schools may be asked to mortgage with Government the school building and equipment. Even this is unnecessary and may look ungracious because it is only an idle supposition that teachers will remain without salaries for such a length of time that the management will have to be forced to cash their investments to pay the accumulated liabilities. Schools are subject to inspections and in any case the annual grant from Government is only made on the actuals of the expenditure of the year.

I would therefore respectfully press that we should not indefinitely wait for the D.P.I. to submit

his report on a subject like this which is leading to so much unnecessary correspondence and causing so much doubt of the intentions of Government. It would be straightforward to revert to the position before 1948, allowing the D.P.I. to satisfy himself as he did before on the financial stability of a school.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 14 NOV 1949 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

H.M.(E.& L.) I am afraid I cannot agree. Before we said that Schools started before April 1948 need not pay a number of Private School mostly non-Xian have paid the maximum endowment & some amounts over ten thousand. So let things remain as they are. No case can be excepted. The D.P.I will have the discretion to fix the amount & the period within which it has to be paid.

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H.M.(Food)

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 29 NOV 1949 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

I would like H.M.(E & L) kindly to reconsider. It would appear that the discretion allowed to the D.P.I. appears to be exercised, not in respect of the amounts demanded, but, if at all, in respect of time for payment. It is represented, as in the letters placed below, that benefactions for endowments are impossible. In the circumstances, the question is as raised by Secy(E & PH.) whether Government should obstruct the expansion of education by insisting on a rule which was not found necessary in the past.

My personal position is one of great embarrassment.

C no 74

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I find no reasons when questioned, to justify the new rule, which is working very severely against Catholic institutions, which cannot find money for large endowments to be left idle with the D.P.I. in addition to the heavy costs of buildings, land and equipment. The fact that some non-Catholic institutions can find money should not be an argument against Catholic institutions which depend on benefactions not available now from abroad and very small from the local residents who are always poor and arexx worse now. I reably feel that we are incurring much odium on account of this new rule. There seems very little justification for it, while it is bound to affect the expansion of education very adversely. We may, therefore, return to the position x in 1948, the D.P.I. being allowed to satisfy himself generally about the financial stability of the institutions before according recognition.

H.Pr. may also see.

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May be re-circulated to Hm(E&L) as suggested by Hm(Food) and also to H.Pr.

29-11-49 ✓

H.M (E & L)

H. Pr

30/11

We had asked the D.P.I to examine this question & submit report. Has he replied.

I am afraid I cannot agree with HM (Food) entirely. The D.P.I has been given ~~exemption~~ discretion even as to ~~the amount~~. Catholic Schools are only about 1/7 of the total number of aided schools & there are more non-Catholic new schools coming than Catholic Schools. I am not for having a separate rule for Catholic Schools & another for non-Catholic Schools. H.Pr. may see & give me a ring when this paper is before him.

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H.M (E L)

I entirely agree with H.M (E L). No concession need be made to any body.

8.12.49

1 Please see the orders in circulation above. With reference to the minutes at 'P' on p6 ante, it is submitted that the Director has promised to submit a report in the matter after conferring with the Divisional Inspectors. The report has not yet been received and the Director has been reminded to expedite his report.

Separate file

2. In view of the orders in circulation above, the management of the St. Thomas Secondary School, Veerapandianpatnam may be informed

A on p 3 ante

(a) that the request for ~~exp~~ exemption from providing endowment for the high school forms cannot be complied with;

B on p3 ante

(b) that in respect of the special equipment and building grant they may apply to the Director through the Divisional Inspector; and

C on p3 ante

(c) that Paravans are eligible for full fee concessions under Rule 92 of the M.E.R.

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Subject to orders a draft ~~memo~~ order is submitted for approval. It may be circulated to H.M.(E&L) for approval. H.M.(Food) may also see.

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H.M (E&L)
" (Food)

Perhaps H.M would like

C. No. 74746 B1/49.

In all the endowments is collected in instalments, which as in the case of the Puttur school the School can pay. If so, the draft can be modified

Id. 7 (Σ + L)

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I have no objection to instalments but to fix the instalments if they approach him

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