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Education - Secondary - Reorganisation - Provision for the study of Music - Papers recorded.

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MUSIC OPTIONAL IN THE S.S.L.C. EXAMINATION.

On the introduction of the reorganised scheme of secondary education in Madras, music as an optional subject for the S.S.L.C. Examination will cease to be taught. The music ~~mistresses~~ mistresses who have been employed in girls High schools for teaching optional music, are likely to be given notice. General singing is of course provided for, but heads of schools will argue that for that purpose, they do not require specialist teachers in music. Music is an important subject particularly in girls schools and it is a pity that just at the time when India is waking up to an awareness of her greatness in the sphere of music, a step in the negative direction is being taken. Music is an optional subject for the Intermediate, and A. and B.T. Degree Examinations of the Madras University. The S.S.L.C. Music candidates got admitted to the college classes and continued their Music studies in the Intermediate, Sangita Siromani or Music Diploma classes. With the abolition of the S.S.L.C. Music optional, in the High school, music graduates, music diplomates and the sangita vidvans who will be produced from the Central College of Karnataka Music will be denied the prospect of taking to the teaching of music in High schools as a career. Music has been included in the Bifurcated course of studies but at present only the Rajah's High School, Kollengode, has started this course. Not one school in Madras has started it and there does not seem to be any prospect of even the schools which have been teaching optional music hitherto to start the bifurcated course in music.

Under the circumstances, it is desirable that steps are taken to restore Music as an optional subject in the S.S.L.C. curriculum at least in Girls High Schools.

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EDUCATION - Secondary - Reorganisation - Provision
for the study of 'Music' as an optional subject in
secondary schools for girls.

MEMO NO. 91634-BI/49-1 Encl 2 28/11/49

A copy of the representation received on the
above subject is forwarded to the Director of Public
Instruction and he is requested to offer his remarks,
at an early date, on the question of introducing music
as an optional subject ~~for~~ in secondary schools for
girls.

To
The DPI (with
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Education Department.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
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To

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

R.C.No. 3471-E1/49 dated 14th December 1949.

SIR,

Education--Secondary--Reorganisation--Provision
for the study of 'Music' as an optional subject
in secondary schools for girls.
Reference:-Government Memorandum No.91634-B1/49-1
Edn., dated 28.11.1949.

In the Reorganised Scheme of Secondary Education
there is no provision for optional music as optional
subjects are abolished. So it is out of question to con-
sider the re-introduction of music as an optional subject
in Secondary Schools for girls. But under 'Arts' there is
provision for Music as a general subject both in Forms
I to III and IV to VI. Besides this, Music is one of the
subjects(Special) under the Domestic and Aesthetic course
(Part III) and this may be said to be of the same standard
as optional music that is being taught now.

2. G.O.Ms.No.1580-Education dated 17.6.1948 gives the
qualifications of the staff of the Bifurcated courses of
studies and those for the music teacher are as follows:-

Music teacher(Vocal, instrumental, tablani)

Graduate in Music or Diploma holder in Music.

Title holders Sangeetha Siromani or Sangeetha
Bhushan with S.S.L.C. or Matriculation general qualification
and those of the qualifications given in the G.O. may be
employed to teach Music (Special) under the Domestic and
Aesthetic course. Those who take Music(Special) can take
Music in the Intermediate and B.A. Classes.

3. Music is a compulsory subject for teachers training,
elementary and secondary grades, and since its introduction
in the training syllabus, nearly 160 training schools have
appointed either part time or whole time music teachers
and there is thus far more demand for Music teachers than
the supply can cope with.

Yours faithfully,

G. R. Sankaranarayanan

For Director of public Instruction.

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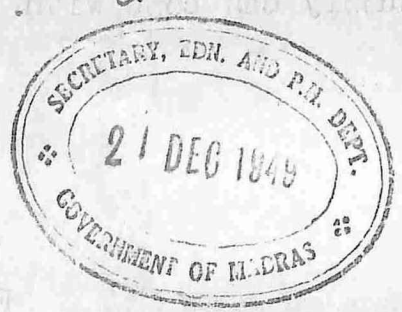
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Please see the Correspondence on pages 1-3 ante. In the circumstances explained by the D.P.G. in his letter on page 3 ante, no further action is necessary in the matter.

2. The file may now be circulated to HM (E+L) and H.M. (P.W.) with reference to the minutes on page 1 ante.

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Our reorganised course have doubtless dealt a blow to specialisation in music as in Scouting. There is no apprehension however that music teachers will be rendered unemployed, as they will be absorbed in schools as adopting music as a bifurcated course.

H.N. (E+L) ✓
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The papers may now be lodged.
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Abstract

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To
The D.P.G.
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