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[Despatch Abstract.]

Basic Education - Supply of mid-day meals to
the children in Basic Training schools - Notes recorded.

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From

Dr (Mrs) T. S. Soundram Ramachandran,

Examine Director, Gandhi Gram,

with serial reference
to P. O. No. 11116

The Hon. Minister of Education,
Madras.

Sub: Mid day meals for children of
Basic Schools which serve as model
Schools for Basic Training Schools.

Sir:

In continuation of my personal
representation to you on 13th of July, I submit the
following for your consideration.

Basic education, being education for
life through life activities, the curriculum includes
among other things, the preparation + serving of food,
care of children including provision of a balanced
diet is part of the school work. In the villages,
there is always a deficiency in the diet of the
children which has to be made up by supplement
- ory feeding in the school. The poor attendance
+ the poor quality of work in the village schools
are mostly due to the fact that these children do

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காந்தி கிராமம்,
சின்னாபட்டி P. O.

தேதி 16 - 8 - '49.

My dear Sir,

You may remember the letter I have given you requesting the Government to pay towards the Noon-feed for our Basic School children which has functioning as the practising school for our Basic Training School. You may remember that you suggested a rule so that the 35 Basic Schools which are attached to the Basic Training Schools in the Provinces may all be granted financial help towards the Noon-feed of the Children. We have 85 children in our school and this Noon-feed costs us a lot of expense. Therefore please do the needful.

Thanking you,

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Yours in service,

Soundaram

To
Shri K. Madhava Menon,
Minister for Education,
Government House,
Mount Road,
Madras.

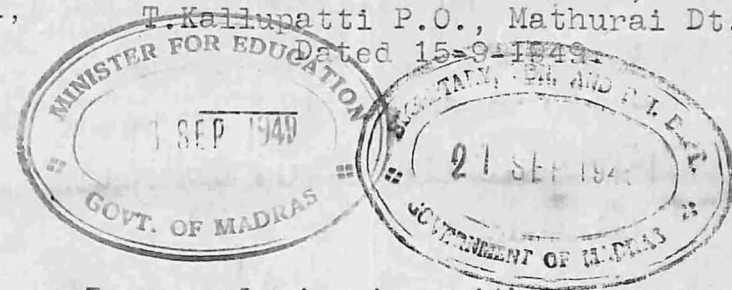
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R. Gurusami,
MANAGER.

I shall
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file in the
Office relating to
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D. Sundaram
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GANDHINIKETAN ASHRAM,
T. Kallupatti P.O., Mathurai Dt.,



Dear Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a copy

of the letter submitted to the Hon'ble Premier.

It is in fact a letter addressed to you. Since

I had a talk with him on the occasion of the
opening of the Basic Training School at T. Kallu-

patti, it is convenient for me to pursue the
matter further by submitting a written appeal

to your Government in the form of enclosed
letter. I hope you will be able to make a

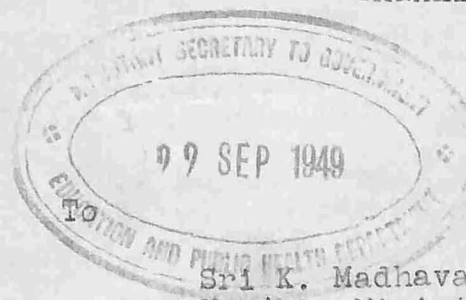
departure from the existing practice by

considering the case of the noon feeding of our
children as a special case.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,
Yours sincerely,

Dr. G. G. L. S.
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Sri K. Madhava Menon,
Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Government of Madras.

GANDHINIKETAN ASHRAM,
T.Kallupatti P.O., Mathurai Dt.

Dated 15--9--49.

From the Government of Madras, the Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Madras, to the Manager, Gandhiniketan Ashram, T.Kallupatti P.O., via. Tirumangalam S.T. Ry., MATHURAI DISTRICT.

To

The Hon'ble Premier,
Government of Madras,
Fort Saint George,
MADRAS.

Sir,

SUB:- Provision of Mid-day meals for children of
Model School attached to Basic Training
School and other similar institutions.

In continuation of the talk we had about the
provision of mid-day meals for the Basic School children,
I had to submit the following for your kind consideration
and favourable orders.

You know that according to Basic curriculum
the development of health and body build of children
is one of the chief items to be attended to. Most of
the children in this and other Basic Schools are ill
fed and therefore very weak. Their stamina for work
and study is very poor and consequently the standards
of attainment are poor. It is necessary for Basic
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attainment for healthy and developed children. It is
only then the expectations in respect of the children
of the nation of the school age can be definitely
fixed and the teaching provision as well as the public
be expected to fulfil those expectations and enable
every child of the country to reach high standards of
attainment.

I confess that in the present financial
state of the Government, it will not be possible to
provide mid-day meals for the entire school population.
But it is within the capacity of the Provincial
Government to provide necessary funds for giving noon
meals for such pioneer centres as the model schools
attached to Basic Training Schools which are only 36
in number to-day in the whole province. The research
regarding nutrition and the building up of the vitality
of the children that will be carried out in these
institutions, will be of very great value when the
province is in a position to plan the noon feeding for
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per day; i.e. the cost of feeding a child for a whole
year will be not more than Rs.25/-. The strength of
this school being 250, in the five classes that have
so far been opened, the total annual cost will be not
more than Rs.6,250/-.

P.T.O.

E.P.H.(B) Deptt

The file on the subject was
circulated to H.M. (Finance) J.H.M. (B) on 21.9.49. This may be added to
the mainfile after its return from
circulation.

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GANDHINIKETAN ASHRAM,
T. Kallupatti P.O., Mathurai Dt.

In case the Government are not in a position to provide similar facilities to all model schools in the 35 Basic Training Centres in the province, I request you to consider the Kallupatti centre as the first centre of experiment and to grant us this allowance of Rs.6,000/-. We undertake to do all the researches in connection with the noon feeding of the children and submit periodical reports to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras. Once again I request you to give us an opportunity to work out the Basic Education Scheme in all its implications by offering us this grant as a special case.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
MANAGER.

Copy submitted to the Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Madras.

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T. Kallupatti P.O., Mathurai Dt.

Dated 15--9--49.

From

Sri R. Gurusami,
Manager, Gandhiniketan Ashram,
T. Kallupatti P.O., via. Tirumangalam S.I.Ry.,
MATHURAI DISTRICT.

To

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

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
26 SEP 1949

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I am,
Yours sincerely,

M. G. S. S.
MANAGER.

submitted to the Hon'ble Minister for Education, Government of Madras.

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Edu. & P. H. (N. O.) Dept.

A similar reference from Sri

R. Guruswami, manager, Grandhiketan Ashram, date 15.9.48 was also received in this department. I added to the main file on the subject. A draft rule was submitted on 27.9.49. No action is called for in this. This may be added to the main file after its return.

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NOTE FOR THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sub:- Supply of midday meals to the children in Basic schools.

Summary of cost

Major Head of Acct.	Minor Head of Acct.	Ultimate cost	Cost in the year of introduction
		Recurr- ing Rs.	Non-re- curring Rs.
37, Education	m. Special Govt. Special schools - Basic Training Schools	31,200	10,400
	n. Special - Direct grants to Non-Govt. Training Schools - Basic Training Schools.	3,900	1,300

It has been suggested that midday meals should be supplied to children in the Model Schools attached to Basic Training Schools. The supply of meals to children in these schools is essential in the sense that they have to do physical work and that they may not be able to turn out useful work if they are deprived of the meals. There are 35 Basic training schools functioning in this Province of which 28 are under Government management. The entire expenditure on the supply of meals to the children in the Model Schools attached to these schools has to be met from Provincial funds. In the respect of the remaining seven schools, grants may have to be paid from Provincial funds at least to cover one-half of the expenditure. The managements will be willing to meet the other half from their own resources.

2. It has been assumed that each model section may have 40 pupils and that the cost of supply of meal to a child may not exceed 2 annas. On this basis, the cost to Govt. on account of the supply of meals to the children in the 35 Model Schools will be

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Rs.35,100/- every year. The cost in the current year will be Rs.11,700/- assuming that the scheme will be introduced from 1-11-1949.

3. The orders in circulation on the proposal are extracted below:-

"I think we may try this for a year"

K.M.
31-8-49.

"Giving up midday meals was a decision of the Cabinet. Is it necessary to re-open it just at present, even for a limited purpose".

B.G.R.
1-9-49.

"I do not want it for all schools but only for these few training schools. We can arrange to have a little land attached to each school and have agriculture as craft and the money received be given only to those schools which can get the land to cultivate after which we may not have to provide."

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3-9-49.

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I want the general rule to be changed in regard to Basic schools. Why not this go before the S.F.C. with the financial implications or the Cabinet".

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28-9-49.

"Yes. I agree with H.M.(Fin.)

P.S.K.
24-9-49.

4. This note may first be placed before the S.F.C.

5. The Budgetary position under the major head is as shown in the Annexure.

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(a) Budget provision under the major head of account.	-	9,38,93,200
(b) Actual expenditure to end of July '49 under the major head of account	-	2,00,70,303
(c) Estimate of extra expenditure on the scheme under consideration in the current year	-	11,700
(d) Savings in the budget provision for other items included in the major head	-	Not known
(e) Total commitment in the year under the major head of account of new schemes (not provided for in the Budget) sanctioned since the beginning of the financial year upto the end of July 1949	-	1,44,000
(f) Total commitment in the year under all major heads (in the Revenue Section) on account of new schemes (not provided for in the budget) sanctioned since the beginning of the financial year up to the end of July 1949	-	1,36,92,800

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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No. 6719/49

REQUEST FOR THE SUPPLY OF MIDDAY MEALS TO THE CHILDREN IN BASIC SCHOOLS.

From Dr.(Mrs.) T.S. Soundram Ramachandran, Director, Gandhi Gram dated nil.'49.

Dr.(Mrs.) T.S. Soundram Ramachandran, Director, Gandhi Gram has submitted proposals for the supply of noon meals in the model schools of Basic training schools. She has suggested that it should be encouraged. The suggestion is acceptable so far as schools under private management are concerned provided that the expenditure on the supply of midday meals is met by the management from their own resources. In case of Government schools the proposal will involve extra expenditure to provincial funds.

2/. The question is whether the midday meals should be supplied to model schools of Basic training schools. Though the scheme is a desirable one it is not known whether provincial finances will admit the extra cost involved. The extra cost may work out to over Rs. 30000/- on the assumption that each model school may have 40 pupils and the cost of supply of midday meals to each pupil may not exceed 2 annas.

3/. The suggestion of the Director, Gandhi Gram relates only to model schools of Basic schools.

The argument advanced in favour of midday meals for children in these schools will apply with equal force in the case of ordinary Basic schools. There are 101 Basic schools in this province according to the D.P.I.'s report made in another connection. If children in these schools are also be supplied with midday meals the additional cost will be over a lakh of rupees.

4/- If the scheme of midday meals to the children in Basic schools be sanctioned it may have to be extended to children enrolled in Basic schools which will be opened hereafter. It cannot be proper for Government to deny the supply of meals to the children

Some of the arguments I would apply to all schools, where children are underfed

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newly enrolled, for the two reasons: (1) by the ^{any} distinction made between old schools and new schools will be a matter of severe criticism and (2) children in new schools will be in need of food just like children in old schools if they are to receive Basic Education efficiently. Thus the ~~scheme~~ ^{expanded} scheme of midday meals once introduced will have to be ~~developed~~ ^{will be} gradually year after year. The ultimate recurring liability ~~being~~ ^{will be} increses. in rupees.

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5/- It may be noted that the Government ~~have~~ introduced midday meals on ^{limited} scales to children in Ele. schools in compulsory areas. On financial consideration they have to withdraw the scheme ^{in effect} later on. The proposal submitted by the Director, Gandhi Gram, is (to revive the scheme of midday meals in another form.

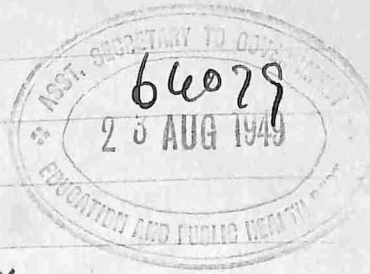
6/- In the circumstances it seems ^{sufficient} ~~desirable~~ if ~~discussio~~ ^{is given} to allow discussion to management to supply of midday meals to the children in Basic schools on condition that the entire expenditure ~~connected with the supply of midday meals~~ ^{their} is met from ~~its~~ own resources and that the expenditure should not be taken into account for purposes of ~~claiming~~ the grant from provincial funds.

7/- Finance may see for remarks prior to circulation.

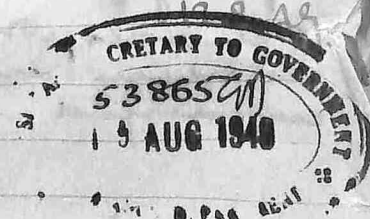
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This Dept. may agree with the view of E.P.H. Dept. in para 6 above.

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The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) for orders whether Dr.(Mrs.) T.S.Soundram Ramachandran may be informed that there is no objection to children in Basic schools under private management being supplied with midday meals provided that the entire expenditure is met by the managements from their own resources and that the expenditure is not taken into account for purposes of grant from provincial funds.

SS. 23-8-49.

BM 24/8/49

This is not what Mr. Ramachandran wants, but the question of govt paying for these meals, is not practicable now. May inform as proposed

H. 7 (ERL)

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Dr Soundaram wants this only for the model schools attached to the Basic Training Schools. What will be the approximate cost. In case of Private Training Schools, if the management is able to meet half the cost what will be the cost to Govt.

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A alone

The cost will be Rs 39,000;

please see para 2 on page 1 and

B alone

Of the 35 schools, 28 are under for managements. The cost of supply of meal to children in these 28 schools will be Rs 31,200 + will have to be met from Govt. funds in entirety. In the case of the remaining seven schools

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need to report.
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A draft note for the Standing Finance Committee is submitted below for approval. Finance may see prior to circulation.

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(Plew. Fin note on p. 2 above)
The orders in circulation on p. 4-5 above and the draft note may be perused

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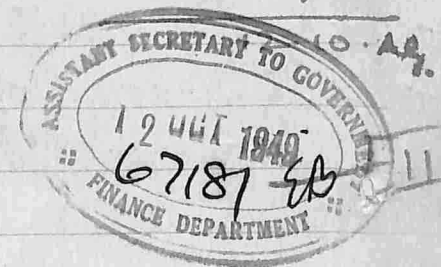
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separate copies of note and serial file to Finance

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STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The proposal was not pressed before the Committee and was therefore not approved by it.

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