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Item V of the Agenda - Preparation of Children's Books for Basic Schools: The work has proceeded along 3 lines:

(a) Government appointed an Editor and a Sub-Editor for the preparation of text books for Basic Schools. A report on the progress made is awaited. It is however understood that the scripts prepared by the staff and trainees of the Gandhi Basic Training School, Periyanaickenpalayam, are under scrutiny of the editorial staff.

(b) Following the endeavours of an Informal committee for the production of children's books which began its work on the 13th January 1949, Government in G.O.No.170 Education, dated 24-1-1949 have appointed a committee consisting of the following persons:

1. Sri.V.R. Ranganathan, Principal Teachers' College, Saidapet.
2. Srimathi M. Lakshmi Ammal, Principal, Lady Willingdon Training College, Madras.
3. Mr.(Miss) M. Cornelius, St. Christopher's Training College, Madras.
4. Sri.R.V. Rudrappaswami, Basic Education Officer, Office of the D.P.I., Madras.
5. Sri.T.P. Santhanakrishna Naidu, Dy. Director of Public Instruction(Elementary Education.. .. Convener.

Some of the members of this committee are understood to have met informally on the 18th February to proceed with the work from where it was left by the earlier informal committee. The stage reached by the Informal Committee was:

- (i) that word frequency lists be prepared by the Lady Willingdon Training College, Teachers' College and St. Christopher's Training College based upon:

- (1) Existing text book vocabularies and
- (2) children's conversation.

and (ii) that each Training College produce the first ten lessons of a primer merely indicating the matter, not necessarily with illustrations, and then come together for a further consultation (the basis of the lessons being a vocabulary of 300 words).

(c) Efforts are being made to collect a small library of books for children published in other countries which will give good and constructive ideas in the matter. The books so far collected are placed at the meeting. They consist of a set of books taken on loan and a set of specimen copies sent by publishers. Other books are due and a final selection will be made and books will be purchased and the library is proposed to be set up in the office of the D.P.I., or in one of the training colleges in the city.

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Proceedings of the Fourth Meeting of the Advisory Board
for Basic Education held on 19--11-48 at 2-30 P.M.
at the Secretariat, Fort St. George, Madras.
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Present:

1. Hon'ble Sri.T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education (in the Chair).
2. Sri.E.W. Aryanayakam, Secretary, Hindustani Talimi
Sangh, Sevagram.
3. Sri.D.S. Reddi, Director of Public Instruction.
4. Sri.P. Bhadriah, Joint Director of Public Instruction.
5. Sri.T.P. Santhanakrishna Naidu, Deputy Director of
Public Instruction.
6. Sri.V.R. Renganathan.
7. Sri.R.V. Rudrappaswami, Basic Education Officer.
8. Sri.L. Rajagopal Rao, Basic Education Officer(Andhradesa)
9. Sri.K. Arunachalam, Headmaster, Basic Training School,
Perianaickenpalayam.
10. Sri.B.S. Murthi, M.L.A.,
11. Sri.V. Natarajan, Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Coimbatore.
12. Sri.T. Raghavan Nair,
13. Miss.C.R. Samuel.

1. The Meeting began with the opening speech of the
Hon'ble Minister for Education(~~Full text enclosed~~).

2. Sri.R.V. Rudrappaswami explained briefly the pro-
gress made in regard to Basic Education since last meeting.

3. Sri.Aryanayakam pleaded for the holding of meetings
frequently. Now that they had met after nearly a year, they
were not in touch with the subject. Many steps had been taken
now, on which this Board could have had its way. He also
wished that a sub committee should be formed which would
meet regularly. The Hon'ble Minister said that they should
consider the desirability of meeting at least three times a year.

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4. The suggestion of Sri. Aryanayakam that the reports from schools, basic schools and basic training schools should contain particulars relating to receipts and expenditure of craft work and other productive labour done in schools and also other details was accepted. It was also accepted that reports from schools calling for all these facts should be called for from all basic schools and basic training schools once a quarter; and reports giving these particulars should be placed before the next meeting of the Basic Education Board.

5. With regard to Inspection, it was agreed that Headmasters of Basic Training Schools should have under their supervision at least a few schools for better guidance and working.

6. The plan for the expansion of the basic Education throughout the province within ten years, was generally approved.

7. Sri. Aryanayakam suggested that the experiment of full basic schools for eight years should be tried at least in some schools in the province. It was agreed that this experiment may be tried in about hundred higher elementary schools.

8. The matter of reorganisation of all higher elementary schools as complete Basic Schools was also discussed. It was resolved that the Government may consider all aspects of the matters so that the children studying in these higher elementary schools may not have any disadvantages.

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Communicated.

R. V. Radhakrishnan,
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All the Members of the Board:

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Basic Education Advisory Board held at 2 p.m. on the 25th Feb. 1949 at the Secretariat.

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The following members were present:

1. The Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avinashilingam, Minister for Education .. Chairman.
2. Srimathi Asha Devi.
3. Sri P.Bhadriah, Ag. D.P.I.
4. Srimathi Vidyadevi.
5. Sri L.Rajagopal Rao, Basic Education Officer, Andhra.
6. Sri K.Arunachalam.
7. Sri N.M.R.Subbaraman, M.L.A.
8. Sri G.Venkatachalapathi.
9. Miss. Samuel.
10. Sri T.P.Santhanakrishna Naidu, Dy. D.P.I. (Ele.Edn.)
11. Lt. Col. M.A. Hamid, Jt. D.P.I.
12. Sri V.R.Ranganathan
13. Srimathi Lakshmi Ammal.
14. Sri R.V.Rudrappaswami, R.F.O.

The meeting began with the preliminary remarks by the Chairman. He gave an outline of what was planned to ^{be} done for basic education in the next year. He also referred to the proceedings of the Conference of Education Ministers recently held in Delhi, with regard to the expansion of basic education and adult education. He extended a welcome to Srimathi Asha Devi who was attending the meeting of this Board for the first time.

The Chairman laid stress on the maintenance of proper standards in craft work in basic schools and also the necessity of keeping proper statistics of the work done.

The points on the Agenda were then taken up one by one.

(1) The report of the craft work in Basic Training Schools was submitted by the Basic Education Officer. A sub-committee consisting of

- (i) The Basic Education Officer;
- (ii) Sri G.Venkatachalapathi;
- (iii) Sri K.Arunachalam; and
- (iv) Sri T.P.Santhanakrishna Naidu

was appointed to evolve a system by which craft materials could



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be supplied to all basic schools of Government, local bodies or aided managements and the finished products collected from them.

(2) The need for a guide book for these schools was stressed and the Basic Education Officer was asked to expedite the publication of the guide book for basic education teachers.

(3) The Programme of basic education for 1949-50 was discussed and it was resolved that 17 basic training schools should be opened in the course of the year.

(4) With regard to the proposal to start full basic schools of eight years' duration, the D.P.I. was asked to go into the matter and make the necessary proposals to Government.

(5) With regard to the preparation of Children's text-books, the suggestion of Srimathi Asha Devi that the literature written by children must form the basis for children's text-books was accepted. This must be forwarded to the Sub Committee constituted for writing Children's Text-Books. Books for basic schools must be suited to their syllabus and conditions.

(6) It was announced that basic education will be introduced in all the four Training Colleges in the city, the two Government Colleges and the two Aided Colleges.

(7) With regard to the proposal that every elementary school should run an adult school, it was suggested that while elementary schools may, on payment of remuneration, be compelled to have adult literacy classes, the question will be to get students to the adult literacy classes and some inducement must be given to the adult illiterates to become literate so that the rest of the atmosphere will be created for these adult literacy classes to function.

(8) The Basic Education ~~Office~~ Board welcomed the all India Basic Education Conference to be held in this province in the next financial year and accepted the suggestion of the Hindusthani Talimi Sangh that it may be held in Perianaickenpalayam. It thanked the Talimi Sangh for giving an opportunity for this province to hold the conference.

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P r e s e n t :

1. The Hon'ble Minister for Education (in the chair)
32. Sri P. Bhadriah, Director of Public Instruction.
43. Srimathi Vidyadevi.
54. Sri L. Rajagopal Rao, Basic Education Officer, Andhra.
65. Sri K. Arunachalam.
76. Sri N.M.R. Subbaraman.
87. Sri G. Venkatachalapathi.
98. Miss Samuel.
109. Sri T.P. Santanakrishna Naidu, Deputy Director of Public Instruction (Elementary Education).
110. Sri R.V. Rudrappaswamy, Basic Education Officer.

The following were present by invitation.

121. Lt. Col. M.A. Hamid, Joint Director of Public Instruction.

122. Smt. Asha Devi.

1313. Sri V.R. Ranganathan.

1414. Smt. Mrs. M. Lakshmi Ammal.

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The Hon'ble Sri T.S. Avinashilingam in the course of his preliminary remarks gave an outline of what has been planned to do next year in respect of Basic Education and ^{of the} expenditure provided for under the various schemes. He also referred to the expectation of help from the Government of India to the extent of about 7 to 8 lakhs towards recurring charges ^{for staff and equipment etc. but} ~~equipment only~~ not towards any capital charges, in the proportion of 30% from the centre against 70% from the province. He extended a welcome to Smt. Asha Devi who had taken special pains to attend the meeting ^{go from Secagram to}

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and sought her advice as to how best to ^{utilise} ~~spend~~ the ^{local} ~~resources~~ of money and ^{leadership} ~~money~~, how to achieve efficiency in the crafts as measured by the outturn of produce, the need to prescribe certain standards and to ensure that the inspecting officers ^{are} ~~is~~ sufficiently trained to understand and to judge the standards thus prescribed, how to market the articles produced in the basic schools and basic training schools including the disposal of yarn, cloth etc. (by finding a ^{sale} ~~market~~ for them and the means of co-ordination of craft ^{requirements} ~~in~~ basic schools with craft ^{work} ~~work~~ in secondary schools.) Finally he announced the proposals for the introduction of Basic Education as an optional subject of the B.T. course in the 4 training colleges in the city from 1949--50. The items on the agenda were then taken up.

2. The Basic Education Officer's report of craft work in basic training schools and basic schools in 1948 was then considered together with suggestions for improvement. A subcommittee consisting of the Basic Education Officer, Sri G. Venkatachalapathi, Deputy Director of Public Instruction (Ele. Edn.) and Sri K. Arunachalam was appointed to evolve a scheme by which craft material could be supplied to all schools, Government, Local Board and Aided, and finished products collected from them.

3. The need for a guide book for these schools was stressed, and the Basic Education Officer was urged to proceed expeditiously with the production of such a guide book.

4. The suggestions of Sri N.M.R. Subbaraman that data for basic schools should also be furnished in respect of craft production as in the

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case of training schools and of Smt. Asha Devi that records should be accurately and promptly maintained as ^{formed} ~~part of~~ the essence of the training in Basic Education were accepted.

5. The programme of Basic Education for 1949--50 and the proposals to start full basic schools of 8 years' course in certain select places were then considered. The Hon'ble Minister for Education announced that 13 Basic Training Schools would be opened and Basic Education sections would be opened in 4 training colleges. He also informed the meeting that out of the 10 buildings proposed for construction during the year 8 will be soon ready. Regarding the starting of senior basic schools, the meeting agreed that such schools can be started only after the children have passed through the 5-year junior basic school and that ^{the} Basic Education Officer may obtain information on the number of basic schools with the 5 grades and go into the matter and make preparations for the opening of the first year class of the senior basic course. The information given by Smt. Asha Devi that the basic course has been extended to 8 years, i.e., up to the age of 15, excluding the pre-basic course, now called 'preparatory' course, was recorded.

6. Regarding the preparation of children's books for basic schools, a statement was made by Smt. Mrs. Lakshmi ^{and use} ~~and use~~ Annal of the progress made, including the preparation of primers both at St. Christopher's Training College and at Periyasickennalayam. After discussion it was agreed that the set-up of textbooks as they are prepared for ordinary schools cannot apply to basic schools and that children themselves may be allowed to prepare their own books, ^{while} ~~while~~ literature to improve their culture and increase their general knowledge should be provided in every basic school. A minimum of 20--30 books for every class was suggested.

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7. It was resolved that the committee for the preparation of children's books may make recommendations regarding the preparation of guide books, including the drawing^{up} of a list of subjects on which guide books are to be prepared, persons who may be entrusted with the writing of guide books and the terms under which the guide books may be got written. It was also resolved that the committee may propose the names of persons to be co-opted to it for the above purpose. Smt. Asha Devi was requested to give a note and^a list of subjects.

8. On the introduction of Basic Education in training colleges, Smt. Asha Devi expressed herself against the use of the term 'optional' in connection with the provision for Basic Education in the B.T. course. The Hon'ble Minister for Education announced the proposal to equip the workshop in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, for the making of Basic Education materials. On this the suggestion of Smt. Asha Devi that in future the out-turn of pre-Technological courses in high schools may be correlated with the aims of supplying equipment to basic schools was recorded.

9. The Hon'ble Minister for Education explained the part of the Social Education Scheme of the Central Government relating to the use of the agency of every elementary and secondary school for the running of one or two adult schools and desired to know the reactions of the committee to the proposal. It was resolved that the proposal might be tried subject to the conditions (a) that it involved no reduction in the hours of instruction in elementary or secondary schools and (b) that the teachers were

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paid separately for the work connected with Adult Education. The general principle of providing attraction to the adults^{and} of rousing local co-operation and initiative was accepted.

10. On a suggestion from Sri V.R. Ranganathan that employers of labour may be compelled to provide literacy classes for their employees, the Hon'ble Minister for Education informed the meeting that this matter is being separately considered.

11. The Hon'ble Minister for Education informed the meeting of the proposal to hold the All India Basic Education Conference this year in this Province somewhere in May 1949 and invited suggestions. Smt. Asha Devi suggested that the conference might be held in 3 sections consisting of (a) a conference section, (b) an exhibition section and (c) a rural art section, the conference section consisting of reports of work from the Province^{by} Government and non-Government agencies, the working of the syllabuses, the results of craft training, the training of teachers, administrative problems and the place of special activities; the exhibition to consist of charts, economical, educational etc., samples of products, demonstrations of model basic schools etc.; the rural art section to consist of folk-lore, indigenous arts etc.

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I. With a view to watch the progress made in the craft work etc. in Basic Training Schools and Basic Schools, progress reports have been called for each term of four months (for the terms ending August, December and April). The reports for the terms ending August and December have been received from all Basic Training Schools except from the Basic Training Schools Keelamoongiladi and Vinayasramam. In spite of the 3 reminders issued, the Headmasters have yet to submit their reports. The total expenditure and receipts and the value of production in the Basic Training Schools for the two terms ending with December 1948 are given hereunder:

<u>Spinning:</u>	Expenditure			Value of			Earnings		
	Recurring			Produce:			Nett.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
August '48	685	13	4	1077	6	6	391	9	2
December '48	2945	11	9	5607	7	9	2661	12	0
	3631	9	1	6684	14	3	3053	5	2

<u>Weaving:</u>									
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
August '48	253	11	6	274	14	6	21	3	0
December '48	769	1	0	818	13	3	49	12	3
	1022	12	6	1093	11	9	70	15	3

<u>Gardening:</u>									
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
August '48	69	12	0	43	0	3	26	8	9
December '48	328	12	8	772	0	3	443	3	7
	398	8	8	815	0	6	416	7	10

Total net Earnings: Rs. 3540--12--3:

No. of trainees 1460
Per capita earnings for the two terms Rs. 2--7--0

The earning of the trainees is 2 1/3% of the stipends they receive.

Of the 69 Basic Schools on 1-2-1948 only 24 basic Schools have sent the progressive reports. Reminders have been issued to the Inspecting Officers to submit the reports in respect of the other schools. The total expenditure and receipts and the value of production in the 24 Basic Schools for the two terms ending December 1948 are given hereunder:

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	326	13	3	643	0	5	316	3	2

<u>Gardening:</u>									
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
August '48	4	12	0	25	4	9	20	8	9
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