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G.O. NO. 1359 Edn.

Dated 27. 4. 50.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Ele. Edn — Compulsory. Dt. Bd., Tirunelveli Supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk — Complaint against Sri. S. E. Sankara Bhattar and Sri. S. Periasw Pillai — President and Secretary of the midday meals committee — Prosecution Papers recorded.

Back Papers.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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To
The Honourable the Premier,
Government of Madras.

Petition No. of 1949.

S.E.Sankara Bhattar, South Car Street, Sankarankoil. ... Petitioner 89781
16/9/49

Rex (S.I.of Police, Sankarankoil) ... Respondent

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
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SECRETARIAT, MADRAS

Humble Petition on behalf of the Petitioner

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Submitted that:-

1. The Petitioner comes of a well known respectable ancient family of Bhattars in this District. He was the President of the Panchayat Court for 9 years, the President Co-operative Society for 6 years,, President Co-operative Union for 6 years, Member of the Taluk Board Koilpatti and District Board, Tinnevelly for 10 years and Secretary of the then Gomethi Edward Middle School.

2. The petitioner has properties worth about two lakhs of Rupees and Banking business to the extent of Rs.20,000/-. To attend to his multifarious works he has no relations nor any paid servants. Hence he attends to them personally. It can be easily imagined that the Petitioner has very little leisure and facilities to attend to honorary

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activities in detail. Inspite of such heavy pressure all these years the Petitioner was rendering his service for the common good of the people. He is fortunate to earn the tribute of the people of the Taluk by his self-less service and honest work.

3. Meanwhile his health failed. He had an attack of nervous breakdown. Hence he was hesitating to accept honorary posts that were being thrust on him by the people and by the Officers of the Government.

4. In pursuance of the scheme for the feeding of poor children in compulsory education areas formulated by the Government, a Midday Meals Committee was constituted in Sankarankoil in January 1946. It could not function till 26-8-46 because of the fact that the members could not select a proper person to run and manage the supply of the meals for 950 students in 13 Elementary schools. The D.E.O and the Deputy Inspector of Schools brought pressure on this petitioner and Sri S.Periaswamy Pillai to accept the post of President and Secretary respectively. The Petitioner represented to the Officers the difficulties and pressure of work. But he has to yield to the pressure of Officers and accepted the office of the Chairmanship of the Committee.

5. The Committee began to work from 26-8-1946. To manage paid cooks is proverbially a difficult task. The Petitioner and the Secretary took all precautions that are humanly -- possible to see that children are properly fed and that the amount does not exceed 1 ¾ annas per pupil. The Petitioner

and the Secretary insisted that provisions should be --- purchased from the Co-operative Stores, Sankarankovil. But to follow the cooks to the Co-operative Stores to watch their movements, to shadow them to the shops and to see them whether they purchase all the articles from the Stores or they purchase some articles from the --- Stores and other articles from other shops and put them in the same voucher is an impossible task for any Chairman and much more so for a Chairman of the Petitioner's type. So he left these things to the close scrutiny and immediate check up by the paid clerk Wallar Ratnam. But Wallar Ratnam is not up to the mark in keeping ---- accounts and so he got the assistance of the school clerk.

6. However as early as 6-10-1946 the Petitioner had to write to the Deputy Inspector of Schools of Sankarankovil to the effect " That it is very difficult for the President or the Secretary or any member of the Committee to look after the arrangements daily and that it would be better if a separate department is organised for making the arrangements and supply ". On this communication that was sent to the Special Officer, District Board, the Petitioner was favoured with a reply dated 29-11-1946 " No --- separate departments can be organised as requested by the Chairman for the supply and supervision of mid-day meals as the Government while sanctioning the scheme stated that supply of mid-day meals should be carried out through ---- Committee consisting of philanthorpic and influential --- gentlemen of the respective centres. The Chairman is requested to continue the feeding ". To respect the request of the District Board the Petitioner put up with this kind of inconvenience and difficulties in supervising the arrangements. The Chairman and the Secretary did keep strict check

up on the clerk and cooks, but for the purchase of provision the cooks were solely responsible. The stock was allright and well spent only for the meals of the children. The actual stock on hand datewar was exhibited in a prominent place in front of the store room. The Petitioner submits that when there was no complaint -- regarding the quantity and quality of the meals supplied there was no necessity to scrutinise the vouchers carefully. The quantity mentioned in the bills were actually purchased and used.

7. Because for want of leisure and proper facilities the Petitioner as Chairman used to peruse the accounts and connected records every fortnight. The vouchers and the accounts were found to be correct. At the end of -- every fortnight the vouchers and the accounts after being checked by the Secretary used to be brought to the Petitioner and he used to sign. This was all that the Petitioner could do and was expected to do for the Mid-day Meals Committee placed as he was.

8. To the surprise and dismay of the Petitioner, the Police of Sankarankovil have decided to chargesheet the Petitioner for offences of cheating and falsification of accounts with regard to the vouchers of the Co-operative Stores. This the Petitioner submits is certainly a bolt from the blue. Not a pie was received from the District Board more than the estimated sanctioned amount and all the pupils were actually fed with decent meals without any complaint whatsoever. The D.E.O. has been pleased more than once to express his satisfaction at the meals supplied and arrangements made by the Committee. Thus no body was defrauded. No body was cheated.and no body has any illegal or dishonest gain. Such being the case

to hold the Petitioner responsible for alleged tampering of vouchers of the Co-operative Stores the Petitioner -- submits is unjust.

9. The Petitioner further submits that the purchase of groceries to the value of Rs.136-11-2 from the Co-operative Stores will not be sufficient to feed 55662 pupils. It could easily be imagined that the entire amount should have been utilised in the purchase. Under these circumstances ---- prosecution on such a fact is nothing but persecution. Perfunctory, one sided and unjust investigation has catered the notorious court birds and wire pullers of Sankarankovil who kept an envious eye and who were waiting for an opportunity to spoil the traditional name of the Petitioner's family. With his philanthropical and influential career for nearly 30 years it is really unfortunate that he has to stand the agony of a trial for heinous offences. The Petitioner --- swears before the Almighty that he is innocent and the prosecution is the outcome of envy and love of mischief to harass the innocent Petitioner.

10. Under these circumstances, it is prayed that Your Honour may be pleased
(a) to call for the records of Crime No.61 of 1949 of Sankarankovil Police Station,
(b) to direct the withdrawal of the prosecution, if any, and render justice.

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To

The Honourable The Premier
Govt. of Madras.

Petition No. 1949.

S.E.Sankara Bhattar--Petitioner.

Rex (S.I.of Police,)
Sankarankoil) Respondent.

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To

The Honourable The Premier,
Government of Madras.

Petition No. of 1949.

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S.Periaswamy Pillai,Head Master,)
Board High School,Sankarankoil) .. Petitioner

Rex (S.I.of Police,Sankarankoil).. Respondent.

Humble petition on behalf of the Petitioner submitted that:-

1. The Petitioner is a Graduate in Arts and Teaching and has put in 6 years' service as Teacher and 18 years as Head Master. He has an unblemished clean record to his credit. All these years he has been handling District Board money in tens of thousands of rupees every year. Auditors have not found out even aasingle flaw in all thes e money dealings. Yet f or the first time in the Petitioner's life for an Honorary post for a philanthropic kind of work the Police of Sankarankoil has chosen to --- charge him with heinous offences of which he is innocent.

2. The Secretary-ship of the Midday Meals Committee which he was forced to accept through the pressure from the Education authorities was an additional task to the Petitioner's heavy legitimate work as the Head Master of a school,whose strength is 700. As he was being over-worked as Head Master it is sheer impossibility to check every item and to verify whether the cook purchased articles at Co-operative Stores or some other shop and whether the voucher produced before the Clerk was genuine or not.

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3. The Head Master could not be expected to go himself to the shop and purchase the groceries himself.

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This duty was entrusted to the Clerk and the cook. The bills produced by them and the relevant registers whenever they were brought to him were signed by the Petitioner. Hence for the mischief alleged to have been done in the bills of the Co-operative Stores the Petitioner cannot be held responsible. It is respectfully submitted that the Petitioner has nothing to do with the purchase of articles and preparation of meals.

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4. On 16-11-1946 the Petitioner resigned the Secretaryship because he felt he was not in a position to devote as much attention to this work as it was necessary. But the Committee persuaded the Petitioner to withdraw his resignation and hence he had to continue as Secretary.

5. It is unfortunate the Petitioner did not succeed in continuing to be in the good grace of the Personal Assistant for no fault of the Petitioner. This attitude of the Personal Assistant seems to have encouraged the local Police to put an unsustainable and the false charge against the Petitioner. Under these circumstances it is prayed that Your Honour may be pleased,

(a) to call for the records of Crime No.61 of 1949 of Sankarankoil Police Station,

(b) to direct the withdrawal of the prosecution, if any and render justice.

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To

The Honourable The Premier
Govt. of Madras.

Petition No. of 1949

S.Periaswamy Pillai --Petitioner

Rex(S.I.of Police) Respondent.
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E & P.H.(B2)Department.

Memorandum No. 73250 B2/49-1 Edn. dated 24.9.49

Sub:- Ele.Edn. - Compulsory - District Board, Tirunelveli - Supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil taluk - Complaint against Sri S.E.Sankara Bhattar, President ~~of~~ & S. Periaswamy Pillai of the Midday meals Committee - Prosecution.

Ref:- Petition/ severally from Sri S.E.Sankara Bhattar, & ~~President of the Midday Meals Committee,~~ Sankarankoil dated 12-9-1949.

pp 1-12 and S. Periaswamy Pillai

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The petitions cited ~~above,~~ ~~is~~ are forwarded to the Collector of Tirunelvelly, and he is requested to ~~submit~~ send immediately a detailed report on the representations through the D.P.I. Pending issue of orders by Government on the petitions the Collector is requested, not to proceed against the petitioners.

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Pages 1-12 of may be sent to the DPI along with the papers in 137 infra

To
The Collector of Tirunelvely,
Tirunelvelly District.
(with the petition on pp 1-8 c.f.)

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Note:- H.Pr. has ordered in his minutes on p 1 c.f., that only a report should be called for on the petitions from the Collector of Tirunelveli. But with ref. to the request of the petitioner ~~at X on p 5 c.f.~~, the second sentence in the draft memo. above is also for approval.

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Office of the Special Officer to the
District Board, Tirunelveli,
Dated 26th September, 1949.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

From

Janab K. Ghulam Mahmood, B.A.,
Collector and Special Officer,
Tirunelveli.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
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The Director of Public Instruction,
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Sir,

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - Compulsory - District Board, Tirunelveli - Supply of Midday Meals to Pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk - Complaint against Sri S.B. Sankara Bhattar and Sri S.Periasvamy Pillai - President and Secretary of the -- Midday Meals Committee - Prosecution - report.

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REF: Government Memorandum No.73250-B.2/49-1 Education, dated 24th September, 1949.

I enclose herewith a copy of the report dated 26--4--1949 of the Collector and Special Officer sent to the District Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli, asking him to investigate this case and deal with the offenders according to law. This report contains all the facts of the case and I have nothing more to add.

pp 19-21 infra

2. The Police found on investigation that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute the two petitioners, who are the ex-Chairman and ex-Secretary of the Midday Meals Committee, as well as S.Ramasvamy Pillai, Clerk, Board High School, Sankarankoil and ~~and~~ Muthiah Pillai, cook, involved in this affair. The Assistant Public Prosecutor, Grade I, who was consulted by the police was also of the opinion that a charge sheet could be laid against all the four accused persons. Accordingly the Sankarankoil Police have charge-sheeted the four accused persons under -- Sec.477 A and 420 I.P.C. for falsification of accounts and cheating the District Board. The C.C.No.68/49 is now pending before the Probationary Deputy Collector First Class Magistrate, Tirunelveli. It has been posted to 3-10-1949 and the hearing is not yet commenced. In view of the Government instructions not to proceed against the petitioners pending further orders, I am requesting the Dt.Superintendent of Police to obtain an adjournment for about three weeks in the trial of the case.

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3. The accused persons have been trying to shift the responsibility to one another. The fact remains that District Board funds to the tune of Rs.1406-1-0 have been

been mis-appropriated by them, after falsifying the accounts and tampering with the vouchers etc. If the petitioners are prepared to make good the loss caused to the District Board, I have no objection to the withdrawal of the case now pending against them if the Government deem fit to do so.

4. The two petition~~ers~~s received with the Government Memorandum are re-submitted herewith.

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Collector & Special Officer.

Advance copy submitted to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras, for information.

Copy to the District Superintendent of Police, Tirunelveli,

Please arrange to get an adjournment in this case by about three weeks ~~one month~~ pending disposal of these petitions by the Government.

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As per voucher in this office.			As per counterfoil in the stores.			Excess.
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4. It may be seen from the above that all the vouchers have been tampered with in regard to dates, the original vouchers being erased and overwritten except in one case. In regard to the amounts there are discrepancies in six vouchers as detailed above. All bills appear to have been tampered with only after they were got from the Co-operative Stores, by making fraudulent entries and swelling up the amounts to much higher figures in order to embezzle District Board Funds.

5. In the duplicate with the stores the salesman has initialled at the bottom of each voucher, but his initials are available in the originals produced by the Mid-day meals Committee, only in vouchers which are not tampered with. In the vouchers which are tampered with the initials of the salesman are not to be found and the entries of various items noted are also not in his hand writing but they are in the handwriting of somebody else. The salesman unfortunately is dead and the midday meals officials in their statements try to throw the blame for the false vouchers on him. But the above facts clearly go to show that the salesman had not tampered with the vouchers. If he had done so, they should have been in his handwriting and he would have affixed his initials also as in the duplicates. Besides, if he were to do this tampering, he need not have changed the dates nor erased the entries and written up fresh entries.

6. The Secretary of the Committee Sri S.Periaswami Pillai who is Headmaster of the Board High School, was managing the whole affair and the non-official President, Sri Sankara Bhattar made payments as and when required and signed the bills. They state that the purchases were all made by the Head cook of the midday meals arrangement, one K.Subbiah Pillai who brought the articles and brought up the vouchers and the clerk of the midday meals Sri Waller Retnam used to check the vouchers and articles purchased and receive them and keep them in his custody and issue them to the Head cook as and when required. This Waller Retnam had given a statement corroborating this version at first on 24-9-48 but subsequently when he was confronted with all the tampered vouchers and the amount involved, he has given another statement retracting from his previous stand. He now pleads that he used to look after the attendance of the boys and the registers connected with it and that he never received the articles or checked them or kept them in his custody. He also mentions one Muthiah Pillai a relation of the Head cook K.Subbiah Pillai as having brought the vouchers and says that he used to see the vouchers only when preparing the bills etc. One of his conflicting statements must be false; but there is reason to suspect that he is not giving the full truth in either of his statements. He also mentions that the school clerk used to prepare the bills and assist in the midday meals work.

7. The Head Cook of the Midday Meals K.Subbiah Pillai is now working as hostel contractor in the Board High School, Sankarankoil. When he was asked about it, he gives an evasive statement that he purchased the articles as per vouchers and got

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got the vouchers from the co-operative stores; but he is not giving out the whole truth.

8. The departmental enquiry made confidentially shows that there had been a conspiracy amongst the Midday meals officers, the Secretary of the Committee, the clerk, of the High School of which the Secretary is the Headmaster and the Head cook to defraud the Dt.Board with bogus bills and in pursuance thereof they have committed forgery and made false entries in the original bills of the co-operative stores and by their manipulations they have made out the above six vouchers which were only for a total amount of Rs.136-11-2 as vouchers for Rs.1542-12-2 and thereby misappropriated the District Board Funds to the extent of Rs.14o6-1-o.

9. The above six vouchers of this office are enclosed herewith in a sealed cover. The duplicates concerned are with the Sankarankoil Co-operative Stores and as per orders of the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies they are kept in safe custody with the Secretary of the Stores. I request you kindly to make necessary arrangements to investigate this case and deal with the offenders according to law.

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Collector and Special Officer,
District Board, Tirunelveli.

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This is only an advance copy of the letter of Collector of Tirunelveli. The original submitted through the D.P.I may be awaited. This may lie over till 10.10.49.

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The Director has not yet submitted the ~~original~~ letter of the Collector with his remarks. For orders whether he should be reminded.

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E & P.H. deptt (B2)

Memo No. 73250 - B2/49-2 Edn. dated 13.10.49.

Sub :- Ele. Edn. - Compulsory - Dt. Bd., Tirunelveli - Supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil taluk - Complaint against Sri. S. E. Sankara Bhattar and Sri. S. Periaswamy Pillai - President and Secretary of the midday meals committee - Prosecution - Report.

Ref :- From the Collector of Tirunelveli No. E5-14538/49 dated 26.9.49

The D.P.I is requested to forward (immediately) ~~the~~ his remarks on the letter of the Collector of Tirunelveli, cited above ~~sent through him~~ ~~immediately with his remarks.~~

To
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Rc No. 1776 B1/49

Office of the Director of
Public Instruction, Madras
dated 31st October 1949.

Subject: Elementary Education - Compulsion - District Board, Tirunelvelly - Midday meals - Sankarankoil - complaint against Sri Periaswamy, Secretary and Sri Sankara Bhattar, President of the Midday meals committee

Read: Government Memo No. 73250 B2-49-2 Edn dated 13-10-49 — p23 ante

Letter No. E5-14538/49 dated 26-9-49 from the Special Officer, Dt.Board, Tirunelvelli to the ~~Secbary~~ Secretary to Govt. Education and Public Health Dept.

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2. Since the case is pending before the First Class Magistrate, Tirunelvelly no remarks can be offered at this stage on the merits of the case as the matter is subjudice.

3. If the petitioners are prepared to make good the loss caused to the District Board, the Special Officer, District Board, Tirunelvelly may be asked to with draw the case.

4. The Special Officer, may be asked to take disciplinary action against Sri S. Periaswamy Pillai, Secretary of the defunct midday meals Committee and Head master of the District Board High School, Sankarankoil even if the case is with drawn.

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for Director of Public Instruction

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department

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E & P. H. deptt (B2)

D.O. No. 73250 B2/49-3 Edn. dated 14.11.49

My dear Reddi,

Sub:- Ele. Edn - Compulsory - Dt. Bd, Tirunelveli - supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk - Complaint against Sri. S. E. Sankara Bhattar and Sri. S. Periasawmy Pillai, President and Secretary of the midday meals Committee - Prosecution.

~~Read~~:- your endt. No. 1776 B1/49 dated 31.10.49.

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~~He~~ The H.M desires, to ~~have discussion on~~ discuss ~~the above~~ matter with you; I ~~am~~ therefore to ~~request~~ ask you to meet him at the Secretariat in his room at 2 P.M, tomorrow, the 15 instant.

Yours ~~faithfully~~ sincerely

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To

Sri. D.S. Reddi M.A (Hons),
D.P.I,
Madras.

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D.O. No. 73250 B3/49-4 Edn. dated 17.11.49.

My dear Ghulam Mahmood,

Sub:- El. Edn - Compulsory - Dt. Bd, Tirunelveli - supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk - Complaint against Sri. S.E. Sankara Bhattar and Sri. S. Periaswamy Pillai, President and Secretary of the midday meals committee - Prosecution.

~~Read~~ Ref:- your letter No. E5-14538/49 dated 26.9.49

~~As~~ The Govt. ~~desires~~ have decided ~~that~~ further enquiries should be made by the D.P.I in the matter, ~~I~~ ~~before the Court decides the issue~~. I am therefore ~~am~~ to ~~request~~ ask you to ~~direct~~ instruct the Public Prosecutor to take a further adjournment in the case, pending ~~until the results of the enquiries are known~~ further instructions from Govt.

Yours sincerely,

To

Janab K. Ghulam Mahmood B.A.,

Collector of

Tirunelveli.

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D.O. No. 73250 B2/49-5 Edn. dated 17.11.49.

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My dear Reddi,

Sub:- Ele. Edn - compulsory - Dt. Bd. Tirunelveli - Supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk - complaint against Sri. S. E. Sankara Bhaktar and ~~Sri.~~ Sri. S. Periaswamy Pillai, President and Secretary of the midday meals committee - Prosecution.

Reference ~~Read~~:- your ~~~~ No. 1776 B1/49 dated 31.10.49

With reference to our discussion with H. Pr on the 15th instant (note ~~enclosed~~) ~~on the above matter~~, I am to ~~request~~ ask you ~~to make~~ ~~ascertain any~~ cause further enquiries in the matter ~~so as to ascertain whether there was any loss, caused to the Dt. Bd. Tirunelveli on account of the irregularities,~~ reports ~~committed by the above mentioned persons~~, and to send ~~submit~~ a detailed

Copy of letter No.E.5.14538/49 dated 26th April, 1949 of the Collector and Special Officer, Dt. Board, Tirunelveli, to the Dt.Supdt.of Police, Tirunelveli.

Education - Elementary - Midday Meals Committee - Sankarankoil Tampering of Vouchers and misappropriation of Dt.Board Funds Prosecution - requested.

The Government had introduced compulsory Elementary Education in selected centres in the District from 1945-46. In that year they also sanctioned the provision of Mid-day Meals to the poor pupils attending the schools in certain compulsory centres at a cost not exceeding o-1-9 per pupil per day, the supply being arranged by a Committee consisting of a non-official Chairman, a Secretary and some members. The system of providing mid-day meals was discontinued with effect from 1-4-47 as per orders of Government. Sankarankoil was one of such centres where Midday Meals were provided to the pupils from August 1946. The Midday Meals committee was constituted with the following persons:--

Sri S.E.Sankara Bhattar	CHAIRMAN
Sri S.Periasami Pillai. Headmaster, Board High School, Sankarankoil.	SECRETARY.
Sri J.A.Madhuram, (Deputy Inspector of Schools, Sankarankoil.	MEMBER
Sri V.Sankaranarayana Pillai. ..	Member
Sri S.Sankaravelu, (Executive Officer, Panchayat Board) ..	Member
Sri A.S.Muthiah Pillai (Supervisor, Highways) ..	Member

2. As permitted by Government, the services of one of the teachers of the Board High School, Sankarankoil, Mr. Waller Ratnam, Manual Training Instructor were utilised for the preparation of bills and maintenance of accounts, with an allowance of Rs.15/- per mensem. It is stated that Sri S.Ramaswami Pillai, clerk of the High School, also used to assist in the preparation of bills and maintenance of accounts. A permanent advance of an amount sufficient for a fortnight's expenditure was given to the Chairman and it was being recouped as and when bills of expenditure with sub-vouchers were presented in this office.

In May 1948 a complaint was received from one Sri T.Sankarapandia Mudaliar of Sankarankoil pointing out that all the vouchers produced for purchase of articles from the co-operative stores of the locality were bogus ones and requesting that necessary action may be taken in the matter.

3. A reference was made to the Deputy Registrar of Co-operativ Societies, Tirunelveli. He made encuiries in the matter Departmentally and reported his conclusion that the vouchers issued by his Departmenta stores were genuine, that no fraud had been committed in the stores and that the vouchers had been tampered with presumably by the Midday Meals Committee officials. Consequently further enquiries were made in the matter, the duplicate vouchers available with the stores were compared with the original vouchers submitted to this office and the following discrepancies were noticed:--

report to the Govt. immediately.

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Yours sincerely,

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To

Sri. D.S. Reddi M.A.(Hony)
D.P.I.,
Madras.

(With a copy of the Secretary's note at p on p 4 n.f.)

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

FROM
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Department,
MADRAS

17 DEC 1949

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Rc.No. 1776 B1/49 dated 14th December '49

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Sir,

Sub:--ELEMENTARY EDUCATION--Compulsion--District Board Tirunelveli--Supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankaran Koil Taluq--Complaint against President and Secretary of the Midday Meals Committee.

Ref:--Government Memorandum No.73250B2/49-2 Education dated 13-10-49

(ii) My Endorsement Rc.No.1776 B1/49 dated 31-10-49

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The original papers submitted with my endorsement referred to above may be returned to me as they are required by the District Educational Officer, Tirunelveli (west) for making the necessary enquiries with reference to Government D.O. letter No.73250-B2/49-5 Education dated 17-11-49.

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Yours faithfully,

For Director of Public Instruction

Clb. 15-12-49
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E&P.H. deptt (B3)

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Memo No. 73250 B3/49-6 Edn. dated 20.12.49

Sub:- El. Edn - compulsion - Dt. Bd, Tirunelveli - supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluq - complaint against President and Secretary of the midday Meals Committee.

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Read:- From the D.P.I. no. 1776 B1/49 dated 14.12.49.

The papers forwarded to Govt. with the endt. of the D.P.I. No. 1776-B1/49 dated 31.10.49 are ~~returned~~ sent herewith as ~~requested~~ desired.

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To
The D.P.I.
(with the papers at ①)

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Post Copy of Telephone Message No. 1776 B1/49 dated 22-12-49.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
25 DEC 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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

Sub:- Elementary Education- Compulsion- Tirunelvelli District Board, Supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk- Complaint against two office bearers of the mid-day meals committee.

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Ref: My letter R.C. No. 1776 B1/49 dated14-12-1949 | 35 ant

Kind attention of Government is invited to my above letter.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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A reply has already been given to the D.P.J to his reference noted of. This may be ~~filed~~ added ~~with~~ to the connected file.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
10 JAN 1950

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8-JAN 1950
HOME DEPARTMENT

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The Honourable Premier,

Government of Madras,

Madras.

The humble petition of S.E.Sankara Bhattar S/O.Easana Bhattar, residing at Sankarankoil, Tirunelveli District most respectfully showth as follows:-

1) The petitioner was the chairman of the Midday meals committee, Sankarankoil, Tirunelveli District. The Sankarankoil police have filed a complaint against the petitioner and three others under section 420 and 477 I.P.C. for alleged tampering of vouchers. The petitioner and the Secretary of the Committee Sri.S.Periasamy Pillai have represented to the Government. That they are innocent and have prayed for the withdrawel of the case against them. The Government was pleased to order an enquiry and direct that the petitioners should not be proceeded against till the petition is disposed of by Government. The petitioner submits that the Government order is not communicated to the Court As the order is not communicated the court is posting the case every fortnight. On account of this the petitioner is put to trouble and loss.

The case is now posted before the Sub-Divisional Magistrate on 3-1-'50.

Therefore the petitioner prays that the Government may be pleased to direct the D.S.P.Tirunelveli to request the court to have the case adjourned some time till the matter is disposed of by Government and to send a copy of the order to the sub-Divisional Magistrate, Koilpatti and render justice.

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This request may be complied with

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S.E.Sankara Bhattar

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D.O. No. 73250 B3/49-7 Edn. dated 18.1.50

My dear Ghulam Mahmood,

Sub :- Ele. Edn - Compulsory - Dt. Bd, Tirunelveli - supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk - complaint against Sri. S. E. Sankara Bhattar, President of the midday meals Committee - prosecution.

Read :- My D.O. ~~letter~~ No. 73250 B2/49-4 Edn dated 17.11.49

Petition from Sri. S. E. Sankara Bhattar No. Nil

I am to enclose ~~herewith~~, a copy of the petition, cited above ~~. As it is understood, that the case has not been adjourned, as already requested in my~~ above D.O. letter, ~~I am~~ and to ask you to take immediate steps, to move the Court for the adjournment of the case, till further instructions from Govt.

Yours sincerely

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To ~~Sri. Janab K. Ghulam Mahmood B.A.~~
~~The~~ Collector of
Tirunelveli
(with a copy of the petition on p41 c.f)

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Education Department.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department, Madras.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
10 MAR 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Rc.1776 B1/49 dated 7-3-1950.

Sir,

Sub: Elementary Education - Compulsion - District Board, Tirunelveli - Complaint against the President and the Secretary of the defunct midday meals committee.

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p30 ante Ref: Govt.Memo No.73250 B2/49-6 Edn., dated 20-12-1949.
ii) Letter Rc.No.574 C/49 dated 24-2-1950, from the Dt.Edl.Officer, Tirunelveli (West).

It is reported by the District Educational Officer, Tirunelveli (West) that the above matter is under correspondence with the District Superintendent of Police and that a final report would be submitted by him by the end of March 1950.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

Copy to the Divisional Inspector of Schools, Mathurai.
Copy to the District Educational Officer, Tirunelveli West.
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This may lie over till 10.4.50.

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Tirunelveli Collector's Office,
Dated 20-3-50.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
22 MAR 1950
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

From
Sri R.S. Subbian Pillai, B.A.,
Collector of Tirunelveli.

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

Sir,

Sub:- Elementary Education - Compulsory - District Board, Tirunelveli - Supply of midday meals to Pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk - Complaint against Sri. S.E. Sankara Bhattar, President of the Midday meals committee - Prosecution.

Ref:- Your D.O. No. 73250-B2/49-7 Education dated 18-1-50. pl + 3 ants

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The above case stands adjourned to 6-4-50. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Koilpatti before whom the case is pending has observed that the case will be proceeded with if no stay order is produced before 6-4-50. I therefore request that early instructions may please be issued in the matter.

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for Collector.

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D.O. No.1776 B1/49

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 27th March 1950.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY
29 MAR 1950
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

My dear Paul

Sub: Elementary Education -- Compulsory --
District Board -- Tirunelveli -- Supply
of Midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil

The District Educational Officer, Tirunelveli West who had promised to submit his report by the end of March has not yet done so. He has been reminded by telegram.

He has also been told not to protract the matter by correspondence but to meet the District Superintendent of Police and to submit the report in accordance with the general lines communicated in the note of the Secretary which was communicated with your D.O. No.73250 B2/49-5 Education dated 17th November 1949.

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I shall submit the report as soon as it is received.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

R. D. Paul Esq., M.A.,
Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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D.O. NO. 73250 C/49-8, Edn. dated, 29.3.50.

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~~My~~ Dear Sri Subbiah Pillai,

Sub: Ele. Edn. - Compulsory - Dt. Bd., Tirunelveli - Supply of Midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil taluk - Complaint against Sri S.E. Sankara Bhattar, President of the Midday Meals Committee - Prosecution.

Ref: your Letter No. C1-332/50 dated 20-3-50.

With reference to your letter cited above, I am to ask you to take immediate action to move ~~to~~ the court, again, for an f~~urther~~ adjournment of the case for a fortnight. ~~till~~ Further instructions ~~from Govt. The position may be explained to the court.~~ ⊗ which will be sent to you [illegible].

⊗ as indicated in the d.o. on p. 31 c.f.

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Yours sincerely,

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To
Sri R.S. Subbiah
Pillai, B.A.,
Collector of
Tirunelveli.

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Rc.574-C/49

Office of the District Educational
Officer, Tirunelveli West
Dated 21-3-50.

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From

Sri.M.K.Ramunni, B.A.L.T.,
District Educational Officer,
Tirunelveli West.

To

The Divisional Inspector of Schools,
Mathurai Division, Mathurai.

Sir,

SuB:- Ele.Education - Compulsory - Dt.Board Tirunelveli - supply of Midday Meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk - Complaint against Sri.S.E.Sankara Bhattar and Sri.S.Periaswami Pillai President and Secretary of the Mid-day Meals Committee - Prosecution.

Ref:- 1.Procs. Rc.No.1776-B-1/49 dated 24-11-49 of the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
2.Govt. of Madras - Educationa and Public Health D.O.No.73250B2/49-5 Edn. dated 17-11-49.

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I have the honour to submit my report on the result of the enquiry conducted from 15th to 17th March 1950, regarding the Sankarankoil Mid-day Meals complaint.

I have not received from the District Superintendent of Police the vouchers showing the excess payment of Rs.1406-1-0 over the amount actually paid to the Co-Operative Stores. After scrutiny and verification of these vouchers, the Deputy Registrar has already reported that there was fraudulant manipulation of the vouchers. The Sankarankoil Police, having found on investigation, that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute the two petitioners, the Ex-Chairmen and Secretary of the Mid-day Meals Committee, have charge-sheeted the accused persons for falsification of accounts and the suit (C.C.No.68/49) is now ~~x~~pending before the I Class Magistrate, Tirunelveli. Consequently I have not made any enquiry regarding the vouchers which are not made available to me.

I have therefore confined my enquiry to the issue raised in the Govt. Memorandum quoted above viz. whether feeding was done regularly and satisfactorily and whether any loss was sustained by the Govt. from the manipulation of the vouchers.

The distribution of Mid-day Meals commenced on 28-6-46 and continued till 31-3-47. The Muslim Board Ele.School was supplied meals only from 31-8-46. The No. of pupils to whom meal was served varied from day to day as only those present at school were give the meal. The following schools were included in the scheme under the Sankarankoil Mid-day meals Committee and the maximum No. of poor pupils selected to be fed is noted against each school.

1. Board boys school	80 pupils.
2. North Car Street school	110 "
3. Desikar aided	60 "
4. Board girls	75 "
5. Vaniyar Day School	65 "
6. C.E.Z.M. girls school	50 "
7. T.D.T.A.	50 "
8. Board Adi-Dravida	90 "
9. " Girls school XII ward	45 "
10. R.C.School	75 "
11. Board Muslim School	165 "
12. " boys school VIII ward	40 "
13. " " " XII ward	45 "

The last two schools mentioned above were closed subsequently. I visited all the other schools and questioned the teachers on the staff who were there when the Mid-day meal was sereved to the pupils and also questioned many of those pupils who were on the rolls during the period when the meal was served. I have also taken down the depositions of 15 teachers in the above schools who were heard by me. The original depositions given in Tamil and their English translations are enclosed. Ⓒ From a scrutiny of the depositions of the teachers and from what was elicited from the pupils the following facts are brought out.

1. Every morning the clerk of the Committee used to go round and get from the schools the No. among the selected poor pupils present at school so as to prepare food for those pupils only. A separate attendance Register of such pupils was maintained in each school. These registers are in my custody. Test Checks showed that the attendance marked in these registers agreed with the entries in the school registers.

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2. The meal packets were distributed to the various schools by head-load or in bandy. The Head teachers took charge of these packets and gave receipts in the hand book. In most of the schools these books are not available now. However I was able to get such hand-book from the Muslim school, North Car Street and Board girls school XII ward. These books are kept with me and the entries therein show that the meal packets were regularly distributed on all working days.
3. The approximate cost of each packet if it is purchased from a Hotel varies according to the estimate of the teachers from 2 annas to 3 annas.
4. The approximate weight of the packet is said to be about an lb. but nobody is definite about it.
5. Till 10-2-47 wheat was given and after that Rice was served. It is understood from the statements of the teachers and the replies of the pupils that wheat or Rice Sambar with vegetables like brinjals, cucumber and Drumstickwere supplied.
6. The remarks recorded in the Inspection books or Visitor's books of the schools by Sri.S.Krishnaswami, Dt.Educational Ⓕ Officer Tirunelveli West on 3-9-46(in the Inspection book of Muslim Board school)and by the Executive Officer of Panchayat Ⓖ Board on 14-11-46 in the visitor's book of C.E.Z.M. school and Desikar ele. school and the remarks recorded in the visitor's book of the Mid-day meals Committee by Sri.S.Krishnaswami Dt. Ⓗ Educational Officer on 3-9-46 and by Sri.N.Vasudevan on 14-2-47 tell to show that the feeding was satisfactory. (Copies of their remarks are enclosed). No complaint was received either in the office of the Deputy Inspector or the District Educational Officer regarding the feeding. The Inspection books and Visitors books of the various schools in which feeding was done do not contain any unfavourable remarks regarding feeding either by the Departmental Officers or others.

The amount involved as a loss to the District Board as a result of the alleged falsification of vouchers is assessed at Rs.1406-1-0 and this is possible only if the distribution of meals was suspended for about 15 days. In which case there could have been a complaint but the records do not show that any such complaint was received. It is possible that 15 could be spread over the months from August 46 to March 47. But the Attendance Register and other records do not support such presumptions. In their depositions, the teachers, definitely said that the meals were served on all working days during the period when the scheme was working.

In the course of my tour I was enquiring of teachers parents etc in Sankarankoil and outside about the working of the Mid-day Meals scheme in Sankarankoil and the information I got was that the feeding was satisfactorily done. A list of documents enclosed is attached. I am detaining with me the attendance registers of the pupils fed and other records received from the District Board Office which will be submitted if and when required.

Yours faithfully,

District Educational Officer,
Tirunelveli West.

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List of Enclosures.

1. Appeal petition to the Honourable the Premier by Sri.S.E.Sankara Bhattar, President Midday meals Committee (Received from the Director of Public Instruction).
2. Appeal petition to the Honourable the Premier by Sri.S.Periaswami pillai, Headmaster Sankarankoil Board High school.
3. Confidential letter No.E-5-14538/49 dated 26-9-49 of the Collector and Special Officer Tirunelveli addressed to the Secretary to the Government. (Received from the Director of Public Instruction)
4. Copy of the letter No.E.5.-14538/49 dated 20-4-49 of the Collector and Special Officer, Dt.Board Tirunelveli to the Dt.Superintendent of Police Tirunelveli (Received from the Director of Public Instruction).
5. English translation of the Depositions taken from the teachers of Ele.Schools where the Mid-day feeding was done. (15Statements) with the Tamil Statements in Original.
6. Copy of the remarks recorded in the Visitors book of the Muslim Board boys school by (a) Sri.S.Krishnaswami, Dt.Educational Officer Tirunelveli West (b) S.Periaswami, Headmaster (c) Sri.Sankaravelu, Executive officer, Panchayat Board.
7. Copy of the remarks recorded by the Executive Officer of Sankarankoil Panchayat Board in Desikar elementary school.
8. Copy of the remarks recorded by Sri.S.Krishnawwami, Dt.Educational Officer, Tirunelveli West in the visitors book of the Mid-day meals Committee.
9. Copy of the remakks made by Sri.N.Vasudevan in the Visitors book of the Mid-day meals Committed.
10. Statement showing the No. of pupils fed each fortnight and the amount spent and claimed to.
11. Tabular Statement indicating the No. of pupils fed each day in each school for the period.

English traslation of statements taken at Sankarankoil.

(1) Thaiammal, HeadMistress, Board Girls school, 12 ward, Sankarankoil.

I came to this school only on 1.7.47. Midday meals were served in this school before this date. I showed the accounts relating to the giving of midday meals. His Honour the Dt.Edl.Officer Told the pupils that those who were present when the midday meals were served should stand up and he asked them particulars about what had been served. Thereto the pupils replied " Sambhar rice, curd rice, and molasses rice were served. They were satisfactory".

sd. Thaimmal.

(2) Devadasan. S. - Headmaster, Adi Dravida School, Sankarankoil.

I have been serving this school from 27.7.46 to this day. I was Headmaster of this school when midday meals were being supplied to this school. Cooked rice and cooked wheat used to be supplied. The meals used ~~issued~~ to be supplied, in parcels. The meals wre brought in carts by the cooks. I have signed in token of having received the meals. I have no accounts with me. I would put the signature and give (the accounts) to those who brought the meals. Each parcel would be half the quantity of a hotel meal. Each parcel would be of the value of about 4 annas. I declare that the facts stated herein are true.

sd. Devadason,

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(3) Chitraputra Mudaliar, asst., Muslim Ele.school, Sankarankoil.

I have been serving his school from 17.9.46. I had been present when the midday meals were being supplied. For about 5 or 6 months the meals were being supplied. They were being given at midday. Sambhar rice with vegetables, plantains and brinjals were given. Cooked wheat also was given. About 125 pupils were being daily given (meals). Parcels used to be brought in carts and pupils were counted and given. There were no complaints in respect of this verification.

sd. Chitraputra Mudaliar.

(4) G.Abdul Sahib, Asst., Board Muslim school, Sankarankoil.

I was a teacher in thisschool when midday meals were being supplied. They were given from August 1946 till the end of March 1947. On some days cooked wheat and mostly sambhar rice (with vegetables) were supplied in packets. The food in packets was brought in cartsand supplied. There were no complaints from the pupils in respect of the food. The packet would be worth about 3 annas.

verification. sd. G.Abdul Sahib.

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(5) S.S.Sankara Ayyar., asst. Board Muslim school, Sankarankoil.

I have been serving for about three years. I was serving this school when midday meals were ~~xkx~~ being given. About 150 pupils were being given food. Some times cooked rice packets and some times cooked wheat were being supplied. In the sambhar rice vegetables used to be put. The preparation consisted of bringals, plantains, and pumpkins. The pupils were regularly given food on all working days. The food used to be brought in carts. There was nothing unsatisfactory.

verification. sd. S.S.Sankara Ayyar.

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(6) D.Thangathai, C.E.Z.M. school, Sankarankoil.

From 1.6.32 upto date I have been serving the said C.E.Z.M.School. From August 1946 to 31st March in 1947 midday meals were given in this school to poor students.

The pupils were given on some days cooked wheat, on other days sambar rice; on yet other days uppuma, and on yet other days molasses rice with fried plantain chips and poriyal which go with such food, done into packets.

The Headmistress used to check the count ~~x~~ them and supply them to the pupils. Each packet would be worth about three annas or four annas. There have been no complaints regarding the supply of these meals either from the pupils or from their parents.

verification. sd. Thangathai,

(7) C.R.Subramanya Ayyar, Head master, North Car Street,Ele.school,
Sankarankoil.

I have been in ser~~i~~vice from 1944. I have been present on all occasions when midday meals were supplied. Midday meals were supplied from August 1946 to the end of March 1947. We gave midday meals on an ~~x~~ average to 108 pupils.

Some times food would be brought in big vessels and distributed by means of cups and some times it was supplied in packets. I had been supervising when the food was being given.

At first cooked wheat mixed with sambar and later cooked rice with Sambar were given, They would be mixed with plantains, brinjals, onions and drumsticks.

There was no complaint of any sort from the pupils with regard to the said supply of food. The food was supplied satisfactorily. Each packet was worth about 3 annas. The food was being brought in headloads

verification. sd. C.R.Subramania Ayyar,

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(8) Ruth Anbu Gurubatham, Asst. Sankarankoil Girls school.

I joined duty in the Sankarankoil Board School on 25.3.46. I have personally seen midday meals being served to pupils. They were supplied in leaves done into packets. On some days wheat uppuma andmolasses rice and in some months sambar rice and plantains and brinjals along with the rice were supplied. The food was brought at 12 noon in head loads More than about 50 pupils were given (food). Daily at 10 A.M. intimation about the number of pupils present would be sent. In accordance with it at 12 noon food would be sent. In the matter of the supply of food there was no sort of complaint. Each said packet would be worth about 4 annas. verification.

sd. Gurubatham.

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(9) L. Catherine, Asst, Sankarankoil Board Girls school.

I have been serving the Sankarankoil Board girls school from July '44. I have personally seen the supply of midday meals to pupils. The food sent was uppuma in wheat, some times molasses rice, cooked rice with sambar and brinjals, plantains, pumpkin and on somedays with plaintain poriyal. On the average there would be 1½ cups of rice. The packets would be worth 3 or 4 annas. More than about 60 pupils were being supplied with food. There were no complaints either from the pupils or from thier parents. The midday meals were being givento the poor pupils. They were a great help during that period of famine. verification.

sd. L. Catherine.

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(10) Ramachandra Ayyar, Teacher-manager, Vaniyar ele.school.

I have been properly conducting from 1909 the Vaniyar Ele.school. From 26.8.46 to 31.3.47 the Secretary of the Midday meals committee was supplying poor pupils with noon meals. The said secretary was Sri S. Periswami Pillai and the President, Sri S.S.Sankara Bhattar. The packets of the said midday meals were supplied regularly in various kinds as good sambar rice, or cooked wheat mixed with sambar. The meal and the sambar were excellent. Good vegetables and dhall and other things for sambar were supplied properly. The pupils were consuming those food packets with satisfaction, and relish. No pupil was disatisfied with the food. These food packets were regularly supplied to those present among the poor pupils. The said food was supplied at fixed time, daily and was brought in carts or in headloads. The Number of poor students present would be intimated in the morning and accordingly food was supplied to the pupils present. About 70 packets were being daily supplied to our school. There are no records in our school connected with the matter I entrusted with the Midday meals secretary on 31.3.47 the last day of supply of food the diary kept in connection with the meals and the attendance register. verification.

sd. Ramachandra Ayyar,

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(11) V.R. Krishna Ayyar, asst, Board school, 4th ward.

I served in this school in 1946-47. I knew of the supply of midday meals to pupils then. On all school days food was given - food was brought in packets and distributed. At about 12 noon it would be brought and given. Either the Headmaster of the school or the teacher in charge would count and take charge of the packets. Daily between 70 and 80 packets would be supplied. On some days cooked wheat and on other days cooked rice would be supplied. curd rice and sambar rice also were given In the sambar were put vegetables. Purchased from shops the packets would cost between 2 annas and 3 annas. There was no complaint when they were being supplied. verification.

sd. K.Krishna Aiyer.

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(12) R.Srinivasa Rao, Asst. Sankarankoil Board school.

I had served this school in the two years 1946 and 1947. I knew of the supply then of midday meals. They were supplied on school days. The food was done into packets carried and brought in a wooden box and supplied. The food was carried in headloads and supplied. It was usual for the headmaster and when he was on leave for this assistant to count the packets and receive them. On some one or two days molasses rice, on other days, sambar rice with preparation of bringals, ladies fingers, cucumber, etc. and on some days curd rice were being supplied. On some days cooked wheat also would be supplied. I do not remember that there was absence of supply on any working day. Each packet would be one found in weight. If purchased from shops the cost would roughly be about 2 annas. verification. sd. R.Srinivasa rao.

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(13) S.P. Kulathu Ayyar, asst. Bd.Hindu Boys school.

I was working in this school in 46-47 when midday meals were being given. Food was being brought and supplied in packets. Daily the Headmaster was being given on all school working days. In the packets would be, on different days, cooked wheat, or curd rice or sambar rice. In Sambar bringals, ladies fingers, drumsticks etc. would have been put. Each packet would weight about 10 plalams. If purchased from shops eac contd.

(13). If purchased from shops each packet would cost about 3 annas.

verification. sd. S.R.Kulathu Ayyar,

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(14) S.Nellayappa Desikar, Teacher,-Manager, Desikar Ele.school.

Midday meals were given from August 1946 to March 1937. on a average about 100 pupils would take the meals. cooked wheat, cooked rice, molasses rice and curd rice done into packets would be brought and supplied. Each packet could be estimated at 2½ or 3 annas. In respectof this matter there has been no kind of complaint from this school. The committee would be informed of the number and would suppl so many packets. verification.

sd.Nellayappa Desikar.

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(15) S.Samuel Jesudas, Headmaster, T.D.T.A.Ele.school, Sankarankoil.

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I was Headmaster of the T.D.T.A.Ele.school, when midday meals were given at Sankarankoil. About 40 pupils were being given midday food. cooked wheat, sambar rice, sambar with bringals, dhall, ladies fingers, plantains etc. were prepared. These meals were sometimes brought in cartand at times on head in packets and supplied. I checked the packets and distributed them to the pupils. On all school days the packets were supplied. Each packet would be one found in weight. Each packet would cost 2 annas.

sd. S.Samuel Jesudas.

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Statement Sankarankoil 12th ward

[illegible] Sankarankoil

நான் இந்தப் பள்ளிக்கூடத்துக்கு 1.7.47ல் தான் வந்தேன். அதற்கு முன்னால் இந்தப் பள்ளிக்கூடத்தில் மத்திய சாப்பாடு போடப்பட்டது. மத்தியான சாப்பாடு போடப்பட்ட கணக்கை எடுத்துக்காட்டுறேனை. [illegible] டீ.E.O அவர்கள் பிள்ளைகளிடம் மத்தியானச் சாப்பாடு போடப்படும் போது இருந்த பிள்ளைகளை எழுந்திருக்கச் சொல்லி என்ன என்ன போட்டார்கள் என்று கேட்டார்கள். அதற்கு பிள்ளைகள் சாம்பார் சோறு, தயிர் சோறு சர்க்கரைச்சோறு போட்டார்கள். திருப்தியாக இருந்தது. என்று சொன்னார்கள்.

Marcellany Thaiammal
Head mistress
B.C. School 12th ward
Sankarankoil.
16.3.50.

Returned the papers
16/3 Otto Tyson

R.C. School - VIII ward

No teacher now on the staff was in the school when the Midday meal was given. No account is in the school at present. Asked the children as they say that they were fed with wheat, & rice with sambar in packets.

16/3
Otto Tyson

[illegible]

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Statement of S. Devadasan, H.M.

Bd Adi Dravida School — 16/3/1950

Shankaranallur

நான் இந்த ஸ்கூலில் 1.7.46 முதல் நாளது வரை வேலை பார்த்து வருகிறேன். இந்த [illegible] ஸ்கூலுக்கு மத்தியான சாப்பாடு கொடுத்து வரும்போது நான் இந்த ஸ்கூலில் தலைமை உபாத்தியாயராக இருந்தேன். அரிசி சாதமே [illegible] சாதமே கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்தது. சாப்பாடு பொட்டலமாகக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்தது. ஒவ்வொரு நாளும் 90 பொட்டலங்கள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்தது. சாப்பாடு வாங்கு பவர் [illegible] கள். சாப்பாடு வாங்கிக்கொண்டதற்கு கையெழுத்துப் போட்டுக் கொடுத்திருக்கிறேன். [illegible] கையெழுத்துப் போட்டு [illegible] கொடுத்து வந்திருக்கிறேன். [illegible] சாப்பாட்டுக்கு [illegible] ஒரு நாளைக்கு ஒரு ஆளுக்கு 4 அவுன்ஸ் [illegible].

மேற்கண்ட வாக்குமூலம் உண்மையென்று உறுதிப்படுத்துகிறேன்.

S. Devadasan

Headmaster

16.3.50

Adi Dravida School

Read by me on 16/3/50

16/3

[illegible] Tyler

Statement of Sri Chitraputra Mudaliar, 73 ~~(81)~~ ~~35~~

Asst. Shankaranallur Muslim Board School.

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நான் 1946 செப்டம்பர் 17ந் தேதி இந்த ஸ்கூலில் வேலைபார்த்து வருகிறேன். மத்தியான சாப்பாடு போடும் பொழுது நான் கூட இருந்து கவனிக்கிறேன். அவர் 5, 6, மாணவர்களாக கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. மத்தியான நேரங்களில் கொடுக்கப்படும் சாப்பாட்டுக்கும் காய்கறி வாங்குவதற்கும், கத்திரிக்காய்கள் [illegible] கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. [illegible] கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. அவர் நாள் ஒன்றுக்கு 125, பிள்ளைகளுக்காவது கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. வண்டியால் பொட்டலங்கள் போய் வந்தது, அன்றைக்கு கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. இது வரையில் [illegible] இன்னும் கிடையாது.

மேற்கண்ட வாசகங்கள் உண்மையென்று ஒப்புக்கொண்டு கையெழுத்து செய்கிறேன்.

M. Chitraputra Mudaliar

16.3.50.

Asst

Bd. Muslim School

Sankaranallur.

Read by me on 16.3.50

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[illegible] Tyler

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Sri G. Abdul Sahib Asst

Statement of ~~Sri [illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~, Shankarankoil Board Muslim School
16-3-1950

நான் Board Musl. பள்ளியில் [illegible] ஆசிரியராக இருந்தேன், 1946 வருஷம் August மாதம் முதல், 1947 வருஷம் March வரை [illegible] கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்தது. பிள்ளைகளுக்கு [illegible]. [illegible] (கடலை சேர்த்து) பொட்டலம் [illegible] பொட்டலம் போட்டு [illegible] கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. பள்ளிக்கூடத்திலிருந்து [illegible] பொட்டலம் [illegible], [illegible] சொல்லுகிறேன்.

Heard by me
16-3-50
16/3
DEO Tly

G. Abdul Sahib
Asst
16.3.50.
Board Muslim School
Sankarankoil

Statement of Sri S. S. Shankaraiyar.
Asst. Muslim School, Shankarankoil

நான் சுமார் இருபது வருஷகாலம் வேலைபார்த்து வருகிறேன். மத்தியான சாப்பாடு கொடுக்கும் போது இப்பள்ளியில் வேலைபார்த்து வந்திருக்கிறேன். சுமார் 150 மாணவர்களுக்கு சாதம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்தது. இலைகளில் [illegible], பாத்திரங்களில் [illegible] சாதம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்தது. சாம்பார் அதற்கு காய்கறிகள் போடப்பட்டிருந்தன. கத்தரிக்காய், வாழைக்காய், பூசணிக்காய் முதலியவைகளைப் போட்டு சமையல் செய்து இருந்தது. எல்லா வேலை செய்யும் நாட்களில் மாணவர்கள் எல்லோருக்கும் சாதம் [illegible] கொடுக்கப்பட்டன. சாதம் வீணாய் [illegible]. [illegible] ஒன்றும் கிடையாது.

மேற்கண்ட விஷயங்கள் உண்மை என்று உறுதியாகச் சொல்லுகிறேன்.

S. S. Sankaraiyar.
Asst.
16.3.50
Board Muslim School
Sankarankoil.

Heard by me on 16.3.50
16/3
DEO Tly

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Statement of Mrs. D. Thankathai Ammal, Asst.
C.E.Z.M. School. [illegible]

1.6.32 முதல் இந்த C.E.Z.M. பாடசாலையில் இது வரை வேலை செய்து வருகிறேன். ஆகஸ்ட் 1946 முதல் மார்ச் 31ம் தேதி 47ம் வருஷம் வரை மத்தியான உணவு ஏழைப்பிள்ளைகளுக்கு இப்பாடசாலையில் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

இம் மாணவர்களுக்கு சில நாட்களில் சோறும் சாம்பாரும் சில நாட்களில் அரிசி [illegible] சாம்பாரும் சில நாட்களில் உப்புமாவும், சில நாட்களில் [illegible] பொரியலும், இலைகளுக்கு [illegible] [illegible] பொரியல்களும் வைத்து பொட்டலங்களில் வைத்து கொடுக்கப்பட்டன.

தினசரி ~~[illegible]~~ மாணவர்களுக்கு வழங்கப்பட்டது. ஒரு பொட்டலம் சுமார் 3 அணா அல்லது 4 அணா வரை இருக்கும்.

இச் சாப்பாடு வழங்கியதில் பிள்ளைகள் அல்லது பெற்றோர்களிடமிருந்து யாதொரு புகாரும் கிடையாது.

மேற்கண்ட விஷயங்கள் [illegible] இவைகள் யாவும் உண்மையே.

D. Thangathai
15.3.50

Heard by me
16/3
[illegible]

Statement Head Master. C.R. Subramania Iyer
Head Master, North Car Street Ele. Sch.
15.3.50

1944 முதல் கொண்டு வேலை பார்த்து வருகிறேன். மத்தியானச் சாப்பாடு கொடுக்கிற வேலை பூராவும் நான் இருந்திருக்கிறேன்.

1946 ஆகஸ்டு முதல் மத்தியானச் சாப்பாடு துடங்கி 1947 மார்ச் வரைய நடந்து வந்திருக்கிறது. சராசரி 108 பிள்ளைகளுக்கு மத்தியானச் சாப்பாடு கொடுத்து வந்திருக்கிறோம்.

சில சமயம் பெரிய பாத்திரங்களில் சாதம் கொண்டு வந்து [illegible] பையன்களுக்கு கொடுத்தும் சில சமயம் பொட்டலங்கள் மூலம் கொடுத்தும் இருக்கிறது. சாப்பாடு கொடுக்கும் சமயங்களில் நானே மேல்பார்த்து வந்திருக்கிறேன்.

முதலில் சிலநாட்கள் கோதுமையில் சாம்பார் சாதமும், பிறகு அரிசியில் சாம்பார் சாதமும் கொடுத்தார்கள். அந்த சாதத்தில் வாழைக்காய், கத்தரிக்காய், வெண்டைக்காய், முருங்கைக்காய் கலந்ததாய் இருக்கும். அந்த சாதம் கொடுத்தது பற்றி பையன்களிடமிருந்து யாதொருவிதமான புகாரும் கிடையாது. அந்த சாதம் திருப்தியாய்த்தான் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. ஒரு பொட்டலம் சுமார் 3 அணா பெறுமானதாய் இருந்தது. சாப்பாடு பள்ளிச்சாலையில் கொண்டு வந்து கொடுத்தார்கள்.

இந்த ஸ்டேட்மெண்டு நான் சொந்தத்திலேயே எழுதி வாசித்துக் கையெழுத்துச் செய்திருக்கிறேன். இந்த ஸ்டேட்மெண்டில் கண்டவைகள் உண்மையே.

C. R. Subramania Iyer
Head master 15.3.50
North car street
Elementary School
Sankaran Koil.

Read by me on 15/3/50

Sankarankoil [illegible]

Statment of Ruth Anbu Gurubatham, given 15.3.50'

மார்ச் 25.3.46ல் சங்கரன்கோயில் போர்டு பெண் பாடசாலையில் வேலை ஒப்புக் கொண்டேன். மத்தியான சாப்பாடு பிள்ளைகளுக்குக் கொடுத்ததை நேரில் பார்த்திருக்கிறேன். இலையில் வைத்து பொட்டணமாகக் கொடுத்தார்கள். சில நாட்களில் கோதுமை உப்புமாவும், சர்க்கரைப் பொங்கலும், சில மாதங்களில் அரிசி சாம்பார், சாதத்துடன் கத்தரிக்காய், வாழைக்காய் சேர்த்து சப்ளை செய்யப்பட்டது. [illegible] சமையலில் 12 மணிக்கு கொண்டு வந்து கொடுத்தார்கள். சுமார் 50 பிள்ளைகளுக்கு மேல் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. தினமும் காலை 10 மணிக்கு பிள்ளைகளின் ஆஜர்படி கணக்கு கொடுத்தனுப்பப்பட்டது. அதன்படி மத்தியானம் 12 மணிக்கு சாப்பாடு கொடுத்தனுப்பப்பட்டது. சாப்பாடு சப்ளை செய்வதில் யாதொரு விதமான புகாரும் கிடையாது. மேற்படி பொட்டணம் ஒன்று சுமார் 4 அணா மதிப்புப் பெறும்.

இதை நேரில் வாசித்து. சரியாயிருக்கிறதென்று ஒப்புக்கொண்டு இதன் அடியில் கையெழுத்துச் செய்திருக்கிறேன்.

Ruth Anbu Gurubatham.
15.3.50.

Read by me on 15-3-50

Sankarankoil [illegible]

Statement of L. Catherine, given on 15.3.50'

1944ம் வருஷம் ஜூலை மாதம் முதல் சங்கரன்கோவில் போர்டு பெண் பாடசாலையில் வேலை பார்த்து வருகிறேன். பிள்ளைகளுக்கு மத்தியான சாப்பாடு கொடுத்ததை நேரில் பார்த்திருக்கிறேன். சாப்பாடு கோதுமையில் உப்புமா, சர்க்கரைப் பொங்கல் சில காலமும், அரிசி சாதம் சாம்பாருடன் கத்தரிக்காய், வாழைக்காய், பூசணிக்காய், சேர்த்தும், சில நாட்களில் வாழைக்காய் பொரியலுடனும் அனுப்பப்பட்டது. சராசரி 1½ கப் சாதம் இருக்கும். அந்த பொட்டணம் 3 அல்லது 4 அணா விலை பெறும். சுமார் 60 பிள்ளைகளுக்கு மேல் சப்ளை செய்யப்பட்டது. பிள்ளைகளிடமிருந்தாவது, பெற்றோரிடமிருந்தாவது மத்தியான சாப்பாட்டைப் பற்றி யாதொரு புகாரும் கிடையாது.

மத்தியான ஆகாரம் ஏழைப் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு கொடுத்தது அந்தப் பஞ்சகாலத்தில் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு அதிக உதவியா இருந்தது.

இதை நேரில் படித்து சரியாயிருக்கிறதென்று ஒப்புக்கொண்டு இதனடியில் கையெழுத்து செய்திருக்கிறேன்.

L. கத்ரின்.
15.3.50

Headmistress
15.3.50

Head Mistr. Siromani
Thekkari

Statement by Sri Ramachandra Iyer, Teacher-Manager, Vaniyar El. School, Sankarankoil

நான் 1909 முதல் வாணியர் எலமெண்டரி ஸ்கூல் நல்லமுறையாய் நடத்தி வருகிறேன்.

1946ம் ஆகஸ்டு மாதம் முதல் தேதி முதல் 31.3.47 முடிய ஏழைப் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு ~~மத்தி~~யானச் சாப்பாடு பெறுவதற்காக midday meals Committee ஸர்வதுரை அவர்களால் சப்ளை செய்யப்பட்டு வந்தது.

ஷை காரியதரிசி திரு. S. பெரியசாமி பிள்ளை அவர்களும், தலைவர் ஸ்ரீ S.S. சங்கரபட்டரவர்களும் கவனித்து நடத்தி வந்தார்கள்.

ஷை midday meals பொட்டலங்கள் சுவையானபடி சாம்பார் சாதமாகவும், கோதுமை சாதத்தில் சாம்பார் ஊற்றி தயார் செய்ததாகவும் பலவிதமான வகைகளில் பெறுவதற்காக சாப்பாடு வழங்கப்பட்டு வந்தது. ஷை சாப்பாடும், சாம்பார் தயாரிப்பும் மிக நேர்த்தியாக இருந்தது. நல்ல காய்கறிகளும், சாம்பாருக்கு பருப்பு முதலானதுகளும் நல்லமுறையால் சப்ளை செய்யப்பட்டு வந்தது. அந்த சாப்பாட்டு பொட்டலங்களை மாணவர்கள் திருப்தியாகவும் பிரியமாகவும் சாப்பிட்டு வந்தார்கள். பெற்றோர்களும் ஷை சாப்பாட்டைப் பற்றி திருப்தி கொண்டார்கள்.

இந்த சாப்பாடு பொட்டலங்களை போன்று வழங்கப்பட தயார் செய்தால் ~~அதிகப்படியாகும்~~ குறைந்தது 3-4 வருஷங்களுக்கு என்றும் நினைக்கிறேன்.

அந்த சாப்பாட்டுப் பொட்டலங்கள் ஏழை மாணவர்களில் ஆதரவற்றவர்களுக்கு பெறுவதற்காக கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வந்தது. ஷை சாப்பாடு ஆனது வண்டிகளில் கொண்டு வரப்பட்டும் ஒழுங்காக குறித்த நேரத்தில் சப்ளை செய்யப்பட்டு வந்தது.

ஏழையானவர்களான ஜனத்தொகை கணக்கில் தெரிந்து அதன் ப்ரகாரம் ~~ஆதரவற்ற~~ ஏழைப் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு சாப்பாடு வழங்கப்பட்டு வந்தது.

எங்கள் ஸ்கூலுக்கு தினசரி 70 பொட்டலங்கள் சப்ளை செய்திருக்கிறார்கள்.

இது சம்பந்தமான ரிக்கார்டுகள் என்னிடம் இல்லாமல் கிடையாது. ஷை சாப்பாடு சம்பந்தமாக.

வைக்கப்பட்டுவந்துள்ள [illegible], அட்டெண்டன்ஸ்
ரிஜிஸ்தரையும் [illegible] 31. 3. 47 அன்று
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D.E.O. Ty. West

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Statement of V.R. Krishna Ayar
Asst. B.H. Boys school Sankarankoil (4th witness)

17-3-50

இந்தப் [illegible] 1946 - 47ல் [illegible]
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V.R. Krishnaiyer
17-3-50
Assistant
Board Higher Boys
school Sankarankoil

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Statement of Sri ~~A.S.~~ R. Sreenivasan,
Asst. Board Boys – Sankaranainarkoil
17/3.

நான் [illegible] 1946-1947 [illegible] [illegible] வேலை பார்த்து வருகிறேன். [illegible]

A. Srinivasan.
17.3.50
Assistant
Board Hindu Boys School
Sankaranainarkoil.

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Statement given by S.P. ~~Kulat~~ Kulathu Iyer
Asst. Sankarankoil Board Hindu Boys School
17/3/50

நான் இந்தப் பாடசாலையில் 1946-47ல் மத்தியானச் சாப்பாடு கொடுக்கும் பொழுது வேலை பார்த்திருக்கிறேன். சாதம் பொட்டலமாகக் கொண்டுவந்து கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. [illegible] பொட்டலங்களை [illegible] [illegible] எண்ணிப் பெற்றுக் கொள்வார்கள். எல்லாப் பாடசாலை வேலை நாட்களிலும் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. பொட்டலங்களில் சில நாட்களில் கொத்தமல்லிச்சாதமும் புளிச்சாதமும் சாம்பார் சாதமும் இருக்கும். சாம்பாரில் கத்தரிக்காய் வெண்டைக்காய் முருங்கைக்காய் முதலிய காய்களும் சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருந்தன. பொட்டலம் ஒன்று சுமார் 10 பலம் எடை இருக்கும். பொட்டலம் ஒன்று கடையில் வாங்குவதென்றால் சுமார் 3 அணா வரை விலை கொடுக்க வேண்டியிருக்கும். இ

இவ்விவரம் எனக்குத் தெரிந்தவரையில் உண்மை என்பதை உறுதியாய்ச் சொல்கிறேன்.

குளத்தையர்
17.3.50
Assistant
Board Hindu Boys School.
Sankarankoil.

Statement of Sri. S. Nellayappa Desikar.
Teacher Manager.
Desikar Ele. School. Sankarankoil
16.3.50

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S. Nellaiappa Desikar
Teacher Manager
16-3-50

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Statement of Sri. M. Samuel ~~A~~ Jesudas
~~[illegible]~~ HM. T.D.T.A. El. Sch.
Shankarankoil

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இப்படிக்கு
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M. Samuel Jesudason
Head master.
T.D.T.A. El. School
Sankarankoil.
16. 3. 1950.

Heard by me on
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Statement submitted to the District Educational Officer, Tirunelveli West regarding midday meals in the Sankarankoil Panchayat area.

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I beg to submit the following statement in reply to your queries regarding the supply of midday meals in the Sankarankoil area.

(1) Midday meals were supplied from 26.8.46 to 31.3.47.

(2) Only wheat meals were supplied from August '46 to February'47.

(3) Rice was supplied for the major part of February and March 1947.

(4) The quantity of wheat or rice supplied was 4 oz. per child. This was rationed article and its was purchased as per direction of the rationing authorities.

(5) The quantity of cooked food supplied was 1lb. perpupil.

(6) Wheat was first converted into Rava and then cooked and mixed with Sambar and vegetables.

(7) The following were the schools to which midday meals were supplied.

1. Board Boys school	80.
2. North Car Street School	110.
3. Desikar school.	60
4. Board Girls school.	75.
5. Vaniar day school.	65.
6. C.E.Z.M.School.	50.
7. Board Boys school 8th ward	40.
8. T.D.T.A. school.	50.
9. Board Adi Dravida school.	90.
10. Board Boys school 12th Ward	45.
11. -do- Girls -do- -do-	45.
12. R.C. school. ...	75.
13. Board Muslim school.	165.

(8) Meals were supplied to schools by carrying them in a bandy. The bandy charge was about Rs. 2/- per day. This was a verying item.

(9) Pay of two cook was Rs. 45/- each per month.

(10) Pay of 3 servant boys was ruprees fifteen per month each.

(11). House rent was rupees fifteeen per month.

(12) cost of water for preparing meals was also a varying item, costing about annas eight or more.

(13) Hire for vessels was rupees 40 p.m.

(14) Remuneration for clerk was rupees fifteen p.m. (Rs.15/-).

(15) Cost of wheat per pupil was about 5 pies.

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True copy of the remarks recorded in the inspection book of the Muslim Bo. school Sankarakoil, by the Dt.Edl.Officer on 3.9.46. (Muslim School)

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The arrangements for supply of water during middaymeals time are not satisfactory. The Headmaster of the school should make more satisfactory arrangements for drinking ~~was~~ water and for washing purposesand also maintain a separate attendance register for the children provided with midday meals. This should be attended to urgently.

sd. Krishnaswami, 3.9.46.
District Educational Officer,
Tirunelveli West.

/ True copy/

sd. Ganapathi, 16.3. 50.
Head Master, Board Muslim school,
Sankarankoil.

True copy of the remarks made in the visitor's book of the Muslim Boys school by the Headmaster, Board High school, Sankarankoil.

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I visited the school to-day to see the midday feeding. One hundred and forty seven pupils took their meals. All the teachers present looked after thefeeding in their respective classes. The Headmaster went round to see that the children took their meals in a proper manner. On the whole the children seemed to relish the preparation.

sd. S.Periaswami, 26.1.47.
Headmaster,
Board High school,
Sankarankoil.

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sd. Ganapathi, 16.3.50.
Headmaster, Board Muslim school,
Sankarankoil.

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Copy of Remarks. Visitor's Book in Govt. School for girls. Sankarankoil

14.11.46. Visited the school at 12.15 P.M. xxixk wheat Sambar Chatham was distributed to the girls in my presence. In many of the packets sambar was not mixed properly and sufficiently, most of the girls of this school, it seems to me, do not like wheat, Consequently there was much waste. I am of opinion that these girls are not accustomed to this kind of meals. So far as this school is concerned it seems to me that there would be much waste if wheat is continued to be supplied.

sd. Sankaravelu, 14.11.46,
Panchayat board Executive Officer,
and Member - Midday meals committee
Sankarankoil.

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True copy of the visits made by Sri Sankaravelu Panchayat Board Executive Officer on 14.11.46 in the Desikar Elementary school, Sankarankoil.

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Visited this school this day at 12Noon. Sixty five pupils were fed in my presence. Preparation of Sambar Chatham was found to be very good. All the pupils liked the Chatham very much. So much so there was no waste at all. I am of opinion that there would be no waste if the preparation of wheat Sambar Chatham can be improved further. Distribution of Chatham in this school was found to be satisfactory.

Sd. Sankara velu, 14.11.46.
Member, Midday meals committee,
Sankarankoil.

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MID-DAY MEALS COMMITTE SANKARANKOIL.

Extract from the Visiters book (Visit of Sri. S. krishnsamy D.EO. Tinnevelly West dated 3-9-46.

I was glad to go round the mess house with the Secretary of the Mid-day meals committee on the forehoon of 3rd. September 1946. The house was kept clean and the arrangements made for the distribution and packing work was satisfactory as the circumstances would permit. It was reported that the president of the Mid-day meal committee was taking keen interest under the protracted x efforts of the President and Secretary were crowned with success only on the 26th of August 1946.from which date mid-day meals are being served to the perr children in the Elementary schools of the compulsory area. I also visited four Ele.Schools at the time, feeding was going on and had given a number of suggestions to the local inspecting officers who accompanied me in regard to improving the existing=arrangements regarding distribution of water supply for drinking cleaning etc. and in regard to supply of larger vessels at certain centres for storing water. I hope these suggestions will be acted upon soon and that the scheme will prove popular and result eventually in larger enrolment and in ensuring steady and satisfactory attendance at all schools.

(Sd.) S. Krishnaswami.
3-9-46.

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D.E.O. Tinneveli West.

Remarks recorded in the Visitors book by Sri N. Vasudevan, D.E.O., Tirunelveli West on . 14-2-47.

Visited the meashouse the kitchen room etc. with the Secretary, the Headmaster Board High School.

The premises were kept tidy. The mess arrangements are satisfactory. Rice has been in use since 11th inst. The Plantain leaves are supplied by a charitable gentleman to the mid day meals committee free of cost.

All the prescribed registers are kept except an inventory register for the vessels are rented for Rs.40/- a month. The committee may think of purchasing the neeessary utensels instead of renting them every month. The total number of meals sanctioned for the centre is 950 and to day 720 were given meals.

The secretary and the President continue to take keen and personal interest in to the matter and the success is entirely due to them.

(Sd.) N. Vasudevan,
Dt.Edl.Officer, Tirunelveli West.

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Name of Centre - Sankarankoil 1946-47

Sl No	Name of School or Centre	Period to which the bill relates	No. of pupils fed	Amount due at 0-1-6 per meal			Amount due as incidental charges @ 0.0.3 per meal			Amount claimed in the bill for Meals			Amount claimed in the bill for In. charges			Total			Amount ~~to be~~ passed for payment by the Dt B.O. Tirunelveli		
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		I Dec 46	8767	821	14	6	136	15	9	819	-	7	133	14	-	952	14	7	952	15	
		II Dec 46	6951	651	10	6	108	9	9	650	14	7	105	8	6	756	7	1	756	7	
		I Jan 47	6171	578	8	6	96	6	9	574	-	-	96	1	6	670	1	6	670	2	-
		II Jan 47	10849	1017	1	6	169	8	3	1015	2	11	136	13	6	1152	—	5	1152	-	
		I Feb 47	8846	829	5	-	138	3	6	828	12	7	137	6	-	966	2	7	966	3	-
		II Feb 47	8804	825	6	-	137	9	0	823	5	5	137	6	6	960	11	5	960	11	
																			11743	11	
		I Mar 47	9713	910	9	6	151	12	3	920	2	7	128	6	-	1048	8	7	1039	-	-
		II Mar 47	11738	1100	7	-	183	6	6	1098	1	7	172	6	-	1270	7	7	1270	8	-
																			~~2309~~	~~8~~	
																			2309	8	
										Additional Due to Revision orders on the note dated 30.7.47									42	1	
	Total		135488	12702	-	-	2117	-	.	12802	13	5	1815	12	3	14618	9	2	14517	12	-

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MIDDAY MEALS COMMITTEE. SANKARANKOVIL.

Statement showing the No. of Pupils fed in each day in each School during August 1946

from 26.8.46 to 31.8.46

No.	Name of the School	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
1	Board Hindu Boy's School. Sankarankovil	67	70	75	75	—	59	346
2	T.D.T.A. Ele. School 〃	50	50	50	50	—	50	250
3	Bd. Girls. Hr. Ele. School 〃	74	76	76	78	—	73	377
4.	Vaniar Day School 〃	60	60	60	58	—	60	298
5	R.C. Ele. School 〃	75	65	70	75	—	75	360
6.	C.E.Z.M. Ele School 〃	50	50	50	47	—	41	238
7.	North Car St. Ele. School 〃	105	105	105	105	—	75	495
8.	Board Girl's School 12th ward 〃	45	45	45	45	—	45	225
9.	Bard Boys' School, 12th ward 〃	45	45	45	45	—	45	225
10	Desikar Ele. School 〃	57	57	57	51	—	55	277
11	Board Boys' School 5th ward. 〃	35	35	40	35	—	35	180
12.	Board Adi Dravida School 〃	90	90	90	90	—	81	441
13	Board Muslim School 〃	—	—	—	—	—	153	153
	TOTAL.	753	748	763	754	—	847	3865

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Miday Meals Committee Sankarankoil

Statement showing the no. of pupils fed in each school per day (from 19.46 to 159.46)
September 1946.

No.	Name of School	1 9/46	2 9/46	3 9/46	4 9/46	5 9/46	6 9/46	7 9/46	8 9/46	9 9/46	10 9/46	11 9/46	12 9/46	13 9/46	14 9/46	15 9/46	Total
1	Board Hindu Boys School Skl	-	72	72	72	71	71	·	-	75	73	70	73	72	76	-	797
2	TDTA Ele School	-	50	49	50	50	-	-	-	47	47	47	47	45	45	-	477
3	Board Girls Hr Ele School.	-	72	74	73	72	72	72	-	65	66	57	57	61	-	-	735
4	Vanniar Day School	-	60	56	57	57	54	-		57	58	59	60	60	58	-	636
5	R.C. Ele School	-	75	65	75	75	75	-		75	75	75	75	75	75	-	815
6	North Car St Ele School	-	110	110	110	110	100	-		108	103	94	108	95	93	-	1125
7	C.E.Z.M. Ele School	-	50	49	47	47	46	43		43	42	45	47	45	-	-	504
8	Board Girls School 12th ward	-	45	45	44	45	42	45		45	45	45	45	42	-	-	488
9	Bd Boys School "	-	45	45	45	45	45	-		45	45	45	45	45	45	-	495
10	Desikar Ele School	-	60	57	60	57	55	-		55	55	55	66	55	52	-	615
11	Bd Boys School 5th ward	-	35	35	35	35	35	-		25	30	30	30	25	30	-	345
12	Bd A.D. School	-	90	86	86	90	90	-		85	85	87	90	90	88	-	967
13	Board Muslim School	159	164	151	152	153	-	-	165	160	148	148	149	-	142	132	1823
	Total	159	928	888	906	907	685	160	165	877	872	851	878	710	704	132	9822

Mid day Meals Committee Sankarankoil

Statement showing the numbers of pupils fed in each day in each school during September 1946 (from 16.9.46 to 30.9.46)

Sl No.	Name of the School		16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	Total
1	Board Muslim School	Sankarankoil	145	151	146	148	—	141	141	149	148	148	146	~~148~~	143 ~~148~~	148	146	
2	Board Boys School 5th ward	〃	30	35	35	35	40	30	-	40	40	-	40	40	30	-	40	
3	C.E.Z.M. School	〃	47	48	49	48	48	39	-	47	47	-	41	36	35	-	39	
4	Bd Girls School 12th ward	〃	45	45	45	45	45	45	-	45	43	-	43	45	45	-	45	
5	Bd Boys school 〃	〃	45	45	45	45	45	45	-	45	45	-	45	45	45	-	45	
6	Bd Hindu Boys school	〃	77	76	78	78	79	79	-	77	76	-	77	78	77	-	79	
7	T.D.T.A. School	〃	46	50	48	49	49	49	-	49	49	-	49	49	46	-	48	
8	R.C. School	〃	75	75	75	75	75	75	-	75	75	-	75	75	75	-	75	
9	North Car Street School	〃	103	107	107	103	103	91	-	101	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	Bd Girls Hr Ele School	〃	64	68	68	70	72	71	-	69	73	-	71	72	73	-	74	
11	Desikar School	〃	54	54	60	60	60	60	-	60	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12	Bd Adi Dravida School	〃	90	90	90	90	90	90	-	90	90	-	90	90	90	-	89	
13	Vaniar Days School	〃	59	59	58	60	56	57	-	60	60	-	-					
	Total		880	903	904	906	762	872	141	907	901	148	677	530	689	148	680	10018

Midday meals committee Sankarankovil.

Statement showing the No. of pupils fed in each day in each School, during the first half of October 1946
(1.10.46 to 15.10.46)

S.No.	Name of the School	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	TOTAL
1	Board Hindu Boys' School, Sankarankovil.	76	74	78	–	–	–	70	76	78	78	71	–	–	79	78	758
2	Bd. Girls' Hr. Ele. School, "	–	–	–	–	61	–	71	72	71	72	68	–	–	70	71	556
3	North Car St. School "	–	–	–	–	103	–	105	103	105	108	107	–	–	107	104	842
4	C.E.Z.M. School "	–	–	–	HOLIDAY	35	–	46	–	42	45	45	–	–	46	47	306
5	Desikar Ele. School "	–	–	–		–	–	60	55	53	55	50	HOLIDAY	–	50	55	378
6.	Vaniar Day School "	–	–	–		–	–	65	65	64	64	59		–	65	63	445
7.	Bd. Boys' School 5th Ward. "	40	40	40		–	–	40	40	40	40	40		–	40	40	400
8	T.D.T.A. Ele. School "	50	50	50		45	–	46	48	48	46	–		–	45	48	476
9	R.C. School "	75	75	75		–	–	75	59	63	75	74		–	68	65	704
10	Board Boys' School, 12th Ward "	45	45	45	–	–	–	45	45	45	45	45		–	45	45	450
11	Bd. Girls School " "	–	–	–	–	43	–	45	45	45	45	45	–	–	45	45	358
12.	Bd. A.D. School "	89	89	89	–	–	–	83	87	89	89	90	–	–	90	90	885
13	Bd. Muslim School "	154	151	152	–	147	151	149	147	150	149	–	–	148	153	149	1800
	TOTAL	529	524	529	–	434	151	900	842	893	911	694	–	148	903	900	8358

Midday meals committee Sankarankovil }

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OCTOBER 1946

S.No.	Name of the School	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL.
1.	Bd. Hindu Boys School	~~4~~ 75	76	74	72	H	71	74		73	73	74	H	71	73	74	75	955
2	Bd. Ht. Ele. Girls' "	71	68	71	69	H	68	65		71	71	70	H	68	71	61	70	894
3	North Car Street "	106	~~7~~ H	110	110	H	106	H		104	102	100	H	105	100	H	105	1048
4.	C.E.Z.M. "	48	44	46	47	H	45	43		33	39	40	H	37	39	40	42	543
5	Desikar Ele "	50	~~44~~	50	50	H	50	H		H	52	55	H	55	59	H	60	481
6	Bd. Boys' 5th Ward "	40	40	40	40	H	40	35	HOLIDAY	30	35	40	H	40	40	30	40	490
7.	Bd. Boys 12th Ward "	45	45	45	45	H	45	45		45	45	45	H	45	45	45	45	585
8	Bd. Girls' 12th Ward "	45	45	45	45	H	45	45		43	42	45	H	45	43	43	42	573
9	R.C. School	64	73	70	74	H	73	70		70	61	53	H	70	75	75	75	903
10	Bd. A.D. "	90	90	90	90	H	90	90		90	90	90	H	80	90	88	88	1164
11	Vaniar Day "	65	H	64	63	H	65	H		65	65	65	H	65	65	H	64	646
12	T.D.T.A "	50	50	47	48	H	47	45		45	45	50	H	50	48	50	50	625
13	Bd. Muslim "	147	149	H	142	145	149	150		144	H	144	137	141	144	141	140	1873
	TOTAL	896	680	752	895	145	894	662	H	813	720	871	137	880	892	647	896	10780

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November. 1946

No	Name of Schools	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	.	Total
1	Bd Hindu Boys School	73	76	H	76	76	77	77	77	H	H	73	71	69	72	78		895
2	Bd Hr El. girls School	72	73	"	73	74	73	72	H	H	H	68	66	68	69	72		780
3	North Car street "	108	98	"	100	97	97	99	97	H	H	94	75	88	88	79		1120
4	CEZM School	41	41	"	42	39	41	43	H	H	H	40	39	39	37	33		435
5	Desikar El. school	60	60	"	60	60	60	60	60	H	H	55	60	60	55	60		710
6	Bd Boys School 5 & 13 ward	40	40	"	40	40	40	40	40	H	H	35	30	30	30	25		430
7	Bd Boys school 12 & 15 ward	45	45	"	45	45	45	45	45	H	H	45	45	45	45	45		540
8	Bd girls " "	43	43	"	42	42	40	40	H	H	H	40	40	35	45	45		455
9	R.C. School	75	75	"	75	75	75	72	72	H	H	72	75	75	75	75		891
10	Bd A.D. School	88	88	"	87	87	88	90	90	H	H	90	90	90	90	90		1068
11	Vanian school	63	65	"	65	65	65	65	63	H	H	65	H	65	65	64		710
12	J.D.T.A. School	50	50	"	50	50	48	48	45	H	H	50	H	45	45	45		526
13	Muslim School	H	144	"	H	H	H	139	H	H	H	135	135	134	134	H		821
	Total	758	898	.	755	750	749	890	589	H	H	862	726	843	858	711		9381

Midday Meals. Attendance for the month of November 1946
from 16-11-46 to 30.11.46

S. No.	Name of the School	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	TOTAL
1	Bd. Hindu Boys' School	76	H	76	74	72	75	73	73	H	72	72	73	73	71	74	154
2	Bd. Girls' Hr. Ele. School.	66	H	66	68	65	67	65	65	H	64	69	68	66	64	66	854
3	Bd. Boys' 5th Ward	30	H	40	40	40	40	40	40	H	40	35	35	35	30	30	475
4	Bd. Boys' 12th Ward.	45	H	45	45	45	45	45	45	H	45	45	45	45	45	45	585
5	Bd. Girls' 12th Ward.	43	H	44	42	45	45	45	45	H	45	45	45	45	45	45	579
6	Bd. A.D. School	87	H	90	88	90	90	88	87	H	88	90	90	90	90	87	1155
7	Vaniar Day School	86	H	84	84	87	88	86	84	H	84	81	86	88	88	88	1114
8	North Car Street School	87	H	90	98	89	94	97	93	H	92	90	94	95	91	95	1205
9	C.E.Z.M. Girls' School	36	H	35	36	37	36	37	35	H	34	34	36	37	37	37	467
10	Desikar School.	60	H	60	60	60	60	60	50	H	53	60	60	60	55	60	758
11	R.C. School	75	H	75	75	75	75	70	75	H	75	70	75	75	75	75	965
12	T.D.T.A. School	45	H	47	47	48	50	50	50	H	50	47	48	48	48	47	625
13	Bd. Muslim School	126	130	131	133	131	129	H	128	125	133	129	129	128	H	132	1684
	TOTAL	862	130	883	890	884	894	756	870	125	875	867	884	885	739	881	11425

December 1946 (I half)

Sl No.	Name of the School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
1	Board Boys School 4th ward	H	73	74	74	74	73	66	H	72	74	69	71	72	H	H	792
2	Board Girls school Do.	H	45	49	49	47	49	39	H	39	33	31	39	48	45	H	513
3	North Car Street 3rd ward	H	95	91	90	86	85	H	H	83	80	80	85	78	H	H	853
4	C E Z M Girls School	H	44	47	48	44	42	30	H	44	46	43	41	41	42	H	512
5	Desikar School	H	60	53	60	60	60	H	H	60	60	60	60	60	H	H	593
6	Board Boys school 5th ward	H	32	29	31	33	33	20	H	32	34	30	30	30	H	H	334
7	Do 12th do	H	50	45	50	50	50	50	H	50	50	50	50	50	H	H	545
8	Board Girls school — do	H	50	45	50	45	50	50	H	50	50	50	50	45	50	H	585
9	R.C. School	H	85	77	80	85	85	H	H	85	85	85	85	85	H	H	837
10	Bd Boys A.D School	H	90	83	90	85	88	86	H	88	90	90	90	90	H	H	970
11	Warriar Days School	H	89	80	87	84	85	H	H	78	72	H	85	72	H	H	732
12	T.D.T.A School	H	47	47	48	50	H	45	H	47	45	44	46	48	H	H	467
13	Board Muslim School	134	H	H	H	H	H	127	126	128	131	129	130	H	H	128	1039
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	Total	134	760	720	757	743	700	513	126	857	850	761	862	719	137	128	8767

DECEMBER From 16. 12. 46 to 31. 12. 46.

S. No.	Name of the School	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
1	Desikar Ele. School	50	55	55	55	54	55		54	60	HOLIDAY FOR X MAS							438
2.	North Car Street School	70	87	85	89	85	83	HOLIDAY	91	90								680
3.	C. E. Z. M. School	40	43	44	45	45	43			HOLIDAY								260
4	Bd. H. Ele. Girls' School	42	48	48	48	48	48		49									331
5	R. C. School	85	85	85	85	85	85		85									595
6	Bd. Boys' 5th Ward	30	31	33	35	35	34		35									233
7	T. D. T. A. School	45	50	47	46	47	45		45									325
8	Bd. A. D. School	88	89	89	90	90	90		90									626
9	Bd. girls 12th Ward	50	50	50	50	50	50		50									350
10	Bd. Boys' 12th Ward.	40	50	50	50	50	50		50									340
11	Bd. Hindu Boys' School	69	71	74	74	72	72		73									505
12	Vaniar day School	80	89	83	89	89	84		89									603
13	Bd. Muslim School.	126	128	128	128	H	128	129	130	129	H	127	H	127	129	129	129	1665
	TOTAL.	815	876	871	884	750	867	129	841	279	H	127	H	127	127	129	129	6957

January 1947 I Half 1-15.

SNo.	Name of School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
1	Board Hindu Boys school	H	70	H	73	H	74	76	74	75	67	H	H	65	H	H	574
2	Board Girls Hr. El	H	42	H	42	H	H	44	42	45	37	37	H	29	H	H	323
3	North Car Street	H	83	H	77	H	H	76	80	82	75	H	H	H	H	H	473
4	C.E.Z.M.	H	39	H	38	H	25	39	41	39	36	26	H	24	H	H	307
5	Desikar	H	60	H	H	H	H	60	60	60	60	H	H	H	H	H	300
6	Board Boys Steward	H	35	H	28	H	30	33	35	36	29	H	H	30	H	H	256
7	—do 12 "	H	40	H	40	H	40	50	50	50	48	H	H	48	H	H	366
8	—do girls —do.	H	50	H	50	H	40	50	50	50	45	50	H	45	H	H	420
9	Bd A.D.	H	85	H	84	H	81	85	90	90	86	H	H	86	H	H	687
10	Vania	H	89	H	80	H	H	82	87	81	81	H	H	78	H	H	578
11	T.D.T.A.	H	50	H	48	H	45	48	48	45	23	H	H	40	H	H	347
12	R.C.	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	85	85	64	H	H	85	H	85	404
13	Muslim	H	127	H	126	124	126	H	127	126	H	H	126	125	H	113	1120
	Total	H	770	H	686	124	472	643	869	864	657	113	126	655	H	198	6171

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JANUARY 1947 IInd Half. 16.1.47 to 31.1.47

S. No.	Name of the School	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	TOTAL
1.	Bd. Hindu Boys' School	69	72	68	H	72	H	74	75	71	69	H	69	71	71	70	73	924
2.	Desikar Ele School	60	60	60	H	60	H	H	60	60	60	H	60	60	60	60	60	720
3	Bd. A.D. Boys School	84	81	82	H	84	H	85	84	83	80	H	85	86	89	89	87	1099
4	Bd. Girls Hr. Ele. School	36	47	H	H	46	H	45	41	44	43	H	45	45	49	42	45	528
5	Bd. Boys' 12th Ward. "	50	50	50	H	50	H	50	50	50	50	H	50	50	50	50	50	650
6	North Car Street "	77	78	79	H	79	H	84	83	85	80	H	82	84	84	76	80	1051
7	C.E.Z.M. "	36	35	H	H	39	H	39	40	41	44	H	40	40	39	38	40	471
8	Vaniar Day "	89	89	89	H	87	H	88	88	88	89	H	89	89	89	84	88	1146
9	Bd. Boys' 5th Ward "	34	35	35	H	35	H	34	34	34	33	H	35	35	35	31	34	444
10.	Bd. Girls' 12th Ward "	45	50	H	H	50	H	50	50	50	50	H	50	50	50	50	50	595
11.	T.D.T.A. "	48	42	45	H	46	H	46	46	46	45	H	46	46	45	43	44	588
12.	R.C. School "	70	62	67	H	85	83	81	80	80	78	H	77	80	83	83	83	1092
13.	Bd. Muslim "	126	H	127	128	134	130	H	129	H	129	127	127	127	129	128	H	1541
		824	701	702	128	867	213	676	860	732	850	127	855	863	873	844	734	10849

Midday Meals Committee. Sankarankoil I st Half. February 1947. (1.2.47 to 15.2.47)

S. No.	Name of the School	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	TOTAL
1	Bd. Hindu Boys' School	74	H	72	72	71	72	HOLIDAY	69	H	73	74	73	75	74	HOLIDAY	799
2	Bd. Girls' Hr. Ele. School	48	H	47	46	42	42		41	H	44	46	47	47	45		495
3	Bd. Boys' 5th Ward "	34	H	35	34	35	34		35	H	35	34	36	35	35		382
4	Bd. Boys' 12th " "	50	H	50	35	35	35		35	H	44	44	44	50	45		467
5	Bd. Girls' 12th " "	50	H	50	40	40	40		50	H	40	40	45	40	45		480
6	Bd. A.D. School	85	H	85	85	80	88		80	H	80	84	84	84	82		917
7	T.D.T.A. "	55	H	55	55	54	56		H	H	53	54	55	57	54		548
8	Vaniar Day "	89	H	89	86	89	89		89	H	85	86	86	84	82		954
9	North Car St. "	81	H	84	81	77	H		H	H	75	77	78	83	81		717
10	C.E.Z.M. "	35	H	32	36	38	40		39	H	40	40	40	40	37		417
11	Desikar "	65	H	65	65	65	65		H	H	65	65	65	65	60		645
12.	R.C. School "	85	H	75	75	H	78		78	H	80	85	80	80	80		796
13	Bd. Muslim "	127	125	H	H	126	124		118	118	117	122	125	127	H		1229
	TOTAL	878	125	739	710	752	763		634	118	831	851	858	867	720		8846

Midday Meals Committee, Sankarankovil IInd Half. February 1947. (16.2.47 to 28.2.47)

S.No.	Name of the School	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	TOTAL
1.	Bd. Boys' School 4th Ward	H	73	71	H	59	66	69	H	69	68	69	69	66	679
2	Bd. Girls' Hr. Ele. School	H	46	49	H	40	47	47	H	49	47	48	48	45	466
3	North Car Street "	H	87	85	H	H	83	84	H	86	86	87	87	85	770
4	C.E.Z.M. "	H	39	40	H	35	37	38	H	36	39	39	39	37	379
5	Desikar "	H	65	65	H	65	65	65	H	65	65	65	65	65	650
6	Bd. Boys' 5th Ward. "	H	37	35	H	35	35	34	H	35	35	34	34	35	349
7	Bd. Boys' 12th " "	H	50	50	H	45	50	50	H	50	50	50	50	50	495
8	Bd. Girls' " " "	H	50	50	H	45	45	50	H	50	50	50	50	50	490
9	R.C. School.	H	85	85	82	82	85	85	H	80	80	85	85	85	919
10	Bd. A.D. School –	H	84	87	H	86	84	82	H	85	85	82	82	82	839
11	Vaniar Day "	H	85	89	89	H	88	89	H	87	88	88	85	85	873
12	T.D.T.A "	H	57	56	H	50	51	53	H	55	54	55	55	54	540
13	Bd. Muslim "	124	126	123	123	121	H	121	123	123	123	124	124	H	1355
	TOTAL	124.	884	885	294	663	736	867	123	870	870	876	873	739	8804.

Midday Meals committe, Sankarankovil. Statement of pupils Daily Fed. March 1947.

From. 1.3.47 to 15.3.47

S. No.	Name of the School	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	TOTAL.
1.	Bd. Hindu Boys' School	32	HOLIDAY	72	74	66	65	67	58	HOLIDAY	71	71	73	74	73	70	
2	Bd. Girls' Ele. "			40	38	37	36	36	H		39	40	39	39	39	39	
3	North Car Street "			92	93	93	H	91	81		98	94	94	92	93	97	
4	C.E.Z.M. Girls' "	40		36	27	32	33	36	H		36	37	38	38	38	37	
5	Desikar Boys' "			65	65	65	65	65	65		65	H	65	65	65	65	
6	Bd. Boys' 5th Ward "	HOLIDAY		34	35	35	34	33	32		35	36	35	34	35	35	
7	Bd. Boys' 12th " "			50	50	50	45	47	39		45	45	45	45	45	45	
8	Bd. Girls' 12th " "	41		43	47	48	49	45	H		45	49	45	45	50	50	
9	R.C. Boys' "			85	80	80	81	80	85		80	80	74	85	85	85	
10	Bd. A.D. Boys' "			82	86	86	86	85	85		80	85	85	87	86	83	
11	Vaniar Day Boys' "			84	82	H	79	84	86		89	89	88	89	89	87	
12	T.D.T.A. Boys' "			53	53	53	53	H	50		50	52	55	54	54	52	
13.	Bd. Muslim "		126	124	H	H	118	H	117	121	121	121	121	H	122	123	
	TOTAL.	123	126	860	730	645	744	669	698	121	854	799	857	868	752	867	9713

Midday Meals commitee, Sankarankovil. Pupils Fed during the month of March IInd Half 1947

From 16.3.47 to 31.3.47

S.No.	Name of the Schools	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th	30th	31st	
1.	Bd. Hindu Boys' School		76	76	74	73	76	72		74	75	76	74	75	75		76	
2.	Bd. Girls. Hr. Ele. School	HOLIDAY	40	40	40	40	40	40	HOLIDAY	39	39	40	40	40	40	HOLIDAY	37	
3	Noth car Street "		90	93	93	96	95	93		94	93	97	94	95	98		98	
4	C. E. Z. M. "		37	35	37	37	35	35		35	36	37	37	37	37		37	
5	Desikar "		80	80	80	80	80	80		80	80	80	80	80	80		80	
6.	Bd. Boys' 5th Ward "		36	37	37	36	38	38		39	36	35	36	38	37		36	
7	Bd. Boys' 12th Ward "		45	45	45	45	45	45		45	45	45	45	45	45		40	
8	Bd. Girls' 12th " "		45	50	45	50	50	50		45	45	50	50	50	50		45	
9	R. C. School.		85	76	85	85	80	79		85	85	85	85	85	85		78	
10	Bd. A.D. "		86	86	86	86	86	83		86	86	88	89	89	87		80	
11	Vaniar Day "		87	89	89	89	89	89		89	89	89	89	89	89		84	
12	T. D. T. A "		53	53	53	54	52	52		56	54	55	54	54	54		54	
13	Muslim "	123	125	127	126	128	H	126	127	127	128	130	130	H	130	130	125	
	TOTAL	123	885	887	890	899	766	882	127	894	891	907	903	777	907	130	870	11738

TOTAL 11738

Urgent

Rc.No.1776-B1/49.

Office of the Director of
Public Instruction, Madras.
Dated 15-4-'50.

Sub: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION - Compulsion - District Board, Tirunelveli - Supply of mid-day meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk - Complaint against President and Secretary of Committee.

pp15-17 ante Ref: 1.Letter of the Collector and Special Officer, Tirunelveli - No.E.5/14538/49, dated 26.9.'49.

p32 ante 2.Government Memo 73250-B2/49-6, Education, dated 20-12-'49.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
17 APR 1950
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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SUBMITTED to Government.

2.The District Educational Officer, Tinnevelly West, conducted an elaborate enquiry into the matter and has submitted his report, a copy of which is herein enclosed. He could not see the tampered vouchers as they are held in the custody of the Police and were said to be not available. His investigation was confined mainly to the issues raised in the Government note enclosed with D.O.No.73250-B2/49-5, Education, dated 17-11-49, viz.,

pp53-56 ante

pp33-34 ante

1)whether feeding was regularly and satisfactorily done and

2)whether there was any loss to Government from the manipulation of the vouchers.

3.The total number of pupils (belonging to 13 Elementary Schools in Sankarankoil) fed during the period (from August,'46 to March,'47) was 1,35,488. Each school maintained a separate attendance register in respect of the poor pupils who were fed each day. Test-checks of these registers made by the District Educational Officer, showed that there was no falsification and that the entries in them agreed with those in the school registers. His checking of the handbooks in which each headmaster had signed in token of receipt of meal-packets every day has also shown that the meal-packets were distributed regularly on all working days. Every meal supplied would have cost 2 to 3 annas, if purchased from outside. He has seen only good remarks about the supply of meals and that too recorded by two District Educational Officers. No complaint about the supply of meals was received either in the Office of the District Educational Officer or the Deputy Inspector of Schools. Parents and teachers

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whom he contacted in and outside Sankarankoil spoke well of the way in which the midday meal scheme worked in Sankarankoil. The above facts and the depositions of the 15 Elementary School teachers go to show that the supply of midday meals was regularly and satisfactorily done during the period.

pp59-69 ante

para 3, pp19-20 ante

Public money amounting to Rs.1406/1/- is alleged to have been misappropriated, the allegation being that 6 vouchers issued by a local Co-operative Stores for the cost of articles supplied amounting to Rs.136/11/2 were tampered with to swell the total amount of the vouchers to Rs.1542/12/2. At the rate of 1 anna 9 pies for a meal, the total cost of meals supplied to 1,35,488 pupils during the period comes to Rs.14,819/- whereas the amount claimed was only Rs.14,517/12/-. The actual expenditure was, therefore, less than the cost calculated at the rate of 1 anna 9 pies. The President of the Midday Meals Committee, Sri Sankara Bhattar in his petition to the Honourable Premier has stated that the purchase of groceries to the value of Rs.136/11/2 from the Co-operative Stores will not be sufficient to feed 55,662 pupils. The actual expenditure for feeding the number of pupils for the period from October,46 to December,46 (2nd fortnight) during which the alleged tampering of vouchers took place, amounts to Rs.6,005-4-0. Calculating at the rate of 1 anna 9 pies for a meal for 55,662 pupils, an amount of Rs.6087/4/- would have been required. The actual expenditure was, however, less. The expenditure for this period when compared to other periods does not show any abnormal variation. According to the District Educational Officer, the alleged loss of Rs.1,406/1/- is possible only if the distribution of meals was suspended for about 15 days, either at a stretch or spread over the whole period during which the scheme was in force. But there was no complaint about such temporary stoppage of meals, nor do the attendance registers or other registers indicate any such stoppage of supply. So, although there

Vide Statement on p101 ante

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appears to be evidence of tampering of the vouchers, there is no evidence of financial loss to Government.

For Director of Public Instruction.

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To

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Madras.

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Tirunelveli Collector's Office,
Dated 12-4-50.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
16 APR 1950
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

From

Sri.R.S.Subbiah Pillai,B.A.,
Collector of Tirunelveli.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department, Madras.
Fort St. George,

Sir,

Sub: Elementary Education - compulsory - Dist.Board, Tirunelveli - supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil taluk - complaint against Sri.S.E.Sankara Bhattar and 3 others - C.C.11/50 Sub Divl.Magistrate, Koilpatti - instructions - requested.

Ref: Your D.O.No. 73250/c/49-8 dt. 29-3-50.

In accordance with the instructions in the D.O. letter cited, an adjournment was applied for. The case stands adjourned to 25-4-50 and the Sub Divl.Magistrate, Koilpatti has remarked that no further adjournment would be granted. The accused have moved the Dist.Magistrate, Tirunelveli for the transfer of the above case from the file of the SubDivl.Magistrate, Koilpatti and the transfer application is pending with the Dist. Magistrate, Tirunelveli.

I request that early instructions may be issued in the matter as it is not possible to get any further adjournment.

14-4-50

For Collector.

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Draft Telegram.

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Collector/Public Prosecutor

Tirunelveli.

Your letter C1 332 of 50 dated twelfth instant - Prosecution Sankara Bhattar and three others.

Government have decided withdrawal of prosecution AAA Please ~~take necessary steps~~ instruct prosecuting counsel to take action under S 494 Cr PC.

Education.

24/4/50

Despatched [illegible] 24/4.

Post copy to

the Collector of Tirunelveli.

the Public Prosecutor, Tirunelveli

the D P I.

Copy to Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Koilpatti.

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Copy to the ~~[illegible]~~, Tirunelveli.

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E.& P.H.(B2).

Sub: ELE. EDN. - Compulsory - Dt.Bd., Tirunelveli - Supply of midday meals to pupils in Sankarankoil Taluk - Complaint against Sri S.E. Sankara Bhattar and Sri S. Periaswamy Pillai, President and Secretary of the midday meals Committee - Prosecution.

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Read: Petitions from Sri S.E. Sankara Bhattar and Sri S. Periaswamy Pillai dated 12-9-49.
From the Collector of Tirunelveli No.E5-14538/49 dated 26-9-49.
From the D.P.I., No. 1776 B1/49 dated 31-10-49.

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pp1-12 c.f
pp15-17 c.f
p27 c.f

Please see the petitions, cited above, on pp.1-12 c.f. The petitioners, have been charged by the Police of Sankarankovil, Tirunelveli Dt., for misappropriating the Dt.Bd., funds, while they were President and Secretary of the Midday-meals Committee, constituted under the scheme of compulsory elementary education in Sankarankovil Taluk. They have requested, Govt. to direct the withdrawal of the case, now pending ~~again~~ against them, before the First Class Magistrate, Tirunelveli, under the circumstances, stated by them.

para 10, p5 c.f

Vide memo on p13 c.f

2. Under the orders of H.Pr., on the petitions, on p.1 c.f. and p.9 c.f., a report was called for, from the Collector of Tirunelveli in the matter through the D.P.I. The Collector's report and the remarks of the D.P.I. are on pp.15 and 27 c.f. respectively. The Collector has stated, that action was taken against the two persons in question, only after a thorough investigation by the Police. He has, however, remarked, that if the petitioners are prepared, to make good, the loss caused to the Dt.Bd., he has no objection to the withdrawal of the case, now pending against them. The Director also agrees with the views of the Collector. The Director has, however, suggested, that disciplinary action may be taken against Sri S. Periaswami Pillai by the S.O., Dt.Bd., Tirunelveli, even if the case is withdrawn.

2' on p15 c.f

11' on p17 c.f

p27 c.f

para 11, p27 c.f

3. The file may be circulated to H.Pr. for orders, through H.M.(Edn.) and H.M.(L.A.). L.A., Home and Legal may perhaps see before circulation.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
6 NOV 1949
HOME DEPARTMENT

This file deals with the (seeking withdrawal of) prosecution of the President and Secretary of the Midday Meals Committee, Sankarankoil Taluk Tirunelveli Dt., for misappropriation of Dt. Board funds to the tune of Rs 1406-1-0. With reference to their petition on pp 1-12 c.f. and the minutes of HGr. on pp 1 and 9 c.f., a report has been called for from the D.M. Tirunelveli. The D.M. is prepared to withdraw the prosecution, if the petitioners are prepared to make good the loss. E&H. propose to take orders in circulation.

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In case, it is decided in circulation that the prosecution pending against the President and Secretary should be withdrawn, this dept. may suggest that the D.M. may be asked to realise the amount misappropriated first and then to instruct the prosecuting counsel to take necessary action under sec. 494 Cr. P.C to have the prosecution withdrawn.

The case may be passed on to Legal

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

para 8, p 216

para 4, p 274

The Collector & Special Officer has reported that the Departmental Enquiry made confidentially shows that there had been a conspiracy among the mid-day meals officers, the Secretary of the Committee, the Clerk of the High School of which the Secretary is the Headmaster and the Head Cook to defraud the District Board with bogus bills and in pursuance thereof they have committed forgery and made false entries in the original bills. The Director of Public Instruction has also stated that departmental action should be taken against Sri Periyaswamy Pillai the Secretary of the Mid-day Meals Committee and the Headmaster of the District Board High School. There seems to be, therefore, a prima facie case against the Secretary and the other two accused. In view of this, it does not seem desirable to withdraw the prosecution as against the Secretary and the other two accused. X // As regards the President of the Committee the case against him is (apparently much) weaker and there is no objection to withdrawing the prosecution against him subject to the Condition specified by the Collector. Y

Legal U.O. 14555 C/49-1
10-11-49.
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E&H. H. Dept.

The file may be circulated for orders on the proposals at 'X' and 'Y' above.

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

H.M. (E & L)

14. P.T.

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Both secretary and to P.S. [illegible] 15th [illegible]

The President's Contention is that no offence has been committed & that there was no fraud or Cheating. Such being the case I think the prosecution may proceed.

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Please see the orders in circulation on p 3 ante. A draft D.O to the D.P.I is submitted below for approval.

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H.Pr. discussed with the D.P.I. and me.

It would appear that the correct background of the case has not been appreciated. It may be correct that the vouchers found in the office may have shown an excess payment of Rs.1,406-1-0 over the amount actually paid to the Co-operative Stores. The excess however represents purchases made elsewhere, but shown as against the Co-operative Stores in order to comply with the Rule that purchases may be made only from the Stores. The Chairman of the Committee is making out this very point when he maintains that 55,662 meals could not be supplied with Rs. 136-11-2. Now there is no complaint that these meals were inadequate and considering that they were each at the small cost of 1 Anna 9 Pies it is impossible to think that Rs.146/- could be saved as a margin and misappropriated.

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If these facts are accepted the question becomes relevant whether the Chairman or the Headmaster would be party to the petty pilfering of a few rupees arising from ~~a~~ purchase made at places other than the Co-operative Stores. The natural presumption would be that they would not be the party to such ~~a~~ petty cheating. As far as the Chairman is concerned, it would appear that the Collector did not originally report ~~to~~ on him.

p. 21 c.f.

In the circumstances, it was considered that the D.P.I. should cause a fresh enquiry to be made in order to ascertain what, if any, loss was suffered by Government from the manipulation of the vouchers. In the meanwhile, the ~~Committee's~~ Courts proceedings may continue to remain suspended.

We cannot

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H.M.(E.& L.)
H.Pr.

SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
16 NOV 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
17 NOV 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Suspend Court proceedings. Ask the P.P. to take a further adjournment if the case is in Court.

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D.P.I may make a further enquiry to ~~see~~ ascertain whether there was any loss.

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H.Pr.

Please see the orders in circulation above. A draft D.O., to the Collector of Tirunelveli and another to the D.P.I are submitted below for approval.

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As amended - Attach copy of my note

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(Issued D.O. No. 73520 D.5, d 17.11.49)

Please see the further petition of Sri. S.E. Sankara Bhattar on p41 c.f, and the minutes of H.Pr. on it. In this connection kind attention is invited to the instructions issued to the Collector of Tirunelveli in the D.O on ~~p~~ p31 c.f. In the circumstances, no action is called for on this petition. For orders as to circulation.

{One D.P.I.'s reply is still awaited.}

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Refer District Magistrate
to our d.o and say that
as it is understood that
the case has not been adjourned,
he may take immediate steps
to do so and comply with the
previous orders of Govt

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A draft D.O ~~to the D.M.~~ is submitted
below for approval.

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Issued as D.O. no. 73250-B2/49-7 Edn d. 18.1.50 p43 c.f

From the Collr. of Tirunelveli no. C1-332/50 d. 20.3.50. p47 c.f

Please see the note on p. 4 ante.

The case relates to the prosecution of Sri S.E. Sankara Bhattar and Sri S. Periaswamy Pillai, President and Secretary of the Midday Meals Committee, Sankarankoil taluk, on certain allegations made against them. The D.P.I. was asked to make enquiries into the matter and submit a detailed report, to Govt. The Collector of Tirunelveli was requested to take an adjournment in the case until further instructions from Govt. The report called for, from the D.P.I. has not yet been received, even though four months have already elapsed. His interim reply is on p. 45 c.f.

p33 c.f

p31 c.f

2. The Collector of Tirunelveli has now reported in his letter p. 47 c.f. that the case stands adjourned to 6-4-50 and that the Sub-Divisional Magistrate before whom the case is pending has observed that it will be proceeded with, if no stay order is produced before 6-4-50. The Collector therefore asks for specific instructions from Govt. In the circumstances it is for orders whether the Collector may be asked to take a further adjournment of the case. ~~If so the draft D.O. below is for approval.~~

If so, the draft D.O. is for approval.

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Pl. send the following: I.M. to D.P.I. : + put up reply received.

To

The Dir. of Pub. Instn.

Your R.C. 1776/B1/49 d 7.3.50. Dt. Board.

Tirunelveli - Elementary Edn - Compulsory - complaint and Secy - Midday Meals committee.

Have you received the report promised by the Dt. Educational Officer? It is not seen why he should be corresponding with the District Supdt of Police. If any consultation was at all necessary the D.E.O should have gone to the D.S.P and consulted him in person. Inasmuch as a criminal case is pending any delay in the matter is to be highly deprecated.

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p49 c.f

~~Read~~: From the D.P.I D.O. no. 1776 B1/49 dated 27.3.50

Please see the D.O. letter from the D.P.I at p49 c.f. He has promised that he would submit the report in question as soon as it is received. For orders.

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D.O. to Dt. Magte. approved

[Issued as D.O.No.73250-B2/49-5 Edn. dated 17-11-49.]

pp38-34 c.f

pp133-137 c.f

~~Read~~: From the D.P.I. No.1776-B1/49 dated 15-4-50.

The case relates to the ~~[illegible]~~ prosecution of the following persons for misappropriation of funds amounting to Rs.1406-1.

2) p15 c.f

(1) Sri S.E.Sankara Bhattar
Ex chairman, Midday Meals Committee
(2) Sri S. Periaswamy Pillai
Ex. Secretary Midday Meals Committee
(3) Sri S. Ramaswami Pillai
Clerk. Bd. High School, Sankarankoil
(4) Muthiah Pillai . Cook

The police found ~~an~~ on investigation that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute them and ~~the~~ charge sheeted them accordingly for falsification of accounts and cheating, ~~them~~. The case against them is now pending before the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Koilpatti and stands adjourned to 25-4-1950.// Sri S.E. Sankara Bhattar and Sri S. Periaswamy Pillai appealed to Government for the withdrawal of the case against them. The matter was discussed by H.C.M. with the D.P.I. and it was ordered in circulation that the D.P.I. should ~~pause~~ cause a fresh enquiry as to what loss was suffered by Government and that the case ~~may~~ should be adjourned till further instructions from Government. Vide ~~the~~ notes of the previous Secretary and orders in circulation on pages 4-5 ante ~~4 N.F.~~ ~~and the orders in circulation on pp 4,5 n.f.~~

The D.P.I. was accordingly requested to make enquiries into the matter and to submit a report to Govt. ~~on the matter~~ and the Collector of ~~Tinnevelly~~ Tirunelveli was asked to take steps to obtain ~~and~~ an adjournment of the case.

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vide letter at p 139 c.f.

pp 1-10 c.f.

p 5 ante

pp 33-34 c.f.

p 31 c.f.

The report called for from the D.P.I. is on pp 133-137 c.f. He has stated that the D.E.O. Tirunelveli made a personal visit to Sankarankoil and conducted an elaborate investigation into the compalints against the persons in question and as a result, it was found, that the supply of midday meals to the pupils at Sankarankoil was conducted satisfactorily and the attendance registers were maintained up-to-date. Also no complaint about the supply of meals was received either in the office of the D.E.O. or the Dy.Inspector of Schools.

para 3, p 133 c.f.

para 3, pp 133-135 c.f.

'X' in p 55 c.f.

As regards the alleged misappropriation of public money amounting to Rs.1406-1-0 the D.E.O. is of the view that it ~~will~~ would have been possible only if the distribution of meals was suspended for about 15 days. But he states that no such complaint regarding the stoppage of meals was received by him.

'Z' in pp 55-56 c.f.

The Director is therefore of the opinion that there is no evidence of financial loss to Government even though ~~there~~

'Y' in pp 135-137 c.f.

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there appears to be evidence of ~~tampering~~ tampering of the vouchers. For orders.

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Kind attention is also invited to the letter of the Collector of Tirunelveli on p 139 c.f. He has stated that the case stands adjourned to 25-4-50 with reference to the instructions of Government in the D.O.on page 51 c.f. and that no further ~~xxx~~ adjournment is possible. He therefore requests early instructions on the matter. For orders.

The file may be circulated to H.M.(E.& L.) and H.C.M. for orders whether the prosecution may be proceeded with or withdrawn.

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There appears to be no reason at all why the prosecution should be withdrawn at this stage. The charge-sheet was filed by the Police, on a complaint from the Collector and Special Officer of the District Board, after due investigation of the complaint. The present report of the District Educational Officer tries to "whitewash" the whole affair; but the whole enquiry held by him is ~~quite~~ irrelevant and pointless. The accused are not being charged for appropriating any Government funds; and it is true that there is no loss to Government. Nor is there any allegation that the accused did not supply the midday meals properly ~~and~~ or that they made money for themselves by either not supplying meals now and then or by supplying meals of inferior quality. As a matter of fact they seem to have supplied satisfactory meals and quite regularly. From what can be seen from the records, the method they adopted for making illicit money for themselves and what was found out in the Police investigation was much simpler and something which could not have come to public notice. They purchased some of their supplies from the local Co-operative Stores

pp. 19-21 c.f.

pp. 53-56 c.f.

and got cash vouchers for having made payment. These vouchers ~~have been~~ were later apparently tampered with by erasing and altering the figures and increasing the ~~figures.~~ amounts. Six such vouchers have been secured by the Police and compared with the originals in the Co-operative Stores and the difference made by the erasure and tampering done by the accused is given on page 20 c.f. The actual amount paid to the Co-operative Stores and covered by the vouchers is only Rs. 136-11-2. The accused altered these figures so that the total came up to Rs. 1,542-12-2 and they used these vouchers in preparing the Bills and drew Rs. 1,542-12-2 when they had actually paid only Rs.136-11-2 to the Co-operative Stores; and thus illicitly benefited themselves to the extent of Rs. 1,406-1-0 out of the District Board funds. If therefore this tampering of the vouchers given by the Co-operative Stores is brought home to the accused, there is very clear evidence of misappropriation of public funds. The fact that midday meals were supplied regularly and that no Government funds are involved, has no bearing on the question at all. The prosecution may be ordered to be proceeded with.

19.4.50.

H.M (E. & L.)

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H.C.M.

Prima facie the vouchers have been tampered, but no money has been saved ~~for it is absurd that~~ ~~or~~ by any ~~body~~ is clear for 125 ~~Children~~ have been fed for over 6 months everyday without any complaint ~~. Bout Str~~ And the Cost per child per day was 1 as 9 ps. Both

Still the vouchers have been tampered and no proper explanation is forthcoming but a vague suggestion that articles might have been purchased from other places than Co. Stores & would have been entered in the Stores voucher. I am prepared to believe that President & Secretary may not have known this at all but they have been grossly negligent. Both I doubt very much whether the case will stand against others without the President & Secretary. On the face of the documents the ~~Bd~~ Board has lost the money. It may be the underlings have made the tampering. There is the fact that there is no bad reputation that there was any fraud. Under the circumstance if they would pay up the amount to the Bd the Prosecution may be withdrawn

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H.C.M.

The report of the D.P.I. explains the matter from the reasonableness point of view. Clearly, there was no loss of public funds as several thousands of pupils on the aggregate and got cash vouc

ly fed. It would be ridiculous to suggest that 136-11-2 would suffice to meet the cost of the said large-scale feeding. Here is a case where respectable gentlemen of the place, were prevailed upon, as it were, to be in charge of the feeding and thus render some honorary service. And this, they did without any complaint from any quarter. It is undisputed that no complaint came from anyone, either that the feeding was withheld at any time or that the quality of the meal was bad. Under these circumstances, any suggestion that these two persons should have misappropriated Rs 1406-1-0 cannot hold water; equally so is the suggestion that they should be asked to make good that amount, as it would mean that the feeding of so many thousands of pupils would have cost Rs 136-11-2.

Probably, the other two persons (other than the petitioners) who were menials working in the feeding section, have made purchases from private shops instead of from the Co-operative Stores without the knowledge of these persons. But in the circumstances of this case, to pursue these petitioners with prosecution will be nothing but persecution. When it is established beyond doubt that they did the feeding properly and satisfactorily, it is not proper to launch prosecution against them on technical ground, namely some alteration in the receipts. So, the prosecution may be withdrawn. As the case before the ~~Sub~~-Magistrate is posted to a short date, orders may be sent by telegram.

H.C.M.
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SECRETARY
24 APL 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

A draft telegram is subd. ~~Home~~ may see before issue. HM (Edl) is away in Delhi. He will return to Madras only tomorrow. The file may be recirculated there on his return, after issue of telegram.

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as the case stands adjourned to 25-4-50.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
24 APR 50
HOME DEPARTMENT

Edn U.O. No. 43250 C/49-10
24.4.50

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Home.

Home Dept.

(This dept. last saw the case at p 2 ante)

The orders in circulation at pages 10-12 ante, the Edn. Dept's note from foot of p 12 ante and the draft telegram below may be perused and the case returned to Edn.

Approved subject to amendments suggested in pencil in draft

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Edn U.O.
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The draft telegram may issue as amended by Home.

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Recd 5.40 PM;
Action to be taken by ...
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[Issued as telegram dated 24.4.50]

The file may now be recirculated to H.M (Edl) for perusal of H.M's minutes on pages 11-12 ante.

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H.M. (E.dl.)

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26 APL 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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The papers may now be recorded ~~after sending a copy of the telegram to D.P.I. Trivandrum and the Dt. Dept of Police, Trivandrum~~

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dated 27-4-50

27/4/50

Sub:- Edn. Edn D.P.I.: Trivandrum - Supply of midday meals to pupils in ... - Complaint against ... persons ...

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Education Department.

From

The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
30 NOV 1950
38328
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Secretary to Government,
Education Department, Madras

RC.No. 1776 B1/50 dated 27-11-1950

Sir,

SUB: Elementary Education--Compulsory, Tirunelveli District Board--Sankarankoil centre--supply of midday meals to pupils--Prosecution of the President and Secretary for alleged irregularities.

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p37 c.f (2)

pp133-137 c.f (5)

REF: Government memo No. 73250 B2/49-6 Edn. dated 20-12-1949.
(1) My endorsement ROC.No. 1776 B1/49 dated 15th April 1950.

I request the favour of orders in the matter.

Yo urs faithfully,

29.11.50

For Director of Public Instruction

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Edn. deptt (C)

Memo No. 38328 - C/50 - 1 Edn. dated 7/12/50.

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Sub :- Ele. Edn. - compulsory, Tirunelveli Dt. Bd. - Sankarankoil centre - Supply of midday meals to pupils - Prosecution of the Secretary and the President of the midday meals committee.

P.C. ✓

Read :- From the D.P.I. No. 1776 - B1/50 dated 27.11.50.

The D.P.I. is informed that the Govt. decided to withdraw the prosecution against the secretary and the President of the midday meals Committee, Sankarankoil centre. Instructions were accordingly issued to the collector of Tirunelveli to withdraw the prosecution.

To

The D.P.I.

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