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The Servindia Agricultural and Indus
School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Distric
Taken over by Govt papers Recorded.

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Ask D.P.I. to depute Sri [illegible] to this & report
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THE SERVINDIA AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL
SCHOOL, MAYANOOR.
(Trichy Dt.)

Memorandum.

The School was started in July 1934. Soon after a Hostel was started for Harijan boys. In 1935 it was recognised as an Industrial School. (vide letter 1213-c/34, dated 11-5-1935). It was recognised as a Higher Elementary School by the Director of Public Instruction in 1936 (vide letter L.Dis. No.3027/E/35. dated 17-4-36). The Industrial School boys, who were all boarders in the Hostel, attended the Higher Elementary School. Government grant for Harijan boarders in the Hostel rose from 20 in 1934-35 to 80 in 1948-49. The Higher Elementary School was, however, closed in April 1939, as objection was raised to the Institution receiving grants from two Departments of Government. Since then the Institution has been an Agricultural and Industrial School, along with literary education qualifying the pupils to appear for the E.S.L.C. Examination. It is now very largely a residential School for Harijans, with a sprinkling of non-Harijans with a view to breaking down social prejudice.

The School is situated in Mayanoor, which is 34 miles higher up the River Cauvery from Trichinopoly. Its setting is rural. It offers a three-year course in Agriculture, Mat-weaving, Spinning, Handloom-weaving, Bee-keeping, Poultry and Dairy farming, besides Scouting etc.,

The Institution has over 15 acres of land, of which over 10 acres are under cultivation. It has another 12 acres of land, in the river bed and by the railway lines, which are being cultivated under the "Grow More Food Campaign".

The Superintendent of the Institution, Mr. S. Sambasivam, B.A., who had been with it from the very start, made a suggestion, among others, that the Institution, might be converted to a Basic Training School, as per the new policy of the Madras Government. The Servants of India Society has been managing the Institution all along. If the Government be willing to take it over, the Society may be willing to make it over to Government, subject to agreement regarding the terms of transfer. Government may then convert it into a Basic Training School, if so desired.

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E & P. H. dept (B2)

Memo No. 56868 B3/49-6 Edn. dated 13.2.50

Sub:- The Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dt. – Taking over by Govt. and conversion into a Basic Tg. School.

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in the interest of Harijan edn.

While the Institution and the lands pertaining to it are outside the village proper, the Society owns a house in the village itself, which is being used now as the residence of the Superintendent. It was originally built for the residence of the Resident-Member of the Society. The Society is willing to dispose off the House. It can be used for a Hospital or School or an Office.

MADRAS
25-7-49.

P. KODANDA RAO
Senion Member,
SERVANTS OF INDIA SOCIETY
MADRAS 14.

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E & P. H. deptt (B2)

D.O. No. 56868 B2/49-1 Edn. dated 29.7.49

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My dear Reddi,

Sub:- The Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dt. – Taking over by Govt. for converting it into a Basic Tg. school.

pp 1-3 ante

Ref:- Memorandum from "The ~~Ser~~ Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor" dated 25.7.49.

I am to forward herewith a copy of the memorandum cited above, and to ~~request~~ ask you to depute Sri. R.V. Rudrappa swami, Basic Education Officer at Headquarters, to inspect the institution ~~school in question~~, and to send ~~submit~~ a report to Govt on the points raised in the memorandum. ~~question of its conversion into a Basic Tg. school.~~

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Yours sincerely,
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Mr. B.S. Reddi, M.A.(Hons)
D.P.I.,
Madras

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with a copy of the memorandum in pp 1-3 C.+]

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SERVANTS OF INDIA SOCIETY

11, RATNA VILASA ROAD
BASAVANGUDI, BANGALORE 4.

DEPUTY SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
19 AUG 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

63426

17th August, 1949.

Dear Mr.Lobo Prabhu,

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I am very grateful to you for the promptness with which you have acted with regard to the Servindia School, Mayanoor. I am sending you a copy of the communication I received from the D.P.I. through the D.E.O. Tiruchi and also the reply to it. I hope it will be possible for Government to take over the Institution as early as possible. If necessary, I shall be glad to run down to Madras any time you want me for the purpose.

Mrs.Rao joins me in sending you our kind regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

P. Kodanda Rao

P. KODANDA RAO.

Sri.J.M.Lobo Prabhu, ICS,
Secretary, Education Department,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Copy to: SIS, Poona 4.
Sri.S.R.V. Camp Mayanoor.

E49.H (B3)

Please see the letter from the Senior member, Servants of India society on p 7 ante. No action is called for on this at present. This may lie over, till the receipt of the reply from the D.P.I as to the memo on p 5 ante.

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Copy of Director's Pros. R.C.No.665 M/48 dated 2nd August 1949.

Sub:- Basic Education - Opening of Basic Training School at Mayanur Trichinopoly.

Read:- Copy of letter R.C.No.29 T/48 dated 23.7.49 of the District Educational Officer, Trichinopoly to the Divl. Ins. Coimbatore.

The District Educational Officer is requested to ascertain and report:-

(a) Whether the Servindia's Society at Mayanoor propose to close down their Agricultural and Industrial School and the hostel attached. If so, from what date?

(b) If they propose to continue the school and hostel where do they propose to locate them if the sites and the buildings are given to the Education Department for running a Basic Training School?

(c) In case the sites and the buildings are taken over by the Government, would it be necessary to run the Industrial School and the hostel by the Education Department?

(d) What is the present annual recurring and non recurring cost of running the Industrial school and the hostel?

The District Educational Officer is requested to submit an immediate reply.

R.V.Rudrappaswami,
for Director of Public Ins.

R.C. 29 T/48 dated 4.8.49.
Copy forwarded to Sri.Kothanda Rao, Member, Servants of India Society, Basavangudi Post, Bangalore for favour of kind compliance.

Sd/-S.Rajain 6/8/49
For Dt.Edl.Officer, Thiruchy.

R.S.5/8.

/True copy/

Servants of India Society
Poona 4.

No.0834.

August 13, 1949.

The District Educational Officer,
Tiruchirapalli.

Sir, Ref: R.C.29/48 dated 4-8-49.

With reference to your enquiry regarding the Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School and Hostel, Mayanoor addressed to Mr.P.Kodanda Rao, Servants of India Society, Basavangudi, Bangalore 4, I am to state as follows:

(a & b) The Servants of India Society proposes to withdraw from this particular service as early as possible, and hand over the Institution as a going concern to Govt., or some non-official body acceptable to the Society, and, in the last resort to close it down.

(c) If the Government be willing to take over the Institution, subject to conditions regarding compensation, etc., to be negotiated, the Society does not wish to stipulate that the present character of the Institution should be continued. Government will be free to do what it thinks best.

(d) The Budget for 1949-50 is still under consideration of the Society. The proposed Budget provides for an Income of Rs.24,300, and Expenditure of Rs.27,965, leaving a Deficit of Rs.3,365 to be met by the Society. Of the Expenditure, Rs.500 is a refund to Government of an unused Grant. The recurring Expenditure is thus roughly Rs.27,500.

The Income includes anticipated Govt. Grants of Rs.3,500 on account of the School, and Rs.11,250 on account of the Hostel. It is proposed to apply to Govt. for an increase of Grant for the School.

Yours faithfully,

D.V. Ambekar
Secretary.

E & P. H. dept (B2)

D.O. No. 56868-B2/49-2 Edn. dated 20.9.49.

My dear Reddi,

Sub :- The Servindia Agricultural and Industrial school, Mayanoor, Tiruchirappalli Dt - Taking over by Govt. for converting it into a Basic Tg. School

Ref :- My ~~de~~ D.O. ~~letter~~ No. 56868-B2/49-1 Edn dated 29.7.49

I am to ~~to invite your attention to my D.O. letter cited above, and to request~~ ask you, to expedicate your reply to ~~it.~~ the above D.O.

12/9/49

Yours sincerely,

To

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

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

D.O.No.665 M/48.

Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 7th October 1949.

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My dear Prabhu,

Sub: The Servindia Agricultural & Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli District - Taking over by Government for conversion into a Basic Training School.

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Please see your D.O.No.56868 B2/49-2,Edn., dated 20-9-49. I am awaiting certain particulars regarding the compensation etc., to be paid to the management if the school is to be taken over by Government. A reply will be sent as soon as particulars are received.

Yours sincerely,

To

Sri J.M.Lobo Prabhu, I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H.Department,
Fort St.George, Madras

E&P.H. dept (B3)

This may lie over till 15. 11. 49.

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D.O. No. 56868 B2/49-3 Edn. dated 22.11.49.

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My dear Reddi,

Sub:- The ~~[illegible]~~ Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dt - ~~Taking over~~ conversion into Govt ~~by Govt. for converting it into~~ a Basic Tg. School

p5 c.f Read:- My D.O. No. 56868 B2/49-1 Edn. dated 29.7.49

p13 c.f and D.O. reminder dated 20.9.49.

p15 c.f your D.O. letter No. 665 M/48 dated 7.10.49.

I am to ask ~~you to expedite~~ that your a reply ~~to my above D.O.~~ may be sent at a very early date.

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Yours sincerely,

21/11/49

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

18.11.49.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

FROM
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS-6.

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

R.C.No.665-M/48 dated 15 December 1949.

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17 DEC 1949

Sir,

SUB: BASIC EDUCATION - Opening of Basic Training School at Mayanoor by taking over the management of the Servindia Rural Training Centre, Mayanoor-Proposals submitted.

REF: Government D.O.No.56868-B2/49-1 Education dated 29-7-1949 and reminders thereon - dated 20-9-1949 and 22-11-1949; and my D.O. reply dated 6 October 1949.

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The District Educational Officer, Tiruchirapalli has visited the Servindia Rural Centre at Mayanoor and he states as follows:-

"The Servindia Society are now running an Industrial and Agricultural School for about 80 Harijan pupils who - have been permitted at the end of the 3rd year to appear for the E.S.L.C.(VIII standard) Public Examination. This school is run under the control of the Industries Department and the hostel is run with boarding grant from the Labour Department. The staff consists of one graduate Superintendent on Rs.150/-, two Secondary Grade teachers on Rs.60/- each, two craft instructors on about Rs.50/- and one Accountant cum Writer on Rs.40/- p.m.

2. The Estate consists of four parts:-

I. The main school and hostel premises consisting of 5 craft sheds, 2 halls, 1 dining room and kitchen and a well in a site of about 4 to 5 acres. The halls can accommodate about 60 each for class-room purposes and the dining hall about 80. The place is electrified.

II. A plot of dry land of about 11 acres (with a well and electric pump) fit for dry cultivation.

III. An upstairs house in the village which can be used as a school or as a dwelling place for teachers.

IV. About 11 acres of Government wetland under grow more food lease provision near the river with an electric pump connecting a well in the river bed.

The total property costs roughly as follows:(Estimated as per original costs).

Land and school buildings with well. ..	Rs.12,000/-
Kitchen.	Rs. 300/-
Village house.	Rs. 4,000/-
Furniture.	Rs. 530/-
Pumps.	Rs. 1,000/-
Vessels.	Rs. 250/-
Livestock.	Rs. 1,360/-
Stock of produce. ..	Rs. 2,000
Total Assets.	Rs.21,440/-.

(Deduct liability of Rs.2,000/- to Government.)
Net assets Rs.19,440/- nearly.

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3. It is possible to acquire more lands adjoining the present school site."

4. The Basic Education Officer also has visited the place and he considers that Mayanoor is a desirable centre for opening a Basic Training School. He is of opinion -- that the present buildings by themselves would not be sufficient to house a Basic Training School and that additional buildings will have to be built.

5. I, therefore, recommend that the site, buildings and other immovable property including the two motor pumps may be taken over by Government at a value to be fixed by the Public Works Department.

6. It is reported that the site at Musiri referred to in my letter, No.536-M/48 dated 16-5-1949 where one unit of Basic Training School buildings was proposed to be constructed, will be made available through acquisition proceedings not earlier than March 1950. If this site is depended upon, it is likely that the provision of Rs.1.55 lakhs made in this year's Budget Estimate for the construction of buildings for the Basic Training School, Musiri will lapse. Hence I consider that this allotment may be utilised for the purchase of the buildings etc. of the Servindia Rural Centre at Mayanoor and for putting up the necessary additional buildings.

Put up with P.W.D. file

7. If my proposal is accepted, the Public Works Department may be instructed by Government to fix the value of the site, buildings, etc. at Mayanoor. After paying the cost of these buildings, the balance of the provision may be utilised for the construction of necessary additional buildings so as to enable the opening of a Basic Training School at Mayanoor in 1950-51. The Public Works Department may be instructed to obtain from the Director of Public Instruction details regarding the additional buildings to be constructed.

I request the favour of early orders.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

Ram.15/12.

Madras,
22--12--1949.

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Dear Sri Madhava Menon,

I am herewith sending the petition of the Secretary of the Tamilnad Harijan Seva Sangh. I have told you in person in detail about the Mayanoor Harijan School. I thank you very much for your assurance that you will give your kind consideration to see the present institution is not disturbed.

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Many of our Political sufferers, who are conducting ~~that~~ the institution for the past fifteen years will be disappointed if the institution is taken away. So I request you to see that the proposal to take the institution may kindly be dropped.

28 DEC 1949

Yours sincerely,

T.K. Srinivasan

T.K. Srinivasan.

23 DEC 1949

From

The Secretary,
Tamilnad Harijan Seva Sangh,
Madras.

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Is there any proposal to [illegible] take this school

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To

The Hon'ble Minister for Education and Law,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

Sir,

Re: Taking over the Mayanoor Servants India Society Harijan Industrial School by Government- Hardship on Harijan work.

We understand that the Government is proposing to take over the Servindia Rural Centre, Mayanoor for the ~~purpose~~ purpose of locating a basic educational institution. While we are glad that the Government is anxious to promote basic education , we cannot, but express our feeling that this will work a great hardship on the harijan work in the District and in the Province. There are now nearly hundred Harijan boys getting their education of the right type and very useful education ~~far~~ too. They learn agriculture, the main occupation of Harijans.

It would therefore be wrong to disturb such work especially at the juncture when Harijans are coming up. We therefore request that the Government will drop the proposal.

It may be argued that the Servents of India Society is not willing to continue this work any longer. As a matter of fact they have expressed the same to us also and we have agreed to take up the work in case they do not want to continue. ~~They~~ We are also prepared to meet any extra expenditure for the purpose from our funds. The matter is receiving the consideration of the excutive of the Society itself.

Further the people of the District who have contributed to the success and the growth of the institution want that this kind of work should continue. The present staff who have been giving their whole hearted support will be very much disappointed if they are torn away from their life work. It is therefore, but proper that such an institution if not closed and that the funds contributed for this definite purpose is not utilised for any other purpose or in any other area.

We once again request you, sir, to see that this Harijan institution is not replaced by any other, for the reasons stated above. ~~however good the later might be.~~

Thanking you.

Madras,
22--12--1949.

Yours faithfully,

L. N. Gopalaswami
Secretary
Tamil Nad Harijan Sevak Sangh
Govt House
Mount Road
Madras

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Please see the minutes of H.M.(Edn) n/p1 ante. The connected file on the subject has been sent to Dev, P.W.D and Finance for remarks on 21.12.49. In the circumstances this may lie over till the return of the file.

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Spoken to Mr. Kodanda Rao. He is inclined to think that this application is inspired by the present Superintendent Mr. Sambasivam who has been defaulting to account monies in his possession, and has lost confidence of the Society. The issue simply is this whether, when the Servants of India Society who have a title to this building are offering it to us, we should accept the same and save ourselves the large difference in cost involved in constructing

a separate building for Basic Training. In case we refuse, the ~~best thing would be~~ Society could to close the building or to sell it to some other party. We are not in a position to compel the Society to run a school for Harijans.

In case it is considered that the school is necessary for Harijans then also the question of acquiring it from the Society remains. In this connection it will be necessary to consult the Harijan Welfare Officer.

The papers should be put up to me at once as soon as they are received back from other Departments.

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SERVANTS OF INDIA SOCIETY

Telephone No. 2519

11, RATNA VILASA ROAD
BASAVANGUDI, BANGALORE 4.

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
16 JAN 1950
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

13th January, 1950.

16 JAN 1950

Dear Mr. Lobo Prabhu,

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With reference to certain representations made to Government against its taking over the Servindia Industrial and Agricultural School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dist., may I offer the following remarks?

The main point is that the Servants of India Society has decided to withdraw from its work in Mayanoor. Before contemplating other alternatives like closing the School, it offered it to Government as a running institution, subject to terms to be mutually agreed upon. Government is free to retain the present character of the School, or convert it into a Basic Training School or other, as it thinks fit.

Should Government decline the offer, the Society will think of other alternatives.

As regards the Tamil Nadu Harijan Sevak Sangh taking over the School, I enclose herewith copy of the letter dated 17th August 1949, addressed by Mr.A.Vaidyanatha Iyer, President of the Sangh, to Mr.A.V.Thakkar, Vice-President of the Servants of India Society and General Secretary of the Harijan Sevak Sangh, Delhi. Mr.Iyer was clear that the Sangh would not be able to pay compensation for the property, was doubtful if it would be able to meet the annual deficits and contemplated the alternatives of the School being taken over by Government or the District Board. The Sangh has not since contacted the Society with a proposal that the School should be handed over to the Sangh, instead of to Government.

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Representation seems to have been made that the School was being run by some political sufferers, and they would be disappointed if it was taken over by Government. In view of Government's solicitude for political sufferers, their interests are likely to be better protected rather than be prejudiced by Government taking over the School.

If the political sufferer referred be Mr.S. Sambasivam, who has been the Superintendent of the School, Mr.Vaidyanatha Iyer made some reference to his financial dealings. Mr.Sambasivam has not been able to account for about Rs.3,000/-. I enclose an extract from his letter dated the 29th May 1949, in which he admitted his inability to account for the moneys and offered to make good the same. He has since acknowledged that he had been treated generously by the Society but finally confessed his inability to fulfil his promise. The Society has since decided to dispense with Mr.Sambasivam's services. It is unlikely that his services will be reengaged by Government or any non-official organisation that may take over the School from the Society.

All things considered, it is in the best interest of the School that it should be taken over by Government, and run either on the present lines, or as a Basic Training School as has been proposed by the Education Department.

I shall be grateful to know as soon as possible the final decision of Government in order to enable the Society to take appropriate consequential action betimes.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. Kodanda Rao

P. KODANDA RAO.

Mr.J.M. Lobo Prabhu, I.C.S.,
Secretary, Education Dept.,
Govt. of Madras,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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Extract from Mr.S.Sambasivam's letter dated 29 May, 1949:

" I must confess that I am ignorant of accounts. I never look into that. I now see the folly of it all. I don't know how so much cash balance swelled in my hands. I simply went on spending without verifying the cash balance at any stage.

I am of simple habits. I have not laid by anything certain. I might have helped certain friends and old students; a little of it might have gone towards my family expenses which I find is fast rising. But sure not to this extent within 3 years and odd.

Let it not be understood that in saying this I want to shirk my responsibility. I was in charge and I am responsible."

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The connected file on the subject has been sent to Dom, P.W.D., and Finance for remarks. This may be awaited till the return of the file.

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E & P. H. dept (B 2)

Memo No. 56868 B3/49-6 Edn. dated 13.2.50

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the interest of Harijan edn.

~~He is also requested to say whether the necessary funds for acquiring and running it can be provided by Govt.~~

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To

The Director of
Harijan Welfare
Madras.

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ROC.NO.665-M/48

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Madras-6, Dated 2--3--1950.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
7 - MAR 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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SUB: BASIC EDUCATION - Opening of a Basic Training School At Mayanoor by taking over the management of the Servindia Rural Training Centre, Mayanoor - Proposals.

pp19-20 ante

REF: My letter R.C.665-M/48 dated 15-----12----1949.

In continuation of my letter referred to above, I have the honour to state that the school has received the following grants from the Provincial funds through the Industries Department.

Year.	Amount.	PURPOSE.
1937	Rs. 1890/-	Construction of school building and office.
1938	Rs. 390/-.	Repairing and digging a well.
1940.	Rs. 1150/-.	To construct a dormitory.
9-3-36.	Rs. 1149/9/-	for equipment.
21-10-36.	Rs. 865/-.	furniture.
30-10-37	Rs. 491/12/-	for a shed and for furniture.
1-3-1949.	Rs. 492/-.	for repairs to the shed.
	Rs.6418--5--0	

The above amounts may be taken into account while paying the compensation for the school buildings. The Collector, Tiruchirapalli is also of this opinion. (Vide para 1 of the D.O. letter of the Collector, No.1349(Camp)/49 dated 14-12-1949, copy enclosed. ~~herewith~~.

Yours faithfully,

R.V. Rudrappaswami,
4-3-50.

for Director of Public Instruction.

Ram.4/3. 24/3/50

Copy of D.O.No.1349/Camp/49 dated 14-12-1949 of the Collector of Tiruchirapalli to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

I write this about the Servants of India Society Industrial School at Mayanoor (Kulittalai Taluk) which I gather Government intend taking over. The report of course is that Government propose to pay the Society. I may say that such payment would not appear to be very justified as the buildings appear to have been made out of public subscriptions, and possibly Government grants, and cannot therefore be regarded as negotiable property.

I am particularly anxious that the institution which has been doing excellent work in imparting education to Harijans in a realistic manner should continue to serve such a good cause without any interruption. I may add that I gave the school some lands with a view to impart an agricultural bias even to the instruction being impar-

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imparted. It would also appear necessary to provide for the staff when Government take over; Sri Sambasivam who is now running the school has quite considerable experience in the matter.

I should be grateful if you would kindly let me know what the position is. I shall be very glad indeed to give advice if you should care to consult me.

/True copy/

R.V. Rudrappaswami
4.3-50.

for Director of Public Instruction.

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No action is called for at present on the letter of the D.P.I. This may lie ~~on~~ over till the receipt of a reply from the D.H.W.

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From
Sri V. Bhashyam Ayyangar, B.A., B.L.,
Honorary Director of Harijan Welfare,
27, Halls Road, Egmore, Madras.

To
✓ The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health
Department, Fort St. George, Madras

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Rc.G. 5269/50. Dated 13-3-50.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
17 MAR 1950
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Sir,

Sub:-The Servindia Agricultural and Industrial school-Mayanoor-Tiruchirapalli District-Taking over by Government and conversion into a Basic Training School.

Ref:-Government Memorandum No.56868-B.2./49-6 Education dated 13-2-50.

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The matter has been referred to the Collector of Tiruchirapalli and his remarks are awaited. A reply to the Government Memorandum will be sent on receipt of a report from the Collector of Tiruchirapalli.

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For Director of Harijan Welfare.

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Very Emergent

Government of Madras
Education Department.

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Memorandum No. 5168 C/50-1 Education dated 31-3-50.

Sub: Servindia Agricultural and Industrial school-Mayaneer -Tiruchirapalli District-Taking over by Government and Conversion into a Basic Training School.

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Ref: Letter from the Honorary Director of Harijan Welfare, Rc.G.5269/50 dated 13-3-1950.

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The Honorary Director of Harijan Welfare, is requested to state when his final report on the subject may be expected.

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~~Rajaiah D.Paul,~~
~~Secretary to Govern~~ment.

To

The Honorary Director of Harijan Welfare,
27, Halls Road, Egmore, Madras.

Forwarded/By Order.

Superintendent

From
Sri V. Bhashyam Ayyangar, B.A., B.L.,
Honorary Director of Harijan Welfare,
27, Halls Road, Egmore, Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Firka Development Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Rc.G. 5269/50. Dated 4-4-50. 22

Sir,

Sub:-The Servindia Agricultural and Industrial school-Mayanoor-Tiruchirapalli District-Taking over by Government and conversion into a Basic Training school.

Ref:-Memorandum No.56868-B.2./49-6 Education, dated 13th February 1950.

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ASSISTANT ... EDUCATION DEPART...
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I do not see why Harijan interests need suffer or be prejudiced by the school in question being taken over by the Government. I fancy and expect, on the other hand, that they will be improved. The management of the school has not been satisfactory or free from trouble in recent years. The Government could put it on proper lines by taking it over.

2. As it is, the syllabus consists of three general education classes (Standards VI to VIII) and practical training in Agriculture and some small cottage industries. I am not sure that these come up to the proper standard. A basic Training school, with a basic school necessarily attached to it, and agriculture as the main craft, will certainly be an improvement over the existing course.

3. Harijans will of course, be admitted in the Training school and perhaps the basic school will principally consist of Harijan children. Where there is the prejudice to Harijan interests? There is an attached hostel at present for Harijan Boys subsidised by this Department. It will continue to be run and subsidised.

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For Director of Harijan Welfare.

F.D. Depts.
Education ...

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From

The Asst. Secy. to Govt.,
Education Deptt.

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To

The D. P. I.

Issued 17/5

Sub :- Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dt - Taking over the management by Govt and conversion into a Basic Tg. School.

Read :- your letter No. 665-M/48 dated 15.12.48 and 2.3.50.

pp 19-20 c.f.
pp 35-36 c.f.

Please furnish details of the recurring and non-recurring expenditure involved in taking over the management of the above

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school and in maintaining it as a Basic Tg. School. A very early report is requested.

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Rh 15.5.50

Note Please see the remarks of Secretary at M on p13 n. f. The details of expenditure may be obtained from the D.P.I. as they are not ~~av~~ available in the file. The draft T.M. above is for approval.

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Rh 15.5.50

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

FROM
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
MADRAS-6.

TO
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department, Madras.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY
30 MAY 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

13459

R.O.C.No.665-M/48 dated 29-5-1950.

Sir,

Sub: BASIC EDUCATION - Opening of a Basic Training School at Mayanoor by taking over the management of the Servindia Rural Training Centre, Mayanoor.

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REF: Telephonic Message from the Assistant Secretary to Government, Education Department dated 17th May 1950.
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pp43-44 ante

The recurring and non-recurring cost involved in taking over the management of the above school and in maintaining it as a Basic Training School will be approximately Rs.30,430/- and Rs.5,000/- respectively besides the cost involved with reference to this office letters R.C.665-M/48 dated 15-12-1949 and 2-3-50. It is presumed that since the buildings will be used for housing the Basic Training School, the present Harijan hostel will be closed.

pp19-20 ante
pp35-36 ante

Yours faithfully,
R.V. Rudrappaswami,
29.5.50
for Director of Public Instruction.

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29.5.50.

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Mayanur
6-6-50.

To
Sri P.S. Kumaraswami Raja
Premier
Fort Madras
Madras

Firka

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF MINISTER
9 JUN 1950
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
9 JUN 1950
FIRKA DEVELOPMENT

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
13 JUN 1950
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Sir

This is just to remind you of my interview at Karur so that you may stop the closing down of such a useful institution as the School & Hostel here doing Harijan Work for the last 17 years.

I enclose remarks of the Collector of Thiruchirapalli in the visitors book to give you an idea of the work that is being done.

Yours faithfully
S. [illegible]
Harijan Sevak
Mayanur Thiruchi Dist.

F.D. No. No. 26173 F.D.II/50-1
12.6.50

F.D. Deptt.

The refce is apparently to the taking over by the Govt of the School arrangements attached to the Semudi Rural Centre, run by the Servants of India Society. The main file is dealt with in Edn Deptt. This may be remitted to that Deptt. for necessary action.
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I was delighted to go round the school run so ably and conscientiously by Sri. Sambasivam whose indefatigable energy and irrepressible enthusiasm have contributed to the institution's success. I saw the boys at their midday meal, which I tasted and found exceedingly palatable. Sri. Sambasivam has well maintained the high standard of service one expects from the Servants of India Society, he is a real live wire. I was particularly interested in the activities of the School by way of farming--over 10 acres of paddy are grown almost entirely by the pupils.

My feeling after having seen the school, the pupils and the staff is one of great satisfaction. It is most satisfactory to know that Harijan boys are looked after so competently-looked after in body and mind in such excellent manner that our country can be proud of acquiring such citizens.

I should say that the boys and staff turned out a play entitled "Shivaji" which they enacted so well that the large audience (consisting of a happy proportion of women) was kept absorbed till 1.30 A.M.

As Collector and as a citizen of India I am happy to see the institution doing so well. Any help I can give is always at the disposal of the school.

Sd/- V.N. Rajan,
Collector,
30-9-'48.

/True copy/

Taken from the Visitors' Book of the Servindia Rural Centre,

Mayanoor.

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~~C.C.S. by S.D.~~
H.W. Dept by S.D.
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Dy S.P.
Sub Collector
Kumbakonam Taluk
Children's colony
K. Pitha School
Rillapalya School
* W. Committee
Board

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From
Sri S. Sambasivam B.A.
Harijan Sevak.
Mayavaram.

Edn.
I remember there are some papers about this.
Pl. let me see them.

SECRETARY
19 JUN 1950
16303
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

To
Sri. Madhava Menon
Minister For Education.
Madras.

Sir.

The Servants of India Society came down to South India during Cauvery Flood Relief in 1924 & Sri K. G. Sivaswami stayed on after relief work & took to rural reconstruction work at Mayavaram & founded the Servindia Rural Centre Mayavaram. The nucleus was Flood Relief money & then he was permitted by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies Mr Hatch to collect funds from the liquidated Co-operative Societies & from the Common Good Fund of living Societies. Money was raised from all Tamil districts. & when in 1932 Great Gandhi turned his attention solely to Harijan Work this Centre also took it up in right earnest & I joined it in 1933 at the instance of Dr Rajan in the fond hope that I will be helped to found an institution like the Tuskegee Institute of Booker T. Washington of America for the Negroes.

I was given a free hand by Sri K. G. Sivaswami & I have brought out the present Agricultural & Industrial School with

I should be grateful if you would kindly let me know what
th[illegible] to give advice if
you

80 inmates ~~with the~~ hostel attached to it all Harijans. from the locality.

Sri Srinivasan resigned in 1948 June & our fall began. None of the members had a desire to continue the work here So they began negotiations with the Educational department of the Govt of Madras to sell away the entire assets. I objected saying that the staff of the school will be sorely disappointed & it will mean ruin of their fond hopes & their life work. The Collector of the Dt empowered by resolution of the Harijan Welfare Committee Thirunelveli wrote a D.O to the Director of Public Instruction Madras saying that the institution need not be paid for as the whole thing is out of Govt grant & local collections. As it is Harijan work of 27 years it should not be disturbed.

Then Sri L. N. Gopalaswami as the M.L.A representing this area & as the Secretary of the Tamil Nad Harijan Sevak Sangh wrote to you not to get along with the purchase of the centre as it will greatly jeopardise Harijan work ~~espec~~

It is cruel to take away this institution from Harijan service especially when there are of a few years more of life for this sort of work. & especially when Harijans have come to feel that ever since the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi there has been a

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cooling off in enthusiasm for Harijan uplift work.

Further a number of resolutions have been passed & petitions sent to the Harijan Welfare department not to take away the centre from Harijan Welfare work.

The Director of Harijan Welfare has change of mind even as late as 2-11-49 that it certainly deserves to be kept up & strengthened. Sri Santhanam who is in charge of it is an enthusiastic worker.

Again the Govt asked the Harijan Welfare Department at Thirunelveli if they have any objection to ~~hand~~ over the Educational Department taking over the centre as a Basic Education Training School. They have replied in the negative.

So I beg of you sir as one interested in encouraging selfless work & ~~app~~ as one who can appreciate sacrifice & service. not to lay up this centre but to ask the Servants of India Society to continue to do the good work they are doing. or if they do not want to do it to give it over to the Harijan Sevak Sangh Tamil Nad

I should be grateful if you would kindly let me know what the position is. I shall be very glad indeed to give advice if y

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which has offered to take it up. or allow the Harijan welfare Department to run it themselves."

Excuse this scribbling.

Yours faithfully

S. Santhanam

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Edn CCJ

Letter No. 568 of C/49-10 Edn. dated 28.6.50

4/29/6 D/Ms 30/6

To

Sri. P. Kondanda Rao,
11, Ratna Vilasa Road,
Basavangudi,
Bangalore 4.

Sri,

Sub:- The Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dt - Taking over under Govt. management.

Read:- your letter dated ~~13.1.50~~ 17.8.49 addressed to Mr. Lala Prabha.

With ref. to your letter cited above, I am directed to state that the Govt after a careful consideration of the matter ~~question of taking over the management of the Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor in detail and~~

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which has [illegible] to take it over or allow

~~have~~ ~~finally~~ decided not to take ~~it~~ the institution over ~~under their control~~. If ~~the~~ Servants of India Society ~~may make their own decision as to what they should do with the school~~ ~~arrangement for the disposal of their~~ ~~the school finally, if they finally decide to close it down the school~~.

has finally decided to close down the work, it may make its own arrangements regarding the disposal of the lands & equipment buildings

yours faithfully,

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Copy to the D.P.I. with ref. to his letter No. 665-M/48 d. 29.5.50

p.45 c.f

E.& P.H.(B2).

SUB: THE SERVINDIA AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, MAYANOOR, TIRUCHIRAPALLI DISTRICT - Taking over by Government and conversion into a Basic Trg. School.

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Read: From the Senior member, Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor dated 25-7-49.

From the D.P.I., No. 665-M/48 dated 15-12-49.

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p19 c.f

The proposal in this file is to take over the management of the Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli District, by Govt. and to convert it into a Basic Tg. School. The institution is run by the Servants of India Society and it offers a three year course in Agriculture, mat-weaving, spinning, handloo weaving, Bee-keeping, poultry etc., for the trainees, most of whom are Harijans.

2. The school is having the following staff:

(1) one graduate Superintendent on Rs. 150/- p.m.

(2) Two secondary grade teachers on Rs. 60/- each p.m

(3) Two craft Instructors on Rs. 50/- each p.m.

(4) One Accountant cum Writer on Rs. 40/-

The buildings and sites, belonging to the school are as specified at M on p.19 c.f. The total cost of property has been estimated at Rs. 19,440. The D.P.I. reports that the place, in which the school is located is a suitable one to open a basic training school. He recommends that the land buildings and other property belonging to the institution may be taken over by Govt. at a value to be fixed by the P.W.D. He states that the site, selected at Musiri, for the construction of a building for one of the ten basic training school during the current year, cannot be acquir ed before the end of the current year. He therefore sug- gests that the site at Musiri may be dropped and that the provision made for the purpose utilised on the purchase o the lands and buildings belonging to this school for open ing a basic training school, there. For orders whether his suggestion may be accepted.

A Yes

3. Dev., P.W.D., and Finance may see for remarks

before circulation.

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21.12.49

Devt Dept

The notes of E & P.H Dept from page 1 above may be perused. No special remarks are called for on the proposal to take over the management of the Servindia Agrl. and Industrial School at Mayanoor, by the Govt. and to convert it into a Basic Training School. The file may be passed on to P.W.D.

The E&P.H. Dept. may be requested to allow the Firka Dev Dept. also to see the case before circulation. Most of the trainees in the school are said to be Harijans and it also appears that the Harijan Welfare Dept. ~~appears to be~~ paying some grants to the institution. 29.12.49.

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Firka Dev. Deptt.

Notes of E.& P.H. and Development Departments from page 1 above may be perused. The file has been sent to this Deptt with reference to the portion marked 'A' above.

Attention is solicited to para 1 of the letter of the D.P.I. on page 19 c.f. It is seen that the Hostel is maintained by the Harijan Welfare Department. It is proposed to take over the Institute to run it as a Basic Training School. The Industrial School has been giving education to Harijan pupils. This Deptt.

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is concerned only with this. Even if the Institute ceases to function, the Basic Training School will come into being. No special remarks seem called for.

May be passed on the P.W.D.

It is presumed that the Basic training school will cater mainly to the needs of the Harijans.
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P.W.D(C)

The notes of E & P.H, Devt and Firka Devt Deptt above may be perused. Attention is also invited to the approximate estimate at 'K' on 19 C.F. This Deptt may perhaps suggest that ~~an estimate prepared by~~ the Addl C.E. (Buildings) may be consulted regarding the rough estimate ~~obtained~~. With these remarks the file may be passed on to Finance.

18.1.50 Fin.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Cf Para 6. p 20 CF

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Please see the notes from page 1 above.

The D.P.I. has proposed that a sum of Rs.1.55 lakhs sanctioned for the construction of the Unit of Basic Training School buildings at Musiri may be utilised for the purchase of the buildings etc. of the Servindia Rural centre at Mayanoor and for putting up the necessary additional buildings for a basic training school at the latter place instead of at Musiri. E.& P.H. support the proposal. ~~The proposal~~ The

Cf A on p1 above

The proposal may be accepted in Finance, subject to the remark that the total expenditure to be incurred at Mayanoor should not exceed Rs.1.55 lakhs. As requested by the D.P.I. and suggested by P.W., E.& P.H. may get the assets of the Servindia Rural centre at Mayanoor valued by the Additional Chief Engineer (Buildings).

Please see below.
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M. on p. 20 c.f.
2nd on p. 3 above

The proposal is only to utilise the amount sanctioned for the construction of buildings for a Basic Training School at Musiri for acquiring existing buildings and for putting up additional buildings at Mayanoor and it is not on a 'New Service'.

It seems premature to consider the constn. of addl. buildings, since the Govt. have not yet taken possession of the land & buildings of the Servindia Rural Trg. Centre.
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Generally, when lands & buildings from a private institution are proposed to be purchased by the Govt., the Collector of the district in which they are situated is consulted. In this case also, E.P.H. may be requested to consult the Collr. of Trichinopoly.

The Collr. will no doubt be consulted when the assets are valued.
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2 As the Govt. will be merely taking over the management of the Servindia Rural Training Centre from the Servants of India Society & will continue to provide the ~~the~~ facilities for education of the Harijan boys, the case is a fit one for the transfer of assets to the Govt. free of value. The Servants of India Society may be requested to state whether they would agree to the free transfer of the land & buildings to the Govt. It may also be ascertained whether any portion of the land now occupied by the Servindia Rural Training Centre was previously alienated by the Govt. to the Servants of India Society free of cost. Even if the Govt. are to purchase the buildings, a nominal payment would be appropriate ~~as~~ ~~the Govt.~~ instead of the full value as the institution serves a public purpose.

I don't think this avenue is worth exploring. Suitable compensation for the assets may be paid.
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3. Proposals for the ~~purchase~~ construction of any addl. buildings as suggested in paras. 4 & 7 of the D.P.I.'s letter on p. 20 c.f. may be considered after concrete proposals with rough plans & approximate estimates ~~are~~ are received from the D.P.I. ~~The~~ Action may first be taken to acquire the land & buildings from the Servants of India Society.

4. H.M. (Fin.) may see.
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(EPH propose to circulate the case)

D/S. | ~~EPH~~

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31 JAN 1950

Fin. no. 4096 Exp. C-1
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E 26.11 (B2)

The question raised in this file is whether the Servindia Agricultural and Industrial school, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dt. should be taken over by Govt. and run as a Basic Training School, P.W.D. and Finance in their notes above, state that Addl. Chief Engineer (Buildings) may first be asked to estimate the assets of the school. Attention in this connection is invited to a letter received from Sri T.K. Srinivasan on p.21 c.f. and the letter from the Secretary, Tamil Nad Harijan Seva Sangh on pp.23-24 c.f. in which it is requested that the management of the school should not be taken over by Govt. Attention is solicited to the observations of Secretary on pages 24-25 c.f. //If it is decided that the institution should be taken over by Govt. further reference will be made as suggested by P.W.D. & Finance. For orders as to circulation.

S.S.
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We must first clear the question if the school is required for Harijan Boys and if the necessary funds for acquiring

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and running it can be provided by Govt : Firka Dev should see

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F. D. Depw.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
4 FEB 1950
FIRKA DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

This depw. last noted on pp 2-3 above the further notes of P.W.D, Fin, and E&P.H. depts. from p 3 above may be perused. The file has been remitted to this depw. again with reference to 'A' on pp 5-6 above. This depw. may suggest that the remarks of the D.H.W. may be invited in the first instance and let this depw. see the file again after the remarks of the D.H.W. are received. With these remarks the file may be returned to E&P.H depw.

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E.&P.H.

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E&P. H (3 ?)

Please see the notes of Firka Dev. above. For orders whether the D.H.W should be consulted on the proposal in this file as suggested by F.D. ~~The question is whether the institution should be taken by Govt at all. Orders on this point may first be taken in [illegible]~~.

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9/2/50 3 Ask for an early report

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Please see the orders of secretary on p 6 ante. A draft memo to the D.H.W. is submitted below for approval.

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pp 1-3 CF

The Servants of India Society is maintaining an Agricultural and Industrial School at Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli District. It is largely a residential school for Harijans. A representation was made to Govt. by the Senior member of the society that the institution might be taken over by Govt. and run as a Basic Training School. The D.P.I. who was consulted on the matter recommends the proposal. He suggested that the value of the land, buildings, etc., belonging to the school might be got estimated by the P.W.D. and the institution might be taken over by Govt. with the properties at the valuation made by the P.W.D.

Vide p5 CF
pp. 19-20 CF
para 5, p 20 CF

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p 21 CF

In the meantime a communication was received from one Sri T.K.Srinivasan on behalf of the Tamilnad Harijan Seva Sangh requesting the Govt. to drop the question of taking over the school. Attention in this connection is solicited to the ~~minutes~~ notes of the previous Secretary on pp.24-25 c.f.

p 6 ante

pp 33-34 CF

3. Under the orders of the previous Secretary, a reference was made to the Director of Harijan Welfare enquiring whether the institution at Mayanoor should be taken over under Govt. in the interest of Harijan education. His reply is awaited. The Director has referred the matter to the Collr. of Tiruchirapalli.

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4. It is seen from the file that the Servants of India Society is anxious to have the question of transfer settled as early as possible. In view of this it does not appear that the reply of the D.H.W. need be awaited. The question to be ~~considered~~ decided first is whether the institution should be taken over under Govt.

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5. The institution is mainly intended for Harijans. The Servants of India Society has no objection to its

character being changed. The Director's intention is to start a Basic Training School in the place. For this purpose the present buildings are not sufficient and addl. buildings have to be constructed. The proposal will have to be placed before the Standing Finance Committee and the Cabinet after obtaining from the D.P.I. a detailed estimate of the cost involved. Thus a final decision cannot be arrived so soon. Further if the Education Deptt. is to take over the institution it will not be run mainly for Harijans. Candidates belonging to all communities will be admitted into the institution. The Tamilnad Harijan Sevak Sangh is anxious that the character of the institution should not be changed. Everything considered it seems that Education Dept. need not take over this institution. It may be left to the Servants of India Society to close the institution or to hand it over to any other agency it likes.

pp 23-24 CF

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Finance may see before circulation.

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Fin (Exp. c)

(Pre. Fin. note on pp 3-5 above)

Please see the typed note from p 7 above.

This deptt may agree with the view of Education at 'A' above [that the Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School at Mayanoor, Trichinopoly Dt need not be taken over by Govt. ~~for the Education Deptt.~~

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[notes from page 7 ante may be read] Please see the notes of Finance above. The file may now be circulated to H.M (E & H) for orders with ref. to A above.

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H.M. (E.H.)

Wheresh await the report of D.H.W.

With reference to the minutes of H.M on pf ante, it is respectfully submitted that it ~~can~~ was considered ~~that~~ the proposal in this file might go forward, ~~without~~ awaiting a reply from the D.H.W. There is however no objection to his reply being awaited.

The interim reply from the Director of Harijan Welfare was received on 17/3/50. For orders whether he sh. be reminded.

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Yes
31.3.50

Issue draft memo

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pp 33-34 c.f
p 41 c.f

[Issued as Memo No. 56868-B2/49-6 Edn. dated 13.2.50.]

Read:- From the D.H.W. No. 5269-G/50 dated 4.4.50.

Please see the report from the D.H.W on p 41 c.f with reference to the Govt. memo on pp 33-34 c.f. From the letter it will be seen, that the Director is in favour of the Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dt., being taken over by Govt under their management. He also states that the school can cater mainly to the needs of Harijans even after the transfer of management to Govt. ~~In the circumstances, it is for orders whether the institution should be taken over by Govt.~~

~~Finance may perhaps see again before circulation.~~ As pointed out in the notes at 'A' on page 8 ante if the institution is to be taken over by the Education Dept, it will not be run mainly for Harijans. On the other hand if it is to be run mainly for Harijans as suggested by the Hon. Dir. Harijan Welfare, it can be taken over by the Harijan Welfare Dept and the expenditure debited to the Harijan Uplift Fund. F.R. amt. Finance may see for remarks.

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Firka Development Deptt.,

The Servants of India Society is maintaining an Agricultural and Industrial School at Mayanoor, Tiruchi district. It is largely a residential school for Harijans. A representation was made to the Govt. by the Senior Member of the Society that the institution might be taken over by the Govt. and run as a Basic Training School. The D.P.I. who was consulted in the matter recommends the proposal. He suggested that the value of the land, buildings etc. belonging to the school might be got estimated by the P.W.D., and the institution might be taken over the Govt. with the properties ~~of~~ the valuation made by the P.W.D. In the meantime a communication was received from one Sri T.K.Srinivasan, on behalf of the Tamilnad Harijan Seva Sangh, requesting the Govt. to drop the question of taking over the school. The D.H.W., who was consulted in the matter, has favoured the taking over of the H.W.School by the Govt., as they can ~~put~~ run the institution on proper lines, ~~and that~~ particularly as the proposed Basic School ~~should~~ principally consist of Harijan children. Education Deptt., consider that if the Basic School is opened under the auspices of that Deptt., it will not be run mainly for Harijans. But as the D.H.W. wants that it should be run mainly for Harijans, the question has been raised as to whether the H.W.Deptt., may take over the ~~existing~~ school, and the expenditure debited to the Harijan Uplift Fund. It may be pointed out at the outset that there has been no Basic school so far under the control of the H.W.Deptt. though hostels attached to Basic schools in which the Harijan children are studying have been subisidised, by the H.W.Dept. ~~This does not mean that the Basic schools are under the control of the H.W. Dept.~~ As pointed out by the D.H.W. the institution may be thrown open principally for Harijan children, and pupils of other communities may be admitted into this institution, to see that the intention of the Tamilnad Harijan Seva Sangh, to retain the character of the institution, is respected. The Harijan boys reading in the Institution will be eligible for help by the H.W.Dept., like other Harijan children reading in other Basic schools. In the circumstances, this Deptt., may suggest that the proposed basic school at Mayanoor may be opened by the Education Deptt., after taking possession of the buildings now owned by the Servants of India Society, and Harijan pupils principally may be admitted into the Institution ~~along with other pupils.~~ This Deptt., may request

pp 1-3 cf

p. 5 cf

para 5, p. 20 cf

p. 21 cf

p. 41 cf

'A' on p. 9 ante
'S' on p. 9 ante

F p. 41 cf
p. 23. 14 cf

Eeducation Deptt., to circulate the case to H.M.(R.D.) also.

With the above remarks, the case may be passed on to Finance Deptt.,

There is no information in the file regarding the financial commitment to Govt. in taking over the instn. taking into account the help that will be forthcoming from the H.W. Deptt. In the absence of this information, Finance is not likely to offer any useful remarks in the case. Edn. may therefore be requested to consult the D.P.I. and D.H.W. regarding A above. The case may, however, go to Edn. thro' Finance.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Fin.(Exp.C.)

(Previous Fin. note on p. 9 above) ~~[illegible]~~.

The Servants of India Socity is maintaining an Agricultural and Industrial School at Mayanoor in the Tiruchi Dt. It is largely a residential school for Harijans. A representation was made to Govt. by the senior member of the Society that the institution might be taken over by the Govt. and run as a Basic Training School.

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2. There was a proposal to construct one unit of Basic training school buildings at Musiri in the Tiruchi Dt. In order that the provision of Rs.1.55 lakhs made in the budget for 1949-50 for the construction of these buildings might not lapse, the D.P.I. proposed that the provision may be utilised for the purchase of the school buildings at Mayanoor referred to in para 1 above and for the construction of necessary additional buildings so as to open a Basic Training School at Mayanoor.

paras 6 & 7 on p 20 cf

3. Edn. previously suggested that the Servindia and Ind. Agricultural School at Mayanoor need not be taken over by Govt. and this department agreed. The Director of Harijan Welfare has since recommended the taking over of the institution. Edn. have noted that if the school is to be run mainly for Harijans as suggested by the D.H.W., it may be taken over by the Harijan Welfare Department and the expenditure debited to the Harijan Welfare Fund. F.D., however, are of the view that the institution should be taken over by the Edn. Deptt. If Edn. want to pursue the proposal and take over the school at Mayanoor, they may be requested to obtain information regarding the financial commitments to Govt. as suggested by F.D. and also information with reference to 'Z' on p.4 above. The taking over of the institution at Mayanoor will be in lieu of opening of a basic training school at Musiri and the compensation, if any, payable to the Servindia Society will have to be fixed in the light of the D.P.I.'s letter and its encl. on pp.35-36 C.F.

p 8 above.
p 41 CF.
Foot of p 9 above
pp 10-11 above.
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In view of the present acute financial stringency, Fin. may strongly advise Edn that the proposal to take over the school under Govt. control be deferred. The Servants of India Society may be left ~~to continue~~ to run the school themselves or transfer it to the Tamil Nad (Harijan Sevak) Sang.

2. In case Edn. wish to pursue the proposal, it may be brought forward as a Part II Scheme for 1951-52.

(Fin) may see.

9/5/50 Edn.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
10 MAY 1950
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (C)

S' on p 31 c.f
p 33-34 c.f
p 41 c.f
S' on p 9 ante
pp 10-11 ante
K' on p 19 c.f
F' on p 20 c.f
p 35 c.f
para 2, p 35 c.f

16. The file deals with the question of taking over the management of the Servindia Agricultural and Industri School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dt., by the Education De and convert it into a Basic Trg. School. The Institution is imparting general instruction Standards VI, VII & VIII & Industrial training at present mainly to the Harijan A reference was made to the D.H.W., enquiring whether the school ~~may~~ might be taken over by Govt. and if so, whether it should ca mainly to the needs of Harijans even after its transfer ~~of management~~ to Govt. ~~and its conversion on basic lines~~.

The D.H.W. reported that the school might be ta over by Govt. and run mainly in the interest of Harijan education. This Dept. therefore suggested that the institution might be ~~taken over by~~ under the control of the H.W. Dept.

F.D. ~~are,~~ do not, however, ~~not~~ seem to be in favour of the transfer of the institution to the H.W. Dept. They suggest that th school may be taken over by the Edn. Dept. and run mainly for Harijans.

2. The D.P.I. has reported that the buildings and equipment available in the school at Mayanoor, may be valued at Rs.19,440. These should be taken over under Govt. manag ment and the compensation ~~may be~~ paid to the servants of India Society towards the cost of the buildings and equipement. The Dir. has suggested that the P.W.D. may be instructed to value the buildings and equipment and determine the compensation payable to the management of the institution.

3. The D.P.I. has further reported that a sum of Rs.6418/- was paid to the management as grant by the Industries Dept. for effecting certain improvements to the school. He suggests that this grant may be taken into account while paying the compensation towards the cost of the buildings and equipment. Presumably his intention is that the grant should be deducted from the compensation and the balance ~~need~~ should alone be paid to the management. It is not known whether the management will agree to this proposal. The grant in question was paid ~~for long years~~ many years back ~~as~~ i.e. during 1937 to 1940 and it may not be desirable to reduce the compensation on this account. In any case the matter may further be examined if necessary

consultation
th the management if the Govt. decide to take over the nstitution.

4 . The Govt. may also have to incur, according to the Dir., expenditure on the maintanance of the school, if it is taken over under Govt. on the following scale:- ⊗

RECURRING.	NON-RECURRING.
Rs. 30,430/-	Rs. 5,000/-

⊗ In addition to the compensation to be paid to the management

p 45 c.f

5 . It is not known whether the staff at present working in the school will be taken over to Govt. service, after the transfer of management and whether they are qualified to work in a basic Trg. school. The D.P.I. has not examined this aspect of the question. If it is not intended to take over the staff, the management may be informed of this early, so that the employees may seek appointment~~s~~ else-where. A further refce may be made to the DPI on this point later.

6. In the circumstances it is for orders:

1) Whether the school should be taken over by the Edn. Dept.

2) whether the transfer should be effected in the current year ~~or x~~ or whether the proposal should be brought forward as a part II scheme for 1951-52. ⊗ (It does not appear that the management will wait upto 1951-52 for the transfer of management. It is understood that the servants of India Society have decided to close the school and ~~px~~ are paying the staff in anticipation ofthe transfer of management of the school to Govt.)

⊗ Finance favour this alternative

The file may be circulated to H.M.s (E&L) H(Fin.) for orders.

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S. H M (E&L)
H M (Fin)

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By which department was the School being supervised? It was receiving grants - school & hostel. Was this from the Edn dept or Industries dept.?
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Attention is solicited to the DPI's letter on p 35 c.f. The school was receiving grants from the Industries Dept. Presumably it was under the supervision of that Dept. Please

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Please see also X on p 19 c.f. In regard to the hostel boarding grant was paid from the Labour Dept. budget.

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S. Is not the Labour department ~~running~~ ~~in charge~~ of schools now? 14/6.

× now called Harijan Welfare Dept.

~~Submitted that the Labour dept~~ ~~are~~ is ~~running~~ elementary schools ~~under~~ ~~that~~ its ~~management~~, ~~now for Harijans~~. The schools are mostly elementary schools. The institution in question is however an industrial school.

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P/ [illegible] 19/6.

P above Presumably secretary refers to the petition received yesterday from Sri. S. Sambasivam on pp 51-54 c.f, with the H.M's minutes on it on p 51 c.f.

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Previous notes [illegible] B

pp 1 and 19 c.f.

The Servindia Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli District, is really an Industrial School for Harijans, which offers a three years' training in Agriculture, mat-weaving, spinning, etc. Along with these, the boys are given some general education corresponding to Standard VI, VII and VIII and at the end of their courses they are allowed by the Education Department as a special case to appear for the E.S.L.C. Examination. The Servants of India Society which has been running the School from the year 1934, now wants to close down its work there and has suggested that Government may take over the school and run it, after paying compensation to the Society for the buildings and lands.

pp. 1-2, 7 and 27-28 c.f

It is obvious that this school cannot be taken over

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as it is and run along its present lines because it is neither a recognised Industrial School nor a recognised school for general education. A suggestion has been made that it should be used as a Basic Training School, but so far this has not been included in the Plans regarding the development of Basic Education. ~~If~~ If Government were to take over the school, it is obvious that the present staff ~~should~~ will all have to be disbanded and also the present students. The Harijan Sevak Sangh is anxious that what little is being done for Harijans through this school should not be put an end to by Govt. taking over the school. One, Sri Sambasivam, who is the Superintendent of the School and who has admittedly mismanaged the funds and appropriated the funds of the school to a tune of Rs.3,000/- is naturally anxious that the school should not be closed down and taken over by Government. The Finance Dept. advise against Government taking over the school because of the fact that about Rs.21,000/- has to be paid as compensation immediately to the Society in case the school is taken over.

(page 2 cf) From the report of the D.E.I. it is clear that the existing buildings will not be sufficient for a basic training school and additional buildings will have to be put up.

para 4 at p. 20 c.f

pp. 21-24 c.f

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p. 12 n.f. and p. 19 c.f.

Considering all the circumstances, it does not appear desirable for Government in the Education Dept. to take over the school. The Servants of India Society may be asked to make their own decision as to what they should do with the school, and the property if they finally decide to close down the School.

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H.M.(Edn.).

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26 JUN 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Please see the orders in circulation above. A draft letter to Sri. P. Kodanda Rao, is submitted below for approval. After issue the papers may be recorded.

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Sub:- The Servants of India Agricultural and Industrial School, Mayanoor, Tiruchirapalli Dt. - Taking over by Govt. Papers read G.O. Ms. No. 1921 Edn. d. 3/7/

Please