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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

G.O. No. 2115, 26th July 1950

Report—Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act (Act VI of 1886) and allied Acts—Administration
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READ—the following paper:—

Form the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras, dated 2nd June 1950, C. No. 66.

Order—No. 2115, Education, dated 26th July 1950.

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(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

R. D. PAUL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages,
" the Registrar of Diocese, Madras.
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" the Superintendent, Government Press.
" the Hon'ble the Chief Justice.
" the Right Reverend the Bishop of Mylapore.
" the Public (Political) Department.
" the Home Department.
" the Chief Commissioner of Coorg.
" the Public (P.A.R.O.) Department.

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Superintendent.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

Subject.

Presidency Administration Report for 1949-50—Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886 (Act VI of 1886), and allied Acts.

C. No. 66.

Madras, dated the 2nd June 1950.

From

SRI H. KRISHNAMURTI,

REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES, MADRAS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George.

SIR,

My report on the working of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886 and the allied Acts in the Madras State for the year 1949-50 is submitted below, with reference to Memorandum No. 66832, C-2, Education, dated 27th April 1949.

The statistics of the operations connected therewith are exhibited in Appendices I to IX.

2. I held the office of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages throughout the year.

Births and Deaths.

(Appendices I to III.)

3. (i) *The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886.*—This Act provides for the voluntary registration of births and deaths. During the year under report 29 births and 5 deaths were registered, as against 37 and 8 in the previous year. The small number of registrations is due to the fact that registration under the Act is optional and applies only to a very small portion of the population, namely, all those to which the Indian Succession Act, 1865, applies and all persons professing the Christian religion.

(ii) *The Municipal Acts and Cantonment Act.*—Under the rules in force (G.O. No. 1359-M, dated 29th August 1910) only copies of entries of births and deaths of Europeans registered under the above Acts are required to be sent to me for record by the municipalities, and the number of births and deaths for which copies were received by me during the year was 86 and 54 as against 103 and 43 in the previous year.

(iii) *The Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1899.*—Copies of entries of 3 births and 1 death of Europeans were received by me during the year as against 1 birth and 1 death in the previous year.

Marriages.

(Appendices IV to VII.)

4. (i) *The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.*—There was a decrease in the number of marriages of Europeans and Indian Christians from 175 and 12,197 to

98 and 11,336 respectively. The decrease was due to fewer returns of marriages being received from the churches, especially the Church of South India and the Roman Catholic Church.

(ii) *The Special Marriage Act, 1872.*—Registrations under this Act increased from 292 to 328 marriages. The districts with the largest number of registrations were (1) Madras with 96, (2) Tanjore with 59, (3) South Kanara with 33 and (4) Tiruchirappalli with 32. There were no registrations in the districts of Cuddapah, Guntur and Krishna. It is noteworthy that registrations under this Act have increased steadily ever since the Act was amended by Act XXX of 1923.

General.

5. (i) The counterfoil entries of 10 foreigners, i.e., 5 French, 3 Americans, 1 Dutch and 1 Swiss were received by me during the year from the municipalities, and copies of the entries were forwarded by me to the Consular Officers concerned.

(ii) The Inspector-General of Registration, Hyderabad Government, was appointed Registrar of Births and Deaths under section 13 of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886 (Notification of Government of India, Ministry of States No. 86-H, dated 12th April 1949). Under section 10 of the said Act, the above officer is to work under the supervision of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras.

(iii) Consequent on the passing of the Government of India Adaptation of Laws Order, 1950, the following Acts administered by me, viz., the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 (Act XV of 1872), the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886 (Act VI of 1886), and the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936 (Act III of 1936), were amended with effect from 26th January 1950. As far as the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872 and the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886, are concerned, the same will cease to apply to Part B States, which means that these Acts will not apply to the States of Mysore, Hyderabad, Travancore and Cochin where the Registrar-General, Madras, had also exercised jurisdiction.

Financial results.

(Appendices VIII and IX.)

6. The receipts rose from Rs. 3,763 to Rs. 3,944 and the expenditure fell from Rs. 4,727 to Rs. 4,470. The increase under receipts was mainly due to fees collected by the District Registrars under the Special Marriage Act, 1872.

7. The marriage registers of licensees and the records of Marriage Registrars were examined during the year and necessary instructions given for their proper maintenance. An inventory of valuable stock is maintained and service books have been duly verified.

Yours faithfully,

H. KRISHNAMURTI,

Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Madras.

APPENDICES.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

I.—Registration (classified according to locality).

	Number of Registrars of Births and Deaths.				Number registered.			
	For special classes.		For local area.		Births.		Deaths.	
	1948-49.	1949-50.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1948-49.	1949-50.	1948-49.	1949-50.
Madras State	31	31	1,073	1,087	36	24	8	5
United State of Travancore and Cochin.	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Pudukkottai *	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banganapalle *	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sandur *	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coorg	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mysore	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hyderabad †	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Total	31	31	1,074	1,088	37	29	8	5

* Now included in Madras State. † Births registered in Hyderabad are for the period April to December 1949.
NOTE.—(1) Notices in lieu of personal attendance under section 22 of the Act accepted in four cases of births and nil of deaths.
(2) Related notices accepted during the year—No case.

II.—Births and deaths registered by the several classes of Registrars of Births and Deaths.

Classes of officers.	Number of Registrars.	Number who registered births and deaths.	Number registered.		Total registration.
			Births.	Deaths.	
1 Officers of the Registration Department	..	659	7	..	..
2 Officers of the Revenue Department	..	428	9	..	9
3 Registrars in the States of Travancore-Cochin, Mysore and Hyderabad.	1	1	5	..	5
4 * Marriage Registrars under Acts III and XV of 1872 (Madras State).	30	1	..	1	1
5 Special Registrars of Births and Deaths (Madras State)	..	1	15	4	19
Total for 1949-50	..	1,119	29	5	34
Total for 1948-49	..	1,105	37	8	45

* Excludes District Registrars of Assurances who are also Marriage Registrars under Act III of 1872. These are included in 1 above.

III.—Copies received of entries of births and deaths of Europeans and European British subjects registered under local laws.

	Births.		Deaths.	
	1948-49.	1949-50.	1948-49.	1949-50.
1 The Madras City Municipal Act III of 1919	48	34	16	12
2 The District Municipalities Act V of 1920	55	48	27	41
3 The Cantonment Act, 1924	..	1	..	..
4 The Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act III of 1899.	1	3	1	1
Total	104	86	44	54

Miscellaneous.

IV.—Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.

Marriages solemnized by	European Christians.		Indian Christians.	
	1948-49.	1949-50.	1948-49.	1949-50.
1 Clergymen of the Church of Rome	69	30	2,406	2,736
2 * Episcopally Ordained Ministers of Church of South India and Ministers of Church of Scotland.	53	31	2,531	2,149
3 Licensed Ministers in Madras State	7	9	6,676	5,849
4 Do. in Mysore and Coorg	13	9	37	58
5 Do. in Hyderabad	2	..	7	18
6 Do. in Travancore-Cochin	3	..	..	..
7 Marriage Registrars in Madras State	28	17	540	526
8 Do. in Mysore and Coorg	..	2	..	..
Total	175	98	12,197	11,336

* Formerly Clergymen of Church of England.

	1948-49.	1949-50.
V.—Marriages registered under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936	4	4
VI.—Do. Special Marriage Act, 1872	292	328
VII.—Do. Malabar Marriage Act, 1896	..	..

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VIII.—Receipts.

	1948-49.	1949-50.
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
The Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886—		
Certificates of births and deaths under section 23 (Madras State)	10 0 0	18 0 0
The Madras Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1899—		
Certificates of births and deaths under section 17 (Madras State)	272 14 0	302 12 0
Registrar-General's Office—		
Searches made and copies granted from registers of baptisms and burials under the Ecclesiastical Rules, 1885	842 15 6	827 8 0
Do. from registers of marriages under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872	692 5 0	599 3 0
Do. from registers of marriages under the Special Marriage Act, 1872	..	8 11 0
Do. from registers of births and deaths under the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act, 1886	2 0 0	12 14 0
Do. from Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act, 1936	..	2 0 0
Do. from municipal counterfoils	97 1 0	93 10 0
The Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, and Special Marriage Act, 1872—		
Marriages by official Marriage Registrars (Madras State)	1,846 0 0	2,079 0 0
Total	3,763 3 6	3,943 10 0

IX.—Charges.

	1948-49.	1949-50.
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Office establishment	2,632 10 0	2,557 9 0
Dearness Allowance and House-rent Allowance	1,412 3 0	1,400 1 0
Honoraria to Marriage Registrar, Madras	584 0 0	402 0 0
Postage and Telegraph charges	78 6 3	60 0 0
Office expenses	19 12 0	50 7 3
Total	4,726 15 3	4,470 1 3

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