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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Local Administration Department.

From
Sri S.R.Sellaraj, B.A.,
Commissioner,
Salem Municipality,
Salem.

TO
The Secretary to Government,
Education Department,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.
THRO' The Registrar, University of Madras & Chairman, Mpl.Cl. Salem.

Roc.No.C3.6330/50.
Dated 11-5-1950.

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SS/-11.5. 11/5/50

COMMISSIONER. 11/5/50

Copy submitted direct.

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Sd/- S.R.Sellaraj
Commissioner.

COPY OF C.G.B.RESOLUTION NO.166 DATED 28/3/1950.

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ADJOURNED.

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M.A.,L.T., Principal, Salem College, Salem.

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adopted at the meeting are arbitrary, unjust and illegal.

5. The evidence available for taking such a serious action on the Head of the First Grade College is frivilous, scanty and unreliable. The only evidence available is an unauthentic report of a Newspaper reporter, reported from memorary in an obscure Tamil Monthly journal with a decided anti-government policy. The Principal has promptly denied the allegations, when they were brought to his notice. No effort has been made to ascertain the correctness and authenticity of the report.

6. The resolution to take action against the Principal has been passed with the casting vote of the Chairman a decidedly interested person. Myself, the Commissioner, Municipal Council, and the official member V.A.Maria Susai, Dt.Educational Officer, Salem, have voted against the same.

7. The execution of the resolution and taking such a serious action against the Principal on such flimsy and scanty evidence, decided on an arbitrary and illegal procedure can only result in an unhappily, unsuccessful and painful enquiry. As a member of the University Senate and one interested in collegiate education, I also feel that it will demean the prestige of the institution and dignity and authority of the Head of the Institution. The long and unexplained delay after which the Chairman has chosen to pursue this matter after he brought it to notice of the then competent authority namely the Commissioner and a number of unpleasant incidents in the Governing Council wherein the Chairman had to violently disagree with the Principal, I am afraid gives room for a suspicion that the Chairman is guided not by Principles of ~~x~~public interest and propriety only in pursuing this matter.

8. Since the execution of this resolution passed illegally and arbitrary will lead to unpleasant and painful incidents, I request the Government to stay the execution of this resolution, consider ~~and examine the~~ same and cancel the same.

Sd/- M.N.Rangachari.

C.G.B.RESOLUTION NO.177 DATED 5/5/1950.

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President's note bringing to the notice of the Governing Body the Principal's public utterance at a public meeting at Rasipuram attacking the Provincial Government's policy, action and asking them to 'quit' if they are unable to run the administration efficiently.

NOTE:- In~~x~~ resolution No.166 d/- 28-3-50 the subject was adjourned and the Principal's remarks were called for. His remarks are placed before the Governing Body for information.

POINT OF ORDER NO.1.

Mr.S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar raises a point of order that the subject matter of to-day is deciding the question of the alleged action of the Principal in having spoken in a particular manner which is regarded as objectionable and hence the Principal is not competent to be present at the meeting or vote on the subject.

RULING.

The point of order raised by Mr.S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar is allowed and the Principal is requested to keep out of the proceedings of the College Governing Body.

NO.2.

Sri A.Ramaswami Gounder challenges the decision of the President regarding his right of participating and voting at this meeting and requests to put ~~up~~ the question before the meeting in accordance with sub-section 3 of section 30 of the Madras Dt.Municipalities Act, 1920.

RULING:-

The sub-section 3 of 30 D.M.Act does not apply to this. Hence no voting is necessary on this challenge. Mr.M.N.Rangachari protests.

No.3. At this stage the principal went out of the hall.

Sri M.N.Rangachari raises a point of order. Since the alleged incident seems to have taken place before the constitution of the

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of the College Governing council, and the matter was brought to th notice of the then competent authority to take action namely the Commissioner, Municipal Council, Salem, as early as 8-3-49 by the Chairman, Municipal Council and the then competent xxxxxxxx, authority, according to the Secretary's Note to this subject, has taken action which he deemed fit, and his action has not been questioned either by the Chairman or any other authority till now, this governing council, which has the same authority as the Commissioner then had over the college staff, is not competent to take cognisance of this subject or revise the action taken by the then competent authority.

RULING.

The point of order raised by Mr.M.N.Rangachari is ruled out on the following grounds.

1) The College Governing Body is fully competent to deal with this subject.
2) No action has been taken by the then Commissioner as required by the Chairman on this subject.

Resolution of Sri S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar.

In view of the fact that there is an authentic record of what Mr.A. Ramaswami Gounder the Principal of the College spoke on 10-8-48 as appeared in the Tamil journal 'Aramba Kalvi' of August 1948, this body resolves to call upon Mr.A.Ramaswami Gounder to show cause why suitable action should not be taken against him for what was reported to have spoken commencing from"

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The Secretary is desired to frame suitable charges on these lines in accordance with the rules on the subject and call upon him to show cause and place the matter before the next meeting of the governing body along with his reply.

Sri S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar moved the above resolution.
Srimathi Rukmani Kuppannah seconded it.

For 3 votes.
Against 3 votes.
Casting vote of the Chairman for the motion.

At this stage, Mr.M.N.Rangachari demanded poll.

FOR:- Mr.S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar,
Srimathi Rukmani Kuppannah,
Chairman - N.Jagannathan.

AGAINST:- Secretary - Sri S.R.Sellaraj.
Mr.V.A.Mariasusai, Dt.Educational Officer.
Mr.M.N.Ranghachari.

The Chairman puts his casting vote for and the motion is carried.

Sd/- N.Jagannathan,
Chairman,& President.

(TRUE COPY).

The extract in Tamil above of the Principal's speech contains a criticising of Mr Avinashilingam Chettiyar's language policy and a suggestion that the Govt. should quit office if they are unable to administer the State.

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This is only an advance copy ~~sent through~~ the receipt of the original may be awaited ~~till~~ with the University's remarks ~~may be awaited~~ till 10/6/50.

22/5/50

~~25/5/50~~

Secy may see the Commr.'s letter on pages 1-2 ante - It will be noted upon after the original letter is recd. of the Regr. with the University's comments.

25/5/50.

Seen. Pl. put up soon after recpt of the original.

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Please see Secretary's orders above. The original of this letter has not yet been received. This may continue to lie over till ~~10/7/50~~ 1/7/50.

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Local Administration Department.

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Forwarding Remarks enclosed.

FORWARDED.

N. Jagannathan

CHAIRMAN

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same cf pp3-7 ante 11

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ADJOURNED.

Sd/- N.Jagannathan,
PRESIDENT.

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Copy of letter dated 11-5-1950 received from Sri M.N.Rangachari, M.A,B. Member, Municipal Council, Salem, College Governing Council and Madras University Senate, Salem. addressed to the Inspector of Local Boards, Madras.

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Sir,

1. The College Governing Council, Salem, constituted under Dt. Municipalities Act, has passed at its meeting held on 5-5-1950 a resolution to ask for an explanation and frame charges against the Principal, Municipal College, Salem, for an alleged speech at Rasipuram wherein he is alleged to have made a speech which is deemed objectionable.

2. The incident is alleged to have taken place in 1948 and it was brought to the notice of then competent authority to take action namely the Commissioner, Municipal Council, Salem, by the Chairman, Municipal Council on 8-3-1949 itself and the Commissioner has taken action which he deemed fit upon the same. Since the college governing council has the same authority as the Commissioner then had, and his action has not been questioned till now either by the Chairman or any other authority, I raised a point of order that the Governing Council is not competent to take cognisance of the matter or revise the order of the Commissioner. The Chairman arbitrarily and illegally ruled out the point of order.

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4. The rulings given by th

adopted at the meeting are arbitrary, unjust and illegal.

5. The evidence available for taking such a serious action on the Head of the First Grade College is frivilous, scanty and unreliable. The only evidence available is an unauthentic report of a Newspaper reporter, reported from memorary in an obscure Tamil Monthly journal with a decided anti-government policy. The Principal has promptly denied the allegations, when they were brought to his notice. No effort has been made to ascertain the correctness and authenticity of the report.

6. The resolution to take action against the Principal has been passed with the casting vote of the Chairman a decidedly interested person. Myself, the Commissioner, Municipal Council, and the official member V.A.Maria Susai, Dt.Educational Officer, Salem, have voted against the same.

7. The execution of the resolution and taking such a serious action against the Principal on such flimsy and scanty evidence, decided on an arbitrary and illegal procedure can only result in an unhappily, unsuccessful and painful enquiry. As a member of the University Senate and one interested in collegiate education, I also feel that it will demean the prestige of the institution and dignity and authority of the Head of the Institution. The long and unexplained delay after which the Chairman has chosen to pursue this matter after he brought it to notice of the then competent authority namely the Commissioner and a number of unpleasant incidents in the Governing Council wherein the Chairman had to violently disagree with the Principal, I am afraid gives room for a suspicion that the Chairman is guided not by Principles of ~~x~~public interest and propriety only in pursuing this matter.

8. Since the execution of this resolution passed illegally and arbitrary will lead to unpleasant and painful incidents, I request the Government to stay the execution of this resolution, consider and examine the same and cancel the same.

Sd/- M.N.Rangachari.

C.G.B.RESOLUTION NO.177 DATED 5/5/1950.

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President's note bringing to the notice of the Governing Body the Principal's public utterance at a public meeting at Rasipuram attacking the Provincial Government's policy, action and asking them to 'quit' if they are unable to run the administration efficiently.

NOTE:- In~~x~~ resolution No.166 d/- 28-3-50 the subject was adjourned and the Principal's remarks were called for. His remarks are placed before the Governing Body for information.

POINT OF ORDER NO.1.

Mr.S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar raises a point of order that the subject matter of to-day is deciding the question of the alleged action of the Principal in having spoken in a particular manner which is regarded as objectionable and hence the Principal is not competent to be present at the meeting or vote on the subject.

RULING.

The point of order raised by Mr.S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar is allowed and the Principal is requested to keep out of the proceedings of the College Governing Body.

NO.2.

Sri A.Ramaswami Gounder challenges the decision of the President regarding his right of participating and voting at this meeting and requests to put the question before the meeting in accordance with sub;section 3 of section 30 of the Madras Dt.Municipalities Act, 1920.

RULING:-

The sub-section 3 of 30 D.M.Act does not apply to this. Hence no voting is necessary on this challenge. Mr.M.N.Rangachari protests.

No.3. At this stage the principal went out of the hall.

Sri M.N.Rangachari raises a point of order. Since the alleged incident seems to have taken place before the constitution of the of the College Governing council, and the matter was brought to the notice of the then competent authority to take action namely the Commissioner, Municipal Council, Salem, as early as 8-8-49 by the Chairman, Municipal Council and the then competent ~~xxxxxxxxx~~, authority, according to the Secretary's Note to this subject, has taken action which he deemed fit, and his action has not been questioned either by the Chairman or any other authority till now, this governing council, which has the same authority as the Commissioner then had over the college staff, is not competent to take cognisance of this subject or revise the action taken by the then competent authority.

RULING.

The point of order raised by Mr.M.N.Rangachari is ruled out on the x following grounds.

1) The College Governing Body is fully competent to deal with this subject.
2) No action has been taken by the then Commissioner as required by the Chairman on this subject.

Resolution of Sri S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar.

In view of the fact that there is an authentic record of what Mr.A. Ramaswami Gounder the Principal of the College spoke on 10-8-48 as appeared in the Tamil journal 'Aramba Kalvi' of August 1948, this body resolves to call upon Mr.A.Ramaswami Gounder to show cause why suitable action should not be taken against him for what was reported to have spoken commencing from"

கல்வி அமைச்சர் திரு. அவிநாசிலிங்கம் அவர்கள் நமக்கு மூன்று ஆசைகள் உண்டு என்று கூறிக்கொள்கிறார். மூன்று ஆசைகள் என்று சொல்லியதால், நீங்கள் மண்ணாசை, பொன்னாசை, பெண்ணாசை என்று எண்ணிவிடாதீர்கள். அவையல்ல அமைச்சர் கூறுவது. அவருக்கு தேசியம், காந்தியம், தமிழ் எனும் மூன்று ஆசைகள் உண்டு என்று கூறிக்கொள்கிறார். ஏககாலத்தில் இந்த மூன்று ஆசைகளையும் பூர்த்தி செய்து கொள்ள எண்ணுகிறார் — ஒரே குழப்பமாகி விடுகிறது. அவருடைய திட்டம் — வேளைக்கோர் திட்டம் — நாளைக்கோர் உத்தரவு போடுகிறார். ரஷியா போன்ற சிறந்த இலட்சிய பூமியிலே, பத்துக்கு மேற்பட்ட மொழிகள், தேசிய மொழிகளாக உள்ளன. எந்த மொழியையும் அங்கு கட்டாயப் பொது மொழியாக்கவில்லை. சுவிட்சர்லாந்து என்ற நாட்டிலே, நாலு மொழிகள், தேசிய மொழியென்னும் அந்தஸ்தைப் பெற்றுள்ளன. அவர்களைவிடவா இவர்கள் பெரிய அரசு அமைத்துவிடப் போகிறார்கள்? இங்கு நமக்கு கட்டாய இந்தி — பொது மொழி. நாட்டிலே ஆரம்பக்கல்வி பரவவில்லை பணம் இல்லை என்கிறார்கள் செலவுக்கு. ஏன் இந்தியாவின் புதுச்செலவு அவசியமற்ற இந்திக்கு: தேசியத்துக்காக இந்தியாம். நாட்டுக்காகத் தமிழாம். உலகத்துக்காக இங்கிலீஷாம். இப்படி இளம் மாணவர்கள் தலைமீது, மூன்று

மொழிகளைச் சுமக்கிறார்கள், அந்தப் பாரத்தைத் தாங்க முடியுமா? என் இதற்கென்ன சொல்ல, என்று நான் கேட்கிறேன். நான் கல்வித் துறையிலே சுமார் இருபத்தைந்து ஆண்டுகளாக அனுபவம் பெற்றவன். அதனைக் கூறுகிறேன், மொழி சம்பந்தமாகச் சர்க்கார் கொண்டுள்ள போக்கு நலமானது — கல்வி சம்பந்தமாக கருத்தற்று, கல்வியற்று, இருப்பது மிகமிக இழிந்த நிலை. என்ன செய்வது! பணம் இல்லையே! என்று கூறிவிட்டால் போதுமா? என்ன செய்வது என்று கேட்டால், நான் கூறுகிறேன், உங்களால் முடியவில்லை என்றால் வெளியே வந்துவிடுங்கள், ஆட்சியை நடத்தக் கூடியவர்களிடம் ஒப்படைத்துவிட்டு என்று கூறுவேன். ஆட்சி செய்யும் பொறுப்பிலே இருந்து கொண்டு கடமையின்படி காரியமாற்றாது இருக்கக் கூடாது.

The Secretary is desired to frame suitable charges on these lines in accordance with the rules on the subject and call upon him to show cause and place the matter before the next meeting of the governing body along with his reply.

Sri S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar moved the above resolution.
Srimathi Rukmani Kuppannah seconded it.

For 3 votes.
Against 3 votes.
Casting vote of the Chairman for the motion.

At this stage, Mr.M.N.Rangachari demanded poll.

FOR:- Mr.S.C.Venkatappa Chettiar,
Srimathi Rukmani Kuppannah,
Chairman - N.Jagannathan.

AGAINST:- Secretary - Sri S.R.Sellaraj.
Mr.V.A.Mariasusai, Dt.Educational Officer.
Mr.M.N.Ranghachari.

The Chairman puts his casting vote for and the motion is carried.

Sd/- N.Jagannathan,
Chairman,& President.

(TRUE COPY).

ROC.No.C3/6330/50 dated 11-5-1950:-

FORWARDING REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN, Municipal Council, Salem:-

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS 14 JUN 1950 A. SECTION

n.d.r. put up

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G.O. 3106 Edn
7/12/48

The College Governing Body has been constituted under section 77(b) of the District Municipalities Act and given all the powers necessary for the proper and sound administration and management of the College as per by-law No.5. The commissioner of the Municipality is an ex-office member of the Governing Body as per by-law 3(b) entrusted with the duty of convening meetings of the Governing Body and of keeping a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Governing Body under by-law 4(b). He is thus an ordinary member burdened with certain ministerial functions and nothing more.

pp 7-8 ante

The Principal of the Salem College Sri A. Ramasami Goundar is reported to have made a speech at a place called Pattanam in Rasipur Taluk on 10-8-1948, whereat he indulged in high politics and among other things went to the extent of advising the existing Congress Government to resign and come out making room for others who will carry on the administration more efficiently. The gentleman who declared the Elementary School opened on that day has contributed an article to a Tamil Journal in which he has quoted, within inverted commas, the speech delivered by Sri A. Ramasami Goundar as the President of the meeting. This matter, I took to the notice of the Governing Body for their consideration and necessary action. This is a matter entirely for the Governing Body to decide and give its verdict. The Secretary however raised 2 preliminary objections on my office note viz.,

1. That the Governing body came into existence after the date of the speech complained of and therefore was not competent to consider this matter at all; and
2. That the matter had already been dealt with by himself as Commissioner of the Municipality when he had the sole power with such matters.

(P.T.O)

Taking the 2nd objection first, I have to say that the Circular issued was in pursuance of my office note dated 8-3-'49 in which I enquired to know whether the Commissioner was aware of things mentioned therein and if so what action he had taken thereon. On this note the Commissioner issued a Circular merely for the future guidance of the lecturers and distinctly stated therein " Whether these reports are true or not is not material, but I would want the members of the College Staff not to accept such engagements without the prior written permission of the Commissioner". It is therefore clear that the Commissioner did not divert his attention to the question of finding out whether the lecturers did or did not say in public the things attributed to them. It is therefore wrong to say that the Commissioner had already dealt with the matter and that therefore the Governing Body had no power to deal with it again by reopenning it. As regards the first objection I have only to say that it is patently a wrong position to take that the Body which came into existence after the event has no power to deal with the subject which had taken place earlier. That the Principal, who in a proper case is liable even to be dismissed from service by the Governing Body should be a member of that very body looks incongruous. This is a general question which has to be considered seriously by the Government. This incongruity is brought out very clearly in the last paragraph of the Commissioner's letter wherein he appears to be-moan his lot in having called upon to take action against a member of the very body. Apart from this, I feel it is manifestly opposed to rules of justice and common sense that one whose conduct is the subject matter of discussion should be allowed to take part in the discussion of the subject or give his vote thereon. Section 30 of the District Municipalities Act has no application to the proceedings of the Governing Body. It applies only to the proceedings of the Municipal Council. The Governing Body consists of 7 members, 4 of whom are not Councillors and hence I feel that the claim that Section 30 applies to the present case is manifestly a mistake.

The Secretary, taking advantage of his position as the Commissioner of the Municipality is now seeking instructions from the Government as Municipal Commissioner as to whether he is to carry out the resolution of the Governing Body. He has evidently misunderstood his role and powers. By his action whereby he creates a confusion regarding his character as the Secretary of the Governing Body and the Commissioner of the Municipality, he is belittling the Governing Body and its powers. His clear duty as the Secretary of the Governing Body is, as it appears to me, to carry out the resolution of the Governing Body. In the event of the Governing Body ultimately deciding against the Principal it is open to the latter to take such further steps as he is advised to take to set matters right according to his conception. The Secretary in his capacity as the Commissioner of the Municipality cannot be allowed to adopt obstructive tactics by seeking to stand between the Governing Body and the Principal and glaringly disregard the resolution of the Governing Body.

I am not offering my remarks on the letter of Sri M.N. Rangachari, addressed to the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards since it has not passed through me.

N. Jaganathan

CHAIRMAN.
Municipal Council, Salem.

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It is requested that all communications should be addressed to The Registrar, University of Madras, Triplicane P.O., Madras, and not to any person by name.

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

No. A 2279

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UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS,
CHEPAUK, MADRAS.

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22th June, 1950.
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FROM

THE REGISTRAR,
University of Madras.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith a communication from the Commissioner, Salem Municipality, I have, by direction, to state that the proceedings of the Governing Body reveal a very sad state of affairs, which is not likely to conduce to the efficient management of the College.

I may also invite your attention to this office letter No.A.734 dated the 24th February 1950, which dealt with an incident that occurred in the College where the Principal had evidently to take a definite action which was not acceptable to one of the members of the Governing Body, the question being connected with the internal discipline and welfare of the students of the College.

It is noted that the Governing Body decided to take action on a speech that is alleged to have been delivered in 1948, whereas the Governing Body was constituted in 1950.

(i) It is not known who was responsible to bring this before the Governing Body for consideration.

(ii) The report in a Tamil daily is not an authenticated one, and cannot therefore be taken as even substantially near accuracy.

(iii) The Principal has stated that the extract is not a true version of his speech. In spite of this, the points of order raised by a member of the Governing Body seem to have been ruled out without full consideration being given to them.

Apart from the propriety of the action that was taken, the University is very much concerned with the ~~fact that it will~~ effect that it will have on the morale of the college and on the authority of the Principal to conduct the College in the best interests of the students themselves. The University has already pointed out that the only Municipal College within its jurisdiction is the Salem Municipal College, and ~~there have been several occa~~ ~~sions~~ the affairs of the College have not infrequently been the concern of the Syndicate. It is a matter for the consideration of the Government whether steps may not have to be taken to see that this state of affairs is not allowed to continue. The subject will be placed before the Syndicate and a further communication will follow.

Yours faithfully,

D. Narayanan
for REGISTRAR.

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25/7.

Education (F)

Lr. Ref. No. 11689F/50-1 Edn. dt. 25/7/50

To

26/7

The Registrar, University of
Madras, Madras.

Sir,

Sub:- Colleges - Municipal College, Salem - Public utterance by the Principal Disciplinary action

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Ref:- your letter No. A. 2279 dt. 22/6/50

I am to enquire when the further ~~f~~ communication promised in your ~~above~~ letter cited above may

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~~a~~ may be expected by Govt.
Asst Secy,

RS
22/7/50.

Dy
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PHONE: 86914.

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From

THE REGISTRAR,
UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

To

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

No. A2989.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS,
CHEPAUK, TRIPLICANE P.O.,
MADRAS.

Dated, 1-8-50.

Sir,

Sub: Municipal College, Salem - Public utterance by the Principal - Disciplinary action.

P 23.24 above

Ref: Your letter No. 11689 F/50-1 Edn. dated 25-7-50.

I am to inform you that the matter is under consideration and a reply will be sent as early as possible.

Yours faithfully,

REGISTRAR.

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The University's reply may be awaited till 20/8/50.

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2/8/50.

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Education (F)

Lr.Ref.No. 11689F/50-2 Edn., dated 24/8/50

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To

The Registrar, University of Madras, Madras.

26/8

Sir,

Sub:- Colleges - Municipal College, Salem - public utterance by the Principal - Disciplinary action.

Ref:- Your letter No. A.2989 dated ~~22-6-50~~ 1.8.50

I am to enquire when the ~~further communication~~ University's final reply on the subject ~~promised in your letter cited above~~ may be expected by Govt.

Yours ffly,
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UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS,
CHEPAUK, MADRAS.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

25 AUG 1950

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FROM

SRI R. RAVI VARMA, M.A. (LOND.),
REGISTRAR,
UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

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To

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

Sir,

Sub: Colleges - Salem College, Salem . Governing Body.

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Ref: Your letter No.11689 F/50-1, Education, dated the 25th July 1950.

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PP21-22

P.21 ante

In continuations of my letter No.A.2279, dated the 22nd June 1950, I have to inform you that the Syndicate considered the correspondence relating to the functions and duties of the Managing Body of the Salem College, Salem, and resolved that the Government be informed that the Syndicate endorses the statements contained in the Registrar's letter dated the 22nd June 1950, and that the Government be requested to take necessary steps to prevent a repetition of such incidents in future.

In communicating the above resolution of the Syndicate, I request that Government may take up this matter with the Managing Body of the Salem College, with a view to preventing a repetition of such incidents, in future, so that the morale of the college does not suffer and the responsibility of the Principal to conduct the college in the best interests of the students themselves and his position as Principal is not adversely affected.

I shall be glad to know the action taken by Government in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

R Ravi Varma

REGISTRAR.

TST/24-8.

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Education (F)

College - Municipal College, Salem - Principal - Sri A.Ramaswami Gounder - Public utterance - Disciplinary action - ~~Orders re~~.

C.No.11689/50. F.
pp9-10 cf
pp21 to 9 cf

From the Commissioner, Salem Municipality, Roc.No. C.3.6330/50 dated 11.5.50.
From the Registrar, University of Madras, No.A.2279 dated 22-6-1950 and A.3355 dated 25-8-50.

Order
Ms ~~Memo.~~No. 2574 Edn., dated 13.9.50.
Recorded

2. The Commissioner, Salem Municipality, is informed that as Sri A.Ramaswami Gounder is no more, ~~the Govt. do not propose to pursue the matter.~~ the matter may be closed.

VRS 9/9/50

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To
The Commissioner,
Through The Chairman,
Salem Ml.Council, Salem.
Copy to the Registrar,
Univy.of Madras.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education Department
G.O.MS.No.2574 Edn. dated 13th September 1950
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College- Municipal College, Salem- Principal- Sri A.Ramaswami Gounder- Public utterance- Disciplinary action.

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:Read:

From the Commissioner, Salem Municipality Roc No.C.3.6330/50 dated 11.5.50

From the Registrar, University of Madras No.A.2279 dated 22-6-1950 and A.3355 dated 25-8-50.

ORDER: Recorded

2. The Commissioner, Salem Municipality is informed that as Sri A.Ramaswami Gounder is no more, the mattermay be closed.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

K.M.Unnithan,
Secretary to Government

To the Commissioner, Salem Municipality through the Chairman Salem Municipal Council, Salem
Copy to the Registrar, University of Madras.

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True copy/forwarded/By Order

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pp 9-10 Cf From the Commissioner, Salem Mlty
Roc. No. C3. 6330/50 d 11.5.50

p 21 Cf " Registrar, University of Madras.
No. A. 2279 d 22.6.1950.

College - Ml. College, Salem - public utterance by the principal - Disciplinary action.

In his letter on pp 9-10 Cf. the Commissioner Salem Mlty requests instructions whether in pursuance of the resolution of the Governing Body of the College, he can frame charges against the principal of the College for a speech reported to have been made in 1948. The Registrar, University of Madras while forwarding the Commissioner's letter observes that the proceedings of the Governing Body reveal a very sad state of affairs which is not likely to conduce to the efficient management of the College. The views of the Syndicate on the subject which the Registrar proposes to convey in a further communication may perhaps be awaited before proceeding further.

pp 10 Cf

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Dy
30/6/50

The further communication promised seems to be necessary before the advice sought by the Commissioner is given. It may be awaited & the Registrar reminded for it after a fortnight.

What was done on the letter of the Chairman [illegible] 16/5/50 [illegible]
[illegible]
Why have you [illegible]
[illegible] dt 22/6?

1/7/50

3.7.50

Yes

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The further communication from the University has not yet been received. The draft reminder below is for approval.

VRS
22/7/50.
Dy
22/7/50

24.7.50

(Issued as Letter11689-F/50-1 Edn., dated 25.7.50) pp23-24 cf

C.No.25252/50. From the Registrar, University of Madras, No.A.3355 dated 25.8.50. p29 cf

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The file relates to the question raised by the Commissioner, Salem Municipality, whether, in pursuance of the resolution of the Governing Body of the Salem Municipal College, he can frame charges against the Principal of the Salem College for a speech reported to have been made by him in 1948. Please see the letter of the Commissioner on p.p.1-2 c.f. and the remarks of the Chairman of the Salem Municipal Council, on p.p.17-19 c.f. The Registrar of the Madras University through whom the Commissioner sent his above letter states that the proceedings of the Governing Body on the subject reveal a sad state of affairs which is not conducive the efficient management of the College. He states that the report of the Tamil daily regarding the speech of the Principal is not an authenticated one, and cannot be taken as substantially accurate. He refers to the statement of the Principal that the extract on p.p. 6-9 c.f. is not a true version of his speech and therefore ~~points out~~ mentions that in spite of this, the points of order raised by a member of the Governing Body on the subject seem to have ruled out without full consideration being given to them. Apart from this aspect, the Registrar states that the University is concerned very much with the effect that such things will have on the morale of the College and on the authority of the Principal in conducting the the College

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in the best interests of the students themselves. He therefore requests ~~grant~~ Govt to take such action as may be necessary to see that this State of affairs is not allowed to continue. In his further communication on p.29 cf. the Registrar states that the Syndicate of the University confirms the views expressed in his letter and requests the Govt. to take up the matter with the Governing Body of the College.

V.R.
28-8-50

D.K. 29-8-50

The Principal of the Salem Ml.College is alleged to have made a speech making unwarranted observations against the Govt. and the Ministers in 1948. The Governing Body of the College, which is managing the affairs of the College and which under the by laws framed under the M.D.M.Act, has disciplinary powers in respect of the teaching staff of the College has passed a resolution in May 1950 to the effect that the Principal should be asked to show cause against suitable disciplinary action in respect of that speech. The Ml.Commr. asks for the orders of Govt. whether he should implement the resolution of the Governing Body and proceed to frame charges against the Principal.

The Registrar, University of Madras who has forwarded the Ml.Commr's letter ~~with his remarks~~ has offered comments on the merits of the case against the Principal questions the propriety of the action proposed by the Governing Body and observes that the morale of the College would be affected by incidents of this nature and suggests that steps should be taken to see that that State of affairs does not continue. The Syndicate of the Madras University has echoed the observations of the Registrar.

The proceedings of the Governing Body requiring action to be taken against the Principal are dated 5-5-1950. The offence alleged related to a speech by the Principal as reported in a periodical criticizing the Govt. and the Ministers in respect of their educational policy - Under by-law 9 of the by-laws relating to the College administration the Governing Body is invested with disciplinary powers in respect of the teaching staff. The Principal and the teaching staff are subordinate to the Governing Body. Having regard to this provision, if the Governing Body thinks that proceedings should be star

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started against, the Principal, there seems to be no alternative other than for the Commissioner to take further action by way of framing charges against the Principal.

Notwithstanding the position as set out in the foregoing paragraph there seems to be administrative reasons why no disciplinary proceedings should be taken against the Principal, for as suggested by the University Authorities, such proceedings would be given publicity and might effect the morale of the staff and students. In the interests of the institution it seems to be necessary to ensure that no disharmony prevails in the administration of the College. To this end, the Governing Body may be told that though the action of the Principal in having made the speech in the manner reported was wrong, if the report was true, disciplinary action against him would not be conducive to the best interests of the College, that it should do everything in its power to conduct the administration smoothly and that the Commr. need not take action against the Principal as proposed.

✓ Gist-given on p. 7. J.

H.M. Education may see the case for orders.

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The Governing Body of the College is perfectly within its rights in ordering disciplinary action against the Principal, but in the interests of the College it is not desirable to pursue such a course which will lead to some publicity and evoke considerable public criticism. We may suggest to the Governing Body that if the Principal did make the speech in the terms reported by the newspaper, they may advise him to be more careful in future.

B 5.9.50

H.M.(E.& L.)

SECRETARY
7 SEP 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

I think the Principal died recently of Heart failure! So there is no use of proceeding with this. Verify ✗ KM 7/9

✗ Verified to be correct

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Please seethe minutes of H.M.(E.&L) on p.4 ante. Submitted that the Principal of the Salem Municipal College (Sri A.Ramaswami Gounder) died recently - vide cutting from the Hindu dated 9-9-1950. The Commissioner may now be informed that as ~~the~~ Sri A.Ramaswami Gounder ~~died~~ is no more, the Govt.do not propose to pursue the matter. ~~Subject to orders, the draft memo.below is for approval.~~ May be circulated to H.M.(E.&L) for orders. whether in view of Sri Ramaswami Gounder's demise, the matter may be dropped & the papers Recorded. If so, the draft order below is for approval.

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HM (E&L)

What is the other G.O. How Can we proceed against a dead person!. The draft may issue with the slight alteration I have made

KM 12/9

SECRETARY
12 SEP 1950
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

[G.O. 2574 Edn, dt 13/9/50]

Hindu dt. 9-9-50

EDUCATION IN UNIVERSITIES

SUGGESTIONS OF COMMISSION

ACADEMIC COUNCIL DISCUSSION

MADRAS, Sept. 8.

The recommendations of the Syndicate of the Madras University on the report of the University Education Commission came up for consideration at the meeting of the Academic Council held this morning at the Senate House, Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor, presiding.

At the outset, on a motion from the Chair, the Council placed on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of the following former members of the Academic Council: Mr. R. V. Narayanaswami Aiyar, Rev. Father P. Carty, S.J., Dr. J. J. Rudra, Mr. T. M. Kelu Nedungadi and Mr. A. Ramaswami Gounder.