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Communicating to the Inspector-General of Prisons and the Director of Public Instruction, for remarks, letter from the Government of India inviting the opinion of this Government on the proposal to bring girl-criminals within the scope of the Bill to amend the Law relating to --.

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Subject

Inviting the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council on the proposal to bring girl-criminals within the scope of the bill to amend the law relating to reformatory schools, and requesting the informed, in what manner, in the event of the bill being brought within the scope of the bill, it would be proposed to provide for the reception training of those convicted, & whether there are any industrial schools or other private institutions.

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For notes

This may perhaps be considered with the replies to S.O. 213 6-4-96. It seems unnecessary to refer this to any officers for opinion. Both the D.P.D. & the S.S.L. of this have already expressed their views on the subject. vide (L. no. 578 & 716) & the Govt. is apparently in favour of the proposal to establish a reformatory school for girls for the youthful offenders. I think the D.P.D. should be consulted on this point.

Office. Send reminders to people who haven't yet replied to go. 213. Ind. 6-11-96. W. 5696. 57620

W. 336. D. 6th June 1896. This could be the S.S.L. of the Govt. The D.P.D. for very early remarks, with special reference to para 3 of the S.O. D. letter. W. 5696 (For use only)

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FROM

J. P. HEWETT, Esq., C.I.E.,

Secretary to the Government of India,

TO

The Chief Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.

Home Department.
Fails.

Simla, the 25th May 1896.

SIR,

I AM directed to state that in connection with the Bill to amend the law relating to Reformatory Schools and to make further provision for dealing with youthful offenders which is now under the consideration of the Government of India, it has been suggested that it might be desirable to provide Reformatory Schools for female juvenile criminals in India.

2. At the time the Reformatory Schools Act, V of 1876, was before the Governor General in Council it was not deemed expedient, owing to the peculiar circumstances of India, to apply its provisions to the case of girl-criminals. The small number of female youthful offenders in India, and the proportionately large expenditure which would have been involved in providing establishments for them, no doubt constituted objections to applying the provisions of the Reformatory Schools Act to females, and it may perhaps still be doubted whether such a step, which would involve the seclusion of girls for a period of years, would not be regarded with distrust and suspicion in India. As, however, it is now twenty years since the question was last under consideration, and as the experience since gained may afford material for a further consideration of the subject, the Government of India will be glad to be favoured with the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council on the above proposal.

3. I am also to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, the Government of India may be informed in what manner, in the event of girl-criminals being brought within the scope of the Bill, it would be proposed to provide for the reception and training of those convicted under its provisions, and whether there are any industrial schools or other private institutions in the Madras Presidency in which such persons could be kept.

4. The favour of a very early reply is requested to this letter.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. P. Hewett

Secretary to the Government of India.

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