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(True extract)

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government.

To all Collectors of districts.
 „ all District and Sessions Judges.
 „ other heads of departments under the Home Department.
 „ all Departments of the Secretariat.

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H. RAMACHANDRA RAO,
Secretary to Government

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Public DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 840

, dated 14th September 1918.

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ENCLOSURES.

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I
Memorandum to the Collector of Trichinopoly, No. 2489 W-1, dated 23rd July 1918.

II
From the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 17th August 1918.

ORDER:—

The Government have received intimation to the effect that the Government servants mentioned below attended the political conference held at Thottiam in the Trichinopoly district on the 12th, 13th and 14th July 1918:—

- (1) Natesa Ayyar, Ag. Clerk, Deputy Tahsildar's Office, Thoraiyur.
- (2) Subramania Ayyar, Head Clerk, Deputy Tahsildar's Office, Thoraiyur.
- (3) C.S. Venkataramana Ayyar, Sub-Registrar, Kulitalai.
- (4) Sankara Ayyar, Sub-Overseer, D.P.W., Musiri.
- (5) Ramachandra Ayyar, clerk, D.P.W. Office, Musiri.
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at the meeting contravened Rule 21 and is not to be repeated

(True Extract)

6 *Dr. K. S. Srinivasan*

for Chief Secretary.
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To

- The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.
- .. Inspector-General of Registration.
- .. Collector of Trichinopoly.

Copy to the Public Works Department.

- .. Home (Judicial) Department.
- .. Home (Miscellaneous) Department.
- .. Revenue Department.
- .. Board of Revenue, Land Revenue.

To be added to C.No. 25

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(Order to C.O. No 820, Pub., 14.9.18). PUBLIC DEPARTMENT.

Government officials who attended the Conference held at Thottiam.

Collector may be asked to report.

H. F. W. G.
22-7-1918.

Please call for report from Collector.

L. D.
22-7-18.

Memo. to the Collector of Trichinopoly, No. 2489 W-1 dated the 23rd July 1918.

C.No. 2870. From the Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 17th August 1918.

Submitted.

2. Rule 21 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules prohibits Government servants from attending political meetings their presence at which is likely to be misconstrued or to impair their public usefulness. The rules are not, however, applicable to village officers (e.g. village munsiffs) who do not come under the definition of 'Government servant' in rule 1 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules.

3. For orders whether an extract of the relevant correspondence may be sent to Revenue, L. & M., P.W.D. and Home (Judicial) with a view to disciplinary action being taken in respect of the public servants under their departmental control.

C.P.K.
22-8-18.

D.N.S.
23-8-18.

Please first circulate to

H. M. (Judicial).

H. M. (Revenue)

with

(Time Extract)

for Chief Secretary.

The Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

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with a newspaper report of the proceedings at particular conference.

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L. D.
24-8-18.

The resolution passed at the meeting of the 14th July, which the officials in question attended, are set out at page 4. I consider that the ~~presence~~ presence of officials at a political gathering which criticises the Reform Scheme, condemns the Press Act and the action of Government in regard to the Home Rule Deputation and internments, and praises Sir Subramania Ayyar and passive resistance, is liable to grave misconstruction and constitutes a breach of rule 21. As the officials who were present at the meeting were small fry, and as they may not have appreciated the impropriety of their conduct, it will be sufficient, I think if they are warned by their departmental superiors that their attendance at the meeting contravened Rule 21 and is not to be repeated.

It seems advisable also to issue a general circular that attendance of officials at political meetings of any description except on duty is strictly prohibited.

H. F. W. G.
26-8-1918.

I agree - But the point is as to what is a political meeting - and I think we should make it clear that a political meeting is a meeting at which political questions are discussed even though other questions are discussed as well.

A. G. C.
26-8-18.

With reference to the H.M's orders above, draft order is submitted for approval. It is to Revenue, P.W.D. and Home (Judicial)

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before issue.

2. Action in respect of the Asst. Schoolmaster of the Kulitalai Taluk Board High School will have to be taken in L. & M. Submitted that an extract of the relevant correspondence and notes may be sent to that department.

3. Orders directing alterations and additions in the Government Servants' Conduct Rules issue in Home (Mis.) Submitted that a copy of the notes in this case may be sent to that dept. for issuing the necessary addition to the rules.

C.P.K.
29-8-18.

D. N. S.
31-8-18.

(L. O. No. 840, Public, 24-9-18)

Home (mis) no.



Home (Mis) Dept.

Please see the last para of the H. M. note of 26-8-18. on page 2 ante. It will be seen that what is required is a circular order to all Govt. servants, warning them that attendance of officials at political meetings of any description except on duty is strictly prohibited, and that addition to the Rules is undesirable. Draft circular order is

M.S.R.
23-8-18

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