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[Despatch Abstract.]

Munl. Budget

Declining with remark to approve
the suggestions made by the Chairman
Munl. Council, Chidambaram, regarding
the reduction in the number of result
schools.

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CURRENT No. 2230M

Agam. No. 494^m 4.3.98.
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From The Secy of Pub. Instruction,
In addn.

This Order. No. 1425-Munl. 15/8/98

For the reasons stated in
paras 3 to 5 of the Director's letter read
above, the suggestions contained in
para 6. of the Chairman's second letter
read in G.O. No. 494. m. dated 4th March
1898 cannot be approved.

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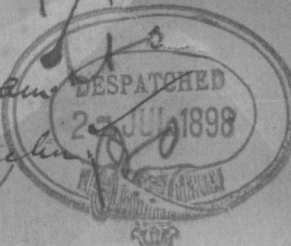
2. From para 6 of the Director's
letter, it appears that the post of
Inspecting School master in the
Municipality has been abolished by
the Council, and that the Educational
officers have not been consulted in
the matter. The Council's resolution
on this subject should be submitted
through the Director for the approval of

Subj. summary on the
proposal made by Mr. Chavanan,
Municipal Council, Chinnabaram
in paragraph 6 of his second
letter read in G.O. No. 494 m
of 4th March 1898

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From

THE HONORABLE MR. D. DUNCAN, M.A., D.SC., LL.D.,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Madras,

To

The Secretary to Government,

Local and Municipal Department.

SIR,

Referring to paragraph 4 (5) of G.O.No 494 M., Local and Municipal dated 4th March 1898, I have the honour to submit the following remarks.

2. With a view to set free funds for meeting the expenditure on water supply, the Chairman of the Chidambaram Municipality proposes:-

(i) to withdraw the aid now given to the lower secondary schools in the town,

& (ii) to reduce the number of result schools from twenty to twelve; or at least to withhold aid from the Sivaprakasam school and the Chetty's school.

3. The lower secondary schools are the Town Middle school and the lower secondary department of Pachayappa's High School.

The former, which was originally under the control of the Municipal Council, is managed by a private committee, ^{and} was 101 strong on the 31st March 1898, with an average attendance of 74 for the past official year. ^{It} is the only school of its grade in the town open to all classes of the Community and is reported to be doing good work. During 1897-98 the receipts from fees amounted to Rs.1372 and the expenditure to Rs.1575; and but a Municipal grant of Rs.576-the only other source of income-the net cost to the committee would have been Rs.203 for the year.

The lower secondary department of Pachayappa's High School had 78 pupils on the rolls on the 31st March last, with an average attendance of 67 for the year, and is one of the institutions maintained by the Trustees of Pachayappa's Charities. The expenditure for 1897-98 on this department amounted to Rs. 1944, towards which fees contributed Rs. 1194 and Municipal grants Rs. 294—the balance, viz., Rs. 456, being the net cost to the management. It will thus be seen that the fee receipts covered a goodly portion of the expenditure on the schools and the withdrawal of the aid from Municipal funds will considerably increase the net cost to the managers, no enhancement of the fees being possible without seriously affecting the strength of these schools. Hence the Chairman's proposal would probably result in the abolition of the Town Middle school altogether and would hamper the Trustees of Pachayappa's charities.

4. Of the twenty result schools in existence on the date of the Chairman's letter under reference, two were closed after the grant examination, leaving 18 schools (6 upper primary and 12 lower primary) to be aided from the funds of the Municipality on the results system. Their aggregate strength on the 31st March last was 965 and the average attendance for the past year was 817. The total charges amounted to Rs. 3327 and the receipts, including the municipal grant of Rs. 1045, to Rs. 2193; and the balance, viz., Rs. 1134, was the net cost to the managers. Taking the Sivaprakasam institution and the Chetty's Charity school alone, it is reported that their strength on the 31st March last was 293 and the average attendance for the year was 253. The receipts, including the municipal grant of Rs. 350, amounted to Rs. 872 and the charges to Rs. 1153, resulting in a net cost of Rs. 281 to the managers. The municipal grant for the two schools covered 30 per cent of the expenditure and the withholding of this aid would raise the proportion of net cost from 24 per cent to 55 per cent.

5. Government will be pleased to observe from the above statistics that it would be a great hardship to managers even if one of the Chairman's proposals were sanctioned. The municipal grant at present covers but a small proportion of the expenditure and, when it is seen that even with this aid the schools are worked at a heavy loss, it is needless to say that the removal of the

schools from the aided list would deprive the managers of much needed help and would in the case of some of the schools at least, involve the closing of them altogether. It would further deter others from starting schools in the town. After all, the Chidambaram Municipality has not been spending on education more than a fair proportion of its income from taxation, markets and rents, as will

Year.	Net expenditure.	Percentage of net expenditure to income from taxation.	be seen from the marginal figures extracted from the Administration Reports of the Municipality. These
1894-95	2327	15	
1895-96	2444	15.1	
1896-97	2510	14.6	
1897-98	2213 +		

+ As reported by the Assistant Inspector. figures show how small the savings that might accrue to the municipality from the proposals of the Chairman would be, when compared with the heavy cost of the water supply scheme.

6. In submitting his views on the Council's proposals, the Assistant Inspector, Arcot Division, has incidentally brought another matter to my notice, viz, the resolution ^{recently} passed by the Council to abolish the post of inspecting schoolmaster and to entrust the work to the Local Fund Inspecting Schoolmaster of the Chidambaram taluk. It would appear that the permanent inspecting schoolmaster was promoted in February last as a Local Fund Inspecting schoolmaster and that the post has since remained vacant in pursuance, presumably, of the above resolution. I understand that the inspecting officers of this Department have not been consulted on the matter and I shall deal with the question more fully when the Council applies for the sanction of Government to give effect to the resolution. On the 31st March last, there were altogether 23 public and 13 private schools in the town, and the Assistant Inspector reports that they have already shewn signs of deterioration for want of efficient supervision, there having been no inspecting schoolmaster for the past five months.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Gurusamy

Director of Public Instruction.

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