

# Government of Madras

## LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT

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READ—the following paper :—

Letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Law (Education) Department, dated 6th November 1928, R.O.C. No. 1180-F/28.

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2. The report submitted by Mr. R. G. Grieve on the state and progress of education in the Madras Presidency during the year 1927-28 opens as usual with a resumé of the chief events of the period under report. A perusal of it discloses that the development noticed in the previous year in almost every branch of the activities of the department of public instruction was sustained during the year under review. The salient points in the report are mentioned below.

3. With a view to promoting exchange of views on matters connected with the expansion of education, three conferences of District Educational Officers and of women officers of the department were with advantage held during the year. The Government notice that the Director of Public Instruction proposes to hold similar conferences in future years.

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4. The introduction of medical inspection in educational institutions was made a condition of recognition of all secondary schools for boys under private management.

5. A beginning was made with the long-pending scheme of adult education and classes were opened as an experimental measure in the Teachers' College, Saidapet, and in the Training College, Rajahmundry.

6. A Bill to amend the Madras University Act was prepared during the year and is under the consideration of the Legislative Council. The University Institute of Oriental Languages and the departments of Indian Philosophy and of Mathematics commenced work.

7. The opinions of all local bodies concerned were invited on the Bill to amend the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, and these are now under consideration. When a final decision is reached as to the lines of amendment, the Bill will be placed before the Legislative Council with the necessary alterations.

8. In view of the fact that the opening of a large number of single-teacher schools alone did not conduce to the real expansion of elementary education, the Government sanctioned subsidies to local bodies towards the employment of additional teachers in schools opened since 1924-25 with the help of provincial subsidies. This involves an annual recurring expenditure of Rs. 1.35 lakhs.

9. A noteworthy event of the year is the step taken towards the expansion of female education. Though provincial grants were paid since 1924-25 towards the opening of boys' schools in schoolless centres with a population of 500 and above, similar special attempts in the direction of the education of girls had to be deferred. An investigation was made during the year into the number of centres with a population of 2,000 and above having no girls' schools and Government sanctioned as a first instalment the opening of 500 new elementary schools involving an annual recurring expenditure of Rs. 1,74,288. As a result of the deliberations of the Conference of women officers the Director of Public Instruction has since the close of the year prepared an elaborate report dealing with the several aspects of women's education and formulating a detailed programme for adoption by Government.

10. The growth of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides movements is another important feature of the year's working.

11. The Government desire to place on record their appreciation of the work done by Mr. R. G. Grieve, the Acting Director of Public Instruction, and by the officers subordinate to him.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Education  
and Local Self-Government)

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