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the Backward Class Department
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APPENDIX I

List of the Backward Class Board Members.

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APPENDIX II.

IMPORTANT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY THE BACKWARD CLASS BOARD IN THE YEAR 1939-40.

20th Board Meeting held on 15th April 1939.

1. Government grant on a per capita basis should be allowed for the inmates of the Backward Class Hostels attending lower primary classes.
2. Awarding free studentships to the Scheduled Classes studying in aided secondary schools in the Province to the extent of at least 1/3rd of the total freeships awarded by the schools.
3. Appointment of qualified Scheduled Class candidates as teachers in such of the Municipal and Local Board Schools as are attended by Harijans.
4. Proposal to eliminate the word "Dhed" from the list of untouchables.
5. Enquiries in respect of harassment of the Scheduled Classes by Caste Hindus should be made by the Collector and the District Superintendent of Police, East Khandesh.

21st Board Meeting held on 30th September 1939.

1. Awarding examination fees in addition to scholarships and freeships to all Scheduled Class students.
2. Continuance of freeships to Backward Class students who are compelled to join other secondary aided schools on account of the closure of Government High Schools in the Province.

22nd Board Meeting held on 26th and 27th February 1940.

1. Regarding the commutation of the "Maharki Watan" in the Province of Bombay.
2. Audit of accounts of the Backward Class Hostels should be done by Government auditors free of cost instead of by registered auditors.
3. Enquiries regarding the condition of Katkari labourers should be made by the Collector of Thana.
4. New wells in Scheduled Class localities should be constructed.
5. Appointment of a special assistant under the Director of Public Instruction to look after the educational needs of the Scheduled Classes in the Province, more particularly in Gujarat.
6. To take measures to remove the huts and dwelling places of the Scheduled Classes from low-lying marshy and deserted places in the villages to better sites.