



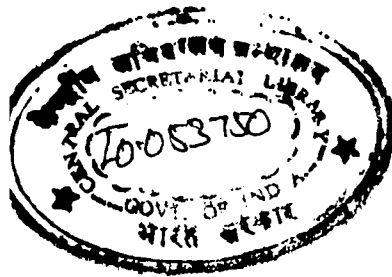
**REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE  
MADRAS CHILDREN ACT  
AND  
THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE  
APPROVED SCHOOLS**

**FOR THE YEAR  
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Sir,

*Subject.—Children Act—Approved Schools—Administration Report for 1966—  
1st January to 31st December 1966—Submitted.*

I submit below the report on the working of the Madras Children Act, 1920 and the administration of the Approved Schools and other allied institutions established thereunder in the Madras State for the year 1966. I held charge of the Department of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service throughout the year 1966 except during the period from 7th June to 14th June 1966 when Thiru Vincent Solomon, Assistant Chief Inspector of Approved Schools was in-charge and from 19th December 1966 to 4th January 1967 when Thiru A.S. Venkatraman, I.A.S., Deputy Secretary to Government, Home Department held additional charge of the post of Chief Inspector during my absence on earned leave.

2. *Types of Institutions.*—The institutions established under the Madras Children Act are of two types, viz., Reception Homes and Approved Schools. The former are short-stay institutions for the temporary care and custody of the juveniles pending trial, while the latter are long-stay institutions intended for care, custody, reformation, training and rehabilitation of juvenile delinquents, destitutes and uncontrolables.

3. *Number of Institutions—(i) Reception Homes.*—There was no change in the number of these institutions. The eleven (11) Reception Homes for boys and girls including those attached to the Government Senior Approved School, Chingleput and Government Junior Approved School, Thanjavur and the one attached to the Junior Approved School under the Bala Maudir, Madras continued to function this year. Of these, four are run by Government and the rest by private voluntary agencies like the Children's Aid Societies, Discharged Prisoners' Aid Societies, etc., with financial assistance from Government.

(ii) *Approved Schools.*—There were 19 Approved Schools. Among the nineteen approved schools, both Senior and Junior, five (5) are Government ones and fourteen (14) are private but Government aided Junior Approved Schools.

4. *Admissions and disposals of inmates in the Reception homes.—(a) Government Reception Homes for boys and girls, Madras.*—There were 298 boys, 16 girls and 44 infants at the beginning of the year. 2,613 boys, 164 girls and 218 infants were admitted into the Home and 2,759 boys, 171 girls and 241 infants were discharged during the year, leaving 152 boys, 9 girls and 21 infants at the end of the year. The daily average strength was 272 boys, 18 girls and 39 infants.

(b) *Reception Home attached to the Bala Maudir, Madras.*—This Home is intended for the admission of children below three years of age. There were six children at the beginning of the year. Forty-seven children were admitted and 44 were disposed of

during the year, leaving nine children at the end of the year. The daily average strength was 5·96.

*Mufassal.*—There were 242 inmates in all the mufassal institutions including Government Remand (Reception) Home, Palayamkottai at the commencement of the year. Five thousand three hundred and sixty-one (5,361) children were admitted and five thousand three hundred and sixty-five (5,365) were disposed of leaving 238 at the close of the year. The daily average of all these Reception Homes in the mufassal was 334 as against 379 during the last year.

5. *A word about the Reception Homes* —(i) *Government Reception homes Madras.*—This Home is the earliest to be established and is the biggest one of its kind in the State. It has a Juvenile Court and a Juvenile Guidance Bureau attached to it. Although it is a short-stay Home, there are facilities to keep the children engaged usefully during their short period of stay in the Home. During the period of trial and investigation, the children are given training in some usefull crafts such as Spinning, Tailoring, Dress-mending and Dress-making and Gardening. The girls are lodged in a separate building in the same compound and they are placed in the charge of a Nurse-cum-Matron. There is a nursery section for infants between 3 and 8 years of age in the charge of a Nursery Trained Teacher.

The medical-care of the children is well attended to by Part-time Medical Officers assisted by a Pharmacist. There is also a small dispensary attached to the Home where minor ailments are treated. There was no death in the institution during the year under report.

The Government have taken up the proposals for acquiring the premises and the buildings for use of the institution and acquisition proceedings are under way.

The Commissioner of Police who is the Chairman of the Committee of Visitors was kind enough to obtain a donation of Rs. 2,500 from the Madras Race Club to provide amenities for the institution.

(ii) *Other Homes.*—The Government Reception (Remand) Home at Palayamcottai, Tirunelveli district, which is a Second Five-Year Plan institution in having on its staff a Superintendent, a Secondary Grade Teacher, a Peon and a Cook.

As many as 846 inmates passed through this Home during the year and 819 were disposed of. The Home has functioned satisfactorily during the year. There is a Part-time Medical Officer to attend to the Medical care of the children.

The remaining Reception Homes, both independent and auxiliary, i. e. attached to the Approved Schools (Government and Private) also functioned satisfactorily on the same lines as the Government Reception Homes, Madras.

As many has 4,757 children passed through these Reception Homes during the year under review, out of whom 4,546 cases were disposed of during the year.

The administration of the Reception Homes in the State had been, in general, quite satisfactory.

6 *Particulars of admissions and disposals of pupils in approved schools.*—There were 4,398 pupils (3,518 boys and 880 girls) in all the Government and Private Approved Schools at the commencement of the year. Three thousand two hundred and twenty pupils (3,220) (2,961 boys and 259 girls) were admitted during the year. Two thousand nine hundred and four (2,904) inmates (2,750 boys and 154 girls) were discharged during the year, leaving 4,714 inmates (3,729 boys and 985 girls) at the end of the year.

The daily average strength of all the Government and Private Approved Schools was 4,567.

7. *Religion of pupils.*—The classification of the 1430 pupils directly admitted during the year according to their religion is given below:—

	1965.	1966.
Hindus .. .. .	1,061	1,274
Muslims .. .. .	70	89
Christians .. .. .	36	67
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	1,167	1,430
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8. *Age of pupils.*—The classification of the 1,430 pupils according to the age groups together with the corresponding figures for the year 1965 is furnished below:—

	1965.	1966.
Under 12 years .. .. .	449	517
Between 12 and 14 years .. .. .	266	358
Between 14 and 15 years .. .. .	117	167
Between 15 and 16 years .. .. .	114	161
Between 16 and 18 years .. .. .	211	227
Above 18 years .. .. .	..	..
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	1,167	1,430
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9. *Education of pupils.*—Out of the 1,430 new pupils admitted in the Approved Schools, 632 were literates and 798 were illiterates as against 510 and 657 respectively, last year.

All the pupils in the approved schools except those in the Junior Approved Schools for mentally defective boys and girls under the Bala Vihar, Madras, and children below 5 years in the Junior Approved School under the Madras Society for the Protection of Children and the Junior Approved School under the Bala Mandir, Madras are given general education up to VIII Standard.

In all the Approved Schools four pupils were presented for the S.S.L.C. examination and three came out successful. One hundred and sixty-six (166) pupils are continuing their studies in outside High Schools in IX, X and XI Standards. Two pupils are studying in the Teacher's Training College and one in P.U.C.

Out of 83 pupils presented for the VII Standard examination during the year, 59 came out successful.

10. *Vocational Training.*—Besides general education, vocational training is also given to all the pupils according to their aptitude and choice. The following trades are taught in the Government Approved Schools:—

(Carpentry, Weaving, Tailoring, Metal Work, Blacksmithing, Book-binding, Mat-weaving, Spinning, Masonry, Gardening, Agriculture, Dairy Farm, Poultry keeping, Embroidery work, etc.). Band music is also taught to the boys in all the Government Approved Schools for boys.

The pupils of the Government Approved Schools were also sent for various Government Technical Examinations such as Drawing, Tailoring, Spinning, etc.

The Dairy Farm in the Government Senior Approved School, Chingleput continued to function satisfactorily supplying almost all the requirements of the institution. The receipts from the Dairy amounted to Rs. 32,759.28.

The Poultry Units in the Government Approved Schools at Thanjavur, Ranipet and Tattaparai and Government Girls' Approved Schools, Madras continued to function satisfactorily this year also.

The Poultry Unit in the Private Junior Approved School at Chitrakudi, Thanjavur District also continued to function this year. The Government continued to pay grant of Rs. 40 per mensem to meet the cost of maintaining this Unit.

Visual education classes with films supplied by the Education Department were conducted regularly. The scheme of providing sound projectors in all the Government Approved Schools has been included in the Fourth Five-Year Plan.

11. *Physical Education*.—There are adequate facilities provided for physical exercises and games daily with a view to maintain good health and physique of the pupils. Periodical excursions to places of historical importance and educational value were, as usual, arranged during the year. The extra curricular activities such as Scouting, Guides, Auxiliary Cadet Corps, Red Cross Movements, Social Services, etc., in the Government Approved Schools continued to be carried out this year also.

As in the previous years, this year also there was great demand from the public for the hire of the school-band in the Approved Schools at Chingleput, Ranipet, Thanjavur and Tattaparai in spite of the increase in hire charges.

12. *Escapes*.—During the year under report there were 182 escapes. Considering the over population in all the Government Approved Schools and the inadequate guarding staff in proportion to the very high strength in every Approved Schools, the total number of escapes for the year is negligible since the percentage to the daily average population of 4,567 works out to 3.99. Out of the 182 escapes, seventy-six (76) were recaptured and readmitted into their respective schools and the rest are still at large. Steps are being taken to recapture them with the help of the Police authorities.

13. *Re-orientation Programme*.—(1) *Food Programme*.—The individual kitchen system in the Government Junior Approved School, Thanjavur and the partially introduced system in the Government Senior Approved School, Chingleput continued to work satisfactorily as in the previous year.

(2) *Clothing and Bedding*.—The pupils in the Government Approved Schools have been given their regular quota of Khadi clothing and bedding including inner garments to boys of and above 14 years of age according to rules. The clothing is quite adequate.

As Khadi clothing is costlier and less durable than handloom clothing, proposals have been submitted to Government to provide the inmates with handloom clothing in the place of khadi.

(3) *Health Programme—Vital Statistics*—(a) *Government Approved Schools*.—The five Government Approved Schools have small hospitals attached to them with whole-time Resident Medical Officers except the Government Girls' Approved Schools, Madras, where there is only a Part-time Woman Medical Officer. The Medical Officers are assisted by a Pharmacist and two Nursing Orderlies in each School. The total number of admissions in the outside hospitals during the year under report was 308. There were six deaths during the year. Of these, five deaths occurred in outside hospitals and one in the institution viz. Government Senior Approved School, Tattaparai. Of the five deaths in hospitals, four related to the Government Junior Approved School, Ranipet and one to the Government Junior Approved School, Thanjavur. The death of one boy at the Senior Approved School, Tattaparai was due to congestive heart failure.

On the whole the general health condition of the inmates has been quite good during the year under report.

(b) *Private Approved Schools*.—The Private Approved Schools have their own arrangements for the medical care of their pupils within the available financial resources. Those situated in the District Head Quarters Hospitals avail themselves of the medical facilities provided for at the Government District Head Quarters Hospitals. The managements of Private Approved Schools, particularly in the mufassal and rural areas, have also appointed Part-time Medical Officers as advised by me, and the medical care of the children is now better attended to.

There were 53 admissions in the hospitals. There were nine deaths during the year. Of the nine deaths, seven died in the hospitals and two died in the institutions. The particulars of the seven deaths in hospitals are as follows:—

Junior Approved School under Kasturba Basic School, Keelamoong ladi, Ch dambaram.	1
Junior Approved School under Madras Society for the Protection of Children, Madras.	1
Junior Approved School under Bala Mandiram, Madurai.	1
Junior Approved School under Bala Mandir, Madras ..	4
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Total ..	7
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Of the two deaths which occurred in the institutions one related to the Junior Approved School under Seva Samajam Boys' Home Shaligram, Madras and the other to the Junior Approved School under Bala Vihar, Madras.

On the whole, the health condition of the children in almost all the Private Approved Schools had been fairly satisfactory.

(4) *Discipline (offences and punishments)*—The "Court of Honour" on the lines of the Panchayat Courts, continued to function satisfactorily and efficiently and proved very useful in character formation of the pupils. All petty offences committed by the pupils in the Schools were tried and settled by the pupils themselves, in these courts. The pupils realise their responsibility in discharging their duties satisfactorily and conducting themselves just like normal children.

(5) *Interviews and correspondence, etc.*—The children in all the Approved Schools continued to maintain contacts with their parents or guardians regularly through letters and interviews. The pupils in the Government Approved Schools are regularly provided with post cards to write letters to their parents or guardians. The pupils were also sent on leave to celebrate festivals in the company of their parents and to spend their holidays with them provided their requests were genuine. The children of the prisoners in jails are also allowed on request to interview their parents in jails at Government expense once in six months. The scheme is helping in maintaining parental contact even in the case of children whose parents are undergoing imprisonment.

(6) *Boarding out scheme.*—No child of the Government Approved Schools was boarded out during the year under report. The scheme of sponsoring children by certain organisations and individuals both in this country and abroad which is in vogue only in the Junior Approved Schools under the Seva Samajam, Madras has been continued satisfactorily. Fourteen children have been sponsored by "lovers of children" during the year under report. The success of the scheme is entirely due to the efforts of the Honorary Secretary Thirunathi Mary Chibwala Jadhav, M.L.C., J.P. who is the President of the Indian Conference of Social Work.

(7) *Psychology Study Circle.*—The Psychology study circles in all Government Approved Schools met every month to discuss about the newly admitted pupils and evolve suitable treatment training programme for each of them.

*Juvenile Guidance Bureau.*—The three Juvenile Guidance Bureaux in Madras, Madurai and Vellore continued to function satisfactorily during the year and they investigated 180, 97 and 57 cases respectively during the year.

(8) *Religious therapy.*—Religion and religious pursuits of the pupils are duly respected. Instructors are appointed by Government imparting religious and moral instruction.

(9) *After-care Programme—Field and Institutional.*—The Probation Section of the Jail Department which is in charge of the programme of After-care of the discharged pupils of the Approved Schools had continued to do its best through the Probation Officers for

rehabilitation of the discharged pupils. The Probation Officers are regularly visiting the Private Junior Approved Schools in their jurisdiction periodically and submit reports to the Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service through the Chief Probation Superintendent Madras.

(10) *Post Institutional life of discharged pupils*—Out of the 859 pupils discharged during the year, 16 were discharged on appeal, 55 could not be contacted as their whereabouts were not known to the Probation Officers. Of the remaining 788 pupils, 258 are reported to be with their parent and helping them, 134 are employed, 54 are un-employed but behaving well, 45 are studying, 31 are in the clubs attached to Approved Schools, 33 were admitted in the After-Care Homes, 6 were married and settled in life and 18 reverted to crime; 84 reports have not been received and 116 reports were not due. There has been a progress in the receipt of after care reports. Eight were admitted into the Borstal (Association) and one was admitted into the Mental Hospital for treatment.

14. *Plan Institutions—Institutionalised After-Care—(i) After-Care Home for Boys, Chingleput.*—There were 66 boys at the beginning of the year, 34 boys were admitted and 43 were disposed of during the year, thus leaving 57 boys at the end of the year. The daily average was 66.

Industrial training was imparted to all the inmates either in Blacksmithing or Book-binding which are the two industries functioning in the Home. The Blacksmithing Section derived Rs. 9,150-64 as receipts and the Book binding section Rs. 9,742-94 during the year as against Rs. 3,207-03 and Rs. 7,437-37 respectively during the previous year. The figures indicate appreciable progress in the Industries Unit of the Home.

Seven (7) inmates of the Home were presented for the Government Technical Examination (Lower Grade) in Book-binding and six came out successful. This indicates that the training given in the Home is good and upto the standard.

To make the institutional after-care services rendered by this Home attractive, the Government had been kind enough to accept my proposal to give a stipend of Rs. 10 per head per mensem for all deserving boys who were staying in the Home for the second and third year of their stay and this is being continued.

Adequate facilities are provided for the medical care of the inmates under a part-time Medical Officer who is also the Medical Officer of the Government Senior Approved School, Chingleput.

The Home is located in a rented building in Chingleput. The sanctioned strength of the Home is 100. The daily average strength of the Home during the year was 66. The building is not sufficient to accommodate more than 60 inmates. Additional accommodation has been provided in the Home by construction of thatched shed in the premises of the Home.

The institution has thus continued to function quite satisfactorily during the year under report.

(ii) (a) *After Care Home for Women, Vellore.*—There were 50 inmates at the beginning of the year, 17 inmates were admitted and 38 inmates were rehabilitated during the year, leaving 29 inmates at the close of the year.

(b) *Industrial Unit attached to the After-Care Home Vellore.*—The Garments and Holdall Making Training Unit attached to the After-Care Home for Women, Vellore imparts training to the inmates in stitching garments of all types and designs and in making Holdalls. Nine (9) inmates of the After-Care Home are attending the Unit undergoing one year's training course. Four (4) girls have completed their course of one year and are undergoing in-plant training. These girls when they are rehabilitated, will be presented with sewing machines purchased out of their stipend amounts.

The daily average number of trainees undergoing training in the unit during 1966 was 54 as against the sanctioned strength of 60.



The receipts derived by the sale of goods in the Unit during the year under report amounted to Rs. 17,410.17 of which Rs. 773.79 was realised by sale of Appalans made in the Home.

The after-care Home and Industrial unit attached to it functioned satisfactorily during the year.

15. *Building Water-supply and Sanitation*—(1) *Buildings*.—There had been no change whatsoever in the acute accommodation problem in the Government Approved Schools. Overcrowding continues in almost all the institutions.

The construction of the dormitories in the Government Senior Approved School, Tattaparai is in progress.

The Government have sanctioned the acquisition of vacant lands in Neelagiri Village, Thanjavur Taluk for the construction of building to accommodate the Government Junior Approved School, Thanjavur. On 31st December 1966, an extent of 11.18 acres of land in the Neelagiri village were acquired. It is proposed to construct buildings suitable to accommodate that school.

(2) *Water-supply*—As usual, the problem of water scarcity continues, especially during the summer months in the Government Approved Schools at Chingleput and Tattaparai. The Municipal authorities in Chingleput continued to supply additional quantity of water required for the school freely by lorries while the school at Tattaparai continued to get its supply of drinking water from a village 3 miles away from the school through water carts. An electric Motor with pump-set installed to the bore-well in the school pumps out blackish water which is being used by both the boys and the staff for purposes other than drinking.

Samples of water from all the Government Institutions were taken and tested by the water analyst of the King Institute, Guindy, as usual. The reports have been on the whole satisfactory in general. The water supply in the private approved schools has been satisfactory in general.

(3) *Sanitation*.—Since modernisation of the Sanitary arrangements in the Government Approved Schools is absolutely essential, the Government were pleased to sanction, last year, an expenditure of Rs. 45,000 towards the conversion of the cage latrines into flush out latrines and construction of general latrines in the Government Senior Approved School, Chingleput. The Government have also sanctioned an expenditure of Rs. 9,900 for carrying out repairs and improvements to the kitchen in the Government Senior approved School, Tattaparai and this work is also in progress.

The sanitary arrangements are generally satisfactory in all the Private Approved Schools.

16. *Finance Expenditure*.—The total expenditure on account of the Department of Approved Schools and Vigilance Services excluding the expenditure on Vigilance Service which is debitable to different Major Head of Account, has worked out to Rs. 3,12,194.04 as against Rs. 33,64,607.84 during 1965.

*Receipts*.—The total receipts from all sources amounted to Rs. 1,97,822.20 as against Rs. 1,67,033.43 in 1965. The receipts from the Industrial Sections amounted to Rs. 1,69,299.75 during the year as against Rs. 1,42,330.13 in the previous year. I am very happy to state that the turn-over of the Industrial Sections of the Government Approved Schools during the year under report is quite appreciable and very encouraging. The Dairy Farm in the Government Senior Approved School, Chingleput yielded milk to the value of Rs. 3,759.28. The entire yield of milk was distributed to the pupils in the Senior Approved School, Chingleput.

17. *New Institutions* (1) *Government Special Schools for the Children of Burma Repatriates Tirunaga, Madurai*.—This school which was intended for Boys of Burma Repatriates has since been closed down and the boys have been transferred to the School at Mathur.

(2) *Government Special home for the Children of Burma Repatriates at Mathur, Tiruchirappalli District.*—This Home was first started by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli on 4th October 1965 for accommodating and educating 850 children of Burma Repatriates whose parents were in transit camps and who were not yet rehabilitated.

In April, 1965, the Government ordered the transfer of the administration to the control of the Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service, Madras from the Collector of Tiruchirappalli. Accordingly, the administration of this home was taken over by this Department (Department of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service, Madras) with effect from 15th June 1966 from the Collector of Tiruchirappalli.

The total number of pupils to be accommodated in this Home is 850 (both boys and girls). The strength of the institution when it was taken over from the Collector was 593 (315 boys and 278 girls). At the close of the year the strength was 665 (352 boys and 313 girls).

*Health.*—The children of this home are being fed within the sanctioned amount of Rs. 18 per head per month. The health of the children is normally good. One Dr. K. P. Krishnan, M. B. B. S., Medical officer of the Child Jesus Hospital was appointed as Visiting Medical Officer.

*Education.*—The children are being educated only upto V Standard since this Home is having only 5 Standards (from I to V Standard).

Necessary provision has been made for the physical exercise of the children. The Children are engaged in various types of out door games in the evenings.

*Vocational training.*—At present, the children on the whole are not being imparted any vocational training. But the girls are being given training in Embroidery and Needle work as a part of School curriculum.

*Discipline and Conduct.*—In General, the discipline and conduct of the pupils of this home are very good.

*Building, water supply and sanitation—Building.*—At the time of opening of this Home, only thatched sheds were provided to accommodate the children. Now the construction of 'A' Block with eight class rooms and an upstairs block for office and 'C' block (dining hall with a kitchen) have been completed. The construction of a 'B' block has not yet been completed.

*Extra curricular and other activities.*—During Saturdays all children are given religious and Moral instructions according to their creed. "Maravar Mandram" and cultural activities are held regularly on all Saturdays. All festivals and functions both Religious and National are celebrated without fail.

Educational and information films are being screened once a month regularly.

(3) *Child Welfare Home under the Indian Council for Child Welfare, Thanjavur District Branch, Thanjavur.*—This Home was opened during the year 1965 under the Third Five-Year Plan. It started functioning from 9th April 1965 and it was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister of Madras. There were 35 children at the commencement of the year (i.e. 1st January 1966). Six (6) were admitted and seven (7) were discharged during the year under report, leaving 34 children at the close of the year (i.e. 31st December 1966).

General education is imparted to the inmates upto IV Standard in the Home itself and those who are above this standard are sent to the outside High School. Tailoring and Gardening are the vocations taught to inmates in the Home. The children are progressing in all respects in the Home.

18. *Visitors.*—Her Excellency Thirumathi S. S. Ujjal Singh, wife of His Excellency the Governor of Madras visited the Junior Approved School under the Seva Samajam Girls' Home, Madras.

Dr. Thiru Chagla, Union Minister for Education, Thiru C. Subramaniam, Union Minister for Food, Thiru M. Bakthavatsalam, Chief Minister of Madras visited the Junior Approved School under Gandhigram, Madurai.

Thirumathi Maragatham Chandrasekhar, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Government of India visited the Junior Approved School under Gandhi Vidyalayam, Tiruchitrambalam, Thanjavur district.

Thiru A. Venkatesan, I.A.S., Home Secretary and Thiru M. A. K. Tayab, I.A.S., Deputy Secretary, Home Department visited the Special Residential Home for Children of Burma Repatriates, Mathur, Tiruchirappalli.

Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, Unitarian Service Committee of Canada visited the Junior Approved School under Seva Samajam Girls' Home, Madras.

The Official and Non-official visitors of the Committee of Visitors of all Approved Schools paid their usual visits and bestowed keen attention in the welfare of the inmates.

*Chief Inspector's visits and Inspection.*—The Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service conducted the annual departmental inspection of all the institutions under the Department except the Private Junior Approved Schools at Keelamoongiladi, Tiruchitrambalam and Lingathadimedu which were inspected by the Assistant Chief Inspector of Approved Schools. The Chief Inspector also conducted surprise inspections of all Government institutions besides periodical surprise visits to the Government institutions in the City and Mufassal.

19. *Honorary Officers.*—The various Honorary Officers, Committee Members and Religious and Moral Instructors of the Schools continued to evince interest in the welfare and reformatory training programmes of the pupils. Thiru M. Singaravelu, B.A., I.P.S., Chairman, Committee of Visitors to the Girls' Approved Schools, Madras and the Government Reception Homes, Madras continued to render all possible assistance to the institutions for the welfare of the inmates.

The Department is thankful to all the Honorary Officers, Chairman and members of the Committee of Visitors, Religious and Moral Instructors for their selfless services rendered to the hundreds of socially mal-adjusted and socially neglected children in the institution.

*Conclusion.*—I am glad to state that in spite of the several chronic handicaps such as acute accommodation problem which continued to exist during this year also in almost all the Approved Schools and the Government Reception Homes at Madras and the inadequate staff in proportion to the existing explosive population in the institutions, all the institutions under the control of this department, viz., the Reception Homes, Approved Schools, After-Care Homes and Juvenile Guidance Bureaux continued to function quite satisfactorily during the year under report.

The successful functioning of the various institutions despite the handicaps is mainly due to the devoted and willing service rendered by the Heads of all Government institutions and the staff in the Approved Schools, Reception Homes, After-Care Homes and my office colleagues. I convey my grateful thanks to one and all of them for their excellent co-operation and sincere service which has contributed to the successful working of the department during the year.

The Health of the children in all the Government Approved Schools continued to be satisfactory during the year and the Medical Officers attached to these Schools rendered satisfactory service to the children in times of their sickness, besides, regularly conducting periodical medical check-up of those children to ensure them of optimum good health.

The department acknowledges with grateful thanks the continued co-operation and help it has received from the state departments of Police, Judicial, Medical and Public Health, Education, Jail and its Probation Section.

To the managements of all the Private Approved Schools in the City and the Mufassal, I convey my thanks for their co-operation and devoted service to the Approved children in their institutions.

To the Chairman and members of the various School Committees and the Honorary Religious and Moral Instructors I offer my sincere thanks for their help and guidance in the managements of their schools.

Lastly, I am beholden to the benign Government for their valuable help and excellent co-operation extended to me which has contributed to the successful administration of the various institutions under the control of this department.

Yours faithfully,

JAYALAKSHMI A. RAO,

*Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and  
Vigilance Service.*

MADRAS-8,  
*Dated 26th September 1967.*



HOME DEPARTMENT

GO. P. No. 1292, 29th April 1968

Administration Report—Department of Approved Schools—Administration Report for 1966—Reviewed and Recorded.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Chief Inspector of Approved Schools and Vigilance Service,  
No. Pdl. 22/A1/66, dated 16th August 1967.

Order—No. 1292, Home, dated 29th April 1968..

The Government have considered the Administration Report of the Department of Approved Schools for 1966. The report is recorded with the following remarks :—

(1) *Policy*.—The aim of the Government has always been to create a vital and versatile correctional system. The emphasis is on educating the delinquents, so as to make them fit to shoulder their social responsibilities.

(2) *Statistics*.—The number of Government and private Approved Schools are 5 and 14 respectively. There were 4,714 pupils in all the Approved Schools at the end of the year, against 4,398 at the end of 1965. Boys outnumbered girls in admission, there being 3,729 boys against 985 girls. The daily average strength in 1966 was 4,567 against 4,491 during 1965.

(3) *Accommodation*.—All the Government Approved Schools were overcrowded.

(4) *Education*.—The Department continued to work successfully, with a comprehensive educational programme, comprising academic education, physical culture, industrial training and psychological re-orientation. Out of 1,430 pupils admitted during 1966 only 632 were literates and 798 were illiterates. All Approved Schools are recognised either as Higher Elementary Schools or as Basic Schools.

Vocational training was given in a wide range of skilled and semi-skilled trades like, carpentry, weaving, mat-weaving, spinning, masonry, tailoring, smithy, metal work, book-binding, dairy farming, agriculture, poultry keeping, embroidery, etc.

(5) *Food*.—It is observed that the food prepared for the pupils in all the Schools was of good quality and well balanced particularly in the Government Approved Schools.

(6) *Health and Hygiene*.—The general health of all the inmates of the Government Approved Schools was satisfactory.

(7) *Escapes*.—The number of escapes during the year was 182 as against 139 in 1965, of whom 76 pupils were secured and re-admitted into the respective schools, as against 63 pupils in 1965.

(8) *After-care Reports*.—The Government desire that After-Care reports which had not been received in respect of 84 cases should not recur. The Chief Inspector is requested to ensure that these reports are got in all cases and that there is no slackening in the follow-up, as an organised and effective after-care programme is the only insurance against relapse into delinquency. The Inspector-General of Prisons should also issue suitable instructions to the Probation Officers.

(9) *Revenue and expenditure*.—The total expenditure was Rs. 34,12,194.04 as against Rs. 33,64,600.84 in 1965. The receipts amounted to Rs. 1,97,822.20 against Rs. 1,67,036.43 in 1965. There is a slight increase in receipts during the year compared to the previous year.

(10) *General*.—The Department was on the whole run satisfactorily.

(By order of the Governor)

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*Secretary to Government.*

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 „ Director of School Education, Madras-6.  
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 „ District Collectors.  
 „ District and Sessions Judges.  
 „ Commissioner of Police, Madras-8  
 „ Registrar, High Court, Madras-1.  
 „ Secretariat, Madras-9.  
 „ Governor's Secretariat.  
 „ Public (Information and Publicity.) Department.