

HOME DEPARTMENT

REPORT ON THE  
WORKING OF BORSTAL SCHOOL  
PALAYAMKOTTAI

FOR THE YEAR  
1956

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To  
THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,  
HOME DEPARTMENT, FORT ST GEORGE, MADRAS-9

SIR,  
[Subject.—Report on the working of Borstal School, Palayamkottai, for the year 1956.]

I submit the report on the working of the Borstal School, Palayamkottai, for the year 1956.

2. *Accommodation*.—Accommodation available in the school is for 647 inmates. The daily average population was 504.93 against 581.73 in the previous year. The school was free from overcrowding throughout the year.

3. *Superintendents and medical charge*.—The following officers held executive charge of the school during the year :—

Sri K. P. R. Menon.—From 1st January to 3rd September 1956.

Dr. V. N. Viswanathan, M.B.B.S.—From 4th September to 3rd October 1956.

Sri K. P. R. Menon.—From 4th October to 22nd October 1956.

Dr. V. N. Viswanathan, M.B.B.S.—From 23rd October to 9th November 1956.

Sri T. N. Suryavastad.—From 9th November 1956 afternoon to 31st December 1956.

The medical charge of the school was held by Dr. Achama Thomas, L.M. & S. from the beginning of the year till 24th April 1956 and by Dr. V. N. Viswanathan, M.B.B.S., during the remaining part of the year.

4. *Classification*.—There was no change in the method of classification of the inmates.

5. *Education*.—The education imparted to the inmates comprises of the ordinary school curriculum up to VIII standard. The inmates are given elementary education in their mother-tongue, viz., Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Urdu. Inmates receive their education in convenient batches and are taught for 2 hours at a time, i.e., from 8 to 10 a.m., 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-30 to 3-30 p.m. Boys whose educational standard is above the VIII standard are afforded ample opportunities to improve their knowledge. Their services are also utilized for coaching up backward boys during nights in the association wards. Boys in the VIII standard are coached up for the E.S.L.C. Examination. They are specially allowed 5 hours' study against 2 hours per day as sanctioned in G.O. Ms. No. 4932, Home, dated 26th December 1951. During the year under report, eight boys appeared for the E.S.L.C. Examination and all of them came out successful. An inmate appeared for the S.S.L.C. Examination (for one subject, i.e., English) and failed to secure the required number of marks to pass.

The inmates of the school were supplied with Tamil and Malayalam daily newspapers "Swadesamitran" and "Mathruboomi". Besides the daily newspapers, the

following journals were supplied to the inmates of the school :—

Weekly—			
Mathruboomi	..	..	.. Malayalam.
Kalki	..	..	.. Tamil.
Jadeed Dilchup	..	..	.. Urdu.
Monthly—			
Health	..	..	.. English.
Nalvazhi	..	..	.. Tamil.
Kairali	..	..	.. Malayalam.

In addition to this, one copy of "American Reporter" in Tamil was received free of cost for study by the inmates.

There was no change in the Industrial Training afforded to the inmates of the school. The selection of inmates to various trades was done according to the special taste and aptitudes evinced by the inmates. They are trained in the following industries :—

Carpentry, Blacksmithy, Weaving, Binding, Paper-making, Tailoring, Masonry and Band.

Seven boys were sent for Weaving Technical Examination (Lower Grade) and four of them came out successful.

The inmates are also taught Agriculture, domestic duties such as cooking and washing, and also nursing work in the school hospital.

Sports and games, Physical training, Scout craft First Aid and Ambulance and religious and moral instruction formed part of the borstal education.

There were six houses in the school, distinguished by different colours, viz., green, red, blue, yellow, violet and orange. With a view to inculcate a healthy spirit of competition in the boys, inter-house matches, competitions and group competitions were held during the year.

*Court of Honour*.—The Deputy Superintendent of the School was the ex-officio Chairman of the Court of Honour in the institution. The Secretary was a member of the teaching staff and the monitors represented the houses while the court was in session. The Court of Honour system continued to function satisfactorily.

6. *Escapes and recaptures*.—There was only one escape from the extramural gang and the escapee is still at large. The officer responsible for the escape was dealt with departmentally.

7. *Offences and punishments*.—The number of offences committed by inmates of the school was 42 against 22 in the previous year. Of the 42, thirteen relate to work, 13 to other breaches of school rules, 8 to discipline 5 to

prohibited articles, and 3 to escapes. The punishments imposed on the inmates were as follows:—

Reduction in grade .. .. .	19
Warning .. .. .	14
Extra drill .. .. .	7
Recovery from badge money .. .. .	2
Total .. .. .	42

The conduct of the inmates in general was satisfactory.

7-A. *Reversion to crime*.—Of the 1,512 inmates discharged during the years 1952 to 1956, twenty-four reverted to crime. Six hundred and eighty-five ex-borstal inmates were under the supervision of the Probation Officers.

8. *Release on licence*.—Four meetings of the Visiting Committee were held during the year, for considering the releases under the scheme. On the recommendation of the Visiting Committee, 24 inmates were discharged on licence under section 15 (1) of the Madras Borstal Schools Act, 1925 (Madras Act V of 1925), against 16 in the previous year.

9. *Finance*.—The total expenditure of the school for the year under report was Rs. 2,18,607 against Rs. 2,22,025 in the previous year. The cost per head works out to Rs. 432-15-3 against Rs. 381-10-8 in the previous year. The rise in the cost per head is due to the increased expenditure under “Dietary, Transport and Contingencies”.

10. *Employment of inmates*.—The chief industries taught in the school were Weaving, Tailoring, Binding, Carpentry, Blacksmithy, Book-binding and Paper-making. The percentage of inmates employed on manufactures was 54.11 against 61.09 in the previous year. The gross outturn on manufactures was Rs. 61,511-8-6 against Rs. 51,564-6-7 in the previous year. The net profit under manufactures is Rs. 8,774-7-6 against Rs. 7,691-12-9 in the previous year.

11. *Vital statistics*.—During the year under report, the total number of admission to hospital increased from 50 in 1955 to 71. The daily average number of sick was 3.35 against 2.62 in the previous year. The increase in the number of admissions was due to the prevalence of measles in the school in the middle of the year. There was a death due to suicide. The suicide report was recorded in G.O. Ms. No. 196, Home, dated 25th January 1957.

The health of the inmates was satisfactory.

12. *Weightment statistics*.—Inmates were regularly weighed once a fortnight and their weightment statistics recorded in their history books. All the two hundred

and sixty-three inmates discharged during the year gained weight. The comparative figures for 1954, 1955 and 1956 are furnished below:—

Year.	Gained weight.	Lost weight.	Remained stationary.
1954 .. .. .	95.39	..	4.61
1955 . . . . .	100.00	..	..
1956 .. .. .	100.00	..	..

13. *Sanitary and other improvements*.—The buildings of the school remained in a good state of repairs. The school is run on most hygienic lines.

14. *Visits and inspections*.—The total number of visits paid by official and non-official visitors during the year under report was 17 as against 19 in the previous year. The number of visits paid by each visitor is furnished below:—

District Collector .. .. .	2
Sessions Judge .. .. .	3
District Magistrate .. .. .	1
District Educational Officer .. .. .	2
Non-official visitors .. .. .	9
Total .. .. .	17

The institution was inspected by the acting Inspector-General of Prisons Sri M. Harischander and I also visited the school.

15. *General features*.—Nil.

15-A. *Programme of work to be done*.—(1) Further extension of electrification of the school and staff quarters.

(2) Provision of verandas to blocks 2 to 7.

(3) Protected water-supply from the Municipal Water-supply scheme—Work is in progress.

(4) Improvements to the existing water-supply arrangements.

16. *Concluding remarks*.—The school staff worked satisfactorily and the Superintendent's supervision and guidance were adequate and effective during the year under report.

17. The administration report and after-care report of the Borstal School, Palayamkottai, are submitted for perusal and return.

*Inspector-General of Prisons.*

STATEMENT No. I.—Statement showing the number of adolescents discharged during the year 1956 from the Borstal School, Palayamkottai.

Name of district.	Number of inmates discharged.			Name of district.	Number of inmates discharged.		
	Casuals.	Habituals.	Total.		Casuals.	Habituals.	Total.
North Arcot ..	9	2	11	Ramanathapuram.	11	4	15
South Arcot ..	21	3	24	South Kanara ..	5	..	5
Chingleput ..	8	2	10	Salem ..	14	3	17
Coimbatore ..	9	2	11	Tirunelveli ..	24	2	26
Madras ..	26	5	31	Tanjore ..	26	3	29
Madurai ..	18	2	20	Tiruchirappalli.	19	2	21
Malabar ..	35	4	39	Travancore-	3	..	3
Nilgiris ..	1	..	1	Cochin.	..	..	..
				Total ..	229	34	263

STATEMENT No. III-B.—Statement showing the nature of industrial training given in the Borstal School, Palayamkottai, for the inmates under detention during the year 1956.

Name of avocation.	Number of inmates.	Name of avocation.	Number of inmates.
Tailoring .. ..	34	Band .. ..	11
Paper-making .. ..	7	Mason .. ..	12
Binding .. ..	17	Agriculturer .. ..	38
Blacksmithy .. ..	26	Cook .. ..	1
Weaving .. ..	59	Nursing orderly .. ..	Nil.
Carpentry .. ..	58		
		Total .. ..	263

STATEMENT No. II.—Statement showing the appointment of probation officers for those released on licence during the year 1956 from the Borstal School, Palayamkottai.

Name of district.	Number of appointments.			Name of district.	Number of appointments.		
	Official.	Non-official.	Total.		Official.	Non-official.	Total.
North Arcot ..	2	..	2	Ramanatha-	2	..	2
South Arcot ..	2	..	2	puram.	..	..	..
Coimbatore ..	2	..	2	Madurai ..	4	..	4
Chingleput ..	4	..	4	Tirunelveli ..	1	..	1
Madras ..	1	..	1	South Kanara.	2	..	2
Malabar ..	4	..	4				
				Total ..	24	..	24

STATEMENT No. V.—Statement showing the standard of education of inmates admitted and discharged during the year 1956.

## (1) Admitted during the year—

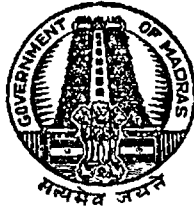
	Direct committals.	Recaptured.	Total.
Literates .. ..	117	..	117
Illiterates .. ..	101	..	101
Total .. ..	218	..	218

## (2) Discharged during the year—

	On admission.	On discharge
Literates .. ..	95	263
Illiterates .. ..	168	..
Total .. ..	263	263

STATEMENT No. III.—Statement showing the various kinds of occupations followed by the inmates of the Borstal School, Palayamkottai who were discharged during the year 1956.

Name of avocation.	Number of inmates.	Name of avocation.	Number of inmates.
Cooly .. ..	40	Tailoring .. ..	1
Cultivation .. ..	29	Cart Driver .. ..	4
Weaving .. ..	10	Mason .. ..	1
Reverted to crime .. ..	4	Fruit Seller .. ..	1
Report not received .. ..	93	Unemployed .. ..	19
Petty trade .. ..	6	Carpenter .. ..	4
Whereabouts are not known.	23	Grocery shop .. ..	1
Blacksmithy .. ..	1	Painter .. ..	1
Domestic servant .. ..	1	Rice mill worker .. ..	2
Tea-shop .. ..	6	Peon in a private firm .. ..	1
Factory .. ..	12	Scavenger .. ..	1
Flower Seller .. ..	1	Died .. ..	1
		Total .. ..	263



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G.O. No. 1997, 24th July 1957

Borstal School, Palayamkottai--Administration Report for 1956--Recorded.

READ--the following paper:--

From the Inspector-General of Prisons, Madras, dated 25th April 1957, 28th May 1957 and 14th June 1957, No. Pdl. 38/S1/57.

Order--No. 1997, Home, dated 24th July 1957.

Recorded.

(By order of the Governor)

E. U. DAMODARAN,  
Secretary to Government.

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- .. the Inspector-General of Prisons, Madras (with enclosures returned).
  - .. the Public (Information and Publicity) Department (with 3 copies of the Report).
  - .. the Governor's Secretariat.
  - .. the Chief Secretariat.
  - .. the Chief Secretariat (Library).
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  - .. the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools and Vigilance Service, Madras.
  - .. the Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Madras.
  - .. the Inspector-General of Police, Madras.
  - .. the Commissioner of Police, Madras.
  - .. all Collectors.
  - .. all District Magistrates.
  - .. all Sessions Judges.
  - .. the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Madras.
  - .. the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.
  - .. the Director of Medical Services, Madras.
  - .. the Director of Industries and Commerce, Madras.
  - .. the Director of Public Health, Madras.
  - .. the Accountant-General, Madras.
  - .. the Registrar, High Court, Madras (with a covering letter)
  - .. the Industries, Labour and Co-operation Department.
  - .. the Public Works Department.
  - .. the Health, Education and Local Administration Department
  - .. the Secretary, Madras Public Service Commission, Madras.
  - .. the Secretariat of Madras Legislature (3 copies).
  - .. the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi