

Attachment 2

16th November, 1950

Dear Matron,

With reference to our recent discussions concerning the State Girl, **REDACTED**, the Director has approved that, if the Government Medical Officer considers that this girl's outbursts of screaming are not due to any illness, there appears to be no alternative but to use Corporal Punishment.

The Director requests that I bring to your attention the Provisions of Regulations 23 and 24 of the Regulations made under the State Children Acts 1911-1955, which are set out hereunder. PUNISHMENT OF STATE CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS. 23. The Superintendent of any institution may punish any State child guilty of misconduct. All complaints and punishments for whatever shall be carefully recorded and entered in the punishment-book provided for that purpose, and such book shall be produced to the Director or Inspector whenever he visits the institution and after concerning the child CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.

24. Corporal punishment shall be administered as seldom as possible; and shall be only resorted to when absolutely necessary for discipline, and not for first offences unless of a grave nature. No corporal punishment shall be inflicted except by direction and in the presence of the superintendent.

Yours faithfully,

District Officer.

The Matron,
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