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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

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12-23-11-07.

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Leg^{re} Department

Copy of the question as admitted by
His Excellency the Governor is forwarded up.
to the Educational Department.

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The following draft answer is
Suggested:-

The matter has been
fully considered & "The Government are not
prepared to reconsider ^{modify} the order
already passed."

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Answer.

The Hon'ble Mr.

The matter has been fully considered and the Government are not prepared to modify the orders already passed.

H.D. Taylor,

Ag. Secretary to Government.

(Approved by the Hon'ble Mr. G.S. Forbes, C.S.I.)

12-25-11-07.

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(b) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the memorial, dated 29th April 1907, referred to is the memorial by the students to the Director published in the *Hindu*, dated 31st July 1907, how many signed it and whether the memorialists have been asked to substantiate their statements?

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(e) Is it a fact that students in many of the Colleges in Madras and elsewhere were attending their classes all the time with *Vande Mataram* badges without objection being taken?

(f) Will the Government be pleased to state whether Mr. Hunter and his predecessor in office were in the habit of issuing orders in writing and posting the same on the notice-board sometimes with a warning that disobedience to such orders would entail penalties, such orders in writing extending even to unimportant matters such as that students should not pluck flowers or leaves of plants in the compound, and whether no written orders were issued prohibiting the wearing of the *Vande Mataram* badges?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the non-issuing of written orders led to a widespread impression among the students that Mr. Hunter did not and would not issue a written order prohibiting the use of the *Vande Mataram* medals as there could be no legal prohibition against wearing them in the College and that discretion was left to them as to whether they should follow his advice not to wear them and that this circumstance led to the students' wearing the tickets on the 24th April? If Government has no information on the above matters, will Government be pleased to obtain this information?

(h) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any notice was given by the College authorities to the parents or guardians that the conduct of their wards required amendment, close scrutiny and control?

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(j) Is it a fact that several students when asked to remove the medals had obeyed in the first instance ~~showing no preconcerted design~~ and when they were asked to leave the College in case they did not remove the badges in two or three minutes many of the students had left ~~under the impulse of the moment~~?

referred to

Ans. a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j

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(2) Have nearly all the students submitted their apology and requested their Principal to admit them on the reopening of the College and the guardians submitted memorials to your Excellency's Government requesting to be excused for the thoughtless conduct of their wards?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to discriminate between the ring-leaders, if any, and the rest and cancel or modify their order so as to enable the students of all classes to prosecute their studies at Rajahmundry from the next year?

(4) Is it not a fact that the students have throughout claimed that they wore the badges only to express their love for their motherland and disclaimed any connection with politics?

(5) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, apart from the prohibition by the Principal, the students acted illegally or wrongly in wearing the *Vande Mataram* badges when they attended the College?

(6) Has the Government made any enquiries into the constitution or working of the association known as the "Bala Bharata Samiti", of Rajahmundry and will the Government be pleased to state if there be any objection to students joining the same?

(7) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the heads of colleges—unaided and private—have been requested not to admit the students rusticated at Rajahmundry during the period of suspension?

Copy of notes on Question No. LVIII by the Hon'ble
B. Narasimheswara Sarma Garu.

G.O. No. 385, dated 18th June 1907, and G.O.
No. 491, dated 1st August 1907, are put up.

I submit that, in its present form, the ques-
tion should be disallowed. Clause (k) assumes that
apologies were admissible as a matter of right by
a fixed date, and clause (o) raises the question
as to whether the wearing of Vande Mataram medals
was an offence. Clause (p) is equally objectionable.
If the question is admitted clauses (k), (o) and (p)
should be disallowed - also perhaps (e) and (i).

But if answer is to be given, it should, I
think, be in general terms: to the effect that
Government are not prepared to reopen the inquiry
to give further information, or to reconsider the
orders already passed.

H.D.T.
26-11-07.

K. is hypothetical and may be struck out: but
better admit the rest. One connected answer may be
given.

G.S.F.

But a little more
in detail.

G.S.F.

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Please take copy of Hm's note in Educational and send to Legue with a clean copy of the question.

H.D.T.
27.11.07

Copy of the Hm's note has been taken and the file has been forwarded to Legue.

2. The papers are resubmitted for framing a drafting a reply. In this connection, please see Question No. XXXII, by the Honble K. Srinivasa Rao on the same subject and the draft answer submitted for approval.

R.D.
27.11.07

See.

The following answer is sub^{to}.

" The A.M. is referred to the
" answer to Question no. XXXII.
" The incidents which led to the
" mistreatment of certain students
" in the Rajahmundry College
" have been fully ~~discussed~~ discussed
" in pp. no 385 Vol. 2 of 8.6.07 which
" was placed on the Editor's Table
" & to which the A.M.'s attention is
" now invited. The Government
" ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{has} ~~carefully~~ ^{carefully} ~~considered~~ ^{considered}
" ~~gave the last answer~~

* in a separate file
in the same box

But the in the G.O.
which is required
Resubmit the question

R.D.

"after very careful consideration
"thought it necessary to as a
"salutary lesson to inflict a
"severe ^{punish} ~~punishment~~ on those
"students who had been guilty
"of a grave breach of discipline in
"and openly disobeying the orders
"of the Principal of the College. ~~the~~
"those students who had satisfactory
"explanations to give, or who on
"subsequent enquiry were found to
"have been absent on the day on which
"the incident occurred, have been
"re-admitted into the College. The
"Govt are not prepared to re-open
"the enquiry or to furnish the
"information asked for by the H.M."

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Clas
27.11.7.

I do not think that the first part of the
proposed reply will do. It merely refers the
H.M. to the P.O. the statement which
he can see throughout.

I would substitute
"The H.M. appears to be under an
entire misapprehension as to the
punish or what the Govt. order

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Please see (2) Have
any such order issued?

What is it?

By
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Please see the portions
underlined in para 13
of D.O. 385 of 18.6.07.

Govt gave official orders
only to Govt & aided
colleges. But in the D.O.
to D.P.D. of the 17th June
in p. 8 of K.W. to the D.O.
the D.P.D. was specially
asked to carry out
these orders effectively.

~~The stoppage of recognition~~
~~is the rule, namely~~ The
only unaided private
college is the Vijnanashan
Maharaja's college.

See 10 of K.W.

Ad
27.11.07.

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The draft ^{answer} is submitted for approval
 if a specific answer is required to
 clause (g) or (h) as renumbered
 it may be to the effect that no such
 orders have been issued by Gov.
 I believe that the authorities of the
 Virginian College refused, of their
 own motion, to admit the
 suspected students - but have no
 definite information.

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 27.11.07

I have passed the draft
 answer with some slight
 additions.

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Draft answer.

LVIII.

The Hon'ble Member appears to be under ~~an entire~~ misapprehension as to the principle on which the Government order referred to proceeded. The facts, as ascertained by Government, showed clearly that there had been a grave breach of discipline and open defiance of duly constituted authority on the part of the majority of the students attending ~~the~~ a Government College.

It was therefore deemed necessary as a salutary lesson to pass ^{in the interests of} ~~general~~ ^{School} discipline instructions for the orders punishing all students who were ~~reasonably~~ ^{were} believed to have taken a ^{took} part in the misconduct, referred to.

Those students who had satisfactory explanations to give, or who on subsequent enquiry were found to have been absent on the day on which the incident occurred, have been re-admitted into the College. The Government are not prepared to re-open the enquiry, or to furnish ~~the~~ ^{assist} information asked for by the Hon'ble Member.

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H.D. Taylor,

Ag. ~~Assistant~~ Secretary to Government.

To the Legislative Department, U.O.

(The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble
Mr. G.S. Forbes, C.S.I.)

It is submitted that the papers may be -
'Recorded'.

2. The draft below is for approval -

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