

Educational (1909) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 51

DATED 26-1-09.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Leg. Council questions.

Recording papers relating to the answers
~~relating to the~~ re: religious instruction in
~~the~~ lectures in Bd and Muml Schools, asked at
the meeting of the Council of the 25th Jan 1909.

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12-18-1-09.

Educational Department.

The Hon'ble Raja VASUDEVA RAJA Valia Nambidi of Kollengode :—

XVI. (a) Is it the intention of Government that Board and Municipal school-rooms should not be used for religious lectures or religious studies even out of school-hours, and that Board and Municipal teachers should not hold in them voluntary classes in religion before or after school-hours?

(b) ~~If the Government see no objection to the boys getting religious instruction out of school hours in the tenets of their own religion in their school rooms,~~ will the Government be pleased to remove the prohibition imposed on the Victoria College, Palghat, by the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, Dis No. 548, dated 27th January 1905, in which he says "the teachers in a school under public management are not at liberty to give religious instruction of any kind during school-hours, nor is it desirable that the building be used for such purposes at any time"?

[Meeting of 25th January 1909.]

Copy of Question as admitted by H.E. forwarded to the Educational Deptt u.o.

Ans 18-1-09. RD 19-1-09.

Cled 19-1-09.

Leg no 38-2 19-1-09.

Edl C no. 98. 19-1-09.

19-1-09

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Muhammadian Lower
Secondary School,
under the management
of the Taluk Board
of Arni.

G.O. No. 358 Edl K
25.5.05

Para. 2 of G.O. No. 358 Edl K
25.5.05

In G.O. No. 464 Educational dated 27th July 1904, the Government expressed the opinion that it was undesirable to allow the school building at Arni to be utilised for the purpose of imparting religious instruction which might be of a sectarian character and might not always be acceptable to the whole of the Muhammadian community. In May 1905, in connection with a proposal from the Muhammadian Educational Association of Southern India to impart religious instruction to the pupils of the Madrasa-i-Azam out of school hours, the Government said that it was far from their intention to place any unnecessary obstacles in the way of imparting religious instruction in a room in that institution, provided that the following conditions, among others, were satisfied, namely,

- (1) that the instruction was given out of school hours and did not interfere in any way with the school curriculum, and
- (2) that no boys were admitted to the religious instruction classes without the written consent of their parents or guardians.

2. The Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction No. 548 dated 27th January 1905, referred to in clause (b) of the question, were apparently based on G.O. No. 464 Educational dated 27th July 1904 and were issued before G.O. No. 358 Educational dated 25th May 1905 was passed.

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vide pages 1 of the notes
flagged G

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— Please see page 6 of K.W. to that G.O. in which the proceedings are printed. In D.O. No. 116 dated 25th May 1905, the Director of Public Instruction was requested to interpret his proceedings above quoted in accordance with G.O. No. 388 Educational dated 25th May 1905, and it was stated that ~~that~~ G.O. enunciated a general policy, the carrying out of which was left to the discretion of the Director of Public Instruction. - Vide D.O. No. 127 dated 5th January 1905 on page 5 of the notes flagged G. It is not known whether the Director of Public Instruction has modified his proceedings No. 548, dated 27th January 1905, so as to remove the prohibition against the use of public school buildings for giving religious instruction. From paragraph 4 of Sir James Thomson's note dated 14th June 1905, on page 4 of the note flagged G, it is observed that it was not the intention of Government to prohibit teachers in schools under public management from imparting religious instruction¹ out of school hours.

3. The ~~follo~~ following draft answer is suggested.

Draft answer.

- (a) The reply to the first part of the question is in the negative.
- (b) The proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction referred to do not prohibit the teachers of the Victoria College from giving religious instruction out of school hours. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to modify his proceedings in so far as they prohibit the use of school buildings for the imparting of religious instruction, out of school hours, if he has not already done so.

18.1.09

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Will the D.P.I. please say whether his Proceedings of 27.1.05 are still in force?

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18.1.09

D.P.I. no.

E.O. No. 4 of 19-1-09.

The Proceedings are still in force

19.1.09



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There are 9 hundred religions
in this country & one
school building?

G.F.

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Intro. to H.M.

H.L. has ordered the omission
of the first two lines of
clause (b).

The questions are difficult to
answer.

The D.P.D.'s Proc^{ns} of 27 Jan '05
is on p. 6 of the notes with
fo. of 25/5/05 No 358. It
amounts to a prohibition of
religious teaching in schools
under ~~public~~ management
during school hours & a
caution against using the
buildings for such teaching
at any time.

This Proc^{ns} came under
consideration in the note file
flagged G & it was deemed
advisable to say nothing more
than that fo. of 25/5/05 No
358 enunciates a general
policy the carrying out of
which is left to the Director's
discretion.

The D.P.D. now reports that
his Proc^{ns} has not been
cancelled & is still in force.
I should be inclined to reply

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NOTES.

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to clause (a) in the terms
of 25/5/05. No 358 that
Govt. "have no desire to
"unnecessary obstacles
"way of religious teaching
"of school hours" and, as
clause (b), it might be
answered that the Director
will doubtless fully consider
any representations which
may be made to him in
regard to religious instruction
out of school-hours
in the Victoria College, Palghat.

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I have assumed that the
of May '05 is to be adhered
to. Whether the previous order
of 29/7/04, No 464, was more
prudent is another
matter. ^{It may be mentioned that S.O.}
dated 4 June 1904, No 1023,
had direct reference to the
Victoria College, Palghat, &
negatived a proposal to
introduce regular teaching
in religion into the College. I
presume that all
there is no 19/11

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question of allowing
religious instruction during school hours

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Sharp please
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[g.o. no. 51 ~~of~~ 26-1-9]

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