

Educational (1913) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 536

DATED 10-6-1913.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislation Council Regarding papers relating
to the question asked by the Hon'ble Sivaswami
Durai Ramabhadram Nayudan at the meeting
of the — held at the 16th May 1913 on the subject of
fall in the strength of the Madras School of
Arts —

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Educational Department.

**The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur V. Ramabhadra Nayudu Garu, Zamindar of
Doddappanayakkanur.**

Question 90. (a) Are Government aware that there has been a fall in the strength of the student population attending the Madras School of Arts?

(b) If so, has the fall in numbers anything to do with the re-modelling of the institution?

(c) What are the duties of the Superintendent and the teachers of the institution under the new system and have they adequate work to do during each working day?

[Meeting of the 16th May 1915.]

Clause (a). The fact that there was a fall in the strength of the School of Arts in 1911-12 has already been noticed by Government. - Vide para 2 of G.O., No.618 Edl., dated 11th July 1912.

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2 Clause (b). One of the chief items of re^{modelling}~~reorgan~~ of the school sanctioned in G.O.No.504, Edl., dated 8th July 1908, was to give up the separate classes for drawing and painting not associated with any industry and to attach a class for drawing and designing to every industrial department, so as to produce a more complete correlation of the art with the industrial work.

para. 3 of (X)

The special report which was called for with reference to the fall in strength in 1911-12 showed that it was due to "all general classes wherein drawing and painting were taught mostly to part-time "drawing class students having gradually been abolished" as a result of the reorganization and "a class in oil painting attached to the lacquer work department and taught by the painting instructor also having been closed in April 1911." Though the assistant superintendent formed another painting class and undertook its tuition, the figures for that class were not shown in the annual report. It will thus be seen that the fall was in a measure due to the remodelling. A copy of the D.P.I.'s letter may be furnished to the Additional Member.

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3 Clause (c).--The duties of the superintendent and teachers of the institution are not specifically defined anywhere. The distribution of work among the staff shown on pages 5 and 6 of notes with G.O. No. 368 Edl., dated 21st June, 1909 must have undergone a good deal of alteration with reference to the subsequent changes introduced in the teaching of drawing.

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Latest information on the subject is not available. A statement may perhaps be obtained and furnished to the Additional Member.

4. If it is alleged that with the closing of the separate drawing classes the former drawing teachers would have no adequate work, it will be seen from para.2 of the D.P.I's letter dated 11th February 1909, on page 7 of G.O.No.368, Edl., dated 21st June 1909, that the intention was to attach one or two teachers to each industrial department. When the reorganization of the staff was sanctioned in that year there was some misgiving as to whether the whole of the staff proposed was really necessary. In consequence of it, though the full staff of 12 additional hands was sanctioned, discretion was given to the Director to employ fewer teachers than the sanctioned scale, if he considered the attendance did not justify it, and to introduce the latter gradually as the ~~attendance increased~~ attendance increased. The annual report of the school for 1909-10 showed that the full staff of permanent establishment was entertained in that year and subsequent reports do not show that any reduction had been made in the establishment.

5. The ~~xxx~~ strength at the close of 1911-12, though it was less than in 1910-11, was almost equal to that in 1909-10 when the full staff was entertained for the first time even under the caution administered by Government. There is not likely to be any unnecessary overstaffing at present.

Clause (c) of para 2 of
G.O. 368 dt 21-6-09.

Page 2 of G.O. 495 dt
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Table I on p. 7 of G.O.
618 dt 11-7-12.

In 1909-10 — 346.
In 1911-12 — 344.

6. The following draft answer is submitted for approval:--

(a) and (b).--The report of the School of Arts for 1911-12 having showed a fall in the strength of the school the Government obtained a special report from the Director of Public Instruction explaining the causes of the decrease. A copy of the report will be furnished to the Hon'ble Member.

(c).--A statement showing the duties of the superintendent and teachers of the school will be obtained from the Director of Public Instruction and furnished to the Hon'ble Member. The Government have no reason to suppose that the staff has not ~~not~~ got adequate work.

7. The file may be forwarded to the D.P.I. for any remarks he may wish to offer on the proposed answers.

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Draft Answer.

Question No. 90. The occurrence of a fall in the total strength of the School of Arts attracted the attention of Government when reviewing the administration of that institution for the year 1911-12. A special report on the point was called for and showed that the decrease took place in April 1911 and was due mainly to discontinuance of instruction in drawing and painting un-associated with industrial work. The Government have no reason to suppose that the staff is not adequately employed. The distribution of work among them is left to the discretion of the Superintendent subject to the general control of the Director of Public Instruction.

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The question and answer as finally approved were as follows: 7

Question 84. (a) Is it a fact that there has been a fall in the strength of the student population attending the Madras School of Arts?

Attendance at
School of Arts,
Madras.

(b) If so, has the fall in numbers anything to do with the re-modelling of the institution?

(c) What are the duties of the Superintendent and the teachers of the institution under the new system and have they adequate work to do during each working day?

Answer 84—

The occurrence of a fall in the total strength of the School of Arts attracted the attention of Government when reviewing the administration of that institution for the year 1911-12. A special report on the point was called for and showed that the decrease took place in April 1911 and was due mainly to the discontinuance of instruction in drawing and painting unassociated with industrial work. The Government have no reason to suppose that the staff is not adequately employed. The distribution of work is left to the discretion of the Superintendent subject to the general control of the Director of Public Instruction.

2. The papers may now be recorded. A draft order is submitted for approval.

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