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Recording note with question No 101 asked at the meeting of Nov 1913 re the appointment of the Supdt. of the Presidency Training school for mistresses.

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Question No 97



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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

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23.10.13.

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SUBJECT.—Question No. 97 proposed to be asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 11—11— 1913.

SUBMITTED that ^{two}~~three~~ copies of this question may be forwarded to the Educational Department with reference to No. (1) of the rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with questions to be asked in the Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due course.

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To
The Educational Department u.o.

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Educational Department.

The Hon'ble Mr. T. Richmond.

Question 97 (i) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, during the two years Miss Patterson has been in charge of the Presidency Training school for girls as its superintendent, (a) the school has increased in popularity and its strength risen by about 50 *per cent.*, and whether (b) the results of the public examinations during that period have been very satisfactory?

Appointment of
the Superinten-
dent of the
Presidency
Training
School for
Mistresses.

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the school has been visited by members of Government and the institution found up to date and in a satisfactory and flourishing condition?

(iii) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the appointment of the Superintendent of the Presidency Training School is not open to qualified teachers recruited and born in this country and whether there existed any special reasons for superseding Miss Patterson and bringing out a new superintendent from Europe?

(iv) (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the new superintendent is acquainted with the vernaculars of this country and has had any previous experience of Indian students and whether she has managed before, as head mistress or superintendent, an institution like the Presidency Training school?

(b) And whether Miss Patterson, in addition to being a graduate, is acquainted with and qualified in several South Indian languages, the languages of the students of the school?

(v) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the supersession of Miss Patterson has caused great discontent and dissatisfaction amongst the Anglo-Indian and other lady teachers serving under Government?

[Meeting of 11th November 1913.]

The post of Superintendent of the Presidency Training School for Mistresses, Madras, is included in the cadre of the Indian Educational Service and the power of appointing a candidate for the post vests, therefore, in the Secretary of State. When Miss Bernard, the permanent Superintendent of the school, retired in September last the Director of Public Instruction requested that the Secretary of State might be addressed for the selection of a candidate for the post, who should preferably be a graduate of a British University or have been classed in honours at Oxford or -- Cambridge, and trained in a secondary training college. About the same time Miss Patterson who was acting as Superintendent in the place of Miss Bernard from the 26th June 1911, submitted a memorial to the Secretary of State through this -- Government requesting that she might be appointed permanently to the post. In forwarding her application to Government, the Director of Public -- Instruction did not make any recommendation, apparently because she was only a local graduate, and this Government accordingly stated in their -- despatch to the Secretary of State that they had no special recommendation to make on Miss Patterson's behalf. The Secretary of State ~~thereon~~ appointed one Miss Ethel Dixon for the post. In para 4 of his despatch No. 3 Public, dated the 4th July 1913, the ~~Secretary of State~~ stated that the application of Miss Jessie Patterson was duly considered by the Selection Committee at the Board of Education, but that she was not recommended for the appointment.

2. As to the answers to be given to the several clauses of the question the following -- note is submitted:-

Para 3 of memorandum printed on page 8 of G.O. 709 1.8.13 (K)

Para 1 of memo re Indian Sch. appointments on page 4 of G.O. 709 1.8.13 (K)

Para 1 of S.P.S. letter, page 1 of G.O. No. 10738 5.12.12 (V)

Memorial printed on page 3 & 4 of Despatch No. 4 S.P. 5.12.12 (H)

S.P.S. letter 23.9.12 on page 3 of G.O. No. 10738 5.12.12 (V)

Para 4 of Despatch (H)

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Clause (i). From the figures in para 6 of Miss Patterson's memorial printed with Despatch No.4 dated 5th December 1912 it will appear that the school has increased in strength and that the results of the public examinations were also satisfactory. As no separate report of the school is received by Government it is not possible to check the figures. -- Assuming, however, that they are correct and judging by them the school may be said to have increased in popularity. The answer to this clause may therefore be in the affirmative.

Clause (ii). The school was visited by the Hon'ble Mr. Sivaswami Ayyar in July last. The Hon'ble Member suggested that the question of adding college -- classes to the school and providing additional accommodation for it should be considered. A memo has accordingly been issued to the Director of Public Instruction on the subject and the file is now under circulation to the Hon'ble Member for perusal. It is not known whether he has recorded any minute about the working of the school. It is also understood that His Excellency visited it, but what opinion was expressed by him is not known. The Director of Public Instruction may, it is submitted, be asked to telephone by which of the Members of Government ~~was~~ the school visited recently and whether there is any record of opinions that might have been expressed by them on the working of the school.

Clause (iii). The appointment being one included in the Indian Educational Service is one reserved for the Secretary of State's patronage. The memorandum issued by him merely states that candidates for these appointments should be British subjects and does not seem to prohibit the appointment to the post of -- 'qualified teachers' in this --

*(Decided on 27/10.)
(referred on 30/10)*

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Necessaries. If any
opinions were recorded
in the Visitors' Book they
will probably refer only to
satisfactory aspects. Their
being dealt with officially.
Hon. Mr. Sivaswami might sug-
gested definite improvements &
it is known that the school
is not perfect, as the sanction
succeeds. H.*

*Para 1 of memo re L. 2000/1912
page 4 of 7. M. 7098 of 1-8-13 (K)*

Para 4, page 5 of 7. - (K)

4.5. letter on page 2
of p. N. 360722.5.06 (J)

country. Miss Bernard, the previous incumbent, ^{herself} was a member of the Subordinate Educational Service in this Presidency before her appointment as Superintendent. Though, obviously, the reason for not selecting Miss Patterson is the absence of European educational qualifications, as the selection has been made by the Secretary of State, who has definitely assigned any reasons for not selecting it does not seem desirable to give any committed answer to the question. The answer to this class ^{Somewhat} may, it is submitted, be as follows:--

"The appointment being included in the Indian Educational Service is filled in England by the Secretary of State. No rule seems to have been prescribed by him excluding from the field of recruitment qualified candidates born in this country. Miss Patterson's application ^{for confirmation} ~~was~~ in the appointment was duly considered by the Secretary of State in dealing with the matter."

She has not, I know.

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Please see her applⁿ
on page 6 of p. N. 576 (M)
19.6.13

She doesn't know
any of them. N.

Clause 10 of agreement on
page 3 & 4 of p. N. 709 of 1.8.13.
Clause 9 of agreement & also
rule 5 on page 8 of p. 738 (M)
14.12.13

Clause 12 (a) ^{of p. 738} page 2 ante.

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Clause (iv). (a) Miss Ethel Dixon does not appear to have held any appointment in India before her appointment as Superintendent of the Presidency Training School for Mistresses. It is not therefore likely that she would have already acquainted ^{herself} with the vernaculars of the country. The Government have however no definite information on the point. But under her agreement she is to be on probation for ~~a~~ ^{two} years within which she is ^{required} ~~requested~~ to pass the vernacular examinations prescribed by the local Government.

The reply to the question whether she has any previous experience of Indian students is also be in the negative.

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Diocesan Training College and assistant lectu
method at Fulham Training College. It does not
appear that she was a headmistress or superinte
of a training institution^(anywhere). The answer to this
part of the question should again be in the negat

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(b) Miss Patterson is well acquainted with Ka
Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam and knows also Canare
to some extent. The answer to this part of the
question may therefore be in the affirmative.

Clause (v). The Government have not received
any representations on the subject from any quarter.
The answer may be that the Government are not aware
that the non-selection of Miss Patterson has caused
any such discontent or dissatisfaction.

A telephonic message to the D.P.I. with referenc
to clause (ii) and a draft answer with reference to
other clauses are submitted below

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24.10.13. CA
30.10.

Box 170

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Draft Answer.

(i) During the period in question the school increased in strength and the -- results of the public examinations were also satisfactory.

(ii) It was visited by Members of the Government; ~~the~~ improvements to it are ~~the~~ ~~the~~ under consideration.

(iii) Its superintendent is appointed by the Secretary of State, who has made no rule barring qualified candidates born in India and considered Miss Patterson's application for confirmation in the post.

(iv)(a). No.

(iv)(b) Yes.

(v) The Government are not aware of it.

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31-10-13.

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The final form of the question & answer was as follows:—

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(b) Yes.

(v) The Government are not aware of it.

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