

Educational
Local & Munl. (1906) Department.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 134 ~~P.~~

DATED 10-2-16.

[Despatch Abstract.]

*Legislative Council Recording
notes connected with a question
asked at the meeting of the
held on 1-2-16 re the holding of
the special tests examinations
twice a year.*

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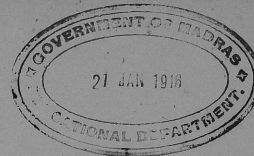
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Legislative Department. ✓

The Honourable Mr. V.S. Srinivasa Sastri.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Question 112. (a) Have the Government received any representations regarding the desirability of holding the special test examinations twice a year?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to consider such desirability, especially in the case of the Precis-writing Test, in which the percentage of failure is large?



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VERY URGENT.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

QUESTION - No. 112

for the meeting of the

Legislative Council to be held on the 1st February 1918.

Submitted that two copies of this Question may be forwarded
to the *Eol* Department with reference to Nos. (1)
and (4) of the rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing
with these Questions in the Legislative Council. Orders regarding
admission will be communicated in due course.

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To
The *Eol* Dept u.o. with 112

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The question of holding the special test examinations twice a year, had been before the Govt more than once. In 1907, with reference to the memorial of certain persons from the Coimbatore district that the Revenue Test examination should be held twice a year, Mr Logan, the then Commissioner for Govt Examinations, strongly objected to it on the grounds that if the examination in one test was to be held twice a year, the same procedure should be adopted in the case of the other tests also, that there would be enormous increase of work in his office, that it would be difficult to get suitable examiners twice in the year and that there would be the danger of the precautions in the elaborate system of safeguards against fraud, being ineffective. The Board of Revenue was also not in favour of the suggestion. The Govt therefore declined to comply with the request of the memorialists. Vide G.O. no. 399 D. of the 22nd June 1907.

Subsequently, in 1913 when the same suggestion was made by certain memorialists in the same district, Sir Alfred Bowyer, the then Commissioner, while sharing the views of Mr Logan, pointed out that the reduction in the period available for preparation would largely increase the number of second or further failures and that the proposal

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proposal would dislocate work in all public offices from which the bulk of the candidates appear for the examinations. The Govt accordingly declined to ~~comply with~~ ^{grant} the request of the memorialists - vide G.O. No. 550 Ed. of the 19th June 1913.

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Recently, in July, 1915, with reference to the request of the Trichinopoly Bar association that the Precis-writing Test may be held twice a year, Mr Duncan, then Acting Commissioner pointed out as follows:-

The results in the test are generally poor. Notwithstanding the high academical qualifications of the candidates and go to prove that Estimate of the time required for preparation is "rather low. Even now when the examination is held annually candidates do not find sufficient time or opportunities to make the necessary preparation for this test and if the examination were made half-yearly, candidates would be at a further disadvantage inasmuch as they would have fewer opportunities for exercises and practice in abstracting a precis, than they now have between consecutive tests with the probable result that they would only add to the failures".

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The Govt. ~~unwillingly~~ declined to comply with the request - vide G.O. No. 731 Ed. of the 5th July 1915.

A cutting from the "New India" of the 17th inst. advocating the holding of half-yearly examinations in

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in the Precis-writing and other tests is also put up.

2. It may be mentioned here that in connection with the question of the preponderance of the Brahmans element in Govt Service, which is separately under consideration, the Hon'ble Sir P.S. Sivaswami Ayyar has suggested the abolition of the Precis-writing test, while the Hon'ble Mr. Cawdor has agreed to the proposal so far as executive officers are concerned.

3. The following draft answer is suggested.

(a) Yes

(b) The Govt. ~~has~~ considered the suggestion, but ~~do~~ ^{not} think it desirable or expedient to adopt it.

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23/1 Draft answer
to Reg. notice

Answer
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H. E. the Governor.

26.1.16
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The final form of the question
and answer was as follows:—

- 110 Q.—(a) Have the Government received any representations regarding the desirability of holding the special test examinations twice a year?
- (b) Will the Government be pleased to consider such desirability, especially in the case of the Précis-writing test, in which the percentage of failure is large?
- 110 A.—(a) Yes.
- (b) The Government considered the suggestion, but did not think it desirable or expedient to adopt it.

Holding of special test examinations twice a year.

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