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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question.

Recording papers relating to Question No. 167 asked by the Honourable Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 21st November 1916 and the answer given thereto regarding the employment of agricultural instructors and drawing masters in certain training schools.

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QUESTION.—No. 129

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the 21st November 1916.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the
Home (Ed.) & Revenue 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
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The Hon'ble Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar.

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Q.129. (a) Is it a fact that training institutions provided for training teachers up to Lower Primary schools are not provided with Agricultural Instructors or Drawing Masters?

(b) In view of the importance of imparting instructions in Agriculture and drawing to students in the Lower Primary classes also, will the Government be pleased to provide such Training Institutions with Agricultural Instructors and Drawing Masters?

2. As regards instruction in agriculture it has recently been held that agriculture proper should not be one of the subjects taught in elementary schools as the boys in such schools do not possess the necessary technical or scientific training needed to benefit by instruction in that subject. It has however been recommended that in its place principles of elementary rural science

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There are three grades of training schools viz. secondary, higher elementary and lower elementary. Under the scheme of reorganization sanctioned in 1912 and 1913, all secondary training schools are to be attached to model secondary schools. Higher and lower elementary training schools have separate staffs of their own. The staff of a higher elementary training school includes an agricultural instructor, who is to impart instruction mainly in "Nature Study", a drawing master and a gymnastic instructor. In the reorganization ~~referred to~~ these instructors or masters were not provided for lower elementary training schools. Apparently it was thought that such elementary instruction in these subjects as was required for lower elementary teachers could be imparted by the ordinary staff. In 1914, the Director of Public Instruction pointed out that there was need for a separate gymnastic instructor in the elementary training schools and this was sanctioned in G.O.No.1231, Edcl., dated the 4th November 1914. There is no separate agricultural instructor or drawing master in them. The Additional Member apparently refers to the ~~the~~ lower elementary schools in the question, and if so, the answer to clause (a) is in the affirmative.

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may be taught to such pupils and that consequently the teachers undergoing training in elementary training schools should receive instruction in that subject. Accordingly certain officers of the Educational Department were deputed for special training and it was proposed that these officers should, after receiving such training, draw up syllabuses in "rural science" for use in training institutions and should also deliver lectures on the subject to selected teachers of training schools who will in turn impart the instruction to pupil-teachers undergoing training. It will thus be seen that there is no need for the employment of separate agricultural instructors as proposed by the Additional Member.

3. As regards drawing masters, it is submitted that drawing is at present one of the subjects taught in lower elementary training schools by the ordinary staff. If there is need for a separate drawing master, the D.P.I. will presumably bring it to the notice of the Government. It does not therefore seem necessary to consider the question now. Perhaps the D.P.I. may be consulted.

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

"Agriculture is not one of the subjects included in the course of study prescribed for lower elementary training schools to which the Honourable Member presumably refers, but instruction is given in 'Nature Study'. Instruction in the latter subject as well as in drawing is given by qualified members of the regular staff and the need for the employment of separate instructors in the two subjects has not hitherto been

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D.P.I. may be asked to state if he has any alteration to suggest in the draft answer.

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A draft order is submitted.

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