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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council

Recording notes connected with the
question asked by the Hon Mr K. Rawa Azg an
at the meeting of the — held on the 5th April 1916
re the withholding the results of one N
Ramasevani, a candidate for the S. C. ...



No. 1078 Eol.
21.3.16
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QUESTION.—No. 16 for the meeting of the Legislative
Council to be held on the 5-4-1916.

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.

U.O. No. 771-1 dated 21.3.16
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To
The Eol Department with Q. 16.

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The Hon'ble Mr.K.Rama Ayyangar.

Educational Department.

14. Is it a fact that one N.Ramaswami, an Ahambadiya caste student of the American High School, Madura, was sent up for the S.S.L.C.Examination and underwent the same, the necessary leaving certificates having been given by the Head-master of the Institution before he was permitted to undergo the examination? Is it a fact that subsequently to his answering his examination papers, the Secretary of the S.S.L.C. Board has refused to publish his results as the pupil has not got the required attendance in the 2nd term 1914-15; and that the Director of Public Instruction has also supported this order by his proceedings Dis. No.5703 of 1915 dated 29-9-15? In spite of an appeal on the poor boy's behalf by his guardian, in view of the poverty of the student and his belonging to a family that have served for ~~many~~ some generations in military service and to the backwardness of education in the caste to which the boy belongs, will the Government be pleased to exempt the boy and request the S.S.L.C. Board to publish results ?

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Educational Dept.

Under paragraph II clause (2) of the scheme for

the award of secondary school-leaving certificates,

the certificate could be awarded only to those who

have attended each of the IV, V and VI forms of a

recognised secondary school for not less than 60 per

cent of the number of working days in each term and

for not less than 120 working days in each school year.

In cases in which attendance of pupils in any

of the forms fell short of the required minimum

number of days, exemption has never been granted.

In his letter No. 2938, dated the 23rd May 1911, the

Director of Public Instruction stated that he had

systematically declined to accept any plea for a re-

laxation of the rule, even illness supported by

medical certificate, and he is apparently adhering

strictly to that principle. Although the rules for

the grant of secondary school-leaving certificates

were made by the Government, and ~~it is~~

open to them to make exceptions to the rules, ~~they~~

which they have invariably declined

to grant exemptions from the operation of the rules:-

(1) Vide notes in G.O. No. 354 Edl., dated the 8th June 1911,

(2) and also G.Os No. 600 Edl., dated the 27th June 1913,

P. 29 of G.O. 427 Edl. 21.7.09
as amended by G.O. No. 470 Edl. 14.7.11

P. 849 of G.O. 354 Edl. 8.6.11

Legislative Department.

The Hon'ble Mr. K. Rama Aiyangar.

Educational Department.

It is a fact that one N. Ramaswami
an Abhimanyu was a student of the
American High School, Madras, was sent
up for the S.S.L.C. Examination and
underwent the same, the necessary
leaving certificates having been given
by the Head-master of the Institution
before he was permitted to undergo
the examination. It is a fact that
subsequently to his answering his
examination papers, the Secretary of
the S.S.L.C. Board has refused to grant
his certificate as the pupil has not got
the required attendance in the 2nd
term (1914-15) and that the Director
of Public Instruction has also supported
this order by his proceedings No. 2503 of 1915 dated 22-3-15. In
spite of an appeal on the poor boy's
behalf by his guardian, in view of the
poverty of the student and his
belonging to a family that have served
for many generations in military
service and to the backwardness of
education in the state to which the
boy belongs, will the Government be
pleased to exempt the boy and request
the S.S.L.C. Board to publish results

(E) and No. 800 Edl., dated the 6th July 1914.

2. In the present case the Government have no information on the facts disclosed in the question. Nor does it seem necessary to call for a report from the D.P.I. as he has apparently adhered strictly to his principle and declined to make any relaxation of the rule in this case. It is therefore for consideration whether the following reply may be given to the additional member:-

"The Government have no information. Nor do the Government consider it necessary to call for a ~~report~~ report in the matter, since they invariably decline to grant exemptions in such cases."

If however it is considered desirable to call for a report, the case may, it is submitted, be circulated to H.E. the Governor for orders as to whether a report should be called for from the D.P.I. -- Vide rule (4) on page 7 of the pamphlet - "Rules regarding questions in the Legislative Council".

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Handwritten: In H.E. May I ask the D.P.I. what the facts are?
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The pupil in question was short by two days of the required attendance in the second term. Concessions of the kind asked have ^{hitherto} been refused. A pupil has only to attend 60% of the working days in a term and this is considered to be the ~~fine~~ ^{provision} the necessary margin for unavoidable casual absences. If he does not attend the minimum of 60% it is considered that he has not ^{received} sufficient instruction to be held to have attended school during that term. It is essential to the working of the scheme that alive mind be drawn, otherwise the public examination ^{becomes} a mere test and not what it is meant to be.

merely an incident in the school career of which the certificate is a record.

Of course the case is a hard one and there must every now and then be hard cases in various degrees. I do not think

concessions should ever be given, i.e. the line once drawn must be kept.

for 27th 16.

Educational Dept.

With reference to the D.P.I.'s remarks above the following draft answer is suggested.

"The Govt. ~~called for a report and~~ they do not consider it expedient to grant the exemption here —

Considers the report of the D. O. I. as the case and are not prepared to interfere"

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The question and answer
as finally approved were as

follows:

39 Q.—Is it a fact that one N. Ramaswami, an Ahambadiya caste student of the American High school, Madura, was sent up for the Secondary School-leaving Certificate Examination and underwent the same, the necessary leaving certificates having been given by the headmaster of the institution before he was permitted to undergo the examination? Is it a fact that subsequently to his answering his examination papers, the Secretary of the Secondary School-leaving Certificate Board has refused to publish his results as the pupil has not got the required attendance in the second term 1914-15; and that the Director of Public Instruction has also supported this order by his Proceedings Dis. 5703 of 1915, dated 29th September 1915? In view of the poverty of the student and his belonging to a family that have served for some generations in military service and to the backwardness of education in the caste to which the boy belongs, will the Government be pleased to exempt the boy and request the Secondary School-leaving Certificate Board to publish results?

Publication of
results of a
Secondary
School-leaving
Certificate
student,
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High school,
Madura.

39 A.—The Government have considered the report of the Director of Public Instruction on the case and are not prepared to interfere.

2 Submitted that the foregoing
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