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Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with the question asked at the meeting of the ----- held on the 20th November 1917 and the answer given thereto regarding qualifications of Assistant examiners for Government Technical examinations.

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CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper-- *The Madras Mail*
2. Published at-- *Madras.*
3. Dated-- *21 - 9 - 17.*

Assistant Examiners for Technical Subjects.
Sir,—Now that there is an enormous increase in the number of candidates appearing for the Government Technical Examinations, especially in commercial subjects such as Typewriting, Shorthand, Correspondence, Book-keeping, etc., and these subjects have been introduced into the School Final Course also, it appears necessary that greater attention should be paid to the selection of Assistant Examiners and their qualifications, in view of the very large number of answer papers sent to them for valuation. It is even said that some of the men selected are not very well qualified, in fact, that a few have not passed even the intermediate grade in the subjects for which they are chosen; and also that almost all of them are residents of Madras where they are employed. If this be true, it would certainly appear to be better conducive to the efficiency of the educational authorities will see their way to make the selections from out of the hundreds of highly competent men of the moffassil also, who are at least equal if not superior in qualifications to the few metropolitan gentlemen for whom this work seems to have been set apart as a close preserve. It cannot certainly be said that the "backward moffassil" does not contain capable men in good positions in life, at least in sufficient numbers to do the work promptly and efficiently. It is hoped that the attention of the Commissioner for Government Examinations will be drawn to this state of things and that he will deem it advisable to see that Assistant Examiners for the Technical Examinations are selected from competent and well qualified men scattered throughout the Presidency, as in the case of University examinations, both in the interests of efficiency and the thousands of candidates appearing for these examinations.

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Assistant Examiners for Technical Subjects.

Sir, - Adverting to the letter of "Efficiency" published in the correspondence columns of your esteemed issue of the 21st instant in the matter of the above subject, please allow me some space in your valuable daily, and oblige. The selection of Assistant Examiners for Technical subjects, like that of those for any other University or public examination, is generally made on the broad principles of efficiency based on respectability, reliability, status, age, experience in professional life and the educational, general and technical, qualifications of the nominees, without any special restriction as to their residence within the metropolis; and, as a matter of fact, there have been many Assistant Examiners for the Technical subjects selected from the metropolis as well. The position of an Examiner for any examination is, and should be, a position of responsibility, trust and capacity for the adequate display of merit, judgment in the apportionment and the allotment of marks; and so, apart from the mere academic or special qualifications one may hold in matters educational. And this position of an Assistant Examiner for the Technical subjects has invariably been held by gentlemen coming more or less within the purview of the desiderata pointed out above as qualifications for Examiners. The holding of technical diplomas, alone, say in Commerce and its kindred subjects, without an equally adequate general educational qualification to his credit and the other more important merits pointed out above to be required of a candidate, will not, and must not, entitle the holder of the diploma, to aspire for the place of an Assistant Examiner for the reason that there are even graduates among the examinees for the technical subjects, especially the commercial subjects as Theory and Practice of Commerce, Shorthand, Typewriting and the like, and justice would require that their papers will have to be valued by men of proper educational attainments. Consequently, you will see, Sir, that the present mode adopted by the Commissioners for the Government Technical Examinations in singling out his corps of Assistant Examiners for the technical subjects is very judiciously and vigilantly adopted and I would only take this opportunity to suggest towards its betterment that due consideration be given to the case of well experienced graduates and L. T's who may be actually engaged in the cause of commercial education or technical education in this Presidency for a long time and who may also be engaged as teachers of commercial subjects in schools and College over here. At any rate, no one, who is not at the same time an old E. A. or the present Intermediate man in the least, be selected as an Assistant Examiner whatever his technical qualifications may be. Men with good general education, respectability, status in life, professional experience and with only a knowledge of the technical subject may even be preferred to men with technical diplomas in commerce, etc., only but with no general education and the other requisites of respectability, reliability, etc., pointed out above to their credit if efficiency is to be aimed at.

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QUESTION.—No. 72 for the meeting of the Legislative
Council to be held on the 20th November 1917.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the
Home (Education) 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.

V.T.K.
26.10.17

U.O. No. 2001-1 dated 26.10.17



To

The Home (Education) Department. With Q no. 72

The Hon'ble Mr. A.S. Krishna Rao pantulu.

Home (Education) Department.

Q.72. a. Has the attention of the government been drawn to the article headed "Assistant Examiners for Technical Examinations" published in the Madras Mail dated 21st September 1917, under the name 'Efficiency'?

b. Will the government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the examiners during the last 3 years and their qualifications in technical subjects and their place of residence?

c. Will the government be pleased to consider the desirability of prescribing minimum qualification for such examiners and of selecting them from suitable candidates in the whole of the presidency?

Home Dept.
(Ed.)

The newspaper article referred to in clause (a) of the question is put up and flagged (V). It is observed that the complaint therein is in respect of the selection of assistant examiners especially in commercial subjects, such as typewriting, shorthand, commercial correspondence, book-keeping &c. Clauses (b) & (c) of the ~~present~~ question however are broader in scope ~~as they~~ ^{relate} to examiners in technical subjects generally.

cf: pp 212 + 215 of
the calendar for
1916-17.

page 122 ibid.

Rule 4:- "The Boards shall be appointed for
"three years, but any member may be removed with-
"out reason assigned, at the discretion of the
"Commissioner".

No minimum qualification is prescribed for Examiners or Assistant Examiners in technical subjects. Neither

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in the case of the University examiners nor in regard to examiners under the S.S.L.C. scheme any such qualification has been prescribed. The Commissioner may well be relied upon to use his discretion in the selection of the best examiners for the technical subjects. It is therefore unnecessary to take action in the direction suggested by the Additional Member in clause (c).

4. The following answer is suggested:-

Answer (a) Yes.

(b) The attention of the Hon'ble Member is invited to the list containing the names of the examiners for the Government Technical Examinations printed at the end of the Calendar annually issued by the Commission for Government Examinations. Further information beyond that contained therein ~~of matters of internal subjects and their~~ ~~is not available.~~

(c) The Government do not consider it necessary to take action in the direction suggested by the Hon'ble Member.

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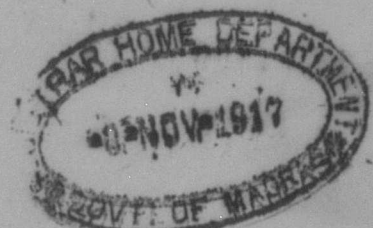
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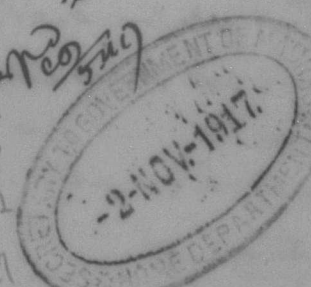
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but please let D.P.I. see all proposed upris to questions, as has hitherto been my practice.

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For orders which have been approved by the Government and sent by the D.P.D. may be communicated to Legislative.

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The question and answer as finally approved stood as follows.

Qualifications of Assistant Examiners for Technical Examinations.

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76 A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the list containing the names of the examiners for the Government Technical examinations printed at the end of the Calendar annually issued by the Commission for Government Examinations. Further information beyond that contained therein is not available.

(c) The Government do not consider it necessary to take action in the direction suggested by the Honourable Member.

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