

Home (1917) Department.
Education

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 1582

DATED 14-12-17

[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with the question asked at the meeting of the ——— held on the 20th November 1917 regarding the possibility of the abuse of the moderation system in the Secondary School leaving certificate, sub.

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27.10.17

QUESTION.—No. 86 for the meeting of the Legislative
Council to be held on the 20. 11. 1917

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question, may be forwarded to the
Hau (Ear) 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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27.10.17

Sign U.O. No. 2012-1 dated 27.10.1917

To

The Hau (Ear) Department. with Q. 86

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Local and Municipal (Legislative)
Department.

The Hon'ble Mr. B. Venkatapati Raju.

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Home (Education) Department.

Will the Govt. be pleased to state
Q. 86. Whether the Government is aware that the moderation system is liable to misuse in affording opportunities to allot marks in such a way as to assure success to a select few to the detriment of the rest and whether the Government consider it advisable to suggest abolition of moderation by insisting upon a lighter test at the examinations so as to secure a larger percentage of passes?

Home Department
(Education)

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The same Additional Member has proposed to ask a more or less allied question enquiring whether the Govt. would be pleased to take steps to ensure a higher percentage of passes at the Intermediate examination. It has been noted in that connection that the Govt. have not the power either under the Indian Universities Act, 1904, or under the Regulations framed thereunder to dictate to the University as to the lines that body should adopt in the conduct of examinations etc. The same argument would hold good in the present instance also so far as examinations conducted by the University are concerned. In this connection attention is solicited to Mr. Duncan's u.o. Note on page 69 of G.O. No. 853, Edn., dated the 9th August 1915 in which he ~~has~~ pointed out how the Moderation Board for the Intermediate Examination met and discussed the marks obtained by the candidates at the Intermediate Examination for 1915 and how they ~~have~~ increased the percentage of passes from 19.5 per cent to 27.3 per cent.

2. It is likely that the Additional Member refers also to the Public examination under the Secondary School

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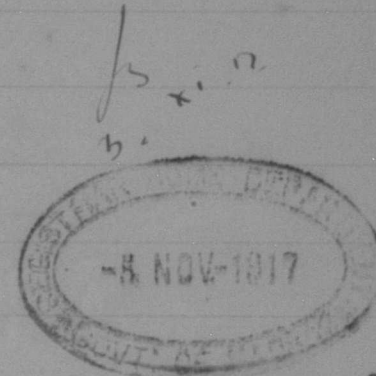
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here is nothing in the question to show what
it means. What, the Moderation system?
Is it the BLC Publication or the ^{Intermediation} Intermediate
system that have ~~modern~~ special bonus for moderating
works or examination results? ! Should we be
to decline to award unimpeachable marks

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The question referred to the Public Examination
I see no objection to the proposed answer.



Home Dept.
(Edg)

With reference to the Director's

Observations above, attention is
directed to the continuation from

~~the question~~ Legislative that the question has
been referred to the Additional

Member for amendment. Perhaps it

would be preferable to wait till
receipt of the amended question ~~from the~~

Additional Member.
~~has been referred to~~

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I agree. Mr.
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Local and Municipal(Legislative) Department.

The departments concerned may be informed U.O. that questions 85,87,88 and 90-93 for the ensuing meeting have been admitted by His Excellency the president without alterations that Qn.89 has been admitted with the alteration shown in the accompanying copy and that Qn.86 has been returned to the Additional member for amendment as the first portion of the question is not quite intelligible.

T.S.R.
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C.S.
1-11-17.

V.T.K.
2-11-17.

To

The Revenue Department (Q.85)

The Home (Edn) " with Qn.89 (Revised) ✓
(Qns.86,87,88,90,92)

The Local and Municipal " (Q.93)

" Local and Municipal(Med) (Qn.91)

Leg.U.O.No.2074-2 dated 2nd November 17.

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Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department.

No. 2074-1 Leg.

From

R.A. Graham Esquire, I.C.S.,

AG. Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To

The Honourable Mr. B. Venkatapati Raju.

Dated, Fort St. George, the 2nd November 1917.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the President has admitted your question regarding the subject specified overleaf with the alteration shown in the accompanying copy, which has been made with reference to rule 7(1) of the statutory rules for the asking of questions in the Madras Legislative Council. The question as altered is being entered in the agenda paper and, in the absence of any intimation from you to the contrary, it will be assumed that you accept the alteration.

2. As the first portion of your question on the moderation system in the secondary school leaving certificate examination is not quite intelligible, I am to return it to you for amendment with the request that the amended question may be returned to me as early as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R.A. Graham,

AG. Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Home (Edn) Department.

subject of question referred to.

Qn.89. Attendance of secondary school Leaving Certificate students in classes after the public examination.

Ans 2/11/17

Local and Municipal (Legislative) Dept

Submitted that a copy of the letter from the

Hon'ble Mr.B.Venkatapati Raju may be forwarded u.o. to

the Home(Education) department with the information that

orders as to admission of the revised question are being

taken and will be communicated in due course.

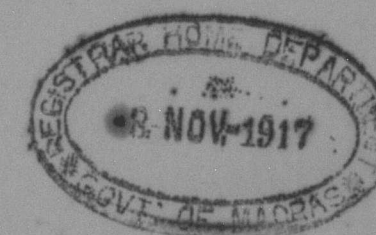
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V.T.K.
8-11-17.

To the Home(Education) Dept. with copy of Additional Member's letter.

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Copy of letter from the Hon'ble Mr. B.

Venkatapati Raju, Vizagapatam, to the Acting
Secretary to the Government of Madras, Legis-
lative Department, Fort St. George, Madras,
dated 5th November 1917.

4-4-7 ante
I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt
of your letters regarding the alterations of some
of the questions. I accept the alterations.
With reference to question No. 86 about the mode-
ration system in the S.S.L.C. Examination, I
hereby alter the same, so as to make my point
clear.

Q. 86. Will the Government be pleased to
state whether the Government is aware that the
moderation system in the S.S.L.C. Examination
gives scope to Head Masters to misuse it by
allowing a high percentage of marks to a select
few and abnormally low marks to others to keep
the average mark of the class normal ensuring
thereby the success of the former although such
a procedure is obviously detrimental to the
latter and whether the Government, in view of
such a scope for abuse of the moderation system,
consider it advisable to suggest the abolition
of the system altogether and insist upon a
lighter test at the public examination so as to
secure a greater percentage of passes?

None
(Edg.)

The amended question above
confines itself only to the moderation
system in the S. S. L. C. Scheme.
The answer proposed on page 3 ante
does not however seem to require any

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modification. The D. & D. may perhaps be consulted w/o ~~more~~ again as to the suitability of the answer - vide his note on pp 3 & 4 ante.

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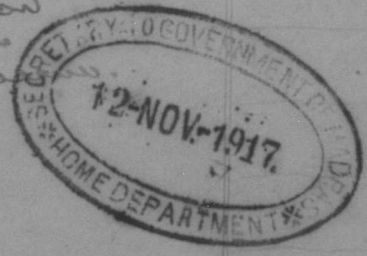
The D.P. has definitely stated that if the question related to the S.S.L.C. Scheme, the proposed answer would do.

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For approval of the proposed answer on page 3 infra

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The final form of the question and answer was as follows -

92 Q.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government is aware that the moderation system in the Secondary School Leaving Certificate examination gives scope to headmasters to misuse it by allotting a high percentage of marks to a select few and abnormally low marks to others to keep the average mark of the class normal, ensuring thereby the success of the former, and whether the Government, in view of such a scope for abuse of the moderation system, consider it advisable to suggest the abolition of the system altogether and insist upon a lighter test at the public examination so as to secure a greater percentage of passes?

92 A.—The Government are not aware that the moderation system has been misused. Nor do they consider it desirable to take action in the direction proposed by the Honourable Member.

The above notes may be
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Abstract of the
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According to the
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 meeting held on the 20th
 Nov. 1917 as to the possibility
 of the abuse of the
 moderation
 system in the
 S. S. L. C. Scheme

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Copy of letter from the Hon'ble Mr. B.
 Venkayya, Minister, Education, to the
 Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated
 10th Nov. 1917.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt
 of your letter regarding the moderation of marks
 or the questions. I accept the allegations
 with reference to question No. 86 about the mod-
 eration system in the S.S.L.C. examination. I
 hereby state the same, as no other point
 arises.

Q.86. Will the Government be pleased to
 state whether the Government is aware that the
 moderation system in the S.S.L.C. Examination
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 public examination so as to secure a greater
 percentage of passes?

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 will be forwarded to the
 concerned authorities for their consideration
 and action.

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STATEMENT WITH DITTS.

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