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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with the question on the suspension of the scholarship of ^{Mr.} Krishna Rao, a student of the Presidency College, asked by the Hon'ble Mr

The Hon'ble Mr. P. Siva Rao.

Home (Education) Department.

Q. 227. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) Whether their attention has been drawn to an article in the "Hindu" of the 17th October 1917 entitled "the vagaries of a Professor".

(b) Is it a fact that the English Professor of the Presidency College set "the responsibility of the European races towards the dark races" as a subject for composition for the B.A. Honours Class.

(c) Is it a fact that one M. Krishna Rao in his essay expressed views disagreeable to the Professor.

(d) Whether the student was made to tender an apology for the views expressed and whether the Professor insisted on the student's tendering a fuller apology on the terms dictated by himself.

(e) Whether the student's Government scholarship was suspended for a term on the recommendations of the Professor by the Principal?

(f) Whether it is proper for the Professor to have chosen a political and controversial subject for composition in English?

(g) Whether the student is not at liberty to express his views under circumstances and

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(i) Whether the conduct of the Professor does not tend to stifle the freedom of thought and expression among the students.

(j) Will the Government be pleased to call for the papers and restore the scholarship of the student and take necessary action against the Professor.



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Local and Municipal (Education) Department.

The Hon'ble Mr. P. B. S. Rao.

Home (Education) Department.

C. No. 1111. Will the Government be pleased to

state (a) whether their attention has been drawn to an article in the 'Hindu' of the 17th October 1937 entitled 'The Verdict of a Professor'.

(b) Is it a fact that the English Professor of the Presidency College at Madras, Mr. J. A. H. Jones, has been asked to write an article for the 'Hindu' on the subject of the 'Dark Room' as a subject for composition for the B.A. Honours class.

(c) Is it a fact that one E. K. R. has written an article expressing views dissimilar to the Professor.

(d) Whether the student was made to tender an apology for the views expressed and whether the Professor insisted on the student's case being a matter of apology on the terms dictated by himself.

(e) Whether the student's Government scholarship was suspended for a term on the ground of the Professor's action by the Principal?

(f) Whether it is proper for the Professor to have chosen a political and controversial subject for composition in English?

(g) Whether the student is not at liberty to express his views under circumstances and

(1) Whether the conduct of the Professor
does not tend to vitiate the freedom of thought
and expression among the students.
(2) Will the Government be pleased to call
for the papers and records the scholarship of
the student and take necessary action against
the Professor.

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The following draft answer is submitted
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to the answer to Questions no. 65 & 66."

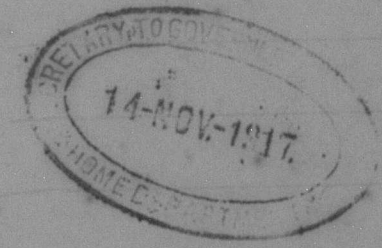
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The following is a copy of the question and answer as given at the meeting of the Legislative Council.

Action taken against a student in the Presidency College.

- 220 Q.—Will the Government be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether their attention has been drawn to an article in the *Hindu* of the 17th October 1917 entitled 'the vagaries of a Professor'?
 - (b) Is it a fact that the English Professor of the Presidency College set 'the responsibility of the European races towards the dark races' as a subject for composition for the B.A. Honours Class?
 - (c) Is it a fact that one M. Krishna Rao in his essay expressed views disagreeable to the Professor?
 - (d) Whether the student was made to tender an apology for the views expressed and whether the Professor insisted on the student's tendering a fuller apology on the terms dictated by himself?
 - (e) Whether the student's Government scholarship was suspended for a term on the recommendations of the Professor by the Principal?
 - (f) Whether it is proper for the Professor to have chosen a political and controversial subject for composition in English?
 - (g) Whether the student is not at liberty to express his views under the circumstances and whether it is desirable to punish him for the views so expressed?
 - (h) Whether the Professor is entitled to inflict his own political opinions on the students?
 - (i) Whether the conduct of the Professor does not tend to stifle freedom of thought and expression among the students?
 - (j) Will the Government be pleased to call for the papers and restore the scholarship of the student and take necessary action against the Professor?

220 A.—The Honourable Member is referred to the answer to questions Nos. 70 and 71.

Recording notes connected with the question on the suspension of the scholarship of M. Krishna Rao, student of the Presidency College, asked by the Hon. Mr. P. Siva Rao at the meeting of the — held on 20.11.17

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