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Q. 89. B Group in S.S.L.C. Scheme

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Lawrence (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.

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27.10.17

QUESTION.—No. 87
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
Hume (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

Signed U.O. No. 2011-1 dated 27.10.1917

To

The Hume (Ear) Department. with a. 87

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Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department.

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The Honourable Mr. B. Venkatapati Raju.

Under the scheme for
of secondary schools
having certificate, the
of the Home (Education) Department.

Q.87. Will the Government be pleased
to consider the abolition of "B group"
in the S.S.L.C. Scheme and include the
above subjects if necessary in the other
groups in which the students are expected
to stand the public test prescribing a
lighter minima without unduly taxing the
candidates?

regard the subjects in
in the B group, the prop
made in the school is the
only test and beyond that
there is no public exam
nation in those subjects.
2. The subjects now in
cluded in the B group are
the following:

- (1) Science
- (2) Geography & History of
India for S.S.L.C.
and History of the British
Empire with consideration
Geography for S.S.L.C.
- (3) Drawing (optional for S.S.L.C.)

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Under the scheme for the award of Secondary School leaving certificates, the subjects of study are divided into three groups A, B & C, the subjects specified in groups A & B being ordinarily compulsory & those in 'C' optional. A public examination is held in the ^(subject in the) A & C groups, and, as regards the subjects included in the B group, the progress made in the school is the only test and beyond that there is no public examination in those subjects.

2. The subjects now included in the B group are the following:-

- (1) Science
- (2) Geography & History of India for Form IV, and History of the British Empire with connected Geography for Forms V & VI.
- (3) Drawing (optional in forms V & VI)

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- (4) Physical training
(5) Domestic Economy + Sewing (for girl)

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3. One of the objects with which the Secondary school having certificate system was introduced was to do away with the old Raticulation examination which dominated the Secondary school course. In that examination all students were examined in all the subjects which were then taught in Secondary schools. The committee which considered the Secondary school having certificate scheme in 1908 remarked as follows:—

"The question as to whether any subject should be obligatory at the final examination presents much difficulty. In theory if the examination is not to dominate the school course no subject should be compulsory. In practice

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practice, however, among the
 subjects which will & should be
 studied in every secondary
 school there are some in
 which the attainment of a
 definite standard by all pupils
 may reasonably be tested
 at a public examination. It
 seems unnecessary to defend
 the inclusion among these of
 Algebra, Arithmetic, and so far
 as boys are concerned at any
 rate, of English. x x x
 As for the other ~~other~~ subjects
 which all boys may be ex-
 pected to study we think it
 unnecessary that their attain-
 ments in these should be
 tested at a public examination
 and propose that the results of
 schoolwork moderated by the
 Board, if necessary, should
 be accepted. The subjects
 to be treated in this way are
 Geography, Science, Drawing
 & Physical Training."

Sir George Forbes was of opinion
 that considering the great
 uncertainty

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uncertainty that must exist as to the value of the school marks the more important & difficult subjects in the B group viz., Science & geography, should be tested by a public examination. But it was finally decided that these as well as History of India should be left in the B group. 4. Complaint has since been made ~~that~~ (in the newspapers) that the ^(study of) B group subjects ~~are~~ much neglected as there is no public examination in them. The D.P.I. also recently stated that experience has proved that sufficient attention was not paid to ~~these~~ ^{these subjects} in schools and that the courses in elementary science were not well arranged. After consulting representative Headmasters he made certain suggestions for improving this state of affairs & they were approved.

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volume for 427 & 428 of the
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428 of the 6-1-10 (E)

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Regarding the proposal
which was originally referred
to the D.P.I. reference to
the Board of the school
in the examination system

① in Lp. N° 804 Rome (no:), dated the 15th June 1917.

6. The A.S. member suggests that 'B' group may be abolished in S.S.D.C. scheme & the subjects in it may be included in the other groups ~~with~~ ~~in which~~ in which there is a public examination. This will throw greater strain on the student he suggests that a lighter minimum may be prescribed in ~~these~~ those subjects. ~~This objection~~ to the present 'B' group system seems to be that there is no public examination in it. In view of the amendments in the system recently made in the current year on the recommendation of the D.P.I, it does not appear that any ^(further) alteration in it is called for. Before framing a draft answer the D.P.I may perhaps be requested to offer his remarks.

Besides, the proposed one virtually reduces the S.S.D.C. scheme to the level of the old Matriculation examination.

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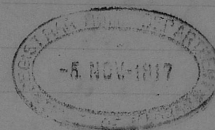
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simply that we are
not prepared to consider the blue hatched suggestion.



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As suggested by the D.D., the answer may be:—

"The Govt. are not prepared to consider the Hon. Members' suggestion".

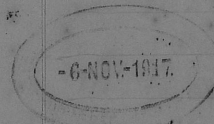
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(final)
The *final* of the question
and answer was as follows:

93 Q.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the abolition of 'B group' in the Secondary School Leaving Certificate scheme and include the above subjects if necessary in the other groups in which the students are expected to stand the public test, prescribing a lighter minima without unduly taxing the candidates? Abolition of 'B group' in the School Final scheme.

93 A.—The Government are not prepared to consider the Honourable Member's suggestion

Re: the Council.

Recording notes
connected with the question
asked at the meeting
of the — held on the

20th Nov. 1917 re:
the ~~meeting~~ of the
group of subjects
in the S.S.L.C. ~~exam~~
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