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[Despatch Abstract.]

Students Strikes.

Furnishing the Government of India with information as to
the --- that occurred in this Presidency in 1916 & 1917.

No. 57

Government of India,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
(Education.)

Simla, the 24th January 1918.

From

K. Inayatullah Khan, Esq., M.A.,

Offg. Asst. Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Home (Education) Department.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India have received notice of a question to be asked in the Imperial Legislative Council as to-

- (1) the number of students' strikes during the years 1916 and 1917 in different schools and colleges, and
- (2) whether provincial Governments have inquired into the causes of such strikes and, if so, with what results.

2. I am to request that the Government of India may be furnished with the necessary information so as to enable them to place it on the table at an early date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

K. Inayatullah Khan

Offg. Asst. Secretary to the Government of India.

Home (Education) Dept.

CNo. 246A from the Govt. of India, Dept. of Ed., no 57,
of 24.1.18

[Subject. Students' strikes in 1916 & 1917]

Two strikes in 1916 & 1917 have been brought to the notice of Govt. — one in the Law College in 1916 and the other in the Victoria College, Balghat in 1917. No ^{formal} report about the former was received in the Govt. office. There were however some interpellations in the Legislative Council on the subject and the Govt. did not take any action.

The file dealing with the latter is in Lt. Col. In this case also no inquiry appears to have been made formally by the Govt. The Syndicate of the University of Madras took the necessary steps and after having an inquiry made, inflicted punishments on the ~~concerned~~ students concerned in the strike. Lt. Col. may be requested to furnish any additional information on this point.

2. It may be noted that in March 1916 certain students of the Wesley College, Rajapet were flogged for absenting themselves for a day from the College. There does not, however, appear to have been any regular strike.

3. The D.P. I. may be requested to state if there were any other student strikes in 1916 & 1917.

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All the "strikes" are mentioned on leaf 4
The Werley College incident need not I think
be considered a "strike": it should rather
attract attention because of the kind of punishment imposed.
Perhaps it may be mentioned that Gov. did not
find a formal enquiry necessary in either of
the other two cases because the educational authorities
were able to deal with them satisfactorily. Gov.
were however opinionated of the facts in both.

By way of reminiscence I may mention that
the Law College strike only lasted two or three
days and was put an end to by the Principal
by the exercise of firmness and tact. What was
complained of was a change in the time tables
which obliged students to attend more lectures
and classes than they had been accustomed to



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Students' Strikes

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No. 179, dated 13.2.1918.

The following reply will be des-
 patched to the Govt. of India:-

May 12/2/18
Letter no 180 of 13.2.18

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
 Dept. of Education.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Inayatullah
 Khan's letter No. 57, dated the 24th
 January 1918, I am directed to state
 that, during the last ^{two} 2 years, there were
 students' strikes in this Presidency, -
 one in 1916 and the other in 1917. The
 strike in 1916 ~~was~~ occurred in the
 College, Madras. There was a

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the college to
sure the revised courses of ~~the~~
studies prescribed by the local Uni-
versity for the B.L. degree examina-
tion and the students made it a
grievance that they were thereby
obliged to attend more lectures and
classes than they had been previously
accustomed to. The strike however ended
after ^{two} or ^{three} days owing to the exercise
by the Principal of ~~much~~ tact and
firmness. The other strike in 1917 was
among the students of the Victoria
College, Palghat, an institution
managed by the ~~Board~~ Municipal
^(of the place) Council. The Principal of the College
had to punish certain students for
attending political meetings in contra-
vention of the disciplinary regula-
tions of the college, and this brought
about a general strike among the
students. The strike lasted for nearly
a month and a half owing mainly to the
undesirable influences brought to bear
on the students by certain political
agitators. When, however, it was
realised that open defiance of consti-
tuted authority would not be tole-
rated, ^{the} majority of the students rejoined
the college after paying the prescribed
penalty. The ringleaders in the strike
were however expelled from the college.
The Syndicate of the University of
Madras ~~also~~ obtained the explanations
of the students concerned in the strike
and after considering the explanations,
the body passed orders debarring a

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few students permanently from appearing for
the University examinations and the others
varying periods.

2. As the educational authorities
thus dealt with the ~~the~~ strikes satisfactorily
the Government did not think it necessary
to institute a formal enquiry in either of
the cases.

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