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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with a question asked at the
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regarding the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library.

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L & M (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.

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QUESTION.—No. 23

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the—

12. 2. 1918.

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

N.T.K.
 15.1.18

U.O. No. 95-14 dated 15/1/18

To

The Home (Ed.) Department. with Q. 23



Local and Municipal (Legislative) Dept.

the Hon'ble Mr. B. Venkatarati Raju.

Home (Education) Dept.

Q.25. Will the Government be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is not necessary to appoint a full time Curator for the Oriental Manuscripts Library for the efficient management of the Institution?

(b) whether it is a fact that there are about 200 volumes of local records in Telugu and a large number of Telugu visitors?

(c) whether it is not necessary to appoint a permanent Telugu Pandit to look after the Telugu manuscripts?

(d) whether it is not similarly necessary to appoint a Tamil Pandit for Tamil manuscripts?

(e) whether it is not advisable to replace temporarily low paid pandits by a well paid permanent staff?

(f) whether Government is aware that the Mysore Government is publishing the important works of select ancient authors out of the manuscripts secured by them?

(g) whether the Government would be pleased to adopt a similar course with reference to the manuscripts secured by them?

(h) whether the Government is prepared to give additional facilities to private

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before the committee on the 1st of
January 1918.



Local and Municipal Department.
(Legislative).

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The departments concerned may be informed u.o.

- (i) that Question 19 has been disallowed under
rule 4(c);
(ii) that with reference to Question 20 the
Additional Member has been asked whether he makes
himself responsible for the accuracy of the statements
contained in the newspapers;
(iii) that Question 22 has been admitted with the
alterations shown in the accompanying copy;
(iv) that Questions 23 and 24 have been returned to
the Additional Member for amendment; and
(v) that Questions 25 and 26 have been admitted
without alteration.

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To

The Public department (Q.22 19).
The Home (Judicial) department (Q.20, 24, 25).
The Home (Miscellaneous) department
with Q.22 revised.
The Home (Education) department (Q.23).
The Local and Municipal department (Q.26).

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Government of Madras.

Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department

No. 89-4 Leg.

From

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

Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras.

To

The Hon'ble Mr. B. Venkateswari Raju,

Dated Fort St. George, the 17th January 1918.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your question regarding addresses to or interviews with the Secretary of State has been disallowed by His Excellency the President as it contains arguments and inferences and thus offends against rule 4 (a) of the Question rules.

2. With reference to your question based on an article regarding 'A daring dacoity' published in the 'Desabhimani' and 'Andhra Patrika', I am to ask you under rule 4 (a) of the Question rules, whether you make yourself responsible for the accuracy of the statements made in the newspapers.

3. The question relating to the omission of particulars about examinations from the Administration Report for 1916-17 has been admitted with the alterations shown in the accompanying copy.

4. Your question on the Oriental Manuscripts Library offends against rule 4 (d), while the one relating to the duties of constables and other police matters deals with a number of different subjects, besides being argumentative in form. I am therefore to return these questions to you with the request that they may be amended so as to be in conformity with the rules and returned to me as early as possible. The latter question may be split up into several distinct questions.

Copy to the Public department.

Home (Judicial)

.. (Miscellaneous) ..
.. (Education) ..

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R.A. GRAHAM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Jan 18/18



Leg. Council Bu. No 23 ~~cc~~

regarding the Oriental Manuscripts library has been returned to the Honble Ad-dik-himel member for amendment as it offends against rule 4 (d) of the rules regarding questions in the Legislative Council. Submitted that the ~~am~~ receipt of the amended question may be awaited.

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A copy of the Hon'ble Mr. B. Venkataswami Raja's letter of the 24th instant in reply to letter no. 89-4 Legislative dated 17th January 1918 may be forwarded u.o. to the departments concerned (Judicial and Educational) in the first instance, with the intimation that orders as to the admission of the questions referred to therein are being taken and will be communicated to them in due course.

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To the Home (Judicial) u.o.

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Copy of letter from the hon'ble Mr. B. Venkatarati Raju,
Vizagapatam, dated 24th January 1918.

With reference to my question based on an article in "Desachinam" and "Andhra Patrika" I was told that under rule 4 ci.(e) of the question rules that I should make myself responsible for the accuracy of the statements made in the newspapers. I do not think ci.(e) refers to such matters at all. The member is responsible for his own statements, not for the statements of others. When a serious matter is published in a paper and when a member has brought it to the notice of ^{the} Government, it is for the Government to find out the accuracy or otherwise and take necessary steps against the paper if the statement is false and take suitable action if the statement is true. It is impossible for a private member to employ his own agency to ferret out the truth to convince the Government of the accuracy of the reports. The Government may deal with the question in accordance with the rules as they please.

I have amended the question on the Oriental Manuscript Library as follows:—

Q.25 (a). Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of appointing a full-timed curator for the Oriental Manuscript Library?

(b). Is it a fact that there are about 200 volumes of local records in Telugu and a large number of Telugu visitors?

(c). Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of appointing a permanent Telugu pandit to look after the Telugu manuscripts and similarly a Tamil pandit for Tamil manuscripts in the place of temporary staff?

(d). Is it a fact that the Mysore Government is publishing the important works of select ancient authors out of the manuscripts secured by them?

(e). Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of adopting the similar course?

(f). Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of giving additional facilities to private firms and scholars by lending such works on taking proper security from them, for the purpose of editing and publishing those works which are not intended to be published by the Government?

NOTES.

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Existing staff
PermanentCurator. Professor of Sanskrit in
the Presidency College -
ex-officio.

1 Librarian

1 Assistant Librarian

1 Senior Pandit

1 Junior Pandit

1 Clerk

3. $\frac{1}{2}$ Sanskrit Pandit -
1 Tamil " "
1 Telugu " "

Temporary Search party.

1 Assistant Curator & 1 Sanskrit Pandit

4 Pandits $\frac{1}{2}$ Tamil " "
1 Telugu " "

For the Registrar

The Question regarding the Oriental Manuscripts Library has been amended by the Honble Additional Member and is on the previous page.

2. The Additional Member suggests the appointment of a whole-time Curator and an adequate staff of pandits to look after the manuscripts in Tamil and Telugu. The present staff of the library is as shown in the margin.

3. The Govt. decided in 1913 to transfer the library to the University of Madras and it is being continued under the control of Govt. pending the construction of the new University Library buildings, which has been delayed on account of the war. The Govt. have also decided to give a recurring annual grant of Rs 5,000 from the provincial funds for the upkeep of the library on condition that the University keeps the library open to the public as it is now. The University proposes to set down a sum of Rs 10,500 annually out of the Imperial recurring grant of Rs 60,000, for the expenses of the University and Oriental library, Rs 6,000 being for the pay of the Librarian, Rs 4,500 being for the pay of the additional library staff, travelling expenses of pandits, cost of printing, publication and purchase of manuscripts etc.

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(14) Govt. Letter No. 566 SL
14-6-13

+ also Govt. Letter in

(5) Pp 16-17 of Govt. No. 903 SL
16-8-15

Vide page 1 of letter

566 SL dated (14)
14-6-13

It is clear from the above that the library will ^{the} have a whole-time officer to look after it and the liberal provision proposed to be made for its upkeep is a guarantee for its steady improvement in the future.

4. Since the University is to take charge of the library, it will not ^{be} advisable for Govt. to make any permanent additions to the staff ^{now} as suggested in the Question.

5. The Govt. have taken steps to improve the system under which Oriental Manuscripts in private hands are acquired for the library. A temporary party consisting of an assistant Curator, ^{four} ~~two~~ pandits and two peons, has been constituted for the purpose and a systematic search for rare and valuable manuscripts has been taken in hand. (Lg. No 1096 col dated 18. 9. 1914 and Lg. No 1150 ~~dated~~ dated 3. 11. 1916).

6. With reference to parts (a) & (c) of the Question, the Additional Member may, it is submitted, be informed that the Govt. have decided to transfer the library to the University and the question of making any permanent additions to the staff cannot be considered now. He may also be told that the University proposes to make adequate provision for the proper upkeep of the library and for enhancing

its usefulness.

p. 8 ante

1. Part (b) of the Aneken - It is not clear what the Additinal Member means by 200 volumes of local records in Telugu. There are a large number of Telugu manuscripts in the library and these are being consulted by a very frequently by visitors. (vide statement no. III p. 9 of fo. 86 & Home (E.S.) dated 12.8.1916). The D. S. may be able to give ~~more~~ ^{more} definite information ~~about this~~ ^{about this}.

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2. Parts (d) & (e) of the Aneken. There is no information in the office about the publication of select works by the Mysore Govt. The Additinal Member is ~~perhaps~~ ^{probably} referring to the publication of "Kautilya's Arthashastra" a few years ago by the Mysore Darbar. The Madras Oriental Manuscripts Library has also been publishing rare and valuable works and information about these is given in the annual and biennial reports of the library which are placed in E.T. (Please see para 8 on p. 4 of fo. No. 491 vol dated 25.8.1909 + para 11 on p. 5 of fo. No. 601 vol dated 27.6.1913). The Additinal

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Member's attention may be directed to these reports which have been placed on the E.T.

3. Part (f) of the Aneken. It is a standing rule in the library that originals of manuscripts should never be taken out of the library but that every facility should be given for their being

by Deluges. It is not understood what particular
 nor volume the Hon. Member refers to.

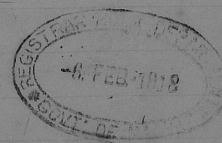
(c). The library has no temporary staff. There are in it a
 Librarian, an assistant Librarian, a bookbinder,
 a clerk and three ^{experts} ~~assistants~~. There is a staff appointed to
 search for and acquire needed manuscripts which is
 on a temporary footing.

The library staff looks after the manuscripts and the
~~assistant~~ Librarian knows Deluges.

(d). The attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the
 annual and biennial Reports of the O. M. Library
 which have been placed on the Hon. Table.

(f). The work of the library that manuscripts are not
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 essential to the safety of the collection. Facilities
 are however given for the copying of manuscripts in
 the library.

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For the Registrar

The final form of the Reg.
Council Decision regarding the Govt. Oriental Manuscripts Library and the answer thereto is as follows

Full-time
Curator for the
Oriental
Manuscripts
Library.

36 Q.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of appointing a full-time Curator for the Oriental Manuscripts Library?

(b) Is it a fact that there are about 200 volumes of local records in Telugu and a large number of Telugu visitors?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of appointing a permanent Telugu pandit to look after the Telugu manuscripts and similarly a Tamil pandit for Tamil manuscripts in the place of temporary staff?

(d) Is it a fact that the Mysore Government is publishing the important works of select ancient authors out of the manuscripts secured by them?

(e) Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of adopting the similar course?

(f) Will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of giving additional facilities to private firms and scholars, by lending such works on taking proper security from them, for the purpose of editing and publishing those works which are not intended to be published by the Government?

36 A.—(a) It has been arranged to transfer the library to the University when their new buildings are completed; meanwhile the Government consider it inadvisable to revise the permanent establishment.

(b) The library contains Telugu manuscripts and is visited by Telugus. It is not understood what particular 200 volumes the Honourable Member refers to.

(c) The library has no temporary staff. There are in it a librarian, an assistant librarian, two pandits, a clerk and three copyists. There is a party appointed to search for and acquire oriental manuscripts which is on a temporary footing.

The library staff look after the manuscripts and the librarian knows Telugu.

(d) & (e) The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the annual and triennial reports of the Oriental Manuscripts Library which have been placed on the Editors' Table.

(f) It is a rule of the library that manuscripts are not lent and the Government consider that its maintenance is essential to the safety of the collection. Facilities are however given for the copying of manuscripts in the library.

No further action seems necessary. These notes

may be

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