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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with a question proposed to have been asked at the meeting of the ----- held on the 13th August 1918 regarding the results of the Public examination under the S.S.L.C. Scheme.

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QUESTION—No.

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for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the

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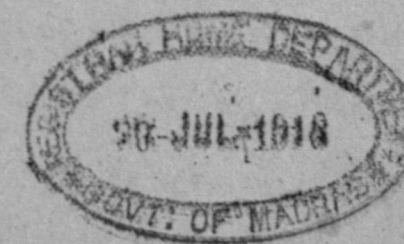
SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the
Hume (Eon) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the
rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Questions in the
Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due
course.

U.T.K.
20-7-18

Leg. U.O. No. 1621-1, dated 20-7-18

To

The Hume (Eon) Department with a/c no. 80



10-10-18]

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.
Home (Education) Department.

The Hon'ble Mr. B. Venkatapati Raju.

- 80 Q.—(a) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the communication published in the *Madras Mail*, dated 5th July 1918, under the heading "The Unfortunate S.S.L.C.s.?"
(b) Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of excluding the marks obtained by the special mathematics students in elementary mathematics in calculating the Presidency average?
(c) Will the Government be pleased to take action in improving the results of S.S.L.C. as it is gradually drifting into the old Matriculation with all its disadvantages without the merit of elasticity?

[Meeting of the 18th August 1918]

Home (Edn) Department

Since attached to
file - p 5 infra

The extract from the *Madras Mail* referred to in the question is at slip ④.

2. The admission to the Intermediate Course of 8th is regulated by the rules issued from time to time by the Syndicate of the University of Madras vide regulation 166 (a) of the University Regulations. The latest rules on the subject are not available in this office, but the old rules will be found on pages 2-3 of note to G.O. No. 590 dated 5.6.15. The complaint is against the rigour of these rules. Neither under the Indian Universities Act, 1904, nor under the regulations made thereunder is power reserved to Govt. to take initiative in matters of this kind. The matter is therefore entirely in the hands of the University.

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3. With reference to this question, His Excellency the President has ^{issued} ~~made~~ the following reference to the Additional Member:—
② Letter No. 1610-3 Leg
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dealt with separately

With reference to your question based on a communication in the *Madras Mail*...

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under the heading "The unfortunate S.S. L.C's"
am directed to ask you whether, with reference
Rule 4(e) of the Question Rules, you would accept
responsibility for the statements contained in the
newspaper extract. His reply is awaited.

4. The following draft answer is ^(in the meanwhile) suggested:-

(a). The Govt. have now perused the article

2 (b) + (c). They ~~are~~ do not propose to take any action in the matter."

5. The file may be forwarded to the
U.S. for remarks.

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Office of the D. P.

I do not see that any other answer can be

given the significance of its last meeting. Appointed

a committee to revise the rules but I do not think

It is advisable to make this fact public as it might

raise too high hopes of relaxation. The reason for

being careful about admission to university

courses, is of course the difficulty students experience

as it is in passing over one part of the diameter

on the first attempt. Whatever line is drawn

There are 1 course hard cases.

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Maybe circulated to H.E. the
foreman for approval of draft
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Mr
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H.E.

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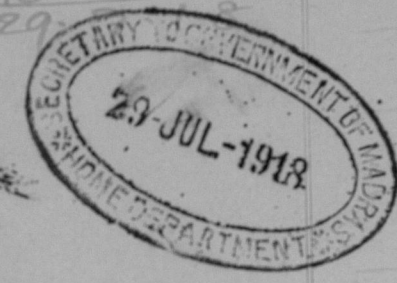
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The question was
not included in the agenda
the last meeting. The notes

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the - held on the 13th
Aug: 1918 re: the results
of the Public Exams, under
the S. S. I. C. Scheme.

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Handwritten notes in Hindi/Urdu script, including phrases like 'महोदय', 'प्रश्न', 'उत्तर'.

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Home (Edl) DEPARTMENT.

CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper— *The Madras Mail*
2. Published at— *Madras.*
3. Dated— *6th July 1918.*

THE UNFORTUNATE S. S. L. C's.

Sir,—A memorial has been submitted to the Syndicate through the Registrar of the University of Madras by 117 parents and guardians of Trichanopoly, for the early publication of a supplementary list of eligible school final candidates, for a ruling that such students may not suffer any injustice in the matter of term days at College; and lastly, for such an alteration of the rules of moderation and selection as will stop the necessity for a supplementary list next year. It has been clearly pointed out there that the present system of allowing the special mathematics students to swell the presidency average in elementary mathematics, is highly unjust to the other students. "To allow the school average to enter into the moderating process, is to give the candidate an advantage or a disadvantage in proportion to the proficiency or weakness of his mates at school, quite independent of his own individual ability, and is only explicable on the principle of "United Karma." It has again been pointed out that the present system of keeping the two sets of rules for determining eligibility mutually exclusive is unreasonable, and that both sets of rules must be made available for the candidate in each particular subject, irrespective of what rule is applied to the other subjects. When the transition was effected from the matriculation to the school-final system, it was recognised that it is human to err, that examiners, as human beings, are no exception to the rule, that a man-made system ought to be constitutionally elastic, that there ought to be such a thing as discretion in really hard cases of failure, and that even at the risk of passing an undeserving student, systems ought to be so devised as not to fail a truly deserving student. But the following two typical instances will clearly show what is the present practice. Two History and Sanskrit candidates in all other respects exactly similar, differ thus:—

	Elementary Mathematics.	English History.
A	42	69 not eligible
B	43	41 eligible

The decision of the Madras University has been given above: Now what is the decision of commonsense? "That is how the matriculation system has been bettered, what was recognised in theory so far back as 1911, has yet to be recognised in fact. If it is not safe to vest any discretion in the Principals of Colleges, why should not the body which prepares the list of eligible candidates exercise a truly wise discretion and measures the fitness of candidates by a just and reasonable standard?" Owing to these reasons, the results of these three years have been shabby; but this year's 28 per cent. is the shabbiest of all. To compel a lad who deserves a pass to go through a supplementary course is not only to ask him, in these hard times, to spend one more year of his time and so much more money, which he may not possess, in school education, but also most probably to make him sceptical about the fact that justice rules the world, to sour his temper, to convert him into a cynic, to impair his self-confidence, to warp his intelligence; in short, to introduce the thin end of the axe at the root of all material prosperity and mental happiness.

The discontent in the Presidency over this year's School Final results is deep and many-voiced. Some voices have spoken. Let the others also speak, and the redress will not be long in the coming.

Teppakulam. V. RATHNAM, B. A.

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