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Recording notes relating to a question asked by the Hon'ble Mr.V. Madhava Raja at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 19th November 1919 regarding admissions to colleges.

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Question—No. 344

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the

19-11-1919.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the
 Home (Sav) 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
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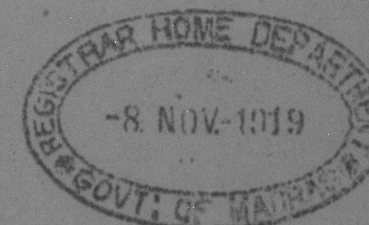
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The Hon'ble Mr. V. Madhava Raja. 3

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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ADMISSION TO COLLEGES

have been dealing in these columns with the social injustice of the Indian educational system. We have also been emphasising, as often as is necessary, the need for a more rapid spread of primary education which so far has received comparatively less attention. But we have never held that University and professional education should now entirely be ignored. The fact is that in our present state and in the absence of other careers for young men, they would naturally flock to the University. When the industrial development of the country passes the stage of mere academic discussion and becomes a reality and when the advantages of commercial life are brought home to the public, there will naturally be a better and wider diffusion of the available talent in profitable employments. But till such a consummation is reached, we have to carry on the present system without causing undue hardships to young and aspiring minds anxious for noble careers in their own land. Under the present system, the provision in the arts and professional colleges has been found to be inadequate for the number of students who seek admission into them. Law is the only profession in which there has been no complaint in this matter. There are two law colleges in the whole presidency affiliated to the Madras University, and they seem to be enough for the purpose of legal education, at all events we have not heard of complaints that students seeking entrance into the law colleges have been refused admission. This may be due to the fact that the rules regarding the strength of the classes and other considerations which regulate admission into other kinds of institutions are not rigidly applied in the case of the law colleges. However that may be, the complaint regarding refusal of admission emanates not from law college students but from students who are anxious to continue further their University courses in the arts colleges and from those who want to study medicine and engineering.

The evil has been in existence now for the past four or five years, and we are sorry that it is growing. With the exception of those who have got influence at their back or those who have scored large percentage of marks in the University examinations, the generality of students who are more or less of the average type

and who yet are anxious to enter the professional colleges have no chance of continuing their education. The principals of the institutions concerned are perhaps not to blame. The accommodation is limited, and the rules regarding the dimensions of classes are so strict that hundreds of students are every year refused admission into these institutions. We shall take the medical schools in the presidency. No doubt the Government have increased the number of medical schools, but if our information is correct, while the schools have increased at perhaps an arithmetical ratio the number of students have increased in a geometrical ratio. We have not the exact figures before us. But the matter is grave enough to be enquired into. As regards the medical college, there is only one such institution in the whole presidency, and we are told that the number admitted every year is less than a hundred or thereabouts. But those who seek admission, after passing their Intermediate or higher examinations of the University, come to several hundreds. It is stated that this year something like six or seven hundred students had to be turned away, young men who would certainly have been benefactors to humanity. Admittedly, there is an ever-growing demand for medical men. A spirit of sanitary improvement is abroad; so is the desire to give medical aid.

But where are the men for it? That is the question, the question of questions at the present hour. If with such a pressing demand, hundreds of enthusiastic young men anxious to study medicine are refused admission, not only are their services lost to the country, but we shall not be surprised if they add to the prevailing discontent. The question is therefore an urgent one, and we hope that the Madras Government will devote their best attention to it.

Home (Education) Department.

The article deals with admission into professional colleges.
- *metropolitan - while clause (b) deals with art colleges.*

2. The information referred to in clause (b) of the question is not available in this office except as regards the Presidency College. It is for consideration whether the Principals of ^{in Madras} other colleges should be asked to furnish statistics as to their institutions. The statistics will be unreliable as students often apply to several colleges for admission at one and the same time to ensure selection at least in one of them.

3. Clauses c & d of the question. When in 1918 Mr. Venkatapati Raju asked whether Government would encourage the raising of ^{the raising of} second grade colleges to first grade ~~colleges~~ the reply was that the Government were not prepared to make any such general statement. Reference in this connection is invited to the notes recorded in G.O. No. 1493 dated 25-11-1918 in which the difficulty of students getting admission into the Intermediate classes was brought to the notice of Govt. in the form of a resolution. But the Govt. were not prepared to accept the truth of the complaint. The present question relates to admission to the Junior B.A. classes. The Govt maintain only a limited number of colleges to serve as models and have not undertaken to provide seats for all who seek admission into colleges. It is however likely that the second grade colleges at Palghat and Mangalore may at some future date, be raised to the ^{status} of 1st grade ~~colleges~~ colleges.

4. The following draft answer is submitted for consideration.:-

- " (a) The Government have ~~perused~~ ^{perused} the article ^{in question} _h
(b) The Govt. doubt whether reliable statistics can be obtained as students often apply for admission to several institutions at one and the same time.

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*note para 2 at p 7 of
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*note Q 101 and the answer
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*Sir Henry Stansford
on pages 4 & 5 of G.O.
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"(c) & (d) The Govt. maintain a few colleges to serve as models, and have not undertaken to provide seats for all who wish to study in an Arts College. Any proposals that may be submitted by managers of aided Second Grade Colleges for raising their status to the 1st grade will receive due consideration."

5. The file may ~~be~~ go to the D.P.I.U.O. for ~~remarks~~

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Since question (C) is a corollary to the presumption that question (B) will be answered in a particular manner ^{one} which I propose should not be adopted, I should prefer the following draft reply:-

(A) Yes

(B) and (C). Reliable statistics cannot be obtained since many students apply for admission to more than one college both in Madras and in the maffasal.

(D). Government have never refused an application for affiliation which has been recommended by the University.

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