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Nambudri Education--

Declining to sanction the request of the Nambudri
Yogakshema Sabha for a special Government school for the
benefit of the Nambudris.

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To,

H.E. The Governor in Council,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

From,

O. Narayanan Nambudiripad,
General Secretary,
Nambudiri Yogakshema Sabha,
Trichur.

May it please Your Excellency,

Now that the world-war has terminated, happily, in the just and glorious victory of the arms of our great and beloved King-Emperor and His Allies and that the preoccupation and financial restraints imposed by the conflict upon Your Excellency's Government have, it may be hoped, relaxed substantially, my Sabha, the representative organisation of the Namboodiri community, has authorised me to press once again, on the attention of Your Excellency's Government, the already long-deferred prayer of this community for the establishment, in some convenient locality in Malabar, of a Government English school, to be maintained, with suitable and permissible conveniences and facilities, for the exclusive benefit of Namboodiri pupils.

Your Excellency's several visits to Malabar and the deep and genuine interest you have all along evinced in the true welfare of the Namboodiri community have, no doubt, enabled Your Excellency to recognise the great and growing need for popularising and extending a sound system of English education among the young people of this community.

My Sabha has reason to believe that the only serious point of difference with regard to this particular educational question is as to whether the Government themselves need undertake to start such an

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institution, on behalf of a community that is believed to have enough of its own influence and financial and other resources to enable it to inaugurate and maintain the institution without State or other outside aid. My Sabha desires me to submit, with regard to this divergence of view, that, notwithstanding any influence or resources it may possess, the Namboodiri community would find it extremely difficult, in fact impracticable, in its present conditions, to solve this English school problem without the direct help of the Government.

4. In any institution started and managed privately and, moreover, as a first attempt, all such necessary matters as management, teaching, school discipline, etc, would be certain to present exceptional difficulties at every turn, especially as the desire, no less than the desirability, for English education still remains to be made general and the notions and views of the community require to be gradually and patiently modified. A school, under Government care and management, would carry with it a prestige and a degree of confidence which, at least for some little time, a private institution would not enjoy.

5. From the financial point of view my Sabha feels that it is not without justification in pressing this question upon Your Excellency's most kind attention. The community it represents contributes a very appreciable proportion of the revenues which the Government derives from this District. Being, at the same time, very backward in the matter of English education, its case for a special English school should not be considered outside the scope of sympathetic consideration.

6. The Mohammadan community, it is not to be denied, is a poor one in the bulk, but there is no gainsaying that it has and has always had an appreciable proportion of members falling under the categories of wealth and fairly well-to-do. For all that, during the past half a century and more, the Government has been exceptionally solicitous towards and has expended very large sums on the

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provision of special educational facilities for, this particular section of the District population. My Sabha does not intend, for a moment, to question the policy of the Government in regard to Mohammedan education, but only wishes to emphasise that, comparatively speaking, it is making an exceedingly modest claim when it begs that the establishment of a Government English school, for the special benefit of Nambudri pupils, may no longer be postponed.

7 Your Excellency's beneficent administration will soon draw to its close, and my Sabha ventures to express the hope that one of its closing measures will be this one of a Government English school for Nambudries who will always feel grateful and indebted to Your Excellency for this special boon.

8 Venturing to hope that my Sabha's earnest request will meet with Your Excellency's very early and favourable consideration,

I beg to remain,

May it please Your Excellency,

Your Excellency's most humble, obedient Servant,

P. M. Kanayannur Nambudiri pad. Hmn
Secretary.

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Cherpulcheri,
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Home (Edu) Dept

[C-24A] From the Gul Beg, Nambudri Yogakshama Sabha B.3-17
Subject Establishment of a Separate School for Nambudris

The necessity for the provision of special facilities for the education of Nambudris has often been urged in the Legislative Council for sometime past, but the Govt ^{have held that} ~~has held that~~ the Community ^{should} ~~take~~ the initiative in the matter. Please see the

(Z) notes connected with G.O. No. 1447 Edl B.12.12.16.
 The deputation of the Nambudri Yogakshama Sabha, which waited on H. F. the Govt during his tour ^{up} ~~at~~ Malabar in Oct 1917, brought to his notice the disabilities of the Community in the matter of English education, and H. F. ^{there} ~~then~~ promised ~~them~~ a sympathetic consideration to any definite proposal ~~they~~ made in this direction.
 (X) Vide G.O. No. 1445 Home (Edu) B.16.11.17.

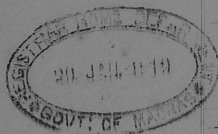
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 not join public schools intended for all classes of
 the community & should claim their special schools
 for themselves. The idea of having non-
 formal schools exclusively for a particular
 community does not appear to me.

If District School Council the Collector & the
 Sanitary Officer.

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Apparently the Director is against
 the opening of a school at the Col of Govt
 for the exclusive use of Nambudiris.
 Attention is so invited to the notes written
 by H. H. (L. H.) as Secretary, in connection
 with a question asked at the Reg. Council
 regarding the provision of special facilities
 for the education of Nambudiris, extracted
 below:-

"The Nambudiris of British Malabar
 and Cochin-unlike those of Travancore-
 are a particularly well-to-do Community.
 "Some of the wealthiest men in British Malabar
 belong to this Community. I am, ^{very} doubtful
 if special schools for them are either necessary
 or advisable in British Malabar. Assuming
 that the Community would prefer to have
 special schools, I think that they should be

" left to start them of their own initiative.
 " relying for such aid from the Govt as
 " the grant-in-aid rules would warrant"

2 For orders whether the Sabha may be informed that, having regard to the need for the wider extension of elementary education and the numerous other calls on the funds available for education, the Govt are unable to accede to the request for a special Govt school for Nambudris and that the community itself should take the necessary initiative in the matter

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Against the remarks of the Honble Mr. P. Rajagopalachariar at A above pr, I would invite attention to his remarks at page 5 of 90/1313 of 20 Nov 1914.

" I know the Nambudris Brahmins of the West Coast very well. They are very backward, and so rightly, otherwise that they will not send their children to the ordinary schools. It is true, that in Travancore, a special school has been established for them, where the children are taught Malayalam, English etc and other provision has also been made for them. caste susceptibilities being respected."

2 I think that the following facts may well be considered

(a) The Naumbonis in British Malabar belong to a well-to-do community; & no special financial aid is called for for any special school

(b) ~~At present~~, a special school is highly desirable as the Naumboni children are not likely to attend other schools.

The special school may be closed after several years.

(c) Even in the matter of starting a special school, the Naumbonis are wanting in initiative & organisation.

3. The Naumbonis have been called on to send definite proposals to which sympathetic consideration has been promised.

4 I therefore consider that pending further consideration we should provisionally think that Govt. should start a special school on the strict understanding that Govt. will incur only such grants as are ordinarily admissible under the Code and the Sabha should undertake to bear all the balance cost. If they do so, the Collector may be called upon in consultation with the Sabha ^{the Inspector} to send proposals.

No. 1 agree with Mr. Rajappalachari:
as quoted at A on p. 2. above.

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A draft order declining the request
of the Sabha is submitted for approval.

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Declining to sanction the request of the Rambundin
Yogakshema Sabha for a special govt school for
the benefit of Rambundis.

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No. 210, dated 17. 2 - 1919.

The Govt are unable to accede to the request of the Nambudri Yogakshema Sabha, that a Govt School should be opened for the special benefit of the Nambudris. The members of the Community should themselves take the necessary initiative in the matter.

the Gul Secy. N. Y. Patha }
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