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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Meeting - September 1921.

Question No. 440 - Widows' Home - Notes Recorded.

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Legislative Council Office.

Question No. 446 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held in August 1921.

Submitted that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Law (Edn) Department. The question has been admitted.

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L.D.S.
U.O. NO. 1864-6 dated 22-7-21
To The Law (Edn) Department.

Council Office.

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QUESTION.

Munshi Muhammad Abdur Rahman Sahib
Bahadur.

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

446. To ask the Hon'ble the Minister
for Education ~~to state~~ -

(a) whether a Widows' Home is main-
tained by ^{the} Government at Madras at the cost
of the tax-payers;

(b) whether it is open to all castes
including Muhammadans;

(c) ^{to state} the number of widows with the
period of their stay and the different
castes to which they belong ~~may also~~
~~be furnished~~.

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There are at present three hostels attached to the Govt. Secondary and Training School for mistresses, Triplicane, i.e., ~~the widow's home~~ or the See House Hostel, the Indian Christian Students' Hostel and the Non-Brahmin caste Hindu Hostel. It is the intention of Govt. to locate all the three hostels in one block and for this purpose, the building and lands adjacent to the See House have been acquired and necessary accommodation is being provided.

2. Attention is invited to the speech of ~~the~~ ^{Dewan Bahadur} ~~the~~ A. Subbarayalu Reddiar (late Minister) at the meeting of the Leg. Council of the 26th March 1921, in connection with certain resolutions connected with the budget - pp. 7-8 of S. 978 of 30.6.21. He then pointed out that though the widows' Home was said to be a Brahmin widows' Home generally, the name "Brahmin widows' Home" was a misnomer.

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on p 79 of No 978 of 30.6.21 (K)

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He also referred to an inspection of the Widows' Home and the Ramakrishna Home which he had with Mrs. Drysdale and that it was decided between them that the former home should be conducted on the same lines as the latter where brahmins and non-brahmins ^(mixed in) lodged ~~at~~ the same house. ~~and that the~~
The Minister then ~~stated that~~
spoke as follows: -
~~that the~~

" X X I take this

" opportunity to entreat the
" several members of the various
" communities concerned in
" South India to bear patiently
" till I give them the next
" building which is rising now
" for accommodation for all
" castes. It is too soon to expect
" that Hindus and Christians
" will mix in dining & lodging.
" Therefore I have taken the
" liberty x x x of arranging
" accommodation in the next
" building which is coming
" and which is brand new."

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p. 6 of g. 978
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The resolutions were with-
drawn on the assurance that the
widows' Home will be thrown open
to all Hindu girls and that other
communities will be accommodated
in the building rising next door.
A copy of the Council Proceedings
has also been sent to the D.P.O. for
the information and guidance of
the Dy. Districtress.

2. There is no hostel
for Muhammadans at present. Perhaps
no such hostel was established for
want of sufficient number of
Muhammadan women applicants
(~~partly~~ ~~as the Hobart Training School for M.P. mistresses is open~~
for admission) the Govt. has not
been unmindful of the claims of
different communities for hostel
arrangements and when the need
arises, a new hostel for Muhamme-
dan women will be established.
The Minister's speech referred to
in para 2 above refers specifically
to Hindus and Christians alone,
but the intention apparently is to
accommodate women of all castes (including Muhammadans).

The buildings next to the Ice House

3. The answer to clauses (a) and (b) of the question may be as under :-

(a) and (b). There are at present three hostels, viz., the Ice House Hostel, the Indian Christian Students' Hostel and the Non-Brahman caste Hindu Hostel. It is proposed to throw open the Ice House Hostel to all Hindu girls and to accommodate girls of other communities in the new building which is rising next to the Ice House.

4. The remarks of the D.P.O. may be invited upon (or the above draft) and he may be requested to furnish an answer to clause (c) of the question. ~~and do~~ It is not clear whether the Ice House is to be retained as a widow's home or is to be opened to non-widows also.

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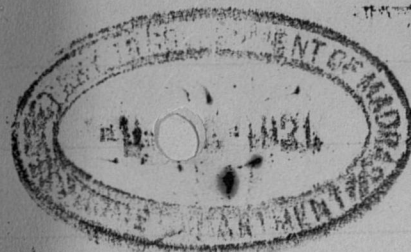
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I suggest the following answer which states the facts so far as they are within my knowledge as obtained from enquiries recently made:-

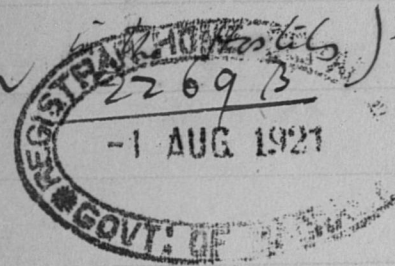
(a) There are three hostels maintained by Government attached to the Government Secondary and Training school for mistresses, Triplicane, the Ice House hostel, the Hindu hostel and the Christian hostel. The first two are opened to all caste Hindus irrespective of caste or age and whether married, unmarried or widowed.

(b) Provision is being made in the Government Hobart school for a hostel for Muhammadans;

(c) There are at present 51 Brahmin widows, 5 caste Hindu widows and one Panchama widow in residence. Their period of stay varies from a few months to a little over seven years.

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Law (Edu) Dept

The answer suggested above by the Dir may be approved and the file circulated to M3.

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Desp answer to Council office & then take action on M3's remark
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D.D.8. may be asked in the light of the remarks of Hon. Mr. S. Subramanian Reddy that many in the Indian streets are turning to the cause of the Hindu?

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A draft D.O. to the D.P.J. with reference to M₃'s orders on p.7 supra is submitted.

D.O. N^o 2173 B-2
3-8-21

My dear Likhailis,

Please refer to Diwan Bahadur R. Ramachandra Rao's D.O. N^o 1183 B-1 of 27.6.21, forwarding ^{an} extract from the Procyp. of the Leg. Council of the 26th March last, containing the remarks of the Honble Mr. A. Subbarayalu Reddiyar ^{regarding} ~~as to~~ the future working of the Lee House Hostel, Triplicane. I am to inquire ^{as to} how many non-Brahmin students there are at present in that Hostel. An early reply is requested.

Yours sincerely

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R. Likhailis Esq.,
M.A., M.L.C., D.P.J.

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THE OLD COLLEGE,
NUNGAMBAKAM.

Office of the Director of Public Instruc-

tion, M a d r a s, 23rd August 1921.

D.O.No. 8 W.B/21.

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My dear Dutt,

In reply to your D.O.No.2173 B-2 dated 3rd August 1921 I write to inform you that there are at present no Non-Brahmin students residing in the Ice House Hostel, Triplicane.

The Superintendent reports that two girls-widows -went there during May last and were asked to join the Home. They preferred, however, to join the Hindu Hostel since the meals prepared in this hostel were more suited to their taste. They were accordingly permitted to join the Hindu Hostel.

A Vaisya widow of 16 years from Bellary was admitted but her brother, an illiterate man, came and removed her. Endeavours are being made to persuade another young widow in Bellary to join the hostel but the attempt has not yet been successful.

Yours sincerely,

To
P.C.Dutt, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Govt.
Law (Gen) Dept.



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Submitted for perusal.
The case may be circulated to
M₃ with reference to his note
on p. 7 ante.

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