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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question—October 1921.

Pandits in Government Service—pay and prospects.

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QUESTION.—No. 744 *867* for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held ~~on the~~ *during the second session* 1921.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Law (Education) Department. *See 4655 A*

The Question has been admitted.

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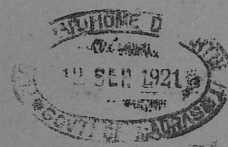
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U.O. No. 2476, ^{1 day C} dated *12/9/21*.

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Question.

22nd August 1921.

Rhan Bahadur Muhammad Sadulla Badsha Schib.
Law
The Education Department.

744. To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education to state:-

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to an article headed "Pandits in Government Service" in the Hindu of the 26th August 1921 regarding the improvement of the present status and prospects of W pandits and munshis in Government Service in general and the munshis of the Government Muhammadan College in particular;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken in connection therewith either by the Director of Public Instruction or the Government;

(c) why the two diploma munshis of the Government Muhammadan College who assist the Oriental Professor in that College in lecturing to the Intermediate and B.A. classes are not designated W Assistant Professors as in the case of X similarly circumstanced Assistants to the Professor of Sanskrit in the Presidency College, as recommended by the Principal of the Muhammadan College;

(d) whether the Government ~~will be pleased~~ can consider the desirability of giving effect to the recommendation of the Principal of the Muhammadan College to designate the present munshis who possess high Oriental qualifications as Assistant Professors.

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Class (a).

Please see the callings from
Hindia of the 5th August at Slip (c). The
answer to the class may be 'The
Govt. have ^{not} perused the Article'.

Class (b).

Pandits and Munshi petitioners
to Govt. for the following scale of pay:-

Rs 70-8-150 for the employed in the
and Rs 60-10-200 College

The Govt. have hitherto decided to
adopt the following new scale of pay:-

Rs 40-2-50

" 50-3-65

" 75-4-95

and Rs 100-5-125.

The Salaries (including appointed by the Govt. (and
for revenue posts) in affirmation of the scale that precedes
Clause (c) (d). with Rs 75-5-100 to Rs 100-10-150.

No such proposal has been before
Govt.

The remuneration of the S.P. J. may be

limited to.

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CUTTINGS FROM NEWSPAPERS.

1. Name of Paper— *Hindu*
2. Published at— *Madras*
3. Dated— *15th August 1921*

PANDITS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT).

MADRAS, August 2 :—The Pandits and Munshis were held in great respect in the Native rule. They were granted Jaghirs and sometimes weighed against gold. Now they have lost all their worth and are regarded much less than the University graduates in point of status and salary. For instance, Pandits and Munshis doing work of equal responsibility as other lecturers in the Presidency College and elsewhere are paid a salary less than a high school assistant. In the words of Rao Bahadur V. K. Ramanaiahchariur spoken at the Legislative Council meeting held at Madras on Thursday evening February 27, 1912, I would ask "Are they inferior to the B.A.'s and M.A.'s who are assistant lecturers? In their own field of knowledge, they are as good, if not better. The Council have heard the complaint that the Vernaculars are much neglected in these days; but so long as the Pandits are not properly treated by the Government, they cannot take interest in their work; and unless they take interest in their work they cannot rouse interest among their students.... I therefore request that the Government will give better pay to, and improve the status of Pandits." In the same meeting Dewan Bahadur Kesava Pillai moved the following resolution of which he had given notice: "That this Council recommend to the Government that the Pandits and other language masters in the Government Colleges should be placed in the collegial branch of the Subordinate Educational Service or their status and pay be raised in some other convenient manner and that the pay and prospects of the language teachers in other Government educational institutions should be correspondingly improved." Sir Murray Hammick (who acted as the Governor of Madras) said "These men have been content not to push their claims and have been content to take posts on less pay than given to men who have University qualifications. The question which now comes is: Is the Government is whether it is necessary to prevent the deterioration of this class of teachers whether it is necessary for us to increase their emoluments."

The first grade college Pandits and Munshis demand pay and status equal to Assistant Professors and 2nd grade college Pandits as assistant lecturers and High School Pandits as assistant masters. To accomplish this object, they petitioned H. E. the Governor three times, held several meetings and waited on the Ag. Director. The Madras Teachers' Guild also supported their claim for much higher salary. All their attempts proved to be a total failure except that the Salaries Committee in their dissentient minute proposed Rs. 15 for the Pandits. This is an abnormal thing. They must get pay in the cadre of Subordinate Educational Service at least to enable them to retire on a pension enough to keep body and soul together.

There are two assistant professors for Sanskrit only at the Presidency College and none at the Government Muhammadan College in spite of the fact that the 2 Munshis assist the Oriental Professor in lecturing on 3 languages viz. Urdu, Persian and Arabic in Inter. and B.A. classes. Why should they not be called as Assistant Professors and be given higher pay so long as there is a difference in name and pay between those who teach in the high schools and those who lecture in colleges? Both of them are of 18 years' standing and thoroughly qualified and eligible to be called as as one of them is a Diplomed

Moulvi and another the first Munshi-Fazil of the Madras University. There are living instances of men who are without any University degree and yet are appointed as professors and assistant professors at the Nizam and Aligarh Colleges for their scholarship. With this exception of two Pandits, there is hardly any other Pandit and no Munshi in the Board of Studies or Board of Examiners of the Madras University. To this injustice, I draw the attention of our University members in the Legislative Council and Syndicate members of the University. Out of 150 members in the Legislative Council is there no one to plead for higher pay and status of the poor Pandits and Munshis?

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