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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Resolution.-

Preferential admission to non-Brahmin pupils in
schools and colleges.



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Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

SUBJECT.—Nos 44 and 49 for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 1st August 1921.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Resolutions may be forwarded to the Law (Education) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Resolutions in the Legislative Council. The Resolutions have been admitted.

L. D. S
9.7.21

U.O. No 1776-4, dated 11-7-21.

To
The Law (Education) Department

11/3/21
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Council Office,

27th June 1921.

Resolution.

Mr. C. Natesa Mudaliyar.

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

44. That this Council recommends to the Government that in all Government schools and colleges (both professional and arts) at least 66% of the pupils and students admitted should be non-Brahmans always giving preference to candidates belonging to educationally backward classes.

Done (Sd/-) Deptt.:

A suggestion ~~which~~ analogous to the present one ^{was made in} a resolution passed by the ^{REV.} Muhammedan Educational Association of Southern India and Subs. to Govt. for consideration in 1916. In that resolution the Association urged that the Govt. might direct Principals of the Govt. and the aided colleges to set apart a certain no. of seats in the Standard Intermediate & B. A. classes for Muhammedan students ~~in the Government schools~~

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It was recognized that the basis of any such ~~discretionary~~ ^{cause based on the students of other communities} discretion would be ~~discretionary~~. But, at the same time, since the Muhammadans form a backward community eligible for the concession of half-fees and as the levy of half-fees is not obligatory on the part of managements of aided institutions, it was thought necessary that preference should be given to Muhammadan pupils seeking admission to Govt. Colleges where alone they could be

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~~the~~ Due of getting the consent of paying fees at half the Govt. rates. Accordingly the D.P.D. (~~the~~ Sir Henry Stone) was permitted to issue instructions to ~~the~~ the principals of Govt. colleges

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that the claims of Muhammadans to admission should receive very special consideration. Attention is also

to the question asked at the Deputy Council meeting enquiring if seats will be reserved for Pancharval & the answer given thereto

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2 The present ~~policy~~ ^{policy} is ~~not~~ ^{not} for others. The wording of the resolution would preclude the admission of Brahmin students even if there are vacancies due to the paucity

qualified non-Brahmin students admission, as not more than a ~~the~~ ^{the} of the no. come the Brahmins. If

it can be proved that non-Brahmin students now fail to get admission into Govt. institutions, ~~it~~ which hardly seems to be the case, it may then be considered ~~that~~ whether instructions like those issued in respect of Muhammad students cannot be issued. As it is there has been no report about ~~non~~ ~~obtain~~ any difficulties being placed in the way of the admission of non-Brahmin students in Govt. institutions. While the Govt. would always be free to afford every facility for the promotion of education of any community, they would hardly be justified in placing restrictions over the education of a community, which would be the effect of the resolution in its present form.

The file may be sent to D.P.D. for remarks.

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17.7.21

Sir Henry Stone told me that the number of school places in the Intermediate classes exceeds the number of pupils qualified for admission to College classes of the

University rules.

2. On principle too I object to a restriction of education on a communal basis; there will be no objection to a limitation in order of total marks or local residence ^{or}.

3. In practice however I know that Principals of Govt. schools actually admit non-Brah. pupils even in preference to Brah. pupils who have got more marks.

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6 If this resolution were accepted and given effect to, Non-Brahmins would presumably flock to Government schools and colleges. Where a sufficient number of qualified non-Brahmins applied for admission they would be admitted and the remaining $1/3$ of the pupils or students would presumably be Brahmins. Where, however, a sufficient number of qualified non-Brahmins did not apply for admission the schools or colleges would remain partially empty. The mover would apparently in such a case educate nobody rather than educate Brahmins. This would certainly be the case in the honours classes at the Presidency College. Very few non-Brahmins either desire or are qualified to take up the honours' courses. If the resolution were given effect to Government would be maintaining at the Presidency College a highly qualified staff with practically no work of an advanced character to do, while the less advanced work could be done by a less highly qualified staff than that which we employ.

I think, however, that in view of the present political situation in south India there is a great deal to be said in favour of the principle underlying the resolution. If non-Brahmins are to become qualified to hold and to be appointed to posts of responsibility and of trust in greater numbers

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numbers than at present, the surest way eventually to achieve this object is to ensure that they receive a sound and thorough education, and to insist upon them receiving the advantages for which they in common with the Brahmins and other castes and races pay.

I think, however, it is inadvisable to lay down any specific percentage of pupils and students which should be admitted. It would be better if the resolution were worded somewhat as follows:-

'That this Council recommends to Government that in making admissions to all Government schools and colleges preference should be given to qualified candidates belonging to the educationally backward classes'.

On political ground I see no strong objection to the acceptance of such a resolution.

On educational grounds alone, however, I cannot advise the acceptance of the resolution except by discarding a fundamental educational principle viz., that each child should receive that education which it is most fitted to receive and which will make it the most useful member of the community in which it lives and the society in which it moves. I do not discuss whether the education now given is suitable or is not suitable to the people of this country in general. Experience has shown that in south India the education given

given has been taken advantage of, and is therefore presumably fitted to the Brahmin rather than to the non-Brahmin. Any policy then of excluding fit Brahmins from educational facilities will be educationally unsound ^{since} the result of the acceptance of even the modified resolution quoted above will have this effect.

Furthermore if Government accept and give effect to such a resolution they should be forewarned that Government schools and colleges will no longer maintain the position of model institutions which is the main reason of their existence. Good bricks can be made only out of suitable clay and the best china-ware can be made only from carefully selected earth deposits. We shall not be able to demand such a high standard as formerly nor such good results as formerly in our Government institutions, if we are going to use material which at present has not shown itself so apt or adaptable as the material which has up to the present been employed.

So far as elementary schools are concerned practically all schools under direct Government control are for members of backward communities.

may be Subs. to 1st (Ed. 23)
~~7~~ M₃ for orders as to
 who will take charge
 of the Resol. & as to
 whether it should be
 discussed at the Cabinet meeting.

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Concerning his backward election
is among his own statements a
resolution as suggested by D.P. does
not appear to be open to serious
objection. To make it still less objectionable
we may add "After being being
equal" ~~to~~ at the end of the
resolution suggested by D.P. No one
can possibly take exception to such
a resolution.

M3

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This resolution may be discussed
next month. The matter will
be spoken to to hold it over.
In the meanwhile the policy may
be finally settled & further
discuss with D.P. before
placing the matter to Cabinet
discussion. It is a very difficult
matter to decide in so short
a time in this session.

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may be submitted to M3
in case he should like to discuss with

D.P. 3.
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It might be asked to state what is the number of students in each of the colleges; Nursing College, Engineering College, Medical College, Postgraduate & non-graduate students Community studies in Dramatics, Christmas etc.

2) I would add to the proposed modification to the constitution of 1949, --- "Educationally backward classes, such as the non-graduate communities" --- It was talked to me about the matter re per Centre & he agreed, he was asked again re per of gain

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 I draft w/o note as sub 2 x S.S. (P.H.) may be requested to obtain the information re per of the Medical College ~~and the~~ ~~of the~~

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 3 Attention is directed to the D.O. note on page 4 of the notes in the linked file where he has suggested that at least 10 per cent of the seats should be reserved for non-Brahmins. Should para 2 of the w/o note stand?

NK
 20/8/21
 This may go. Apparently the D.O.'s interview with the Hon. the Minister on this question took place after he had written the note in the linked file. In any case there is no harm in the further ref.

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 20.8.21
 SS
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The w/o note to D.P.D. has issued. May the case now go to L.S. S(P.H) with refer. to 'A' on previous page.

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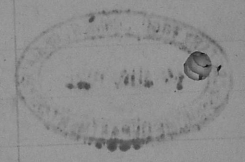
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L.S. G. (P.H.) draft
 A draft memo to the P.B. is submitted for approval. After issue the files may be sent to the Law (Gov) with the information that the reply will be sent to them as soon as it is received from the P.B. TS
 Law (Gov) no. 29/81



In connection with Resolution No.105 to be moved at the next meeting of the Legislative Council regarding reservation of seats for Non-Brahmin pupils in Government schools and colleges up to 66 percent of their strength, the D.P.I may be requested u.o to report the number of students now on the rolls of each of the Government colleges, the Presidency College, the Engineering College and the Law College together with information as to how they are distributed among the Brahman and the Non-Brahmans (including - Muhammadans, Christians etc)

2. It is understood that the D.P.I recently discussed with the Hon'ble the Minister the question of fixing a percentage of seats to be reserved for Non-Brahmans in educational institutions. The Director may be requested to record his recommendations in the matter.

20.8.21

E.A.V.
19-8-21

N.K.
20-8-21

C.R. 20-8-21

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P.T.O.

no 472/21

d) 26.8.21

U.O. Reply No. 472/21

The information required in para 1 above is as follows:-

Colleges	Brahmins	Non-Brahmins				Total	Grand total
		Hindus	Indian christians	Muhamma- dans	Others		
Presidency College	440	122	19	15	11	167	607
Law College	524	163	17	11	2	193	717
<u>Engineering College</u>							
(a) College							
Department	101	38	13	4	2	57	158
(b) Other							
Department	221	58	12	2	5	77	298
Total	322	96	25	6	7	134	456
Grand total	1286	381	61	32	20	494	1780

In addition to the above we have in Madras itself a Muhammadan College with 30 Muhammadans attending it.

From the above it will be observed that from 25 to 30 per cent of the students now reading in Government Colleges in Madras are non-Brahmins.

Regarding para 2 above I have to invite attention in the first place to my U.O. note No. 398 dated 30th July 1921.

On educational grounds I cannot recommend that any fixed per-centage of seats be reserved for non-Brahmins in educational institutions.

If, however, for political or other reasons Government desire that non-Brahmins should be given preference in admissions to educational institutions I suggest that the resolution worded somewhat as follows might be accepted:-

'That this Council recommends to Government that in making admissions to all Government schools and Colleges preference should be given to qualified candidates belonging to the educationally backward classes.'

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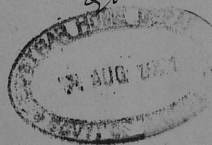
16. If, however, a fixed percentage is required I consider that the least dislocation of work in educational institutions and the least opposition to a percentage is likely to arise if Government lay down that a progressively increasing percentage of non-Brahmins be admitted during the next five years. The resolution might be worded as follows:-

'That this Council recommends to Government that in making admissions to all Government schools and colleges 30 per cent of the pupils and students admitted in the year 1922 in each institution should be non-Brahmins, the corresponding figures for the years 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926 being 35, 40, 45 and 50 respectively.'

I suggest furthermore that the above recommendation should not be made applicable to the honours courses of study.

I suggest further that if a sufficient number of non-Brahmins do not apply for seats vacancies may be filled by Brahmins.

Sum 4,87 A
28.8.21



[Signature]
28.8.21

Done (28.8.21) Deptt.

The L. S. G. Deptt. has issued a call to the S. G. for figures in respect of the Medical College. ~~the~~ The case

may be now circulated to M₃ without waiting for statistics from the S. G. *It will be sent when received*
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With refer. to M₂ note at p 10 ante.

At a Council meeting it was resolved
that a Selection Committee be
appointed for admission of students
in Govt. School & College

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Resolution withdrawn on the assurance
that a selection committee will be appointed
to assist Principals in selecting students.

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3/12/21

Preferential admission to non-Brahman pupils in all schools and colleges.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"The next resolution No. 105 covers the same ground as the previous one. Does the honourable member propose to move it?"

Mr. C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"I wish to say something about my proposition, Sir."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"I fear I cannot allow the honourable member to do so. This resolution covers the same ground as that covered by the resolution previously dealt with. I am prepared to hear what the honourable member has to say on a point of order; I shall gladly hear him before I pass a ruling on any such point. But so far as I am able to see, this question is substantially the same as the one just now disposed of. If the honourable member is going to prove that it is not, I am prepared to consider that point. I cannot, however, allow him to go into the merits of his resolution."

Mr. C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"It is 66 per cent that I want, Sir, and in the previous resolution it was 50."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT:—"What the honourable member should have done, if he was not satisfied with 50 per cent, was to have put forward an amendment to that effect. He did not do so. I do not think it would be now correct for me to allow this resolution to go forward, because the resolution that has been disposed of was substantially the same in issue as this. I am sure the honourable member will, on reflection, agree with me."

The following resolution was accordingly struck off the agenda:—

Mr. C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—

"105. That this Council recommends to the Government that in all Government schools and colleges (both professional and arts) at least 66 per cent of the pupils and students admitted should be non-Brahmans, always giving preference to candidates belonging to educationally backward classes."

C. Res. - September 21

Preferential admission to
non-Brahman pupils in
schools and colleges.

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