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E.S. C. No. 769/15
 Legislative Council Office.
 Question
 H.R. Ky., T. Soma Sundara Mudaliyar Avl.
 The Law (Education) Department.
 581. We ask the Hon'ble the
 Minister for Education to state -
 (a) when the Government Oriental
 Manuscripts Library Madras was first
 formed;
 (b) the number of manuscripts in
 Sanskrit, Tamil, Malayalam, Kanarese
 and Telugu that are at present preser-
 ved in the Library;
 (c) whether the attention of the
 Government has been drawn to the article
 entitled "Government Oriental Manus-
 cripts Library" that appeared in the
 "Justice" of the 14th February 1921;
 (d) how far the allegations con-
 tained therein regarding the neglected
 condition of the manuscripts are true;
 (e) the annual expenditure in-
 curred on the maintenance of the library
 (f) honorarium or salary or allow-
 ance paid to the Curator of the Govern-
 ment Oriental Manuscripts Library;
 (g) establishment charges relating
 to the Sanskrit and each of the other
 sections of the library;

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Information is available in the office only on a few clauses of the question but not on all the clauses. The file may be sent to the D.P. no for suggesting suitable answers.

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U.O. Reply.

The following answers are suggested:

581 (a) In the year 1869.

(b) Sanskrit 1042 manuscripts
Tamil 2009
Malayalam 109
Kannarese 921
Telugu 2934

(c) Yes.

(d) The allegations contained therein regarding manuscripts are not true so far as the Oriental Manuscripts Library is concerned. The article in 'Justice' refers to other libraries as well.

(e) The total annual expenditure incurred in the maintenance of the Library is of a fluctuating character. The revised estimate for the current year is Rs. 23,100/-.

(f) no remuneration of any kind is paid to the Curator.

(g) The attention of the member is invited to G.O. No. 887 dated 16th July 1919 which has been placed on the table.

(2 & 3) No portion of the library establishment is exclusively earmarked for any particular language and the sections of the establishment are not formed on a linguistic basis.

I should like to add here that the concluding part of the article in question in Justice is open to serious criticism. The Oriental Manuscripts library with a far larger number of Sanskrit manuscripts than the number in the vernaculars cannot be controlled by any one other than a competent Sanskrit scholar with a fair degree of acquaintance with the South Indian vernaculars; and it is extremely unfair to the Curator to suggest that because he is a Sanskrit scholar he is antipathetic to the vernacular languages.

R.G.A.
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Submitted for approval

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To Mr. A. H. A.
Depy. Secy. to
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Question No. ~~307~~ 19. for the next session of the Legislative Council

The Law (Edu) Department may be informed u.o that fresh notice has been received of the accompanying question which lapsed by prorogation at the close of the last session.

U.O.No. 538-2 dated 7-5-21

To
The Law (Education) Department
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The answer to the question put by the M. L. C. in the last session, already been despatched to the Council Office on 12-4-21.

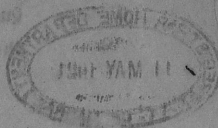
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The final form of the question and answer as approved is as follows:—

Government Oriental Manuscripts Library.

729 Q.—Mr. T. SOMASUNDARA MUDALIYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education to state—

- when the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras, was first formed;
- the number of manuscripts in Sanskrit, Tamil, Malayalam, Kanarese and Telugu that are at present preserved in the library;
- whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the article entitled "Government Oriental Manuscripts Library" that appeared in the *Justice* of the 14th February 1921;
- how far the allegations contained therein regarding the neglected condition of the manuscripts are true;
- the annual expenditure incurred on the maintenance of the library—
 - the honorarium or salary or allowance paid to the Curator of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library,
 - establishment charges relating to the Sanskrit and each of the other sections of the library,
 - contingencies; and
- the number of manuscripts acquired during each of the last three years and the expenditure incurred on their acquisition.

A.—(a) In the year 1869.

	Manuscripts.
(b) Sanskrit	10,442
Tamil	2,009
Malayalam	109
Kanarese	921
Telugu	2,934

- Yes.
- The allegations contained therein regarding manuscripts are not true so far as the Oriental Manuscripts Library is concerned.
- The total annual expenditure incurred in the maintenance of the library is of a fluctuating character. The revised estimate for the current year is Rs. 23,100.
 - No remuneration of any kind is paid to the Curator.
 - & (3) No portion of the library establishment is exclusively earmarked for any particular language and the sections of the establishment are not formed on a linguistic basis.
- The attention of the member is invited to G.O. No. 887, dated the 16th July 1919, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

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