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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question - Admission of Adi-Dravida pupils into
schools under the Chidamaram Taluk Board - Noted recorded.

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Memo. No. 3155A-1 dated 26.8.24

Legislative Council question No. 784 -
Admission of children belonging to the
depressed classes in certain schools of
the Chidambaram Taluk Board.

The D.P.I. is requested to obtain
and furnish the information asked for
in ~~clauses (a), (b) and (d) of~~
the question cited above.

To

The D.P.I. (with a copy of clauses
(a), (b) & (d) of the
question.)

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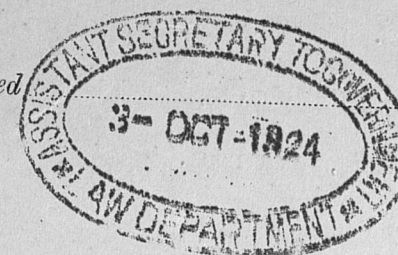
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Legislative Council question No. 784-

Admission of children belonging to the depressed classes

in certain schools under the Chidambaram

Taluk Board.

ENCLOSURES.

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R. C. No. 1660 B/24

Station Madras, Dated the 1- 10- 24 192

From (Name) R. Littlehailes Esq., M.A.,

(Designation) Director of Public Instruction,

Madras

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education)

Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memo No. 3155 A1 dated 26- 8- 24 I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of the District Educational Officers letter R.O. No. 1303/22 dated 18- 9- 24 containing the required information.

2. A copy of the District Educational Officers Endorsement R.C.No. 1303/24 dated 26- 9- 24 together with a copy of the Deputy Inspectors letter R.C.No. 104 S/24 dated 12- 9- 24, is also herewith enclosed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A.R. 2/10/24 P.T.O.

for Director of Public Instruction

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(a) It is true that Adi Pravida children were refused admission in vattathur Board school. The teacher of the

(d) In the Lalpet Board Boys school of this range

range one Adi Dravida boy has been admitted".

Copy of Endorsement R.C. No. 1303/24 dated 26-9-24
From the District Educational Officer, South Arcot.

Resubmitted with a copy of the letter R.C.No.104
of 24 dated 12- 9- 24 of the Deputy Inspector of
Schools, Kattumannarkoil Range on the subject.

2. The Deputy Inspector of Schools, Kattumannarkoil
has in accordance with G.O.No. 329 Home (Education)
dated 17- 3- 19 further objected to the Boards
starting Adi Dravida elementary schools in places
where there are already Hindu elementary schools and has
pointed out to the Board various directions in
which improvement in Adi Dravida Education could be
effected.

3. But the President and the Board have taken no
notice of his advice and recommendations.

(True copies)

Admission of depressed
classes in certain schools
under the control of the
Bridambaram D.K.B.

Memo. 29055-1 L.H.A 3-11-24

The Govt. understand
that ^{pupils} children belonging
to the depressed classes
are refused admission
in the board schools
at Satiatope, Vattathor
and other places ⁱⁿ of the
Kattumannarkoil Range
in the Bridambaram Taluk.
The P.D.B. Bridambaram
is requested to report
if this is so and if so, why
early the reasons for
~~they are~~ refused such admissions.

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The P.D.B. Bridambaram
through the P.D.B.
Bridambaram.

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Said to be pronounced both ways

house owners object to the admission of Adidravida pupils.

But even in cases where there are no such objections the Adidravidas do not seem to seek admission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. V. Narayana
President. 27.1.25

V.T./Exd.

(C.No.4995)

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Admission of depressed classes -
Schools under the Chidambaram Taluk
Board.

Memorandum No 4995-1 Dm 10/3/25

The Government are informed that children belonging to the depressed classes are refused admission in the board schools at Sethiatope, Vattathoor and other places in the Kattumannar Koil range under the Chidambaram Taluk Board. The President of this Taluk Board who was addressed in the matter states that except in Vattathur these pupils were not refused admission. ~~in the Sethiatope board school~~

2. The Government understand that when the Adidravidas of Sethiatope and surrounding villages petitioned to the President for the admission of their boys in the Sethiatope board school he stated that the school was very near a choultry and that the people of the locality did not accept the suggestion.

3. Again it is stated that admission into the Kattumannarkoil board school was refused to depressed classes on the plea that the school building was a holy shrine (Guru Puja Madam) and that no other building was available. 4. The P.D.B South Arcot is requested to enquire into the truth of the statements in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and submit

submit a report to Government.

From
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Pm
E. S. S.

To

The P.D.B., S. Arcot

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ENCLOSURES.

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Station Cuddalore N. T., Dated the 12th May 1925.

From (Name) M.R. Ry. K. Sitarama Reddier Ayl., B.A., B.L.M.I.C.
(Designation) President, District Board, South Arcot.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Local Self Government Department.
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Government Memorandum No. 4995- I & M., dated 10th March 1925, I have the honour to report as follows:--

I camped at Shetiatope on the 6th and 7th and at Kattumannarkoil on the 8th and made enquiries regarding refusal to admit Adi-dravida boys in the Shetiatope and Kattumannarkoil Board schools.

I understand that there was no petitioning by the Adi-dravidas of Shetiatope and surrounding villages to the Taluk Board President. The Head Master himself was examined and he said that in spite of his endeavours to get the Adi-dravida boys, the Adi-dravida parents were not keen enough

to

to send their boys to the school. This is mostly due to the indifference on the part of the Adi-dravidas to educate their children. I also understand that there is an aided Adi-dravida school close by at Veeramudayanatham within a mile of Shetiatope. This may probably be another reason why admission was not sought for into the school. Besides there is the innate feeling in an Adi-dravida not to mix himself freely with the caste men. The Board school is located in a building owned by the Taluk Board situated within 15 or 20 yards of a choultry maintained by the Taluk Board. Even though the building is meant to be and is accessible to all, its close proximity to the choultry may perhaps be one of the causes that have scared away the Adi-dravida boys from seeking admission. It is better if funds permit to sell away the present Taluk Board school building and build another school close to the road which may be available for all classes of men. It is a strong Padayachi village and it may be that many boys will be taken away from the school if the admission of Adi-dravida boys ^{is} forced on them. I also understand that the Taluk Board President is willing to open an Adi-dravida school in the village if there are at least 25 boys forthcoming for such admission. I am convinced from enquiries made, that there has been no petitioning by the Adi-dravida parents ^{of admission} or refusal of their boys into the school.

As regards the Kattumannarkoil Board school, it is now located in the Gurupuja Madam which is not accessible to Adi-dravidas. It is said here also that no admission by any Adi-dravida was sought for. But this may ^{be} due to the fact that such admission will surely be refused even if applied for. I understand that no other suitable building is available for the present and that the Taluk Board is proposing to acquire a site close by and put up sheds temporarily for school purposes. I am addressing the Taluk Board President to expedite the fruition of this proposal.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
K. S. Srinivasan
President, District Board.

Memo. 3155-A-4 of 23-6-25

Admission of Adi-Dravida pupils into schools under the Chidambaram Taluk Board.

that
The government understand the board elementary schools at (1) Vattathur, (2) Shetiatope and (3) Kattumannarkoil under the control of the Taluk Board, Chidambaram, are located in buildings to which Adi-Dravida pupils cannot have free access. The President, Taluk Board, Chidambaram, is requested to take early steps for the removal of the schools to places accessible to all classes of pupils.

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to
The D. T. B., Chidambaram.
Copy to M. R. R. Srinivasan
and N. d. C.,
with a C. S.

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QUESTION.—No. 784

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the

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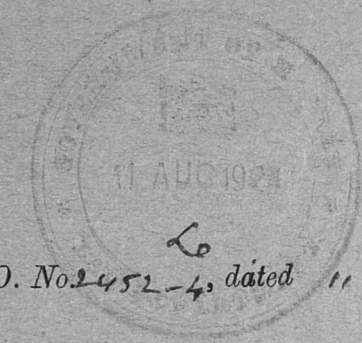
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SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the

Law (Edou)

Department.

The Question has been admitted.



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To

The

Law (Edou)

Department.

QUESTION.

Mr. R. Srinivasan.

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT
THE LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

784. Will the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether children belonging to the depressed classes are refused admission in ~~board~~ schools in Sattatope, Vettathoor and other places of Kattumannarkoil range in Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot;

(b) whether students belonging to the depressed classes in board school in Bounagiri of Chidambaram taluk are kept out of the school walls and taught there;

(c) if the answer be in the affirmative whether the Minister will order the withdrawal of Government subsidy to the above schools in cases where depressed classes children are not admitted;

(d) how many elementary schools and how many secondary schools are maintained by the taluk board of Chidambaram;

(e) the names of schools in which the children of depressed classes are admitted and the number of boys and girls in each school?

V.L.S.

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Clauses (a), (b) & (d). No information is available in the office. A report ~~is to be~~ ^{may} be called for from the Director of Public Instruction. A draft memo is submitted for approval.

Clause (c). According to the ^{letter from the President,} ~~the Taluk Board, Chidambaram, No 182 of 30-5-24~~ ^{is in connection with the Taluk Board Education Conference} there were 85 elementary schools ^{for boys and girls} on 1-4-24. Under rule 3 of the rules in schedule V of the Local Board Act, 1920, Taluk Board funds can be spent only on ~~the~~ the opening and maintenance of elementary schools. According to the Administration report of the South Arcot District Board for 1922-23 no secondary school was maintained by the Taluk Board, Chidambaram.

The following draft answer is for approval:

(a), (b) & (d). The Govt. have no information ^{and} but will call for a report.

(c) 85 elementary schools ^{for boys and girls} were maintained by the Taluk Board, Chidambaram, on 1-4-24. The ^{the utilization of} Local Boards Act, 1920, does not permit Taluk Board funds ~~to be used~~ on the maintenance of secondary schools.

The draft may be sent u.o. to L.S.G. for acceptance.

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yes, asking whether they would answer the question themselves. The

our file has gone to Law (Edn) from 15/8

L.S.G. (u-o)

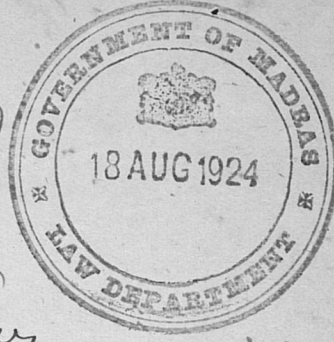
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Issue on also

Admission of pupils from the depressed classes into the board schools
of Chidambaram taluk.

766 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether children belonging to the depressed classes are refused admission in board schools in Satiatope, Vattathoor and other places of Kattumannarkoil range in Chidambaram taluk, South Arcot;

(b) whether students belonging to the depressed classes in board school in Bounagiri of Chidambaram taluk are kept out of the school walls and taught there;

(c) how many elementary schools and how many secondary schools are maintained by the Taluk Board of Chidambaram; and

(d) the names of schools in which the children of depressed classes are admitted and the number of boys and girls in each school?

A.—(a), (b) & (d) The Government have no information and will call for a report.

13th October 1924]

(e) Eighty-five elementary schools for boys and girls were maintained by the Taluk Board, Chidambaram, on 1st April 1924. The Local Boards Act, 1920, does not permit the utilization of taluk board funds on the maintenance of secondary schools.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to clause (b) may I know whether the Government have called for the information and whether they will furnish the same to the House?"

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—"We have not called for the information."

C & B

Please issue the answer to the house

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The facts reported in cl. (a) of the L. C. Am. are substantiated by the report of the D. E. O. S. Arcot.

A draft on to the P. S. Chidambaram calling for a report on the matter is submitted below.

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[Memo no: 3155A-I 26-8-24]

From the D.P.O. R.C. no: 1660 B/24

1-10-24

The D.P.O. submits the report of the D.E.O., South Arcot, furnishing the required information. Submitted that the L.S.G. may be asked to obtain an explanation from the President, Taluk Board, Chidambaram as to why ~~the depressed classes~~ pupils ^{of the depressed classes} were not admitted into some of the elementary schools under the control of the Taluk Board.

Law (Edu) Dept

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[Memo. no. 29055-1 LHM 8.3.11.24]

C. no. 3826 from the P.T.B. Brindambaram

Sup. no. 381 T.T.S. 26.1.25

2nd P.T.B. Brindambaram denies the fact that depressed classes are not admitted in Sethiathope & other schools of the Kattumannar Kodunge except the one at Vattathoor. The reasons for exclusion ^{from the} at Vattathoor school & the steps he proposes to take in the matter are also stated.

Unless further enquiries are made it is difficult to say whether the version of the D.E. O. S. Aroor or that of the P.T.B. Brindambaram is correct.

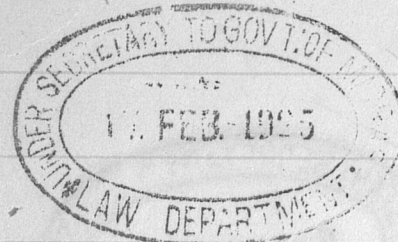
It is for consideration whether the reply of the P.T.B. may now be furnished to them in answer to the question & further steps taken if the M. L. C. takes up the question again. If this be agreed to the file may be returned to Law (Edn) no

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~~The draft may be accepted and the file returned to D. S. G. It does not appear~~

P.V.K.
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deniable to forward a copy of the Deputy Inspector's report as that may

embarrass the inspecting officers of the department

(This may be treated as a petition to go)

The purport of the report and of the statements made in the President's letter may be communicated to

Law Edu no 3155 A/24-3



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the President, S. Board, for further enquiry and report

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L.S. 21 (U.D)

From the letter of the Dy Inspector of Schools on pages 3-5 of c.f. it is clear that ^{the} admissions pupils were refused admission in Sethiathope and Kattumannarkoil schools. The statement of the P.T.B. that admission was not refused may be verified by a reference to the P.S.B.

2. Moreover if the statements contained in the letter of the Dy Inspector are true the P.T.B. should be called on to explain and severely censured

3. The draft below may issue with the concurrence of Law (Edn)

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Revised draft is submitted for approval

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[Memo. no. 4995-1 LTM 10.3.25]

C.no. 13602 from the P.D.B S. Arcot

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The explanation offered by the P.D.B Chidambaram has been verified by the report of the P.D.B S. Arcot. The file may now be returned to Law (Edu) for taking the necessary action with reference to the answer to cl. (a) (b) + (d) of the L.C. Qn. given

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The reports of the P.D.B and of the D.F.O do not tally. This is however a matter for Law (Eon)

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Object

A.S.

The reports show that the board schools at Vattathur, Shetiatope and Rattumannaikoil are located in places not easily accessible to Adi-Dravida pupils. The President, Taluk Board, Chidambaram, may be asked to take early steps for the removal of the schools to places accessible to all classes of pupils.

2. Draft submitted. A copy of the memo may be sent to H.R.Ry. R. Brinivasan and H.L.C. After issue the papers may be

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P.V.R.

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