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Legislative Council Question.

Nambudiri community--special schools--Mr.O.M.Narayanan
Nambudripad.

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QUESTION.—No. 904

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held ~~on the~~ in March 1925. *Law Edu 960A*
12/3/25

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the
Law (Education) Department. *L. E. 752B*
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The Question has been admitted.



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U.O. No. 863-2, ^{L.C.} dated 12/3/25

To

The *Law (Education)* Department.

5th March 1925.

Starred Question.

Law Bahadur

Mr. O.M. Narayanan Mambudiripad

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THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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904. Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is not a fact that the Mambudiri community is one of the most backward communities in the presidency in point of English education;

(b) whether the Government have made any enquiries as to why the community is slow to take advantage of the existing facilities for education;

(c) whether it ^{is} ~~is~~ a fact that ^{this} ~~deplorable~~ Condition of the community is mainly due to the many religious and social habits and customs which preclude their youths from joining the ordinary public schools until comparatively a late age in life, and not due to any lack of desire or enthusiasm on their part for education and culture;

(d) whether representations have not been made to Government by the spokesmen of the community through addresses presented to successive Governors in the course of their tours in the West Coast pointing out these disabilities and praying for the opening of special schools for their benefit; and

(e) whether the Government propose to take any steps in the matter?

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The Census reports do not give separate figures relating to the literacy in English of Nambudiris. In addresses presented to Governors the community has represented on several occasions that owing to their religious customs and habits children belonging to the community could not join ordinary schools ^{at an early age} and that a separate secondary school should be opened for them. The Government have, however, held that as the Nambudiris are a well-to-do class ~~community~~ ^{they} should ~~themselves~~ take the initiative in the matter of opening a separate school. (Please see the opinions of Sir P. Rajagopala Achariyar and Mr. R. Ramachandra Rao on pages 11 and 12 of G.O. No. 147, dated 12-2-16 and pages 3 and 4 of G.O. No. 210, dated 17-2-1919)

The following draft answer is for approval:

- (a) The Government ^{believe that this is the case} ~~have no information~~.
- (b) No.
- (c) & (d) Representations have been made to Government as referred to in the question
- (e) ~~The~~ The Community as a whole is ~~not~~ ^{well-to-do and} ~~backwards~~ ^{the initiative in} ~~the matter should~~ ^{be taken} ~~by them~~

But the fact itself admits of no doubt VTK

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The 'Nambudiri' community.

* 667 Q.—Rao Bahadur O. M. NARAYANAN NAMUDIRIPAD: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

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(b) whether the Government have made any inquiries as to why the community is slow to take advantage of the existing facilities for education;

(c) whether it is a fact that this deplorable condition of the community is mainly due to the many religious and social habits and customs which preclude their youths from joining the ordinary public schools until comparatively a late age in life, and not due to any lack of desire or enthusiasm on their part for education and culture;

(d) whether representations have not been made to Government by the spokesmen of the community through addresses presented to successive Governors in the course of their tours in the West Coast pointing out these disabilities and praying for the opening of special schools for their benefit; and

(e) whether the Government propose to take any steps in the matter?

A.—(a) The Government believe that this is the case.

(b) No.

(c) & (d) Representations have been made to Government as referred to in the question.

(e) The community as a whole is well-to-do and the initiative in the matter should be taken by them.

Rao Bahadur O. M. NARAYANA NAMUDIRIPAD:—"May I know when the Government propose to take steps in the matter?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Government do not propose to take any steps at present."

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN:—"May I know the reason why?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The answer already says that the initiative in the matter must be taken by themselves."

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN:—"Sir, I know there are rich people in the community. But if they fail to take the lead and do their duty by the community, should not Government come forward in a matter like this?"

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN:—"May I ask whether Government have started any special school for any special community except the Nambudiri community?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I do not recollect any special schools have been established."

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN:—"May I point out that there are special schools for the pupils of the fishermen community and the pupils of the Mappilla community and ask why Government should not start special schools for the pupils of the Nambudiri community also?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The Government have given the answer to the question and there is no doubt about the answer given."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN:—"May I ask the hon. the Minister for Education whether he is aware that special schools have been started for the Nambudiris in the Cochin State and that they are working very successfully?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I am not aware."

Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN:—"Is the hon. the Minister of opinion that there are no poor people in the Nambudiri community who can take any initiative in the matter?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Minister has said 'community as a whole'."

Legislative Council Question—

The backwardness of the

*Nambudiri Community in
Special Schools -
point of education*

Mr O. M. Narayanan Namudiripad

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