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Legislative Council Question

Admission of Vellingiri in the Government College
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Copy of Letter from Mr. Veerian, M.L.C. to the Secretary to Government
Law ~~Dept~~ Department, dated 6th July 1925.

I wish to enclose a copy of my letter dated 25th ultimo
together with his reply dated 30th ~~instant~~ with reference to non-
admission of one adi dravida boy vellangiri into the 1st form of the
school department of the Government College, Coimbatore. I have not
yet received any reply to my letter of the 30th ultimo. I hope you
will kindly do the needful in the matter, as I consider that this
is a grave matter.

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30th June 1925.

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The P.V. to Government

from

R. Veerian, M.L.C.,
C o m m i t t e e.

To

The Acting Principal,
Govt. College,
C o m m i t t e e.

Sir,

Re: Non-admission of one vellingici P. daram,
into the 1st form of the school department of
your college.

I received your letter of the 25th instant.

With reference to the 1st item, I shall be glad to know whether there are any restrictions imposed upon ~~xxxx~~ by the Govt. If ~~xxxx~~ this is left to the discretion of the Principal, I wish to mention that there are several practical difficulties, and those who work among the depressed classes will be able to realise their difficulties. I think I will have to explain this clearly to you. Even now in several of the public Elementary schools etc, the so called depressed classes have no free access. Kindly see the G.O. No. 1825 dated the 24th November 1924. You could imagine very well for yourself how the matter would have been before 10 or 15 years back. So the so called depressed classes keep their children at home until they attain a sufficient number of age to walk about two or three miles a day in order to attend the adi drayida elementary school, specially intended for them, on refusal to admit them into any of the public schools near-by. This is the main reason for it, and therefore I think you state that the boy is too old for the first form. Is this the fault of the depressed classes? If the boy is too old as you state, then he should be rejected in any other well managed public schools also. If the boy is admitted elsewhere, then there must be something wrong somewhere. Exemptions may be made in such cases realising the practical difficulties.

Only now as you are well aware Representatives belonging to the depressed classes were nominated by the Government to various

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Municipal Councils and Local Boards to look after their interests. This was not so before 10 or 15 years back, and during that period the non-depressed classes were the Trustees of the so called depressed and classes.

As regards the second item, I should like to point out that the boy would not have liked to receive instructions in a Mission School. We cannot find fault with the conviction of every individual in a particular matter or in any other matter over which we have no control. This will suitably answer your second item.

As regards the last para, I think in my opinion that a list containing the number of the untouchable boys who are now reading in the branch school, the High School and the College department in each class or form would be a better proof than my mere visit, in order to find out as you state whether all castes and creeds are admitted or not.

I hope to receive your appealing reply on all the points mentioned.

I am,
Sir,
Yours truly,
Sd/ R. Veerian.

M. L. C.,

The following is the copy of a letter received from the Ag. Principal of the Government College, Coimbatore dated 25th June 1925: addressed to me with reference to non-admission of one Adi Dravida boy Vellingiri into the Secondary department of the Govt. College, Coimbatore.

"With reference to your letter dated 19-6-1925 to the Dt. Educational Officer (which was transferred to me by him) regarding the non-admission of one Vellingiri into the first form of the school department of this College, I write to say that I refused him because:-

1. I felt that he was too old for the first form.
2. I saw no reason why he should change from the London Mission High School, seemingly because he had been detained there.
3. As regards your statement that the caste system is observed in this College, I write to invite you to visit the branch school, the High School and the College department and I think you will find that all castes and creeds are admitted.

Yours truly,
Ag. Principal.

To
M.R. Ry, R. Veerian, M.L.C.,
Coimbatore.

C.No. 2032 C - From Mr. Veerian, M.L.C., dated 6-7-25.

Subject:- Admission of Vellingiri Pandaram into the Government College, Coimbatore - Form I -

The communication referred to by Mr. Veerian in his letter at page 1 c.f. is apparently the one addressed by him to the Principal of the College on 30-6-1925 regarding the admission of the boy in question to the college. A question proposed to be asked by Mr. Veerian at the next meeting of the Legislative Council on the same subject has been referred to the U. P.I. u.o. for remarks. The Director's remarks may be awaited.

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In his D.O. at page 4 of the linked file the D.P.D. reports that the Principal, Coimbatore college, has subsequently offered to admit Vellingiri Pandaram into the college. The Principal has written to Mr. Veerian on this matter. No reply to the communication from Mr. Veerian seems

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necessary since his question on the subject is to be answered at the meeting of the Legislative Council.
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QUESTION.—No. 323

Council to be held on the

next for the meeting of the Legislative

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

The Question has been admitted.



To

The Law (Education) Department.

Starred Question.

Council Office.

20-6-1925.

Mr R. Veerian.

THE LAW(EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

323. Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware that one Vellingiri, member of the depressed classes was denied admission into the Coimbatore Government College, Coimbatore when he sought admission into the 1st form on producing the School Leaving certificate on the 9th inst;

(b) the number of pupils belonging to the depressed classes reading in the Coimbatore Government College in each form;

(c) the number of teachers belonging to Brahman, Non-Brahman, Christian, Muhammadan and other communities employed in the Government college; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (c) whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

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Remaining	5	18
Non-Brahmins	2	3
Christians	1	-
Muhammadans	nil	nil
Other communities	nil	nil

The report will be till the 10th August.

General Office.
20-6-1925.

Starred Question.

Mr. R. Veeriah.

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

323. Will the hon. the Minister for Edu-

cation be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are aware that one Vellingiri, member of the depressed class was denied admission into the Coimbatore Government College, Coimbatore, when he applied for admission into the 1st form on producing the School Leaving Certificate on the 9th inst;

(b) the number of pupils belonging to the depressed classes reading in the Coimbatore Government College in each form;

(c) the number of teachers belonging to Brahmin, Non-Brahmin, Christian, Muhammadan and other communities employed in the Government colleges; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (c) whether they will be pleased to call for the information?



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The question may be forwarded to the D.P.D. w/o for furnishing the information required therein.

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U.O. Reply No. 866-A/25 23-7-25

As regards clause (a) of the question the matter has been under correspondence with the Principal and I have not yet received his reply.

I am asking him to let me know and will inform the Secretary as soon as his reply has been received. If this cannot be awaited the only reply I can suggest to clause (a) is that the matter is under correspondence.

Clause (b) the following particulars have been supplied by the Principal:-

VI form	1
V "	5
IV "	nil
III "	2
II "	2
I "	8

Clause (c) the particulars are as follows:-

College Deptt. School Deptt.

Brahmins	5	18
Non-Brahmins	2	3
Christians	1	-
Muhammadans	nil	nil
Other communities	nil	nil

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Law (Edn) Deptt.

The Legislative Council meets on 18th August. We may wait for the report at A till the 10th August.

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Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
D.O.No. 866-A/25 tion, Madras 27th July 1925.



My dear Krishnamachari,

Please see my U.O.Reply No.866-A/25 dated 23-7-1925.
I have heard from the Principal of the Government College, Coimbatore, in which he states that on the 16th of July he wrote to Mr.Veerian informing him that as a vacancy had arisen in his I form he would be pleased to admit the student (Vellingiri) referred to by him. He also asked Mr.Veerian to send the student to him. On the 25th the Principal states that Mr.Veerian has not replied.

Yours sincerely,

R.A. Grieve.

M.R.Ry.Rao Bahadur
V.T.Krishnama Achariyar, Avl.,
Secretary to Government,
Law (Education) Deptt.,
Fort St.George.

Law (Edu) Deptt.

The answer to clause
(a) of the question may be
as follows:-

yes.

"The Govt. are ^{however} informed
that the Principal subsequently
~~offered the student admission~~

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wrote to the Honble. Member
Mr. Veerian informing him that as
a vacancy had arisen in the class he
would be prepared to admit the boy.
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as follows:-

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Question No. 323.

Draft answer.

(a) Yes ; the Government are however informed that the Principal subsequently wrote to the Honourable Member informing him that as a vacancy had arisen in the class he would be prepared to admit the boy ~~and that no reply had been sent to him~~.

(b)

<u>Form</u>	<u>No. of Pupils</u>
VI Form	1
V "	5
IV "	nil
III "	2
II "	2
I "	8

(c)

College departt. School departt.

Brahmins	5	18
Non-Brahmins	2	3
Christians	1	nil
Muhammadans	nil	nil
Other communi- ties	nil	nil

(d) Does not arise

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Admission of the depressed classes students in the Government College, Coimbatore.

* 469 Q.— Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that one Vellingiri, member of the depressed classes, was denied admission into the Coimbatore Government College, when he sought admission into the first form on producing the school-leaving certificate on the 9th June 1925;

(b) the number of pupils belonging to the depressed classes reading in the Coimbatore Government College in each form;

(c) the number of teachers belonging to Brahman, Non-Brahman, Christian, Muhammadan and other communities employed in the Government College; and

(d) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (c), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) Yes; the Government are however informed that the Principal subsequently wrote to the hon. Member informing him that as a vacancy had arisen in the class he would be prepared to admit the boy.

(b)—

							Number of pupils.
VI Form	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
V "	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
IV "	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
III "	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
II "	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
I "	...	...	...	...	...	...	8

(c)—

				College department.	School department.
Brahmans	...	...	...	5	18
Non-Brahman Hindus	...	...	...	2	3
Christians	...	...	...	1	Nil.
Muhammadans	...	...	...	Nil.	Nil.
Other communities	...	...	...	Nil.	Nil.

(d) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"I have got the letter written by the Principal of the Government College. He says:—'It is regretted that Vellingiri Pandaram cannot be admitted in the First Form'. After making representations to the Principal and to the higher authorities, the Principal came to the conclusion that the boy might be admitted. I want to know why that Adi-Dravida boy was not admitted originally. The Principal sent a note asking me to send the boy after making a good deal of agitation. Why should that be the case?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The Principal thought that the full complement of the class was there and that he could not admit any more boys. But afterwards some of the boys who were admitted did not turn up and there were vacancies; and the Principal was glad to admit the Adi-Dravida boy."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"He did not assign any reason in the note sent to me. May I take it that he coolly declined to admit the boy owing to caste prohibition?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I am not able to make the inference that it is owing to caste prejudice that the boy was excluded from the school."

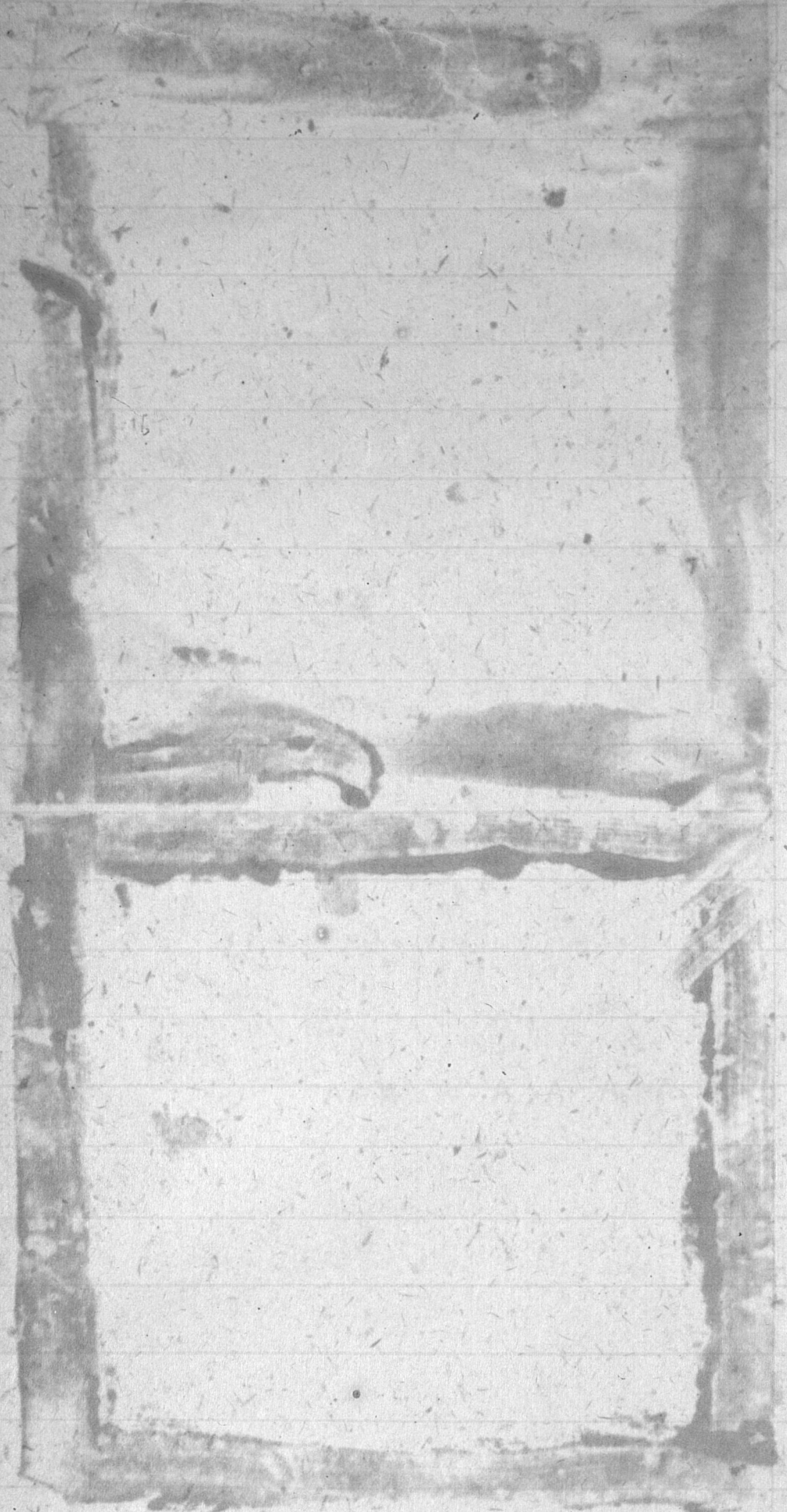
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