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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
CHINDY,
Madras,

22nd November 1924.

Dear Mr. Krishnamachariar

I enclose extracts from an address presented to His Excellency by the deputation of the Manjeri Hdayat-ul-Muslimin Sabha which waited on him during his tour in Malabar in October last and from His Excellency's reply. I am to ask you please to let me have a note on the subject from which a reply to the deputation may be prepared.

Yours sincerely,

Elwood

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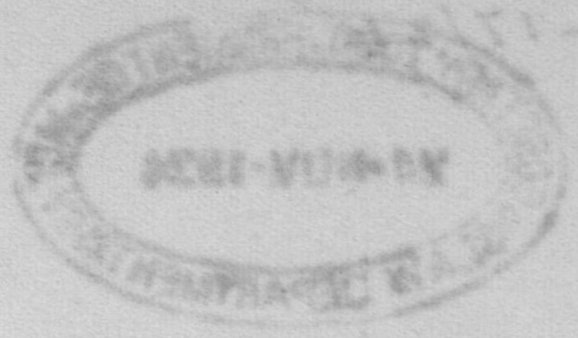
Rao Bahadur V.T. Krishnamachariar Avl.,

Secretary to Government,

Law (Education) Department,

Fort St. George, Madras.

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Extract from the address presented to His Excellency by the
Deputation of the Manjeri Hidayat-ul-Muslimin Sabha on 23-10-1924.

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Turning to the all-important subject of education, we most gratefully acknowledge the deep solicitude consistently shown by the District and Educational authorities, as well as the Government, to the problem of Mappilla education, especially in the backward taluks. There are, however, one or two respects in which our Sabha, speaking on behalf of the community they represent, would seek Your Excellency's special consideration. Recently, the gratifying onward step has been taken of raising the Malappuram Training School to the Higher Elementary grade and appointing an Arabic Munshi to the staff. We would urge, as a further measure for popularising Mappilla education, that school fees should be abolished in all Mappilla institutions, that the number of scholarships be still further increased, that Moplah education be entrusted to a special establishment under the control of the District Collector, that a separate appointment of Inspector of Mappila schools be created and that religious instruction and the study of the Arabic language be specially provided for in all schools maintained for Mappilla pupils. Further, as a certain, if indirect, means of popularising sound English education among the Mappilla community, we would urge the larger entertainment of educationally qualified Mappillas in the various branches of the administration, most of all, in positions of trust and responsibility at District and Taluk headquarters, subject, of course, to the general exigencies of the public service.

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regret that I was not aware of this request in time to investi- co
gate the position before starting on my tour. I will enquire into
the matter when I return to Madras and can promise you that what
you ask will receive the best attention of my Government and
myself.

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orders were passed on these in G.O. No. 376 (1) at
dated 9-3-25.

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are noted on below:-

(1) that school fees should be abolished
in all Mappilla institutions.

(a) Apparently, this has reference to
the elementary schools specially intended for
Mappillas. On the 31st March 1924 there were 67
such schools for boys and 24 for girls, thus making
a total of 91, classed as public institutions. Of these, as many as 436 were under private management. The levy of fees in institutions under private management is a matter for the management concerned. The Government do not interfere with their discretion. On the 31st March 1924 the schools under public management i.e. under the control of the Government and local bodies numbered 27. The Mappillas have been

The problem of Mappilla Education has for a long time engaged the close attention of the Government and concessions have been thrown open from time to time to enable the community to take to education in large numbers. In 1922 the Government appointed a committee of officials and non-officials to advise whether, with a view to securing better relationship between the Hindus and the Mappillas of Malabar, it would be possible and desirable to abolish the separate elementary schools for the Mappilla community. The Committee reported that there was strong opposition to the proposal and so it was not proceeded with. The Committee made certain recommendations to improve the condition of Mappilla education and orders were passed on these in G.O. No. 376 (Education) dated 9-3-23.

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(1) that school fees should be abolished in all Mappilla institutions.

(a) Apparently, this has reference to the elementary schools specially intended for Mappillas. On the 31st March 1924 there were 637 such schools for boys and 24 for girls, thus making a total of 661, classed as public institutions. Of these, as many as 436 were under private management. The levy of fees in institutions under private management is a matter for the managements concerned. The Government do not interfere with their discretion. On the 31st March 1924 the schools under public management, i.e. under the control of the Government and local bodies numbered 225. The Mappillas have been

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declared to be a backward community and so far as elementary schools are concerned, rule 73 (1) of the Madras Educational Rules provides that pupils of backward classes may be admitted without payment of fees. The special attention of local bodies was recently drawn to this provision in the rules by a circular memorandum.

(b) It may also be pointed out that a proposal is separately under consideration to introduce a scheme for the compulsory education of Mappilla pupils in selected localities in the Ponnani and Walluvanad taluks. In such areas then elementary education will be free for Mappillas in all elementary schools.

(c) As the Mappillas form a backward class, the pupils need pay only half the standard rate of fees in secondary schools and colleges, provided they are certified to be poor. Rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules.

~~Rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules.~~
~~It may not be possible to provide for greater concessions in this respect.~~

(2) That the number of Mappilla scholarships be increased.

The following scholarships are at present available for the exclusive benefit of the community.

(a) Elementary schools:-

160 scholarships of the monthly value of Re.1 each tenable in the IV standard and 60 scholarships of the monthly value of Rs 1-8-0 each tenable in the V standard by Mappilla pupils in the Ernad and Walluvanad taluks of Malabar.

50 scholarships of the monthly value of Rs 1-8-0 each for Mappilla girls.

(b) Special schools.

20 scholarships of the monthly value of Rs 2 each tenable in the school of commerce, Calicut.

Eight guardian allowances for Mappilla girls at Rs 4 each in the training school for mistresses at Calicut.

Besides the above, Mappilla pupils also participate in the following scholarships, specially earmarked for Muhammadans.

(i) Colleges.

(a) Four collegiate scholarships in each of the five college classes of the value of Rs 9 in the Intermediate class and Rs 14 in the B.A. class.

(b) one special scholarships of Rs 14 a month in the V year Honours class.

(ii) Secondary.

(a) 25 scholarships tenable by certain specified classes (Mappillas, Labbais, Dudukulas and Jonagans) commencing from the I form and continuing throughout the secondary course. The value of these scholarships is Rs 3 in Forms I to III and Rs 6 in Forms IV to VI.

(b) 55 scholarships of the monthly value of Rs 3 each in Forms I to III and 28 of the monthly value of Rs 6 each in Forms IV to VI.

(c) a few scholarships for Muhammadan widows.

It is a standing instruction to the Department that in the award of the general scholarship the claims of backward communities should receive preferential consideration.

The Mappilla Education Committee recommended that four scholarships for higher education be ear-

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marked for Mappilla pupils belonging to the taluqs
of Ernad, Walluvanad, Ponnani and Calicut. The
D.P.I. said that there was no need to sanction new
scholarships but that he would find it possible to
give scholarships to all deserving Mappilla applicants.

(3) That Mappilla education be entrusted to a separate establishment under the control of the District Collector.

At present there is a separate District Educational officer for the District who corresponds direct with the D.P.I. For the inspection of the Mappilla elementary schools there is a separate staff of Deputy Inspectors working under the control of the District Educational Officer. Till 1922 there were three such Deputies. Two additional officers were appointed that year and the number of Mappilla Dy. Inspectors is at present five. Education is a technical subject and it is doubtful whether the District Collector will be in a position to deal satisfactorily with problems of Mappilla education with an independent establishment working under him. The District Collector's advice is always available and resorted to when necessary. The Collector was the President of the Committee appointed in 1922. The advantages of a change of control are problematical.

(4) That a separate appointment of Inspector of Mappilla schools should be created.

The separate Mappilla schools are practically all elementary schools and, as stated above, their inspection is done by a separate staff under the control of the District Educational Officer. It is also under consideration separately to employ a staff of supervisors of Mappilla elementary schools. It has not been demonstrated that the present arrangement is in

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any way defective. The appointment of a Mappilla officer in the superior grade will amount to a duplication of machinery without much tangible result. It may be mentioned in this connection that now and then suggestions have been made to the Government for the employment of a separate Inspector for Muhammadan schools. The Government have consistently stood against the proposal. On the last occasion when the suggestion was brought forward by the Muhammadan Literary Society, Nellore, the D.P.I. noted as follows:-

"I might mention to Government that I have now in my office as Addl. Dy. Director of Public Instruction, Mr. Abdur Rahim and all questions relating to Muhammadan Education are treated by him."

Mr. Abdur Rahim is even ^{now} a Dy. Director. ~~What~~ ^{is} ~~impossible~~ to be conceded to the Muhammadans in general of the Madras Presidency, ~~in a particular~~ ^{may not} be conceded to a particular section of the Muhammadans - the Mappillas.

(5) That religious instruction and the study of the Arabic language be specially ^{provided} ~~periodical~~ for in all schools maintained for Mappilla pupils.

In G.O. No. 648 Law (Education), dated 29-1-21, the Government sanctioned the appointment of an Arabic teacher in the Government Training School, for the Mappillas ^{at} Maltapuram. As necessity arises, additional teachers ^{can} ~~could~~ be appointed. As regards religious instruction, the Mappilla Education Committee appointed in 1922 recommended the compilation of a text book in Malayalam from selected portions of the Koran and Kittabs. A committee was appointed for the purpose. The Committee has already examined a few books compiled by private authors. Its report is awaited. It might eventually be possible to provide for religious instruction based on prescribed

text books in Mappilla schools.

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The points raised in the address relating to Education have been noted on in and look to the paper at pp 4-9 ante. The last point in the address, namely, the larger employment of Mappilas in Public Service, is for the Public Dept. to work on and as such this may be sent to that Dept. also.

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In G.O. No. 658 Dated 15.8.1922, the Govt. have laid it down as their policy that endeavours should always be made to divide the principal appointments in each district among the several Castes. This policy is given effect to not only at the time of initial recruitment but also at every point at which men are promoted wholly by selection and not by seniority and ^{with} to show the progress made year by year the Govt.

have called for returns showing the extent to which each of the six main subdivisions is represented in each dept.

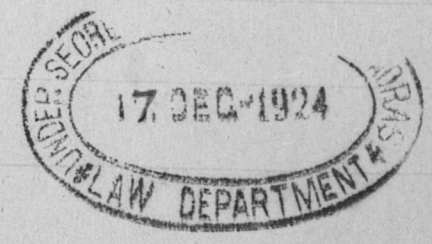
15/12/24 The employment of Musalmans in Malabar does not show any appreciable improvement between 1923 and 1924.

(There appear to be no questions or resolutions on the mapilla representation in Govt service)

In the Revenue department, there were 13 of them ^{in 1923, all} on Rs. 35 to 100. ~~in 1923~~. The present number is also 13, but two of them now get over Rs 100 per mensem.

In the Judicial department, they are all ^{below} ~~above~~ Rs 100 p.m., the number being 8 in 1924 against 9 in 1923.

The other figures do not lend themselves to comparison. The reason for their small numbers ^{in Govt service} is due to the fact that they are educationally a backward community, ~~only~~ ^{of their males} less than 2 in a thousand ~~having~~ the minimum knowledge of English recorded at the Census. They are improving slowly, the number per 10,000 males literate in English being 5 in 1901, 9 in 1911 and ¹⁹ in 1921.



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For orders ^{as to the} ~~other~~ reply they may be given. I think the above gives the info. PSZ wants 16/12/24 Law 10

Copy of letter from - The Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor,
To - The Secretary, the Manjeri Hidayut-ul-Muslimin Sabha, Manjeri,
Dated - Madras, 10th February 1925.
No. 1-46/24.

When His Excellency received your deputation during his tour in Malabar, he promised to enquire into the matter of Mapilla education after he returned to Madras. His Excellency has since looked into the matter and I am to write to you as follows.

You asked that school fee should be abolished in all Mapilla institutions. His Excellency finds that even now in public elementary schools Mapillas have a right to be admitted without payment of fees; in these schools therefore Mapillas have already the right for which you ask. Elementary schools under private management are not subject to Government control in this matter, this being a question for the managers of the schools. You will see therefore that Government has already made elementary education free to Mapillas so far as it lies in its power to do so.

His Excellency finds that there are already 220 scholarships for Mapilla boys and 50 scholarships for Mapilla girls in elementary schools, 20 scholarships in the School of Commerce at Calicut, and 8 guardian allowances for Mapilla girls in the Training School for Mistresses at Calicut. There are also 5 scholarships for Muhammadans studying in the College and 108 scholarships in secondary schools for all of which Mapillas are eligible along with other Muhammadans; from these it is expected that it would be possible to give scholarships to all deserving Mapilla applicants.

The proposal to place all Mapilla schools under the Collector would mean a separate establishment and His Excellency is doubtful whether there would be any possibility of finding money for the extra expense apart from the question whether the Collector would provide the schools more efficiently than the Educational Officer; on similar grounds His Excellency doubts the wisdom of a separate Inspectorate for Mapilla schools.

With regard to the question of religious instruction and the study of the Arabic language, His Excellency finds that an Arabic teacher has been sanctioned at the Government Training School at

Malappuram, and he suggests that you may mention any other schools in which similar teachers would be particularly useful. The Mapilla Education Committee which was appointed in 1922 recommended that Malayalam text books should be prepared from the Koran and the Kittabs. A committee was appointed for the purpose and the Government is still waiting to receive its report. His Excellency hopes that this committee will not delay the matter further and will see that the matter is taken up as soon as a report is received.



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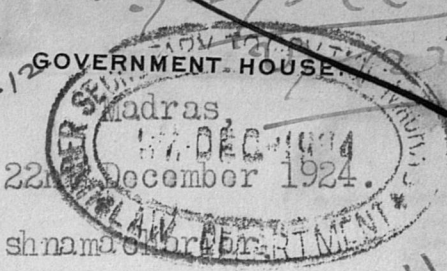
Returned with thanks with a copy of my letter to the Secretary of the Manjeri Hidayut-ul-Islam Sabha.



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Reference is submitted to the copy of the P.S. G's letter to the Sabha (pp 12-13 ante). The receipt of the reports of the Committee on the preparation of Malayalam textbooks from the ~~Government~~ ^{Korans} is being watched Departmentally. No action is needed in these matters. They may be

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 Dear Mr. Krishnamachariar
 Ref: My d.o.No.1-17/24,
 dated the 22nd November 1924,
 regarding the address presented to
 His Excellency by the deputation of
 the Manjeri Hidayat-ul-Muslimin
 Sabha. I am to ask you please to
 let me know when a reply may be
 expected.
 Yours sincerely,
Edward
 M.R.Ry.
 Rao Bahadur V.T.Krishnamachariar Ayl
 Secretary to Government,
 Law Department,
 Fort St.George.

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 Please see linked file. The file is awaiting
 circulation to M₂ & C₄. M₂ is expected to
 return to Madras on the 31st inst.
 The following reply may be sent to the
 P.S.G

D.O. no 3527C4 of 30-12-24
 Dear Mr Wood,
 your d.o. no. 1-17/24 of
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 to His Excellency by the Deputation of
 the Manjeri Hidayat-ul-Muslimin Sabha
 A note has been prepared and is awaiting

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The Hon'ble the Minister

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Yours sincerely,

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