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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question

Presidency College - Michaelmas holidays - Termination with Desara

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Law (Education) Deptt.

Memo No. 2343 C/24 - 3 dated 4-12-24

A copy of question No. 1027 and the answer given thereto is communicated to the D.P.I. ^{who} ~~and~~ he is requested to offer his remarks on the suggestion to so regulate the mid-term holidays for educational institutions as to make them end with the Dasara holidays.

To

The D.P.I. (with a copy of Q. & A. Answer)

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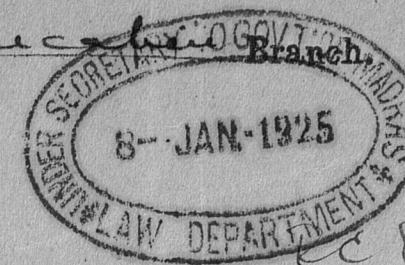
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REMINDER.



REPLY.

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To

The Director

To

of Public Instruction

The Secretary to Government

Law (Education) Dept.

The undersigned ~~has the honour to invite~~
is directed to invite

attention to the communication noted in the

Memo No. 23486/24-1 dated 4-12-24

margin and to

request that

this reminder may be returned at once with
information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected, and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the delay.

2. It is requested that the reply to this
reminder may be sent not later than

Resubmitted.

I am consulting the subordinate
officers of this department in the
matter and shall submit a reply
as early as possible.

for Director of Public Instruction

Law (Edn) Dept.

The D. P. I. may

be reminded as
15/2/25 if need be.

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SUBJECT.

Legislative Council
Question - no. 1027 -
Regulation of
Mid term holidays
in educational institutions.
to end with the
holidays.

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No. 895 A/24

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Station Madras, Dated the 4th April 1925 192

From (Name) R.G. Grieve, Esq., M.A., F.R.G.S.

(Designation) Ag. Director of Public Instruction

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Law (Education)

Department.

Sir.

to 1 ant

In reply to Government Law (Education) Memo. No. 2348 C/24-3., dated 4th December 1924, I have the honour to state that it is not possible to regulate the midterm holidays of Arts and Professional Colleges so as to make them end with Dasara holidays. The Dasara is a moveable festival falling between 15th September and 25th October. When the Dasara is late, the duration of the two terms July - September and October - December would be disproportionate if the mid-term holidays and Dasara were made to coincide. If Dasara comes early and only if it comes early, is it possible to combine the two and indeed in this case it will be desirable as then three holidays

Viz., Mahalaya Amavasai, Ayudha Puja and Vijayadasami will be merged in the fortnights recess.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. C. Smith

for Director of Public Instruction.

P.V.S. 4/4

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QUESTION.—No. 971

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the 10th Oct 1924

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

Law (En)

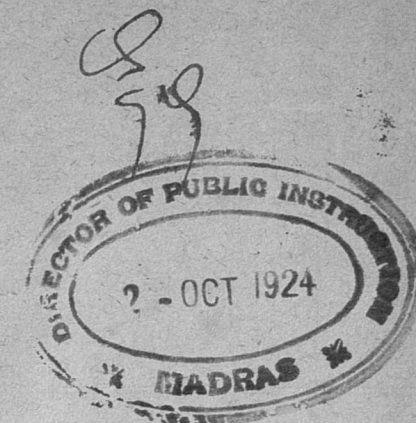
Department.

The Question has been admitted.



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9.9.24

U.O. No. 2871-5, dated 10 - 9 - 24



To

The Law (En) Department.

3-9-24

Question.

S.R.Y. Ankineedu Prasad Bahadur.

THE LAW(EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT

971. Will the hon. the Minister

for Education be pleased to state---

(1) whether the Government are aware that the Presidency College has been closed for the Michaelmas holidays from the 13th to the 29th September instead of making the holidays end with Dusserah which falls on the 7th October as done by the Pachayappa's and other National Colleges and that this recess is not liked by the Hindu section of the students; and

(2) whether the Government will be pleased to enquire whether the Hindu students who ~~generally~~ ^{form the} ~~would~~ prefer to have this recess terminate with Dusserah in consequence of its being a national festival lasting for ten days? and if the result of the enquiry is for the termination of holidays with Dusserah whether the Government will be pleased to direct the authorities concerned to alter these holidays as suggested hereafter at least?

V.R.

1027

out of 809 students in the college
on 3.24, there were
738 Hindu students

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Some modification in the
list of holidays and
Suggested seven days for

Vide page 21 of the
Stats at (E)

Vide no. (S.D. 6/13/17) Some
change 8/13/17 agreed
no 92 on page 24
not in go 1215
(H) 24-9-17

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~~The~~ Madras Educational
Rules as they stood prior to 1917, ~~the~~
~~did~~ not provide for Michaelmas holiday
in Educational institutions. When certain
alterations in the Educational Rules were
under consideration in 1917 the Director
proposed ~~to add~~ the Michaelmas
~~holidays for 7 days~~. He considered these
holidays necessary with a view to give the
students some interruption and change in
their work in the "long term" of the year.
It was then pointed out in the Sect. that
instead of ^(the proposed) Michaelmas holidays the same
number of days ^{might} be added to
Dasara holidays as he found that
most of the students in the Educational
institutions being Hindus this recognition
of their sentiments would be very much
appreciated. The then Director Mr.
(now Sir Henry) Stane also agreed to the
suggestion and ^{in the rules} the term "mid term holiday"
was used for 'Michaelmas' with the
addition of a note that this holiday
should wherever possible be combined
with Dasara or other holidays. The
rule in this respect remains unaltered
till now. - Vide M.E.R. 77 and footnote (1)

Hereunder

2. In the Presidency College the Mid-term holiday (or Michaelmas) is not generally combined with the Dasara holidays. In the current year the Michaelmas holidays extend from the

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15th to the 26th September (13th and 14th 27th + 28th)

Vide by L. of the College Calendar (pubn)

(X) of this term are work days.

The file may be sent to the D.P.D. for remarks and for suggesting an answer to the question.

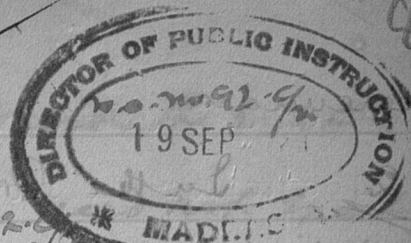
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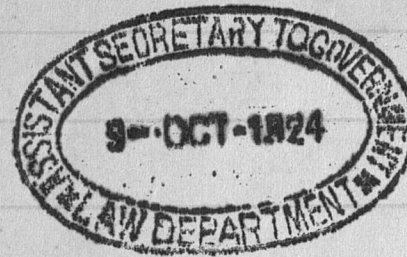


U.O. Reply No. 92-19

The mid-term holiday has always been fixed until the current year so as to divide what was formerly known as the long term into as far as possible two periods of equal length.

During the last six years the date of the commencement of the mid-term holidays has not varied more than a week. The earliest date of commencement has been the 15th of September, while the latest date of commencement has been the 22nd of September.

The date of Dasarah or Sarasvathi Puja varies considerably. In 1922 the main day of the festival was the 30th of ^{September}, while in 1920 the main day of festival was the 22nd of October. It is not therefore possible every year to make the mid-term holidays coincide with Dasarah ~~holidays~~ unless the mid-term holidays are no longer held in the middle of the term ^{former long}



L. En 2667C 9/11/24

Towards the end of last year I wrote to the Principals of the Presidency College, the Christian College and the Pachaiappa's College suggesting that it would be ^{desirable} especially in the interests of training of members of the Madras University Training Corps to fix the mid-term or Michaelmas holidays at the same time in all colleges in Madras. The Principal of Pachaiappa's College informed me that his holidays were fixed with reference to the Dasarah holidays while Mr. Duncan of the Presidency College informed me that the Christian College would close on the 5th of September and reopen on the 29th of September. He therefore fixed the dates of his mid-term holidays ^{so} as to reopen on the 29th ^{September} which was the same day as the Christian College reopened.

reopened. Pachaiappa's College closed on the 19th of September and reopened on the 13th of October. The Principal of the Presidency College points out to me that if the mid-term holidays are to be fixed according to the date of a moveable festival the main object in view, viz., of having two terms as far as possible of equal length would be frustrated.

The Principal also informs me that he has received no complaints with regard to the date of fixing the holidays from either the students or parents or guardians. I might submit to Government ~~xxx~~ as regards the date of a holiday of this kind, it is not for the students to complain but for the parents and guardians of the students. I cannot therefore advise Government to accept the suggestion in the second part of the question to enquire whether the Hindu students would prefer to have this recess terminate with Dasarah.

I suggest the following answers:-

(1) ^{(2) The} Government are aware that the Presidency College was closed for the mid-term holidays from the 13th to the 29th of September. They are also aware that Dasarah, a Hindu festival, falls outside this period. They are not aware that the Hindu section of the students dislike this recess. No complaint as regards the date of this recess has been received by Government, by the D.P.I. or by the Principal of the College from parents or guardians of students, or from students.



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7.10.24

Law (Edn)

For approval of the answer

Suggested at 'A' where

As regards clause (2)

may not say that

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the Govt. will ~~consider~~ consider the matter? The mid-term holidays need not exactly lie in the middle of the term. The option given in the rule, ~~that~~ to combine the holidays with the holiday for Dasara or other holidays clearly shows that the holidays can be adjusted & need not necessarily lie in the ^{exact} middle of the term. If the desire of the Pres. College authorities is that all the first grade Colleges in the City should close simultaneously this desire is defeated as the Pachaiappa's clubs the holidays with the Dasara holidays & not with Michaelmas. The Pres. College chose to follow the Christian College, instead of the Pachaiappa's. The majority of the students in the Pres. College are Hindus. They will doubtless appreciate holidays during the Dasara week. The fact that they have not petitioned is not of much moment. That an interpellation has now been put indicates that there is a feeling of desire to have the holidays during Dasara. We may consider the question & not directly negative the suggestion. Of course we need not consult students.



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I have amended the answer proposed. May

be

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issued as at A above (page 6)

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Part 1. Es.

2. Let us not assume that the
present of mid-term holidays
is not liked by students &
no reports have been made of the
let at D.P.G. but will
not consider the matter

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sep. answer

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Sp. answer

P.D.O.

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for W.S.

The answer approved is
may perhaps ~~be~~ be
slightly recast as follows:-

" clauses (1) & (2)

" The answer to the
" first part of the clause (1)
" is in the affirmative. The
" Govt. are not aware ----
" D. P. G. the suggestion
" to adjust the mid-term
" holidays so as to make them
" end with Dussehra will be
" considered"

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The draft answer as typed below may now be
sent to the Council Office:-

" Clauses (1) and (2). The answer to the first
" part of clause (1) is in the affirmative. The Govern-
" ment are not aware that the present mid-term holidays
" are not liked by the students and no reports ^{have been} ~~were~~ made
" to the Government or the Director of Public Instruc-

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Answer
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Education.

Dasara holidays in the Presidency College.

1027 Q.—S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Government are aware that the Presidency College has been closed for the Michaelmas holidays from the 13th to the 29th September instead of making the holidays end with Dasara which falls on the 7th October, as done by the Pachaiyappa's and other National Colleges, and that this recess is not liked by the Hindu section of the students; and

(2) whether the Government will be pleased to inquire whether the Hindu students who generally form the majority would prefer to have this recess terminate with Dasara in consequence of its being a national festival lasting for ten days?

A.—(1) & (2) The answer to the first part of clause (1) is in the affirmative. The Government are not aware that the present mid-term holidays are not liked by the students and no reports have been made to the Government or the Director of Public Instruction. The suggestion to adjust the mid-term holidays so as to make them end with Dasara will be considered.

with reference to
the answer given above,
a draft letter D.O.S. is
submitted.

Bu.
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(Issued as Memo. No. 2348 C/24-3, dated 4.12.24) — p.1, c.4.

11266(C) From the Director of Public Instruction, R.O.C. No. 895 A/24, dated 4.4.25. — pp 3-4, c.4.

Under rule 84 of the Madras Educational Rules the academic year consists of three terms : --

(1) The first term—from the reopening of the Colleges after the summer vacation (1st week of July) to the end of September.

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(2) The second term - from about the beginning of October till the end of the Calendar year. (that is, beginning of ^{the} Christmas holidays - last week of December)

(3) The third term—from the reopening of the Colleges after the Christmas holidays (first week of January) to the beginning of ^{the} summer vacation - (first week of April).

2 It is usual to allow a fortnight's recess between the first and ^{the} second term. This recess is ^{with} ~~with~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{mid-} ~~the~~ term or the Michaelmas holidays. The desirability of making these holidays end with ^{by} Dasara was recently pointed out to Government/~~and~~ an interpellation at the meeting of the Legislative Council. The Government undertook to consider the suggestion. The Director of Public Instruction who was consulted pointed out that in years when the Dasara comes off late, it will not be practicable to adopt the suggestion as in that case the duration of the ^{first} two terms will be unequal.

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p. 3, c. 4.

(In this case supposing colleges begin the 1st term about the 10th of July they will have to work till about the 10th of Oct. when the holidays may begin. Thus there will be a session of ^{about} ~~about~~ ^{three} ~~three~~ months. The second term will be about two months & the third term ^{about} ~~about~~ ^{three} ~~three~~ months)

3 Submitted that this does not seem to be a material objection as even in years when the Dasara comes off about the 20th of October, the first term will not be ~~any~~ longer than the ^{about} ~~last~~ ^{last} of the terms which ~~covers~~ ^{covers} a period of 3 months. Please see Asst. Secy's note at page 7 ~~and~~ ^{and}. For orders whether instructions may be issued to the effect that the mid-term holidays ^{should} ~~will~~ ^{be} ~~be~~ invariably ^{be} ~~be~~ arranged as to terminate with ^{the} ~~the~~ Dasara.

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Please put up a stat. below showing the duration of the first two terms during the last five years & when the Dasara holidays in each of those years came in. It should also be indicated what the result would have been if in those years the mid-term holidays were ^{aligned} ~~aligned~~ ^{with} ~~with~~ the Dasara.

Please see stat. on the next page.

The following statement shows the duration of the 1st two terms in the Presidency College during the last five years and the date on which the ~~2nd~~ Second term would have begun if the mid-term holidays had ended with the Dasara - the Vijayadasami day.

Year	First term.	Mid-term Holidays.	Second term.	Vijayadasami.	Date of commencement of Second term if mid-term holidays had ended with Vijayadasami day.
1920	5th July to 17th Spt.	18th Septr. to 3rd Oct.	4th Oct. to 17th Dec.	22nd Oct.	25th October, the 23rd and 24th having been Saturday and Sunday.
1921	11th July to 16th Sep.	17th Sep. to 2nd Oct.	3rd Oct. to 16th Dec.	11th Oct.	12th October
1922	10th July to 15th Sep.	16th Sep. to 1st Oct.	2nd Oct. to 15th Dec.	30th Sep.	2nd October, the 1st October having been Sunday.
1923	2nd July to 14th Sep. 10 wks	15th Sep. to 30th Sep.	1st Oct. to 14th Dec. 10 wks	19th Oct.	22nd October, 20th and 21st October having been Saturday and Sunday.
1924	7th July to 12th Sep. Friday 9 weeks	13th Sep. to 28th Sep.	29th Sep. to 19th Dec. 11 weeks	7th Oct.	8th October.

From the above it will be seen that by granting the concession asked for there is not likely to be any great dislocation in the Commencement of the second terms. As it is (vide col. 4 above) the second term does not commence on an identical

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 or that side is not going to matter much.
 As a matter of fact, the Pichayappa College
 adopts the Dasara days for mid-term
 holidays & no ~~inconvenience~~ inconvenience

is caused hereby. We may therefore
 agree to the Presidency other for. College
 adopt adjusting the mid-term holidays
 to end with Dasara, which is a
 national festival for Hindus who
 form the bulk of the students in the
 institutions. The request is only
 legitimate.

DIRECTOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
 22 APR 1925
 MADRAS

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Will D.P-1 please offer his remarks on
 the above?

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 D.P-1 u.o. No. 4

U.O. Reply No. 895 A/24 824-4-

SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
 21 APR 1925
 LAW DEPARTMENT

I have really nothing to add to what I have
 stated in my letter R.O.C.No.895 A/24 dated 4th
 April 1925. I think freedom should be given in
 the matter, it being understood that the mid-
 term holidays should be combined with Dasara
 unless that festival falls late in October.

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D.P-9. No. 895 A/24.

N.A.A.
 24/4/25

Law (895)

See J. 1925. Let them be found
 to collect & adjust the holiday
 must suitable to the local
 Customs & may agree with
 D.P-1 V.T.F.
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SECRETARY GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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 LAW DEPARTMENT

From the above it will be seen that the
 Government of India has not taken
 any final decision in the Government
 of the Government of India.

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No action seems to be necessary. Note (b) to Rule 27(ii)

of the Madras Educational Rules gives the necessary freedom.

The papers may be Read later than the D.P.O. No. 895 A/24 d. 4-4-25. No 730 d/8-5-25 Recorded.

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