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Question Scholarships
to girls belonging to defunct
classes - Standard IV & V.

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Starred Question. Council Office. 17-11-25.

Mr. R. Veerian
The Law (Education) Dept. (2)

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

(a) why scholarships for girls ^{awarded} ~~available~~ ^{for award} by the Educational Department are ^{given from} ~~tenable only in Form I onwards;~~

(b) whether the Government ~~do not~~ consider ^{it advisable to award} ~~the advisability of awarding~~ scholarships at least in the case of depressed class girls from IV standard or V standard upwards with a view to spread female education among them;

(c) whether the Government observe ^{any} ~~age~~ restrictions also while awarding scholarships; and

(d) if so, how the age restrictions are observed in the case of girl students reading in municipal ^{areas those reading in} and non-municipal areas?

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Starred Question No. 1484.

Draft Answer.

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(a). Some special scholarships are awarded to Mappilla girls and Hindu and Muhammadan widows from Standard IV. General scholarships are awarded only from Form I in ~~second~~ secondary schools and Standard VI in elementary schools because there is a considerable falling off in the strength of Form I as compared with the strength of Class V, while the fees in secondary schools are considerable compared with the fees in elementary schools, the maximum fee up to Standard V of an elementary school being only 1 anna a month. The scholarships are awarded to induce pupils to continue their education beyond the primary school stage.

(b). Scholarships tenable from Standards IV and V are being awarded by the Labour Department to pupils belonging to depressed classes.

(c). Y e s.

(d). In regard to ordinary scholarships no difference is made in the matter of ~~restriction~~ ^{of} as to age, between girls reading in municipal areas and girls reading in non-municipal areas. ~~The~~ ^{the} age limit is, ~~now~~ ^{over}, two years higher in non-municipal areas than in municipal areas. ~~for pupils of the depressed classes~~

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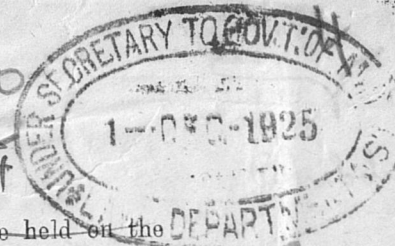
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SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the

Law (Education) Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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U.O. No. , dated

To

The Law (Education) Department

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pp 9-10 of
G.O. No. 1968 LE
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Rule 92, p 12 of
G.O. No. 1212 LE
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The question is ^{asked} apparently with reference to D.O. No. 1722 Law (Education), dated 13-11-1925, in which Mr. Veerian was informed that Nagammal, a student in Class V, Government Secondary School for Women, Coimbatore, could not be granted a scholarship ^{by the Est. Dept.} since she failed to secure promotion to Form I and that the Labour Commissioner considered ^{her} overaged for the grant of one of the scholarships distributed by the Labour Department.

Clause (a). The ordinary scholarships for girls available for award by the Educational Department are tenable only from Standard VI or Form I onwards. There are also a number of special scholarships for girls available in elementary and ~~complete~~ secondary schools. These are tenable in Standards VI to VIII of elementary schools and Forms I to III of secondary schools. In addition to the above the Government are awarding a certain number of special scholarships for Mappilla girls and Hindu and Muhammadan widows which are tenable from Standard IV. The reason for restricting the award of the general scholarships from Form I and Standard VI only appears to be that the strength of the classes generally becomes considerably reduced by the time ^{the girls reach} the higher standards ~~are reached~~ and it becomes necessary to offer inducements ^{to them} in the shape of scholarships to enable ~~them~~ ^{them} to continue their studies further. Moreover the cost of education in the lower classes will not be much and ^{the} education of the pupils may not ~~be~~ be a burden on their parents and guardians, especially in view of the fact that poor girls are allowed the concession of half-fees.

Clause (b). The Government are ~~now~~ already awarding scholarships tenable from Standards IV and V to pupils belonging to depressed classes and these are distributed by the Labour Department - Vide G.O. No.

Clauses (c) and (d). The age of an applicant for an ordinary scholarship granted by the Educational Department shall ^{not} have ~~xxx~~ exceeded, on the 1st July of the year in which the scholarship is to be awarded, 14 years for a scholarship tenable from Standard VI or Form I and 17 years for one tenable from Form IV and no distinction is made between municipal and non-municipal areas.

~~xxxx~~ In regard to the grant of scholarships to pupils belonging to ~~xxx~~ the depressed classes the Labour Commissioner has fixed the following age limits:-

Age on the 1st July of the year in which the scholarship is to be awarded.

Students applying from schools in	IV std	V std	VI std & I Form	VII Std. & II Form	VIII Std. & III Form	IV Form	V Form	VI Form
Munpl. area	Yrs. 10	Yrs 11	Yrs 12	Yrs 13	Yrs 14	Yrs 15	Yrs 16	Yrs 17
Non-Munpl. area	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19

The file may be sent to the D. P. I. for further remarks, if any, and for suggesting suitable answers. *See*

Comm. of Lab. may be consulted later.

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The first five standards should be considered as the primary standards and fees in elementary schools under public management are extremely small for girls being only 6 pies per mensem in the 1st standard and 1 anna per mensem in each of the standards 2, 3, 4 and 5. Fees for girls are in these standards practically negligible and scarcely any parent is unable to pay these fees.

From the statistics given on page 53 of Vol. I of the Report on Public Instruction in the Madras Presidency for the year 1924-25 I have calculated where the percentage drop of ^{girl} pupils is largest. The largest drop is from form III to form IV in a secondary school, and the second largest is from class 1 to class 2 in the primary school and the third largest is from class 5 in the primary school to form I in the middle school. Scholarships are not necessary in the primary classes and if additional funds are available for additional scholarships the statistical evidence shows that the greatest need arises in instituting additional scholarships in form IV and the next greatest need in form I of secondary schools.

I might suggest the following answers:-
Clause (a). Some special scholarships are awarded to Mappilla girls and Hindu and Muhammadan widows from standard 4. General scholarships are awarded only from form I in secondary schools and standard 6 in elementary schools because there is a considerable falling off in the strength of form I as compared with the strength of class 5, while the fees in secondary schools are considerable compared with the fees in elementary schools, the maximum fee up to the 5th standard of an elementary

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elementary school being only 1 anna per mensem. The scholarships are awarded to induce girls to continue their education beyond the primary school stage.

Clause (b) The Secretariat note supplies the answer.

Clause (c) the answer is in the affirmative.

Clause (d) For pupils of the depressed classes the age limit is 2 years higher in non-municipal areas than in municipal areas. For ordinary scholarships no difference is made in the restriction between girls reading in municipal areas and girls reading in non-municipal areas.



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For orders whether the file may be sent up.

To the Commissioner of Labour for remarks, if any.

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U.O. Reply

Clause (a) of the question does not concern this Department.

The answers of the Director of Public Instruction to the other items may be accepted. But with regard to the difference in the procedure between the Education and Labour Department in the observance of age restriction between girls reading in Municipal areas and girls reading in non-Municipal areas referred to in the answer to clause (d), it has to be noted that Government in para 2 of G.O. 1568 Law (Education) dated 6-11-1923, ordered that the scholarships and fee

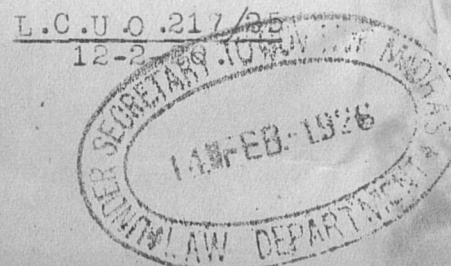
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fee remissions referred to in the G.O. will be granted by the Commissioner of Labour subject to the conditions laid down in the Government scholarship notifications. The notification referred to was meant to be the one published at pages 711-712 of Part I-B of the Fort St. George Gazette dated 14-8-1923. It showed that the difference in age -- restriction applicable to boys in Municipal areas and those in non-Municipal areas equally applied to girls also and consequently the general rules and regulations laid down in the Government scholarship notification aforesaid were adopted by this Department for granting scholarships to boys and girls alike. It is seen from the notification at pages 305-306 of Part I-B of the Fort St. George Gazette dated 28-7-1925 now referred to by the Director of Public Instruction that the rules governing the grant of scholarships do not draw any distinction between the girl pupils from Municipal areas and those from non-Municipal areas. As according to the spirit of the G.O. it is desirable that the procedure and rules in vogue in the Educational Department concerning these scholarships should be observed by this Department also, the difference in the age restriction will not be observed with effect from the next school year. The following sentence may therefore be added at the end of the answer of the Director of Public Instruction to clause (d) of the question.

"With effect from the next school year no difference in the age restriction will be made in the case of the Depressed Classes scholarships."

Sd. N. Macmichael,
Commissioner of Labour.

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To The Secretary to Govt., Law (Genl) Dept., U.O.

Lawrence's report

A draft answer is submitted
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Scholarships to girl pupils.

* 1490 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) why scholarships for girls awarded by the Educational Department are given only from Form I onwards;

(b) whether the Government consider it advisable to award scholarships at least in the case of depressed class girls from IV standard or V standard upwards with a view to spread female education among them;

(c) whether the Government observe any age restrictions also while awarding scholarships; and

(d) if so, how the age restrictions are observed in the case of girl students reading in municipal areas and those reading in non-municipal areas?

4.—(a) Some special scholarships are awarded to Mappilla girls and Hindu and Muhammadan widows from standard IV. General scholarships are awarded only from Form I in secondary schools and standard VI in elementary schools because there is a considerable falling off in the strength of Form I as compared with the strength of Class V, the maximum fee up to standard V of an elementary school being only one anna a month. The scholarships are awarded to induce pupils to continue their education beyond the primary school stage.

(b) Scholarships tenable from standards IV and V are being awarded by the Labour Department to pupils belonging to depressed classes.

(c) Yes.

(d) In regard to ordinary scholarships, no difference is made in the matter of age between girls reading in municipal areas and girls reading in non-municipal areas. In the case of special scholarships for pupils of the depressed classes awarded by the Labour Department, however, the age limit is two years higher in non-municipal areas than in municipal areas. With effect from the next school year this difference will be abolished.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"In the answer given to clause (a) I find in the first part: 'Some special scholarships are awarded to Mappilla girls and Hindu and Muhammadan widows from standard IV.' Considering the poverty of the depressed classes, may I know, Sir, why the same concession was not extended or allowed to the members of the depressed classes?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I cannot add anything to the answer already given."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"I do not hear anything. May I know why age restrictions are imposed while awarding scholarships to the depressed classes?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Because the pupils of the depressed classes join late in life. Therefore certain restrictions are necessary in their own interests."

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Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to clause (d) I find that, with effect from the next school year, this difference will be abolished. Well, Sir, may I know whether, until then—until that happy day comes—we ought to leave the school for want of encouragement? What are we to do?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I cannot give any opinion. It is left to the hon. Member."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With regard to clause (b) it is stated that scholarships tenable from standards IV and V are being awarded by the Labour Department to pupils belonging to depressed classes. May I know why the Government should impose such restrictions?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"It is a matter of administrative necessity, Sir."

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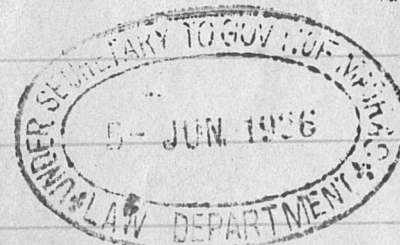
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