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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question.

Admission of depressed classes pupils in the Singanallur
and Vellaikinar Board Elementary schools--recorded.

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Council Office.
1-12-25.

Starred question.

Mr. R. Veerian.

THE LAW DEPARTMENT. EDUCATION.

*1617. Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state:--

(a) whether ^{Government} they have taken any steps or made any enquiries regarding the non-admission of depressed class pupils into the Singanallur Board Higher Elementary School for boys and the Singanallur Board Lower Elementary schools for girls run by the Coimbatore Taluq Board, on ~~any~~ ^{my} representation to them several weeks ago; and about the bad behaviour of the 1st assistant teacher in the Singanallur Higher Elementary School, by name Mr. K. Ramaswamy Iyer, ~~during my visit several weeks ago;~~

(b) if so, what the result of their enquiry is; ~~during the my visit several weeks ago.~~ ^{and}

(c) why the Singanallur Board Higher Elementary School is built by the Coimbatore Taluq Board in the corner of the Brahmin agharam in the village at an enormous cost of the public funds instead of in an easily accessible place for all classes of people;

(d) how many Brahmin and Non-Brahmin teachers are employed in this Singanallur Higher Elementary School for Boys;

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(e) whether the Government have already made enquiries regarding the non-admission of an Adi Pravida boy into the Vellakinar Board Higher Elementary School Vellakinar, Coimbatore Taluq Board by the Brahman Head Master?

(f) how many Brahman and non-Brahman teachers are employed in this Vellakinar Higher Elementary school for boys;

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(g) whether the Government are aware that the Brahman Head Master of the school stood at a very great distance while accompanying me in the school room during my surprise visit to that school several weeks ago observing caste pollution and untouchability and unapproachability;

(h) whether the Government are aware that as soon as an Adi Pravida boy by name Mahalingam wanted to seek admission into the higher standard in this Vellakinar Higher Elementary School the Brahman Head Master whispered to his class boys to get away from the class room as a protest if the boy insist upon his admission into the higher standard, several weeks ago

(i) if they have no information with reference to clauses (a) to (h) will they be pleased to call for the information?

Law (Edu) Dept.

L.C. Question no. 1617. Draft an answer.

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clauses (a) and (b)

The report called for from the D.P.D. is awaited.

clause (c)

The Adi-Dravida boy in question was admitted into the Board Higher Elementary School, Vella Kinar, on 9.12.1925.

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Please despatch answer
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Not yet

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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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To
The Law (Education) Department.

Law Edu. Dept.

Reports have been called for from the
D. P. 9 vide, linked files. Their receipt
may be awaited.

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The D. P. 9. has not yet been submitted
Any report regarding the Board Elementary
Schools, Singanaillem (vide clause 121 of Act). It was
reminded today.

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School, Vellakinar, ~~the P.D. report was~~
~~Ad. Dravida boy in question was admitted into the~~
~~school on 9-12-25~~ * Copy at (A)

3. A draft answer is submitted for approval.

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(12.2.26) Admission of depressed class pupils into Singanallur Board Elementary schools.

* 1382 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—
(a) whether Government have taken any steps or made any enquiries on my representation to them several weeks ago regarding the non-admission

of depressed class pupils into the Singanallur Board Higher Elementary School for boys and the Singanallur Board Lower Elementary Schools for girls run by the Coimbatore Taluk Board;

(b) if so, what the result of their enquiry is; and

(c) whether the Government have already made enquiries regarding the non-admission of an Adi-Dravida boy by the Brahman headmaster into the Vellakinar Board Higher Elementary School, Vellakinar, Coimbatore Taluk Board?

A.—(a) & (b) The report called for from the Director of Public Instruction is awaited.

(c) The Adi-Dravida boy in question was admitted into the Board Higher Elementary School, Vellakinar, on 9th December 1925.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to the answer to clause (c), may I know whether it is a fact that on the next day itself owing to the discouragement received at the hands of the teachers in the school the boy was obliged to stay away? May I therefore know whether the Government will be pleased to make enquiries in the matter in order to set right the defect and take necessary steps if the teachers are at fault?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The question does not arise out of the answer given."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"The question is whether the boy was admitted. The answer is 'the boy was admitted'. My hon. Friend says that the very next day the boy was forced to give up the school. May I ask the hon. Minister to be good enough to make enquiries to find out whether the allegation is true? Otherwise, the admission is really no admission at all."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR:—"May I know whether the headmaster admitted the boy voluntarily or under compulsion?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"No information."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know when the communication about this reached the hon. the Minister? I see that the answer was received in your office on the 2nd February. It is very desirable to know why the officer who reported that the boy was admitted on the 9th, did not mention the fact that he left the school on the 10th, if that is a fact."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"I suppose the papers are in the hands of the hon. the Minister."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Evidently, this information is not here."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"The hon. Member can take his own time but will he give us a reply to-morrow?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The information cannot be got to-morrow; it will take time."

The report has since been received & communicated to the Minister. Vide answer to Qn 1671. 30.8.11



Further information has been furnished in the answer to Qn. 1557. 30.6.26. (Y)



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No action is called for. The papers may be

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Question no. 1671 deals with Singanallur girls school. (Q). What about the complaint regarding boys' school at Singanallur?
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With reference to A.S.'s query, verbatim
it is submitted that the substance
of the report of the D.P.D. communicated
to the M.H.C. refers to the Board
Elementary School for boys as well
as that for girls at Singanailur.
Vide report on pages 8-11 and letter
on page 12 of No. 298, of 25-2-26. (F)

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Copy of letter from the Director of Public Instruction, Madras to the
Secretary to Government, Law (Education) Department
No. R.C. 2172-B/25, dated 13-1-1926.

With reference to Government endorsement No. 3726A-1, dated
the 9th October 1925, I have the honour to enclose a copy of letter
No. R.C. 774/25, dated the 22nd November 1925 from the Deputy Inspector
of Schools, Coimbatore Range to the District Educational Officer, Coim-
batore and the Nilgiris.

The District Educational Officer, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris
reports that Mahalingam, the Adi Dravida boy referred to by Mr. Veerian
has since been admitted into the sixth standard of the Board Higher Ele-
mentary School on the 9th December 1925.

Copy of letter No. 774/25, dated the 22nd November 1925 from the Deputy
Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Range to the District Educational -
Officer, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris.

Reference: --N.R.O.C. No. 1088-C/25, dated 15th October 1925.

In returning herewith the enclosures received with the endorsement
read above, I have the honour to submit herewith the reply from the Pre-
sident of the Coimbatore Taluk Board on the subject and to state as
follows:--

I subsequently made detailed enquiries on the matter. I asked
Mr. Veerian to send the pupil Mahalingam to me. He asked me to apply to
the Headclerk, Stanes Fertilizer Co., Ltd., Tudiyalur which I did. The
boy has not yet turned up to see me. It will be seen from the enclosures
that the Headmaster of the Vellakinar Higher Elementary School flatly
denies having refused admission to the Adi-Dravida boy and he maintains
so even now to me. Mr. Veerian has not entered any remarks about the
non-admission of this pupil in the visitor's book. The headmaster fur-
ther says he would admit any Adi Dravida boy if he sought admission and
in the event face of it, we cannot take any action. If the pupil Maha-
lingam turns up to me and asks for admission, steps will be taken to get
him admitted into the school if he wishes so.

From personal experience of the President of the Coimbatore Taluk
Board, I may say he does much to get Adi Dravidas admitted in Caste
schools, whenever he goes on to visit any Board school, he summons the
villagers, explains to them the desirability of admitting Adi Dravidas
and does much in that direction. Even last year he got Adi Dravida
boys admitted in the Board Higher Elementary school Vellalpalayam in

in the teeth of opposition of the villagers. Such being the case, the idea cannot even be thought of that he would refuse admission to an Adi Dravida in his own village Board school. Under his regime the free supply of books and slates to Adi Dravida pupils has been introduced; and he has even distributed cloths and coats free to Irulars. In his own village there was an Adi Dravida day school. The strength gradually dwindled despite his and his brother (Mr. V.C. Vellingin Counder M.L.C) influence. The Adi-Dravidas who are all coolies tell me that by studying in the day school, they cannot earn their livelihood and that if they are paid Rs. 10 each per mensem, they can study during the day time. The President was averse to closing the Adi-Dravida school and so has opened a Board night school. Even here, the pupils were not coming regularly tired of their work during the day and had it not been for his brother's exertions and persuasions I am sure even this would have died out of existence. Recently a separate building has been constructed for this school, Mr. Veerian has visited it and made good remarks in the visitor's book.

I also humbly beg to submit that this habit of taking Adi Dravida pupils from outside to any particular school merely to please fancy is liable to be resented by the villagers. The apathy of the students is evidenced by the fact that despite my call, he has not yet turned up to see me.

As regards paragraph 2 of the memorandum from the Director of Public Instruction, the President, Taluk Board has stated that no Adi-Dravida teacher ever applied for a school master's post in Vellkinar nor any such application was refused by me. I have also received no such application. I individually consulted each and every Adi Dravida teacher employed in other schools in this Taluk Board whether they would go to Vellkinar and they flatly refuse to go there. Mr. Veerian states that there are 4 Brahmin teachers on the staff of the Vellakinar school and they should be transferred. None would more welcome such a transfer than those teachers who find it difficult to get good houses in Vellakinar. All of them are trained teachers, the Headmaster being secondary trained who is keen and enthusiastic about the progress of his school.

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