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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question.

Admission of an Adi Dravida boy, Board Elementary School
Vakravandy, Tindivanam Taluk Board--notes recorded.

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Mr. R. Veerian:---

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

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(a) whether the report said to

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(b) if so, whether the Government

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL QUESTION

No. 2174

1946

Mr. R. Veerian.

Question

Answer

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(b) if so, whether the Govt. will be pleased to lay a copy of the same on the table of the House?

(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the report of the D.P.I. is placed on the table.

APPENDIX.

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Copy of letter R.C. No. 2513-B/25 dated 15th Dec. 1925
from the Director of Public Instruction, to the Secretary to the
Government of Madras, Law (Education) Department.

With reference to the Government Endorsement No.4459
A-1 dated 1-12-1925, I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of
the report R.O.C., No.713/25 dated 8-12-25 of the Deputy Inspector of
Schools, Vannur Range. ~~together with the enclosures.~~

Enclosure

With reference to your endorsement R.C.No.1895 of 25
dated 14-11-25, 19-11-25²³⁻¹¹⁻²⁵ and 7-12-25 regarding the admission of Adi
Dravida boys in the Board Elementary Boys' school, ^{Vikravandi} ~~Vikkaravandi~~, I
have the honour to report as follows:-

2. I inspected the Board Elementary Boys' School, Vikravandi
on 27-11-25 and also conducted an enquiry into the complaint made by
Mr.Veerian, M.L.C. against the Headmaster of the school.

3. I had already forwarded a copy of the Hon'ble
Member's letter dated 11-11-25 addressed to the District Educational
Officer, South Arcot, to the Headmaster for his explanation. The Head-
master had also sent in his explanation to me on the 23rd ultimo.

4. In Vik~~kar~~avandi, there are 3 schools, for boys viz.,
(1) Board Elementary Boys' School managed by the Tindivanam Taluk
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years.

5. The Board Elementary Boys' School is held in the heart
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Pavadai Chettiar of the place and handed over in 1916 to the Taluk
Board, Tindivanam, as a gift for the use of the Board Boys' School. He
has also instituted an endowment of nearly ^{Rs.} 3000 out of which religious
and moral instruction is imparted to the boys of the Board Boys'
School. Pictures of Hindu deities are also hung up in the school to
which Puja is said to be offered every Friday the cost being met out of
the said endowment funds.

6. It appears that never during the last 40 years did any Adi Dravida boy seek admission into the Board School as the boys of the Cheri have been receiving instruction hitherto in the Cheri Day and Night schools. The strength of the former school is 24 and that of the latter 27. It was only on the 10th November last (forenoon) that an Adi Dravida boy was admitted, for the first time at the instance of Mr. R. Veerian, M.L.C. into the Boys' School, Vikravandi, when the gentleman paid a visit to the school. The Headmaster, who is an intermediate and a ^{teacher} trained, is a Brahman aged about 22. He was appointed to the school only in April last. When the Adi Dravida boy was admitted on the 10th, the Headmaster, it appears, admitted the boy saying, at the same time, that it would be better to get the consent of some of the villagers. He meant especially Mr. Pavadai Chettiar, the donor of the school building and the Taluk Board member who is residing in the village. The Headmaster seems to have hesitated a little although he says he did not hesitate at all.

7. On the morning of the 10th November when the Adi Dravida boy was admitted, there were 155 boys on the rolls in the Board School out of whom 116 were present. The Hon'ble Member reports that the headmaster whispered to the other boys to boycott the Adi Dravida boy. From my enquiry I understood that when Mr. Veerian visited the school on the 10th (forenoon) he delivered a lecture to the pupils on the ^{evils} of untouchability; when he was thus lecturing, the headmaster, it appears, whispered to a boy to go and get the local Taluk Board member to the school. It is a fact that word was sent to the Taluk Board member as I came to know of it from the Taluk Board member himself. It is rather unfortunate that this whisper of the headmaster was construed by Mr. Veerian as one with a mischievous intent to induce the other boys to boycott the Adi Dravida boy. When the bell was rung as usual, at the end of the morning session the pupils dispersed including the Adi Dravida boy.

8. In the afternoon (10th) the old boys stayed away not at the instance of the headmaster but at the instance of their parents and also of their own accord. So, it appears to me rather unfair to lay the blame on the headmaster. The school was kept open, as usual in the afternoon when only one caste Hindu boy was present. The Adi Dravida boy who was admitted in the morning did not attend the school in the afternoon but stayed away in order to herd cattle. It is not therefore correct to say that the Adi

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Dravida boy stayed away owing to the ill-treatment of the headmaster. I was not convinced that "the headmaster himself was responsible for the boycott" as stated by the Hon'ble Member. The villagers it appeared to me were solely responsible as they were quite unwilling to send their children to mix with Adi Dravida children in the school. It did not also appear to me that the headmaster who is young and who has been in the school only for a few months infused the idea of untouchability and caste pollution into the young minds of the pupils of the non-depressed classes. The non-depressed classes themselves, in the village are very conservative in their outlook and make much fuss of pollution. They could therefore be held solely responsible for the 'boycott'.

9. At the time of my inspection of the Board Boys' School, Vikravandi, I had a talk with about 20 respectable members of the Hindu community and also with 7 members of the Muhammadan community. I induced them to send their children to the school, as usual, but they flatly refused to do so as it was not the practice hitherto for the past 40 years in the village for the Adi Dravida children to read along with children of other communities in that school and also because their religious feelings were thereby very much wounded. They would never allow their boys to mix and rub shoulders with the pupils of the depressed classes.

~~An elderly headmaster of considerable experience is needed for the school and the transfer of the present headmaster as an assistant in some other school is desirable. Suggestions will be made accordingly to the Taluk Board.~~

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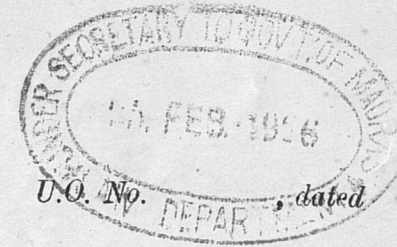
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SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the

Law (Education) Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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To

The *Law (Edn)* Department.

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The file on the subject was transferred (uo) to L.S. for taking necessary action. The Question also may be sent to that department (uo) for being answered.



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The previous question of Mr. Roerian on the subject (referred to also in the present question) was addressed related to his alleged misuse of the headmaster in the Law (Edu) Dept. & / or / gave the information that the Govt. has no information & would call for a report. They have accordingly called for a report from the D.P.T. and it is his report of the D.P.T. which is now ~~approved~~ intended to be placed on the Council's table. It is therefore appropriate that Law (Edu) should answer the present question. The question which ~~was referred to~~ was referred to his dept. for consideration was whether the school should be thrown open to all classes or whether a separate boys school for Hindus should be opened.

This is ^{also} being considered in the ^{same} ~~same~~ file. ~~to~~ linked below. It may now be sent to the Law (Gen) Dept. for answering the question with the request that they will return it as early as possible so that further action may be taken on the issue which the Dept is just now considering.

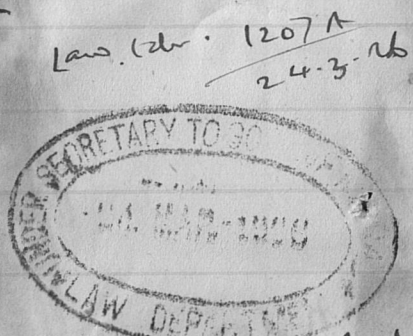
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Though the subject-matter relates to a Board school, it seems ~~proper~~ that the present question should like the previous one, be answered by Law (Gen), as the question is addressed to the Hon. M2. and the ~~report~~ publication of the Director's report is in issue.

This Deptt may agree to the publication of the report with its enclosure. Para 12 of the enclosure may however be omitted as if Law (Gen) have no objection.

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This Dept. may ~~give~~ answer the question as suggested by L.S.G. A draft answer is submitted for ~~consideration~~ approval.

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(10.7.24) Admission of an Adi-Dravida boy in Vikravandi Board School.

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A.—(a) Yes.
(b) A copy of the report^a of the Director of Public Instruction is placed on the table.

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No further action is called for. The papers may be Order mis Recorded 15.8.26/18.8.26

Leg. Council Question.

Admission of an Adi-Dravida boy - Board Elementary School, Vikravandi, District Sahyadri. Notes - Recorded

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APPENDIX VII.

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