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Starred Question 23-11-25

Mr. S. Satyamurti

1197 Law (Education) Dept.
*1833. Will the hon. the

Minister for Education be

pleased to state---

(a) the conditions on which
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grants have been made to local

bodies for public libraries;

(b) the reasons why those

conditions were imposed; and

the Department means
is (c) what is meant by books

of an objectionable nature

character?

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Starred Question No. ¹¹⁹⁷1533. (3)

Draft Answer.

(a). The conditions are mentioned in G.O.No. 1863 Law (Education), dated 28-10-1925, which ^{has been} placed on the Editors Table.

(b). The object is to ensure that the Government ^{grant} is utilised properly.

(c). The meaning of the words is plain enough.

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The Law (Edu.) Department.

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Clause (a).

The conditions are mentioned in G.O.No.1863 Law (Education), dated 28-10-1925, which has been placed on the Editors' Table. The M.L.C. may be told so.

Clause (b).

The conditions have been imposed with a view to ensure that the grant is utilised properly. The M.L.C.'s objection is obviously to the proscription of 'books of objectionable character'. The reply to this clause may be

'The object is to ensure that the Government grant is utilised properly.'

Clause (c).

The provision regarding books of objectionable character was inserted with reference to Sir Charles Todhunter's notes at page 13 of the notes to G.O.No. 723 Home (Education), dated 23-6-1920 and at page 14 of G.O.No.573 Law (Education), dated 22-4-25. In these notes he particularly referred to Reynolds' works.

In connection with the proposal of the Bhimavaram Taluk Board to make a contribution to the Kumadavalli Club, the D.P.I. expressed himself against the contribution for the reasons that the library contained many books dealing with present day political topics such as the Non-Co-operation movement, etc., and that the Secretary of the Club had strong sympathies with the Non-co-operation movement. In dealing with this proposal the question whether political books should be treated as books of objectionable character and therefore excluded from public libraries was raised but not considered. It does not seem ~~advisable~~ advisable for Government to commit themselves by defining the expression. For orders as to the answer to be given to this clause.

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please see para 4, page 3 of the notes to G.O. No. 719 DE U 3-5-21

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The object of instituting libraries is to raise the level of general information, education and intelligence prevailing in the municipal centres. Any book or publication which does not serve the above purpose should be considered to be objectionable. No hard and fast rule can be laid down and collectors are left to decide each case with reference to the general principle.

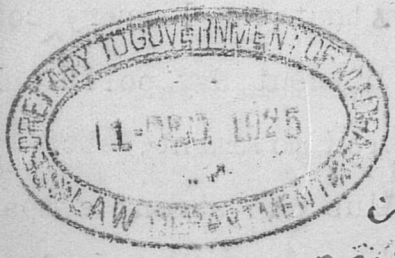
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On (c) we may say "The meaning of the words is plain enough". I do not see that any other answer can be given.

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Mr. It is not answer to the question but I suppose the paper will do.



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Libraries.

Grants made to local bodies for public libraries.

* 1197 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

- (a) the conditions on which grants have been made to local bodies for public libraries;
- (b) the reasons why those conditions were imposed; and
- (c) what the department means by books of an "objectionable character"?

4.—(a) The conditions are mentioned in G.O. No. 1863, Law (Education), dated 28th October 1925, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

(b) The object is to ensure that the Government grant is utilized properly.

(c) The meaning of the words is plain enough.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"With reference to clause (c) of this question, Sir, I must ask for some light. The answer is, the meaning of the words is plain enough. After all it may vary with each individual. I should like for some light as to the general considerations by which Government would consider certain books as of an objectionable character. Would they consider the book by Mahatma Gandhi on Non-Co-operation as objectionable?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"That is not a supplementary question arising out of this."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"I have submitted the question to you, and as you have ruled the question to be in order, I do not propose to make a statement."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I have submitted the answer to you and not to the member."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"My hon. Friend the Minister for Education says that he submitted the answer to you that it was not a supplementary question. The submission should have been in the form whether it was a supplementary question or not. He cannot take the decision in his own hands."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"It is submitted for the President's decision."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"If the hon. Minister must grow from bad to worse, let him. I ask for your ruling, Sir. The answer is, the meaning of the words is plain enough. Since the meaning of the words 'objectionable character' may not be plain enough, and may vary from individual to individual, I am asking the Government to make a statement as to the general considerations with reference to which they would call books objectionable in character, and in order to enable them to answer, I quoted an instance of Mahatma Gandhi's book on Non-Co-operation which is highly useful to any public library, and wanted to know whether Government considered such books as of an objectionable character."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member in charge perhaps mean that he would be able to answer that if it is put as a main question."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"I wish he says that. Because I can then give notice of the question."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"That is what I submitted in the point of order I raised. I said that it did not arise as a supplementary question on the present question. So, if he gives notice of his question, I will consider it."

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