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Legislative Council Question.

Vernacular as the medium of instruction in secondary schools
and introduction of a conscience clause in the Grant-in-aid Code--notes
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Mr. S. Satyamurti:

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT:--

* 1132. Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received the opinion of the District Educational Councils re: the introduction of the conscience clause in the Grant-in-Aid Code and the mother tongue being made the medium of instruction in the High Schools;

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Memorandum No. 2597B-1 dd. 17.10.25

The Government understand that the question of introducing a conscience clause in the laws of the University of Madras relating to the recognition of colleges was discussed by the Senate in April 1924, and that the question of the adoption of vernaculars as the media of instruction in non-language subjects in secondary schools was considered by the Academic Council in August 1925. The Registrar of the University is requested to be so good as to furnish the Government with copies of the proceedings of the Senate and the Academic Council relating to the discussion of the two subjects mentioned above.

To
The Registrar, ~~of~~ University of Madras.

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It is requested that all communications should be addressed to The Registrar, University of Madras, Senate House, Triplicane P.O., Madras, and not to any person by name.



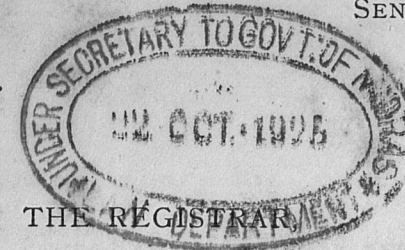
UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS.

No. 11133

SENATE HOUSE, 22 OCT. 1925

Enclosures.

FROM



THE REGISTRAR

University of Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

By 3 ante As desired in your memorandum No. 2597 B-1 dated 17th October 1925, I have the honour to forward herewith copies of the proceedings of the Senate and of the Academic Council wherein will be found at pages xlix and 14 respectively the discussion of the two subjects mentioned, viz., the introduction of a conscience clause in the Laws of the University relating to the recognition of Colleges and the adoption of vernaculars as media of instruction in non-language subjects in secondary schools.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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REGISTRAR.

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for the ^{next} meeting of the Legislative

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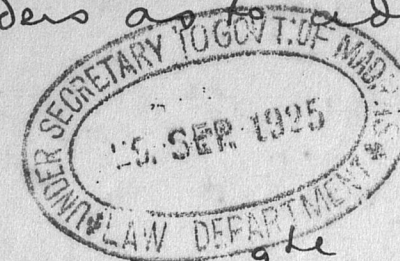
SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the

Law (Education) Department.

The Question has been admitted.

Orders as to admission will follow

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U.O. No. 1552-96, dated

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To

The Law (Edn) Department.

The opinions of District Secondary Education Boards and not of the D.E.Cs., were obtained on the question of the conscience clause and the medium of instruction. As regards the conscience clause a reference has been made to the Missionary Educational Council and its reply is awaited. As regards the adoption of vernaculars as the media of instruction in high schools, the file dealing with the subject is linked below. A reference has been made to the D.P.I. and on receipt of his reply orders will be issued. The G.O. may be placed on the table along with the opinions of the D.P.I and the District Secondary Education Boards. In the meanwhile, the draft answer below is for approval.

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On the question of vernacular medium of instruction, the Academic Council (S.S.C. Board) has framed a resolution.

So also in regard to Conscience Clause in regard to recognition of colleges, the Senate has framed a resolution.

Regarding these two suggestions, please find up -

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Extract from newspapers containing ~~an~~ abstracts of the proceedings of the Senate & the Academic Council on the question referred to are placed below. It is for orders whether copies of the proceedings of the two bodies should be called for from the Registrar of the University.

2. The S.S.L.C Board resolved in 1921 that candidates may ~~take~~ take their examination in ~~vernaculars~~ vernaculars (page 3 of cf. in linked file). There has been no further resolution of the Board on this subject.

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A draft memo is submitted.

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[Memo No 2597B-1817.10.25]

CN. 2879B. From the Registrar, University of Madras 22.10.25.

The Registrar of the University has forwarded copies of the proceedings of the Senate and the Academic Council.

As orders on the question of the adoption of vernaculars as the media of instruction in high schools will issue shortly (vide linked file), the G.O. on the subject may be placed on the table. A revised draft answer is submitted for approval.

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* This will be filled in after the G.O. in the linked file is numbered.

Page 8 of cf. in linked file.

Law (Education) Department

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Draft Answer.

The opinions of the District Secondary Education Boards and not of the D.E.Cs. have been received.

(b) & (c) Orders on the question of the adoption of vernaculars as the media of instruction in high schools have been issued in G.O. No. 1857 dated 27.10.25 which is laid on the table. The D.P.I.'s letter No. 82D/24, dated 5-11-24, printed with the G.O. contains the opinions of the Boards on the question.

The question of introducing a conscience clause in the grant-in-aid code is under consideration; the question of placing the opinions of the District Secondary Education Boards on this subject on the table will be considered.

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* 1143 Q.—MR. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received the opinions of the district educational councils regarding the introduction of the conscience clause in the Grant-in-Aid Code and the mother tongue being made the medium of instruction in the high schools;

(b) when he proposes to place them on the table; and

(c) what action, if any, the Government propose to take on them?

A.—(a) The opinions of the district secondary education boards and not of the district educational councils have been received.

(b) & (c) Orders on the question of the adoption of vernaculars as the media of instruction in high schools have been issued in G.O. No. 1851, Law (Education), dated 27th October 1925, which is laid on the table. The Director of Public Instruction's letter, R.C. No. 82-D/24, dated 5th November 1924, printed with the Government Order, contains the opinions of the boards on the question.

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MR. S. SATYAMURTI:—“With reference to clauses (b) and (c), may I ask the hon. the Minister why he passed orders on such an important matter as the introduction of ‘vernaculars’ as the media of instruction and examination in secondary schools without giving the Council an opportunity to give its opinion?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“It is the duty of the department to pass orders.”

MR. S. SATYAMURTI:—“I know it obviously. May I ask the hon. the Minister (it behoves him to be more serious) why the Government passed orders without giving an opportunity to this House to express its opinion on a very important educational matter of this kind?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Because educational experts, such as the Academic Council, the Council of Affiliated Colleges, have expressed their opinion and also a majority of the secondary education boards expressed their opinion definitely, Government did not think it necessary to place it before the Council.”

MR. S. SATYAMURTI:—“With reference to the question which is still pending [second paragraph of the answer to (b) and (c)], may I ask if the Government will be good enough to consult this Council before they pass orders on the introduction of the conscience clause in the Grant-in-Aid Code?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“I regret, I do not see any necessity, because the principle was raised in the Senate of the Madras University in connexion with the grants to be given by the Senate, moved by the hon. Member himself, and the Senate did not accept that resolution.”

MR. S. SATYAMURTI:—“I am sorry the hon. Member has raised a very difficult point. You will pardon me, Sir, if I really add one or two sentences before I put the question. The Senate is not financing educational institutions. The Senate is either recognizing constituent colleges or affiliating mufassal colleges. The proposition therefore which I moved in the Senate was that before recognition or affiliation is granted the University should insist upon a conscience clause being introduced into those institutions where religious instruction is compulsory. The main argument against me was that it was a matter for the Legislative Council and not for the Senate. It is a case for the tax-payer who is represented here and pays for the institutions. Therefore that argument is wholly irrelevant. I am asking with regard to secondary schools, the provision for which comes from the tax-payers' money, whether he will give this Council which is seized of this matter an opportunity of expressing its opinion.”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“The Senate of the Madras University having expressed its opinion on the matter, I do not see any need to place the matter before the Council. Secondly, the Council expressed its opinion on this subject some time ago.”

MR. S. SATYAMURTI:—“On these two matters, the Grant-in-Aid Code is not the Code of the Senate.”

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“I think we may leave the Senate out of discussion; let us confine ourselves to our own jurisdiction.”

MR. S. SATYAMURTI:—“I am much obliged to you, Sir. Therefore may I ask the hon. the Minister if he does not think it proper to give an opportunity to this Council to express its opinion on the question of amending the Grant-in-Aid Code on the question of the conscience clause? This House, may I remind him on his own statement, has not given any opinion so far.”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Is given.”

MR. S. SATYAMURTI:—“I am referring to my Friend Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar's resolution. On that resolution if the hon. the Minister refreshes his memory by his speech on the No-Confidence debate—he did not give any lead to the Council and it simply passed on—I am asking the hon. the Minister the reasons why he refuses to give an opportunity to this Council to discuss this very vital question—he has a majority—why should he deny the minority an opportunity of expressing its views?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“The minority had an opportunity to express its opinion in this House. I do not think any useful purpose will be served by raising the discussion again.”

MR. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“That is not a matter for the consideration of the Government. The second paragraph says that the question is under consideration. We want to suggest to the hon. the Minister, before the Government comes to a decision, whether we may not be given an opportunity also to help the Government.”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“That is giving an opportunity to every private member; it is a suggestion for action and therefore it is not relevant.”

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Standard question.

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THE LAW (MORALITY) DEPARTMENT

* 1122. Will the Hon. the Minister

for Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has received the

opinion of the Medical Commission

concerning the introduction of the

compulsory scheme in the next-in-1122

code and the other terms being

made the subject of instruction in the

higher schools;

(b) when he proposes to place

them on the table; and

(c) what action, if any, will the

Government propose to take on them?

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