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Caste distinction in hostels

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81. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 30,000 for Boarding Rs. 100 /—

(To raise the question of starting similar institutions in some more districts and to suggest to abolish caste distinction in the hostel and to exempt depressed classes from paying hostel fees owing to poverty).

In the first place, it would seem that the Hon'ble Member has not understood clearly the object of the provision of Rs. 30,000 under "Boarding grants" ~~in aided primary schools~~. It is for the payment of grants in aid of boarding charges to Indian Orphanages and boarding homes for destitute children. The payment of these grants is regulated by the rules in G.O. 1542 dated 4--9--25. They are paid on behalf of Indian ~~orphans~~ and destitute children who satisfy the prescribed conditions.

2. The Hon'ble member wishes to raise the following three questions:—

- (1) that similar institutions (apparently boarding houses) should be started in more districts;
- (2) that caste ~~distinction~~ should be abolished in hostels; and
- (3) that depressed classes should be exempted from payment of hostel fees owing to poverty.

Point (1) above:—The opening of additional boarding homes is a matter mainly for private agencies. Homes satisfying prescribed conditions will receive aid at the hands of Government like other similar homes.

Point (2) above:—Hostels attached to Government institutions are, so far as accommodation is available,

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thrown open to all classes of pupils; but different classes of the community have different kitchens and dining rooms assigned to them--vide ~~pages~~ ^{pages} in the G.O. No. 1333 dated 16--9--21 and G.O. No. 180 dated 1--2--23. (D)

~~and (D)~~. In the case of hostels under private agencies, the Government cannot interfere and the question of ~~xxx~~ admission is one for the decision of the management.

Point (3):--It is not clear what is meant by "hostel fees". It may refer to rent or boarding charges or both. It is not possible to make any such general exemption in favour of the depressed classes. The management of hostels will have to be reimbursed the loss on account of the grant of such concessions and this will throw a heavy burden on public funds. Other communities, such as Muhammadans etc., may also claim similar concessions for poor pupils belonging to those communities. Further the Government are awarding scholarships on a liberal scale to pupils belonging to the depressed classes and ~~xxx~~ the hostel charges may to some extent, be met from the scholarships.

It may, however, be noted here that the ~~Labour~~ department has allowed certain concessions in this respect. These are cited below:--

- (1) In the Government hostel for depressed classes, Madras, free boarding and lodging are given at Government expense. The maximum strength of the hostel is 45.
- (2) During the current year, another hostel has been opened for ~~Kann~~ Adi Andras at Masulipatam under the management of the Andhra Deena Seva Sangam subject to the control of the Labour Commissioner. Provision has been made for the free boarding and lodging of 50 boys.
- (3) ~~With~~ ^{from} effect from 1--8--25, a grant of Rs. 65 a month has been sanctioned for the Depressed Classes Mission, Mangalore, for the boarding and maintenance of six to eight destitute Adi Dravida boys.

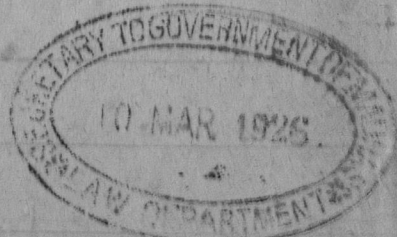
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