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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question - Vellakumar
Board Member Elementary School,
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and teachers - related

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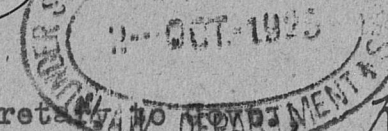
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Coimbatore,
1st October 1925.



The Secretary to the
Law (Education) Department,
Madras.

Sir,

I wish to bring to your notice that in the Vellakinar Higher Elementary School, Coimbatore Taluq there is no free access to the boys belonging to the depressed classes. When I asked the Head Master of the school he said that the caste villagers would be against the admission of pupils belonging to the depressed classes. In fact I took a boy with me this morning to that school for seeking admission in the higher standard, and after examining the boy by one of the teachers, the Head Master said that the boy is fit for the 1st form, and further stated that the boy would only be admitted into the school on consultation with the caste villagers. There is not a single soul belonging to the depressed classes in the school, and when they are not welcomed, it is not possible for the depressed classes to seek admission.



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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The school has a strength of about 154 pupils; out of which I find about 20 girls also, all of them belong to the touchable community; though the school is intended for all classes of people. From this it is quite evident that the school is running on sectarian principles. The school is located alongside the public road near the entrance into the village, in the own building of the Talu Board. It is highly objectionable to spend public money in connection with schools running on sectarian principles. The name of the adi dravida boy who sought admission this day is Mahalingam.

Further I wish to bring to your notice that 4 Brahmin teachers were appointed in the school. At least one or two adi dravida teachers would have been appointed instead of 4 Brahmin teachers. It is very easy to get as many adi dravida trained teachers as possible.

I request you to kindly ~~make~~ make a reference to the Correspondent of the school, viz, The President of the Coimbatore Talu Board, Coimbatore and the Educational Officers in both the matters so as to rectify the defects.

Yours faithfully

R. Vaseian.

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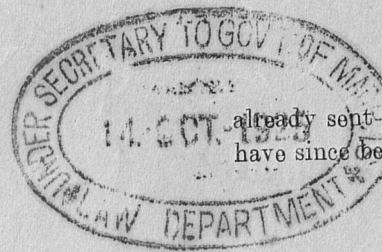
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The Law (Ed.) Department.

28.9.25, 2557 Lc. dated 8.10.25. COUNCIL OFFICE.
Law (Edu)

In continuation of U.O. No. 2539^{LC} dated the Department
concerned may be informed

(i) that Questions Nos. 1117, 1219



already sent pending orders of admission by the hon. the President,
have since been finally admitted by him in the form attached.

(ii) that Questions Nos.

have been disallowed by the hon. the President.

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Council Office,
3-10-25. (7)

Starred Question.

Mr. R. Veerian.

The Law (General) Department.
The Law (Education) Department.

Q 1219. Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state :-

(a) whether the Government are aware that after the examination of an Adi Dravida boy on 1-10-25 by one of the teachers employed in the Vellakinar Board Higher Elementary School, Vellakinar, Coimbatore taluk, the Head Master ~~six~~ said that the Adi Dravida boy by name Mahalingam would be admitted into the higher standard (who was reading in another school before) on consultation with the caste villagers and then the boy was asked to go away without admission.

(b) whether they are aware that about 154 pupils male and female belonging to the other castes are reading in the school and that there has not been even a single pupil belonging to the depressed classes admitted in the school from the very commencement;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the school is located in the taluk board building along the public road quite apart from the quarters of the caste villagers ;

(d)

Started Question.

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The Law (Education) Department.

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school is located in the taluk board building

along the public road quite apart from the

are of the caste villagers ;

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(d) whether the Government are aware that 4

Brahman teachers were appointed in the school

but not a single Adi Dravida teacher has been

appointed;

(e) for how long the school has been going

on in the village; and

(f) if the Government have no information,

with reference to clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and

(e), whether they will be pleased to call for

the information.

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Legislative Council Question no 1219.

Draft answer.

The Government have no information but have called for a report. Has been called for

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Law (edu) No. 3821A-1
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Coimbatore,

29th Nov. 1925

The Secretary to Govt.

Law (Education) Dept.

Fort St. George,

Madras.

Sir,

The enclosed report of mine
speaks for itself. I shall be obliged
if you will kindly do the needful in
the matter.

Yours truly,

R. Veerappan

Law (Edn.) Dept.

Mr. Veerappan has sent a letter and asked a question
on the subject. The D.P. has been asked to
make a reply. No reply has yet been received.
This may be added to that file.

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Coimbatore,
29th November 1925.

From
R. Voorian, M. L. C.,
Coimbatore.

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Law (Education) Department,
Madras.

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Sir,

Re: Denial of admission of adi dravida pupils
into the Vellakinar Board Higher Elementary
School, Vellakinar run by the Coimbatore
Taluk Board, by the Brahmin Head Master.

owing to my constant travelling in several districts,
I am sorry I was not able to reply earlier than this to the
letter published in the Hindu etc., paper dated the 27th
October, regarding the above subject.

The Head Master states that he was following me to
each class side by side when I paid a surprise visit to that
school. Surely it was not the case. He kept himself aloof
at a distance of a few yards and following me with a good deal
of hesitation, observing distant pollution, he being an orthodox
Brahmin teacher. I will leave the matter to the authorities
concerned and the general public to judge for themselves
whether such a thing would have happened or not according to my
statement. When I told the Head Master the name of the boy,
his class or community and the purpose for which he came, the
Head Master asked one of his assistants to examine the boy.
He denies everything now with a view to escape from the official
punishment. This is natural. The boy did not come there to
play having all his books etc, and when the Head Master told
so boldly that he would admit the boy only on consultation with
the caste villagers, how would it be possible for the boy to
seek admission? There ~~is~~ ^{was} no necessity for the non-depressed
class pupils to follow me with a view to seek admission into
this school. Even without mentioning any particulars or giving
any information what ~~was~~ proof is necessary to show that the boy
belonged to the adi dravida community. When they do not welcome
the adi dravida pupils, how is it possible for them to seek

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R.C. No. 2172-B/25

Station Madras. Dated the 13th January 1926 192

From (Name) R. Littlehales Esquire, M.A.,
(Designation) Director of Public Instruction.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Law (Education) Department.

Sir,

With reference to Government endorsement No. 3726 A-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 '25 from the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore Range to - the District Educational Officer, Coimbatore and the Nilgiris. 2. 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 Elementary School on --- the 9th December 1925.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,

L. G. Chinnappa
For Director of Public Instruction.

P.T.O.

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 the 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 President 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 further says he would admit any Adi-Dravida boy if he sought admission and in the fact of it, we cannot take any action. If the pupil Mahalingam 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 this direction. Even last year, he got 6 Adi-Dravida boys admitted in the Board Higher Elementary school Vellapalayam 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 Gounder M.L.C.) influence. The Adi-Dravidas who are all coolies tell me that by studying in the day school, they

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 ~~a~~ ^{the} fancy is liable to be resented by the villagers. The apathy of the student 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 --- Vellakinar 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 Vellakinar 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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Legislative Council Question no 12
Revised draft answer.

clause (a) The Adi Dravida boy in question was admitted into the school on 9-12-1925

clause (b) 173 pupils are studying in the school. There is at present ^{one} Adi Dravida pupil ^{in the school} studying there.

clause (c) Yes.

clause (d) Yes. It is reported that no Adi-Dravida teacher employed in other

clause (e) Since 1893.

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L. C. Question no. 1219. By Mr. P. Veerian.

Subject:- Board Higher Elementary School, Vellakinar, Coimbatore Taluk.

A.S.

A letter from Mr. Veerian on the subject was received and referred to the D.P.D.

(n) for enquiry and report. Vide. Encl. 3726A dated 9-10-1925. A reply to the reference may be awaited.

2. In the meanwhile, the draft answer submitted below ^{is for reference.} ~~may be forwarded.~~

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(Encl. to the D.P.D. no. 3726 A-15 9.10.25.)

(Cus. 1601. from the D.P.D. R.C. no. 217213/25 13.1.26)

11.12.14 CF The report forwarded by the D.P.D. does not contain the particulars required in clauses (b), (c) and (e) of the question on

Law Encl. no. 3726A-2 pages 6 and 7 of C.F. Submitted that the 28.1.26.

(x notes + current file) Director may be asked to obtain and furnish the particulars. The file may be sent to him (u.o.)

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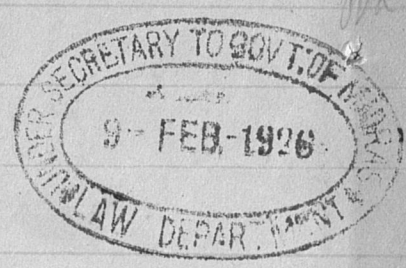
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The information required is as follows:-

(b) 173 pupils are studying in the Vellakkinar Board Day school. There is at present an Adi Dravida pupil by name Mahalingam studying in the VI (Sixth) standard of the school. He was admitted into the Vellakkinar school on 9-12-1925.

(c) Yes;
(e) from 1893. It was recognised in Inspector's order No. 2876 dated 11-4-1893.



The D. P. 2. furnishes the further particulars called for. The following revised answer is submitted for approval.

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16-3-26 Adi-Dravidas and the Vellakinar Board Higher Elementary School.
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(d) whether the Government are aware that four Brahman teachers were appointed in the school but not a single Adi-Dravida teacher has been appointed;

(e) for how long the school has been going on in the village; and

(f) if the Government have no information, with reference to clauses (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), whether they will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(a) The Adi-Dravida boy in question was admitted into the school on 9th December 1925.

(b) One hundred and seventy-three pupils are studying in the school. There is at present one Adi-Dravida pupil in the school.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. It is reported that no Adi-Dravida teacher employed in other schools under the board is willing to serve in Vellakinar.

(e) Since 1893.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is the same Mahalingam Adi-Dravida boy or some other boy reading in the school?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I should like to have notice of the question."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have issued any Government Order to the effect that the Adi-Dravida boys must be admitted in all public schools and that those institutions which disregard this rule will be severely dealt with?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Circulars were issued by the Government drawing the attention of the managers of the public schools to the fact that there should be unrestricted admission of all classes of pupils to the schools."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to the answer to clause (d), may I know whether it is due to the boycott of other teachers or for any other reason that no Adi-Dravida teacher employed in other schools under the Board is willing to serve in the Vellakinar Elementary school?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I learn that no Adi-Dravida teacher was available to serve in Vellakinar."

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L.C. Question

Vellakinar Board
Higher Elementary School,
Coimbatore Taluk —

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