

Lan? (Education) (1926.) Department.

His SERIES.

G.O. No. *904.*

DATED *18-5-26.*

[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Question-Indian Christian teachers--stipends--increase--notes recorded.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.
	CW 6000 1-6-26						
	CW 2218 29-11-26						

Council Office
2-2-26.

Starred
QUESTION.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

1850
*2109. Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to ^{state} ~~throw light on~~ ^(as why) ~~this point~~ whereas the special rates of stipends for female candidates trained for teachership are fixed from Rs 9-8-0 upwards for depressed classes, Hindus, Muhammadans, Europeans and Anglo-Indians, only the minimum of Rs 8-8-0 ^{is} ~~are~~ allowed ^{and (b)} to Indian Christians whether there is any other community that get the minimum rates and if so which?

VLS.

Starred Question.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha

Draft Answer.

*2109 1850

Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state

(a) why whereas the special rates of stipends for female candidates trained for teacherships are fixed from Rs.9-8-0 upwards for Depressed classes, Hindus, Muhammadans, Europeans and Anglo-Indians, only the minimum of Rs.8-8-0 is allowed to Indian Christians, and

(a) Special rates of stipends are allowed with reference to the varying standards of living and expenses which are normal to particular communities and also with reference to the backwardness or otherwise of the particular communities concerned

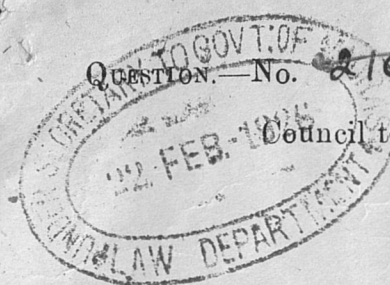
(b) Whether there is any other community that get the minimum rates and if so which?

(b) Hindu and Christian masters

DESPATCHED
18-MAR-1926

26522C

Law Dept. III-8-2,500-23-2-45 11226



Question No. 2109

1850

3

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the

During the 192 session

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

Law (Education) Department.

The Question has been admitted.

1/12/26

rep

U.O. No. , dated

To

The

Law (Edn) Department.

P.O.

The M.L.C. refers only to pupils undergoing Elementary Grade training and the ordinary rate of stipend allowed to this class of students is Rs.8-8-0 a month, while the special rates of stipends admissible are as follows:-

Higher Elementary Stipendiaries	Rs.10-8-0
European and Anglo-Indian -Masters	25-0-0
" Mistresses	15-0-0
Muhammadians	10-8-0
Hindu Mistresses	10-8-0
Depressed classes	10-8-0 *
Teachers in the Agency tracts.	10-8-0

only recently raised (W)
from Rs.9-8-0 - G.O.No.2094
9-12-1925

It will be seen that only Hindu and Christian masters and Christian mistresses are paid the ordinary rate of Rs.8-8-0. Different rates of stipends came to be sanctioned for the various classes of pupils because of the different standards of living and expenses which were normal to the several classes of the communities concerned. In connection with an interpellation of Mr. Veerian, the D.P.I. noted on the question as follows:-

'With a change in the economic conditions of the different classes and a levelling either up or down, to a uniform standard of necessary expenditure, there will arise a necessity for the substitution of a uniform rate for any differential rate which is now prescribed. I am not at present in possession of sufficient statistical information which would allow me to express a considered opinion to the effect that the differential rates now prescribed should be abolished. In fact ~~as~~ in some cases I am quite certain that differential rates should ~~be~~ be retained.'

The ordinary rate of Rs.8-8-0 was fixed in 1914. No special rate of stipend has been sanctioned for Christians, evidently because Christians, as a class, are not considered as backward in education. In fact, they are among the most advanced of the various classes of the community. It may also be noted that till recently the half fee concession under Rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules, were not made available to Christians ^(including those Christian converts) and that on special representation being made ~~they~~ the concession was extended only to converts to Christianity from the depressed class-

Rule 117, p159
G.O.No.1212 LE

plb did

page 13 of G.O.No. 2094
L. E., d.9-12-1925 (W)

G.O.No.920 Edl. 10
6-8-1914

page 3 of notes to
G.O. No. 855 L.E. (C)
19-5-1925

page 12 of G.O.No.1212
L.E.24-7-1924. (C)

classes.

A draft answer is submitted for consideration.

18/2
26/2
26/2

A
28/2

Perhaps D.P.I. had better see this

V.T.K.
1.3

D.P.I. u/o

12.3.26

Law (Educ) Dept.

The draft answer may be ~~submitted~~ submitted to Mr.

for approval
14/3
15/3

A
16/3
5

V.T.K.
16.2

M2



L.C. 827C
13/3/26

Law Edn. 522/26-1
1.3.26

No. 339/26
12.3.26

A rough copy of the supplementary question asked at the meeting of the L.C. held on the 26th. is put up at (V). For orders whether the D.P.I. may be asked to examine the request of Mr. Saldanha that Indian Christian mistresses should be given the same stipend as Hindu mistresses belonging to other communities.

31/3

The Honble the Minister desired that the question should be reexamined. From the extract from the D.P.I.'s note given on page 2 above, it will be seen that he has not yet the materials ready to enable him to give his considered opinion whether the differential treatment should be abolished. The D.P.I. may be requested to collect the statistics necessary and examine the question fully especially with reference to the point raised by Mr. Saldanha in the Council.

A
31.3.26
5

V.T.K.
1.4

M2
14/3
15/3

May be forwarded to

Mr D. P. S. who may be requested to examine the question with

reference to A on the previous

page.

8.4.26



Law (Govt) no 522C-2
15-4-26

with proof
copy of original
proceedings (V)

U.O. Reply No. 339 of 1926

In the draft answer two aspects of this question were dealt with, firstly the economic and secondly the backwardness or otherwise educationally of the communities concerned. In the supplementary questions Mr. Saldanha emphasised the economic aspect. Government have never accepted the position that stipends should cover the total cost of training but rather that they should be sufficient to give the necessary encouragement to members of the various communities ^{as go for} to training. It is clear that economic considerations do not prevent Indian Christians on their present stipend undergoing training. The following are the figures showing the distribution of mistresses under training according to race or creed in both secondary and elementary training schools for mistresses during the last three years. Attention is invited to the high percentage of Indian Christian mistresses as compared with those of other communities. The figures indicate that there is no case for the abolition of the differential treatment now accorded.

P.T.O.
state made
at 4x1

A. Ch 1348C
394/26

A



20/4/26

Law Crow sept.

Submitted for orders. It seems

unnecessary to pursue the question

20/4

15-4-26

1/5



2/5

5/5

21/5/26

m2

P.T.O.

** Stipends for trained Indian Christian female candidates.*

* 1850 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) why whereas the special rates of stipends for female candidates trained for teachership are fixed from Rs. 9-8-0 upwards for depressed classes, Hindus, Muhammadans, Europeans and Anglo-Indians, only the minimum of Rs. 8-8-0 is allowed to Indian Christians; and

(b) whether there is any other community that get the minimum rates and, if so, which?

4.—(a) Special rates of stipends are allowed with reference to the varying standards of living and expenses which are normal to particular communities and also with reference to the educational backwardness or otherwise of the communities concerned.

(b) Hindu and Christian masters.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Sir, with reference to question (b) I asked for the information only with reference to female candidates for teachership. I shall explain what it means, Sir."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I do not think it requires any explanation."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Sir, the answer to clause (b) relates only to masters and not to mistresses. Does this apply to mistresses also?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Not mistresses evidently."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Do the Hindu and Christian mistresses get anything higher?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The answer refers to masters only; it therefore excludes mistresses."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"I want to know for what reason the Indian Christian mistresses alone are allowed only the minimum rates while all the other communities are allowed higher rates. For what sin of this community are they penalised like this?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"There is no sin or penalty in this case. On the other hand, it is to their credit that they are recognized to be more forward in education than other communities."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I ask whether the hon. Minister is aware that though my community is forward educationally it is not well off economically and as such why it is not entitled to the concession shown to the other communities?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"We are concerned only with educational facilities and not with economic questions."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is the intention of the Government to give a larger stipend to members of communities which are educationally backward?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The answer to clause (a) makes it clear."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"The answer to the question says that the varying standards of living and expenses which are normal to particular communities are taken into consideration also. Though the Indian Christian community is progressive educationally it is not economically forward and as such it is entitled to the concession that is shown to the other communities also. I want to know why such a concession is not shown here. (After a pause.) Am I to understand that the answer is in the affirmative or in the negative? Why is this injustice done to a particular community? Why should they be penalised by allowing them only the minimum rates when every other community gets the higher rates? What is the exact cause?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I have already answered that question, Sir."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister thinks that there is no partiality in giving one rate of stipends to one community and another rate to another community?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is not a question for information."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know, Sir, whether recently a Government Order was passed enabling the students of the depressed classes to get a higher rate of stipend, i.e., Rs. 10-8-0 and if it is the case, whether the hon. Minister is inclined to consider the case of those economically backward communities like the Indian Christian community for a similar concession?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The guardian allowance in the case of the depressed classes is allowed."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD:—"Arising out of the answer given by the hon. Minister that the students of the Indian Christian community are paid less because they are educationally forward, may I ask him whether the European and the Anglo-Indian communities are not forward?"

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know the amount of stipend that is paid to the Europeans and Anglo-Indian students?"

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"I think, Sir, the Europeans are paid about Rs. 15-8-0. But what is the ground on which they are paid a higher rate?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The grounds are given in the answer to clause (a)."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"I want to know the exact ground why the Indian Christian community is paid so low, while the other communities such as the European, the Anglo-Indian and Hindu communities including the Brahman community, get a higher rate of stipend? There is no use of enunciating the general principle that is based on the standard of living, the educational backwardness, etc. I want to know the exact grounds for this particular discrimination."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"I have not yet got an answer to my question as to how much the Anglo-Indian and European communities are paid."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member Mr. Saldanha has given the information."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"It may or may not be correct. I want the official information."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"It has not been contradicted by the hon. Minister."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Yes, Sir, it is something more or less than Rs. 15-8-0. I want to know the exact grounds of this distinction. For what sin is this penalty imposed on this community?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Why should the hon. Member go so far as to use the word 'sin'?"

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I have an answer to my specific question from the hon. Minister? (After a pause.) Probably the answer will not be favourable, I think, to the hon. Minister."

The final form of the question and answer was as above. It has been decided not to pursue further the question of raising the stipends admissible to Indian Christian teachers.

The paper may be

order 904 5/18.5.26
Res

Recorded.

Q

1575

Legislative

Council - Question -

Indian Christian

teachers - Stipends -

Increase - notice -

Recorded.

14/5.26
14.5.26

When given for copying _____
 When copied _____ } 192
 When examined _____
 When signed _____

HEAD AGENT G.O. No. _____, DATED
 192 .

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT A A A A A A A

LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED OF, BRING (MEANT FOR DESPATCH)
 IN ORIGINAL.

N.B.—
 A = Copy in full.
 B = Not to be copied.
 P = Copy abstract only.
 Q = Copy heading only.