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REPORT OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, N. L. A.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

* 14. Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state:-

(a) What steps have been taken by the Government to make elementary education compulsory in this Province;

(b) The number of the schools where compulsory elementary education has been introduced;

(c) Whether Welfare Officers have been appointed to implement compulsory attendance in such areas;

(d) Whether local bodies are being entrusted with the introduction of compulsory elementary education;

(e) Whether in all areas where compulsory elementary education has been introduced or is being introduced the scheme is applicable not merely to boys but also to girls; and

(f) Whether in any area where compulsory elementary education has been introduced any community or any section of any community has been excluded from the operation of the scheme?

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Question

Secretariat of the Madras Legislature,
Assembly Section
9/7/46.

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

134. Will the Hon'ble the Minister for
Education be pleased to state:-

(a) what steps have been taken by the
Government to make elementary education
compulsory in this Province;

(b) the names of the places where
compulsory elementary education has been
introduced;

(a) & (b)

The Hon'ble the Member is referred to
the annexure to the report on Public
Instruction for 1943-44 in which the
areas where elementary education has
made been compulsory are enumerated. Compul-
sory elementary education has been
in force in these areas for a long time.
Besides these areas, the Government sanc-
tioned in 1945-46 the introduction of
compulsory ^{elementary} education in selected
villages in each district as part of
their post-war five year plan of uni-
versal compulsory elementary education.
Proposals for the extension of the
scheme in 1946-47 to other selected
villages in each district have been
called for from the D.P.I. and they will be
sanctioned as and when received. The
Govt. do not consider it ^{unwise} necessary
to furnish a list of villages where
elementary education has been made
compulsory under the new scheme.

(c) Whether Welfare Officers have been
appointed to implement compulsory
attendance in such areas;

(e) The answer is in the negative.

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(a) whether local bodies are being entrusted with the introduction of compulsory elementary education;

(d) The scheme is worked through local bodies.

(e) whether in all areas where compulsory elementary education has been or is being introduced the scheme is applicable not merely to boys but also to girls; and

(e) The answer is in the affirmative *in respect of* so far as the schemes introduced in 1945-46 *those that will be* sanctioned in 1946-47.

(f) whether in any areas where compulsory elementary education has been introduced any community or any section of any community has been excluded from the operation of the scheme?

(f) Boys who have attained the age of ten and girls who have attained the age of eight are exempted from the operation of the schemes of compulsory elementary education recently sanctioned. No community or section of any community has been excluded from the scheme *new* sanctioned for year (1945-46).

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
Chepauk, dated the 13. 7. 1946.

QUESTION No. 134 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held on the 193.

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the E and P. H. Department.

The question has been admitted.

To

The E and P. H. Department.

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Compulsory elementary education has been in force in 27 municipalities and in selected areas in Malabar, Ramnad, Chingleput and Tanjore Districts for a very long time. The scheme applied to boys and girls in some cases and to boys alone in others. ~~For Muslim girls and children such as beggars, fakirs, etc., of poor persons have been exempted from the operation of the scheme.~~

2. Last year the Government sanctioned a scheme of compulsory elementary education in selected villages in each district as part of their post-war five year plan. The scheme aims at bringing 1.70 lakhs of children under instruction.

Proposals for extending the scheme of compulsion in 1946-47 for about two lakhs of children to other villages in each district have been called for from the D.P.I. Proposals relating to each district are being sanctioned as and when they are received. The scheme is worked through the District Boards and applies to boys and girls as well.

Boys who have attained the age of ten and girls who ~~have attained the age of 8~~ ^{are} ~~eight years old~~ ^{are} excluded from the operation of the scheme as these children, if brought to schools, cannot be retained there till they ~~complete~~ ^{complete} their school course (up to the fifth standard)

2. 'Clause C'

The Education Sub-Committee of the Post-War-Reconstruction Committee recommended that welfare officers should be appointed ^{to} ~~for~~ enforce attendance. No action has so far been taken on this recommendation. At present a local Committee is constituted for each compulsory area. The Head ~~ma~~ ^{masters} of schools should prepare lists of defaulting pupils and submit them to the committee

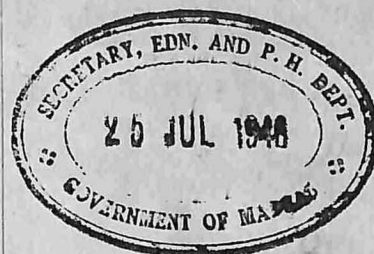
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Public Education

Around two lakhs of
children will be
brought to school
under the extension scheme

Under the
scheme the
the E.H.

for scrutiny. The P.D.Bs* in rural areas should impose penalties on guardians of defaulting pupils on receipt of the defaulters' list from the head-masters ^{proposed to be} The E.E. Act has been amended transferring the power to impose penalties to the D.E.Os. The Amendment Act has not yet been brought into force.

3. A draft answer is submitted for approval.



Introduction of compulsory elementary education in the Province of Madras.

* 60 (134) Q.—BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) what steps have been taken by the Government to make elementary education compulsory in this Province;

(b) the names of the places where compulsory elementary education has been introduced;

(c) whether Welfare Officers have been appointed to implement compulsory attendance in such areas;

(d) whether local bodies are being entrusted with the introduction of compulsory elementary education;

(e) whether in all areas where compulsory elementary education has been or is being introduced the scheme is applicable not merely to boys but also to girls; and

(f) whether in any area where compulsory elementary education has been introduced any community or any section of any community has been excluded from the operation of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—

“(a) & (b). The hon. Member is referred to the annexure to the report on Public Instruction for 1943-44 in which the areas where elementary education has been made compulsory are enumerated. Compulsory elementary education has been in force in these areas for a long time. Besides these areas, the Government sanctioned in 1945-46 the introduction of compulsory elementary education in selected villages in each district as part of their post-war five-year plan of universal compulsory elementary education. Proposals for the extension of the scheme in 1946-47 to other selected villages in each district have been called for from the Director of Public Instruction and they will be sanctioned as and when received. As the list will be too long, the Government do not consider it worthwhile to furnish a list of villages where elementary education has been made compulsory under the new scheme.

“(c) The answer is in the negative.

“(d) The scheme is worked through local bodies.

“(e) The answer is in the affirmative in respect of the schemes introduced in 1945-46 and those that will be sanctioned in 1946-47.

“(f) Boys who have attained the age of ten and girls who have attained the age of eight are exempted from the operation of the scheme. For details, please refer to the Education Departmental Bulletin, Vol. I, No. 1, 1946.

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B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—“With reference to the answer to clause (c) will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state why the Government thinks that welfare officers are not necessary.”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“At present Sir, we are having local committees which are constituted for each area are doing the work.”

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether in the choice of the compulsory education centres the legislators of the districts will be taken into consideration?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“Now the power has been given to the local bodies and I am not in a position to say whether they will take the legislators into confidence.”

SRI K. RAJARAM NAYUDU:—“Is the Hon. Minister aware that in the Kallar schools in the Madura district where there is compulsory education caste people are not admitted?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“Unfortunately it is not in the Education Department.”

SRI P. VENKATESWARLU:—“Do the Government propose to take special care and immediately start schools for the scheduled castes in their locality?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“Certainly in areas where compulsory education is introduced scheduled classes will also have the benefit.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“May I ask whether the Hon. Minister for Education will be pleased to call for report periodically to find out whether villages where Muslims live have also been included in the compulsory area?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“I must know in which villages the Muslims live before I call for the information.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“My question, Sir, was very definite, specific and even a child can easily understand. I asked the Hon. Minister to call for the reports periodically from local bodies who have been empowered to select villages as far as compulsory education is concerned.”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“Yes. Unless specific representations are made with regard to villages in which there are Muslims it is not possible for Government to call for general information.”

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—“May I request the Hon. Minister, Sir, to call for information as to whether religious instruction has also been provided for in the schools in the areas in which compulsory education has been introduced when you call for the report so far as Muslims are concerned?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“Will the hon. Member put it as a separate question so that I may call for the information.”

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—“With reference to clause (f) will the Hon. Minister for Education be pleased to state how many Hindu and Muslims schools have been included?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“Notice.”

K. M. AHMED KUTTI HAJI SAHIB BAHADUR:—“May I know how many villages in Malabar are under the compulsory area?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“If he puts a separate question I shall be glad to answer.”

SRI PATTABHIRAMIAH:—“May I ask the Hon. the Minister for Education whether the Kallar schools in the Madura district are inspected by educational officers?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“I am unable to say that. Kallar schools are not under the Educational Department.”

(Replying to Sri Venkateswarlu), THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“Wherever the choice of villages are made they are made with reference to various aspects and the Scheduled Caste residents will also

With reference to it on page 15 is
 submitted that the scheme of compulsory ed.
 applies to all school functioning in the locality.
 Only children above certain age have been exempted
 from the scope of the scheme. In view of this
 no further action seems called for.

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