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MINISTER OF EDUCATION, HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

(a) the various measures or reforms which have been ordered to be introduced in the elementary, secondary and collegiate system of education since he took charge;

(b) whether before deciding on those reforms ^{he} consulted the educational authorities concerned, both official and non-official;

(c) whether ~~he is aware that~~ this piecemeal reform of the educational system without reference to the actual needs of different localities has ^{not} taken the public by surprise;

(d) whether ~~he would consider the~~ ^{it is not desirable to call for} holding for a Conference of representatives of educationists and discuss with them the plans already proposed and still to come before finalising them?

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STARRED QUESTION.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO, M.L.C.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

(a) the various measures or reforms which have been ordered to be introduced in the elementary, secondary and collegiate system of education since he took charge;

(a) The changes introduced by Government are:-

- (1) that the medium of instruction in secondary schools should be the regional language; and
2. *making the Regional Language the first lang.*
(3) that the teaching of English in the IV and V standards should be abolished.

(b) Whether before deciding on those reforms he consulted the educational authorities concerned, both official and non-official;

(b) It was not necessary to consult educational authorities as these *educational authorities* are elementary matters in which all educational experts agree.

(c) Whether this Piecemeal reform of the educational system without reference to the actual needs of different localities has not taken the public unawares;

(c) No; because these have been *discussed* ~~about~~ *for many years* ~~for many years~~.

(d) Whether it is not desirable to call for a Conference of representative educationists and discuss with them the reforms already proposed and still to come before finalising them?

(d) ~~Yes~~. The matter is under consideration.

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QUESTION No. 33

for the meeting of the Legislative Council

to be held on the

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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.

Edu. & P. H. Deptt. (B2)

Attention is solicited to the answers given to two similar questions in the linked files. The M. L. C. may perhaps be informed that the Govt. propose to take up the question of reorganisation of edu. shortly. H. M. (Edu) proposes to convene a conference of educationists to discuss various points relating to edu. reform. The D. P. S. has been separately asked to draft a questionnaire to be discussed at the conference.

A draft answer is submitted for approval.

Attention is invited to the note in Lf I in which refer. has been made to the reforms introduced after the Ministry took charge. Orders have since been issued sanctioning opening of a Basic Training

school for Tamil str. for orders
whether refec. should be made to
these ^{items} in the draft answer.

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H. J. (Edn.)

The above answer will not be necessary because this question
is very different from the previous question. The answer ~~shall~~
be as follows:--

(a). (1) That the medium of instruction ^{in secondary schools} should be in the
regional language;

and (2) Abolition of English in the IV and V Standards.

(b). It ~~is~~ not necessary to consult educational authorities
as these are elementary matters in which all educational
experts agree.

(c). No; because these have been talked about for many years. ~~84P~~

(d). Yes. The matter is under consideration.

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Reforms in Elementary, Secondary and Collegiate system of education.

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(b) whether before deciding on those reforms, he consulted
the educational authorities concerned, both official and non-official;

(c) whether this piecemeal reform of the educational system
without reference to the actual needs of different localities has not
taken the public unawares; and

(d) whether it is not desirable to call for a conference of
representative educationists and discuss with them, the reforms
already proposed and still to come before finalising them?

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

“(a) The changes introduced by the Government are—

(1) that the medium of instruction in secondary schools
should be the regional language; and

(2) that the teaching of English in standards IV and V
should be abolished.

“(b) It was not necessary to consult educational authorities as
these are elementary matters in which all educational
experts agree.

“(c) No; because these have been talked about for many
years.

“(d) Yes. The matter is under consideration.”

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“May I
ask whether what the Hon. Minister means by ‘regional language’
is the same as what the Prime Minister explained on the floor of
the other House the other day?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“Regional language means regional language.”

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“The
Hon. the Premier said in reply to the debate in the other House
that regional language means regional languages if there were more
than one mother tongue in a particular region.”

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

“It will certainly mean more than one regional language in
a place like Madras City where there is a large population of
Andhras and Malayalees. The Government have ordered that
Telugu also should be the regional language in Madras City.
The Government have also accepted the position that if there
was a large number of Malayalam students requiring instruc-
tion in Malayalam such instruction should be given.”

DR. U. RAMA RAO:—“What about Kanarese?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“A demand for that has not yet come except from Dr. Rama
Rao.”

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Does
the Hon. Minister recognize that so far as the Andhras are con-
cerned, there are two regional languages one of which is Urdu
which is the mother tongue of the Muslims living there?”

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

“I must say that there is only one regional language so far
as the Andhras are concerned. There may be a few people
having a different mother tongue.”

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“I am
sorry that the Hon. Minister disputes the proposition of the Hon.
the Premier.”

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

“There cannot be two regional languages in the Telugu
area; there can be only one regional language.”

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“I am
speaking with perfect authority. I have travelled throughout the
Province from Vizagapatam to Tinnevely in connexion with the
Muslim League and I can tell the Hon. Minister that so far as the
Muslims of Andhra Desa are concerned—11 to 12 lakhs of people—
their mother tongue is Urdu and not Telugu.”

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

“I am afraid the hon. Member has not understood the posi-
tion. For instance, my Hon. Friend here (Mr. P. S.
Kumaraswami Rajah) does not speak Tamil but a different
language at home, although the regional language of Rajah
is Tamil.”

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K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I ask whether the Government is not prepared to accept the decision of the National Planning Committee that education should be imparted to pupils through their mother tongue? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" Most certainly we accept the general proposition."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Then why is it not to be applied to Muslims alone? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" It is applied to Muslims also. The great majority of the Muslims, as far as I know, have the regional language, as their mother tongue."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Absolutely wrong. I am speaking of the recommendation of the National Planning Committee specifically stating that the mother tongue should be the medium of instruction and not the regional language. Does the Hon. Minister dispute the proposition that the mother tongue of the Muslims in Andhra Desa is Urdu not Telugu? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" I have nothing more to add to what I have already stated."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether in implementing his ideas, he has had the advice of competent educational authorities as to the best method of implementing these very good ideas? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" I am always taking advice; there is no end to it."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The Hon. Minister thinks that the changes proposed to be introduced are so elementary, that he knows so much about them that there is no need for him to take the advice of others. But the point put forward by Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar is that—I am sorry I am developing this into a speech—the changes are so fundamental that it is unfair to the people affected that the Hon. Minister did not consult educationists thinking that he knows more about education."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I ask why the Hon. Minister did not consult the views of the representatives of the Muslims in this House and the other House? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" It is always open to them to let me know what they feel and I am always at their disposal."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB BAHADUR :—" They have already expressed their opinion by way of interpellations and through that the regional language is not their mother tongue in certain places."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" I may remind the hon. Member that I have accepted the

proposition that if a certain group of people or a community want instruction in their mother tongue which is not the regional language, and if these are in sufficiently large numbers, it will be sympathetically considered by the Government."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I draw the attention of the Hon. Minister to this difference that while the last Congress Ministry emphasized mother tongue, there has been a slight change in the policy of the present Government which emphasizes the regional language? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" I think, Sir, that so far as item (a) is concerned, it is simply a reinforcement of what was laid down in 1938."

MR. K. O. ANTHONI :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister what are the considerations which actuated him to go at a tremendous speed in this matter? I see that he is going at a tremendous speed in this House and in proceeding with the reforms also he is going at a tremendous speed. May I ask what are the considerations? "

THE HON. SRI K. BASHYAM :—" There cannot be too much speed in these matters."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I ask what is the place of Hindi in this regional language scheme? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" This does not arise, I think, as a supplementary question."

SRI B. BHEEMA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that wherever Muslims are a considerable proportion of the population in Bellary and Kurnool, a separate school is established for them? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" That is what I understand."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask whether these schools will continue to impart instruction in Urdu or Hindustani? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" I cannot answer a question which contemplates something about the future. I can state only certain facts."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" The hon. Member wants to know whether these schools will continue to give instruction in the same language in which they are giving at present."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" No orders have been passed that they should not continue. In the absence of any such orders, they may continue to do the same."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Logically these schools should be closed down."

DR. U. RAMA RAO :—" Sir, are we having supplementary questions or a regular debate? "

SRI B. BHEEMA RAO :—" May I ask whether the Hon. the Minister proposes to introduce compulsory primary education in any part of the Province this year? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" The question does not arise, Sir."

SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" May I ask, Sir, even in the separate Muslim schools in Andhra Desa the text books are all in Telugu? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" Notice, Sir."

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