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Legislative Assembly Question - Schools - Singing of Bande Matheram
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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.
(Assembly Section)
11-2-47.

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STARRED QUESTION.

MR. MAHIN S' CHAMAD, M.L.A., Sahib Bahadur,

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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(b) Whether the Hon'ble Minister ^{propose} ~~intends~~ ^{no} to stop ^{govt} singing Bande Mataram in schools where Muslim boys have religious objection for it?

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The answer may be as follows:

- (a) Some may have objection
- (b) No.



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The answer may be as follows:

(a) Some may have objection

(b) No.



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SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT
(Assembly Section)
11-5-47

NOTED

30th March
M. A. M. S. CHANDRA

REGULATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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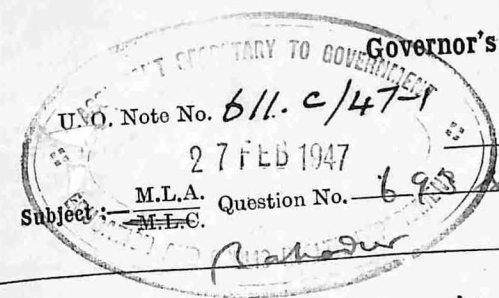
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Governor's Secretariat.

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, dated the 26.2.47

U.N.O. Note No. 611. C/47-1

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Subject: M.L.A. Question No. 698

by Mahesh Chandra Sahi

M.L.A.
M.L.C.

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Swiging & Bunde Natoram in schools where Muslim
boys have religious objection for it.

E.P.H.

Department may be requested to circulate to His

Excellency the file containing the draft answer to the above question, before the answer is despatched.

Forwarded By order (Sd) J. B. B. 25.2.47

A. Sankarish
Superintendent

E.P.H. Department u.o.

24/4/47

Secretariat of the Madras Legislature.
(Assembly Section)
11-2-47.

STARRED QUESTION.

MAHIN S'CHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR M.L.A.

Education and Public Health Department.

Q.No.693. Will the Honourable Minister

for Education be pleased to state:

DRAFT ANSWER.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Muslim students have got religious and sentimental objection in going to the school where Bande Mataram is sung; and

(a) The Government cannot say whether the boys have any objection; but they know that some of the Muslim parents do not favour 'Bande Mataram' sung in schools. In their opinion the objection is sentimental.

(b) whether Government propose to stop the singing of Bande Mataram in schools where Muslim boys have religious objection for it?

(b) No. It is open to the Muslim boys to abstain from attending classes at the time when the 'Bande Mataram' song is sung.

The answer may be as follows:-

To

The Secretariat of Madras Legislature
(Assembly Section).

The Public (Elections) Department.

One spare copy for file.

(a) Some may have objection; and (b) No.

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Answered

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
Fort St George
Chennai, dated the 20-2-1937.

QUESTION No. 693 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to
be held on the 1937.

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

The question has been admitted.

To
The G. and P. H. Department.

LW 1537/47-3ML
21-2-47

Please see the draft answer proposed
by H. M. (Edn) below. The Governor's Secy. have requested
that the case may be circulated to H. E. before the draft
answer is despatched. Certain previous papers on the
subject have been called for from the M. R. O. Chittoor. Their
receipt may be awaited till 5.3.47

W. S.
27.2.47

W. S.
28.2.47

Please see the Legislative Assembly Question
+ answer regarding singing of "Vande Mataram" song
in schools on p. 9 of G. O. no 1770 S. O. of 26.7.38
Under rule 9 of the M. E. R. no pupil shall
be permitted to attend any form of religious
instruction or observance without the written
request of the guardian or parent, which request

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should be made in writing and will remain in force until revoked. If 'Bande Mataram' song is treated as a prayer the instructions in the above rule will have to be observed and it will be open to Muslim boys in non-Muslim schools to refrain from attending the prayer class. It is not necessary to interfere with the discretion of the managements to allow the singing of 'Bande Mataram' in schools.

The Govt have no information whether Muslim students have religious & sentimental objection even to attend a school where 'Bande Mataram' is sung. No such objections have been brought to the notice of Govt.

The remarks of the DPJ may perhaps be invited before the draft answer is circulated to the present HM (Zon) for approval.

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in Madras.

An interim reply will be sent to the 4th Secy.

The Government cannot say whether the boys have any objection. But it has come to the knowledge of the Government that some of the Muslim parents do not favour 'Bande Mataram' sung in schools. So far as the Government know, the objection is sentimental.

The Government are not in a position to dictate to the private schools but it is open to the Muslim boys to abstain from attending classes at the time when the 'Bande Mataram' song is sung.

W.S. 8/3/47
8/3/47



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10/3/47

(7)

Please see the minutes of HM (Edu) on p1 ante. It is presumed that he considers that the answer to the question should be on the lines of his minute. In regard to clause (b) of the question, it is submitted that Govt cannot interfere with the discretion of the local bodies & private managements to allow the singing of the song in the schools under their control.

A revised draft answer is submitted below for approval. It may be circulated to HM (Edu) and HE.

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W.S. 10.3.47

W.S. 10/3/47



P.S. H.S. has seen
12.3.47

29th March 1947]

Bande Mataram sung in schools.

* 492 Q.—MAHIN SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether he is aware that the Muslim students have got religious and sentimental objection in going to the school where Bande Mataram is sung; and

(b) whether the Government propose to stop singing Bande Mataram in schools where Muslim boys have religious objection for it?

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

“(a) Some may have objection.

“(b) No.”

SRIMATHI C. AMMANNA RAJA:—“ May I know what is the meaning of 'Bande Mataram' song? ”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“ It is a salutation to the Mother.”

SRIMATHI C. AMMANNA RAJA:—“ Then why is it objected by the Muslim students.”

MR. SPEAKER:—“ It is cross-examination of the Minister.”

MAHIN SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—“ May I know, Sir, whether this was sung in some of the elementary schools of Malabar and South Kanara and the students objected to it and refused to go to school? ”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“ In that regard, I would only like them to have a little more of toleration.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“ May I know from the Hon. Minister what kind of toleration it is that he requires? ”

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“When things which are sacred to Muslims are sung, I want the Hindus not to object and if anything which has a religious significance to the Hindus is done, I want the other communities to be tolerant.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“May I know whether the singing of Bande Mataram is enjoined upon the Hindus as their sacred duty?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“It is not only religious duty that comes in but there are also other things, sentimental, to which the people are deeply devoted.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“In view of the fact that a very important community cannot go to a school where they are compelled to hear a thing to which they have

strong objection, when they are there—it is a political song and not a religious song, is it not forcing it upon that community by another political party?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“The Government does not view it from that point of view.”

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—“May I know if the Hon. Minister is aware that the expressions in the ‘Bande Mataram’ song have a political and historical significance, which are very offensive and obnoxious to Muslims?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“The offence is a thing which has been created for political reasons; there is nothing obnoxious or offensive in the term in the song.”

SRI D. V. RAMASWAMI:—“May I know from whom the protests came, whether the students protested or the parents of the students?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I am sorry that question should not have been addressed to me. I have not received any representation from anybody in this matter.”

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“May I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that there is a controversy between Muslims and Hindus on the singing of this song not only in this Province, but throughout the whole of India, or for that matter, even last time in 1937, there was trouble over its singing even in the Legislative Assembly and therefore I can say with all the emphasis I can command that Muslims have got strong objection and their objections are quite correct and in view of that fact, is it right on the part of Government to force Muslims to attend the school where such a song is being sung?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I must first of all make two things clear that (1) that lakhs and lakhs of Muslims before have heard it sung before the objection which was raised by a political party and (2) I do not anywhere see force being used upon any person to partake in it; if he did not like it, it is perfectly open to him to keep away.”

SINNA KAZIAR HAJI MOULVI S. A. F. IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Is it a fact that the song forms the frontispiece of a book named ‘Ananda Madam’ written by Bunkim Chundra Chatterji, which contained nothing but abuses and vilification of Islam and Muslims?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I am not aware of it.”

SRI P. KANDASWAMI PILLAI:—“Is any hon. Member entitled to make any statement in the question hour?”

MR. SPEAKER:—“He is not permitted to do so.”

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SRI P. KANDASWAMI PILLAI:—“If so, Sir, how is it that a member of the Muslim League party has commented on a question put by another hon. Member?”

MR. SPEAKER:—“He should not have made it.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Apart from the fact that the Hon. Minister for Education belongs to one political party is it not a fact that as long as he is the Minister for Education, he is the Minister for Education for the whole province including all communities and all parties and so may I ask whether it is not his duty to avoid things which are objected to, for political reasons or on other grounds, by an important community in the province?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“There are colleges in which a number of Non-Muslims are reading and when religious prayers are done only in Arabic, they have tolerated it and that is the proper spirit which I wish others should copy and not make a row over small matters like this.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“May I ask if the Hon. the Minister is right in all the time thinking that he is a Congressman and that he must force his creed upon others; whether it is not just and proper for him to recognize the feelings and objectives of members of other communities when he is the Minister for Education for the entire Province?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I entirely agree; I want to respect the feelings of everybody when it is right. But it is a different matter to ask one to yield in regard to a thing which one holds sacred simply because a few people object to it and naturally in such a case the Government must issue orders saying that such a demand is unreasonable.”

SRI A. KALESWARA RAO:—“May I know if in any place Muslim boys are compelled to attend when the song is sung?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“No such case has come to my knowledge.”

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—“In institutions where Muslim boys attend and when they go in time and when this song which is admittedly obnoxious to them and wounds their sentiment, is sung, is it not forcing them to listen to the song?”

MR. SPEAKER:—“The Hon. Minister has already said that at that time they could go out.”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“Government have not issued any instruction that they must attend at such times.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“If the song is sung during school hours, is it proper on the part of the Hon. Minister in charge of Education to suggest in this House in answer to a question that a particular section should leave the school?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“It is for that particular section to do whatever it pleases. The question is whether a ban will be placed upon it and the answer is clear and that is that the Government cannot do anything in the matter.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Does the Hon. Minister realize what he is doing by forcing upon the Muslims, who belong to a different political party, the song of another political party is not a policy of conciliation desirable on the part of the Minister and must he not see that such an objectionable thing is not persisted in?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“It is quite correct to say that I want to be conciliatory. But where the deep feelings of 95 per cent of the people are concerned and the five per cent of the people object on various grounds, that is where I say I want a little more toleration.”

SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—“May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the song Bande Mataram is obnoxious?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“Certainly not to me, Sir.”

SRI A. KALESWARA RAO:—“May I know, Sir, whether Bande Mataram is only a patriotic song and is not in any way a Hindu or Muslim or Christian song?”

6. Sri T.G. JOSEPH (Indian Christian), Assistant, Board High School, Poonamallee. 17--1--1935 ? 17--2--1936. B.A.L.T.

S. 11--9. Pr Scale 1--11--34. Rs. 100/- (1--3--37)

Sls 5 and 6 are the persons concerned in this appeal.

(c) Appellant passed L.T. in 1923 and entered the service of the Dt Board in that same year, whilst Mr. T.G. JOSEPH took his L.T. degree in 1927 and entered service thereafter.

7. POSN ON THE PANEL.

(a) At the time the Panel for Headmasters was constituted in or about 1941, the three senior members of the L.T. staff are those mentioned in 6(b) above in the order given therein, and the believes that their names would have gone on the panel in that same order of seniority.

8. QUALIFICATIONS.

- (1) Both are B.A.L.T.'s--Subject History--Appellant trained in Geography as well.
- (2) Both have NOT qualified by passing the Account Test deemed an additional qualification for Headmasters.
- (3) Appellant's second language being Tamil, he is better qualified to handle subjects in that language in UTTIRAMERUR area than Mr. T.G. JOSEPH whose second language is MALAYALAM. In this connection a reference to the remarks of the D.E.O. in 1939 during his inspection is invited.
- (4) Appellant's three years Active Service, the opportunity he had for a close study of Administrative problems and disciplinary measures in the Army, his contact with young men in the Army, and their problems, his travels and observations in countries like BENGAL, ASSAM, and BURMA, and the consequent potentiality in him for dealing with POST-WAR EDUCATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION, should be considered a preferential claim for a Headmaster's post.

9. M E R I T.

Appellant submits that to the best of his ability he was always producing good results, and is NOT conscious of ever having been behind Mr. T.G. JOSEPH in this respect. A comparison of the S.S.L.C. results in History 'A' and 'C' from 1939 to 43 at PONNERI and POONAMALLEE, where the appellant and his colleague had alternating services for a

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I only know that this has been sung by 90 per cent of the population. I also know that as far as the Muslims are concerned, some years back, thousands of Muslims took part in the singing of this song. (Mr. Anwar: ‘Question.’) Many Muslims did it. (Abdul Hameed Khan Sahib Bahadur: ‘No, no.’) It is only after a certain political party has brought in this political implication, this opposition has come. There was a time when many hon. Members sitting opposite have sung this song. Then it was not thought that it was against their religion. It is merely a political cry. If there had been anything real in regard to this matter, the Government would be really glad to go into this matter.”

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—“While denying the allegations made by the Hon. Minister, even assuming what he said is true, namely, that it is a political cry on the part of the Muslims, are they not entitled to have the political cry of their own, and in view of that admitted fact will the Hon. Minister take it from me that Muslims will take it as an insult when he says that ‘if you do not want to hear you can go out’.”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I think all these implications are quite wrong. In trying to meet the political cry of 5 per cent of the population, the Government cannot alienate the feelings of the 95 per cent of the population.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether he will concede now at least that the demand of Muslims for separate schools for them is justified?”

MR. SPEAKER:—“Please repeat your question.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Arising out of the answer given by the Hon. Minister that he has no other alternative but to force this song on 10 per cent . . .”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I must correct the hon. Member, Sir. He is imputing things to me which I never said. I have not said that I force this song upon anybody. I only say that Government cannot put a ban on anybody with regard to this song. I do not want anybody to misrepresent what I have said.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“If my hon. Friend understands me aright—English is foreign to him as it is to me—I have no reason to be aggrieved. But from what the Hon. Minister said that in a school where there are 90 per cent or 95 per cent of students belonging to the Hindu community, and only 5 or 10 or 25 per cent belonging to Muslim community, it is obligatory on his part to see that the song is sung, does it not mean, Sir, that he is forcing that song on 5 per cent or 10 per cent or for that matter on a minority section of the students in that school?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“This again is a misstatement. Government have not given any directions to any school that this song should be sung. It has been brought to the notice of the Government that this song is being sung, and that it must be banned. The Government only say that they cannot stop or ban the singing of this song. That is the position. Government do not want any song to be forced upon anybody. But Government will not ban the song. That is all the position taken up by Government.”

SRI D. V. RAMASWAMI:—“Has the Government received any complaint or information from a Muslim boy or Muslim girl that he or she has been penalized or otherwise punished for not participating in the singing of this song?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“No, Sir.”

SRI S. NAGARAJA MANIGAR:—“Sir, is it to mean that we shall not rule to-day though we are in a majority simply because a minority community oppose it and also they differ politically from us?”

MR. SPEAKER:—“I rule this question out of order.”

SINNA KAZIYAR HAJI MOULVI S. A. F. IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Is it a fact that the hon. Member wants to rule us as tyrants?”

MR. SPEAKER:—“The hon. Member will please repeat his question.”

5 RIVAL CLAIMS.

dent and referred to above, in its ultimate analysis, comes to exercising his discretion in favour of whomsoever he likes, but the appellant begs to submit that such any exercise of that discretion should NOT be arbitrary and contrary to justice. It is the humble contention of the appellant that even in the matter of choosing an incumbent for a selection post, outstanding qualifications and merit play their part. A Government Order states that it is NOT mere SENIORITY alone, but QUALIFICATIONS and MERIT that count for a selection post, and therefore, when both SENIORITY and QUALIFICATIONS are combined as in the case of the appellant, his claims cannot be over-looked.

6.
SENIORITY. As regards seniority, the following analysis will bear out the appellant's claim to the post in preference to that of Mr. JOSEPH:--

(a) Appellant--S.V. Nagan--confirmed in the L.T. Cadre in 1926.

Present incumbent, Mr. T.V. JOSEPH--recruited to L.T. Cadre in 1927 and confirmed later.

(b) The following is an extract from the Board's printed Establishment List as it stood on 1 Apr 46 and subsequent issues of the same record:--

"PAGE 15:

L.T. ASSISTANTS--Rs. 65--5/B--100.

1. x x x x x x (Promoted Headmaster)
2. Sri V.S. SIVASAMBA AYYAR: (Hindu Brahmin). Headmaster, Board Middle School, Sriperumbudur. Date of birth 5--5--1895. B.A., L.T. and Manual Trade Training Teacher's Certificate.
S. 20--2. Pr Sc 1--11--34. Rs. 100/- (1--3--37).
3. x x x x x x (died)
4. x x x x x x (promoted Headmaster)
5. Sri S.V. Naga Ayyar (Hindu Brahmin) Assistant, Board High School, Ponneri. Date of birth 15--7--1899. B.A.L.T.
S. 13--7. Pr Sc. 1--11--34. Rs. 100/-. (1--3--37)

(Contd on next page.

(The question was not repeated.)

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:--" May I once again appeal to the Hon. Minister, Sir, whether it is not advisable to avoid things which certainly will create controversy and disturbance in the present atmosphere of the country, or rather create things which will bring about harmony, unity and tolerance for which he has made an appeal?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:--
" Exactly; knowing the situation in the country, I am appealing to my friends on the other side. I need not refer to places outside this Province. The putting of these very questions leads to an atmosphere which is not good for the community. I shall be very glad if hon. Members on the other side will cease to put such questions, which, while they may try to placate one community, do deeply offend the susceptibilities of other communities. Therefore, may I, Sir, request hon. Members on the other side, and appeal to them to consider this matter before they put questions like this which deeply affect the sentiments of the other communities."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:--" May I know, Sir, whether it is not the policy of the Government, and particularly of the Hon. Education Minister, to see that Government should avoid such things as would create bitterness between the two communities in this Province?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:--
" Certainly, Sir. Government will do all that lies in their power consistent with their responsibilities to the feelings of other communities that nothing is done which will create bitterness between the different communities."

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR:--" May I tell the Hon. Minister for Education that a gentleman is one who does not hurt the feelings of others, so much so, does he not take it that it is tantamount to tyranny of a brute majority if Bande Mataram is allowed to hurt the susceptibilities of Muslims who take very strong objection to it?"

(The Hon. Sri T. S. Avinashilingam Chettayar and the Hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan rose in their seats.)

MR. SPEAKER:--" Two Ministers cannot stand at one and the same time."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:--" On a point of information, Sir. The hon. Member's question is more a statement than a question. It is for you to give a ruling."

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:--" May I know, Sir, from the Hon. Minister whether there is any actual necessity for allowing this song to be sung in view of the fact that it is not a religious song and also it is not compulsory that it should be sung. In view of that will the Hon. Minister be pleased to see that it is not sung in these institutions."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:--
" It is not that the Government are asking anybody to sing. If somebody sings this song, Government are not prepared to ban it."

(Several hon. Members from Muslim Benches rose in their seats to put questions.)

MR. SPEAKER:--" I have allowed enough time for this question."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:--
" Quite right, Sir."

Ldy. J.P.H. (M) Dept.

Please see the printed copy of the questions and answers on pages 2(a) to 6, above. no further action seems called

ARMY authorities, and reports ^{on} ~~and~~ appellant's work whilst in Army service sent to the President District Board, Dt Educational Officer, Chingleput Dt., and the Director of Public Instruction, Madras, are appended at Appx 'B' to this appeal in proof of the above events.

(a) Appx 'C' gives a record of entries made in the Service Register of the appellant by Mily authorities, verifying his service with the Army during the period of 1943--46.

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IV FORM OPENED AT
UTTIRAMERUR & Mr.
T.G. JOSEPH POSTED
HEADMASTER.

While the appellant was away on Active Service, Fourth form was opened in 1945--46 in the then Middle School at UTTIRAMERUR, to which Mr. T.G.

JOSEPH was posted Headmaster, of course in the L.T. Cadre, the same grade and pay as the appellant was and is in, and therefore, their position with regard to seniority at that time stood unaltered.

3.
APPELLANT ASKS FOR
POSTING TO UTTIRA-
MERUR.

Appellant on re-joining duty, coming to know that there was an imminent prospect of Forms Five and Six being opened at UTTIRAMERUR, petitioned the President to post him as Headmaster, UTTIRAMERUR, to which the Appellant was given no written reply up to the date of appeal.

4.
INTERVIEW WITH THE
THE PRESIDENT.

When Government issued orders for the opening of V and VI Forms from the beginning of the current school year, appellant sought an interview with the President which was granted to him on 2 July 46. In the interview the appellant put forward his claims for the Headmaster's post in preference to Mr. T.G. JOSEPH, on the grounds (1) of his seniority, and (2) of his service in the Army; but the President's reply was that he had posted Mr. T.G. JOSEPH as Headmaster for reasons stated by him (1) that the Headmaster's post is a selection post, and (2) the villagers of UTTIRAMERUR like Mr. T.G. JOSEPH.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH,
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

Thro:

- (1) The Headmaster, Board High School, Ponnert.
- (2) District Educational Officer, Chingleput Dt.
- (3) The President, S. A. I. D. A. P. E. T.
- (4) The Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

Sir,

SUBJECT: APPEAL OF SRI S. V. NAGAN, B.A.L.T., Assistant,

BOARD HIGH SCHOOL, PONNERT, AGAINST THE
ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,
CHINGLEPUT Dt., SAIDAPET, POSTING MR. T. Q. JOSEPH
B.A.L.T., HEADMASTER, BOARD HIGH SCHOOL,
UTTIRAMAPUR, OVERLOOKING THE CLAIMS OF THE
A P P E L A N T.

The appellant above-mentioned begs to submit the

Following memorandum of appeal:--

1.
ARMY-SERVICE.
1942-46.

Appellant who joined the service of the

Dt Board in 1923, after a satisfactory service
of nearly 20 years in the Dt Board High Schools, volunteered for
Army Service in July 1943, and came to be recruited Headmaster
of H.Q. Security Corps, near CALCUTTA. After a service of 9
months with that Unit, he was transferred as Headmaster, No. 2
Forward Interrogation Unit, an Intelligence Unit of H.Q. Security
Corps, attached in an operational role to H.Q. 33 Ind Corps,

(Fourteenth Army), on the eve of KOHIMA BATTLE (1 Apr 44). The

Unit first began functioning at DIMAPUR (ASSAM), whence with
H.Q. 33 Ind Corps, it kept moving from camp to camp in ASSAM &
BURMA, until at last it closed down its labours in RANGOON with
effect from 30 Apr 46. On the disbandment of the Unit with

effect from 11 Jun 46, appellant obtained discharge, came back
and joined his permanent ^{post} under the Board as Assistant, Board
High School, Ponnert, on 18 Jun 46.

(b) Appx 'A' gives a sketch map of the route pursued

by his unit in ASSAM and BURMA.

(c) Copies of references made from time to time by