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Legislative Assembly Question - Madras Educational Service -

Post of Deputy Director of Public Instruction - Appointment
of a Muslim.

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Secretariat of the Madras Legislature
Assembly Section
14-10-1946
STARRED QUESTION

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

* Q.No. 894 Will the Hon. the Minister
for Education be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact H.E. "A" m.p. 2 N.F.
that the Muslim Deputy Director of Public
Instruction is shortly to retire;

(b) ^{if so,} whether ^{it is proposed to fill up the post, when} it falls vacant, by a
fact that it is highly desirable that there should Muslim; and
be at least one Muslim Deputy Director of Public
Instruction; the Government will be pleased to see
that this post is filled up by a Muslim; and

(c) ^{if so,} whether ^{there is any} in the interests of
Muslim education the Government ^{proposal before the} will place the
Muslim Deputy Director of Public Instruction in
special charge of Muslim education?

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To The Secy. of the Madras Legn. (Assembly Secy.)
Copy to the R.H. (Edu.) Dept.

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Legislative Assembly Question No. 394-Starred.

Bogun Sultan Mir Amiruddin, M.L.A.

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Muslim Deputy Director of Public Instruction is desirous to retire;
- (b) if so, whether it is proposed to fill up the post, when it falls vacant, by a Muslim; and
- (c) if so, whether there is any proposal before the Government to place the Muslim Deputy Director of Public Instruction in special charge of Muslim education?

Education and Public Health Department.

ANSWER.

(a) There is no such post as "Muslim Deputy Director of Public Instruction". A Muslim officer who was occupying one of the three posts of "Deputy Directors of Public Instruction" vacated that office on 16th October 1946;

(b) No; recruitment to the post is not governed by communal rules; the post was filled by the transfer of a Divisional Inspector of Schools.

(c) The question does not arise.

For Secretary to Government.

The above answer has been approved by
The Hon'ble Mr. T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar.

To the Secretary, Madras Legislature (Assembly section).
Copy to the Public (Elections) Department.
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From: The Asst. Secretary, ~~SH~~ (4)
TO: The A.S.I. ~~SH~~ 7/3

Done
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Please report the names of Muslims who have acted in the posts of A.S.I.'s since 1920 ^{up to date} and also the periods for which they were offg. in those posts. As the information ^{is reqd.} in connection with a Leg. Assembly Bn., it may be furnished before tomorrow noon.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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The Assistant Secretary to Government
Education & Public Health Department,

Three Muslims have held the posts of Deputy Directors of Public Instruction, Madras since 1920 onwards: --

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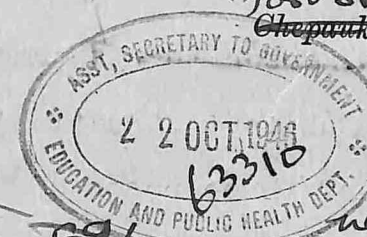
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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

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dated the 18-10-1946



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QUESTION No. 894 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held on the 193-.

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

The question has been admitted.

To

The Edn and P.H. Department.

Edn. and P.H. Dept. (A).

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It may be stated, at the outset, that there is no such post as "Muslim Dy. D.P.I.". There are in all 3 posts of Dy.Dirs. in the Office of the D.P.I. One of them, viz., the post of Dy.Dir.(Personnel), was occupied till the 16th Oct. by a Muslim officer - Khan Bahadur Moulvi Muhammad Sahib Bahadur. He attained the age of superannuation on 16-10-45 and was re-employed for a period of one year from that date. Consequent on the termination of this re-employment, he vacated his office on 15-10-46 A.N. Therefore, one of the posts of Dy.Dirs. fell vacant. To this Sri D.Sadasiva Reddi, M.B.E., who was Divl.Inspr, ^{of Schools} Anantapur, was transferred (by the D.P.I.). The post was thus filled, not by a Muslim, but by a Non-Brahmin. There is no rule prescribing that only a Muslim (or preferably a Muslim) shd. be apptd. to it.

2. "Muslim Education" as such is not in charge of a particular Dy.Director. If it is "Muslim Ele. Edn.", it is dealt with by the Dy.Dir.(Ele.Edn.); if "Muslim Secy.Edn.", by the Dy.Dir.(Secy.Edn.);

"Muslim Collegiate Edn.", by the Dy.Dir.(Personnel).

3. The following answers to the question are for consideration:

"(a) ~~May first tell the Hon Member that there is~~
no such post as 'Muslim Dy. Director of Public Instruction'.
A Muslim officer who was occupying one of three posts of Dy.
Drs. of Public Instruction vacated that office on 16-10-1946;

"(b) ~~The post was filled by the transfer of a~~
Non-Brahmin Divisional Inspector of Schools;

"(c) The question does not arise."

Appointment of Deputy Director of Public Instruction.

* 214 Q.—BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Muslim Deputy Director of Public Instruction is shortly to retire;

(b) if so, whether it is proposed to fill up the post, when it falls vacant, by a Muslim; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal before the Government to place the Muslim Deputy Director of Public Instruction in special charge of Muslim education?

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“(a) There is no such post as ‘Muslim Deputy Director of Public Instruction.’ A Muslim officer who was occupying one of the three posts of ‘Deputy Directors of Public Instruction’ vacated that office on 16th October 1946.

“(b) No; recruitment to the post is not governed by communal rules; the post was filled by the transfer of a Divisional Inspector of Schools.

“(c) The question does not arise.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“May I enquire, Sir, whether it is not desirable in the interests of Muslim education that a Muslim should be appointed as a Deputy Director of Public Instruction?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“I think a non-Muslim is equally capable of taking care of Muslim interests in education.” (Hear, hear.)

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Is it not a fact that for a long time past it has been the practice to have a Muslim as one of the Deputy Directors of Public Instruction?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“I do not know what it has been before. It is not a rule always applicable. It depends on the exigencies of service.”

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Is it not a fact, Sir, that it is not only in the interests of Muslim education but in the interests of general education also, that all communities should be represented on the Directorate?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“If Muslim interests can easily be taken care of by any officer under the Government, he may be appointed to the post.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“Is it not a fact, Sir, that the previous Government respected the wishes of the Muslims in regard to educational matters?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“I am sure even now the wishes of the Muslim community will be respected.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“May I enquire, Sir, how the Hon. Minister expects a non-Muslim to know all about Muslim education which is connected with Muslim religion?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“I think there is no mystery in Muslim education and in what they want.”

H. S. HUSSAIN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Is it the intention of this Government to depart from a long-standing policy and practice of appointing a Muslim to the post of Deputy Director of Public Instruction in this Province?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“I do not know, Sir, if there is a settled policy like that.”

DR. S. SUBRAHMANYA AYYAR:—“If Muslim education can be looked after only by Muslims, will Government think of appointing a member of the Scheduled caste community to look after the interests of the Scheduled castes?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“When I oppose it in the case of Muslims I ought to do the same in the case of Scheduled castes also.”

SRI K. BOKKAI GOWDER:—“In the interest of the education of backward classes, will Government be pleased to appoint a member of the backward class community to the post?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“As I said, Government is concerned with the education of all classes, and they will appoint persons to look after all of them.”

MAHBOOB ALI BAIG SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Is it not a fact that there are separate Muslim elementary schools and separate Muslim Inspectorates in this Province?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“I think there are, Sir. But that does not mean a Muslim Deputy Director of Public Instruction should be there for that purpose.”

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Arising out of the answer that he is unaware of certain conventions, will the Ministers who are having portfolios only temporarily assure us that they will not give answers without knowing all the facts beforehand?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“I would like to know from my hon. Friend if there is a convention like that; if there is, I should like to see it for myself.”

P. K. MOIDEEN KUTTI SAHIB BAHADUR:—“In view of the fact that there is a convention to have a Muslim as Deputy Director of Public Instruction, will not this Government be pleased to respect that convention?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“As I said, there is nothing in the file or in the records about the convention.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“I should like to know definitely from the Minister if a Muslim is to be appointed to this post or not?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“According to the exigencies of the service and according to seniority if a Muslim officer is entitled to come in, he will come in.”

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Does not the Hon. Minister know that for so many years and decades there has always been a Muslim as Deputy Director of Public Instruction and whether the Hon. Minister is going to respect that practice which has been obtaining for the last so many years?”

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THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—"That may have been the practice. But it is not a question of convention. So far as it has happened, perhaps it has been possible; in the natural course of service a Muslim was available for the post of Deputy Director of Public Instruction. If such a thing happens again a Muslim will be appointed. But it is not a convention or an invariable rule or an invariable practice."

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BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—"May I know whether European education is treated as a special or separate subject?"

1 B.

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—"Notice."

There is not any rule ^{in force} that one of the posts of Dy.D.P.I.'s shall be held by a Muslim, always. Nor is there any definite policy or convention followed in the matter. From the information obtained and kept at p.4 C.F. for many years it will be seen that it so happened that one of the posts of Dy.D.P.I.'s has been occupied by a Muslim, with short breaks. Hence, the answer given at portions A on pp.2, 3 and 4 above are correct. Further, a Muslim officer - Khan Bahadur Dr. M.A.Haq, has since been apptd. as Dy.D.P.I. (Secy.) Edn.) in the vacancy caused by the retirement of ^{Dr.} Rao Sahib C.D.S.Chetti on ^{and Anglo-Indian}

20-4-47. B above. For European Edn. there is a separate inspector (now inspection). Now the post is occupied by an Anglo-Indian body. The papers may be "RECORDED".

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G.O.Ms.No.1229 Edn.
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Abstract:-

L.A. Qn.-M.E.S.-Post of Dy.
D.P.I.-Appt. of a Muslim.