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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Assembly Question-Physical Training in schools-Encouragement  
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### SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.

(ASSEMBLY SECTION.)

4.3.47

STARRED QUESTION.

SRI S. NAGAPPA, M.L.A. ~~AND M.C.M.~~

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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Starred Question.

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DRAFT ANSWER

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(3) The development of the fore-shore along with Marina Road for playground is being considered.

(4) Steps have been taken for training a larger number of Physical Education teachers; the stipends to candidates <sup>have been</sup> raised to Rs 18/- per mensem.

(5) The question of Govt. conducting a Government College of Physical Education is being examined. The training class for <sup>teachers</sup> women Physical Education Teachers <sup>has</sup> is now <sup>being taken</sup> entirely under Government control.

(6) Instructions <sup>have been issued</sup> are issued to <sup>aided</sup> the ~~private~~ managements to depute as many Secondary Grade Assistants as possible to undergo physical training.

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(under clause 13)  
(7) Schools ~~and colleges~~ are being visited by the Regional Inspectors of Physical Education ~~and the Chief Inspector of Physical Education~~ <sup>made</sup> ~~respectively~~ and constructive suggestions are ~~offered in respect of Physical Education to the concerned managements for improving the play-~~ <sup>and</sup> grounds ~~as well as~~ Physical instruction.

(8) The Govt. are also considering a proposal to appoint District Inspectors of Physical Education ~~and Circle Inspectress of Physical Education~~ <sup>as</sup> to supervise and guide ~~the~~ teachers in the field of Physical Education.

(9) The Govt. are also sanctioning grants towards ~~the~~ recurring and non-recurring expenditure incurred by schools ~~in respect of~~ <sup>on</sup> Physical Education activities ~~in the~~.

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Legislative Assembly Question No. 913-Starred.

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Education and P.H. Department.

ANSWER.

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(6) Instructions have been issued to managements of aided schools to depute as many secondary grade assistants as possible to undergo physical training in the Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Saidapet, with a view to secure more qualified physical training instructors.

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Secretary to Government.

To  
The Secretary, Madras Legislature, (Assembly Section)  
The Public (Elections) Department.

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

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With ref. to the question in the C.F., attention is invited to the pp 8-9 CF. answer to a more or less similar question asked by Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, in the Legislative Council, in the linked file. It is for orders whether the information in the L.F. may be given in reply to the question in itself, or whether a further report may be called for upon the D.P.D. If so, the draft memo. placed below is submitted for approval.

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A draft <sup>answer</sup> ~~order~~ is submitted. For  
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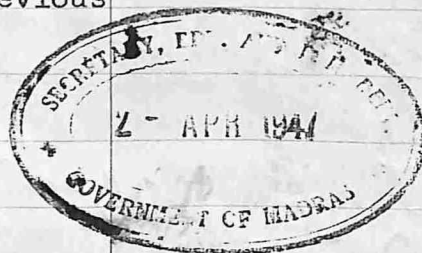
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The answer may be approved as corrected. The following information may be furnished to answer supplementaries:

- (1). Members of the Committee mentioned in point No.1;
- (2). The number of men and women physical instructors undergoing training this year as compared with the previous years.

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(1) above

The members of the Committee are:-

1. Dr. C.F. Andrews, Chief Inspector of Physical Education
2. Mr. C.S. Moffat, B.Sc., Principal Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education.
3. Sri T.P. Santanakrishna Naidu, D.E.O. South Guntur.
4. Rev. D. Chellappa, B.A., Principal St. Pauls High School, Vepery.
5. Sri K. Narasimhachar, Physical Director, Teachers College, Saidapet.
6. Sri S. Sampath, Physical Education Teacher, C.C.C. High School, Perambur
7. Sri K.T. Viswanathan, Physical Director, Ramakrishna Mission High School, Thygarayanagar.

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(2) above

The number of students undergoing training this year as compared with the previous year is as follows:-

|         | Men | Women |
|---------|-----|-------|
| 1946-47 | 78  | 25    |
| 1945-46 | 79  | 36    |
| 1944-45 | 60  | 32    |
| 1943-44 | 63  | 31    |
| 1942-43 | 70  | 15    |
| 1941-42 | 80  | 31    |

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The answer has been despatched to the Secy, Madras Legis. This may lie over till the Proceedings of the Assembly are resumed. Meanwhile H.M. (Edn) may see with ref. to his minute at p 2 ante.

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

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SRI S. NAGAPPA:—"In view of the fact that the answer is a long one, I would request the Hon. the Minister to supply a printed answer to this question, and then I would put supplementary questions."

MR. SPEAKER:—"The answer is not a long one and so printed answer cannot be given. I want the hon. Member to put supplementary questions."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—"On a point of information, Sir. I beg to submit that the answer is a long one and it is also a very important one and so I request you to allow supplementary questions on this to be put to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER:—"If the hon. Member has any doubts, he can put a separate question. I have already stated that the Hon. the Minister for Education will not be here day after to-morrow. That is why, I want supplementary questions to be put to-day."

SRI A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, from the Hon. the Minister for Education whether the Government will encourage the starting and maintenance of 'Thalim Khanas' which are the best centres for the indigenous system of physical training?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"If such centres are attached to schools, they will be entitled to a certain amount of grant."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—"In view of the fact that playgrounds are not available in the mufassal areas, may I know whether the Government will consider the desirability of abolishing the present system of playing hockey and football and introduce in their place, physical exercises such as 'chadugudu' and 'bali-chapplam' and 'upperpattu'?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"The suggestion of the hon. Member is being examined. In addition, Government are also considering the question of providing at least three acres of land as playground for each school."

SRI P. NATESAN:—"May I know what is the nature of physical training given in the schools and whether the Hon. Minister will consider the desirability of making these boys learn the use of arms?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"There is a list prepared with regard to the nature of physical training given in each school and I am not going to read the whole list. It is not possible to answer such a general question by way of a supplementary."

SRI P. NATESAN:—"If such questions pertaining to 'bali-chapplam' and 'chadugudu' are discussed on the floor of the House, I cannot really understand why the Hon. the Minister is annoyed with me in answering my question regarding the nature of physical education given in the schools."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"I only said that the answer contains a long list and cannot be read on the floor of the House."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—"Do the Government think it necessary to suppress the various games such as cricket, hockey and football and encourage indigenous games? Can they not encourage indigenous games side by side with the existing games?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"I do not know from where the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition caught the idea that the Government want to suppress all these games."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—"In answering a question put to him whether the Government will consider the question of suppressing these games and encourage indigenous games, the Hon. the Minister said that he would go into the question. I want to know whether the Government have got any proposals to suppress these games."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"I would request the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition to follow the questions and answers more carefully. The question was whether, in view of the shortage of playgrounds for playing hockey, football, etc., Government will encourage indigenous games and the answer was that the matter will be considered."

SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PHILLAI:—"Arising out of the answer of the Hon. the Minister that secondary grade teachers are being recruited for physical training, may I request the Government to consider the question of the lower and higher elementary grade teachers also for recruitment to the physical training scheme?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"That matter is also under the consideration of the Government."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—"May I know, from the Hon. the Minister for Education how much he has spent on physical education in this Province?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"A separate question may be put."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—"In view of the fact that the amount that is going to be spent is small, will the Government consider the desirability of abolishing such foreign games which are costly and introduce indigenous games which cost nothing?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"I cannot understand what the hon. Member means by 'foreign' and what he means by 'indigenous'. Hockey, football and such other games have come to stay in this country."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"May I know whether the Government are prepared to help public organizations, such as the Youth League, etc., which are running physical training institutions, by subsidizing them?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Here, Sir, I am concerned with physical education connected with educational institutions."

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA:—"May I suggest that indigenous system of Yoga such as Yogasanas and Suryanamas-kars, may be introduced in these schools?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"The suggestion will be considered."

SRI P. NATESAN:—"May I ask where is the need for the secondary grade teachers to teach physical training in schools? Are they supposed to be physically fit for giving such training?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"The point is this. Those who have had secondary grade training have an advantage of having studied some psychology and that helps them to bring up the children and train them in various aspects. So if they take to physical education also, it is presumed that they will be able to serve better than those who do not have a knowledge of psychology."

SRI N. M. R. SUBBARAMAN:—"May I know from the Hon. the Minister for Education whether the Government will consider the desirability of introducing 'scouting' as a compulsory subject to create an improved sense of discipline among children?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"That matter is also under the active consideration of the Government."

L.A.Q. - Physical  
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Please see the extracts of  
the Assembly Proceedings on pp 3-5 above  
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