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MEMORANDUM OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.
(ASSEMBLY SESSION.)
30-7-1946.

EDUCATION.

SRI S. NAGAPPA, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have selected 44 candidates for technical studies abroad in U.K. and U.S.A. *this year;*

(b) if so, what is the policy the Government have adopted in selecting the candidates;

(c) what are the qualifications of *selected* the candidates; and

(d) how many of the selected candidates are Harijans?

Draft answer.

Starred question No. 272.

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b) If so, what is the policy the Government have adopted in selecting the candidates?

b) The Hon'ble Member presumably refers to the procedure for selection of candidates for the scholarships.

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- (1) specialities in respect of which there will be no applicant with a first class qualification;
 - (2) cases where field experience and research after taking a second class degree may be assessed higher than a mere first class; and
 - (3) the need for securing adequate representation for backward classes and for the various linguistic areas.

c) What are the qualifications of the selected candidates?

Forty two
thirty nine
c) 39 candidates possess first class Master's or Bachelor's degrees
Seven
xx and 7 candidates possess second class degrees with practical experience.

d) How many of the selected candidates are Harijans?

Two
d) 2 persons belonging to the scheduled classes possessing second class degree applied; none of them was selected.

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To
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Public (Elections) Dept

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Communities	Total no. of apphs. recd. from prima facie quali- fied candi- dates	No. called for interview		Total	Statement I			Total	Overseas Scholarships - 1946-47					Remarks
					No. selected by Provincial Committee		No. selected by Prov. Committee as 1st preferences		No. finally selected by Govt. of India		Total			
		First class	Below 1st class		First class	Below 1st class	First class		Below 1st class	1st class		Below 1st class	Total	
Brahmins	267	137	18	155	44	5	49	18	4	22	20 (18)	1	21 (19)	Total apphs received } 500 No. of apphs rejected as being defective } 71 No. called for interview } ~~429~~ 317 Brahmins with below 1st class qualifications not called for interview } 112
Non-brahmins	100	39	61	100	18	14	32	7	7	14	13 (12)	2	15 (14)	
Muslims	11	3	8	11	1	4	5	—	3	3	—	3	3	
Christians	19	5	14	19	5	3	7	4	—	4	3	—	3	
Scheduled classes	2	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Backward classes (other than S.C.)	28	9	19	28	6	4	10	4	3	7	5	1	6	
Parsees	2	1	1	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	42 (39)	—	1 (46)	
Total	429	194	123	317	74	30	104	33	17	50	42 (39)	7	49 (46)	Besides the 46 candidates selected for Madras Scholar- ships, 1 xian 1 B.C. candidates were selected for Central Scholarship. 1 N.B. was selected by C.P. and Berar.

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Distribution of 46 Candidates according to Districts

Madras 10 - 10 Madras (Common)

Trichinopoly 2
Tanjore (3) 4
S. Arcot 1
N. Arcot 2
Madura 2
Tinnevely 2
Coimbatore 2

(12) Tamil
14

Ceded Districts 2
East Godavari 5
Vizagapatam 3
Guntur 3
Kistna 1
Nellore 2
W. Godavari 2
Anantapur 1

(18) Telugu
19

South Kanara 4
Malabar 2

6 West Coast.

Total (46) 49

Extracts from
Madras Legislative
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Selection of candidates for technical study in U.K. and U.S.A.

* 159 Q.—SRI S. NAGAPPA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

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advanced studies overseas. Candidates for 46 scholarships have been nominated finally. Selection of candidates for the remaining four is under correspondence with the Government of India.

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(1) specialities in respect of which there would be no applicant with a first-class qualification;

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(3) the need for securing adequate representation for backward classes and for the various linguistic areas.

“(c) Thirty-nine candidates possess First-class Master’s or Bachelor’s degrees and seven candidates possess second-class degrees with practical experience.

“(d) Two persons belonging to the scheduled classes possessing second-class degrees applied; none of them was selected.”

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—“Referring to the answer to clause (d) of the question, may I know, Sir, the reason for not selecting the two scheduled caste second-class degree-holders?”

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—“The reason was that they did not possess the requisite qualifications.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Mr. Speaker, I want to make a small suggestion. In view of the fact that the answer to this question is a long one and in view of the fact that it is an important question, may I suggest that the answer may be printed and circulated to the House, so that we may be

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enabled to put supplementary questions to-morrow or on Monday?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM:—"I will not be here on Monday, Sir. I think, to-morrow will be better."

MR. SPEAKER:—"Then I postpone that question to to-morrow. The answer will be circulated to hon. Members."

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MR. SPEAKER:—"I have asked the office to roned copies of the answer given yesterday and to circulate them to hon. Members. I hope it has been done."

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

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SRI S. NAGAPPA:—"Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state why the two Harijan candidates were not selected when other second-class degree-holders with practical experience have been selected?"

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

"Sir, two Harijans applied. One was Mr. C. V. Veluswami who had applied for 'Fuel Technology and Design Furnaces.' He possessed a B.Sc. degree in second class. The Selection Committee recommended the following three candidates in the order of preference shown below. Their qualifications are noted against their names:—

(1) Mr. M. I. Mathews, Christian, B.Sc., First class and B.Sc. (Tech.).

(2) Mr. P. Seshadri, Brahman, B.Sc., (Hons.), First class, First Rank Research Scholar in Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

(3) Mr. T. P. Soundararajan, Brahman, B.Sc., First class, First Rank, Research Experience at Tata Iron Company.

"The Committee have finally selected Mr. M. I. Mathews.

"The other Harijan candidate was Mr. T. M. Gurusiddiah. He had applied for 'Highway Research.' He possessed the B.E. degree with second class.

"The Selection Committee recommended Mr. R. Thilainayagam, a backward class candidate. His qualifications are B.E. (Diploma) and B.E. in Highway

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"The candidates who were selected were probably considered better."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—"May I ask the Government, Sir, when these seven candidates having second-class qualification were selected, what was the difficulty in the way of the Government for selecting these two candidates who had also the same second-class qualifications?"

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

"The answer has been given already in the main answer itself. People who have field experience and factory experience coupled with second-class qualification are certainly superior to those who have merely passed their examinations, and are considered equivalent to first class."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—"May I ask Government whether it is a fact that four candidates possessing less than second-class qualifications were selected in the place of Harijans?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"I am not able to follow the hon. Member."

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B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—"I would like to know whether the Government pretend to have relaxed any of these qualifications in favour of the scheduled class candidates whom they say they are helping?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Government do not make any pretensions, Sir."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—"Will the Hon. Minister state whether the Government are not prepared to stretch a point—a feeble point—in this case in order to help the backward communities and the scheduled class people instead of putting forward pleas which are not very tangible?"

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

"Government do not accept the latter portion of the hon. Member's statement. The Government can make tangible concessions on behalf of the backward classes. In regard to this matter, we could not do anything better because the policy regarding this was laid down even before we took up office."

SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"Having called for the applications with specific qualifications, is it not an injustice, Sir, to reject the applications of the Harijan candidates in preference to Christians?"

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

"There was no question of Christian or Harijan in this matter at all; the best available people were selected. In regard to certain communities, some concessions could have been given but in this matter, as I have stated, the selection was made by a Committee and they selected these men."

MUHAMMAD ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—"Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the number of Brahmans selected in this connexion?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Certainly, Sir. The number is 21, Sir."

SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"Arising out of the answer, the Hon. Minister said, one Mr. Mathews was selected and no depressed class candidates, even though they had necessary qualifications. Is it not an injustice to the Harijans?"

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

"I have nothing more to add to what I have already stated, where I have made my position clear."

MUHAMMAD ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—"The Hon. Minister said that 21 Brahmans were selected. Is the Government satisfied, Sir, that adequate representation to backward and other scheduled class communities have been given?"

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

"Candidates of the backward classes could be selected only if they have proper and requisite qualification. If the hon. Member wants information about the number of candidates of the backward communities, he can put a separate question."

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SRI S. NAGAPPA:—" May I ask, Sir, whether in the name of Harijans four backward class communities were selected? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" They were not selected in the name of Harijans."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—" Will the Government be pleased to call for the reports to show that these four candidates selected were not selected in the place of Harijans? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Nobody was selected in the place of Harijans. My reply was that there were two Harijan applications; to one of the departments a backward class man also applied and he was selected."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—" May I ask whether there was any place reserved for Harijans? "

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

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the advisability of making a rule that in the case of backward class candidates the minimum qualification prescribed would be sufficient? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" It is too early to consider it now, because we do not know whether we are going to send candidates to England next year."

MUHAMMAD ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know whether the Central Government framed these rules or they directed the Provincial Board to frame them? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" They were received from the Central Government."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—" How many Muslim candidates were selected? "

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

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—" May I ask the Government whether in regard to these selections they considered the question of merit or the 20 per cent principle here also? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Merit was considered but it was much more than 20 per cent."

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA:—" May I know the number of applicants from the Ceded Districts who were selected? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" I am sorry that I do not have the number of applications according to districts."

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BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—" May I know whether any Muslim candidate was selected from the Tamilnad area? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Even that, I am sorry, I am not able to give at present."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—" In view of the fact that no Harijan was selected this time, may I ask whether at least in future the Government would consider the case of Harijans sympathetically? "

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

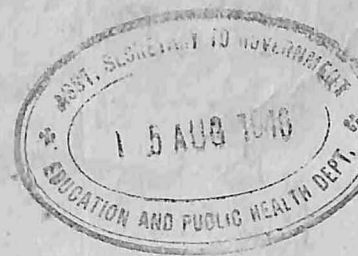
SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA:—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that one applicant by name Mr. C. V. Subrahmanyam from Nandyal with a B.Sc. second class has also applied for selection and ask whether his case will be considered in filling up the remaining four vacancies? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" The four vacancies have also been filled up."

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA:—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether his case will be considered at least next year? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" It is too early to say now, because we are not sure whether to England next year."

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

Not. by George
Chopank, dated the 10-8-1946

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QUESTION No. 272 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held on the 17-8-1946.

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

The question has been admitted.

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To

The L. and P. H. Department.

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A draft answer to the Question is put up. Attention is in this connection invited to the Notes to the Selection Committee on pages 7-13 of Stock file below, to the press release on pages 42-43 of S.F. and to the letter to the Gov. of India on pages 76-77 of Stock file.

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The answer suggested by the Department is approved.

But for the sake of answering supplementaries, the number of Brahmins, Non-Brahmins and Muslims selected may be given.

T. S. Subrahmanyam
10-8-46

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1/ With reference to H.M.'s orders on page 1 ante, two statements are put up below. Statement I shows the no. of candidates under each community who applied, no. selected by Prod Selection Committee, and no. finally approved by the Central Govt, as well as the qualifications possessed by the candidates. Statement II shows the distribution of 46 candidates finally selected, according to the various districts in the Province.

2/ For the remaining 4 Scholarships the following names are under the consideration of the Govt. of India:-

Subject	Name of candidate	Community	District
1. Highway Engg.	S. Manavalan	Backward class	Tanjore
2. Plastics and manufacture of products like bakelite or Manufacture of films.	P. Prabhakara Reddy ✓	Non-Brahmin	Anantapur
3. Electro-Chemistry with special refce. to acids	S.C. Rajagopalan ✓	Brahmin	N. Arcot
4. Manufacture of electric fans, small motors and starters.	R. Padmanathan ✓ or Bheta James	Brahmin Xian	Tanjore Madras.

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The question has been answered, vide extracts from official reports of Assembly Debates on pages 7-10 etc. No further action seems called for. The papers may be closed as

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