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[Despatch Abstract.]

College Muslim Women – Madras – Keeping in abeyance of B.A. classes – Previous orders modified.

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
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22 AUG 1947
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From

The President.

Dear Mr. Avinasalingam Chettiar,

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Go No. 1796 Edn
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I am given to understand that you have passed orders keeping in abeyance the B.A. courses in the Government College for Muslim Women. This has been done inspite of my having requested you not to do any such thing when you casually mentioned to me ~~during~~ about the same during our drive home a few days ago. I have to request you to kindly to reconsider your orders and see that the B.A. classes in the said Muslim College are continued without being disturbed in any manner as otherwise it will work to the serious detriment of the educational interests of the Muslim Community.

Yours sincerely,

M. M. Ismail

To
The Hon'ble Mr. Avinasalingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education, Madras.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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GOVT OF MADRAS

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE FOR MUSLIM WOMEN - ABOLITION OF B.A. CLASSES - SAVINGS IN EXPENDITURE.

Statement I.

	Posts sanctioned.	Posts actually filled.
Gazetted posts ..	4	2
Non-Gazetted posts in the cadre of Asst. Lecturers ..	16	14

Actual savings if both the B.A. classes are abolished. Figures have been worked on the basis of actual pay now drawn by the members.

Gazetted post	.. 1 (12 x 230) plus 12 x 50	Rs. 3,360
Non-Gazetted posts	.. 2 (2 x 12 x 120) plus 2x12x21	3,384
	Total	Rs. 6,744.

If Junior B.A. class alone was abolished, there will be no actual saving. The existing staff (i.e., sanctioned staff - the appointments not made) will continue.

Statement II.

Savings worked out on the basis of sanctioned staff and posts that have to be kept in abeyance - The average pay of the post is taken when calculating.

If both the B.A. Classes are abolished.

Gazetted posts ..	3 = (3 x 12 x 449 1/3) ..	Rs. 16,176	Excludes D. A.
Non-Gazetted posts	4 = (4 x 12 x 180) ..	" 8,640	
	Total ..	Rs. 24,816	

If Junior B. A. Class alone is abolished.

Gazetted posts ..	2 = (2 x 12 x 449 1/3) ..	Rs. 10,684	Excludes D. A.
Non-Gazetted posts	2 = (2 x 12 x 180) ..	Rs. 4,320	
	Total ..	Rs. 15,004	

Given by Sri V. R. [illegible]
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Letter/Ref. 67639A-2/47 A. Edn. d. 26.8.47.

To

The Registrar, University of Madras,
Chepauk.

Sir,

Govt. Muslim College for Women, Madras.

In continuation of my letter No.67639-A-1/47 A Edn dated 25.8.47. I am directed to forward a copy of G.O.No. 1872 Edn. dated 26-8-47 for your information.

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Copy to D.P.I.

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College - Muslim women - Madras - Keeping in abeyance of B.A. classes - Previous orders modified

Order 1872 (Edu) MS d. 26.8.47

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In modification of the orders in G.O. No. 1796 Edn, d. 9.8.47 and Memo No: 65267 A-1, d. 13.8.47, the Govt direct that the junior and senior B.A. classes in the Govt. college for Muslim women, Madras be continued during the current academic year. The D.P.I. is informed that the continuance of these classes next year will depend upon ~~adequate~~ strength in the classes including a ~~proper strength~~ reasonable no of Muslim ~~girls~~ women students for whom the college is primarily intended; ~~unless~~ there ~~are~~ should be at least 25 Muslim ~~girls~~ women students in the junior B.A. class ~~the [illegible] Govt- constrained, to close the class~~

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~~Cannot agree to the continuance~~
~~[illegible] the opening~~ of ~~the classes next year.~~
if these classes are to be continued in the College next year.

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Please see Mr. Md. Ismail's letter on page 1 ante. Orders in the matter were issued in G.O. No: 1796 Edn dt 9.8.47, and the D.P.I was informed in Memo No. 65267A-1 dt 13.8.47 that these orders will not be reconsidered. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn)

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H.M. (Edn)

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26 AUG 1947

Yesterday, a deputation consisting of Mr. Ismail, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, Mr. Basheer Ahmed, Secretary of the Muslim Educational Society, Mr. Hameed Khan, Mrs. Begum Amiruddin and others met me and made representation that the B.A. Classes in the Govt. Muslim College for Women should not be closed. They assured me that the small number is due to various reasons and from the next year, there will be greater numbers which will warrant the existence of these classes. Some of the girls of the College also met me. They say that the closing of these classes in the middle of the year has caused hardship to them and want that these classes must be continued at least till the end of this year. Both of these things may be given consideration. The classes may be continued till the end of the year. Orders may also be issued to the D.P.I. that the continuance of these classes in the next year will depend upon adequate strength of these classes including a proper strength of Muslim girls for whom the college is primarily intended. I see from the statement supplied by the Dy. D.P.I. that if the B.A. classes are abolished, three gazetted posts and four non-gazetted posts will be saved. This amounts to a saving of Rs.24,816 excluding dearness allowance. The small numbers which exist today, do not warrant the expenditure of such a large amount. Orders may be issued that unless there are at least 25 Muslim girls in the Junior B.A. classes, the classes may not be opened next year.

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The DPI may be asked to inform the Government also about the decision

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A draft order is put up. The Press note sent by H.M. (Edn) has been given to the Publicity dept for necessary action. As regards A above, in view of the letter at (L) the Govt themselves may perhaps send a copy of the orders to the [illegible]. [illegible] only [illegible] be made [illegible] address only.

Better send a separate covering letter

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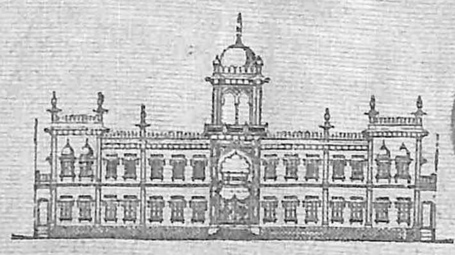

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
GOVT. OF MADRAS

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
28 AUG 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

17th August 1947.

The Hon'ble the Minister for Education,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Dear Sir,

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I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the resolution passed at an extraordinary meeting of the Governing Body of my Association held on the 16th instant on the question of the Government order keeping in abeyance the Degree Courses in the Government College for Muslim women, Madras for your kind consideration and favourable orders.

2. In this connection, I need hardly impress upon you the great sense of disappointment and dissatisfaction that prevails in the mind of the Muslim community by reason of the order in question. You are already aware that the college for Muslim women was established for very justifiable reasons after mature consideration by the previous Government and the college was intended to satisfy a great need not merely from the Muslim community but also from the rest of the communities in this province. The college is just 13 months old and to think of keeping in abeyance the Degree Courses within so short a period of its existence appears to be rather too early and too drastic.

3. My Association is quite aware that there are only about 16 students in the B.A.Degree courses. But this cannot be considered by any means to be very small or inadequate number for a college which was started just 13 months ago and that under very many serious handicaps, which went to militate against a large number of students seeking admission.

4. If the past history of most of the colleges is to be examined, it will be seen that most of the colleges were started with much less numbers than are found to-day in the Government College for Muslim women. The position could not be otherwise for the simple reason that a new college could not be expected to be as popular as the older colleges. But the fact remains that for this reason alone no Degree Courses were ever abolished ~~every~~ within a year or so of the starting of the colleges.

5. It cannot be forgotten that the Government did not provide any hostel facilities for the Government college for Muslim women in order to afford accommodation for its students who sought admission. The fact that there was no hostel accommodation actually scared away many Muslim and non-muslim students and naturally their strength in the Degree Courses has not come up to a high figure.

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6 It is also true that the college has not been provided with adequate staff and even among the staff appointed only a few are experienced hands. These short-comings have also no doubt contributed to the smallness of the number of students in the B.A. Degree Courses. Experienced and qualifed staff would have been available but for the fact that the scales of salary for lecturers and professors are unattractive and not encouraging. At any rate it is too much to expect that Muslim women teachers qualified in Islamic History and Culture or other subjects would be available from places outside the Madras Province on such low scales as are now offered by the Government.

7. Further the restricted subjects provided for the Degree Courses in the College have contributed in no small measure to the small number of students admitted in the college. If only more popular courses had been provided, certainly there could have been no room for complaint~~x~~ on the ground of inadequate numbers.

8. Again the question of suitable accommodation, lack of buildings and facilities for the activities of the college are also factors which have to be reckoned with as contributory to the smallness of the number of students in the college. It was originally understood that the buildings would be made available before the end of the academic year 1946-47. But unfortunately even to this day no progress has been made in the actual construction of the buildings for the college.

9. I venture to submit that taking all these aforesaid ~~xx~~ serious defects into account and keeping in view the experience of the growth of such colleges in the past, it cannot be stated that the numbers now admitted in the Government college for Muslim women is in any way inadequate or unsatisfactory. On this ground alone, to propose to keep in abeyance the Degree Courses even without giving a fair trial for a few years must be considered to be inexpedient and inadvisable.

10. If economy is the only consideration that has induced the Government to order this keeping in abeyance of the Degree Courses, then, there are very many courses in several of the older colleges in which the number of students may not justify the continuance of those courses. For a long number of years there were only one or two students in the Sanskrit Honours Courses in the Presidency college and yet it was never thought necessary to abolish the said courses from the college. Even so if the position is examined, many courses may have to be abolished on the same ground from several colleges, but academic grounds and the interests of education and culture have always overridden considerations of economy and that is the reason why many of the courses in which the numbers are very low in the Government colleges are still continued.

11. As it is, it must be acknowledged that with 16 students in the Degree Courses, the Government College for Muslim women has done very well, considering the duration of the college and the serious difficulties which it has had to face even from the initial stages. This strength ~~bears~~ compares very well with similar institutions, when they were started years ago. If these facts are kept in view, there can be no justification whatsoever for keeping in abeyance now the Degree Courses, after the promotions and admission have been made as early as the beginning of July 1947.

12. Further these facilities for giving an impetus to Muslim

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Muslim Education were provided by the erstwhile Government after taking into consideration all the relevant facts and to think of withdrawing these facilities from the Muslim community even within so short a time after the popular Government assumed office, only tends to create serious misgivings in the mind of the Muslim community and to make the several assurances given to the community by responsible statesmen both in the Central and the Provincial Governments, wholely unreal and farcical.

13. Further the Government cannot lose sight of the fact that some of the Courses provided in the Government College for Muslim women are not available in the other Women's Colleges in the city or elsewhere, and there will be considerable hardship and dislocation caused to some of those women students who have taken to the subjects not provided for elsewhere. On this ground also, it will not be just or expedient that the Degree Courses should be kept in abeyance.

14. I am therefore to request you on behalf of my Association to be pleased to reconsider your orders and kindly see your way to cancel the same and kindly to direct restoration of the Degree Courses in the Government College for Muslim women without any loss of time.

Yours sincerely,

Basheer Ahmed Sayeed

Hony. Secretary.

Encl:- 1 copy of Resolution.

17/8/47.

COPY OF RESOLUTION PASSED AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN INDIA, MADRAS HELD AT 5 P.M. ON SATURDAY THE 16TH INSTANT. (16.8.47)

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This Association expresses its strong sense of disappointment and grave concern over the action of the Hon'ble Education Minister in having kept in abeyance the B.A. Degree Courses in the Government College for Muslim women and urges upon him to rescind the orders and restore the courses forthwith.

2. This Association further expresses its considered opinion that there is no justification whatsoever for the Hon'ble Minister to close down the Degree Courses and reduce the only Muslim Women's College to an Intermediate Grade even though on a temporary, basis, without even giving a fair trial, especially when there is need for a larger number of 1st Grade Colleges in the Province and particularly when the progress made by the Muslim women's college compares very favourably with that made by similar institutions started in the past and when the college itself was brought into existence after mature consideration by the erst-while Adviser's Government for the benefit of not only Muslims but also of non-muslims.

--------- B. A. Sayed

17/8/47

PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

New Delhi,
20th August 1947.

My dear Avinasilingam,

Maulana Saheb has received the following telegram from Madras:-

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> "Muslim community greatly agitated over abolition B.A. degree courses by Education Minister Madras Govt. Govt. Muslim Women's College causing serious setback Community's educational progress. Pray immediate effective intervention redress grievance."

He will be glad to know the details of the matter.

Hoping you are doing well,

Yours sincerely,

M. Ajmal Khan

(M. Ajmal Khan)
Private Secretary.

Hon'ble
Shri T.S. Avinasilingam,
Minister of Education,
Madras.

Fort St. George,
27th August, 1947.

27 AUG 1947

My dear Maulana Sahib,

Thanks for the letter of your Private Secretary with regard to the abolition of B.A. Classes in the Government Muslim College, Madras. The Press Note sent herewith explains the position clearly. The financial position of the Government does not make it possible to allow to have spent nearly Rs. Rs.25,000/- for the sake of three students. In view of representations that the strength may improve in the future, the Government have issued orders continuing the classes till the end of the year. The continuation of these classes in the future must depend upon the strength which the College is able to attract in the future.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVT. EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH 28 AUG 1947

I hope you would have received my greetings sent to you on the Independance Day. We have a great task to perform in the future. God must give us the strength and steadfastness of purpose to do the great task enxtrusted to us.

You told me that you will be summoning an Education Ministers' Conference shortly. I shall be glad to know beforehand the possible dates of this so that our programmes can be adjusted to the Conference.

You will remember that I had a talk with you over a number of educational matters when I met you last time at Delhi. I shall be glad if you can kindly go into them and let me have your replies.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

TSA
27-8-47

Hon'ble Moulana Abul Kalam Azad,
Member for Education, Govt. of India,
New Delhi.

Copy to Secretary, E. & P.H. with the letter under reply. ✓

Asst. Secretary to Govt., Education and Public Health Dept. 28 AUG 1947

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Public (Information & Publicity) Department
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Asst. Secretary to Govt., Education and Public Health Dept. 29 AUG 1947

28 AUG 1947

PRESS NOTE NO.202

Fort St George, Madras, dated 26.8.47.

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The following Press Note is issued:-

Representations have been received that it will cause great hardship if the B.A. Classes in the Government Muslim College for Women are to be closed in the middle of the year. Certain general representations have also been received that these classes may not be closed now and that the strength in these classes may improve in the coming years. The present strength in the Junior B.A. and Senior B.A. classes is 1 Muslim and 8 non-Muslims and 2 Muslims and 3 non-Muslims respectively, making up a total of 14 girls of whom three only are Muslims. If the staff and posts sanctioned for the B.A. classes are abolished, the savings that will accrue to Government will be Rs.24,816 excluding dearness allowance. The Government still feel that to spend Rs.24,816 on such a small number and for only three Muslim girls, is not economical. In view of the above representations and more strength being promised, the Government are issuing orders keeping on those classes. Their further continuance must depend upon their adequate strength in the future.

Director of Information &
Publicity.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
27-8-47.
28 AUG 1947
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Dear Mr. Ismail/Basheer Ahmed,

You willbe glad to know that in deference to your wishes, B.A. Classes in the Muslim College for Women are being continued. The Press Note attached herewith will explain the position.

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29 AUG 1947

Yours sincerely

T S Avinashilingam

To

M. Mohamed Ismail, Esq., MLA,
Leader of the Opposition, 2-A San Thome High Ro d, Madras.

Basheer Ahmed Sayeed, Esq., MA, BL,
Hon. Secy., Muslim Edn. Assn. of S. India, Madras.

Copy to Secy., E.& P.H.

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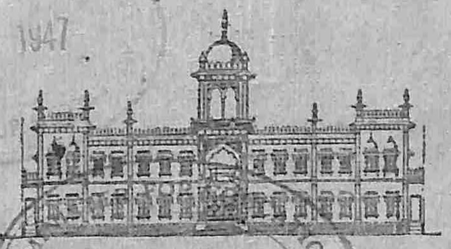

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Letter No. 9/47-125-C.

28th August 1947.

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With [illegible] file (p.g. 12-47 read together with A.M. [illegible] above)

Dear Mr. Avanashilingam Chettiar,

I understand that you are proposing to amalgamate certain classes and or courses of study in the Presidency college and the Government college for Muslim Men, Mount Road, Madras. If this is true, it will be very desirable and necessary that you should take into confidence my Association and representative individuals of the Muslim community before any steps are taken which are likely to affect the status and position of the Government College for Muslim men, Mount Road, Madras. It will not be in the interests of the Muslim community that any thing should be done at this stage to detract from the meagre facilities that are available at present to the Muslim community in the matter of Secondary or Collegiate education. On the other hand at this moment, there is justification and need for expanding the facilities that are now available for Muslim education in every direction.

It is for this purpose that my Association has been seeking to impress upon you to constitute a separate Board of Muslim Education for consultation and for evolving a comprehensive scheme with regard to the future progress and expansion of Muslim Education in the Province. I would urge once again that you should be pleased to consider this suggestion and constitute as early as possible a separate Board for Muslim Education. Such a Board, I am sure will be of immense help to you rather than a hindrance in the way of evolving suitable schemes of education.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
Basheer Ahmed Sayeed
Hony. Secretary.

28/8/47

The Hon'ble Mr. T. S. Avanashilingam
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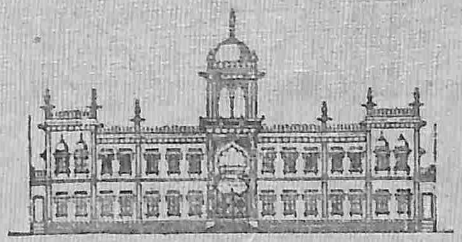

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Dear Mr. Avanashilingam Chettiar,

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Permit me to express our sincere thanks to you on behalf of the Association and myself for your kindness in having withdrawn the orders keeping in abeyance the Degree Courses in the Government College for Muslim women. The Muslim community also deeply appreciates your sympathetic interest in the cause of Muslim Education.

On this occasion, may I take the liberty of suggesting to you that you will be doing only a right thing ~~xxx~~ if you will but consult my Association and the accredited leaders of the Muslim community in any action that you may propose to take affecting the educational interests of the Muslim community.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Basheer Ahmed Sayeed
Hony. Secretary.

The Hon'ble Mr. T.S.Avanashilingam Chettiar,
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Fort St. George,
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Muslim Women's education & the Government of Madras.

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Criticising the decision of the Government of Madras to hold in abeyance the B.A. classes of the Government College for Muslims women and the remove the Secondary Training section from the Hobart High School, the Musalman writes:-

For long the Muslims of Madras had felt the need of a separate college for Muslims girls and in the end had submitted to the ignominy of sending their girls to the Muslim college for boys. At the end of the war the Advisers' Government was good enough to start college classes for them in the Hobart High School. Ever since the assumption of power by the Congress, its attitude towards Muslim education has been unsatisfactory and antagonistic. Today on some lame excuse it has thought it proper to deal a blow to the Muslim education by removing the B.A. classes and the secondary training section from the Hobart High School. Such a prejudicial attitude will compel ~~the~~ Muslims to take some decisive action to protect their educational and other national rights. They are compelled to feel that the Government of Madras have struck the first blow on them ~~Muslims~~ even during the very first week of independence. The excuse that the present measure will involve a saving of rupees twenty thousand in the budget is not only regrettable but even shameful, especially when it is realised that the same Government which grudge to spend a few thousand on the all-important subject of higher education, do not hesitate to spend lakhs on charkhas, and other unnecessary items. We hope that they will reconsider their decision as soon as possible and restore the B.A. classes and the training section so that the Muslim minority may not be under any apprehension with regard to ~~their~~ its future.

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