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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question - Admissions into colleges
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* 37 Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(2) Whether selection committees have ~~been constituted~~ been constituted to regulate admission into Government Colleges in the Province;

(b) If the selection committee do not exist and if principals have been empowered to make admissions, whether any specific instructions have been issued to regulate admissions either on grounds of merit or communities or both;

(c) If the answer to (b) is in the affirmative what those instructions are;

(d) Who is the authority competent to alter these instructions and scrutinise if they are being ^{properly} carried out; and

(c) Whether the Government have under consideration any fresh proposals for regulating admissions into their Colleges?

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Mr. J. D. Smith



Governor's Secretariat.

252-10-7-46.

Note No. 3518 C/pt 7, dated the 28.8.46

Subject: Madras Legislative Assembly Council Question No. 123 shared

by Mr. K.T.M. Ahmed Ibrahim M.L.A. M.L.C. Reservation of 20 per cent of seats in colleges for admission on ground of merit.

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EPH Department may be requested to circulate to His Excellency the file containing the draft answer to the above question, before the answer is despatched.

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EPH Department u.o.
27.8.46

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 Question.
 No. 37.

Draft answer.

(a) whether selection committees have been constituted to regulate admission into Govt. colleges in the Province;

There are at present no selection committees to regulate admission into Govt. Colleges. ~~It is proposed to consider the question of constituting such committees in connection with the admissions for the academic year 1947-48.~~ The question is under consideration.

(b) if the selection committees do not exist and if Principals have been empowered to make admissions, whether any specific instructions have been issued to regulate admissions either on grounds of merit or communities or both;

(b) & (c) Copies of G.O.'s No.1435-Edn., dated 1-8-1940, No.960-Edn., dated 14-3-1942, and No.997-Edn., dated 22-7-1946, are placed on the table.

In connection with admissions to the Engineering Colleges and Medical Colleges in 1946-47, the Govt. have directed that ~~provisionally for this year,~~ 20% of the total no. of seats should be filled by students selected on merit, and ~~the 80% shall be regulated by~~ irrespective of the orders in the G.O.'s referred to.

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative what those instructions are;
 (d) who is the authority competent to alter those instructions and scrutinise if they are being properly carried out;

(d) In respect of admissions into Engg. Colleges, the D.P.I. submits to Govt. every year a report so that the Govt. may satisfy themselves that the instructions issued by them are observed. After reviewing the reports, if the Govt. find that the instructions are not observed, ~~then~~ Reports have been as not being received. Reports have not been received in respect of other colleges. But, of course, any ~~particular~~ complaints in the matter will be gone into by Govt.

(e) whether the Govt. have under consideration any fresh proposals for regulating admissions into their colleges?

(e) The answer is in the negative.

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 Re. see the v.o. note from Govt. Secy. on p. 1 ante. The main file on the subject has already been marked in circulation to H.E. also (circulated to H.M.(PH+M) H.M.(Edu) & H.E. on 27-8-46) No action is ~~now~~ necessary on this. May be added to the main file on receipt from circulation.

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 19-9-46

To
 The Secy. of Madras Legislative
 Copy to Pub. (Elect.) Dept.

Legislative Council Question No.37-Starred.

R. Suryanarayana Rao.

Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to state—
(a) Whether selection committees have been constituted to regulate admission into Government Colleges in the Province;

(b) if the selection committees do not exist and if Principals have been empowered to make admissions, whether any specific instructions have been issued to regulate admissions either on grounds of merit or communities or both;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative what those instructions are;

(d) who is the authority competent to alter those instructions and scrutinise if they are being properly carried out; and

(e) whether the Government have under consideration any fresh proposals for regulating admissions into their colleges?

Education and P.H. Department.

ANSWER.

(a) There are at present no selection committees to regulate admission into Government Colleges. The question is under consideration.

(b) and (c). Copies of G.Os.No.1435-Edn., dated 1-8-1940, No. 960-Edn., dated 14-3-1942 and No.997-Edn., dated 22-7-1946 are placed on the table.

In connection with admissions to the Engineering Colleges and Medical Colleges in 1946-47, the Government directed that provisionally for this year, 20 percent of the total number of seats should be filled by students selected on merit, and that 80 percent should be regulated by the orders in the G.Os. referred to.

(d). In respect of admissions into Engineering Colleges, the Director of Public Instruction submits to Government every year a report so that the Government may satisfy themselves that the instructions issued by them are observed. Such reports are not being received in respect of the Arts Colleges. But, of course, any complaints in the matter will be gone into by Government.

(e) The answer is in the negative.

P.S.Viswanatha Ayyar,
Secretary to Government.

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

To the Secretary, Madras Legislature.
Copy to the Public (Elections) Department.

Edn.& P.H.U.O.No.39320-A/46-2,
dated 29th July 1946.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

Fort St. George, dated the 18. 7. 1936

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QUESTION No.

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for the meeting of the Legislative Council

to be held on the

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

The question has been admitted.

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To

The E and P.H. Department.

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Draft answer is subd. below for consideration.

For orders as to circulation.

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R. J. C.

as corrected

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25-7-46

H.D. (Chs)

The analysis of admissions in the Eng. colleges may be put up in this file, to enable supplementary questions



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With ref. to A' above, a copy of the statistics furnished by the D.P.I. in the matter may be put up in the file, when the file is sent to H.M.(Edn) for reference. According to Pub (Chs) v.o. Note 223-7-46 Qns No 37 requires coordination with Assembly Qns No 128 and No 129. While questions nos 128 and

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129 relate to statistics re admission to Mad and Engg. Colleges on the 20% merit rule. ^{Council} ~~Q. No. 37~~ requires information in regard to the instructions issued for regulation of admission to the principle involved in the selection of Candidates to Mad and Engg. Colleges. It does not, therefore seem necessary to coordinate the answer to this question with those of Assembly Q. No. 128 and 129. Pub (Elec) may see the draft answer before issue.

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160 All that is to be aimed at is that there should be no overlapping of answers. Provided that the Administrative Dept have ensured against this nothing further need be done as is required.

Pub (Elec) v.o. 1848/46-1 27-7-46
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For orders whether the draft answer may now issue.

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[Issued as v.o. No. 39320 A (ub-2) 29-7-46]

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Extract of the Proceedings of the Leg. Council on 8-8-46

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Admissions into Government Colleges in the Province.

* 22 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether selection committees have been constituted to regulate admission into Government Colleges in the Province;

(b) if the selection committees do not exist and if Principals have been empowered to make admissions, whether any specific instructions have been issued to regulate admissions either on grounds of merit or communities or both;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative what those instructions are;

(d) who is the authority competent to alter these instructions and scrutinise if they are being properly carried out; and

(e) whether the Government have under consideration any fresh proposals for regulating admissions into their Colleges?

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

"(a) There are at present no selection committees to regulate admission into Government colleges. The question is under consideration.

"(b) & (c) Copies of G.Os. No. 1435, Education, dated 1st August 1940, No. 960, Education, dated 14th March 1942 and No. 997, Education, dated 22nd July 1946, are placed on the table.

"In connexion with admissions to the Engineering Colleges and Medical Colleges in 1946-47, the Government directed that provisionally for this year, 20 per cent of the total number of seats should be filled by students selected on merit, and that 80 per cent should be regulated by the orders in the Government Orders referred to.

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“(d) In respect of admissions into Engineering Colleges, the Director of Public Instruction submits to Government every year a report so that the Government may satisfy themselves that the instructions issued by them are observed. Such reports are not being received in respect of the Arts Colleges. But, of course, any complaints in the matter will be gone into by Government.”

“(e) The answer is in the negative.”

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—“ May I know, Sir, why such reports are not called for from the Principals of Arts Colleges when they too are required to follow certain principles laid down by the Government? ”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—
“ Because the Government thought it unnecessary to change the rules.”

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—“ I find from the annexure to the answer given by the Hon. Minister that there is no reference to merit except that he intimated to the Council that in this year merit has been introduced. Otherwise, are the Principals of Colleges free to admit pupils as they like if only they bear in mind the principle of linguistic representation? ”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—
“ No, Sir, I invite the hon. Member's attention to G.O.

No. 1435, dated 1st August 1945, which reads as follows :—

“ The Principals of Government Colleges are requested, while making selections for admission to all classes in their Colleges, to exercise the greatest care in seeing that due representation is given to Non-Brahmans, to all minority communities, to Muhammadans, to Scheduled Classes and to women. The fact that candidates from backward communities do not possess equally high marks as candidates from forward communities should not stand in the way of deserving applicants from such communities being given due consideration. In the case, for example, of the Scheduled Classes and of Muslim women, very few of whom ever reach the collegiate standard, special consideration should be shown. In cases of doubt, the Principals of Colleges may, if they consider it necessary, refer the cases to the Director of Public Instruction for decision.”

K. T. M. AHMAD IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—“ The Hon. Minister for Education said that due representation was given to all communities. Then, may I know where is the necessity for setting apart 20 per cent for merit? ”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—
“ The necessity is for merit.”

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—“ Does not the Hon. Minister for Education think that those who are ordinarily selected do not have merit? ”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—
“ There are various kinds of merit. Here what is considered as merit is by way of marks in examinations.”

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—“ Does he think that marks is the sole test for admission? ”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—
“ It is by no means the sole test, but in the absence of any

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other test which can be substituted in its place, the Government have no option in the matter."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"May I know the object of the extension of the principle of merit this year and that too provisionally?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—"I have nothing more to add to what I have said."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"May I ask whether the Hon. Minister will give us some statistics as to how the admissions have been affected by the introduction of the principle of merit, how many Muslims, Brahmans, Non-Brahmans, Indian Christians, and Scheduled Classes have been admitted on the basis of merit and how many have been admitted otherwise than on merit."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—"The number of admissions on the basis of merit is 20 per cent. The total selected is 69, of which Brahmans are 57, Non-Brahmans 8, Muhammadans 2, Christians 2, and Scheduled Classes nil. This is for the Engineering College."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"Even in the previous years when the question of merit was not considered, candidates with only first-class qualifications had been selected."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—"No, Sir. It was not always the case that first-class qualifications were required."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"Generally?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—"I am not able to say that."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"I think the Hon. Minister will agree with me that the object of the selection of communities on the principle of merit is obvious."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—"It is a matter of opinion."

10-45 a.m. DR. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB BAHADUR :—"Since several heads are better than one and since no great amount of consideration is necessary to revive Selection Committees, will the Hon. the Minister for Education see his way to revive Selection Committees? I believe he knows that these Committees were doing just and fair work."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—"It has been replied to in the answer to clause (a); the question is under consideration."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that if we refuse to give opportunity for merit, we lose the chance of getting experts in our country and have to depend upon experts from foreign countries?"

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MR. PRESIDENT :—"Does it arise out of the question under discussion; I fear it does not."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"Is it a fact that those students who have been selected in the ordinary course without reference to so-called merit, have been found to be inefficient and unfit for their work?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—"No."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"On what consideration, Sir, was the merit percentage fixed? Why only 20 per cent and not 33½ per cent, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—"It is just an idea, Sir. There is nothing very logical about it."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB BAHADUR :—"May I know, Sir, why not cent per cent be set apart for merit alone?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR :—"If the hon. Member is serious about it, it will be considered."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—"I would like to inform the Hon. Minister that we want that all sections of the people should be given opportunities of education, both in the Arts and professional colleges and having regard to that, I would like to ask him whether he would see that weightage is given wherever necessary in view of prevalent inequalities until those inequalities are set right?"

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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"Am I right in assuming, Sir, that the merit percentage is applicable to the Engineering College only?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—"As far as I am concerned, only the Engineering College."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I take it, Sir, that with regard to admission to other colleges, the instructions which the Hon. the Minister read out hold good?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—"Yes."

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Please see the proceedings of the Leg. Council on 8-8-46 extracted above. No further action is called for. The papers may now be recorded.

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