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[Despatch Abstract.]

Educational Concessions to Scheduled casts Converts

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Secretary, E. & P.H.

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I understand that money set apart for educational concessions to scheduled castes has been spent also on others who have been converted into other religions from scheduled castes. Questions have been raised recently in the Legislative Assembly that such diversion of funds to converts is not proper. Recently, I read in the newspapers from an answer given by the Education Member of the Interim Government, in New Delhi that these concessions are being confined to the scheduled castes as interpreted by the Government of India Act and ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ This matter has been urged on the floor of the Assembly many times. And so, this requires a re-examination. The office may put up a note on the funds ear-marked for the education of scheduled castes as well as the facts which led to the present diversion of funds to the converts also.

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Under the Madras Educational Rules, students belonging to the Muslim Community and certain Caste and classes which are recognised as backward are eligible for fee concessions in Schools and Colleges provided they are poor. A list of backward classes is given in Appendix 17A to the Madras Educational Rules. This list is divided into two groups:-

Group I. Scheduled Castes

Group II. Castes other than Scheduled Castes.

Prior to 1939, the following provision was made in the rules for the grant of fee concessions to converts to Christianity or other religions from the scheduled castes.

"Converts to Christianity or to any other

religion from the Communities comprising I above
shall not for faith their eligibility to the half
fee Concession merely because of their Conversion".

In 1938 the question arose for Converts
to Christianity from the Scheduled Castes should be eligible
for fee Concessions. This came under review. It was decided
that pupils who were themselves or whose parents or
grand parents on both paternal and maternal sides
were members of any of the Scheduled Classes and
who belonged to families that continued to live
under conditions similar to those of the Scheduled Classes
concerned should be treated as one of the recognised
backward classes for purpose of fee Concessions.
Accordingly in group II in the list of backward classes
in Appendix 17-A of the Madras Educational Rules, the
following was added in 1939. as one of the Castes
eligible for fee Concessions.

"Adi-Dravida, Adi Andhra, Adi -
Karnataka ~~and~~ Adi-Kerala Christians, that is to
say Christian pupils who were themselves or
whose parents or grand parents on both the
paternal and maternal sides were members
of any of the Scheduled Classes and who belonged
to families that continued to live under
conditions similar to those of Scheduled Classes
concerned."

In 1941. Representations were made
to Govt that the changes introduced in 1939
should be reconsidered and that the position
as it was before the rules were amended
should be restored. The Director of Public
Instruction after consulting representatives of

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In G.O. No. 1252 Education, dated 25-6-46, a note was added
to the rules to the effect that in the case of converts to
Christianity a certificate that the pupil is a convert to Chris-
tianity or is Christian whose ancestors belonged to a scheduled
caste should be obtained from the Parish Priest. In that
connection H.M (Education) intimated that the rule was liable
to abuse if the concession was not restricted to converts, within
a knowable period. The D.P.I. has accordingly been asked to
suggest some workable formula to ensure that only children under
the care of parents or guardians who were not Christians by birth
who have themselves become converts to Christianity may get the
concessions. The Directors' proposals are awaited.

There are no ear-marked funds for the education of scheduled
castes under the control of the Education Department. Such funds
are administered by the Dev. Deptt. The file may be sent to that Department.

for remarks.

There is also the Cognate question
of the Administrative Aspects
of the Labour Dept.
concerning the Scheduled Castes.
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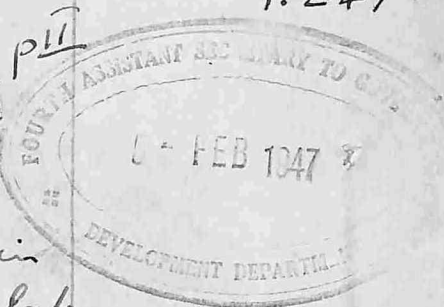
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The question raised by H.M. (Edn) in
his minutes on p.1 above, so far as it relates
to the educational facilities provided by the
Labour Dept. to the eligible community, ~~is covered~~
has already been examined in ~~this Dept. file bearing~~
C.No. 53788 PII/46 and it has been decided
that no further action is called for at present.

An extract of the relevant notes from that
file is put up at (b). This may be returned
to C.P.H.

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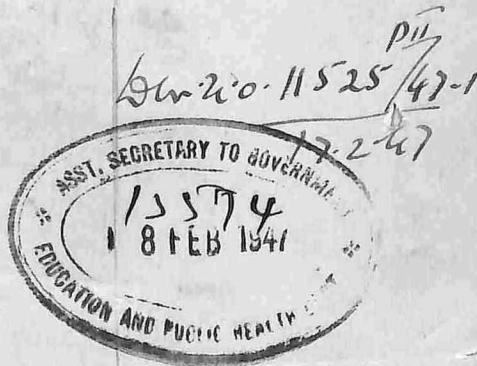
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file bearing
Extract from the C.No. 53788 PII/46.

I find that for Harijans, including converts, only 82
residential scholarships have been given in Arts and Science,
Colleges and 9 in Professional Colleges. This I think is very
insufficient. My plea is that all Harijans who are studying
in colleges should be given residential scholarships. It is
a mockery to say that we are giving them admissions into
colleges and are not providing them the wherewithal while studying
in colleges. The advantage given to them in the colleges that
they need not pay fees for ^{tuition} ~~tuition~~ can never be taken advantage
of them unless boarding facilities are also provided. For the
Harijans coming from outside the town in which colleges are
~~situated~~ ^{situated}, I recommend that residential scholarships should be
given.

While doing so, I would like to confine this scholarship
only to Hindus. The matter has been raised in the Legislative
Assembly during the Budget Sessions recently. I think it is
unfair to spend this money on Christian converts. Admittedly
the Christian converts have other sources of help and are norma-
lly better off than their Hindu brethren. Besides we never know
whether a Christian convert is a real Harijan or not except by
his own saying which of ten times, I think, is not true and so
I should suggest that henceforth scholarships given to the
Harijans or Scheduled Classes should be confined to the Hindu
members of that class. The Government may provide separately
for the Christians if they think it fit to do so.

T.S.A.
11.10.46.

I entirely agree with H.M. (Education), Government of India,
may be addressed to award the scholarships to the scheduled
Caste students through this Govt.

V.K.
11.10.46.

H.P.M. may see.
T.S.A.
11.10.46.

I agree.
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3.11.46.

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K.G.M.

