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QUESTION.

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Regum Sultan Mir Amiruddin

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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Answer

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Education and P.H.
Department.

ANSWER.

The post of Deputy Directress of Public Instruction in the Indian Educational Service which had been kept in abeyance from time to time was abolished in May 1945. But the post in the Madras Educational Service exists and remains vacant. The Government have now under consideration a proposal to appoint a Gazetted woman officer in the office of the Director of Public Instruction.

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The above answer has been approved by
The Hon'ble Mr. T. S. Avinashalingam Chettiar.
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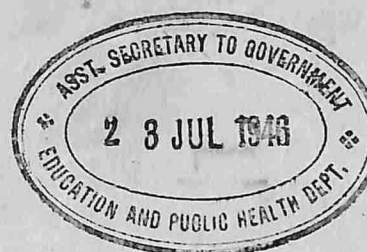
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QUESTION No. 171

for the ^{next} meeting of the Legislative Assembly to

be held on the

1946.

^{Two} copies of ^{each} this question ^{is} are forwarded to the E. and P. H. Department.

The question has been admitted.

To

The E. and P. H. Department.

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Edn. and P.H. Dept.(A).

A post of Dy. Directress of Public Instruction in the D.P.I.'s Office, in the I.E.S., existed from about 1920 up to 1932. Necessitated by the 'financial stringency' that was felt in 1931-32, the post was held in abeyance in the first instance for a period of 3 years - because it was considered then that its tempy. disappearance would not seriously retard the development of women's edn. As its revival was not considered absolutely essential later, it continued to be held in abeyance year after year till the middle of 1945. With the retirement of I.H. Miss/Lowe (the permanent incumbent of the post) in May 1945, the post in the ^{I.E.S.} ~~I.E.S.~~ was abolished. But the post continues to exist in the M.E.S. and remains vacant.

2. In June 1945, Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, a member of the Post-War Edn. Sub-Committee, suggested the revival of the post, with an eye to women's edn. in the post-war period. The then D.P.I., Dr. Dey, considered the revival not essential and the matter was not pursued. Sri ~~R~~ Suryanarayana Rao has recently reiterated his suggestion. The remarks of the present D.P.I., Dr. Savor, have been obtained and the file is now in Finance.

Dr. Savoor too considers the revival of the post unnecessary. He has however stated that it would be better if a woman officer is apptd. in the Dir.'s Office so that she may acquire expce. at the head office and may also advise the Dir. on important matters relating to women's edn. He has accordingly suggested that a new post called the 'Inspectress at the Central Office' ^{may} be created in the M.E.S. and that it may be made a tenure post. This question is under consideration and the file will be circulated for orders shortly.

3. In the circumstances, the following answer to the question is suggested for consideration:-

"The post of Dy. Directress of Public Instruction in the Indian Educational Service which ^{had been} ~~was~~ kept in abeyance from time to time was abolished in May 1945. But the post in the Madras Educational Service exists and ~~xxx~~ remains vacant. The Govt. have now under consideration a proposal to appoint a Gazetted woman officer in the Office of the D.P.I."

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may has his post remained vacant as long. When is the D.P.I. group to appoint etc. This relevant information may be supplied as answer supplementary

The reasons why the post continued to be vacant are given in paras 1 to 6 of the D.P.I.'s D.O., copy at "a"; pl. see "M" on p.1 ante also. The proposal under consideration is to appt. a woman officer in the Dir.'s Office and to designate her as "Inspectress at the Central Office", in the place of one of the posts of Personal Asstts. The individual to be apptd. to the post will be settled only



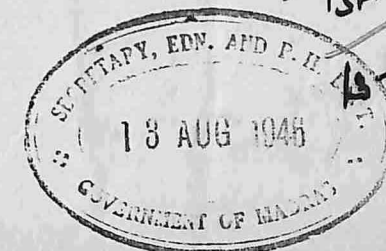
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bill
It is not proposed to revive this post. There are two posts of Personal Assistants. In the place of one of these posts

after Govt. ~~xxxxxx~~ pass orders in the matter.

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Post of Deputy Directress of Public Instruction.

* 99 Q.—B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR (on behalf of Begum Sultan Mir Amiruddin): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state when the office of the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction which has been held in abeyance is to be filled up?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—
"The post of Deputy Directress of Public Instruction in the Indian Educational Service which had been kept in abeyance from time to time was abolished in May 1945. But the post in the Madras Educational Service exists and remains vacant. The Government have now under consideration a proposal to appoint a Gazetted woman officer in the office of the Director of Public Instruction."

MUHAMMAD ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—"Will the Government be pleased to state how long will this matter be under the consideration of the Government?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—
"Till the consideration is finished."

SRI A. S. SAHAJANANDA:—"டிப்டி டைரக்டர் ஸ்தானத்திற்கு ஒரு ஹரிஜனப் போடக்கூடுமா?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—
"Yes. Surely." (In Tamil).

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"I want a translation of both the question and the answer, since I have not understood both as they were in Tamil."

MR. SPEAKER:—"The question is whether Government will appoint a member of the depressed class for the post and the answer is in the affirmative."

SRI A. KALESWARA RAO:—"Whether the Government will consider the abolition of the post of Deputy Directors and bifurcate the Province into Andhra area and non-Andhra area and appoint two Directors of Public Instruction even on a lower salary as a precursor to the formation of a separate Andhra Province?"

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

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No action seems necessary. The papers may be "recorded".
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Director of Public Instruction,

D.O.

Madras, 29th June 1946.

My dear Viswanatha Iyer,

With reference to your D.O.No. 32662-A.1. Education, dated 19.6.1946, I am placing before you the points against and for having a woman officer in the Director's office.

2. In the first place I would like to invite your kind attention to a few figures relating to women's education as detailed in the quinquenniums for ~~1937~~ 1932-37 and 1937-42. The post of the Deputy Directress of Public Instruction has been held in abeyance from 1932. From 1932 to 1942, the number of secondary schools for girls increased from 73 to 103 and the strength in those schools increased from 17,698 to 29,534. The actual number of girls in boys' and girls' secondary schools increased from 31,853 in 1937 to 44,215. In elementary schools the actual number of schools decreased just as in the case of boys' schools on account of the elimination of inefficient and bogus schools, but the strength in girls' schools increased from 3,58,394 to 4,30,412. At the same time in the boys' schools, the number of girls increased from 3,64,541 to 7,71,207. In regard to Muslim education also, there has been an increase in the number of girls under instruction. The number of training schools for women increased from 62 to 66. The number of women in training for the teacher's profession increased from 3,192 to 4,371. The actual increase in women's literacy during that decade was from 2.5 to 6.3. In addition to all this, the department took special measures to increase the number of women teachers working in boys' schools to increase facilities for training of Physical Training Instructresses in girls' schools, to appoint additional Sub- Assistant Inspectresses and Inspectresses of schools wherever necessary, etc. These achievements were during the period 1932-42 when there was no Deputy Directress in this office. The latest figures are higher than those for 1942 and show that the department has persistently carried out the policy of encouraging women's education in its every phase. Thus I cannot agree with Mr. Suryanarayana Rao that the Deputy Directors with all their other interests are so much overwhelmed with problems of boys' education that they cannot in the nature of circumstances give their attention which girls' education needs.

3. In the development of girls' education, the opinion of the departmental inspecting officers in the women's section as well as the opinion of the Women's Association and general public opinion are always taken into consideration. The Inspectresses of Schools are in actual contact with the requirements of each area and due weight is given to the recommendations put forward by the Inspectresses of Schools. Similarly, Sub- Assistant Inspectresses are in charge of smaller areas and deal with elementary education. The final control and direction is in the hands of the Director and it has been the continued policy of the Directors, particularly since 1936, to pay even more attention to girls' education than to boys' education. The results achieved so far show that in spite of the absence of a Deputy Directress in this office the progress of women's education is far beyond expectations. Therefore it cannot be said that the provision of Deputy Directress in this office is absolutely necessary.

4. I would also like to add that the present tendency is more and more for coeducation as far as elementary education is concerned. This is amply proved by the larger number of girls reading in boys' schools than in girls' schools. Under the compulsory scheme, most of the schools are bound to be mixed schools. It has also been the experience of the department that in a large number of cases where girls' schools were amalgamated with boys' schools, the actual strength of girls increased after the amalgamation. The work connected with the compulsory scheme and the feeding of poor children needs coordination. There has got to be a unified policy and also a unified control. For this purpose, it will be necessary to put greater amount of authority in the hands of the District Educational Officers of each district and the Attendance Officers who will have to work directly under him. Thus except for the actual inspection of girls' schools and proposals for the expansion of women's education, particularly, that of Muslim girls, much of the work relating to boys' and girls' schools

and girls' schools in the compulsory areas both in regard to the provision of schools under the compulsory schemes and the arrangements to be made for feeding, as well as the action to be taken under the compulsory scheme against defaulters, will have to be done by the men officers.

5. In regard to secondary schools, the work is in the hands of the Inspectresses whose number is at present eight of whom one has been appointed recently and the jurisdiction of the Inspectresses is now smaller than it has been in the past and the Inspectresses will have greater opportunities to attend to the work of organisation and expansion. The proposals received from the Inspectresses are being and will be dealt with very carefully by the officers who are working under me and there is no reason whatever to fear that the interest of women's education will suffer in any way in their hands.

6. As regards the personnel of the women's branch, there have been no complaints from the officers of the women's branch that their interests have suffered because of the absence of a Deputy Directress. All representations of transfers and promotions are very sympathetically and carefully dealt with in this office. Further, the Inspectresses are constantly consulted whenever necessary in regard to administrative matters relating to the personnel of the women's department. Thus there is nothing much that a Deputy Directress in separate charge of women's education will be able to do in this matter, if a Deputy Directress is appointed in this office. At the time when the post of ^{Deputy} ~~was kept in abeyance~~, I was the Deputy Director in charge of Finance and secondary schools. I knew that the personality of Miss Lowe, the then Deputy Directress, and the way in which she treated the women officers working under her, had a great deal to do with the keeping in abeyance of the post although nothing was actually put on record. Since Miss Lowe has now retired, there is no harm in my stating this.

7. If however Government consider it desirable to have at least one woman officer in the Director's office it would be better for her to be called the Inspectress at the Central Office and that the post should be a tenure post for 2 or 3 years only so that the place may be held by different Inspectresses in turn for 2 or 3 years. I must admit that the appointment will be of some advantage not only to this office but to the officers themselves. As a rule women officers have not got the experience in office routine and administration which is necessary for an inspecting officer. The condition of the offices of the Inspectresses of Girls schools shows this. It would be a good thing if women officers were to have a period of work in this office where they can learn office procedure and acquire ~~more~~ ^{greater} administrative efficiency. The Inspectress at the Central Office may be able to help the Director with advice on all matters relating to women's education - in fact to present the woman's point of view on matters that may be referred to her either by the Director or by the Deputy Directors under whom she will be working. The post may be on the same scale as the Inspectresses, viz. Rs. 200-700.

Yours sincerely,
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