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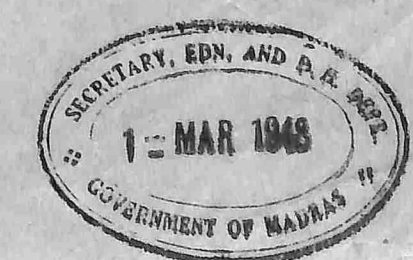
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Draft answer.

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Complaints against teachers, of anti-
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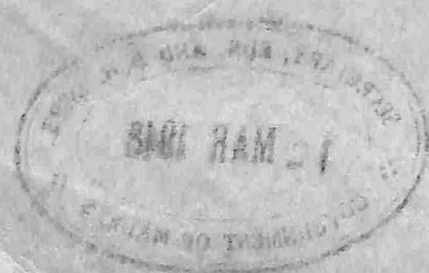
The Secretariat of the Madras Legislature,
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The Public (Elections) Department.

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for Secretary to Government.
To the Secretariat of the Madras Legislature
(Assembly Section)
The Public (Elections) Department.

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

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
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QUESTION No. 449 for the ^{next} meeting of the Legislative Assembly to
 be held on the 1948.

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The question has been admitted.

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The E and PH Department.

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Edu. PH (B) Department.

Please see the Legislative Assembly
 Question on page 106. The clauses of the question
 are noted on below:-

Clause (a) of the question:- Certain Complaints
 have been received by Government that some
 members of the teaching staff of schools in this
 province are spreading anti-religious pro-
 paganda - vide pages 1-12 of of G.O. Ms. no.
 1964 Educated the 9th September 1947. The
 answer to this clause may therefore be "yes".

Clause (b) of the question:- Under rule 154
 of the Madras Educational Rules, the certificates
 of teachers are liable ^{to} suspension and
 cancellation for their bad conduct or character

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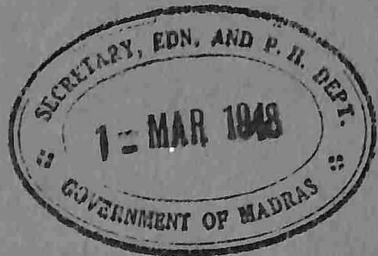
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and for negligence in the discharge of their duties. In order to ^{prevent} ~~avoid~~ the anti-religious propaganda by the teachers, this rule has been amended to include the expression of views which are calculated to bring into hatred, ridicule or contempt the beliefs or practices of any religion within the precincts of the school or outside as a bad conduct. - Vide G.O. Ms. no. 2680 Edy dated 16.12.1947.

2. A draft answer is submitted below for approval. The file may be circulated to HM (Edy) for approval.

The answer may be approved.

The actual instances which were brought to our notice may also be noted in the file for ready reference, if necessary.



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Please see the minutes of HM (Edy) above. The following are the instances brought to the notice of Government:-

(1) Against the Headmaster, Board High School, Nammalikal (brought to notice by Sri V. Ramalingam Pillai).

(2) Against Sri N. P. Arumugham, Ex-headmaster, of the S. K. High School, Velur, that he organised a drama entitled "Navina Vandana" which was

offending the susceptibilities of the Hindus in the place (Separate file and action taken separately).

(3) Against Mr. S. Cruz Anthony, Tamil Pandit, St. Xavier's College, Palamcottah, that he spread anti-religious propaganda. (The management of the college and the Pandit were warned that they should not give room in future for such complaints).

2. Certain cases of setting of question papers for examinations containing negative ideas were also brought to the notice of Government. They are as follows:-

(1) Tamil Second Paper for the Selection Examination in VI term in the Municipal High School, Salem, and

(2) Tamil Question paper I for the ^{Selection} II class Examination, in the Government Arts' College, Coimbatore.

Instructions that such question papers should not be set in future have been issued by the D.O. to all heads of schools and colleges. In respect of item (2) above, the concerned Asst-Secty (Sri S. Govindarajan) has been warned.

3. The draft answer as amended by HM (Edn) may now issue.

* 195 Q.—SRI N. M. R. SUBBARAMAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints against anti-religious propaganda in schools; and

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken in the matter?

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

“(a) Yes, against some teachers in schools.

“(b) The Government have amended rule 154 of the Madras Educational Rules relating to the suspension or cancellation of the certificates of teachers bringing within the definition of bad conduct mentioned in the rule, the expression of views calculated to bring into hatred, ridicule or contempt the beliefs or practices of any religion, within the precincts of the school or outside. Complaints against teachers, of anti-religious propaganda, will be dealt with under this rule.”

SRI N. M. R. SUBBARAMAN :—“ May I know whether the Government have taken action according to the amended rules against any teachers? ”

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

“ No certificates have been cancelled under this rule. But

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action has been taken against certain persons against whom complaints were received and they have been warned in the matter.”

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—“ Will the Hon. Minister give the names of the schools and the places where they are located, where anti-religious propaganda is carried on? ”

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

“ I do not know whether it will be in the public interest to give the names of these schools. If the hon. Member is very persistent, I may tell him. But I would rather wish that these names not mentioned.”

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR :—“ May I take it that atheists will not be eligible for appointment in any Government school or private schools? ”

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

“ They can be employed if they do not carry on anti-religious propaganda.”

SRI A. S. SAHAJANANDA :—“ சில இடங்களில் பள்ளிக்கூடங்களில் முஸ்லீம் மரணஜர்களையும் சில இடங்களில் கிருஸ்தவ மாணவர்களையும் நியமிக்கப்பட்டு அவர்கள் அந்தந்த மதத்தை போதித்து வருகிறார்கள். அப்படி போதிக்காமலிருக்க ஏதாவது ஏற்பாடு செய்திருக்கிறார்களா? ”

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

“ That is another matter. Orders have been issued . . . ”

(HON. MEMBERS :—“ The Hon. Minister may give his reply in Tamil.”)

MR. SPEAKER :—“ I give the choice to the Hon. Minister.”

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

“ In the matter of religious instruction clear orders have been issued that pupils belonging to other religions should not be compelled to undergo religious instruction given in the schools.”

[The Hon. Minister rendered his answer in Tamil also.]

[அது வேறு விஷயம். அந்தந்த பள்ளிக்கூடங்களில் மதபோதனை செய்யப்படும்போது வேறு மத மாணவர்களை கேட்கும்படி கட்டாயப் படுத்தக்கூடாது என்று உத்திரவு போடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.]

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR :—“ Since we live in a country which believes in God, may I suggest to the Hon. Minister to see that atheists and communists are not eligible for appointment in schools in this Province? ”

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

“ I am afraid Sir, that that position cannot be conceded just now.”

SRI S. PARAMANANDA RAYAR :—“ May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that some high schools have started

some libraries from the funds of the Literary Association fee, whether such objectionable books like Dravidar Nilai, etc., are kept there and circulated among the students and whether atheism and hatred against particular communities are preached? May I know whether such books have been approved by the Text Book Committee? ”

MR. SPEAKER :—“ நீங்கள் ஏதோ படிக்கிறீர்கள். அது கூடாது. நீங்கள் கேள்விதான் கேட்கவேண்டும்.”

SRI S. PARAMANANDA RAYAR :—“ No, Sir, I repeat the question, Sir. Are the Government aware that most of the High schools are running a separate library for pupils from the funds of literary association fees, wherein some objectionable books such as “ Queens of Rome ”, “ Nadum Aedum ”, “ Dravidar Nilai ” and ‘ Nallatheerpu ’ not approved by the Text Books Committee are kept and circulated among the students preaching atheism and hatred towards a particular community? ”

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

“ I could not catch the names of the books. I am not aware of such instances. If the hon. Member will bring to my notice any particular institution which preaches such objectionable views, I shall look into the matter.”

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—“ Are the Government aware that in some of the educational institutions, teachers belonging to the Muslim League and R.S.S. associations are preaching communal hatred and may I know whether the Government are taking any action against such teachers? ”

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

“ The Government are not aware of these facts. They have not received any such information.”

SRI S. PARAMANANDA RAYAR :—“ Notice of such a question was given some months ago. It was disallowed by the Hon. Minister.”

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

“ The Minister has no power to disallow questions.”

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action is necessary. The papers may be

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