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SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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(a) whether it is a fact that the
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(b) if the answer is in the affirmative,
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well as Arts Colleges;

(c) if admissions are to be made on
communal lines ~~whether the Government will~~
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reserved for communities irrespective of
whether the applicant is fit or unfit; or ~~whether~~
^{will} there be any relaxation in the percentage
of marks to be obtained for different
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(d) if marks are the standard what is
is the percentage to be obtained by each
community; and if community alone is the
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for each community particularly among the back-
ward communities; and

(e) whether these instructions apply to
the High Schools also?

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Secretary of the Government
 (Madras State)
 10/10/48

THE HON. SRI. A. SUBRAMANIAM, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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whether the applicant is of Hindu or Muslim or

other religion; and whether there is any relaxation in the percentage

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to these institutions;

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standard, what is the number of seats reserved

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10/10/48

Governor's Secretariat.

1,002-18-9-46.

U. O. Note No. 503/48-1

, dated the 8.6.48.

Subject: M.L.A. Question No. * 1 by Sri A. Subrahmanyam, M.L.A. Admission to Schools and Colleges on Communal basis.

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Education & Public Health

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

Forwarded/By order,

80/- P. Govindan Nair, P.S. 8/6/48.

High School Superintendent.

Department u.o.

Sri A. Subramanian M.L.A.

Education and Public Health Department.

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(d) 20% reserved

DRAFT ANSWER.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

--- vide p. 247
clauses (a), (b) & (c). Govt. have not laid down any rigid proportions for admission of students from various communities into the Govt. Arts colleges. Principals of colleges have, however, been instructed to exercise the greatest care in seeing that due representation ^(is given) to Non-Brahmins, to all minority communities, to Muslims, to Harijans and to women. It has also been laid down that 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 candidates from such communities being given due consideration.

These instructions do not apply to private colleges; but, under the Grant-in-aid code, private colleges should take in candidates of all communities.

Government have ordered last-year that 10% of the seats in all Govt. and private Arts colleges should be reserved for Harijans.

In regard to admissions into Govt. Engg. colleges, the following communal proportion is to be observed as far as possible:-

not less than 5 per cent of the seats in the Queen Mary's College, Madras, are reserved for Muslims while 25 per cent of the seats in the B. A. and the B. Sc. classes of the Govt. Muslim College, Madras, are reserved for non-Muslims.

Non-Brahmin Hindu -- 6 out of 14
Backward Hindu communities. -- 2 out of 14
Brahmins. --- 2 out of 14
Anglo Indians and Indian Christians. -- 1 out of 14
Muslims. --- 1 out of 14.

It has also been laid down that due regard should be paid to the admissions of students from backward and unrepresented communities and that a decent minimum qualification should be insisted upon.

(d) No definite percentage of marks has been prescribed for the different communities beyond the instructions mentioned above.

(d) if marks are the standard what is the percentage to be obtained by each community; and if community alone is the standard, what is the number of seats reserved for each community particularly among the backward communities; and

(e) if whether these instructions apply to the High schools also?

(e) No; for admission to High schools, no communal proportion has been laid down.

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Sri A. Subramanian M.L.A.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANSWER.

Clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d): Government have not laid down any rigid proportions for admission of students from various communities into Government Arts colleges. Principals of colleges have however, been instructed to exercise the greatest care in seeing that due representation is given to Non-Brahmins, to all minority communities, to Muslims, to Harijans and to women. It has also been laid down that 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 candidates from such communities being given due consideration.

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Muslims	.. 1 out of 14.

It has also been laid down that due regard should be paid to the admission of students from backward communities. While no definite percentage of marks has been prescribed, it has been suggested that a decent minimum qualification should be insisted upon.

Answered on 27/10/48
P. T. O.

SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

Fort St. George, dated the 3.6.1948



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QUESTION No. 1

to be held on the

next for the meeting of the Legislative Council

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

The question has been admitted.

To The E.K.P.H. Department

no 3410/48-1 MC
4.6.48

Edu and P.H. Dept

Please see the Leg. Assembly
Question (starred) in the ef. The position
in regard to institutions under the Education

dept is as follows: -

Classes (a) and (b)
Arts colleges

(a) Govt colleges

The Govt have not fixed any
rigid proportions for admission into Govt
Arts colleges. Principals of colleges have been
instructed to exercise the greatest care in
seeing that due representation is given to
Non-Brahmins, to all minority communities

(e) No., for admission to High schools no proportion
has been laid down.

Communal

To The Secretariat of the Madras Legislature (Assembly Section)
The Public (Elections) Department.

The above answer has been approved by the Hon'ble Sr. T. S. Avina-
shilingam Chettiar.

(c) if admissions are to be made on communal lines on
what basis the seats are reserved for communities three-
quarters of the total seats are reserved for the majority
community, and whether there will be any relaxation in the
percentage of marks to be obtained for different communities;

(d) if marks are the standard what is the percentage to
be obtained by each community; and if community alone is the
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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colleges, the following communal proportion is to be observed as far
as possible:

Non-Brahmins	3 out of 10
Backward communities	2 out of 10
Brahmins	2 out of 10
Christians	2 out of 10
Muslims	1 out of 10
Anglo-Indians and Indians	1 out of 10
Christians	1 out of 10
Muslims	1 out of 10

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laid to the admission of students from backward communities. It
has been a percentage of marks has been prescribed. It has been
suggested that a quota system should be introduced.

~~Harijans~~ and to women, it has
 also been laid down that the fact that
 candidates from backward communities do not
 secure equally high marks as candidates from
 forward communities should not stand in the
 way of deserving candidates from such
 communities having given due consideration

(b) Private colleges

Under the grant-in-aid code private
 colleges should take in candidates of all
 communities. No communal proportion has
 been fixed by Govt.

Eng. colleges

Under the ~~latest~~ orders the following
 communal proportion should be kept in
 view and be observed as far as possible
 in regard to admissions to these colleges:—

- | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Non-Brahmin Hindu | - | 6 out of 14 |
| Backward Hindu
communities | - | 2 out of 14 |
| Brahmins | - | 2 out of 14 |
| Harijans | - | 2 out of 14 |
| Anglo Indian Hindu
Hindus | - | 1 out of 14 |
| Muslims | - | 1 out of 14 |

Due regard should be paid to the
 admission of students from backward
 and unrepresented communities. A decent
 minimum qualification should be insisted upon.

clauses (c) and (d)

The D. P. I may be requested to offer his
 remarks.

(2) No communal proportion has been fixed
 in re to admission to High Schools.

The file may be sent to the D. P. I.

for remarks.

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Sub: Legislative Assembly Question No. 1 - Admission
 into Colleges - communal representation etc.

Ref: U.O. Note No. 41512 A/48-1, dated 17-7-48 from the
 Government, E & P.H. Department.

submitted.

2. So far as clauses (c) and (d) are concerned,
 the answer proposed for clause (a) covers these clauses
 also with the following modification. In the case of
 Harijans, 10 per cent of the seats have been ordered to be
 reserved with reference to G.O. No. 1225, Education, dated
 11-6-47 in all institutions. Similarly with reference to
 G.O. No. 1630, Edn., dated 24-6-48 and G.O. No. 1749, Edn.,
 dated 14-7-48 not less than 5 per cent of the seats in
 the Queen Mary's College have been reserved for the Muslims
 while in the case of the Government Muslim College, 25
 per cent of the seats in the B.A., and B.Sc., classes
 may be filled by non-Muslims. No definite percentage
 of marks have been prescribed for the different communi-
 ties beyond the general direction referred to in the
 answer to clause (a).

D. P. I.

To

The Secretary to Government,
 Education & P.H. Dept.

- E. P. H. (A)

A draft answer is submitted for approval.
 The file may be circulated to H. H. (Edn.) & H. E.

5.10.48

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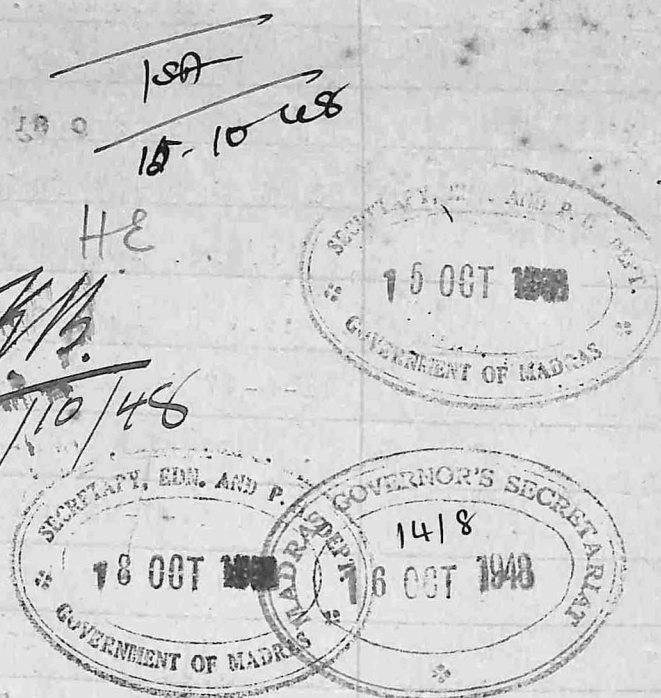
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The portion marked X on page 1 of the draft answer may be omitted.
 The portion marked Y on page 2 of the draft answer may be omitted and
 in its place, the following may be substituted:

"It has also been laid down that due regard should be paid to the

on backward communities. While no definite percentage of marks has been prescribed, it has been suggested that a decent minimum qualification should be insisted upon."

The answer to clause (d) may be deleted and the answer to clauses (a), (b) and (c) may be the answer to clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d).



Answer revised sp copies

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[Extract from the Proceedings of the Leg. Assembly on 27-10-48] p. 5-6

Admission to Colleges.

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

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"(e) No, for admission to High schools no communal proportion has been laid down."

SRI A. SUBRAHMANYAM:—"கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, பிராமணர் பிராமணர் அல்லாதார் என்று எக்காரணத்திற்காக ஏற்பட்டதோ அக்காரணத்திற்கு அல்லாது பிராமணர் அல்லாதாரில் குறிப்பிட்ட சில வகுப்பினர்களை காலேஜ்களில் ஏராளமாக சேர்த்துக்கொள்ளப்படுகிறது என்பது கனம் கல்வி மந்திரியவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"அது வாஸ்தவம் இல்லை என்று சர்க்கார் நினைக்கிறார்கள்."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—"Sir, in view of the fact that the Government have fixed a percentage for the so-called backward community on a population basis, and it has not served the purpose of advancing those backward community, may I know whether the Government will take away the word 'Backward' from those communities?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"It does serve the purpose of advancing them."

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...the system of communal basis will continue? And whether the Government will terminate the selection on communal basis at any stage and if so when, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"If this House is prepared to say that no special protection is necessary to backward community, the Government will be prepared to take away all these distinctions."

H. S. HUSSAIN SAHIB BAHADUR:—"Is merit observed in making selections to colleges and schools? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"The best of those communities are selected."

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know whether the percentage is based on population basis or on any other consideration? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"Evidently it is not merely on population basis. In case of some communities two are selected out of 14 when their percentage is 3 per cent in the population."

Non-Brahmin Hindu	1 out of 14
Backward Hindu	1 out of 14
Brahmins	2 out of 14
Christians	2 out of 14
Muslims	1 out of 14
Others	1 out of 14

11-15 a.m. BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—"Sir, since communalism is regarded as a bogey these days, may I know from the Hon. Minister how he is consistent in fostering and preserving communalism within the ranks of the Hindus themselves? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"It is not the Government, Sir, that are fostering and preserving it. Its existence is a fact. It is only an unwise man that will not take note of things that do exist. When people are born in Harijan communities or other backward communities, certain social opportunities must be given to them. The Government want to abolish all these inequalities, and all this sense of communalism. But I am afraid, without giving equal opportunities for the various communities, it cannot be done."

SRI A. SUBRAHMANYAM:—"கனம் தலைவர் அவர்களே, கனம் கல்வி மந்திரியவர்கள் நான் முன்பு கேட்ட கேள்விக்கு அம்மாதிரி இல்லை என்று சொன்னார். அது உண்மையாக இருக்குமானால் அதற்குத்தக்க பரிசாரம் அரசாங்கம் தேடித்தருமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"Certainly, Sir."

SRI V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask, Sir, whether the number fixed for the backward communities represents only the minimum that has been prescribed, and whether if suitable candidates are available from those communities, more than the minimum prescribed, will they all be admitted into the Colleges? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"Yes, Sir, they will be admitted into the Colleges."

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“ Now that the Hon. Minister has said, it is only the unwise man that will not understand the realities of the situation, may I take it that the Government of India who are not committed to this communal basis, are unwise in this matter? ”

MR. SPEAKER:—“ That question does not arise.”

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR:—“ But it is a very pertinent question, Sir.”

SRI L. N. GOPALASWAMI:—“ Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister that communalism exists in the people themselves, may I ask whether it is not the duty of the Government to erase it if they feel that it should be erased? ”

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“ Exactly so, Sir.”

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“ Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister to (c), may I know, Sir, why the same principle is not followed in the matter of admissions to high schools? ”

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SRI D. V. RAMASWAMI:—“ In view of the fact that the right to education is a fundamental right recognized by the Constitution of India, vesting in the parents, will the Government consider the desirability of removing the rigors of this communal ratio at least so far as the admission of boys to Colleges is concerned? ”

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ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“ Is it not a fact that the Government have fixed these percentages for backward communities in order to enable them to advance as quickly as possible, and if that is so, may I know whether it is not necessary that they should be given a higher percentage, so that the advance can be speeded up? ”

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SRI D. V. RAMASWAMI:—“ In view of the fact that the right to education is a fundamental right recognized by the Constitution of India, vesting in the parents, will the Government consider the desirability of removing the rigors of this communal ratio at least so far as the admission of boys to Colleges is concerned? ”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“ With regard to Arts Colleges, I have repeatedly said that attempts are being made to provide admission for almost all the eligible students who seek admission into the Colleges; but in case of professional colleges, the position is slightly different.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“ Is it not a fact that the Government have fixed these percentages for backward communities in order to enable them to advance as quickly as possible, and if that is so, may I know whether it is not necessary that they should be given a higher percentage, so that the advance can be speeded up? ”

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

“Yes, Sir, now a beginning has been made; and if they come higher up, greater opportunities will be given to them.”

SRI N. S. VARADACHARI:—“If the object of the Government is to re-organize certain colleges so as to make them centres for the advancement of scientific learning, will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of abolishing this communal rule, in so far as these specialized studies are concerned?”

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

“Yes, Sir. Government want to make a difference between merely professional colleges, and colleges in which highly specialized knowledge has to be imparted. In the case of courses, for which highly specialized knowledge is necessary, the qualification needed will be of a high standard of merit.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—“In view of the professed intention of the Government to do away with communal distinctions as soon as possible, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether the existence of this communal G.O. and these communal proportions and their insistence not merely in services, but also in education, will not perpetrate these communal distinctions for ever, and will never help the Government to remove these distinctions?”

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

“Sir, this is a question which the hon. Member may put to himself, because it is a matter of a change in society, which cannot be brought about by any order issued by Government.”

SRI T. VISWANATHAM:—“May I ask, Sir, whether the Government will help the society in removing these distinctions, by not insisting upon this communal G.O. and these communal proportions? I am not asking for any change in society. I am only asking whether the Government will help the society, or whether they will continue to increase and perpetrate these distinctions, by insisting on these communal proportion?”

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

“Sir, Government are helping, by giving equal opportunities for all communities, so that these social inequalities may disappear.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Is it not a fact, Sir, that the existing conditions also should be taken into consideration by the Government, so that communal justice could be done to people who deserve help from time to time in the matter of advancement in education?”

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

“Yes, Sir, the Government want to give equal opportunities to all communities.”

SRI T. S. PATTABHIRAMAN:—“At least with a view to allay the fears of the non-Brahmin community, in the Province,

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
 Yes, but now a provision has been made, and if they
 come higher up, greater opportunities will be given to
 them.

SRI A. S. VARADACHARI:—“If the object of the Govern-
 ment is to encourage certain colleges so as to make them centres
 for the advancement of scientific learning, will the Government
 be pleased to consider the advisability of abolishing the com-
 munal barrier in so far as these specialized studies are concerned?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
 Yes, Sir, Government want to make a difference between
 a general professional college and colleges in which highly
 specialized knowledge has to be imparted. In the case of
 colleges in which highly specialized knowledge is necessary,
 the reservation needed will be of a high standard of merit.

SRI T. VISWANATHAN:—“In view of the proposed inas-
 suration of the Government to do away with communal distinctions as
 soon as possible, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether the exist-
 ence of this communal barrier and these communal provisions and
 that distinction are merely in connection with education, and will
 not be a barrier to representation in other spheres, and will
 not be a barrier to representation in other spheres?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
 Yes, Sir, this is a question which the hon. Member may put to
 the hon. Minister. It is a matter of a change in policy, which
 cannot be decided about by any other body than the Govern-
 ment.

SRI T. VISWANATHAN:—“May I ask the hon. Minister
 whether the Government will be ready to remove these distinctions
 in the matter of the communal G.O. and these communal
 provisions? I am not asking for any change in society, I am
 only asking whether the Government will help the society in
 whether they will continue to increase and perpetuate these dis-
 tinctions by not doing so in these communal provisions?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
 Yes, Sir, the Government are helping by having some special
 provision for all communities so that these special provisions may
 disappear.

MR. J. RAMANATHAN MURTHY:—“I am not a
 member of the Government, but I should like to know into
 what extent by the Government, as that communal barrier could
 be done to provide any special help from time to time in the
 matter of advancement in education?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
 Yes, Sir, the Government want to give special opportunities
 to all communities.

SRI T. S. PATRABHARAN:—“As I have said a while ago,
 when the Government are not prepared to do so, in the Public

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will the Government give us an assurance that they will not inter-
 fere with the communal G.O. for at least ten years more to
 come?”

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

“The Communal G.O. as such is a matter dealt with by the
 Public Department. The hon. Member may put a separate
 question to the Hon. Minister in charge of that depart-
 ment.”

SRI N. S. VARADACHARI:—“Are the Government aware
 that in the Presidency College admissions to the higher classes,
 i.e., Chemistry Honours classes were refused to candidates, though
 they possessed the prescribed qualifications, on the ground that
 they did not belong to a particular community?”

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

“No, Sir. I must make the whole thing clear. For the
 Honours classes, a high standard has been prescribed. I am
 not able to say immediately just now, what that standard is.
 The Professor of the department in consultation with the
 Principal has prescribed this high standard. It is only
 people who got marks above the prescribed level, that got
 admission into these courses. If students from a certain
 community do not come up to that standard, they may not
 get admission. But among people who have come up to
 that standard, representation might have been given to these
 various communities.”

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:—“Arising out of the answer
 of the Hon. Minister to a previous question, may I ask what the
 Hon. Minister has himself been doing in the cause of the advance-
 ment of these backward communities, after he has taken up this
 portfolio?”

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

“We admit as many students from these backward commu-
 nities as possible in our Colleges.”

SRI V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—“Are the
 Government aware that in certain professional colleges, parti-
 cularly the Engineering and Medical Colleges, the admission of
 candidates merely by a study of the marks obtained by the
 candidates has resulted in candidates who are not physically or
 otherwise fit for the courses they have undertaken?”

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

“That question may be put to my Hon. Colleague, the
 Hon. Minister for Public Health, to my left.”

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p 4-14 above may be perused.
No further action is necessary.

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