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8-11-48.

SRI B. BHIMA RAO, M.L.C.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

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(c) whether the Government have con-
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before their enhancement?

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Secretary of the Madras
Legislature
(General Section)
2-11-48.

DR. B. BHINIA, M.L.A.

MINISTER AND PUBLIC
DEPARTMENT

No. 10000 - All the Minister
for Education be pleased to order;
(a) whether the Government have received
a letter written in Hindi by a student as
published in the *Blitz* (Bombay) of 2nd
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before their announcement?

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No.S.163-B (24)-Poll.
Home Department (Political)
Bombay Castle, 20th November 1948.

From V.T. Dehejia, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras,
M A D R A S.

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p. 2 infra
Sir, I am directed to forward herewith, for the infor-
mation of the Government of Madras, a copy of an article
headed "God, when will you open your eyes to our misery?"
published in the issue dated the 2nd November 1948 of the
Blitz, an English bi-weekly of Bombay.

Yours faithfully,

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UNDER SECRETARY
PUBLIC DEPARTMENT
Puh (Genl. 15) Deptt

Subd. for perusal. E.P.H.
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for Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
Home Department.

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"GOD, WHEN WILL YOU OPEN YOUR EYES TO OUR MISERY?"

By "HANUMAN"

IN our colleges in Madras, the fees for Inter-Classes have been increased from Rs. 30 to Rs. 48, for B.A. and B.Sc. from 40 to 61. In High Schools fees are being charged for 10 months, whereas it was only for 8 months. Poor people are finding it extremely difficult to educate their children. Congress people, before coming to power, said that they were for the poor, the oppressed and depressed, and the villagers. What are they doing now? Are they helping the poor, really? Certainly not!

We went on a deputation to the Premier of Madras, and submitted a memorandum. He said he would consult his colleagues and decide. We waited on the Education Minister and submitted a memorandum. Readers of BLITZ know what his reply was. The letter, which I wrote at that time, was published by you under the head, 'Here's a Minister who does not know what goes on under his nose.' He said he would enquire. The Premier is still consulting his colleagues and the Education Minister is still enquiring into the matter!

Some idea of the desperation facing poor students may be gained from the following letter, written in blood and addressed to the Education Minister by a student in his utter helplessness:—

"Sir,—The fee in our College has been increased by 50%. Very poor like me, utterly unable to pay such a large amount are borrowing money and are being drowned in a sea of debts.

"To add to this the caste system followed by you cannot distinguish between a really poor student and a rich student, I have become a prey to that cruel rule and am paying full fee. With immeasurable pain I have to say that we are not having a square meal a day, my father being a carpenter.

"Thousands like me are being crushed under the caste rule and increment of fee. Gandhi-followers like you, I believe, will at once realise these miserable, inexpressible, hitherto unnoticed conditions of thousands of really poor students and take quick steps to help them.

"May your heart melt by this letter written with my blood and heart-felt feelings! Oh! God when do you open your eyes to end this poor's miseries?"

If all this fails to produce any effect on the Minister, the students will have but one course open to them, and that is to strike. Before that, mass meetings must be held all over the province, demanding reduction of fees. I take this opportunity to appeal to all student organisations in the Madras province to hold meetings in their places and pass resolutions, demanding the reduction of fees.

ANANTAPUR, October 11.

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Draft answer

(a) No. They have
seen the article
published in the
"Blitz".

(b) and (c)

They have
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some representation
on the subject. But
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that there is no
sufficient reason
to restore the old
rates.

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dated 26-1-49

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A.S.P.H.U.O. NO. 84226-A/48-A
dated 26/1

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MADRAS LEGISLATURE (COUNCIL SECTION) QUESTION NO. 263 STARRED.

SRI B. BHIMA RAO, M.L.C.,

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A N S W E R

(a) No. They have seen the article published in the "Blitz".

(b) and (c): They received some representations on the subject. But they have decided that there is no sufficient reason to reduce the old rates.

for Secretary to Government.

To the Secretariat of the Madras Legislature (Council section)
To the Public (Elections) Department.

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

E.A.P.H.U.O. NO. 84226-A/48-A
Dated 26th January 1949.
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answered on 7/3/49
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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

Fort St. George, dated the 11-11-1948.

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QUESTION No. 263

for the meeting of the Legislative Council

to be held on the

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the Land P. & H. Department.

The question has been admitted.

To
The Land P. & H. Department

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E. P. H. (A)

Please see the bouncie question (stamped)
in the of.

clause (a)

No such petition has been need.
A copy of the article in "Blitz" has been
forwarded to this govt by the Bombay
govt. please see pp 3-5 of.

clauses (b) and (c)

A number of petitions were need.
But it was decided in circulation that
no action was necessary.

A petition from the Students of
the govt Arts College, Arantapur is
dealt with in the linked file

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It may be mentioned here that 20% of the
addl income from fees in Arts and Eng colleges
have been set apart for the grant of scholarships
to poor students in all classes in Govt colleges
except in the Law College where the tuition fees
has not been raised

Subject to approval a draft answer is

subd.

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The answer is approved.

I think we have issued orders for the increase
of fees by 20% in Colleges. That may be put up for reference.

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Extract of cl. Proceedings on 7-3-49

Reduction of fees of students.

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

“(a) No. They have seen the article published in the *Blitz*.

“(b) & (c) They received some representations on the subject.
But they have decided that there is no sufficient reason to
restore the old rates.”

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—“Do not the Government consider,
Sir, that the present scales of college fees are extremely high for
middle-class people to bear?”

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

“The value of money has depreciated to nearly 30 per cent,
Sir, but the increase is only 25 per cent.”

SRI B. BHIMA RAO:—“As the middle-class people who wish
to send their children for studying in the college find it very difficult
to bear this, will the Government consider the necessity for reducing
the fees?”

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

“The hon. Member himself has stated many times, Sir, that
the value of the money has depreciated and so the cost of
things has gone up three times and therefore the income of the
Government must be appreciated considerably. They have
not stated that it must be increased to three times, but have
increased it only by 25 per cent?”

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a.m.

DR. V. K. JOHN:—“Is it the policy of this Government that
education must be ultimately free?”

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

“Yes, Sir. Free minimum education, primary stage first,
and the senior basic stage second, and then the higher stages
will rest on other consideration.”

The proceedings of the Leg. cl. on 7-3-49
extracted above maybe perused. There is
no further action to be taken. The papers
maybe recorded.

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Abstract

Reg'd Am - Increase
in fees in colleges
Papers recorded.

21-4-49





the 40 cent stamp of the 1st of 1873
extracted above was removed. There is
no further action to be taken. The paper
may be used as a blank.

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