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L.A. Question - Short Notice - Schools - Secondary - Aided - creation of endowments - Statement by the catholic Bishops - Papers - Recorded.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.
ASSEMBLY SECTION.
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SHORT NOTICE
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SRI T.S. PATTABHIRAMAN, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

*Q. No. 1155.- Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state:--

(a) whether the Government have seen the statement issued by the Standing Committee of the Bishops' conference held recently at Bangalore-(Published in the "Hindu" dated 27-10-48); and — Yes.

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(b) whether the allegation that exemption has been granted to ~~the~~ Hindu Institutions such as the Pachayappa's College and the Ramakrishna Mission in the matter of endowments is true? — 2 — No

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To
The Sectt. of the Madras Legislature
(Assembly Section).
Public (Elections) Deptt. ([illegible])
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E & P.H.D. No. 79497 B1/48-1 Edn.
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D.O. Office of the Director of
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Dear Mr. Subramaniam,

As desired by you on the phone, I am enclosing herewith a note on the question of Endowments prepared by the Deputy Director of Public Instruction (Finance) who is in charge of the subject.

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I asked for [illegible] rejoinder [illegible] Bishops [illegible] Assembly [illegible] p5 of (x)

Yours sincerely, p3 of (x)

P. [illegible]

M.V. Subramanian Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.,
FORT ST. GEORGE.

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NOTE ON ENDOWMENTS REGARDING the BISHOP'S COMPLAINTS.

p 7 infra

Proceedings were issued on 20.7.1948(Rc.No.722 D3/48 dated 20.7.1948) clarifying the position about the endowments(copy enclosed). These Proceedings contained the words"The schools managed by Charitable bodies under proper Trusts like the Pachaippas or Ramakrishna Mission may be left out for the time being". This is now being construed by the Bishop~~s~~ as exempting the Trusts concerned which is not true to facts. The phrase "for the time being" read with the context obviously would mean only that D.E.Os to whom these instructions were issued need not take action for the time being, that is to say, pending final orders. Final orders are by implication to be expected as a matter of course. And the Director ~~has~~ referred this matter of exempting charities to Government in his letter No.722 D3/48 dated 27.7.1948 and on this Government orders are still awaited. The position was clearly explained by the Hon'ble Minister for Education himself on the floor of the House judged from the newpaper reports on the 29th instant. No orders exempting Ramakrishna Mission or the Pachaiyapas charities have been issued by the Director and it is difficult to understand how the Bishop~~s~~ could still persist in misunderstanding things. It would seem as if they omitted deliberately to take into consideration the phrase for the time being. Such an omission of course does make for a considerable difference in interpretation.

Since disposed of in GoMs 2788 EH (1) 8-11-48

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.

R.C. No. 722/D.3/48 dated the 20th July 1948.

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Recognition - Secondary Schools - Private managements - Mission and Non-Mission - Creation of Endowments - Instructions issued:

The following instructions are issued for the information and guidance of the inspecting officers at the time of submission of recognition applications and applications for the grant of permission to open new schools or higher forms in the existing middle schools.

Endowments:- The amount of Rs.50,000/- which is ordinarily ~~originally~~ insisted for a High School at present is considered rather high and the Director is accordingly pleased to reduce it to Rs.35,000/- for a fullfledged High School i.e. 15,000 for Middle School Forms and 20,000 for the high school sections. The amount fixed should be insisted upon being provided proportionately with every form that is opened. This will mean 3 years for a middle school and 4 to 6 years for a high school.

Old Middle Schools enjoying permanent recognition now wanting to be raised to the status of high schools should be distinguished from new high schools opened recently or about to be opened. In the case of the old middle schools of the above type, only an aggregate of Rs.20,000/- need be insisted on i.e. with the opening of each higher form the creation of Rs.8,000/- to be insisted in the first year and subsequent addition of Rs.6,000/- in each of the two succeeding years.

(P) In view of the orders in G.O.No.MIS.2381, Education, dated 5th November 1947 communicated in Proceedings RC.No.868 D.1/47 dated 13th November 1947 no distinction need be made in the matter of endowments and the procedure indicated above may be followed in the case of Mission Schools also until further orders. The schools managed by charitable bodies under proper Trusts like the Pachaiyappas or Ramakrishna Mission may be left out for the time being.

The schools which have lost their permanent recognition for one reason or other should be treated as new schools.

As regards the nature of the endowment, ordinarily cash endowments should be insisted on; but property also can be accepted provided the valuation of such property by the Revenue or other authorities concerned is not below the departmental level.

V.K.KRISHNA MENON,
for Director of Public Instruction.
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Note on Endowments regarding Bishop's complaints.

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From:
The Secretary E & PH Dept
To
The DPI.

Reference your letter No. M 476 D3/48 d/19.10.48 re. the applicability orders relating to the creation of endowments to mission & non-mission institutions

Please furnish immediately a copy of the proceedings referred to therein and also of all other proceedings issued in connection with the creation of endowments

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
R.C.NO.868-D.1/47 dated 13-11-47.
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Government of Madras.
Education and Public Health Department.
G.O.No.Ms.2381 Education dated 5yh November 1947.

Abstract.

Grant - Teaching - Aided Secondary Schools and colleges under Catholic Mission Managements - Headmasters and Principals - Pay to be admitted or purposes of assessment - Instructions issued.

Read:

From the Director of Public Instruction, No.868-D.1/47 dated 7-8-47.

ORDER:

The Director of Public Instruction is informed that in the case of headmasters of secondary schools under Catholic Mission ~~Miss~~ managements, the salaries actually allowed to them not exceeding the maximum in the revised scales of pay plus the allowance admissible to headmasters in Government Secondary Schools of the same strength should be taken into account for purposes of assessment of teaching grant from 1947-48 onwards irrespective of the nationality of the headmasters and that the special allowances paid to them should not be taken as an approved item of expenditure. In regard to colleges, the scales obtaining in Government service should be adopted for purposes of Grant. The pay to be assessed for Principals of 1st grade colleges should not exceed the maximum in the scale of of Rs.230-700 plus a special pay of Rs.50/-p.m. and the Principals of Honours Colleges the maximum of Rs.800-100/2-1000 The special allowances paid by the managements should not be taken into account.

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2. The Government agree with the Director of Public Instruction that no distinction should be made between a Catholic and a non-Catholic in the matter of pay. The Director is requested to advise the managements of Catholic aided institutions that it will not be in the interests of the institutions to give different scales of pay for Catholics and non-catholics in the same institution, and the scale of pay that is given to Catholics whether Indian or non-Indian should not exceed the scales of pay for members of the same grade in Government service.

3. The Government also agree with the Director that no distinction need be made hereafter between Mission and non-mission managements in the matter of endowments to be created for maintenance of secondary schools.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

M.V.Subramanian,
Secretary to Government.

Copy communicated.

2. The attention of the inspecting officers is invited to para 2 of the above G.O. and they are requested to issue necessary instructions to the managements concerned and to submit a copy of the same to this office for information.

M.ABDUL HAQ,
for Director of Public Instruction.

(TRUE COPY) FORWARDED (BY ORDER)

V Srinivasan
SUPERINTENDENT.

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R.C. No. 722/D.3/48 dated the 20th July 1948.

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V.K.KRISHNA MENON,
for Director of Public Instruction.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS

Rc.No. 476 D.3/48 Dated 31..7..'48.

Sub: Schools and Colleges under Mission Managements - Creation of Endowments - Representation from the Catholic Bishops of the Province - Orders of Government communicated -

Read: Government Memo. No. 28623 B.1/48-2 Edn., dated 31.7.'48.

In the circumstances explained in the memorandum cited above, corporate and organised agencies such as Diosesan Societies and Religious orders will be permitted to build a permanent fund for the Secondary Schools under their managements in a few years instead of immediately, provided they agree to transfer annually a sum not less than Rs. 5,000/- towards the school funds.

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M.V. Subramaniam,
Secretary to Government.

Copy of para 1 only communicated.

V. K. Krishna Menon,
for Director of Public Instruction.

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OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADR

Roc.722-D3/4 dated 19-10-48.

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SUBJECT :- Schools - Secondary - Aided - Creation of Endowment - Orders passed -

READ AGAIN:-Director's Proceedings Rc.722-D3/48 dated 20-7-48. p15 ante

2. Proceedings Rc.476-D3/48 dated 19-10-48 communicating G.O. No.2501 Edn., dated 1-10-48. ②

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The Inspecting Officers are informed that the concession granted in G.O. No.2501 Edn., dated 1-10-48 in respect of Mission Institutions are applicable to other Aided Institutions as well. Necessary action may be taken in the light of the above, while communicating the above Govt. Order. ②

2. The instructions contained in Director's Proceedings Rc.722-D3/48 dated 20-7-48 should be read with the Proceedings now issued, where Endowment is concerned. p15 ante

3. In the case of Schools opened prior to 1940 which have built up an Endowment or have been ordered to do so the exemption mentioned above will not operate.

V.K.Krishna Menon.
For Director of Public Instruction.

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Superintendent.

To All the Divisional Inspectors of Schools.

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DINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION MADRAS.
Roc.No.476 D3/48 dated 19-10-1948.

Schools - Secondary - Aided - Creation of Endowments - Orders passed.

O.No.2501 Edn., dated 1-10-1948. original at (2) (p14) Removed

R: In the Government Memorandum No.28623 B1/48-2 ucation dated 21-7-48, Corporate and organised agencies such s Diocesan Societies and Religious Orders were permitted to build up an endowment for the maintenance of secondary schools under their management, in a few years instead of immediately. The Government have considered the question of relaxing the condition further in favour of these bodies and have decided that schools opened prior to 1-4-1940 may be exempted from providing an endowment, that schools opened during the period from 1-4-1940 to 31-3-1948 may be permitted to build up an endowment within a period five years from 1-4-48 and that no relaxation of the existing conditions need be made in respect of schools opened on or after 1-4-48.

2. The exemption in respect of schools opened prior to 1940 will not, however, operate in the case of such of those schools as have been found to be lax in the observance of Departmental Rules or have been found to resort to malpractices. In those cases the provision of endowments will be insisted on.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)
M.V.Subramanian,
Secretary to Government.

(Copy)
Communicated to all the Divisional Inspectors, District Educational Officers and Inspectresses of Girls' Schools, in continuation of Endt. Rc.No.476 D3/48 dated 31-7-48 for information and necessary action. p17 ante

V.K.Krishna Menon,
for Director of Public Instruction.

(True Copy) Forwarded/By Order,
Superintendent.

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Please see the L.A. Qn at pp 1·3 cf.

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The points raised in clauses 'a' to 'e' of the ~~Para~~ question have already been covered by the answer given by H.M. (Edn) to a Short notice question by the Honble Mr. V.K. John M.L.C on 23-11-48.

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The answer to clause 'f' may be in the affirmative.

please see p 5 of (P)
and × on p 4 of (M)
in L.F.

A draft reply is submitted below for consideration.

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ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
16 NOV 1948

12th November, 48.

Dear Mr. Roche,

Your letter of the 10th November. I am afraid you have not gone through the matter fully. I am herewith sending you a copy of the speech that I delivered at Mangalore. I hope that will make the position clear.

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Yours sincerely,

Sri J.L.P.Roche-Victoria, M.L.C.
"Sukhasthan", Tuticorin.

Copy to the Secretary, E. & P.H. with the letter from Mr. Roche-Victoria.

E & P.H. (B1).

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J. L. P. Roche-Victoria, M. L. C.,
VICE-CHAIRMAN, PORT TRUST, TUTICORIN.
MEMBER, ADVISORY COMMITTEE,
CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY OF INDIA, NEW DELHI.

"SUKHASTAN"
TUTICORIN,

23/

10th November '48.

Hon'ble Sri T.S. Avanashilingam Chettiar,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
MADRAS.

Dear Mr. Avanashilingam Chettiar, Endowments of Schools

I am surprised to read in the Indian Express of 7th November '48. " For my part, I treat the controversy as closed. The statements already issued by me are self-explanatory." observed the Education Minister.

After a clear exposition of this controversial matter by the Archbishop of Madras and the Bishop of Bangalore, Secretary of the Bishops' Conference and again ~~for~~ by the Archbishop of Madras after your statement at Mangalore, it is evident that your reply in the Legislative Assembly Meeting of 28th October, were not correct and you were not justified in characterising the statement made by the Bishops' Conference with regard to compulsory endowments as a lie. You have damanded an apology from the Bishops. In their reply to your allegations, the Bishops have concluded as follows: " It is, therefore, obvious that the apology should come not from the Catholic Bishops but from the Minister for Education for his unwarranted charges against us. We hope that he will have, to use his own words, the 'courage and nobility to issue a correction'.

We, Christians who are in the Congress and in the Legislature are not happy over your arbitrary way of dealing with this matter which has wounded the feelings of all Christians whom we represent on the Legislature. If no satisfactory explanation is given by you, we are not going to take your insult to our Bishops lying down. I hope better counsels will prevail and that you will clear up the matter to the satisfaction all concerned.

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Yours sincerely,

J.L.P. Roche Victoria

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Rt. Rev. Mar Thomas Tharayil,
M. A., Ph. D., D. D.
Tit. Bishop of Azoto,
V. G. & Coadjutor of Kottayam.

Catholic Bishop's House,
KOTTAYAM,
Travancore, S. India.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
NOV 1948
GOVT. OF MADRAS

13th Novr. 1948.

Sir,

As authorised by the Regional Conference of the South Indian Catholic University Federation, held on 7th November 1948 at Ernakulam, under my Presidentship, I have great pleasure to forward to you copy of the resolution passed at the conference, and I trust the resolution will receive your earnest and careful attention.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

+ T. Tharayil

Bishop, Coadjutor of Kottayam.

~~Secy., E.& P.H.~~

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To
The Minister of Education,
Madras.

Resolution.

This Conference views with grave concern the tendencies that are now being exhibited by Madras and certain other local Governments in India, against the rights and liberties of private educational agencies and institutions, and anxiously point out that this attitude of the local Governments directly contravenes the express declarations of fundamental cultural and educational rights made by the Union of India in article 23 of the draft constitution. This Conference definitely affirms that the attempt to introduce new conditions of endowment~~s~~ and confiscation, andother restrictive measures, is a direst violation of the fundamental rights already declared which restrictions, if enforced, will cause serious harm to the educational progress of the country and the peace and unity of the Indian people. This conference therefore requests the Government of Madras and other local Governments to drop all such restrictive proposals; requests the Government of the Indian Union to issue the necessary advice~~xx xx~~ to the local Governments; and this conference would further ask the Catholic managements to take all the necessary steps to maintain in the provinces and states the cultural and educational rights already declared by the Union Government.

+ T. Tharayil
Chairman,
Bishop, Coadjutor of Kottayam.
13.11.48.

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__Secretary, E.& P.H.__

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SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS AND THE EDUCATIONAL MINISTER OF OUR NATIONAL POPULAR MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Every Indian can realise that India needs rapid advancement of further civilisation based on sound education for the moral and cultural uplift of the various communities of India. For such an advancement it is practically impossible for the Government itself to run all the schools in all places for all kinds of people without entrusting the work with any private, capable and reliable body. It is proper that the Government welcome such a private body with enterprising zeal and extend the fullest support possible. Therefore the enterprises for the common cause of juridical bodies like Dioceses and Religious orders with long standing history and sound educational record should be encouraged by any Government in India as in the past since their efforts and labours are towards the minority community in particular and the nation in general.

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The Madras Government Educational Policy of demanding endowments for all schools alike can never be a wise policy at this stage. It seems a great impediment to the advancement of education in our presidency since it curbs the charitable idea of running schools. It seems a destructive policy, for the minister with all his ideas and hard labour for the improvement of litteracy, denies indirectly the freedom of right for running a school by his costly endowment policy as if there are abundant number of efficient schools run by the Government in all places to effe rapid advancement of education. This endowment policy is a very strong wedge against the enterprising zeal of the catholic missionaries who want to run a number of schools for the uplift of the catholic minority community. One can well understand that the more encouragement in all the ways possible the Government extend to the enterprising bodies towards the running of any number of schools, the better scope there is to wipe out illitteracy and for the uplift of any community. The more freedom and educational concessions the Government grant to the stabl missionary and private institutions the more is the possibility for advancement of education. I wonder if there is any cause in his pol better than that of advancement of education. The minister may be justified in demanding endowments since he may say he is unable to [illegible] and decide at the [illegible]

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a little right. His policy definetely stands against his own statement "The need for education was never greater than to-day." It is proper that capable stable Juridical bodies like Dioceses or Religious Orders with long history of Sound educational record should of necessity be ~~xxx~~ exempted from endowments and encouraged.

Further I regret much to express that the minister does not seem to realise his duties as a faithful representative of all, even the Christian minorities and that he has done a great injustice to us catholics in particular by his discourteous expressions in the parliament such as, "the allegation by the bishops is a lie, the bishops have said many things which are not true etc.", in an unbecoming and unparliamentary manner against the catholic bishops who are the exponents of the great teachings of Christ, as he himself has said.

Therefore in the capacity of a true old Scout, with an experience as a teacher for nearly two decades, I boldly venture totell him to realise the wrong done to us in the matter of advancement of education and the injustice done to the catholics in particular by his insulting charges against our bishops and not only remove such a merciless barrier of demanding endowments from schools run by especially catholic - missionaries but also withdraw all discourteous expressions and insulting charges against our bishops. Let him bear in mind the catholic bishops the highest dignitaries of the catholic religion with their religiousness wisdom, knowledge, experience, capacity for organisation, truthfulness, straightforwardness, charitable deeds, sincerity to all and above all co-operation with all enrich India, nay the whole world in no measure unequal to those of the father of our Nation, Ghadhiji himself, our true leader. A true disciple of Ghandhiji only would be befitting such a dignified responsible post of any minister who would ever use his knowledge for good and act upto his saying to keep up the high sense of duty and conduct expected of ministry.

With the rights due to a free and faithful citizen of free India I express my opinion because all of us are aware that there are more vital, greater and nobler things to be done in the matter of advancement of our country especially in education than the Madras Educational [illegible]

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minds of the minority community catholics, the devoted children of India.

Finally I end ~~xxx~~ my publication with the Govern-general's wordings "Love and compassion are the God given gifts of Humanity. They alone make for happiness and Glory. Do not be chatter boxes with idle words and unuseful words.".

A. Anthonymuthu chettiar
(ex-teacher & ex-Scout Master)
Proprietor
VICTORIA GENERAL MART
AND COFFEE WORKS,
RANGAI GOWNDER STREET,
COIMBATORE.

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6. Honourable the Educational Minister of Madras.
7. The Secretary, Bishops' Conference.
8. His Lordships Arch Bishop of Madras.
9. The Secretary, Teachers' Guild.

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E & P. H. (B.)

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By

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Catholic Action Society,

Virudunagar,
Dated: 11-11-48.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
20 NOV 1948

9 NOV 1948

To
The Hon'ble Prime Minister,
Government of Madras.

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Sum

Respected Sir,

We, the undersigned, representing the Catholic Congregation of the Virudunagar Town beg to enclose a copy of the resolution passed by the said congregation on 7-11-48 and also to request you that the use of such languages and the publication of similar headings may be discouraged as they wound the feelings of the Catholics, who are one among the minorities and whose integrity faithfulness and co-ordination with the National Government is a well-known fact.

Yours faithfully,

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A. R. V.

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S. Susai Rathinam

Copy submitted to the Hon'ble Minister for education for information.

R. Rayappa Pillai.

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Virudunagar, 7th November, '48.

A general Body meeting of the Catholic Congregation of Virudunagar Town was convened by the Catholic Action Society, Virudunagar, to-day at 7 P.M., Wherein the following resolutions were unanimously passed.

(i) The meeting regrets and strongly protests against the language used by the Honourable Minister for education against the Bishops and Arch-Bishops, characterising certain allegations against the Minister's educational policy in the statement issued by the STANDING COMMITTEE of the Bishops' Conference at the end of the recent Session at Bangalare, as amounting to a lie.

(2) It raises objection to the Heading 'பரதேச பாதிரிமாரின் புரளி அம்பலமாகிறது' published by the Daily News 'Dhinasari' on 6-11-48 in publishing the statement issued by the Honourable Minister for Education in reply to the further statement of the Bishops dated 30-10-48.

(3) It also likes to inform the publisher of the socalled news paper that the Catholic eclesiasticals including the Bishops and Arch-Bishops are the dignified individuals who teach their subjects with the reverential teachings of LORD JESUS from the Mount, summorising to 'AHIMSA'. The publisher has deliberately used such objectionable words at the head-line which have wounded the feelings of the Roman Catholics. The meeting therefore requires an honourable withdrawal of the term 'புரளி' by the publisher.

(4) "The meeting likes further to inform the publisher that the terms "வந். மேற்றிராணியார் - அதிமேற்றிராணியார்" are the appropriate ones in place of "பாதிரிமார் - பரதேசபாதிரிமார்" to denote Bishops and Arch-Bishops".

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அந்தோணிமுத்துநாடான்

R. Rayappa Pillai

[illegible], 8th November, '48.

A general body meeting of the Catholic managements of [illegible] was held by the Catholic [illegible] [illegible], to-day at [illegible] P.M., wherein the following resolutions were unanimously passed.

(1) The meeting [illegible] and strongly protests against the language used by the Honourable Minister for Education against the Bishops and Arch-Bishops, characterising certain allegations against the Minister's [illegible] and policy in the announcement issued by the [illegible] of the Bishops' Conference at the end of the recent Session at Bangalore, as amounting long lie.

(2) It raises objection to the heading [illegible] published by the [illegible] on 6-11-48 in publishing the statement issued by the Honourable Minister for Education in reply to the [illegible] statement of [illegible] dated 30-10-48.

(3) It also likes to inform the publishers of the above news paper that the Catholic ecclesiastics including the Bishops and Arch-Bishops are the dignified individuals who teach their subjects with the respectful [illegible] of LORD JESUS from the Mount, [illegible]. The publisher has deliberately used such objectionable words as the [illegible] which has wounded the feelings [illegible] of the [illegible] Catholics. The meeting therefore requires an honourable withdrawal of the term '[illegible]' by the publisher.

(4) The meeting likes further to inform the public that the terms "[illegible]" are the [illegible] used in place of "[illegible]" to [illegible] Bishops and Arch-Bishops.

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To
The Minister of Education,
Government of Madras.

Dear sir,

The decision of the Government to insist on a endowment from all institutions irrespective of their managements have aroused the fears of the Catholic Missionaries alone. On the other hand the contemporary protestant missionaries have found no cause for anxiety in the reasonable demand of the Government. A guilty conscience has much to fear from measures to put down corruption.

The catholic institutions throughout India under British Imperialistic domination enjoyed special privileges which were not shown to other non-christian institutions run by genuine philanthrophists. The main object of these Catholic missionary institutions is to aggrandise wealth and utilise the class room for subtle proselytation works with the connivance of servile henchmen and satilites. It has been an open secret that the managements of these institutions have been, till recently terrorrising the poor helpless teachers by the threat of dismissal and extracted signatures in the acquittance rolls for false sums of money which they were supposed to have received as their salary. This malpractice is nailed in the coffin now, by the good offices of the Education Minister. The common practice was to get the signatures in the blank space and the amount was delivered in an envelope to the teacher. Refusal to receive the cover, unknown to the man who received, meant immediate dismissal to the poor individual. Their books are nothing short of fabrication and manipulated figures. They have by their corrupt age long practice forfeited the trust of the Education Department. Corruption is ingrained in their system and under the camouflage of social service they were throwing dust into the public eyes. By adulatory speeches parties, dinners and dramas to Inspecting officers, they were successfully carrying on the game of cheat for many centuries. Now that India has attained Independence and their sinister design of domination has no very good prospects of success, the dignitaries of the Catholic organisation, the enraged bishops of the organisation, have gone about setting up their henchmen to protest against the minister's statement in the Assembly. It was not done in good faith. It is obvious that denationalisation of part of the Indian community-the Indian Catholics- is no less due to the pernicious propaganda of th foreign missionaries in India. They are so to say the ruin the great Indian Traditions and who have enslaved many inn men and women under the guise of salvations of souls. Now th the times have changed, they are clever enough and like the proverbial camaleon change their colurs. What ever may be contribution in the field of education, their motive i above suspicion. A careful and intelligent analytical stud sooner bring home the truth that their only object is not genuine spread of education among Indians as the eternal lectual slavery of the masses to their dictation and the sway over the gullible people.

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consisting only of priests , is a tactful move, to cheat the Government of the day.Though India has attained Independence it must be clearly remembered that a large section of that community are still dominated by foreign missionaries,like Portuguese, Italians, French etc., and the most dangerous and the most unpatriotic among them are the Missionaries from Portugal and their settlement Goa.

Some of the Portuguese institutions are very badly managed and in most cases they are also unecconomical. They are at the same time not efficient. The numerical strength of these institutions are not at all satisfactory and it is manipulated in these schools by canvassing and awarding free scholarships indiscriminately to undeserving boys under various pretexts in order to earn Government grants. Catholic schools draw substantial grants compared to other schools. They have taken it as a business to earn profit and at the same time dominate over others. From time immemorial, Catholic missionaries have been imposing on the boys-non-catholics- their religious attitude with a view to convert them. Even to this day Catholic prayer is said in the General Assembly of all communities. This is againt and contrary to Government order that no sectional prayer should be said in such assemblies. They have no right to force Catholic prayers in the General Assembly.

The recent protest meeting of the so called Catholics is a stage managed show. ~~Ane~~ A defunct association-Catholic Indian Association-which was dominated by Bishops and foreign priests, has suddenly come into the lime light by arraging a protest. The record of its service to the poor catholic community is negligible. It always played second fiddle to the foreign Bishops and priests. The protest meeting in short was engineered by the enraged bishops, when their fraud was exposed and their malpractices came to the light of the day. It is quite strange that why these missionaries are so much alarmed about the Government Educational policy which no honest man need fear.The protestant missionaries are far from perturbed and nervous. It will be an eye opener to the public if bare facts are exposed and the real truth is told about these honest gentlemen who seem to be offended. Cases of fraud, corruption and falsification of accounts by the Catholic Missionary institutions are numeruous. No Catholic institution is above board and they are veteran masters in the fabrication of accounts. The motive is base and unchivalrous.

The Indian Catholics with rare exceptions here and there have been tools in the hands of the Catholic foreign priests. The political outlook of this community is dictated by the Bishop of the diocese, who is generally a foreigner and is detrimental to national interests- The accredited priests and bishops take orders from the Italian Pope and these Indian Catholics always look to Italy and Rome as their holy land. The loyalties of these Indians is still questionable. Those who look to Jerusalem and Mecca can hardly be faithfull citizens of India. To cite a concrete example that the Indian Catholics are untrustworthy and disloyal to their own country and government, whose sons they are and whose salt they have tasted, it is enough if it is pointed out that the lekage of the D.P.I's circular to the foreign bishops conference was done by ~~the one of the Educational Officers, Mr.[illegible]~~ How can these foreign agents and satilites of the Italians and the Portuguese be placed in confidential positions in the National government. It is a serious matter for consideration and the Government must take suitable action against such disloyal elements.

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The Catholic gentlemen who voiced loud protests are the disgruntled ones and who care for the foreign bishops and their ~~xxx~~ interests. What have the gentlemen done to the suffering members of the community? Moreover the Catholic Indian association is an unrepresentative body of self interested ~~and~~ self seeking men. At the behests of the foreign bishops they suddenly spring into action and a communal body has no place in secular India. Centuries of missionary domination have completely killed the initiative and the independence of the converted Indian catholics. The Catholic church is not so much interested in the erradication of poverty among its members as to perpetually enslave them under the fear of punishment if they do not carry out their orders. Socialism is a red rag to them and they shudder at the very thought of a Socialistic Republic. The Indian Catholics screwed up by the foreign bishops and priests think in communal or sectional terms and try to advance their personal interests in preference to those of the nation.

Yours faithfully,

E & P.H.(B) Satyananda

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can realis needs rapid advanc further civilisation based on sound the moral and cu upliftment of the various communities of India. For such an advancement is practically impossible for the Government itself to run all th in all places for all kinds of people without entrusting the work wit any private, capable and reliable body. It is proper that the Govern welcome such a private bodywith enterprising zeal and extend the full support possiple. Therefore the enterprises for the common cause of juridical bodies like Dioceses and Religious orders with long standing history and sound educational record should be encourged by any Govern ment in India as in the past since their efforts and labours are the minority community in particular and the nation in general.

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The Madras Government Educational policy of demanding endowment for all schools alike can never be a wise policy at this stage. It a great impediment to the advancement of education in our presidency since it curbs the charitable idea of running schools. It seems a destructive policy, for the minister with all his ideas and hard labour for the improvement of litteracy, denies indirectly the freedom of right for running a school by his costly endowment policy as if t are abundant number of efficient schools run by the Government in al places to effect rapid advancement of education. This endowment po is a very strong wedge against the enterprising zeal of the catholic missionaries who want to run a number of schools for the uplift of th catholic minority community. One can well understand that the mor encouragement in all the ways possible the Government extend to th enterprising bodies towards the running of any number of schools, better scope there is to wipe out illitteracy and for the uplift o community. The more freedom and educational concessions the Go grant to the stable missionary and private institutions the more possibility for the advancement of education. I wonde there is any cause in his policy better than that of advancemen education. The minister may be justified in demanding en since he may say he is unable to understand and decide at the itself the stability or otherwise of any private body but he [illegible] little right. [illegible] policy [illegible] stand. [illegible] stated that "The need for education was never greater than to-day". [illegible] like Dioceses or religious orders with long history of sound educa- record should of necessity be exempted from endowments and encouraged.

Further I regret much to express that the ~~xxxxx~~ minister does not seem to realise his duties as a faithful representative of all, even the Christian minorities and that he has done a great injustice to us, catholics in particular by his discourteous expressions in the parliament such as, the allegation by the bishops is a lie, the bishops have said many things which are not true etc., in an unbecoming and unparliamentary manner against the catholic bishops who are the exponents of the great teachings of Christ, as he himself has said.

Therefore in the capacity of a true old Scout, with an experience as a teacher for nearly two decades, I boldly venture to tell him to realise the wrong done to us in the matter of advancement of education and the injustice done to the catholics in particular by his insulting charges against our bishopsand not only remove such a merciless barrier of demanding endowments from schools run by especially catholic missionaries but also withdraw all discourteous expressions and insulting charges against our bishops. Let him bear in mind the catholic bishops the highest dignitaries of the catholic religion, with their religiousness wisdom, knowledge, experience, capacity for organisation, truthfulness, straightforwardness, charitable deeds, sincerity to all and above all co-operation with all enrich India, nay the whole world in no measure unequal to those of the father of our Nation, Ghandhiji himself, our true leader. A true disciple of Ghandhiji only would be befitting such a dignified responsible post of any minister who would ever use his knowledge for good and act upto his saying to keep up the high sense of duty and conduct expected of ministry.

With the rights due to a free and faithful citizen of free India I express my opinion because all of us are aware that there are more vital, greater and nobler things to be done in the matter of advancement of our country especially in education than the Madras Educational Minister's Endowment Policy at this stage which ~~xxkx~~ may distrub the

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peaceful minds of the minority community catholics, the devoted children of India.

Finally I end my publication with the Governor-general's words " Love and compassion are the God given gifts of Humanity. They make for happiness and glory. Do not be chatter-boxes with idle words and unuseful words."

A. Anthonymuthu Chetti
(ex-teacher & ex-Scout Master)
Proprietor
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7) The Secretary, Bishops' conference.
8) His Lordships Arch Bishop of Madras.
9) The Secretary, Teachers' Guild.

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THIS PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CATHOLICS OF CALICUT ARE DEEPLY GRIEVED AT THE DISCOURTEOUS REMARKS MADE BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS AT THE RECENT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AGAINST THE CATHOLIC HEIRARCHY OF INDIA STOP IN SPITE OF ALL THE STATEMENTS ISSUED BY THE MINISTER IT IS REGRETTED THAT HE HAS NOT CLARIFIED THE ISSUES INVOLVED STOP WE THEREFORE REQUEST HIM TO CLARIFY THE

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To

The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
M A D R A S.

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
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Sir,

As authorised as the President of a Public Meeting of the Catholics of Trivandrum held on 21-11-1948, I am forwarding herewith for your information a copy of the resolution passed in the meeting.

Yours faithfully,
Joseph Thaliath

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Resolved:

That we, the Catholics of Trivandrum, assembled he in the C.Y.M.S. Hall, St. Joseph's Cathedral, Cantonment, und the presidentship of Joseph Thaliath, Esq., M.A., Bar-at-Law, Retired Chief Justice of Travancore, on the 21st November 194 protest against and condemn the language used by the Minister for Education in the Madras Legislative Assembly on 28th October 1948 in characterising the statement issued by the Standing Committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India in regard to the Education Policy of Madras as a lie, and that we call upon him to withdraw his statement and to apologise.

And be it further resolved that the President of this meeting be authorised to communicate the above resolution to:

1. The Prime Minister of India,
2. The Premier of Madras,
3. The Minister for Education for Madras,
4. The Secretary of the Standing Committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India,
5. The Secretary, Madras Legislative Assembly, and
6. The Press.

Catholic Indian Association of the Madras Province

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Dated 15th November 1948.

Dear Sir,

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At a Mass Meeting of the Roman Catholics of Madras City held on Sunday the 14th instsmt, under the auspices of the above Association under the Chairmanship of Mr. M.Ruthnaswamy C.I.E., M.A.(Cantab), Bar-at-Law. the following Resolution was unanimously passed by the 1500m catholics present viz.,

> "THAT THIS MEETING OF THE CATHOLICS OF MADRAS PROTEST AGAINST AND CONDEMNS THE DISCOURTEOUS LANGUAGE USED BY THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION IN THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ON THE 28TH OF OCTOBER 1948 IN REGARD TO THE STATEMENT ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE ON THE EDUCATIONAL POLICY OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT AND THAT A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION BE COMMUNICATED TO THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED".

The resolution ws moved by the Chair.

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Yours faithfully,

HONY. GENERAL SECRETARY
C.I.A.For the Madras Provinc

To
The Hon'ble the
Minister for Education
with the Government of
Madras.MADRAS.

Copy to:-
1. The Hon'ble Premier of Madras.
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3. H.E. the Governor General of India.

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கனம்:
கல்வி மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கு

அய்யா:

இன்று ஞாயிறன்று 21.11.48 மாலை [illegible] பொதுக்கூட்டத்தில் கிறிஸ்தவ [illegible] அங்கத்தினர்களின் கூட்டம் நடைபெற்றது. அதில், கீழ்கண்டபடி ஒரு தீர்மானம் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டது.

தீர்மானம்

" பள்ளிக்கூட இறுதிப் பரீட்சை பற்றி, நமது கத்தோலிக்க மேற்றிராணிமார்கள் வெளியிட்ட அறிக்கை விஷயமாக, சென்னை சட்டசபையில் எழுந்த கேள்வி பற்றி, கல்வி மந்திரியவர்கள், கண்ணியமற்ற முறையில், பார்லிமெண்டரி சம்பிரதாயத்துக்கு விரோதமான பதத்தில் பதில் அளித்தமையை, இக்கூட்டம் மிக்க வன்மையாக கண்டிக்கிறது. அம்மந்திரியவர்கள் மீண்டும் பகிரங்கமாகவே இந்த கண்ணியமற்ற பதிலை வாபஸ் வாங்கிக் கொள்ளும்படி கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறது."

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ஆகவே,

எங்கள் மிகவும் மதிப்பிற்குரிய மதகுருவானவர்கள் மேற்றிராணியார் அவர்கள் (பிஷப்புக்கள்) சொல்வது பொய் என்று, பார்லிமெண்டரி சம்பிரதாயத்துக்கு விரோதமான [illegible]: "பொய்" என்ற பதத்தை உபயோகித்ததின் மேலும்

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பொது கிறிஸ்துவ சமூகத்தினர்களின் மனம் மிகவும் புண்பட்டு இருக்கிறது. ஆகவே தாங்கள், தை ~~[illegible]~~ வாக்கியத்தை வாபஸ் வாங்கிக் கொள்ளும்படிக்கு கேட்டுக் கொள்கிறேன்.

இப்படிக்கு
தங்கள் கீழ்ப்படிதலுள்ள
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CATHOLIC INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF THE MADRAS PROVINCE
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Hon'ble T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar AV.,
Minister of Education,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS.

Sir,

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We beg to forward herewith a copy of the Resolutions passed at the meetings of ~~the~~ Catholics and Protestants of Trichinopoly on 21-11-48.

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Encl: 1.

Yours faithfully,

A. Amirdasamy.
Secretary,
Catholic Indian Association.

Secretary,
Indian Christian Association.

Copy to: 1. The Premier, Indian Union, New Delhi
2. H.E. Governor of Madras
3. The Premier, Madras Legislature, Madras

Resolutions unanimously passed at the Public Meeting of Catholics and Protestants Christians of Trichinopoly under the auspices of the Catholic Indian Association and Indian Christian Association on 21-11-1948 at 6 P.M. at the Holy Redeemer's Church Compound - Trichinopoly.

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This public meeting of Christians of all denominations of Tiruchirapalli deplores the manner in which the Ministers of the Madras Government have dealt with christian interests and leaders as they are calculated to undermine the confidence of a patriotic and public spirited minority under the new constitution that is now on the anvil and requests the Madras Government to revise their attitude.

In particular this meeting requests the Minister of Education to cancel his projected regulations about the endowments of schools and the requisitioning of school buildings as they affect prejudicially the educational establishments of the community which form the basis of our life and our service to the country.

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This meeting resents the treatment meted out by the Minister for Education to the Catholic Bishops who, in the cause of their defense of vital christian interests, have been wrongfully charged with uttering a lie as casting an aspersion on people who are at the same time the leaders of a world religion and the duly constituted guardians of christian interests and calls upon the Minister, in the interest of justice as well as the fair name of India, to withdraw the remarks and apologise for the same.

L. Johnson
SECRETARY
INDIAN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

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SECRETARY
CATHOLIC INDIAN ASSOCIATION.

E&P.A B,

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VERY URGENT.

SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
Fort St. George, dated the 27-10- 194 8.

QUESTION No. 1155 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly ~~to be held on the~~ 194 .

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

The question has been admitted.

2. Mr. T. M. Pallati[illegible], M.L.A. who has given notice of the above question requests that the period of notice prescribed for answering it may be waived. A copy ~~of his letter, dated the together with~~ a copy of the question proposed to be asked is annexed.

3. The Hon. the Minister for Education is requested to state whether he will consent to the waiver of notice asked for, and if so, when he will answer the question.

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I have accepted to answer it tomorrow. A draft answer may be put up immediately
TSA
26/10/48

To
~~The~~ ~~Department.~~
The Hon. the Minister for Education

W.O. 7163/48-4 M.L.
27-10-48

SECRETARIAT, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
27 OCT [illegible]
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

EDN (A1)

Please see the Legislative Assembly short notice question on p.l.f.

2. clause (a): The cutting from the [illegible]

27.4.48 is put up - It refers to the orders issued in G.O. No 2501 Edn of 1-10-48. The answer to this clause may be 'yes' | by

p14 of ② (page of the linked file)

clause (b). The DPI has submitted proposals for waiving the conditions relating to the creation of endowments in cases of schools administered by charities & Trusts - they are submitted in the linked file for orders. The statement that exemption has been granted in the case of ~~the~~ Ramakrishna Mission schools & similar bodies is incorrect - vide in this connection the Director's Rndt No 722 D3/48 of 6.10.48 in linked file. II. The answer to this clause may be 'no' | by

pages 1. 2 of L.F. II / de-linked since disposed of in GO P 2788 8/11/48

The file may be circulated to HM (Edn) for approval of the draft answer suggested above

~~27.10.48~~

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Secretary, Legislature.

I am prepared to answer the short notice question tomorrow.

The answer is sent herewith.ⓧ

ⓧ despatched 27/10/48

ISA

H.M. Edn.

E&P.H. (B).

C.No. 80938 from the D.P.I., D.O. d/ 2.11.48. — p3 cf.

Please see the cutting from the "Hindu" of 30.10.48 on p5 of ⓧ and the note of DPI on p5 cf. - The statement of the Catholic Bishops Conference is reported to have been based on the passage marked X in the proceedings of the DPI and it would seem appropriate for the DPI to issue a statement now what the expression was intended to convey and that the interpretation put thereon was incorrect. Orders of HM (Edn) may be taken on this point

(The file re: the grant of exemption to the S.K.P.D charities and the Ramakrishna Mission is linked. It is proposed to treat these institutions like other institutions).

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L.F. II

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An extract from the "Hindu" dated 5-11-48 containing his speech delivered at Mangalore, is put up - page ~~s~~ 7 ~~&~~ of ⓧ. He has answered the points raised by the Catholic Bishops. No further action seems called for on this file.

5-11-48

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(To be filed with LF II)

SPECIAL.

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Secretary, E.& P.H.

I think this matter of the Bishop's allegation that the Ramakrishna Mission and the Pachayappa's Trust have been given exemption is bound to come up for discussion in the Legislature. A note may be prepared on the matter in consultation with the D.P.I. Copies of all the proceedings issued by the D.P.I. and the Government in this connection may also be put up.

ISA 16.11.48

H.M.Education.

p7 cf 17 NOV 1948 85050

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With reference to the minutes of HM (Edn) above, attention is solicited to the note sent by the DPI already at page 5 cf - necessary alterations are indicated in pencil. Attention is solicited to

(1) G.O. No. 2501 Edn of 1.10.48

(2) G.O. No 2788 Edn of 8-11-48

(3). Director's proceedings Rc. No 722 D.3/48 of 20-7.48.

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A copy of the proceedings referred to in the Director's letter on p7 cf of G.O. No 2788 Edn of 8.11.48 may be called for

A draft TM is submitted below for approval

17.11.48

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[T.M issued].

[C. No. 85899 from the D.P.I. d/18-11-48]

pp 11-12 cf

The D.P.I. has furnished copies of all his proceedings issued in connection with the creation of endowments for Secondary schools under private management. They are put up at pp 13-21 cf.

2. ~~The file may now be circulated to H.M. (Edn) for approval of~~ The note already sent by the D.P.I. is at p 5 cf. ~~Necessary alterations in pencil have been carried out in the note~~ A note setting out the position is subd. below for approval. The file may be circulated to H.M (Edn).

p 5 cf

I have [illegible] by the [illegible] a comprehensive survey of the whole controversy

19/11/48

USR 19-11-48

20-11-48

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H.M. (Edn.)

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My answer to Question No.112-A given today in the Council is put up here for clarification. H.Pr. wanted to know about this. This file may be circulated to him.

TSA 23-11-48

(I)

Linked with a file sent to P.S.G. and returned on 24/11/48

E & P.H. (B.)

Please see the minutes of H.M. (Edn) above. The file may be circulated to H.Pt ~~[illegible]~~.

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After answering in the council information is not of much use to me

O.P.R.
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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. H. DEPT.
26 NOV
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

~~The papers may now be recorded.~~

6/12/48

USR 13/12/48

Statement issued at the Bishops' Conference, Bangalore.

* 481-D *Q.*—Sri K. RAJARAM NAYUDU (on behalf of Sri T. S. Pattabhiraman): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have seen the statement issued by the Standing Committee of the Bishops' Conference held recently at Bangalore (published in the "*Hindu*", dated 27th October 1948); and

(*b*) whether the allegation that exemption has been granted to Hindu Institutions such as the Pachayappa's College and the Ramakrishna Mission in the matter of endowments, is true?

[28th October 1948

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"(*a*) Yes.
"(*b*) No."

Sri K. RAJARAM NAYUDU:—"May I know, Sir, if the Hon. Minister proposes to take stern measures about such mischievous and unfounded propaganda that is being carried on in the name of religion?"

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"The Government have seen with regret the statement issued at the conclusion of the Standing Committee of the Catholic Bishops of India; in the statement they have mentioned many things which are not true. They have said: 'We fail to understand that while exemption has been accorded to schools managed by Hindu Organizations, like Pachaiyappa's Trust and Ramakrishna Mission, why no such concession on endowments should be granted to our schools though they are of much longer standing and of universal stability.' I must say this is absolutely wrong—I do not like to use the word 'lie,' as it is unparliamentary. Again the tenor of the statement gives the impression as if the steps taken by the Government to put certain bad schools in order is intended against Catholic managements. No steps have been taken against schools of Catholic management as such. Neither do the measures taken by Government warrant such a conclusion. Grants and other facilities which are given to schools under Catholic managements are in no way less than what have been given to other managements and possibly in some cases more. I must also refer in this connection to certain representation that have been made by the Catholic managements to the Government of India in which they have said that in the matter of grants to two Christian institutions—the Loyola College and the St. Christopher College, the Government have shown discrimination. I am glad to say that Fr. De'Souza recognized the injustice of their statement and had the courage to own this mistake in their representation and wrote back acknowledging the mistake. I hope whoever has been responsible for the statement of the Bishops' Conference will have the courage and nobility to issue a correction to their statement at least after knowing the facts that no Hindu management has been given exemption in the matter.

"There are good and bad schools in every management. Even so corrupt practices have been found in certain schools in Catholic managements as in others and I hope such pleas of protection of minority rights will not be put forward when the Government take action against such corrupt practices. Some of us who have studied in missionary institutions have great respect for their zeal and the great teachings of Christ. The Bishops who are the exponents of these great teachings, I hope, will co-operate with the Government in correcting such malpractices."

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB:—" Generally, Sir, it has been our experience that short notice questions were never allowed but when occasionally allowed, the Hon. Minister in charge of the Department used to take five or six days to answer it. But here is an instance where the short notice question was given notice of yesterday and it was accepted at three o'clock and it has been replied to to-day and it is an extensive reply. I wish to ask, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister will observe the same practice whenever we give notice of short notice questions? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" Whenever it is possible we do accept short notice questions; but if it is the suggestion of the hon. Member that we should not accept, we have no objection."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—" Sir, when any group of people entertain any feeling of grievance with regard to any action taken by the Government, might I ask whether they have not got the right to express themselves without being characterized as mischievous or propagandist in nature? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" I must say, Sir, that it refers to a statement made in the Committee to the effect that certain institutions have been given exemptions whereas certain denominational institutions have not been given which is a lie; it is not true and I have stated that it is not true."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—" What I want to know is whether the Government would discourage the right of the people to express their views on their grievances? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Sir, there is nothing in the statement which I have read which would discourage them from saying what they want to say."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—" Is it or is it not a fact, Sir, that some of the Christian schools have been denied exemption that was given to other schools not on the basis of religion but on some other basis which the Hon. Minister wishes to characterize as being schools where corruption is practised? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" The matter refers to exemption to be given for providing endowments and no exemptions have been given to any schools for providing endowments."

* **MR. P. A. THANGASWAMI**:—" While thanking the Hon. Minister for the clear statement which he has made, may I request the Government to consider the question of granting exemptions in the matter of endowments so far as schools which are run under the auspices of institutions whose financial stability is absolutely assured? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Certainly that matter may be considered; but the present question is about certain statements made at the Bishops' Conference which are not correct."

SRI B. PARAMESWARAN:—" Might I ask, Sir, whether there is any truth made in the statement made at the Bishops' Conference that Christian Primary Schools are being refused grants and that educational concessions to Christian converts are denied? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" No Christian schools as such have been refused any grants as far as I know unless it be that there is something wrong with the management and if the hon. Member wants any information regarding any particular schools, I shall be glad to give information on that point separately."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—" Is it a fact, Sir, that it is the policy on the part of the Government to put down Christian schools? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" I am sorry, Sir, it is a mischievous suggestion."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—" On a point of order, Sir. Would you allow the Hon. Minister to characterize any suggestion made by any Member as mischievous? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" No, that is not the word that can be used."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" If so, Sir, I withdraw."

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB:—" Rightly or wrongly there seems to be some misapprehension that the Hon. Minister for Education is not favourably disposed towards institutions run by Missions and will he in the interests of Government and in the interests of the Hon. Minister himself contact these people so that he may clear doubts and misunderstanding in their minds and the public will be able to understand where exactly matters stand. I am making the suggestion in the interests of the Hon. Minister himself; I am his friend? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" I am constantly contacting them and it is open to them to meet me. For instance, Sir, when I go next to Mangalore I propose to visit the institutions run by them. I am doing all that I can to help them in their work, which is work in which they alone are interested but in which the community at large and all of us are interested. But I do not like that a responsible body should put about false statements."

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR:—" I am glad that no special exemptions were given in the matter of endowments to the Pachayappa's or Ramakrishna Mission but may I know the reasons why this particular institution, Pachayappa's College which does not admit into its portals certain communities, still has been allowed to enjoy recognition and aid? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" This question refers to the statement made at the Standing Committee of the Bishops' Conference and has no reference to Pachayappa's. The supplementary question does not arise out of the main question and, therefore, the hon. Member might put a separate question."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister has before him the official copy of the statement issued by the Bishops' Conference?"

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"I have the statement issued in the Press and it gives the whole thing."

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB:—"Arising out of the detailed reply given by the Hon. Minister, am I to take it that it is a reply to all the allegations made in the statement or only to the particular point? Or in the alternative, will the Government issue a Press Statement replying to all those points?"

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"The answer is to the question that has been put before the House."

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Regarding the use of the word 'Mischievous' in an answer and your ruling, Sir, that it is unparliamentary, might I make a submission? Supposing the question is asked of me: 'Have you ceased beating your wife?' Is not the question mischievous, Sir, in that if I replied to as 'yes', the assumption is that I am continuing to beat her and if I say 'no' to it, it means that I am not beating her but that I did it once is the suggestion. Is not a suggestion like that mischievous, Sir? By no stretch of imagination can be it said that it is not mischievous. Is it wrong, Sir?"

Mr. SPEAKER:—"It may not be wrong; but it is an unparliamentary expression. That is my verdict and let us not debate this question."

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"Can you suggest another word which is quite parliamentary which I can use to convey the same meaning, Sir?"

Mr. SPEAKER:—"He can avoid this word and I shall say if it is or is not parliamentary, when he uses others."

E&P.H.(B.).

The short notice question at p1 cf was answered in the Legislative Assembly on 28-10-48 vide copy of the proceedings at pp 5-8 ante. No further action is called for on the question. The papers may now be

G.O. Ms. No. 1258 Edn. dated 25-4-49

Recorded.

[The note at Ⓜ should also be stitched but not ~~[illegible]~~ separate]

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Abstract:-

L.A. Qn - Short Notice - Schools - Secondary - Aided Creation of endowments - Statement by the catholic Bishops - Papers - Recorded.

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EDUCATIONAL POLICY OF MADRAS GOVT.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CRITICISM

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BANGALORE, Oct. 23.

Questions affecting the rights and interests of the Catholic Church, such as education, seminary training, Catholic Action and Catholic Social Action and such other matters, were discussed, at the meeting of the Working Committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India held here during the past four days. The Conference concluded this evening.

The Standing Committee of the Bishops' Conference issued a lengthy statement tonight on its deliberations.

The Standing Committee of the Bishops' Conference, while assuring the Government of their loyalty and readiness to support all measures conducive to the welfare and progress of the people, expressed concern at the tendency in some parts of the country to discountenance private effort in the field of education and strongly objected to the Madras Government's Bill to requisition property belonging to educational institutions.

The Archbishops and Bishops who attended the Standing Committee meeting were: Their Graces the Most Rev. F. Perier, S.J., Archbishop of Calcutta (Chairman), the Most Rev. A. S. Colas, Archbishop of Pondicherry, the Most Rev. J. Attipetty, Archbishop of Verapoly, the Most Rev. L. Mathias, Archbishop of Madras, the Most Rev. S. P. Mulligan, Archbishop of Delhi and Simla, and Their Lordships the Rt. Rev. O. Servin, S.J., Bishop of Ranchi, the Rt. Rev. J. P. Leonard, S.J., Bishop of Madura, the Rt. Rev. M. Gurreioro, Bishop of Mylapore, the Rt. Rev. V. Gracias, Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay, the Rt. Rev. L. Raymond, Bishop of Allahabad and the Rt. Rev. P. Thomas, Bishop of Bangalore (Secretary).

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The Standing Committee in a statement issued viewed with concern measures devised in some parts of the country which were inconsistent with the provisions of the Draft Constitution of India. "While sitting in conference, telegraphic information reached us of the jailing of a Catholic priest, just because he had visited the Udaipur State, in C.P., to minister to the spritual needs of the Catholic population which numbers several thousands. This is a consequence of one of the several restrictions imposed on religious freedom in some Chattisgarh States, C.P., though these have been already merged in the Indian Union. It was expected that following the merger of these States, they would conform both to the letter and the spirit of the Draft Constitution. The removal of such restrictions, therefore, is an imperative necessity if the minority communities are to feel safe in the thought that the Draft Constitution is being respected, especially in matters of such vital importance as freedom of worship."

GRANTS TO SCHOOLS

The statement added: "In some parts of the country, there appears to be a tendency to discountenance private effort in the field of education. Measures have been taken such as the arbitrary suppression of grants to Christian primary schools and the denial of educational concessions to Christian members of "Harijan" origin and of aboriginal communities.

"In the Province of Madras, measures have been introduced which are a serious menace to the safety and continued existence of our schools. Endowments ranging from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 35,000 have been demanded from secondary schools conducted by private agencies. On a representation made by the Catholic Bishops, the latest Government Order exempts schools established before January 1940 from the operation of the rule; but schools started between 1940 and 1948 are required to build up an endowment within five years and all schools established thereafter to deposit immediately the full amount.

"We consider it inequitable that such new conditions be imposed on our schools; these were not required of them at the time of their establishment. It appears anomalous that such an order should be made applicable to our schools, which are owned by dioceses or religious societies, with sound educational records and financial stability to their credit. We fail to understand that while exemption has been accorded to schools managed by Hindu organisations, like Pachaiyappa's Trust and Ramakrishna Mission, why no such concessions on endowments should be granted to our schools."

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The Committee objected to the new rule requisitioning schools and their property as a violation of fundamental rights. From the recent regulations issued in some Provinces, it looked as if a penalty was being imposed on the acceptance of the Christian faith, which, obviously, was incompatible with the character of a secular State and was discriminatory against minorities.

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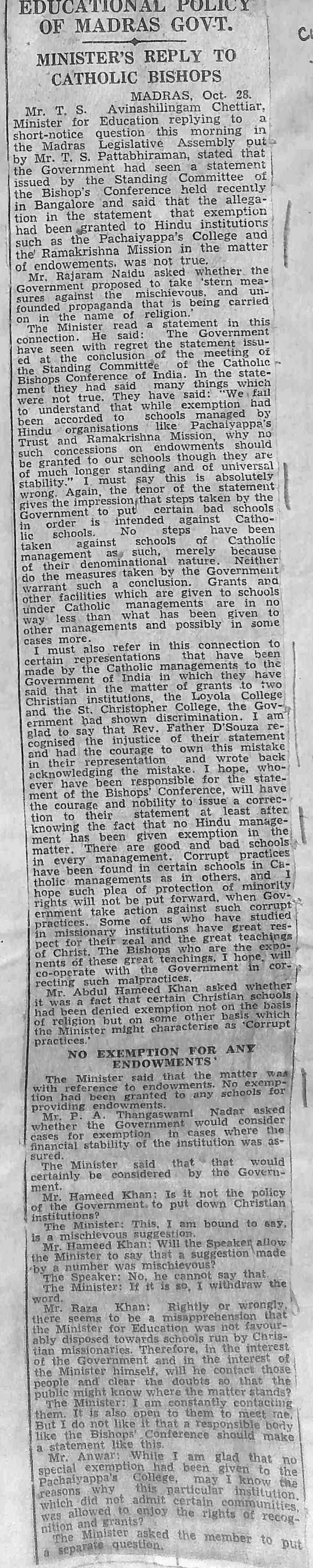

EDUCATIONAL POLICY OF MADRAS GOVT.

MINISTER'S REPLY TO CATHOLIC BISHOPS

MADRAS, Oct. 28.

Mr. T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar, Minister for Education replying to a short-notice question this morning in the Madras Legislative Assembly put by Mr. T. S. Pattabhiraman, stated that the Government had seen a statement issued by the Standing Committee of the Bishop's Conference held recently in Bangalore and said that the allegation in the statement that exemption had been granted to Hindu institutions such as the Pachaiyappa's College and the Ramakrishna Mission in the matter of endowements, was not true.

Mr. Rajaram Naidu asked whether the Government proposed to take 'stern measures against the mischievous, and unfounded propaganda that is being carried on in the name of religion.'

The Minister read a statement in this connection. He said: The Government have seen with regret the statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India. In the statement they had said many things which were not true. They have said: "We fail to understand that while exemption had been accorded to schools managed by Hindu organisations like Pachaiyappa's Trust and Ramakrishna Mission, why no such concessions on endowments should be granted to our schools though they are of much longer standing and of universal stability." I must say this is absolutely wrong. Again, the tenor of the statement gives the impression that steps taken by the Government to put certain bad schools in order is intended against Catholic schools. No steps have been taken against schools of Catholic management as such, merely because of their denominational nature. Neither do the measures taken by the Government warrant such a conclusion. Grants and other facilities which are given to schools under Catholic managements are in no way less than what has been given to other managements and possibly in some cases more.

I must also refer in this connection to certain representations that have been made by the Catholic managements to the Government of India in which they have said that in the matter of grants to two Christian institutions, the Loyola College and the St. Christopher College, the Government had shown discrimination. I am glad to say that Rev. Father D'Souza recognised the injustice of their statement and had the courage to own this mistake in their representation and wrote back acknowledging the mistake. I hope, whoever have been responsible for the statement of the Bishops' Conference, will have the courage and nobility to issue a correction to their statement at least after knowing the fact that no Hindu management has been given exemption in the matter. There are good and bad schools in every management. Corrupt practices have been found in certain schools in Catholic managements as in others, and I hope such plea of protection of minority rights will not be put forward, when Government take action against such corrupt practices. Some of us who have studied in missionary institutions have great respect for their zeal and the great teachings of Christ. The Bishops who are the exponents of these great teachings, I hope, will co-operate with the Government in correcting such malpractices.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan asked whether it was a fact that certain Christian schools had been denied exemption not on the basis of religion but on some other basis which the Minister might characterise as 'Corrupt practices.'

NO EXEMPTION FOR ANY ENDOWMENTS'

The Minister said that the matter was with reference to endowments. No exemption had been granted to any schools for providing endowments.

Mr. P. A. Thangaswami Nadar asked whether the Government would consider cases for exemption in cases where the financial stability of the institution was assured.

The Minister said that that would certainly be considered by the Government.

Mr. Hameed Khan: Is it not the policy of the Government to put down Christian institutions?

The Minister: This, I am bound to say, is a mischievous suggestion.

Mr. Hameed Khan: Will the Speaker allow the Minister to say that a suggestion made by a number was mischievous?

The Speaker: No, he cannot say that.

The Minister: If it is so, I withdraw the word.

Mr. Raza Khan: Rightly or wrongly, there seems to be a misapprehension that the Minister for Education was not favourably disposed towards schools run by Christian missionaries. Therefore, in the interest of the Government and in the interest of the Minister himself, will he contact those people and clear the doubts so that the public might know where the matter stands?

The Minister: I am constantly contacting them. It is also open to them to meet me. But I do not like it that a responsible body like the Bishops' Conference should make a statement like this.

Mr. Anwar: While I am glad that no special exemption had been given to the Pachaiyappa's College, may I know the reasons why this particular institution, which did not admit certain communities, was allowed to enjoy the rights of recognition and grants?

The Minister asked the member to put a separate question.

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Cutting from

"The Madras Mail"

d/ 30-10-48.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS REPLY TO EDUCATION MINISTER

MADRAS, Oct. 30.

IN their reply to the Education Minister's charge that the statement published by the Standing Committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India contained misstatements of fact, two of the Bishops, whose signatures are given below, quote chapter and verse to prove the accuracy of the statement.

They say: "We are glad to have this opportunity to place the facts before the public so that they may judge what the truth is, and where it is to be found."

Catholic Bishops and the Education Minister

The following is the text of their communication:

p. 3 ante

We have read with surprise and regret the bitter attack made by the Minister for Education on the 28th October in the Legislative Assembly against the statement which the Standing Committee of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India issued at Bangalore on the 23rd October at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

The statement was a general one concerning the whole of India and referred in particular matters to the Province of Madras. We never said that the Madras Government suppressed grants to Christian primary schools. But this has happened in some parts of India.

The Education Minister denied indignantly that any exemption was made in the matter of compulsory endowments, characterising our statement with such discourteous expressions and offensive epithets as "The allegation is a lie.... it is not true." We are glad to have this opportunity to place the facts before the public so that they may judge what the truth is and where it is to be found.

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We refer the public to the Proceedings of the D. P. I. No. 722-D-3-48 dated 20th July 1948. After issuing instructions for the information and guidance of inspecting officers regarding endowments the proceedings state in paragraph 4: "In view of the Orders in G. O. No. Ms. 281, Education 5th November 1947, communicated in Proceedings Rc. No. 868-D, 1/47 dated 13th November 1947, no distinction need be made in the matter of endowments and the procedure indicated above may be followed in the case of Mission schools also until further orders. The schools managed by charitable bodies under proper Trusts like Pachaivappa's or Ramakrishna Mission may be left out for the time being."

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The statement of the Catholic Bishops' Conference could not be based on firmer grounds:

(1) The above paragraph shows that there is discrimination between schools which we did not desire to point out explicitly in our statement but which we are now compelled to place before the public.

(2) What other explanation can be given to the last sentence of the paragraph except that the Pachaiyappa's and Ramakrishna Mission are exempted automatically from the operation of the rules because they are under proper Trusts and that other schools managed by charitable bodies under proper Trusts similar to those of Pachaiyappa's and Ramakrishna Mission may also be exempted for the time being.

(3) The orders issued by the D. P. I. have not been cancelled or modified and we cannot believe that they were not known to the Hon'ble Minister.

Minister's silence

(4) In a memorandum submited to the Education Minister on Sept. 17, 1948, the Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference wrote: "We do not raise any objection to your granting such exemption to these two organisations (Pachaiyappa's and Ramakrishna Mission). But we fail to see why juridical bodies like Dioceses and Religious Orders, with a long history and sound educational record should not be granted a similar concession." In his reply to the above memorandum, dated 24-9-1948, the Education Minister did not traverse that statement at all. If it were an "allegation" or what is worse a "lie", he could have pointed it out in his reply to the Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference. His silence is a tacit admission of our contention.

The Catholic Bishops have issued their statement after due consideration and discussion and see no reason to apologise for telling the truth, much less for what is distorted into a "lie" in an unparliamentary and unbecoming manner, by one who occupies the responsible position of Education Minister in the Government of Madras. The Minister further declared in the Legislative Assembly that we "said many things which were not true." All we said is the truth and nothing but the truth.

The Hon'ble Minister referred to certain representations reported to have been made by *Catholic* Managements on behalf of Loyola College and St Christopher College in the matter of grants. We fail to understand which Catholic Managements could have made a representation on behalf of St Christopher College, a Protestant Institution, over which Catholic Managements have no jurisdiction. In any event we have no information of any such representations.

Papers with G.O. No. 2501 Edn ② 1-10-48

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We may also point out that the question of endowments has been engaging the earnest and anxious attention of the Catholic Bishops of the Madras Province for the last six months. A memorandum was presented to the Education Minister in April last, later another to the Hon'ble Premier and finally in September a third to the Education Minister. The Education Minister was interviewed on April 16 by a deputation of laymen, on behalf of the Bishops. On July 9, the Premier was interviewed by the Secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference. On August 4 the Premier and the Education Minister were interviewed by three Bishops. In a memorandum presented to the Education Minister on September 17, we stated "we need hardly assure you of our sympathy and cooperation with your programme of educational expansion and re-organisation. We are prepared to do our utmost to make it a universal success, provided some initiative and liberty are still left to us."

The only reply

The only reply we have been able to secure is that "no good management has anything to fear from any of these regulations." In expressing our apprehensions, it is not that we fear of our management not being good but of the danger of the abuse of such weapons as those prepared by the Hon'ble Minister in spite of the good intention in framing such regulations.

If each time we issue a statement and express our views on matters of vital concern to the public and to Catholics in particular, we are accused of conducting "mischievous and unfounded propaganda in the name of religion" we can only wonder if the liberty guaranteed in a democratic, secular State to all citizens is a reality. In the name of the Standing Committee we feel compelled to issue this statement and refute the false charges made against us.

It is, therefore, obvious that the apology should come not from the Catholic Bishops but from the Minister for Education for his unwarranted charges against us. We hope that he will have, to use his own words, the "courage and nobility to issue a correction."

Madras 30th October 1948
+ J. Thomas
Bishop of Bangalore
Secretary, Catholic
Bishops' Conference

+ L. Mathias
Archbishop of Madras

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No exemptions to the provision of endowments

EDUCATION MINISTER REPLIES TO ARCHBISHOP OF MADRAS

Tribute to work of Missionary Institutions for education

MADRAS, Nov. 4.

THE Government have not accepted the recommendation of the Director that such exemptions (to the provision of endowments for colleges) may be given to Pachaiyappa's and the Ramakrishna Mission. So declared the Education Minister, Mr T. S. Avinashilingam, in a reply to the rejoinder of the Archbishop of Madras to his statement in the Madras Assembly in which he criticised the views expressed by the Bishops' Conference.

The Minister, who was presiding over the College Day celebrations of St Agnes College, Mangalore acknowledged "great work done by various missionary organisations in this Province for education," but added, the Government had to "guard against cultural domination by any country in our educational institutions."

The Minister said: "Mangalore is much advanced in education and much of it is due to the efforts of many Missionary organisations in this town and district. In this connexion, I must express my appreciation of the great work done in education by the various missionary organisations in this Province. Their contribution towards education has been considerable. At the same time, I must also mention here the great need for the reorintation of these institutions on modern lines. While it is necessary that we should take up the best in Western culture, we should also guard ourselves against cultural domination by any country in our educational institutions.

"I am also glad to be able to say that I see signs of recognition of this great fact, and that many of the schools and colleges have begun to realise the need for such a transformation and I hope, that with their usual vigour, they will succeed in not only imparting efficient education, but also in making themselves representatives of all that is best and greatest in our own culture.

Taking this "opportunity to clear certain misunderstandings that have arisen after the statement issued by the Catholic Bishops' Conference and later on by the statement issued by the Archbishops of Madras, the Minister said: "In spite of my categorical statement that Hindu organisations like the Pachaiyappa's Trust and Ramakrishna Mission have not been exempted from the provision of endowments, the Archbishop has proceeded to assert to the contrary.

No exemptions

He has referred to the proceedings of the D.P.I. The proceedings of the Director only says that the schools managed by the charitable endowments, under proper trust, may be left out for the time being. It does not say that exemption has been given to them by the Government. He referred the matter to the Government and the Government have issued orders that no such exemptions need be given. It is strange that the Archbishop, who is aware of the D.P.I.'s proceedings dated July 20, 1948, is unaware of the proceedings dated Oct. 19, 1948 of the same Director, withdrawing those proceedings.

Two proceedings were issued by the Director on Oct. 19, 1948, one specifying the concessions given to the Catholic institutions with regard to endowments, and the other applying those very terms, and no more to such Hindu institutions as Pachaiyappa's Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission. The Catholic Bishops' Conference said that "we fail to understand why, while exemption has been accorded to schools managed by Hindu organisations, like Pachaiyappa's Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission, no such concessions on endowments should not be granted to our schools."

This, I say again, is not correct as the Government have not accepted the recommendations of the Director, that such exemptions may be given to Pachaiyappa's and the Ramakrishna Mission.

This rule about endowments has been made only to make the running of these institutions more stable, as it has been found in practice that high schools, without proper backing, have been started, and this has, in many cases, led to not very desirable consequences. It is quite possible that certain institutions may feel this condition somewhat difficult. But the proper thing to do, in those circumstances, will be to make representation to the authorities to relax the rule in hard cases.

"I would like to say that the Government will sympathetically consider any representation from aided institutions, of whatever denomination, to tide over any difficulties.

Requisitioning of school buildings

"The next matter that seems to have created uneasiness is the recent Bill to requisition buildings of educational institutions if their recognition is withdrawn. This also does not apply only to institutions managed by any particular managements. Here again it is merely an unnecessary suspicion which has made some people feel that it will act against them.

"Instances have been pointed out that where certain managements have been corrupt and refuse to mend, after repeated warnings, the Government are unable to take steps in the matter because of the difficulty of making alternative arrangements for the thousand and odd children that may be studying in those schools. The Government have today a duty not only towards the managements, but towards the children, and the staff of those schools, and this Bill is intended only against such very bad managements.

"I may assure you that good institutions, of whatever managements, have nothing to fear from this Bill. The Government are anxious to take all interests in education along with them in the great task of spreading education throughout the Province.

"It is for that reason that the Government have referred the Bill to elicit public opinion, and have also invited witnesses to make any suggestions they may have to improve the Bill. It is for that reason that representatives of Catholic, as well as other aided managements, have been given the fullest opportunity to make their representation. I am sure, the Select Committee will go deeply into the matter, and make whatever changes that may be necessary, so that good institutions will have nothing to fear from the Bill.

Far from discouraging aided institutions, this Government, after it came to power, has done many things not only to improve the status of teachers, but also to improve the facilities for aided institutions. The grants to institutions have been increased from a net half, to a net 2/3rds. While the instalment of fees has been increased from eight to ten, for purposes of grant, only eight instalments as before are taken into account. Though many schools charge more than the standard rate, only the standard rates are taken for purposes of calculation of grant. At the same time, for making good the fee-concessions that are being given to Harijans, and the backward communities, the Government are calculating at the rates charged for by the institutions themselves.

These are some of the main additional facilities that this Government have given to encourage the opening of aided institutions throughout the Province and statistics will show how many aided agencies have taken advantage of these facilities, and opened new institutions. The Government have also in the last few years, been giving equipment and building grants to the extent allowed by its limited resources. In the distribution of these grants, the Catholic managements have received more than their share. In these circumstances, it is hardly fair for anybody to say that they have suffered under the present regime.

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GOVT.'S EDUCATIONAL POLICY

The Most Rev. L. Mathias, Archbishop of Madras, writes:

According to your report of the speech of the Minister of Education at St. Agnes College, Mangalore, the Minister stated that the D. P. I., who had given temporary exemption to institutions managed by Trusts such as Pachaiyappa's and Ramakrishna Mission, had referred the matter to the Government and that the Government had issued orders that no such exemption need be given. From enquiries made, I find that no such orders from Government have as yet been received in the Office of the D. P. I.

The Minister next refers to the two Proceedings of the D. P. I., dated 19th October, 1948. One of these refers to the concessions given to Catholic institutions in the matter of endowments and the other Proceedings is in regard to the application of the same concessions to Hindu institutions. The Minister states, in his speech that the second Proceedings applies those very concessions and no more to such Hindu institutions as the Pachaiyappa's Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission. But the said Proceedings makes no specific reference to either of these institutions and the reference made by the D. P. I. to the Government in regard to the exemption "for the time being" on behalf of institutions such as those under the Pachaiyappa's Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission was, at that time and still is pending with Government. Therefore, I was justified in my presumption that the exemption granted to these two sets of institutions in D.P.I.s Proceedings of 20th July, 1948, had not yet been cancelled.

Further, it strikes me as strange and unaccountable that while the Minister had more than one opportunity to intimate to those concerned that no such exemption had been or would be given, he did not choose to do so.

In his written reply, dated 24th September, 1948 to the memorandum presented by Bishop Thomas on 17th September where specific reference was made to the exemption of institutions under the Pachaiyappa's Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission, he made no mention of the cancellation of the exemption or even of the Government's intention to do so.

In his reply to the short-notice question on the subject in the Legislative Assembly on 28th October 1948, where he could have made short work of the Bishops' charge that Government had granted this exemption, he did not refer to any order passed by Government cancelling the temporary exemption given by the D.P.I.

The Minister in his Mangalore speech finds it strange that I was unaware of the Proceedings of the D. P. I., dated 19th October 1948, the day of the meeting of the Bishops' Conference in Bangalore. There is nothing strange in this because as a matter of fact neither the orders of the Government, if any, nor the second Proceedings of the D. P. I., dated 19th October 1948, referred to above, were communicated to me or to the Secretary of the Bishops' Conference who had presented the above-said memorandum on the subject in which pointed reference had been made to the exemption. But on the contrary it is stranger still that in his reply to the short-notice question on the subject in the Assembly on 28th October 1948, instead of explaining the position with reference to Government orders, if any, or with reference to the Proceedings of the Director of Public Instruction, dated 19th October 1948, he should have indulged in an abuse of the Bishops and of their action.

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Extract from The Hindu

of Madras, *dated the* 15th Nov '48

GOVT.'S EDUCATIONAL POLICY

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D.P.I. REFUTES CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION

BELLARY, Nov. 13.

Refuting the criticism that Goverr ment sought to make invidious distinc tions in granting exemptions to certai managements of educational institution in this Province from the obligation t create endowments for running these institutions, Mr. D. S. Reddi, Director o Public Instruction, stated here last evening, at a social held in the Veerasaiva College, that there was no such discrimination; nor was there any arbitrary use of the powers in taking over by the Government of managements of defective institutions.

Rao Bahadur Y. Mahabaleswarappa, President of the Veerasaiva College Managing Committee, who got up the party in honour of Mr. D. S. Reddi, garlanded the latter and said that it was a "proud privilege for the Ceded districts" to have him as the Director of Public Instruction. He, however, criticised the Government's educational policy as having caused unrest in the public mind. Dislocation in the educational system was feared, he concluded.

Mr. D. S. Reddi thanked Mr. Mahabaleswarappa for the party. He appealed to the college authorities to see that all the undertakings they had given in regard to this institution were kept up in full. He exhorted the people of Rayalaseema, to strive for progress.

Adverting to the criticism of the Government's educational policy, he said it was all due to certain erroneous reports in the Press. There was absolutely no discrimination sought to be made between management and management. The policy that aided managements should have an endowment was sound seeing that a large number of managements had opened educational institutions with inadequate funds, were not paying the teaching staff properly or were postponing payment of salaries, "in some cases giving promissory notes instead of salaries" (laughter). It was felt necessary, he added, that if these managements had enough endowments, their income could be augmented and their financial stability ensured. No discrimination in this policy was proposed at all. A wrong impression was probably caused by the incorrect publication in newspapers that the Ramakrishna Mission and the Pachayappa's Trust would be exempted from the obligation to create such an endowment. The truth of the matter was these institutions had undertaken non-educational activities such as *Pooja* and poor feeding. A Trust like the Pachaiyappa's had several managements of institutions, one in Madras and another in Kancheepuram. Was it necessary to sub-divide their funds? The Director was, therefore, given power to exempt them from forming a separate endowment for their educational activities. No institution was, however, completely exempt from having an endowment. Orders had since been issued that every management should create a separate endowment.

Proceeding, the Director said that the powers, for requisitioning school buildings, were not meant to be used without justification. Contingencies might arise, where payments were not made to the teachers. Giving a "hypothetical case," he asked, should the Government merely look on if a manager, in a fit of anger, refused to pay salaries to the teaching staff? Government should have power to take over such institutions temporarily, requisition their buildings, pay the rent fixed for them by the Collector and make permanent arrangements for their running in the interests of the teachers and the large number of pupils. "The apparent injustice of requsitioning buildings," he said, "need not upset people." He also added that a Tribunal would be set up to decide the properties to be taken over.

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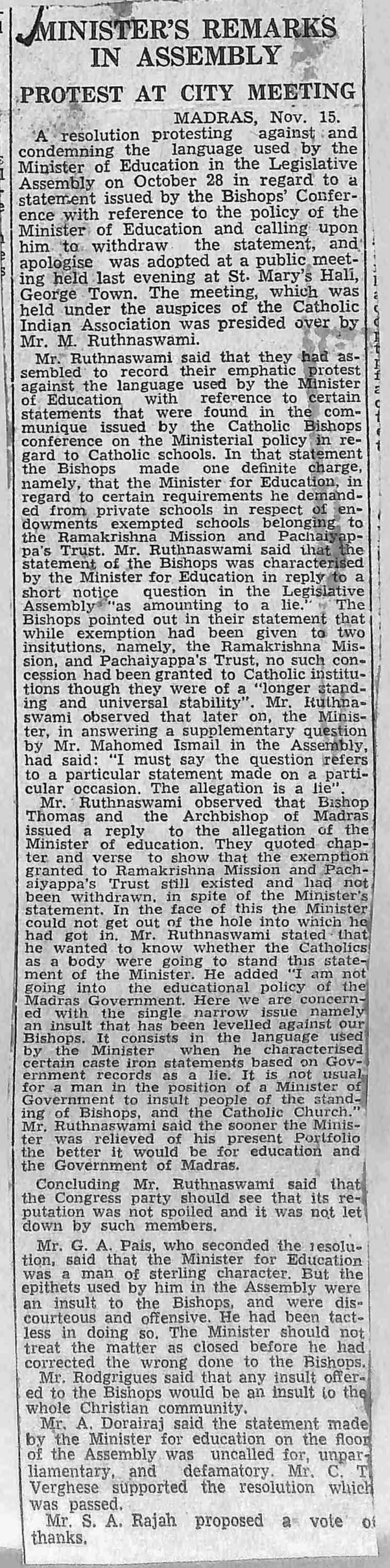

MINISTER'S REMARKS IN ASSEMBLY

PROTEST AT CITY MEETING

MADRAS, Nov. 15.

A resolution protesting against and condemning the language used by the Minister of Education in the Legislative Assembly on October 28 in regard to a statement issued by the Bishops' Conference with reference to the policy of the Minister of Education and calling upon him to withdraw the statement, and apologise was adopted at a public meeting held last evening at St. Mary's Hall, George Town. The meeting, which was held under the auspices of the Catholic Indian Association was presided over by Mr. M. Ruthnaswami.

Mr. Ruthnaswami said that they had assembled to record their emphatic protest against the language used by the Minister of Education with reference to certain statements that were found in the communique issued by the Catholic Bishops conference on the Ministerial policy in regard to Catholic schools. In that statement the Bishops made one definite charge, namely, that the Minister for Education, in regard to certain requirements he demanded from private schools in respect of endowments exempted schools belonging to the Ramakrishna Mission and Pachaiyappa's Trust. Mr. Ruthnaswami said that the statement of the Bishops was characterised by the Minister for Education in reply to a short notice question in the Legislative Assembly "as amounting to a lie." The Bishops pointed out in their statement that while exemption had been given to two insitutions, namely, the Ramakrishna Mission, and Pachaiyappa's Trust, no such concession had been granted to Catholic institutions though they were of a "longer standing and universal stability". Mr. Ruthnaswami observed that later on, the Minister, in answering a supplementary question by Mr. Mahomed Ismail in the Assembly, had said: "I must say the question refers to a particular statement made on a particular occasion. The allegation is a lie".

Mr. Ruthnaswami observed that Bishop Thomas and the Archbishop of Madras issued a reply to the allegation of the Minister of education. They quoted chapter and verse to show that the exemption granted to Ramakrishna Mission and Pachaiyappa's Trust still existed and had not been withdrawn, in spite of the Minister's statement. In the face of this the Minister could not get out of the hole into which he had got in. Mr. Ruthnaswami stated that he wanted to know whether the Catholics as a body were going to stand this statement of the Minister. He added "I am not going into the educational policy of the Madras Government. Here we are concerned with the single narrow issue namely an insult that has been levelled against our Bishops. It consists in the language used by the Minister when he characterised certain caste iron statements based on Government records as a lie. It is not usual for a man in the position of a Minister of Government to insult people of the standing of Bishops, and the Catholic Church." Mr. Ruthnaswami said the sooner the Minister was relieved of his present Portfolio the better it would be for education and the Government of Madras.

Concluding Mr. Ruthnaswami said that the Congress party should see that its reputation was not spoiled and it was not let down by such members.

Mr. G. A. Pais, who seconded the resolution, said that the Minister for Education was a man of sterling character. But the epithets used by him in the Assembly were an insult to the Bishops, and were discourteous and offensive. He had been tactless in doing so. The Minister should not treat the matter as closed before he had corrected the wrong done to the Bishops.

Mr. Rodgrigues said that any insult offered to the Bishops would be an insult to the whole Christian community.

Mr. A. Dorairaj said the statement made by the Minister for education on the floor of the Assembly was uncalled for, unparliamentary, and defamatory. Mr. C. T Verghese supported the resolution which was passed.

Mr. S. A. Rajah proposed a vote of thanks.

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ENDOWMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

A few questions to the Minister

To The Editor, *The Mail.*

Sir,—When the attention of Mr T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar, Minister of Education, was drawn by a Press Correspondent to my rejoinder of Nov. 5 to his speech at Mangalore, the Minister observed: "For my part, I treat the controversy as closed. The statements issued by me are *self-explanatory.*" The Minister has made two statements, one in the Assembly, and the second at St Agnes' College, Mangalore.

Does the Hon'ble Minister mean that his first statement still stands, and that it is self-explanatory, and that he stands by his insults? If so, it is regrettable. May I ask the Minister to take the public into his confidence and state:

a. The date of the G.O. or proceedings in which the exemption from the new rule of endowments granted to the institutions under the Pachaiyappa's Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission was cancelled;

b. The terms of this G.O. or proceedings, and

c. The date on which the G.O. or proceedings were communicated to those concerned?

2. Will the Minister give

a. The names of the Catholic managements which have made certain representations to the Government of India as alleged by him, and

b. The date of such representations and to which department of the Government of India they were made.

Our information is:

a. That no Catholic managements have ever made any such representations, and

b. That no such representations have ever been made to the Government of India.

May I take this opportunity of saying that we, Catholics, in our agitation against the Ministerial policy in this matter of endowments, do not complain because two institutions had originally been granted exemption;

but we have been driven to it because we fail to understand why such exemptions should not be granted to other and similar institutions under like conditions. We are moved by a sence of justice and not of jealousy.

Just policy

It was never our intention that the Ministerial policy should put as heavy a burden on the two above-mentioned institutions as on Catholic institutions by cancelling the exemptions. In the proceedings of the D.P.I. R.O.C. No. 476-D-3/48 and R.O.C. No. 722 D-3/48 dated Oct. 19, 1948, the concessions granted in respect of Mission institutions, i.e., that the schools opened prior to Apr. 1, 1940, may be exempted from providing an endowment, and that the schools opened during the period from Apr. 1, 1940, to Mar. 31, 1948, may be permitted to build up an endowment within a period of five years, are made applicable to other aided onstitutions as well. This is justice. Why not grant to Catholic institutions the exemption previously granted to the others instead of reimposing, as has now been done, the burden of providing endowments on the others? It is not sound policy to redress one wrong by making two or, if I be permitted to quote a letter I have received on the subject, "to spite Catholic faces the Minister has gone on to cut off Hindu noses."

Let us repeat and emphasise that we, Catholics, are anxious to cooperate with the Government. But the policy of the Minister of Education is making it difficult for us to do so. The Bishops, for their part, have no desire to continue the controversy or to give the impression of opposing the Government in their educational policy, but they do ask that the educational policy of the Government be more sympathetic to those who have pioneered all grades of education in this province, and whose only desire is to continue their work without any let or hindrance.

+ L. Mathias
archbishop of Madras

Madras, 20th November, 1948.

NOTE ON ENDOWMENTS ~~REGARDING THE~~ to Secondary Schools – BISHOP'S COMPLAINTS.

p 7 cf Proceedings were issued by the D.P.I. on 20-7-1948 (Rc.No. 722 D3/48 dated 20-7-1948) clarifying the position ~~about the~~ in regard to the creation of endowments in secondary schools under private managements. ~~(copy enclosed)~~. These Proceedings contained the ~~words~~ sentence "The schools managed by Charitable bodies under proper Trusts like the Pachaippas or Ramakrishna Mission may be left out for the time being". This was construed by the Bishops as exempting the Trusts concerned which is not true to facts. The phrase "for the time being" read with the context obviously would mean only that D.E.O.s to whom these instructions were issued need not take actions for the time being, that is to say, pending final orders. Final orders were by implication to be expected as a matter of course. The Director referred this matter of exempting the charities to Government ~~[illegible]~~8 and on this Government passed orders in G.O.No.2788 Education dated 8-11-1948 approving the action of the Director in having issued instructions to the Inspecting Officers that the orders in G.O.No.2501 Edn., dated 1-10-1948 in respect of christian Mission Instituions were applicable to other aided institutions as well. In the meantime the proceedings of the Director d/ 20-7-1948 were misinterpreted. The position was clearly explained by the Hon'ble Minister for Education himself on the floor of the House. No orders exempting Ramakrishna Mission or the Pachaiyapas charities were issued by the Director or by the Govt. ~~there~~. The Bishops omitted ~~deliberately~~ to take into consideration the phrase for the time being in the Director's circular with the result that it has lead to unnecessary controversy.

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The orders issued from time to time in regard to creation of endowments are noted as below.

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2. In G.O. No 2381 Edn dated 5-11-47, the Govt agreed with the Director that no distinction need be made between Mission and Non-Mission managements in the matter of endowments to be created for maintenace of schools. In his proceedings R.C.No 722 D3/48 dated 20-7-1948 the Director reduced the amount of endowment which was ordinarily being insisted on for a high school from Rs 50,000 to Rs 35,000 as it was considered too high. i.e Rs 15,000 for middle school forms and Rs 20,000 for the high school ~~sections~~ forms the amount to be provided proportionately with every form that is opened. On the representation of catholic

Bishops of the Province, the Govt permitted corporate and organised agencies such as Diocesan Societies and Religious orders to build up a permanent fund for the secondary schools under their managements in a few years istead of immediately provided they agreed to transfer annually a sum not less than Rs 5,000 towards the school funds. Subsequently the Govt considered the question of relaxing the condition further in favour of those bodies and ~~decided~~ ordered in G.O. No 2501 Edn dated 1-10-48 that schools opened prior to 1-4-40 may be exempted from providing an endowment, that schools opened during the period from 1-4-40 to 31-3-48 may be permitted to build up an endowment within a period of five years from 1-4-48 and that no relaxation of the existing conditions need be made inrespect of schools opened on or after 1-4-48. The exemption inrespect of schools opned prior to 1940 will not however operate in the case of such of those schools as have been found to be lax in the observance of departmental rules or have been found to resort to malpractices. In those cases the provision of endowment will be insisted on. The concession allowed in the abovementioned order in respect of mission institutions are applicable to other institutions also. — Vide GO No 2788 Education, dated 8-11-48. (p 84 of (L))

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The controversy began with a statement issued by the Standing Committee of the Bishops' Conference - X/1. They alleged in the course of it that exemption had been accorded to Hindu organisations like the Pachaiyappa's Trust and Ramakrishna Mission. The statement was published in the "Hindu" dated 27-10-48 (and in other papers).

On 27-10-48 a short notice question was put down in the Assembly asking (a) whether the Govt. had seen the statement and (b) whether the allegation was true. H.M. agreed to answer the question on the 28th. In the note put up to him it was pointed out that the D.P.I. had sent up proposals for exempting public Trusts and Charities like Pachaiyappa's and the Ramakrishna Mission but it was not proposed to accept the proposals, and that no exemption as alleged had been granted.

H.M. answered the question in the Assembly on the 28th - 'Yes' to clause (a) and 'No' to clause (b).

He seems to have read a statement also in that connection as reported in the papers - X/3: Hindu dated 29-10-48. No office copy of this statement seems to have been sent down to the office.

The answer to the Assembly question was that the allegation in the Bishops' statement was not true. In the statement the allegation is characterised as absolutely wrong. These epithet were correct and justifiable. It is not known whether during the proceedings in the Assembly any stronger expressions were actually used. (I remember ~~z vending~~ reading in other newspaper reports something like "almost amounting to a lie"). In the course of his statement H.M. said "I hope whoever have been responsible for the statement of the Bishops' Conference will have the courage and nobility to issue a correction to that statement at least after knowing the fact that no Hindu management has been given exemption in the matter." This was a perfectly legitimate demand.

Two of the Bishops issued a rejoinder (X/5 : "Mail" dated 30-10-48; published in other papers also). They took exception to the "discourteous expressions" and "offensive epithets" used such as " The allegation is a lie - it is not true". It is not clear whether the first expression was used. The second does not seem objectionable.

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On the main point they relied on the Director's proceedings dated 20-7-48 and on the Minister's reply to a Memorandum of of theirs dated September 17.

The portion relied on by them in the D.P.I's proceedings is this:- "The schools managed by Charitable bodies under proper trusts like Pachaiyappa's or Ramakrishna Mission may be left out for the time being." ~~In~~ For one thing, this is not a definite and final order of exemption even by the D.P.I; and for another, it clearly did not imply any order of exemption by the Govt. In fact it was an interim instruction to the subordinates pending orders on a proposal which the D.P.I. was putting up to Government for exemption of these institutions. He put up this proposal at L/1. It was decided not to accept it (L/2 n.f.). And this was before H.M. on 28-10-48 when he answered the L.A. question. The decision was that no exemption should be given to these institutions, but that certain relaxations of the requirements as to endowments which had been given to Xian Mission institutions should be extended to these institutions also. As meanwhile the D.P.I. himself proposed this extension and said he had issued instructions accordingly (L/7 c.f.) the orders that were passed (L/8) merely approved his action in doing this (implying that his proposal for exemption was not approved).

As to the second point in the Bishops' rejoinder of 30-10-48, it may be mentioned that the reply seems to have been sent by H.M. himself and no office copy of it seems to have been sent down to the office. Anyway, replies sent on such occasions are confined to the merits of the main requests and it is neither necessary nor usual for all arguments used in the representations to be traversed. It is strange to see invoked here the principle applicable to written statements filed in Civil proceedings, to the effect that anything in the plaint which is not controverted should be taken as admitted. There was no justification for the Bishops to conclude that merely because H.M. in his reply had not specifically denied the averment in their Memorandum that Pachaiyappa's and the Ramakrishna Mission had been given exemption, exemption had been given to those institutions.

These two arguments might perhaps have been put forward as constituting a valid excuse for their believing that exemption had been granted. If they had been put forward so, and if that had been followed up by an expression of regret that they should have acted on that wrong belief, their stand would have been intelligible and could have been appreciated. But they seem to proceed as if these arguments themselves established as a fact that exemption had been given, and wanted an apology from the Minister and a correction. The arguments cannot conjure up a fact which is not there. The endeavour to make them do that is mere sophistry. The plain truth was - and is - that Government had never at any time exempted the institutions

in question . After the categorical answer had been given in the Assembly by H.M. the failure of the Bishops to express regret and issue a correction, and their demand on the Minister for an apology and the issue of a correction, was ~~reasonable~~ unreasonable.

It was intended to prepare a reply to the rejoinder on these lines. Meanwhile H.M. himself in a speech at Mangalore (X/7: "Mail" dated 4-11-48: reported in other papers also) gave the reply to it. He pointed out there the proper import of the D.P.I's proceedings of 20-7-48, and mentioned that the D.P.I. had made a proposal for exemption but that it had not been accepted by Government, and reiterated that no exemptions had been given to the Hindu institutions.

His reference to two Proceedings of the D.P.I. dated 19-10-48 in that connection does not, however, seem to have been quite correct. It is not known whether the two Proceedings he referred to were X/19 and X/21 : in fact there was only one - X/21 superseding X/19. But perhaps X/21 superseded some other proceedings and not X/19, because there should be a circular answering to the report at L/7, and X/19 seems to be it. But anyway the important point is that neither of these could have implied the fact that the Hindu institutions in question were not exempted, because the orders that implied that were issued only on 8-11-48 (~~48~~ L/8 c.f.) as pointed out above already. And apparently the D.P.I. had not yet issued a circular to that effect, modifying his Proceedings of 20-7-48 in that respect.

It is that aspect that the Archbishop of Madras seized on in his reply to the Mangalore speech of H.M.(Education) - (X/9: "Hindu" 6-11-48 - published in other papers also). His statements that no orders of Government had been so far received by the D.P.I. on his proposal about exemption, and that the D.P.I's proceedings of 20/7/48 had not been cancelled, were correct; his statement that H.M.(Education) did not, in his answer in the Assembly, mention anything about the D.P.I's proceedings giving temporary exemption, and the Government's orders in cancellation of that, is also correct. It would have been better if mention had been made in the Assembly that the D.P.I. had proposed exemption and the Govt. had decided not to accept that (though orders of 'cancellation' had not been issued because the Govt. were not then aware of the D.P.I's Proceedings - apart from his proposal). But after specific reference had been made in his Mangalore speech by H.M.(Education) to the fact that there was a proposal from the D.P.I. and it had not been accepted by the Government, there is no point in the Archbishop putting forward the technical arguments that orders had not been sent yet to the D.P.I. and that the D.P.I's Proceedings still stood. The fact has remained right through - and at the time the Assembly question was answered - that the Govt. had not passed any orders exempting the Hindu institutions in question.

On this reply H.M. appears to have remarked to Press Correspondents (as can be gathered from X/15) "For my part, I treat the controversy as closed. The statements issued by me are self-explanatory".

Upon this the Archbishop of Madras has sent a letter to the Editor of the Mail (X/15: "Mail" 20-11-48). The answer to his questions I (a), (b) and (c) would be as follows:-

I (a). This is rather reminiscent of "When did you stop beating your wife" type of question. There was no exemption given by the Govt. at any time and no question of cancellation therefore arises. There was a proposal to Govt. by the D.P.I. that certain trusts and Charities like Pachayappa's and the Ramakrishna Mission should be exempted. This was not accepted by the Government. The D.P.I. sent a report also that he had issued instructions applying to other aided institutions certain relaxations given to Mission institutions. These were disposed of together in G.O. Ms.2788, Education, dated 8-11-48 where only the action of the D.P.I. in issuing these latter instructions was approved - implying that his proposal for exempting the Hindu institutions in question was not approved.

I (b). The answer to I (a) covers this:

I (c). The order was despatched to the D.P.I. on 8-11-48 (The questions raised under 2 relate to a different matter altogether; it was raised by H.M.(Education) in the statement he made in the Assembly after answering the question there; the relevant papers will have to be traced if a note is required on these points).

The Bishops may have had some grounds for a misapprehension in respect of exemption to certain Hindu endowments, but after the categorical statements made by H.M. the obvious course for them was to express regret for having made certain statements ~~made~~ under a misapprehension instead of trying to make it out that the Minister was wrong in his statements.

Apart from that, however, I suggest that if in the Assembly H.M. had used any expressions stronger than 'not true' implied in his answer to the question, H.M. may, particularly in view of the fact that there were some grounds for a misapprehension on the part of the Bishops, express regret that those expressions should have been used.

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