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M.A. SALAM SAMIB BAHADUR, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

*Q.No.618-. Will the Hon. the Minister for
Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have
recently directed that certain secondary
schools in this Province should be closed; and

(b) if so, what the names of such
schools are; and

(c) what the reasons for taking
such a step are?

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The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department

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Legislative Assembly Question No. 618 - 10/8/48

Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department

The Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, in response to the question of the Hon. the Minister for Education and Public Health, stated that the Government have not recently directed that certain secondary schools in this Province should be closed. The Government are, however, considering the question of closing certain schools in the future, and will be pleased to state the reasons for taking such a step when the Government have decided upon the same.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

FROM

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS

TO

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Madras.

Re.No.53K3/48 dated 17-9-48.

Sub:--Legislative Assembly question No.618--Closure of
certain Government Schools

Ref:--Government (Education & Public Health) U.O.No.
61931B1/48-1 Education dated 26-8-48.

With reference to the Government U.O cited above I have
the honour to state that the facts stated in the U.O. note
appear correct except that the recommendations made by me in
my letter Re.No.11095K3/46, dated 19-2-48 for the closure of
certain schools were not based solely on the uneconomic strength
of the schools. The schools were also recommended for closure
for other reasons which are stated against each school in the
statement submitted with my letter under reference.

In addition to the institutions mentioned in the note
Forms II and III in the Government's mail Secondary School for
Girls Abiraman were also closed in the current school year.

Yours faithfully,

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Director of Public Instruction



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M.A. Salam Sahib Bahadur, M.L.A.

E & P.H. Department.

Q. No. 618: Will the Hon.
Minister for E & P be pleased
to state:-

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Draft answer.

(a) whether the Government
have recently directed that
certain secondary schools in
this Province should be closed;
and

(b) what the reasons for
taking such a step are

~~Answer~~ (a) & (b) :- No; only certain
classes and forms in some Govern-
ment Secondary and Training schools
were abolished or amalgamated
with those in other schools as their
strength was poor.

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QUESTION No. 618

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Two copies of this question are forwarded to the E.R.P.A. Department.

The question has been admitted.

To

The E.R.P.A. Department.

V.O. 5385/48-3 M.L.
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Education and P.H. Department (B1).

Please see the Legislative Assembly Question on page 1 c.f. It presumably refers to the closure of certain secondary schools ~~consequent on the following~~ ^{in pursuance of the following} recommendation of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee:-

"All uneconomic schools, be they Government, or aided, for boys and girls, ~~should be closed~~ which have less than 20 pupils per class on the average should be closed. If a local body or a private agency comes forward to start and run a school or is prepared to manage an existing Government school, it should be enabled to do so. The Government should not open a school in an area which is already provided for or where a private agency is likely to open one. Uneconomic practising schools attached to training institutions may also be closed."

2. The Director of Public Instruction who was consulted on the above recommendation, submitted proposals

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for the ~~closure~~ of certain ~~entire~~ schools and for the abolition of certain ~~forms~~ ^(classes and) in certain schools under the Government management. The details of the schools and the reasons for their closure will be found on pages 2-5 c.f. of G.O.No.1364 Education, dated the 28th May 1948. As ~~representations were made against the closure~~ ^{agitation among the} ~~public~~ ^{the schools of these schools}, the Government decided that those schools should not be closed just then and that the question of improving the strength of the ~~uneconomic~~ schools should be considered before closing them. Instructions were accordingly issued to the Director.

3. As the strength in Forms I to III and the Higher Elementary Training Section in the Government Secondary and Training School for Muslim Women, Bellary, was very poor and as ~~it has not shown any progress since the school year 1944-5,~~ ^{as there was no} it was considered unnecessary to continue them. Orders were therefore issued in G.O.No.1364 Education, dated the 29th May 1948 that

(i) the Higher Elementary Training Section and the model school with standards I to V may be amalgamated with the Government Training School for Women (General), Bellary and treated as Urdu sections of that school from the school year 1948-9, and

(ii) that Forms I to III in the school may be abolished from the school year 1948-49.

For the same reason, the Government also directed that Forms V and VI in the Government High School for Girls, Little Conjeevaram should be closed immediately and that the students in those forms should be admitted in the Kanchi Somasundaram Vidyalaya High School, Big Conjeevaram.

It may also be noted, in this connection, that ~~the~~ ^{with} the ~~concurrence~~ ^{agreement} of the local M.L.A. (Mr. H.S. Hussain), the Government passed orders that in view of the poor strength, the Government High School for Muslim Girls, Mangalore, should be converted into a general school and that the existing facilities for the conveyance of the Muslim girls studying in the school might be continued for the next three years.

4. ~~It is also submitted, in this connection, that~~ according to G.O.No.266 Education, dated the 7th February 1948, ~~it is open to Government to close such of these schools~~ ^{the}

as are specially intended for Muslims which are working uneconomically or for other reasons, which, in the opinion of the Government, warrant the closing of the schools. No other schools or class or forms in ~~certain~~ schools except those mentioned above ~~do not appear to~~ have been closed. The Director may see the case U.O. before circulation to H.M.(Education) with a draft answer.

From the Director of Public Instruction, R.C. no. 53-K3/48 dated 17.9.48.

Please see the letter from the D.P.S on page 2 of Forms II and III in the Government Ismail Secondary School for Girls, Alivaram were also abolished in view of the poor strength in them.

2. The following may be the answer to the question :-

~~Clauses (a) & (b)~~ ^{no. 10} ~~no. 10~~ ^{only} certain classes and forms in some Govt Secondary and Training Schools ~~have been~~ ^{were} abolished or amalgamated with those in other schools ~~as their strength was poor~~ ^{as their strength was poor}. ~~Clauses (c) & (d)~~ ^{The reason is that the} ~~strength in these classes or forms is a very~~ ^{economic} ~~economic~~ ^{poor}.

The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edu) for orders on the answer suggested above.

Please see the orders in circulation on page 3 ante. The draft answer below is for approval.

Closure of certain secondary schools.

* 435 Q.—**MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:** Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Government have recently directed that certain secondary schools in this Province should be closed; and
(b) what the reasons for taking such a step are?

[20th October 1948]

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“(a) & (b) No; only certain classes and forms in some Government Secondary and Training Schools were abolished or amalgamated with those in other schools, as their strength was poor.”

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“Has not the amalgamation of schools which are 400 miles apart and thousand miles apart, virtually amounted to the abolition of the schools?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“No Sir. In the current year, no such amalgamations have taken place.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“May I enquire, Sir, what steps the Government have taken to make uneconomic schools economic as was promised by the Hon. the Education Minister in reply to my adjournment motion?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“Circulars have been issued to the respective schools and the public in those places have been informed that they should send their children to schools in order to keep up the strength of those schools so that they may be continued in the future.”

SRI B. S. MURTHI:—“May I know what are the reasons for the decrease in the strength in those schools which were flourishing prior to a certain period?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“No, the schools were not flourishing before. Certain new schools were started. For example, in Conjeevaram, it was found that in the sixth form there was only one girl and in the fifth form, there were about eight or nine girls and therefore, with the consent of the public, the school was abolished and the children were admitted in other schools. These schools were started on the assumption that sufficient strength would be forthcoming but the strength was not forthcoming and so, they have been abolished.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“Are the Government aware of the fact that they are not discharging their duty with reference to these schools inasmuch as they are not providing them with the additional accommodation and the additional staff that they require, particularly with reference to the George Town Muslim Girls' School?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“The hon. Member may put a separate question about the George Town School, which is not covered by this question at all. In cases where there is poor strength in the schools, the Government can only make propaganda that more students should be admitted. And that they have done.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“When sufficient accommodation is not provided in schools may I know what on earth is the use of asking more children to flock to such schools?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“None of the schools have been abolished for want of accommodation, or for want of the requisite staff. In the absence of sufficient strength of students only, these schools have been abolished.”

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—“May I know, Sir, among the schools that have been abolished, the Telugu sections are also included?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—“No Telugu sections as such have been abolished.”

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Please see the proceedings of the Assembly on pages 4-5 above. no further action is called for. The papers may be

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By MS. no. 1324 En R 29/4/1948.

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