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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE
(ASSEMBLY SECTION)
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STARRED.

SRI S. NAGARAJA MANIGAR, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

*Q.NO.81.

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(c) if not, why not?

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Secretariat of the Madras Legislature
(Assembly Section)

Starred Question No.81.

Draft Answer.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION No. 81 (STARRED).
Sri S. NAGARAJA MANIGAR, M.L.A.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Answer.

(a) The scheme was first introduced in selected villages in each district in 1945-46 and was extended to other areas in 1946-47 and 1947-48.

(b) and (c) The Director of Public Instruction has pointed out certain defects in the working of the scheme. He has been asked to suggest measures for remedying them. Pending further examination of the question, the Government have decided not to extend the scheme of compulsory elementary education during the current year.

To the Secretariat Madras Legislature (Assembly Section), Madras.
"Public (Elections) Department, Madras.

The above answer has been approved by Honourable
Mr. T.S. Avinashilingam Chettiar.

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QUESTION No. 81
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Two copies of this question are forwarded to the E. K. P. H. Department.
The question has been admitted.

To
The E. K. P. H. Department

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The scheme of compulsory ill education was first introduced in 1945-46 in selected villages in each dist. It was extended during the years 1946-47 and 47-48. Govt have decided not to extend the scheme of compulsory ill education in 1948-49, but to utilise the allotment suggested for the purpose for the introduction of Basic Education. The Director has pointed out many difficulties in the working of the scheme. He has been asked to suggest measures for remedy to the defects. The Govt have appointed Attendance

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in the cadre of the junior deputy directors of school officers to supervise the working of the scheme of compulsory elementary education.

3. A draft answer is submitted for appl.

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I would like to know the defects pointed out

by the D.P.I. to answer supplementaries.

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Please see the circular
letter on pp 1-2 CF in LF
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14/7/48 H. R. Chari

In this question, there was a lot of supplementaries. There was a great deal of criticism for not having extended the scheme of elementary education in this year. I think we should form a scheme for extending it within ten years as suggested by the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee. I would like to know at what stage that proposal is. That may be kept going. I am anxious some decision must be arrived at in time. I shall be glad to have the matter taken up even now, that is, as soon as possible.

A above
the file has been circulated
to HM (Sr) H. R. Chari separately. The
decision taken was that the matter
should be discussed at an informal
meeting of Ministers. The file has
been sent with a draft note.

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P. I. DEPT.
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Compulsory Education Scheme.

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(a) whether the Compulsory Education Scheme started in our Province by the Advisers' Government is being pursued;

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

"(a) The scheme was first introduced in selected villages in each district in 1945-46 and was extended to other areas in 1946-47 and 1947-48.

"(b) & (c) The Director of Public Instruction has pointed out certain defects in the working of the scheme. He has been asked to suggest measures for remedying them. Pending further examination of the question, the Government have decided not to extend the scheme of compulsory elementary education during the current year."

SRI S. NAGARAJA MANIGAR:—"Is there a different scheme before the Government, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"No, Sir."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—"May I know, Sir, what are the difficulties that have been pointed out by the Director of Public Instruction?"

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

"The difficulties are that the compulsion has not worked properly, that the attendance committees have not worked properly and that no action has been taken in cases where attendance has not been forthcoming. Another difficulty is the lack of qualified teachers to work the compulsory education and that there are now 1,200 untrained teachers in the compulsory areas. Some other difficulties also have been pointed out."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—"With reference to the enforcement of compulsion, may I know who imposes the fine and who collects it at present?"

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

"Previously, the presidents of district boards were entrusted with that work. Latterly, Government entrusted this work to the District Educational Officers. Still, there has not been effective enforcement. Government are anxious to bring into existence compulsorily elementary education as soon as possible under the new reorganization scheme of basic education throughout the Province."

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB:—"Is the Hon. Minister for Education aware that every day when we open the daily papers, we find speeches and statements condemning his educational policy in the Province and, if that is so, will he consider the matter seriously and try to rectify those defects?"

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

"The Government is anxiously watching the reactions to the new scheme and they are trying to do what they can in the best interests of the people of the Province."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—"Will the Government consider the desirability of amending the Madras Education Act so as to empower the educational officers not merely to impose fines—because the majority of the parents are poor and they cannot pay the fines—but also to compel the parents to put their children to school? May I point out that this was one of the suggestions made by that late Sir Mevrel Statham and the Post-war Reconstruction Committee?"

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

"Originally we made the local bodies responsible for enforcing this compulsory system of education. To enforce compulsion it is necessary to have penal provisions against parents and employers of these children. This was considered at the present Conference of Local Boards in Madura and Masulipatam and there it was suggested that these coercive steps may defeat our purpose."

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—"In one of the statements referred to by Mr. Raza Khan, the Hon. Minister tried to correct himself. For instance, about the compulsory nature of Hindi in the Tamilnad, he has corrected himself in view of the confusion created in the Press."

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

"I am afraid the hon. Member is all confusion every time he gets up. This question only refers to compulsory elementary education and not to the teaching of Hindi in Tamil schools."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—"Do not this Government consider that it is high time that they should revise and modify the enforcement of compulsion in this Province and follow what was done by the Advisers' Government?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—"I do not follow the question."

SRI KALLUR SUBBA RAO:—"May I know from the Government whether the compulsory teaching of the three R.s means education?"

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

"It is difficult for me to give a dissertation on education here but I can say that how basic education is the policy of the Government with regard to elementary education."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—"In answer to a question whether the compulsory education scheme started by the Advisers' Government has been pursued by this Government, the Hon. Minister said 'Yes.' Is it not high time to amend and modify the Education Act to see that education is developed faster than before and that they should revise the various conditions before compulsion is introduced?"

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

"Yes; attempts are made for a faster pace in consultation with the Government of India."

SRI ALLURI SATYANARAYANA RAJU:—"May I ask the Hon. Minister whether he intends to follow the compulsory education scheme only in the City of Madras and, if so, whether he intends to remove also the teaching of Telugu in schools on the plea that Telugu is not the regional language of the City of Madras?"

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

"I would like to clear the misunderstanding that Telugu is not taught in the schools in the Madras City. In Madras City, boys will be given instructions in that language as medium of instruction."

SRI S. NAGARAJA MANIGAR:—"Is it a fact that the Advisers' scheme is one of twenty years and that this Government modified the scheme to one of ten years?"

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

"Yes. The latter part is under correspondence with the Government of India."

SRI T. S. PATTABHIRAMAN:—"Is it a fact, Sir, that in compulsory education areas, the teachers are held responsible for the absence of boys from the schools?"

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

"To a certain extent, teachers are held responsible for the attendance of boys in schools."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is due to withdrawal of mid-day meals that the compulsory education scheme has failed?"

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

"The withdrawal of the mid-day meals has to a certain extent affected their attendance, but I cannot say that by itself it has been responsible for the failure."

SRI V. RAGHAVAYYA:—"Do the Government realize, that most of the parents of these poor boys are unable to send their children to the schools because they are unearning members and in order to obviate this difficulty, will the Government consider the desirability of introducing mid-day meals in the schools?"

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

"The system of mid-day meals was discontinued because of the extra cost involved, and it may go up to 5 to 6 crores. The Government are considering other methods like the shift system, etc."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that compulsion is being enforced even to-day under the existing Elementary Education Act and all its provisions kept intact?"

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

"Yes, Sir, compulsion is being enforced under the present Elementary Education Act."

SRI B. S. MURTHI:—"May I know, Sir, whether the educational policies are arrived at entirely by the Minister himself or a decision is taken by the whole Cabinet, because education is a very important subject and will affect the prosperity of our Province?"

No answer.

SRI M. G. NATESA CHETTIYAR:—"May I know, Sir, what are the steps taken by this Government with the Central Government in regard to finance to have this scheme fulfilled within a short period?"

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

"The matter is under consideration, and I do not like to divulge things still under consideration."

SRI GUNTUR NARASIMHA RAO:—"Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister, that in Madras City all the four languages have got equal importance, may I know the reasons why Telugu has been abolished in several schools in the City?"

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

"I do not like to enter into a controversy on this subject, but I can say this much that for pupils who speak other languages also, provision will be made in the Madras City."

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB:—"In view of the fact that the Minister is very fortunate in having a good deal of prominence in the press, of course by way of strong criticism, will he allow a full day's debate so that this House may have an opportunity of discussing the educational policy of the Government? Otherwise much harm will be done to the educational system in the Province under his ministership?"

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

"I am thankful for his suggestions. But I feel the question hour provide an opportunity to give more pointed answers, rather than more debates where such a thing is not possible."

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB:—"We assure him that we would not give him any trouble. But only we want to see that things are properly rectified, because there is a feeling that he is rushing on with the schemes and thoroughly disorganizing the whole educational system in the Province. Especially in view of the fact that Mr. Kala Venkata Rao has made a statement that his views are his own, and they are not those of the Ministers, we have got a right for a debate and demand it from him."

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

"Sri Kala Venkata Rao will clarify what he said. So far as I am concerned, I am so much accustomed to the opposition I have been receiving from the hon. Members opposite, that sometimes I feel unhappy without them. I am always eager to have enlightened criticism and valuable suggestions. I think nothing will be served by a mere general discussion. I shall answer questions, even short notice questions, because they will give me an opportunity to discuss matters on which the hon. Members want pointed answers."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—" May I know Sir, why there is so much deterioration in the scheme of compulsory education under a National Government, whereas that very scheme was making headway under the Advisers' regime? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" I do not concede the proposition, Sir. It is the intention of this Government to evolve a scheme by which during the shortest possible time full compulsory education may be introduced throughout the Province. "

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB:—" After all, Sir the difference is too small. We get of course information by way of questions, but I submit that we could get it better by means of a debate. I would request the Minister not to fight shy of a debate, because the very purpose of Government is to serve the interests of the public. Wherever there are defects we could make our suggestions. This is my request to Government. "

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR:—" To obviate the need for mid-day meals, will the Hon. Minister see to it that morning schools and evening schools are established in compulsory education areas in the Province? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" That matter is under consideration. "

SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAY:—" Since it is the settled policy of the Government of India and also of the Congress for the spread of compulsory and free primary education, will the Government double the provision for the compulsory education scheme in the next Budget? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" It will be considered. "

MR. SPEAKER:—" There are only ten minutes more in question-hour, and there are six more questions. "

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the L. A. Question no 81 (Stated) on pp 7-10 ante.
It seems that no further action is called for.

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