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

The above answer has been approved by Hon'ble Mr. T.S.Avinasilingam Chettiar. E.&P.H.U.O.NO.15460-B1/49-1 Edn. Dated 12th March 1949. Er.14/3

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QUESTION No. 1685 for the ^{next} meeting of the Legislative Assembly, to

be held on the

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

The question has been admitted.

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To

The E & P. H Department.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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Please see the Legislative Assembly Question on page 1 c.f.

Clause (a):- The reorganisation of Secondary Education in this Province has already been given effect to from the beginning of the current school year - Vide G.O.No. 1394 Education, dated the 29th May 1948. The abolition of optionals will come into force from the next school year (1949-50), as the reorganised courses have been commenced in Form IV in the current school year. The answer to this clause may be in the affirmative.

Clause (b):- All the three Universities in this Province were consulted on the abolition of optionals. - Vide the letter on page 73 c.f. of G.O.No.1394 Education, dated the 29th May 1948. The answer to this clause may also be

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in the affirmative.

Clause (C):- The Madras and Annmalai Universities have agreed to the abolition of optionals; but the Andhra University suggested that the optional subjects may be classified on a broader basis than at present. The Government agreed with the views of the Provincial Advisory Board of Education, the Madras and Annamalai Universities and orders were accordingly issued abolishing the optionals. Recently, in connection with the proposal of the Andhra University, to introduce the I.Sc. courses, the question of abolition of optionals was considered by it. The difficulty expressed by the University is that the study of the standard of the syllabus in Mathematics is not sufficient for the students who will take to the I.Sc course. In order to solve this difficulty, a committee consisting of the representatives of the three Universities was convened. It was resolved at that meeting that the standard in Mathematics was not to the standard required by the Universities and that ways must be found for strengthening it, especially the Algebra and Geometry portions. It was therefore decided that ^{one} out of the 5 periods allotted, at present, for Ordinary Mathematics, ~~one period~~ and ^(4 periods) two periods from the total number of periods allotted for the study of second language may be taken for the study of higher Mathematics by the students who wish to do so. This decision has necessitated the revision of syllabuses in Ord. Mathematics and second language and the D.P.I. has been asked to take necessary action in that regard. A committee consisting of one representative from each of the three Universities and three teachers actually teaching in high schools is proposed to be constituted to draw up the syllabus in higher Mathematics. In the circumstances, the answer to this clause may be as follows:-

"The Andhra University has not agreed to the abolition of optionals on the ground that the standard of the syllabus in Mathematics is not sufficient for the students to study the I.Sc course proposed to be introduced by it in the next year. The question of making provision for the study of

higher Mathematics by those students who wish to take to the I.Sc course is under consideration".

2. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Education) for orders on the answers suggested above.

The answer to (a) may be "Yes".

The answer to (b) may be as follows:

"Yes. The Madras and Annamalai Universities have agreed to the abolition of optionals; but the Andhra University suggested that the optional subjects may be classified on a broader basis than at present. The Government agreed with the unanimous view of the Provincial Advisory Board of Education which contains representatives of all Universities and orders were accordingly issued abolishing the optionals".

The answer to (c) may be as follows:

"Recently, in connection with the proposal of the Andhra University to introduce the I.Sc. courses, the question of abolition of optionals was considered by it. It was said that the standard of syllabus in Mathematics that will be necessary in the I.Sc. course will be higher than that provided in the re-organized syllabus. In order to come to an agreed understanding on the matter, representatives of the three Universities were summoned. It was resolved at that meeting that provision for higher mathematics to such of those who would like to specialise in that subject may be provided in schools. Consequently certain suggestions were made which are under consideration of Government in consultation with the Universities".

The D.P.I. was asked to set up a committee consisting of the representatives of the Universities to go into the matter. The information may be obtained as to in what stage the matter is to enable answering supplementaries, if any.



Please see the minutes of H.M.C. (H.M.) on page 3 ante. With reference to para 2 therein, it is noted that the D.P.O. has already addressed the three universities on the nomination by them of a member for the proposed Committee and he has promised to submit the names of the members as soon as the replies from the universities are received. In the circumstances, it does not seem necessary to address the D.P.O. in the present stage of the matter.

2. The draft answer below is for approval.

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Optional system for the S.S.L.C. examination.
* 955 Q.—MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“(a) Yes.

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MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“In view of the fact that the Andhra University is not in favour of abolishing the optional subject, will the Government exclude at least the Andhra area and allow them to have the optional subject?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“The hon. Member's representation is not correct. They want that facilities to such of those, who want to take to the I.Sc. course must be given for studying higher mathematics. All the three Universities came to a certain unanimous conclusion in the conference I mentioned. That matter is under consideration.”

SRI G. SANYASI RAO:—“Is it not a fact that in schools students are not allowed in the S.S.L.C. classes to study their respective optional subjects?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I think I have explained that matter very clearly.”

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR:—“If the abolition of the optional system is final, may I know from the Hon. Minister how he is going to provide for the study of mathematics with a view to cope with the standard of higher mathematics in the I.Sc. course?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“As I mentioned before, certain unanimous conclusions were arrived at between the Members, including the representatives of the three Universities who were summoned recently. The matter of drawing up a detailed syllabus in pursuance of the agreement reached is under consideration. A committee will be appointed by the Director of Public Instruction for that purpose and the representatives of the

Universities will also be in that committee. Therefore, I think there will not be any difficulty in arriving at a unanimous conclusion.”

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—“May I know whether the decision to abolish the optionals in the Andhra area is final or is under consideration?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I have nothing more to add to what I have already explained.”

Please see the proceedings of the Assembly on pages 4-5 ante. The papers may be

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