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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY SECTION)

3-12-1948.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

Draft Answer.

Clauses (a) & (b). The Catholic Bishops in their statement had said, "We fail to understand that while exemption has been accorded to schools managed by Hindu Organisations like the Pachaiyappas Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission, why no such exemptions should ~~not~~ be granted to our schools".

While referring to that statement, I had said that it was a lie. In a subsequent statement in the Council in reply to a short notice question on 23-11-'48 by Mr. V.K. John, M.L.C., I had made it clear that the statement of the Bishops is untrue and no such exemption has been given either to the Ramakrishna Mission or the Pachaiyappa's Trust, I had however added that the "Government do not want to be discourteous to any community or to any person. If it is felt that in the circumstances of the case, I have used any words or expressions stronger than may be necessary, I regret that I should have used those words and regret that there should have been occasion for the use of these words".

To The M.L. Sectt. (Assembly sec.)
The Public (Ele) Dept.

S/c for file.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

Fort St. George, dated the 7.12.1948.

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Legislative Assembly Question No.1305-Starred.

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(b) if so, whether a copy of the statement will be placed on the table of the House?

Education and P.H. Department.

ANSWER.

(a) and (b).

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Secretary to Government.

To The Secretary, Madras Legislature (Assembly Section).
The Public (Elections) Department.

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

Edn. & P.H.U.O.No.91909 B1/48-1 Education answered on 10/1/49
dated 31st January 1949.

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(I) in L.F. II Legislative council on 23.11.48 in reply to a short notice

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QUESTION No. 1305 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held on the 194 .

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.

U.O. 8132/48-47.L
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E&P.H.(B.).

Please see the L.A Qn. at p1ef. The question presumably relates to the question of creation of Endowments for the maintenance of aided Secondary Schools. Answering a short notice question p1ef of L.F. II on 28.10.48 in the Assembly, the Hon. Minister for Education cleared certain misunderstandings and doubts expressed by the Standing Committee of the Catholic Bishop's Conference. The H.M (Edn) is reported to have read a statement in that connection. Thereupon the Bishops started a controversy and the position was further clarified by H.M. (Edn) in his statement in the Legislative Council on 23.11.48 in reply to a short notice

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notice question by Mr. V.K. John M.L.C. In the course of his statement, H.M. (Edn) observed that he regretted if he had used any expression deemed to be discourteous. That from this, no press statement expressing regret to the christian community was issued. The answer to clause

(a) of the question may therefore be "No" in view of the statement made in the Legislative Council on 23-11-48 I in L.F. II

2. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Edn) for orders whether a copy of his statement made in the legislative council on 23/11/48 should be laid on the table of the house as desired in clause (b) of the question. I in L.F. II
his reply to 'A' also to be made by him for "Do not arise".

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17/1/49 H. (G.)

The answer given by me in this connection in the Council to Dr. John's Short Notice question may be put up. On seeing it, I shall suggest the answer to the question.

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The file referred to, in the minutes above, is submitted as L.F. III for reference. This may be recirculated for orders.

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29. The answer may be as follows:-
The Catholic Bishops in their statement had said, "We fail

to understand that while exemption has been accorded to schools managed by Hindu organisations like the Pachaiyappas Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission, why no such exemptions should not be granted to our schools."

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A revised draft answer is submitted below for approval.

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[10th February 1949]

Press statement issued by the Hon. the Minister for Education.

* 705 Q.—SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

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(b) if so, whether a copy of the statement will be placed on the table of the House?

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

“(a) & (b) The Catholic Bishops in their statement had said, ‘we fail to understand that while exemption has been accorded to schools managed by Hindu Organizations like the Pachaiyappa’s Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission, why no such exemptions should be granted to our schools.’

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SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—“Sir, is it not necessary that the Hon. Minister for Education should be very careful while making speeches and statements and that he should not use strong language?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
“It is unnecessary to reply to this question.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR :—“May I ask the Hon. Minister whether it would not have been graceful on his part if he had made this apology or expressed his regret without any qualifications as he has done?”

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

“I must say that the statement called for an emphatic protest because it was not true and I must make it clear that when statements which are not true are made by people in such responsible positions and when such statements are read all over India, emphatic protests are also called for and I have nothing more to add.”

MR. W. J. FERNANDEZ :—“Was not the Hon. Minister aware on the day when he answered a short notice question on the same subject, that reference was made in the Director’s Proceedings to exempt certain institutions having trusts like the Pachaiyappa’s Trust and the Ramakrishna Mission and would it not be

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quite possible that the Bishops based their statement on the Director’s Proceedings, therefore, would it not be better if the Hon. Minister had not replied in such a tone and in such a strain?”

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

“I must say that this matter has been discussed threadbare and at present I have nothing more to add to it.”

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR :—“May I once again ask whether it would not have been better on the part of the Hon. Minister, a responsible Minister, if he had simply denied the allegation and which would have served the purpose instead of getting angry and using a strong language?”

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

“I have nothing more to add.”

E & P. H. (C. J.)

The L.A. Qn. at p. 1 cf. was answered in the Assembly on 10.2.49 vide copy of proceedings at pp 4.5 ante. No further action seems called for on the question. The papers may now be

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