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G.O. NO. 2329, Education.

*By
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Dated 18th July 1949.

[Despatch Abstract.]

L. A. Question - Total number of candidates for S. S. L. C. Examination in March 1948, percentage of passes, income and expenditure in respect of the Examination - Papers - Recorded.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.
(Assembly Section)
22-7-48.

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MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAMIB RAHADUR, M.L.A.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

*Q.No.431.

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- the amount spent by the government for the S.S.L.C. examination this year?

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Advance Copy. May be Circulated to
H.M (Edu). (Action is being taken ^{Separately} to answer the ^{above} Legislative
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Sub: Legislative Assembly Ques. No. 431. -
Number of Candidates & percentage of passes
in S. S. L. C. in 1948.

Memo. No. 57346/48/48-1 ^{Leg. Assembly} Edu. d. 5/8/48
~~A copy of the question cited above,~~
~~which is proposed to be put in the next~~
~~meeting meeting of the Legislative Assembly~~
is forwarded to the C. of E. He is requested to
furnish the required particulars to
answer the question, at an early date.

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Subject:--

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - Question No.431 - No. of candidates and percentage of passes in S.S.L.C. Examination in 1948.

R.O.C.No.610-B/48.

STATION:--Madras.

Dated the 11th August, 1948.

FROM (NAME):--D.S.REDDI., M.A., (OXON) ., M.B.E.,
(DESIGNATION) Commissioner for Government Examinations,
M A D R A S .

TO

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, M A D R A S .

SIR,

Refnce:--Government Memorandum No.57346/G3/48-1, Education, dated 5th August, 1948, asking for particulars to answer the Legislative Assembly starred question No.431.

I have the honour to furnish hereunder the answers to the Legislative Assembly Question referred to above:--

Question No. 431.

(a) No. of candidates Registered-56,300

No. appeared - 54,133, of whom 51,385 candidates brought up subjects qualifying for admission to University courses of study.

(b) There is no 'Pass' or 'Failure', under the S.S.L.C. Scheme. But the number of candidates declared eligible to University Courses of study was as follows:-

<u>Andhra University.</u>	<u>Madras University.</u>	<u>Whole Presidency.</u>
54%	50%	51%

(c) The selection examination (to weed out inefficient pupils from appearing for the Public Examination) was ordered to be abolished recently and has effect only from the School year 1948-49. The effect can only be known after the examination of 1949.

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(d) The examination fees collected on account of the S.S.L.C. Public Examination of 1948 (March) was Rs.8,15,890/-.

(N.B.).-This amount excludes examination fees of candidates from Coorg Province and those who are eligible for exemption from payment of fees, being the children or dependants of War Service Personnel.

(e) The exact amount spent for the examination of 1948 is not yet ready- However, the cost may roughly come to Rs.6,46,000 or Rs.12/- per candidate.

(N.B.).-The figures for 1947 examination have not been taken since it was an abnormal year owing to the conduct of re-examination.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

M. J. Ganayakumbh
for COMMISSIONER. 11.8.48

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Memo 57326/48/48-3 Edu d. 23/8/48
Legislative Assembly Question
No 431 - S.S.L.C. examination in
1948.

The Commr. is requested
to state very urgently whether the
Amount of the Actual expenditure
incurred on the last S.S.L.C. exami-
nation has now been calculated,
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and if so, to furnish the information
for the purpose of answering the Assembly
Question referred to.

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Subject:-

Legislative Assembly - Question No.431 - S.S.L.C. Examination
1948 - Actual Expenditure.

R.C.No.610-B/48.

Dated 25th August 1948.

Station:- Madras.

From (Name):- Sri D.S. Reddi, M.A., (Oxon)., M.B.E.,
(Designation):- Commissioner for Government Examinations,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,
With reference to Government Memorandum No.57326/g3/48-3
Education, dated 23-8-1948, I have the honour to state that the
following are the main items of expenditure in connexion with
an examination:-

- (1) Contingent and other charges incurred at the examination centres.
- (2) Travelling Allowance to the members of the Board, Examiners and Superintendents.
- (3) Remuneration to the Examiners.
- (4) Cost of stationery and Printing charges etc. including Service Stamps.
- (5) Tabulation charges.

Contingent bills from the Examination centres have not been completely passed for payment. As the majority of the Chief Superintendents are non-officials, not well acquainted with the Financial Rules, many of these bills have to be returned for rectifying defects and supplying omissions. Similarly many of the Travelling Allowance bills also have to be returned and got corrected.

The remuneration to examiners forms the bulk of the examination charges. The remuneration bills of certain examiners have been withheld for certain irregularities observed during the course of their valuation work and orders have not been passed on them pending the receipt of certain particulars from the examiners. Particulars regarding item 4 have been called for from the Superintendent, Government Press and his reply is awaited. It may be possible to determine the actual expenditure by about the middle of September 1948.

In the circumstances, it is not possible to furnish the actual expenditure now. I may further add that the number of these bills runs to several thousands (nearly 10,000).

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For COMMISSIONER.

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STARRED.

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR, M.L.A.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

*QNo. 431.

Answers.

Will the Hon. the Minister for Education
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of candidates that appeared
for the S.S.L.C. examination in March, 1948;

(a) ~~54,300~~ 54,133

(b) the percentage of passes (in S.S.L.C.)
this year;

(b) 51% for the whole Presiden
cy.

(c) the effect of not having selection—The Selection exam was ordered
examination on passes;

to be abolished recently and ~~the~~
~~the effect of this order~~
~~effect can only be known after~~
can be known only after
the exam, of 1949.

(d) the amount that was collected by way
of examination fees from the S.S.L.C. students in
1948; and

Rs. 8,15,890/-

(e) the amount spent by the Government for—
the S.S.L.C. examination this year?

The actual amount—
The exact amount is not yet
has not yet been
ready. The approximately
calculated. The
amount spent comes to 6,46,000

To
The Madras Legislature (Assembly section)
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copy to Public (Elections) Department.
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amount spent
will approximately
be Rs 6,46,000

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MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION NO. 431 STARRED.

MOHAMMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAKARUR, M.L.A.

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- (e) the amount spent by the Government for the S.S.L.C. examination for this year?

Education and P.H. Deptt.

Answers.

- (a) 84,133
- (b) 51% for the whole Presidency.
- (c) The selection examination was ordered to be abolished recently and the effect of this order can be known only after the examination of 1949.
- (d) Rs. 15,890/-
- (e) The actual amount has not yet been calculated.

for Secretary to Government.
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To
The Madras Legislature (Assembly section) (Scopies)
The Public (Elections) Department.

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

E & P.H. U.O. No. 57346/33/48-2
dated 20th August, 1948.

Answered on 17/9

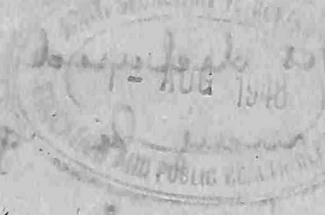
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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

Fort St. George, dated the 31.7.48 194 .



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QUESTION No. 431 ^{next} for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held on the 1st .

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the E and PH Department.

The question has been admitted.

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To

The E and PH Department.

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Please see the Legislative Assembly question on ^{3 imp} p. 431. The necessary particulars may be called for from the C. of E. The draft below is for approval.

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(Issued as Memo. No. 57346/48, d. 5.8.48.)

C. No. 60042/48. From C. of E. R.O.E. No. 610-13/48, d. 11.8.48.)

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Please See the letter from the D.P.I on
pp 5-6 of. The draft answer embodying the
particulars furnished by the D.P.I is Submitted
for approval.

~~May be circulated to H.K. (Edn)~~

Clause (c) - Final orders
abolishing selection for the SSC
examinations were passed only in
the last week of March 1948.

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for answer (e)

Clause (e) - The approximate
amount given in answer to this clause
has been calculated on the basis
of Rs 12 for each candidate -

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(Edn) for approval of the draft
answer below -

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With regard to (e), I don't see why we should give
an approximate calculation when we cannot give it exactly.
If the amount has not been calculated yet, we may merely
say that the actual amount has not been calculated. The



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rest of the answer may be dropped.

It is many months since the examination
was held and the calculation must be available by this
time. The D.P.I. may be asked to give us the exact
calculation so that I may answer it in the supple-
mentary.

The answer as approved is 18-8-48
A draft memo is submitted
for approval (with ref. to the
last para of H.K.'s minute)

20.8.48

Issued as Memo. No. 57346/93/48-9. d. 23.8.48
C.No. 638/6. From the C. of E. No. 610/48. d. 25.8.48

P.T.O.

With reference to H.M. (Edu)'s minutes
at 'x' on page 3 ante, a perusal of the letter
from the C. of E. on page 11 cf is invited.
May be circulated to H.M. (Edu).

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Answered on 17-9-48

Total number of candidates appeared for S.S.L.C. Examination, 1948.

* 337 Q.—MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB (on behalf of 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:—

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“(b) 51 per cent for the whole Presidency.

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“(d) Rs. 8,15,890.

“(e) The actual amount has not yet been calculated.”

MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN SAHIB:—“May I know, Sir, why such a large number of people do not pass in the S.S.L.C. Examination?”

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

“There is nothing like pass or fail. It is only a question of eligibility for the University Course.”

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—“Arising out of the answer to clause (d) may I ask the Hon. Minister if the amount that Government is spending on these occasions is less than what is collected, will the Government consider the question of the advisability of reducing the examination fees?”

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

“No, Sir.”

SRI K. P. KAMAKSHI CHETTIYAR:—“May I know, Sir, whether those students who come out successful in the October examination will also be allowed to join the colleges?”

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

“It is not a question of Government admitting or not admitting. It is only a question of declaring the eligibility or ineligibility.”

SRI V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—“May I know, Sir, whether in keeping with the question of efficiency the Government will also consider the question of more liberal percentage of passes for the school-final candidates?”

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

“The whole question is under consideration. There are two ways of doing it—declaring more people pass and making the admission into colleges very strict. That matter is receiving the attention of the Government.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“May I know, Sir, why there is such a large percentage of failure in examinations in this country resulting in a tremendous waste of human effort?”

“In view of the fact that reference has been made to this matter in the Report of the Sergeant Committee will the Government appoint a committee to examine this problem?”

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

“It is want of effort and not a waste of effort. The hon. Member knows it as well as I do and perhaps that is due to the disturbed condition all around.”

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M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know, Sir, how the Hon. Minister for Education considers it a want of effort when the student has been promoted year after year and comes to the VI Form, and how is it that such a large percentage suddenly is found to be wanting in effort?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" It is well-known, Sir, that as much effort as we use to put in our days is not being put by the students now-a-days. We know it from the case of our sons and nephews, etc."

SRI V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" While for other examinations like Intermediate, B.A. or B.Sc. it is open to the students to pass subject by subject, is it not open to the school-final who wants to seek eligibility for a college course because he has to pass all the subjects simultaneously?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Because he must have a minimum amount of knowledge and grasp."

SRI V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the Government will put the subject before the Board of Secondary Education and the University to ascertain if pupils can pass the subjects in compartments and qualify themselves to the college course?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" In every country the compartmental system is provided. But it is only when they go up and not in the elementary and secondary schools. Compartmental system is prevalent only in the higher standards."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—" With reference to the answer of the Hon. the Minister I want to know whether his lack of having sons or nephews is the reason for his not seeing the waste of effort in this way where a student after studying for ten years when he comes to the last year is failed. Even though he has no son, will the Hon. Minister for Education learn from the experience of other people?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Though I may have no sons, his sons are my nephews."

11-15 a.m. M. S. ABDUL MAJID SAHIB BAHADUR:—" The Hon. Minister said, Sir, that there is no question of passing or no passing, but it was only a question of eligibility. May I ask, Sir, why in spite of this eligibility several of the students, who have been declared eligible, are not able to get admission into the colleges?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" That is a separate matter, Sir, which cannot be discussed here."

N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR SAHIB BAHADUR:—" I am glad, Sir, that the Government have announced that they are holding a supplemental examination for the S.S.L.C. unpassed candidates. But may I ask, Sir, whether they will make a provision that the unpassed candidates can pass the examination in compartments, i.e., by appearing and passing in the subjects in which they have failed?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" That is the question which my hon. Friend opposite asked and which I answered."

SRI V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will make provision for the successful candidates who appear and pass in the October examination to pursue their college studies or other technical studies?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Yes, Sir. If they are qualified they can certainly pursue their further studies."

SRI KALLUR SUBBA RAO:—" May I know from the Hon. Minister, Sir, whether the efficiency of the teachers in coaching up students has also lessened in the high schools?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" Yes, Sir. There is a general inefficiency and want of effort in many directions as hon. Members are aware and that is affecting the colleges and schools also."

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SRI V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" My question was, Sir, whether the students who come out successful in the October examination can immediately join any college or technical course or whether they should waste the intervening period?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" No September Colleges or October Colleges are contemplated, Sir."

SRI V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAY:—" Due to the strict observance of this rule, Sir, a greater percentage of Harijans could not get into the eligible list. Will the Government consider the desirability of making some concession whereby they can get into the eligibility list?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" There is concession with regard to fees, etc., Sir, but about the standards, it is necessary that they must attain a certain standard."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—" In view of the questions and answers, Sir, given by the Hon. Minister, may I once again earnestly request him to go into the question of why these students who have been declared eligible to go up for nine years should be found wanting all of a sudden. This is a very important question, Sir, affecting the nation and therefore may I not earnestly appeal to the Hon. Minister for Education to go into the question more carefully than he has done hitherto?"

MR. SPEAKER:—" It is a request and an appeal to the Hon. Minister. If he wants he may answer it."

SRI N. SANJEEVA REDDI:—" Arising out of the reply of the Hon. Minister, may I know what purpose will be served by making the rule more liberal for the passing of students from the S.S.L.C., without their being eligible to be admitted to the college course?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" The point is this, Sir. We have found that there is a great deal of wastage in the colleges. That is, in the Intermediate about 8,000 candidates appear, of whom about 4,000 only pass. More than half of this number are not fit to go into the college course and they have secured admission simply because they are declared eligible without the proper qualification. That is the reason why, Sir, I have suggested that we may consider the prescription of two standards, one

for passing, as having undergone the course, and another for eligibility to go to colleges. We have not yet decided the matter, Sir, and it is still under consideration."

SRI S. NAGAPPA:—" May I know what prompts the Government, Sir, to collect more than the necessary examination fees?"

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member can put a separate question."

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—" Is it the view of the Government, Sir, that our children as a class are characteristically inefficient in view of the fact that they fail in the school final class year after year in such vast numbers?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—" I do not like to use the word 'mischievous', Sir, but these questions are really tending to insinuate certain things which were never meant. What I meant is this. Recently, as the hon. Members might know, due to strikes and due to many other disturbances there has not been as much scholastic attention paid by students as they used to do sometime back. That is the truth, Sir, which we have found out after enquiry and every teacher knows it and many others know it. I do not want any insinuations to be made, Sir."

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:—" Is it not the duty of the Government to see that a certain standard is fixed for passing the S.S.L.C., irrespective of the fact whether there is any room in the colleges or not? Is it not the duty of the Government to see that anybody who gets a certain number of marks is allowed to go up and not be held down by regulated results on account of paucity of seats in the colleges?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“No results are regulated because of the paucity of seats in the colleges, Sir. I do not think that is a matter which we can go into in this question.”

SRI V.M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—“May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the efforts of students or want of efforts is common to all the Provinces and not peculiar to our Province and that the admission of the Hon. Minister that it is peculiar to our Province is not warranted by the more liberal results in other Provinces?”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I have not compared the other Provinces. As man to man our boys are as good or perhaps better than many boys in other Provinces. I must say however that the efforts which the boys put five or six years back are not there and the studiousness of the students is not there. Due to political and other reasons we may take sometime to settle down and I hope we will settle down and the old effort which the boys used to put in will come back again.”

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:—“I have to take exception to the remarks of the Hon. the Minister for Education, Sir. I only stated facts and I wanted some information based on the facts. I cannot conceive what insinuation my question could have contained. Is it not in the interests of the people of the Province, Sir, to see that such a large number of students are not kept out? I put it, Sir, in a general way, not even referring to this year or the last year. I said year after year, such a large percentage of our boys fail. I cannot understand what insinuations could anybody have imagined there.”

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
“I accept the explanation of the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition, Sir.”

E. + P. H. (Cp2).

Please see the extract of the Assembly Proceedings dated 17-9-48 pasted at pp. 5-8 above. No further action appears necessary. The papers may now be recorded.

G.B./Ms. No. 2329 Edw. dated 18-7-48

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Subject.

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Starred L.A. Question No. 337 -

Total No. of candidates that
~~appeared~~ for S.S.L.C. Examination
in March 1948, percentage of
passes, income and expenditure
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