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(Assembly Section)
11-6-1948.

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Answer

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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY QUESTION NO. 434

SRI R.V. SWAMINATHAN, M.L.A.

Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Education be pleased to
state whether the Government intend to buy the copyright of all
the works of Bharathi?

Education and Public Health Department.

Answer.

The question is under consideration.

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The above answer has been approved by Hon'ble Sri T.S.
Avinashilingam Chettiar, Hon'ble Minister for Education.

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dated 6th Oct. 1948.

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47216 QUESTION No. 128

for the meeting of the Legislative Council

to be held on the

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The question has been admitted.

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The E. P. H. Department

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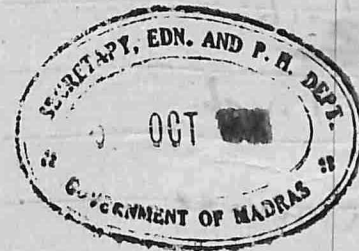
Please see the Legn. Assembly question on P.126. The question is a starred one. submitted that the main file on the subject, was ~~order~~ subtd. separately for orders as to whether the copyright to Bharathi's songs may be ^{acquired} ~~acquired~~ completely. This ~~file~~ may lie over till a decision on the main file is arrived at.

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With reference to the starred question proposed to be put in the Assembly by Mr. Swaminathan, it is admitted that the question of the acquisition

of the Copyright of the poet Bharathi's
works has been under active
consideration for some time now.
It has been ascertained that ^{through}
the rights now rest in a firm
called "Bharathi Prachura-
layam" and ^{now} Sri A. V. Meiyappa
Chettiyar, a film producer. The
latter has offered ^{in a letter} to the Govt.
to transfer the rights which
he now possesses, in a Tamil
composed of himself and a nominee
of his and two persons nominated
by the Govt. The validity of
the documents in pursuance of
which the firm in question
& Mr. Chettiyar have come
to possess these rights has been
questioned in a suit filed in
the Court of the Dist. Judge
Coimbatore. The Govt. propose
to proceed with the further consi-
deration of the question of purchasing
the rights, after the suit which
is now pending, is finally disposed of.
In the meantime, the Govt. are
asking the Govt. Solicitor to
examine



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examine the documents and prepare
the ^{drafts of the} necessary deeds for the purpose.
The file on the subject is in
circulation.
The draft answer below is
for approval.

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20th October 1948]

Copyright of the works of Bharathi.

* 434 Q.—SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government intend to buy the copyright of all the works of Bharathi?

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

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware of the fact that some persons who are claiming the ownership of Bharathi's works are preventing others singing Bharathi songs and have also taken legal action against T. K. S. Brothers for introducing Bharathi songs in their Tamil film?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"That matter is the one which is in the District Court of Coimbatore now."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:—"If so, have the Government examined the question and found out who are the persons claiming the ownership of Bharathi's works and under what authority?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"We are awaiting the decision of the Court in this matter. As soon as the decision of the Court is received the Government will take further steps in the matter."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN:—"May I ask the Government whether they will come forward and declare Bharathi's works as belonging to the State, even if it is necessary, by introducing a new legislation?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"The Government must await the decision of the Court before taking action. After the decision of the Court has been received, and after the claims of the various parties have been fixed, the Government will consider what steps may be taken in that matter."

SRI B. S. MURTHI:—"May I know whether the Government will consider buying the copyright of other linguistic national poets?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR:—
"The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Please see the answer to L. A. Question
No. 434 extracted at p. 9 ante. No further
is called for on this. ~~The papers may now be~~
~~recorded.~~ The ^{entire} Copyright in Bharathi's works
is now vested in Govt. of India.

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