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G.O. NO. 2755 EDUCATION.

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[Despatch Abstract]

Leg. Assembly Resolution- Admissions to educational institution-
Reservation of 35% of seats for students belonging to the backward
communities Muslims and scheduled castes and admission on merit to the
remaining seats urged- Papers recorded.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE. (ASSEMBLY SECTION) 1-7-1949.

RESOLUTION.

SRI A. KALESWARA RAO, M.L.A.

EDUCATION & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

R.NO.8.

"~~That~~ This Assembly recommends to the Government of Madras that in all the Government-managed and Government-aided Educational Institutions in the Province thirty five ~~xxx~~ percent of seats should be reserved for the students belonging to the backward communities, Muslims and ~~Scheduled~~ ^Scastes and ~~that in respect~~ ^{admission to} of the remaining seats ~~admissions~~ ^{make} of students should be ~~made~~ ^{and} only on merit/without any communal considerations.

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
Fort St. George, dated the 6th July 1949.



Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

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RESOLUTION No. 8 ^{next} for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly
to be held on the 194 .

Two copies of this resolution are forwarded to the E. & P. H. Department.
The resolution has been admitted.

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To The E. & P. H. Department.

h. o. 5713/49-2MH
6-7-49.

The Assembly Resolution on the subject given notice of by Sri A. Kaleswaram, M.L.A., may be permitted. The Resolution has not yet been ballotted. The ballot is likely to be held when the next non-official day for the Leg. Assembly is fixed. Only if the Resolution will be moved, only if it succeeds in the ballot. But, in the meantime it is necessary that the attitude of the Govt. towards the Resolution is decided, in the event of its being moved.

2. The Resolution seeks to have

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thirty five percent of the seats in all Govt. managed and Govt. aided educational institutions in the Province reserved for students belonging to the Backward Communities, Muslims and Scheduled Castes and to have the remaining seats filled by students on the basis of merit alone, without any Communal considerations. The Resolution seems to have its inspiration from the recent decision in the Draft Constitution for reservation of seats in legislative for religious minorities viz. Muslims and Christians but proposing to have some reservation, only for a period of ten years, for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

3. It may be mentioned here that, Govt. have no control over the affairs of private edul. institutions and if they chose to give any instructions to be followed by such institutions, it can only be under the threat of withholding of payment of Govt. grants, which is not very desirable or justifiable. Even when such a threat is held out, there is the possibility of the managements choosing to forego the grants from the Govt. and deciding to go their own way. In that event, Govt. are helpless.

Coming to Govt. managed edul. institutions, the question of reservation of seats does not arise in the case of elementary up to the Collegiate stage, and that the problem of giving due representation to all communities acutely arises only in the case of collegiate edul. Even here, so far as Arts colleges are concerned, there is no difficulty. No communal proportions have been fixed in respect of admissions to Arts colleges. Only the Principals of all colleges have been instructed to see that due representation is given to all backward communities, Muslims, and Scheduled classes and to women. Govt. have also ordered in 1941 a reservation of 10% of the

seats in all schools and colleges for Harijan students?

4. In respect of admissions to the Engg. and Medical Colleges, however, the Communal proportion rule applies. At present admissions are made in the according to the following proportions-

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- Non-Brahman (Hindus) — 6 out of 14 seats
- Backward Hindu Communities — 2 out of 14 seats
- Brahmans — 2 out of 14 seats
- Harijans — 2 out of 14 seats
- Anglo-Indians and Indian Christians — 1 out of 14 seats
- Muslims — 1 out of 14 seats

order G.O. No. 977 Ed
22-7-43

In order to secure adequate representation of linguistic areas, the following proportions are also observed in the matter of admissions to the Engg. and Medical Colleges —

- Group 1. — 50.8 percent of the seats to be allotted for candidates from the group of districts which is predominantly Tamil.
- Group 2. — 38.1 percent of the seats to be allotted for candidates from the group of districts which is predominantly Telugu.
- Group 3. — 11.1 percent of the seats to be allotted for candidates from the West Coast Districts viz. South Kanara and Malabar.

order G.O. No. 1364 Ed
27-6-47

With a view to ensure adequate representation for every district, it has also been ordered that the number of seats for each district shall also be fixed, to the extent possible, with reference to the ratio the population of the district bears to the total population of all the districts in the Province.

In Connection with admissions in the current year, the Govt. have ordered that the existing communal and linguistic proportions should be maintained. But, if there are any vacancies due to want of suitable candidates

order G.O. No. 2096 Ed
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from a particular Community, such vacancies are to be filled according to merit, subject to the condition that the regional and district quotas are not affected. It has further been laid down that selection for Muslims, Christians and Harijans should be made on a provincial basis, with reference as far as possible to their distribution in the regions and districts. It has further been ordered that the two seats reserved for backward Communities shall be merged with the six seats reserved for non-Brahmins. Both non-Brahmins and (forward) and candidates belonging to backward Communities will be eligible to compete on merit for the eight seats, provided that where the selection of backward Communities is less than two seats, the deficit will be made up only from the backward Communities.

5. The above position has been taken up ^(by the Govt?) considering all aspects of the question and it does not seem that it can be the practice can be given up, all of a sudden. This has been made clear to the G.O. also on several occasions. It may be noted in this connection, that in 1946, it was ordered that 20% of the seats should be reserved for being filled by candidates according to their merit; and that the remaining seats be filled up according to the Communal ratio. But the results of this order were considered unsatisfactory, particularly ^{from the view point} of Non-Brahmins and it was cancelled in the succeeding year, i.e. in 1947. In the circumstances, the present resolution given notice of

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by Sri. A. Kaleswara Rao, seeking indirectly a 65% reservation seats for being filled on the basis of merit cannot be agreed to. It may therefore be opposed.

6. Food, Dev. and Public may see for remarks before circulation.

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Surely the question of reservation of seats to be filled on merit alone must have been examined recently. Let us see Council papers first whether there refer to in the 2/8/49 previous page.

(a) G.O. No. 1176 Ed. dated 7-6-'47 in which the question of reservation of seats for being filled up on the basis of merit alone was first dealt with (and referred to on p. 4 ante) is put up at (a). So far as Engg. colleges are concerned, the question has not been raised again. Attention is in this connection invited to the note of the Cabinet at (c) 19-26 and the order of the cabinet 4.8.47 on (c) 27-28.

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Leg. Assembly has been proposed and the resolutions have therefore lapsed)

(B) p. 3 of

(B) para 1 on pp 1-21.5

This year, The South Indian Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association urged Govt. that admissions to Medical colleges should only be on the basis of merit. It has been considered that there is no need to revive the reservation on merit principle as under the existing rules the best available candidates in each community in each district are selected.

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Please see para 1 of the note at pp 1-2 n.f.
of G.O. 2443 P.H. dated 7.7.1949.

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It will be seen from pp 4-5 of (B) that
the question was considered very recently.

2. The policy being one of equal chances
for every community in proportion to its
population, considerations of pure merit,
however desirable they may be from other points
of view, cannot come in.

To go.

See.

There is no occasion
to reconsider the question

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G.P.H. u. 0.51492-1/49A
dated 6.8.49
(with L.7.)

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Food Dept

To H.S.

The Assembly resolution at p 1 cf
and the notes of E.P.H. from p 1 above may be
perused. The Legislative Assembly has since
been prorogued and the resolution has therefore
lapsed. // However it may be noted that
admissions into the Agel. Colleges at Coimbatore
and Bapatla ^(with which this Dept is concerned) are done on the following
basis:

- (1) Seats are allotted to each district
in proportion to its population.
- (2) An overall communal proportion as

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G.O. 3437 P.H.

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para 2 pp 1-3

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PP 7-9 cf 8 (A)

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laid down in the Service Rules is observed
as far as possible, and

(3) If the requisite number of candidates
are not forthcoming from any district,
the balance of the number is allotted to the
linguistic area to which the district
belongs at the discretion of the selecting
authority; and.

(4) That ~~but~~ the event of it being necessary
to admit students from outside the Province
the linguistic proportion ~~shall~~ ^{will} be reduced
by 2 in Tamil, 2 in Telugu and one
in Malayalam assuming that the
number of such students will be five.

As regards the admission of Harijans
into the Agel. Colleges, the ~~DA~~ ^{DA} ~~has~~ ^{was} requested
last year to instruct the Principals of these
Colleges to view the applications of qualified
Harijan applicants liberally and that all
Harijan candidates who possessed the minimum
qualification required for admission might
be admitted with out reference to their marks
in comparison with other candidates.

So far no complaints have been received
by the G.O.S. in regard to the admissions
into the Agel. Colleges. The G.O.S. have
recently considered the whole question
and decided that no change is need be
made in regard to communal rotation.
In view of the foregoing this Dept may
agree with the views of the E.P.H. Dept
at 'x' on p 6 above that there is no occasion
to reconsider the question.

With these remarks the case
may be passed on to Dev. Dept. 83228

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Dev.

Please see Food Dept. note on p. 6-7

above. A memorandum of instructions for the selection of students in the M.V.C. during 1949-50 is put up at (Z). This Dept may agree with E & P.H. Dept's view at Mar 6 above. The assembly session has since been

prorogued. The file may be returned to Pub Dept

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Dev no 8322/49.1
13-8-49.

Public (Ser) Dept.

The resolution in the C.F. and the notes from p. 1 ante. may be pursued. 'X' on p. 6 ante may be agreed to in this dept. and the file returned to E & P.H.



[The resolution in the C.F. lapsed on account of the prorogation of the Legislature]

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Pub Ser. A 410. No 3190/49.1

24/8/49 with l.f.



The notes of Food, Dev. & Public Depts on p. 6-8 above may be pursued.

The Resolution has since lapsed, consequent on the prorogation of the Legislature. No further action is therefore necessary in this file. The papers may be re-ordered.

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30/8/49 A add Sec 1630/8.

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Abstract
Leg. Assembly
Admission
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Leg. Assembly
5% of seats
Students belong
to the backward
Communities
& scheduled castes
& admission on
to the reservation
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