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Letter No. *G.P.M.E/49-11*



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24th Aug 1949.

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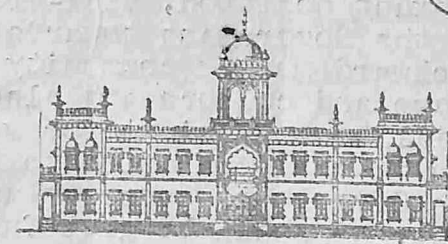
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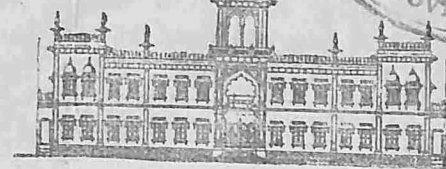
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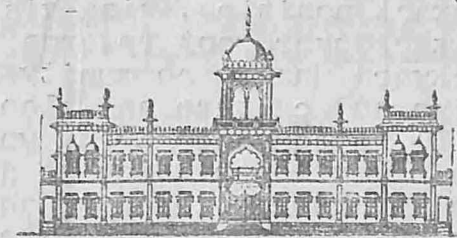
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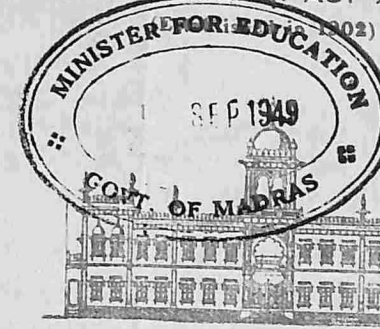
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31st Aug 1949.

The Hon'ble The Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
MADRAS 9.

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. GPME/49-3 dated 24-8-49, I am enclosing herein a true copy of letter dated 22-8-49 received from the Secretary, Madrasa-e-Isha-Athul Hasnath, Muslim Girls' School, Mohamedpura, Ambur, which is self-explanatory.

I shall therefore feel highly thankful if you will kindly issue immediate orders to the effect that the inspection of Muslim Girls' Schools will be carried out only by Women Officers.

Thanking you again,

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Encl. 1 Copy of letter.

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TRUE COPY

MADRASA-E- ISHA-ATHUL HASNATH,
MUSLIM GIRLS' SCHOOL,
1-Street, Mohamedpura, AMBUR.

D/22-8-1949.

To
The Muslim Educational Association of South India,
G. T. MADRAS.

Sir,

The above school was used to be previously inspected
by a female inspectress. It is regretted that at present
a male inspector has been appointed for inspection and visits.

Hence we request you to be kind enough to take steps ~~kmx~~
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Sd/R. G. GAFFAR BAIGH.
Secretary & Manager..

1949-50

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No. of
applications
received.No.
offered.No.
admitted.
on 30/8/49JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE.

Indian Christians	52		21
Brahmins	423		129
Backward Communities	139		72
Non-Brahmins	396		155
Muslims	107		65
Harijans	15		15
	<u>1132</u>		<u>457</u>

III B.SC.Mathematics:

Brahmins	14	7	9
Non-Brahmins	6	4	-
Backward community	1	1	1
Muslims	13	8	6
Indian Christian	1	1	1
Harijans	-	-	-

Physics:

Brahmins	18	8	13
Non-Brahmins	10	6	3
Backward community	-	-	-
Muslims	6	6	4
Indian Christian	3	1	-
Harijan	-	-	-

Chemistry:

Brahmins	63	6	10
Non-Brahmins	32	5	4
Backward community	9	2	2
Muslims	20	8	4
Indian Christian	8	-	-
Harijans	-	-	-

III B.A.

Muslims	15		12
Indian Christians	5		3
Brahmins	10		8
Non-Brahmins	17		8
Backward community	-		-
Harijan	-		-

III HONS. ISLAMIC HISTORY.

Muslims	7	7	3
Non-Brahmins	2	-	-
Indian Christian	1	-	-

on 30/8/49

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No. of admitted	No. of offered	No. of applications received	JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE
81		82	Indian Christians
129		483	Brahmins
72		189	Backward Communities
182		386	Non-Brahmins
65		107	Muslims
12		18	Harijans
457		1132	

No. of admitted	No. of offered	No. of applications received	III B.A.
3	7	14	Brahmins
1	4	8	Non-Brahmins
1	1	1	Backward community
6	8	13	Muslims
1	1	1	Indian Christians
1	1	1	Harijans

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12	8	18	Brahmins
8	8	10	Non-Brahmins
1	1	1	Backward community
4	6	6	Muslims
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12		12	Muslims
3		8	Indian Christians
8		10	Brahmins
8		17	Non-Brahmins
1		1	Backward community
1		1	Harijans
3		3	Muslims
1		2	Non-Brahmins
1		1	Indian Christians

1948-49.

JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE:

	Applications received.	No. admitted.
Muslims	170	102
Non-Brahmin	347	204
Brahmin	227	121
Indian xian	46	24
Harijan	21	13*
	881	464

* 8 Harijan candidates did not turn up even-though they were offered seats.

III B.A.

Muslims	11	5
Non-Brahmin	13	7
Brahmin	6	6
Indian xian	7	5
Harijan	-	-
	37	23

III B.Sc.

Muslim	50	23
Non-brahmin	33	9
Brahmin	47	11
Indian xian	14	5
	144	48

III HONS.

Muslim	11	7

1948-49

No. Admitted

Applications Received

JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE

102	170	Muslims
804	847	Non-Muslims
181	227	Brothers
34	48	Indian Christians
13	21	Muslims
484	188	

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III B.A.

2	11	Muslims
7	13	Non-Muslims
8	8	Brothers
8	7	Indian Christians
1	-	Muslims
33	37	

III B.Sc.

33	50	Muslims
9	38	Non-Muslims
11	47	Brothers
9	14	Indian Christians
48	141	

III B.A.

11	11	Muslims
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20/11/48

D/7th Sep. 1949

Dear Mr. Majid,

Your letters dated 24-8-1949 and 31-8-1949.

I have perused G.O.No.266 Education, dated 7-2-1949 and that G.O. specifically mentions about Muslim education in Schools and not in Colleges and so, all your remarks about abolition of Muslim Colleges for Muslim women and allowing Mr.Ethiraj to run his College ~~forxxxxxx~~ in the present premises are beside the point even if a strict interpretation of this G.O. is made.

I am not standing on technicalities. Even on your own showing there ^{are 22} ~~are~~ Muslim girls and I don't think the Govt. will be found fault with if they abolish a College for 22 Muslim girls and saw that in its place there is a pucca Women's College where all Muslim girls could study with the advantage for the Govt. not having to spend money on it.

3 Regarding the Govt. Arts College also, the G.O. referred to by you may not apply. I am very sorry you ^{are misbehaving} ~~are trying at a jugglery in~~ figures. You say that proportionate Muslim admissions which was hitherto 75% has been reduced to 7%. The figures are wrong. If you go by percentages 14% of the persons admitted into the Intermediate are Muslims; and for B.Sc. 37% of the seats were offered to Muslims, ^{but} only 23% availed of it. For B.A. and B.A.(Hons), no Muslim has been refused admission. No student from Madras ~~a-b-Azam~~ who sought admission was refused except one case who came a month after the period of time fixed. If you want the exact figures,

for the Junior Intermediate, 107 Muslim applications from Muslims were received, 65 were admitted, the rest, I am told, did not turn up.

for III B.Sc., Mathematics, 13 Muslims applied 8 were admitted, the rest did not turn up.

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for III B.Sc. Chemistry, 20 Muslims applied, 8 were admitted, 4 only joined, the rest did not turn up.

for III B.A., 15 applied, all admitted, only 12 joined.
for III Hons. Islamic History, 7 applied, 7 were admitted, only 3 joined.

4 If you compare this with the figures of last year, you will find that the percentage has ~~not~~ not been reduced. May I request you not to cloud the issue by the question of percentages. The question is whether any Muslim has been refused admission improperly. In fact I asked you to let me know any case where Muslims ~~have been~~ refused admission to the College and you were not able to give me any. If there are 400 seats available, and according to you, 75% is to be given to Muslims, are we to keep the seats vacant in these days if there are not 75% of Muslim candidates forthcoming?

5 Regarding the change of name, I have already explained why it has been done. But as I told you I still maintain that the change of name does not at all mean withdrawal of facilities for education that ~~was~~ ^{were} available to the Muslim members. I therefore don't accept your presumption that there has been serious departures in from the Govt. order quoted by you.

6 As regards the Schools, intended, as you say, for the backward Muslim communities and managed by the Govt., the policy ~~referred to in the G.O.~~ declared in the G.O. will be strictly adhered to and we have gone even a step further regarding the medium of instruction not only in the matter of Urdu, but in the matter of any language. We are prepared to recognise them as media of instruction provided there is demand for it.

7 With reference to your letter dated 31-8-1949 enclosing a letter from the Secretary and Manager, Muslim Girls' School, Ambur, I don't know ~~that~~ ^{where} the School referred to is an Elementary School or a High

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School. If it is a High School, it will be inspected only by Women Officers. If it is an Elementary School, the separate Women's Range has been abolished and we can't guarantee that Elementary Schools for Girls will be inspected only by Women Officers.

Yours sincerely,

O/c
9LS(K.N.)

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for III B.A., 12 applied, all admitted, only 12 joined.
for III Hons. Islamic History, 7 applied, 7 were admitted, only 3 joined.
If you compare this with the figures of last year, you will find that the percentage has not been reduced. May I request you not to cloud the issue by the question of percentages. The question is whether any Muslim has been refused admission improperly. In fact I asked you to let me know any case where Muslims have been refused admission to the College and you were not able to give me any. If there are 400 seats available, and according to you, 75% is to be given to Muslims, are we to keep the seats vacant for these days if there are not 75% of Muslim candidates forthcoming?
Regarding the change of name, I have already explained why it has been done. But as I told you I still maintain that the change of name does not at all mean withdrawal of facilities for education that was available to the Muslim members. I therefore don't accept your presumption that there has been serious departure from the Govt. order quoted by you.
As regards the Schools intended, as you say, for the backward Muslim communities and managed by the Govt., the policy xxxxxxxxxxxx declared in the G.O. will be strictly adhered to and we have gone even a step further regarding the medium of instruction not only in the matter of Urdu, but in the matter of any language. We are prepared to recognize them as media of instruction provided there is demand for it.
With reference to your letter dated 21-8-1949 enclosing a letter from the Secretary and Manager, Muslim Girls School, Ambur, I don't know that the school referred to is an Elementary School or a High

SCHOOLS - Secondary - Maintenance of separate schools for Muslims.

From the ~~Mem~~ Honorary Secretary, Muslim Educational Association of Southern India, No.G.P.M.E./49-4, dated the 24th August 1949.

Please see the letter from the Honorary Secretary, Muslim Educational Association of Southern India on pp.1-3-cl. In view of the transfer of the Government Muslim College for Women, Madras, to Mr. V.L. Ethiraj for being run as a college for women and the change of the name of the Govt. Muslim College, Madras, into Government Arts College, Madras, the Secretary of the Muslim Educational Association of Southern India desires to be informed of the future policy of Government in regard to the maintenance of separate schools for Muslims. If there is to be any change in the policy enunciated in G.O.No.266 Edn., dated 7-2-48, he requests that the association may be given a suitable opportunity to make necessary representation to Government in the matter before any departure is resorted to by Govt.

2. In 1947, the question of opening and maintenance of separate schools for muslims was considered in consultation with the leading representatives of the Muslim public and some M.L.As. including the Leader of the Opposition. It was decided that although the Government was against the starting and maintenance of separate schools, as a policy, the existing separate schools for Muslims would be continued for a period of five years ~~from 1948-49~~ without any commitment to continue them after that period. There is no proposal under consideration at present to abolish any of the separate secondary schools for Muslims. It may be noted, in this connection, that in connection with the recommendation of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee to close all uneconomic secondary schools with a strength of less than 20 pupils per class or form on the average, the question of abolishing certain Government Secondary schools for Girls including certain schools intended for Muslim girls was considered. It was decided by the Cabinet that

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that the possibility of transferring those schools to private managements subject to the condition that teaching grant on two-thirds the approved net cost will be paid for a period of three years irrespective of strength should be explored and that until then, the schools should be continued as they are. Further according to G.O.No.2125 Education, dated the 2nd July 1949, for Muslim pupils, whose mother tongue is different from the regional language, provision will have to be made for giving instruction through the medium of their mother tongue or any language other than the regional language, provided that there is a minimum strength of ten pupils per class or 30 per school in elementary schools and primary department of secondary schools and 45 pupils for the three forms in secondary schools, i.e., Forms I to III and Forms IV to VI. Separate secondary schools for Muslim Boys and Girls already opened ^{may probably} ~~will~~ have to be continued ^{even after 5 years.} There is no proposal under consideration for the closure of any of the elementary schools intended for Muslims.

3. In the circumstances, the Honorary Secretary of the Muslim Educational Association of Southern India, may be informed that the Govt. do not propose to close, at present, any of the elementary or secondary schools for Muslims in this Province, that it is not, necessary to receive a deputation of the association in the matter and that the requests of the Association that it may be given opportunity to make its representation to Government before a departure from the existing policy is resorted to by Government is noted.

4 The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn & Law) and H.Pr. for orders on the suggestions in para 3 above.

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H. Pr. I don't think we need make any such definite commitments as at present as the real point is that the existing

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Abstract:

Schools. Secondary. Mainte. of separate schools for Muslims - Reference from the Honorary Secretary, Muslim E.P. Association of Southern India - Papers.

Special facilities should be continued for the next 5 years. I got a similar letter and I have sent a reply to it. Please see that letter that reply to answers all the points raised in this letter.

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Please see the minutes of H.M.C.E.+L) on pages 2-3 above. The D.O. letter referred to therein is on pages 11-13 of. and it answers all the points raised in the letter of 24.8.49 from the Honorary Secretary of the Association. No official reply seems necessary to the Association. 2. The file may be circulated to the Hon. Pr. thro' H.M.C.E.+L) with ref. to the copy of the letter addressed to him - vide pp 1-3 of.

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