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G.O. NO. 3549 Edn.,

Dated

17-11-1949.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Assembly Question by Sri L.N. Gopalaswamy-School holidays-
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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE

(ASSEMBLY SECTION)

17-1-1949.

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BRI L.N. GOPALASWAMI, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

* C.NO.1451.

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

(a) whether it is a fact that representations have been received from the parents of boys and girls reading in Christian managed institutions, particularly for girls, that important Hindu festivals, like Bogi pandigai and Vijaya Dasami, etc., are not observed by them and that the girls are made to attend schools on such days, even though they may be Government holidays;

(b) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter;

(c) whether the Government ~~propose~~ ^{have any proposal before them} to make it obligatory on all schools and colleges to observe all the Government and local Holidays; and

(d) whether the Government ~~will~~ ^{have} ~~consider~~ ^{ed} the desirability of drawing up a list of such festivals like Navarathri, Varalakshmi Viratham and Panguni Nambu which are of traditional importance and declare them as holidays for them even though they may not be Government holidays?

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All the Govt. and private schools for instruction
 do closed to school
 (a) whether it is a fact that representations
 have been received from the parents of boys and
 girls attending in Government managed institutions,
 particularly for this, that important thing
 facilities, like hostels, and other things
 etc., are not observed by them and that the
 life and work of school children on such
 days, even though they may be Government holidays;
 (b) if so, what action the Government have
 taken or propose to take in the matter;
 (c) whether the Government propose to
 make it obligatory on all schools and colleges to
 observe all the Government and local holidays; and
 (d) whether the Government will consider the
 possibility of setting up a list of non-Government
 schools, particularly in the districts and towns
 where Government holidays are observed even though
 they are not Government holidays.

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L. A. Question No. 1451. School Holidays.

Memo No 4871/49-101 EDU dated 2-2-1969.

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A copy of LA Question No. 1451
 is forwarded to the DPI. He is requested
 to furnish necessary information
 for answering the question.

A copy of a letter dated 11-1-69
 from Sri L. N. Gopalaswami M.L.A.
 together with a copy of the minute of
 H.C. (EDU) on it is also forwarded to
 the DPI in this connection for his
 remarks.

The DPI
 (with a copy of
 the question and
 copies of H.C.'s minute
 and Sri Gopalaswami
 letter in L.F.)
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REMINDER.

To THE

Director of Public Instruction

have the honour to invite

I am directed to invite attention to

invite

Gov. Mem. No. 4871/49-101 Edn 22.49

No. dated and

to request that the reply to it may be expedited
request that this reminder may be returned at once
with information as to—

- (1) the stage at which the matter now is,
- (2) the date by which a reply may be expected,
and
- (3) the circumstances which have caused the
delay.

Office Secretary

Station

Dated 15.3.49

Signature.

Designation.

SUBJECT.

L. A. Question No. 1451

School Holidays -

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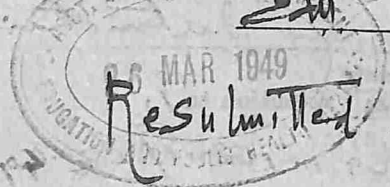
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REPLY.

To THE Asst. Secy.
Edw. and P. H. de M.



Resubmitted.

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consideration.

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to Director of Public Works

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Final reply from the DMI
may be awaited till
8.15.49
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To
The DMI
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L.A. Question No. 1451 - School
Holidays.

Govt. Memo No. 4871/49-101 (2nd of)

2-2-49.

Memo No 4871/49-201 (2nd of) 14-5-49

The DMI is requested
to expedite his report - reply
to the Govt. memo cited above

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note: Even though the Legislative
Assembly has been prorogued
the information appears necessary

Roc. No. 334 E4/49

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
13--5-- 1949

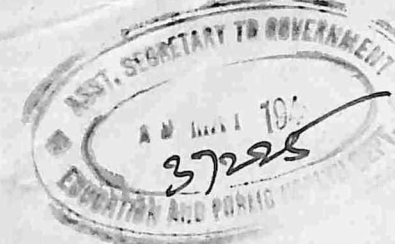
From

The Director of Public Instruction.
M A D R A S.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,



Sub :- Legislative Assembly Question--No.1451-School Holidays.

Ref :- Government Memo No. 4871/49 l.c.1 Edn dated 2--2-- 1949

I furnish below serial in the necessary information for answering the Legislative Assembly Question No.1451 regarding school holidays.

Question 1451

(a) In 1946, a representation was received from the parents and guardians of the Gujarathi boys studying in St. Josephs' High School, Calicut to the effect that Sri. Krishna Jayanthi was a working day in the St. Josephs' High school, Calicut.

(b) The allegation referred to in(a) above, was enquired into, and as a result the management was cautioned to follow Rule 77 of the M.E.R. on pain of reduction of teaching grant or withdrawal of recognition. The District Educational Officers were also required to exercise strict control, so as to ensure, that in the matter of grant of holidays, no section of the public was dissatisfied on that account.

(c) --No--

(d) --No--

Yours faithfully

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for DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

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for examining the question in the L.F.

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From The Asst. Secretary to Govt.
To The Dy. D. P. I.

Sub Legislative Assembly question
No. 1451 - School Holidays.

Ref D. P. I's letter No. 334 E+PH/51
dated 13-5-51

Please say whether the
representations from the
parents and guardians of the
Gujarathi boys referred to
in your letter cited above
~~have~~ been referred to Govt. and
if so please state the number
and reference of the Govt.

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orders in the matter.

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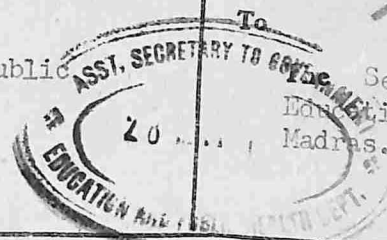
From (Name)

Designation The Director of Public Instruction,

Station Madras.

To

Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.
Madras.



Enclosures :

Rc. No. 334 E.4/49 dated 26--5--1949.

Sir, Sub:- Legislative Assembly Question No.1451 -
School Holidays.

Ref:- Govt. Memo No.4871/49-2-C1 Edn., dated
14--5--49.

A reply to para 1 of the Govt. Memo No.4871/49-1-C1
Education dated 2--2--49 has already been submitted to Government.
Please see my letter Rc. No.334-E4/49 dated 13--5--49.

I shall submit a reply to para 2 of the above Memo as
soon as remarks from the subordinate officers are received.

Etd 14 Sept.

Yours faithfully,

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For Director of Public Instruction.

The final report for this
may be submitted by
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12/6/49

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Education Department

From (Name)

Designation The Director of Public
Instruction,
Station Madras.

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To

The Secretary to Government,
Education & Public Health Dept.
Madras

Enclosures :

Mc. No. 334-14/49 dated 8-6-1949.

Sir,

Sub:- Legislative Assembly Question 1451 - School
Holidays.

Ref:- Your Telephone Message dated 28-5-49.

With reference to the telephonic message cited
above, I may state that the representations from the parents
and guardians of the Gujarathi boys mentioned in my letter
Rc.334/E4/48 dated 13-5-49 was not referred to Government.

Yours faithfully,

Thiruvananthapuram

For Director of Public Instruction.

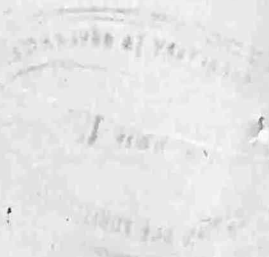
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To
The D.P.I.

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L.A. Question No. 1451 - School
Holidays.

From The D.P.I. 334 E-4/49
dated 26-5-49

Memo No 4871/49-301 E.C.M. D/13-7-49

The D.P.I. is requested
to expedite ^{his} further
reply promised in para
2 of his letter cited above.

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Memo 4871 CI/49-4 Edu dated 8.9.49
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Rep. From Correspondence re: with Govt.
Memo no. 4871/49-3 CI Education
dated 13.7.49

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The S.P.I. is requested to expedite
his further report in the interim.

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Memo. No. 3021/49-501 Edn., dated. 13-10-49
Sub:- L.A.Q. 1451 - School
Holidays

Ref:- From the D.P.G., No. 334/E4/49
dated 26-5-49.

The D.P.G. is requested
to expedite his further reply promised
in para 2 of his letter cited above.

Note:- The papers may be added to
the linked file after issue.

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To the D.P.G.
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R.C.No. 334 E4/49

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction
Madras, dated, 25th Oct. 1949.

From
The Director of Public Instruction
Madras.

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

Sir,

Sub:- School Holidays.

Ref:- Government Memorandum No. 4871/49-1 C1 Edn.,
dated 2-2-1949.

With reference to para 2 of the Government Memo.,
cited, I may state as follows:-

In November 1942, Proceedings were issued, wherein
it was stated that all the aided secondary schools in the
Province should grant the public holidays specified every
year without prejudice to the minimum number of working
days. The aided managements were also required to co-operate
with the Department in this matter. I am now issuing Proceed-
ings reiterating the same thing with this modification namely:-

The Public Holidays, namely, Bhogi, Mattu Pongal and
Independence Day which were not included in the original
list, have now been included. Further, the number of holidays
given to Ayudha Puja and Deepavali has also been increased
from 1 to 3 and 1 to 2 respectively. Please see a copy of the
Proceedings Rc.No. 334 E4/49 dated 25-10-49 (enclosed).

Beyond this I do not consider it desirable to do anything
in the matter.

Yours faithfully

M. S. Srinivasan
For Director of Public Instruction.

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ETP-H(C1)

T.M dated 1-11-49

From

The Assistant Secretary to Govt.
ETP-H Deptt

Issued
7/11/49.

To

The P.A. to the D.P.G.

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Sub: School holidays

Ref: - Director's letter No. 334 E/49
dated 25-10-49

Please send a copy of the
Proceedings of the Director No. 334 E/49
dated 25-10-49 referred to in the letter
cited above as the same has not been
received here.

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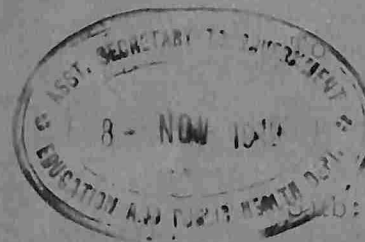
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Post Copy of the Telephonic message, dated 5th Nov. 1949.

From

The Director of Public Instruction
Madras.



The Assistant Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department
Port St. George, Madras.

Sub: - School Holidays - Circular Proceedings of the Director

Ref: - Your Telephonic message dated 3-11-1949.

A copy of the Director's Proceedings No. No.

334-E/49 dated 26-10-1949 is enclosed.

Thiruvananthapuram
For Director of Public Instruction.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, MADRAS.
RC.No.334 E4/49 dated 26th Oct. 1949.

Sub:- Madras Educational Rules - Holidays in Aided Secondary Schools - Grant of.

Read Again:- The Director's Proceedings Rc.No.2247 E/41 dated 24-11-1942 and dated 26--3--1943.

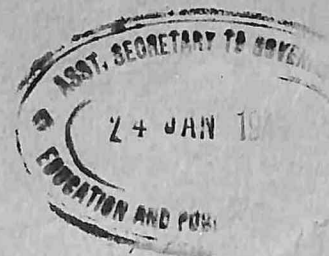
The Director desires to reiterate that it is desirable that all the aided secondary schools in the Province should grant the public holidays mentioned below every year without prejudice to the prescribed minimum number of working days. The Inspecting Officers should therefore ask the aided managements to co-operate with the Department in this matter.

Thiruvananthapuram
For Director of Public Instruction.

To the Divl. Inspectors of Schools.
To the Dt. Edl. Officers and Inspectresses of Girls' Schools.
Copy to D1, D2 and E Sections.
E section (5 copies)
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NAMES OF HOLIDAYS.	NOL OF HOLIDAYS.
(1) New Year's Day	1
(2) Good Friday	1
(3) Vaikunta Ekadasi	1
(4) Bhogi	1
(5) Pongal	1
(6) Mattu Pongal	1
(7) Maha Sivarathri	1
(8) Telugu New Year's Day.	1
(9) Tamil New Year's Day	1
(10) Easter	1
(11) Avani Avittam	1
(12) Independence Day	1
(13) Sri Jayanti	1
(14) Vinayaka Chathurthi	1
(15) Mahalaya Amavasai	1
(16) Ayudha Puja	1
(17) Bakrid	3
(18) Deepavali	1
(19) Last Day of Muharram	2
(20) Christmas	1
(21) Ramzan	1
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*RC No 26/10/49
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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
Fort St. George, dated the 20.1.1949.

QUESTION No. 1451 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.

To
The E. P. H. Department.

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No representations of the nature referred to in the question have been received from the parent of a boy ^{or a} girl residing in Christian or an aged institutions. But a similar representation has been received in this section from the M.L.A. himself.

The present practice regarding holidays is governed by the rule 97 of the M.E.R. The question of granting Vasara and Puga Holidays

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E.P.H. (1)

From The Asst. Secretary to Govt.
E.P.H. Dept.

To The P.A. to the D.P.G.

Subj: School holidays

Ref: Director's letter No. 334 E.H.49
dated 25-10-49

in lieu of Michaelmas holidays was considered recently and it was decided that there is no need to change the existing ~~and~~ practice of granting holidays.

It is not known whether the DPI has received any representations of the nature cited in the question

As the question says it has now been represented ^{that} ~~and~~ ^{that} holidays are not granted to Hindus for Hindu festivals in Christian institutions the remarks of the

DPI may perhaps be invited in the first instance. A draft memo is submitted for approval.

H.M. (Edn) may see after issue.

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Issued as Memo. 4871/49-K1 Edn dated 2-2-49

FEB 1949

L.N. GOPALASWAMI, M.L.A.

Govt. House Estate,
Mount Road, Madras,
Dated 11-1-1949.

To
The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Fort St. George, M A D R A S.

Sir,
May I beg to bring to your notice the following grievance of the parents of the boys and girls reading in the schools and colleges run by private managements, especially Christian Missionaries for girls. All these schools contain pupils of all communities and a majority of them are Hindus. While so it is very regrettable that important Hindu festivals are not recognised by them. Their schools and colleges work on days like Deepavali, Vaikunta Ekadesi, Bogi, Varalakshmi Viratham and Vijaya dasami, Avani Avittam and such like days. Representations made to them are of no avail, and it seems that it is not obligatory on them to declare these days as holidays, the matter resting purely on their discretion.

This is hardly fair. Apart from that, it prevents the parents from really enjoying the holidays because of the absence of their children from home on those days. While it is to be expected that the Holidays for school children, should be more liberal, that even some of the Government Holidays are not observed by them is a matter for regret.

Further apart from Government Holidays there are some festivals particularly intended for girls, like the

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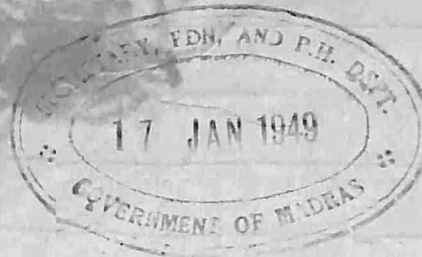
Dasara, Varalakshmi Viratham and Panguni Nonbu. These should also be made compulsory Holidays for girls' schools. Local Holidays may also be declared as such.

I therefore request that the Government may consider the desirability of making it obligatory on all schools and colleges to observe all the Government Holidays and in addition such important festivals like Dasara and Varalakshmi Viratham as additional holidays for girls.

Hoping that this would receive your early and favourable consideration.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
A. N. Ropalaswami.



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Secretary, E. & P.H.

Please see herewith the letter of Mr. Gopalaswamy, M.L.A. I think we have received several complaints from others also. I think we have issued orders that in schools in which all communities are studying all Govt. holidays should be declared as holidays in those schools and in the calendar to be published, the reason for their being declared as holidays, i.e., on a particular day it may be noted as "Vaikunda Ekadasi" and the day has been declared as a holiday because of "Vaikunda Ekadasi" may be mentioned in the calendar.

I think to develop a breadth of outlook, we must say that schools conducted by whatever denominations give also holidays pertaining to other religions. The matter may be considered and put up.

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H.M. Education. 17.1.49

Please see para 2 of draft

[487194] P.H. Memo in H.E.

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[Issued as Memo. no. 4871/49-101 Edn. dated 2-2-49.]

From the D.P.G., No 334 E4/49 dated 13-5-49.

From the D.P.G., No. 334 E4/49 dated 25-10-49.

With reference to the Legislative Assembly Question on p.1 of the D.P.G. has furnished the particulars in his letter dated 13-5-49 at p.7 of. No answer need be sent now since the Question has lapsed.

As regards the letter from

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 Sri Gopalaswamy, M.L.A. and the minute of
 the Hon Education H.M (Edn) at pp. 3-5 ante
 the D.P. I was asked to offer his remarks.
 The remarks of the Director are at p. 19 of.
 He has in this connection forwarded a copy
 of the Proceedings issued by him regarding
 the grant of holidays - vide p. 23 of. He
 therefore considers that ~~beyond this~~ it is
 not desirable to do anything beyond this
 in the matter. The Govt. may agree.

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For orders whether a reply should be
 sent to Sri Gopalaswamy, M.L.A. or the papers
 needed to facilitate future reference.
 No reply is necessary at this distance
 of time

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The papers may be

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Abstract
 Sri. L.N. Gopalaswamy.
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