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G.O. NO. 119 Education.

Dated 17th January 1950.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Leg. Assembly question - Govt. Arts College, Madras - Future of the courses in Islamic History and Culture - Papers recorded

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY SECTION)

16-9-1949

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BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

* Q.NO.159.

Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government intend to remove Islamic History and Culture from the list of subjects taught in the Government Arts College, Madras?

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Draft answers

There is no intention of removing the Courses as such altogether but the possibility of substituting in their place Honours Courses in Arabic, Persian and Urdu together with a University combined Course of the study of Islamic and Hindu cultures etc. is under examination.

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G. P.H. No. 74009-1/49A
dated 8.10.49

Submitted by H. M. S. on 12/11/49
12.11.49

Answered
on 14-11-49

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Government Arts College, Madras-2,
Dated 12th November 1949.

Dear Sir,

The strength of each of the Honours and
Intermediate classes in Islamic History is as follows: -

	No. of students.
III Honours	4
IV "	6
V "	8
Junior Intermediate	17
Senior Intermediate	24
B.A.(Pass) III and IV Cl.	NIL.

Yours faithfully,
K. Swaminathan

To
The Hon. Minister for Education,
Fort St., George, Madras.

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Government Arts College, Madras-2,
Dated 12th November 1949.

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K. Swaminatha

To
Sri Lobo Prabhu, I.C.S.,
Secretary,
Education & Public Health Dept.,
Fort St. George, Madras.

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Information furnished by the Principal, Government Arts College, in respect of admissions to the Islamic History and Art.

First year Honours Class.	..	4
Second year -do-	..	6
Third year -do-	..	8
First year Intermediate	..	17
Second year Intermediate	..	24
Total.	..	59

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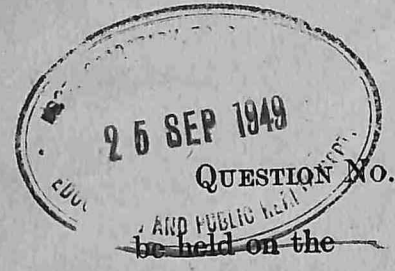
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Information furnished by the Government
Arts College, in respect of admissions to the Islamic
History and Arts

1	First Year Honours Class
2	Second Year
3	Third Year
4	First Year Intermediate
5	Second Year Intermediate
6	Total

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
Fort St. George, dated the 23.9. 1949.



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Two copies of this question are forwarded to the E.P.U. Department.
The question has been admitted.

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To
The E.P.U. Department.

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E.P.U. (H)

The Leg. Assembly Qn. No. 159 starred
on p.c.f. may be perused.

C.No. 4043/49

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The question of abolishing the courses
in Islamic History and culture in the Govt. Arts
College, Madras, (previously known as the
Govt. Muslim college, Madras) has been
under the consideration of the Govt. for some time.
H.H. (I & L) has suggested that the courses
may be abolished with effect from the next
academic year, 1950-51, that Honours Courses
in languages like Arabic, Persian and Urdu
may be opened simultaneously and that the
City of Madras may be moved to provide a course
similar to the one in the Calcutta City, combining
the study of Islamic and Hindu cultures. The
D.P.G. has been asked to examine these suggestions.

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in detail, particularly with reference to the cost of each proposal to the Govt., and to send his report to the Govt. at an early date. The intention is that the matter may be placed before the Cabinet for decision, after the D.P.G.'s report is received and examined.

The file may ~~now~~ be circulated to H.M. (E&L) for indicating the lines on which an answer may be given to the Assembly on 10/10/49.

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The following answer is submitted for consideration:-

"There is no intention of removing the courses as such altogether but the possibility of substituting in their place Honours Courses in Arabic, Persian and Urdu ^{Specialized} and a University ^{Combined} course of the study of Islamic and Hindu culture etc., is under examination. [Especially as such courses will tend to bring Indian and Muslim ^{still closer} together and unite them into a ~~single~~ citizen of a free Indian Union"]

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H.M. (E&L and Law). Commit the portion in Sq. Bracket & letters leave to for Supplementaries

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The draft answer on p. 10 f. is for approval

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Alleged proposal to remove Islamic History and Culture from the subjects taught in the Arts College, Madras.

* 81^a Q.—BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government intend to remove Islamic History and Culture from the list of subjects taught in the Government Arts College, Madras?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—“There is no intention of removing the courses as such altogether but the possibility of substituting in their place Honours courses in Arabic, Persian and Urdu together with a University combined course of the study of Islamic and Hindu cultures, etc., is under examination.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that there is no subject combining Islamic culture and Hindu culture in the Madras University and that it would take some time for such a subject to be introduced as a course of study in the Madras University? May I therefore have an assurance from the Hon. Minister that he will not abolish Islamic History and Culture from the Government Arts College unless he has consulted the Muslim Members of this House in regard to this matter?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—“It is true there is no such course now in the Madras University, and we have taken up the matter with that University. I can certainly assure the hon. Member that I will not make a change in this matter without consulting the Muslim Members of this House.”

SRI M. S. PATTABHIRAMIAH:—“May I know whether a secular state is bound to maintain and encourage the study or culture of any religion, Sir?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—“This question does not arise, i.e., the question of secular state does not come in here. There is a subject provided by the University by name ‘Islamic History and Culture’ and it is going on in the Government College now. It will not be taken away without consulting the Muslim Members of this House. The course has been provided, and it is optional for anybody; even Hindu students have applied for this course.”

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—“Is it not a fact that Islamic History and Culture is being taught in foreign countries as well and is not the Hon. Minister aware that the late Prof. Syed Hussain, who was a friend of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was a Professor of Islamic History and Culture in America?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—“I am thankful to the hon. Member for this information; I did not know it.”

SRI N. M. R. SUBBARAMAN:—“May I know whether there are a sufficient number of students who have taken this subject?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—“This year the number of students that have taken up this course is 3.”

Please see the proceedings of the Leg. Assembly on 14-11-49 extracted above. There is no further action to be taken in this file. The papers may be recorded.

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