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[Despatch Abstract.]

Leg. Assembly question - Presidency College - Failures in Mathematics
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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY SECTION)

22-8-1949

STARRED.

MOHAMED RAZA KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR, M.L.A.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

* Q.NO.95.

Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state: (a) the total number of students who appeared for the Final B.A(Hons) Mathematics examination ^{in Mathematics} from Presidency College this year, and the number of students who passed in that examination ^{from the Presidency College?}

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From the Government
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Mem. No. 65929-1/49A Edu. dated 8-9-49.
Sub: Leg. Assembly En. - Presidency College, Madras
Number of students that appeared for and
passed in the B.A. Honours (Mathematics) Exam.
from the D.P.G. No. 712 K2/49 d. 2.8.49.

D/50f

The D.P.G. is requested
to ascertain and report the reasons
for the large number of failures in
the recent B.A. Honours Degree Examination
in Mathematics in the Presidency College,
Madras.

To the D.P.G.

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5 - S.P.A. (A)
Memo. No. 65929-2/49 A Edu. (V) Dated 24-10-49.
Smt: Presidency College, Madras - Number
of students that appeared for and
passed in the B.A. Honours (Mathematics)
Examination

The D P G. is requested to expedite his reply to the memo cited.

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found on Memoirs 6647-14 17A etc.
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from the Secy of the Inten & Richardson
of 16-7-188

It is the Lr. from the Secy
to R.R. the Inten & Richardson's
Charities, Moscow on p 38 of. Attention
in this connection, is invited to the
note on and the notes in circulation
marked N' on p 8 and 10 ante. A
reply may now be given that the Govt
do not find the necessity for making
the L.C.E. Comm. which they have
recently abolished. For notes.

Copy of letter +R.C.No.531/49 dated 30th June 1949 from the Principal, Presidency College, Madras to the Director of Public Instruction.

Sub: Presidency College, Madras - Results in the University Examinations - 1949.

Ref: Your Proceedings C.No.712-K2/49 dated 19th May 1949.

I am submitting below a statement showing the number of students who appeared for the examination and the number passed.

	No. of students sent up.	No. of students who withdrew	No. who took the whole examination.	Number who passed the whole examination.			No. Recommended for Pass Degree	Number of total failures.
				I	II	III		
B.A. Hons.Br.I.	17	5	12	1	2	2	2	7
M.A. Br. I.	10	2	8	2	1	-	-	5

These figures do not include students who withdrew from the examination of March 1948, and who appeared as private candidates for the examination of March 1949. For all the colleges in the University taken together, out of 67 in B.A. Honours only 34 passed; there were 13 recommended for the pass Degree and 20 total failures. Out of 32 who appeared for M.A., 10 only have passed, 22 having failed.

Statement showing the qualifications of students who were admitted into III Honours and M.A. in July 1946.

	Number admitted	Passed the Intermediate examination in			Number passed the B.A. Honour Degree Examination.			
		Class.			I	II	III	Recommended for B.A.
B.A. Hons.	17	17	-	-	1	-	2	2
Post graduate M.A.	10	Passed the B.A. Degree in			Passed the M.A. Degree Examn.			
		I	II	III	I	II	III	
		2	1	7	2	-	1	

Though the students admitted to the Honours course had obtained I class in the Intermediate Examination, the performance of many of them, however, was poor in the College Examinations. The batch sent up this year was a poor set; only a few were good and the rest were bad or indifferent.

In this college, unlike in a few other colleges, it has not been possible to give the Honours and M.A. students systematic tutorial assistance in their study. The existing staff are already having the maximum number of hours of work permissible, namely 10 hours a week for each of the two Professors and 14 hours a week for each of the 5 Assistant Professors.

The standards of the question papers also have been affected the performance of the students; for instance, the questions in Section A of each paper are not of a uniform standard covering the whole syllabus so as to ensure an average candidate getting the minimum for a pass; whilst Section B questions are ~~difficult~~ difficult and so long and involved that the students can answer only parts of such questions, thus getting very few marks in accordance with the directions regarding scrappy and incomplete answers.

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It may be mentioned that every year, the Board of Examination Examiners re-estimate the performance of hard cases and border line candidates. It is understood that this procedure was not adopted by the Board this year which accounts for the poor results in general in the University.

A statement showing the postings and transfers of Assistant Professors of Mathematics in this College during recent years is enclosed. It will be seen from the statement that there has been a number of changes in the personnel of the Assistant Professors since July 1946. Such frequent changes may have left their effect upon the instruction imparted to the students. It is hardly necessary to point out the adverse consequences of frequent transfers on the continuity and efficiency of teaching.

The staff arrangements conducive to a satisfactory imparting of instruction to Honours classes would be as follows:--

(1) It is suggested that one more assistant Professor be added to the staff, so that the Honours students may receive 4 hours of tutorial assistance per week in each of the three years. This would give an additional 12 hours of tutorial work and about 100 exercise books for scrutiny by the new incumbent.

In a staff of seven members as we have now in this college allowing for a very occasional change of one or at the most two members (but not in a very short interval) the substantial part of the staff should have settled down to Honours teaching for an unbroken period of at least half a dozen years, so that they might have derived the necessary experience to see that the courses are taught in the right manner. If such is not the case, and one or other of a substantial part of the staff is on the move at inconvenient intervals, it is hardly possible to say that the students are getting instruction in all parts of the subjects. The desired arrangements have unfortunately been prevailing in this college for the past few years.

The Board of Studies in Mathematics may take up the question of the proper standards of papers.

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for Director of Public Instruction.

Statement showing the various transfers that took place for the last three years in the department of Mathematics of the Presidency College.

Assistant Professors.

1. Sri C.V. Lobo From April 1946 to 13-8-1948 and from 31-8-48 to 1-4-49 (Vacant from 14-8-1948 to 30-8-48)
2. Sri T.N. Bhima Rao from April 1946 to 22-7-1948 (Vacant from 23-7-48 to 7-8-48)
- Mr. S. Isaac from 8-8-1946 to 10-8-1948 (Vacant from 11-8-1948 to 22-8-48)
- Sri K. Sivaraj - from 23-8-48.
3. Sri T. Srinivasaraghavan from 1-3-48 to 2-7-48 (Post transferred to Government Muslim College, Madras.
4. Sri K. Ramanujacharya from April 1946 to 31-10-1946. (Vacant from 1-11-1946 to 6-11-46)
- Sri V.S. Krishnan from 7-11-1946 to date.
5. Sri V.R. Srinivasaraghavan from April 1946 to 31-7-1946 (Vacant from 1-8-46 to 4-8-1946).
- Sri M.V. Subba Rao from 5-8-46 to date.
6. Sri M. Balakrishnan 17-9-1946 to 30-6-47 (new post from 17-9-46) (Vacant from 1-7-47 to 9-7-1947).
- Sri K. Venkatesan from 10-7-47 to 18-6-1948
- Sri R. Ayyaswami from 19-6-48 to 28-6-48 (except from 5-1-48 to 8-1-48 when he was on leave. (Vacant from 29-6-48 to 15-7-48) date.

Professors.

- Sri K. Ananda Rao 1-4-46 to 28-6-48 (except from 5-1-48 to 8-1-48 when he was on leave. (Vacant from 29-6-48 to 15-7-48).
- Sri G.A. Srinivasan from 16-7-48 to 30-8-48
- Sri P.B. Patnaick from 31-8-1948 to date.
- Sri G.A. Srinivasan from 1-4-46 to 15-7-48
- Sri K. Ramanujacharya from 16-7-48 to 12-8-48
- Sri C.V. Lobo from 13-8-48 to 30-8-48
- Sri G.A. Srinivasan from 31-8-48 to date.

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Draft answer
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clause (a): The total number of students who appeared for the Final B.A. (Hons.) Exam. in Mathematics from the Presidency College is 12.
clause (b): The number of students that passed is 3.

Draft answer

- (a) Twelve
- (b) Three passed and two were recommended for Pass Degree

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Dated 5-11-49

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Madras Legis. I-3-3,004-23-3-48.



SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,
Fort St. George, dated the 25-8-1949.

QUESTION No. 95 ^{next} 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.

V.O. 6949/49 - CORR.
26.8.49

E.P.H. (A)

Please see the Leg. Assembly Qn. No. 95 starred on p.c.f. It is the same as the one at D/10.f., which lapsed, consequent on the prorogation of the Legislature, before it could be answered. The D.P.G. furnished the information asked for in the Qn. in his letter at D/50.f. He may now be asked to give the reasons for the large number ^(in the Presidency College) failure of a draft memo is subd. of a approval. The file may be circulated to H.N. (E.40) after issue of draft.



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H. N. (E.40) Ca. 5/5/49

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From the D.P. 9. No. 712-K₂/49 d. 19-10-49. p 70f.

The D.P. 9's letter d. 19.10.49

and the enclosures thereto may be perused.

A draft answer to the An. on p 10 f. is subd.

below for approval. The file may be circulated to H.M. (E. & L.).

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H.M. (E & L)

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[Issued as E.P.H. u.o. 65929-3/49A d. 5.11.49.] p 130f

Extract for on the Leg. Assembly Proceedings on 14-11-49.

Final B.A. (Hons.) Examination in Mathematics in the Presidency College.

* 96 Q.—JANAB MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of students who appeared for the Final B.A. (Hons.) Examination in Mathematics from the Presidency College this year; and

(b) the number of students who passed in that examination from the Presidency College?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—“(a) Twelve.

“(b) Three passed and two were recommended for pass degree.”

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

Abstract

Leg. Assembly and
Presidency College,
Madras. Figures
in Maths. Hons.
papers recorded

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