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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE.

(ASSEMBLY SECTION)

21-2-1950.

STARRED.

SRI S. NAGAPPA, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

* Q.N. 0.176.

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

(a) the number of school going age children in the State;

(b) how many of them are receiving instructions; and

(c) what attempts are being made to bring the other r, under instruction?

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Dept
(c)

Draft Answer

(a) 70 lakhs.

(b) 36,50,748
in 1947-48.

(c) the question is
under consideration

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To The Secy M.L. (Secy)

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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE,

Fort St. George, dated the 28. 2. 1950.

QUESTION No. 176 for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly ~~to which~~
commenced on 27th February 1950
be held on the 19th

Two copies of this question are forwarded to the Education & Public Health Department.
The question has been admitted.

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To Education & Public Health Department.

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E. S. (S)

Please see the L.A. Question below.
It has been estimated that ^{there are} 70 lakhs of children of school going age in the state. According to the report on Public Instruction for 1947-48, about 36 lakhs ^{of these children} are receiving instruction.

2. The Govt. introduced a scheme of compulsory edu. in selected villages in each Dt. during 1945-46 to 1947-48. The scheme was ~~then~~ suspended thereafter, on account of the introduction of the scheme of basic education in the province. No special steps were taken in ~~the~~ ^{the} aftermath, regard to the extension of scheme of compulsory edu.

3. Under article 45 of the new constitution, the state should endeavour to provide free

and compulsory edu. to all children up to the age
14 within a period of ten years. The question is to have
this and make it be implemented
under consideration separately.

A draft answer is submitted below
for the Hon. Minister. The file may be circulated
to H-oc (Edn)

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RM 413

What is the basis of
the estimate of 70 lakhs

RM 413

With ref. to the query of H.M. at H above, it is

submitted, that according to the Census of 1941, the total
population in the Presidency was 4,93,41,810. 14%
of this figure has been taken as the no. of school
going age children in the State. The no. of children
was not 69,97,853 or 70 lakhs as some figures.
The file may be submitted to H-oc (Edn)

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School-going age children in the State.

* 65 Q.—SRI S. NAGAPPA: Will the Hon. the Minister for
Education be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of school-going age children in the State;
- (b) how many of them are receiving instructions; and
- (c) what attempts are being made to bring the others under instruction?

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L.H. - no. of school-
going age children in
the State - figures
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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—“(a) 70 lakhs.
“(b) 36,50,748 in 1947-48.
“(c) The question is under consideration.”

SRI S. NAGAPPA :—“The Constitution guarantees that up to
the age of 14 every child of the state will be provided with education.
Now, I would like to know what will happen to the remaining 35
lakhs of children. The Government say that they are considering
about this matter. I would like to know whether they have made
any attempt after the introduction of the new Constitution?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—“It is certainly one
of the directive principles of the Constitution, that we must
have free and compulsory education up to the age of 14. My
hon. Friend knows the Constitution came into force on the
26th January 1950. If my hon. Friend wants to know what
we have done between that date and now, we have not done
anything particular between these dates. But even before
that our attempt has been to make education free and com-
pulsory and every possible step is being taken and in particular
in view of the introduction of the new Constitution, the matter
is under consideration.”

JANAB ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—“Of the number of
children of school-going age which has been mentioned, may I
know, Sir, what percentage has completed the elementary school
course?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—“A separate ques-
tion may be put, Sir.”

JANAB N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR :—“May I know, Sir, what
the framer of the question means by saying ‘receiving instructions’
in sub-clause (b) of the question and what the Hon. Minister under-
stood by it?”

MR. SPEAKER :—“The Hon. Minister has already answered
the question.”

JANAB N. MUHAMMAD ANWAR :—“It says ‘instructions’.
What are the instructions, Sir?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—“I wish, Sir, we
had some rules by which the hon. Member can ask the Member
putting the question what he means by it.”

JANAB M. S. ABDUL MAJID :—“May I know why the penal
provisions of the Elementary Education Act are not being enforced
by the local bodies if they find children of school-going age are not
attending school?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—“I think that in
local bodies where elementary education is compulsory, they
must be trying their best to enforce the penal provisions, but
my experience is that the enforcement of the penal provisions
would cause greater hardship than good.”

SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI :—“May I know what is the
school-going age and whether the age-limit fixed for the old method
of education will suit the new method of basic education? If not,
will the Government modify the age-limit to suit the basic educa-
tion?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—“The age-limit
fixed under the Constitution is ‘up to 14 years.’ The figures
that I have given are for the ages 5 to 14. Steps will be taken
for adjusting the age-limits to basic education. We are con-
sidering the question of adjusting the age-limits to the basic
education as adumbrated in the Zakir Hussain scheme.”

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM :—“With reference to the reply given
by the Hon. Minister, may I know what kind of proposals are under
the consideration of the Government?”

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—“I am not in a
position to say what are the proposals that are before us. We
are considering how we can implement the provisions of the
Constitution.”

MR. SPEAKER :—“In a day or two we are going to have the
Education Demand. I therefore pass on to the next question.”

The paper may now be

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recorded. With reference to P on f 3 ante
there are no papers in the Secretariat. Perhaps
the matter is being examined by the D.P.
If concrete proposals are made the matter
may be considered.

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