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Minister for Education
26 MAY 1949

Asst. Secretary to Government
Education and Public Health

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May 25, 1949.

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My dear Shetty,

I understand the original idea which prompted Government to shift the Intermediate classes from the Presidency College to the Government Muslim College was not only to do away with the communal character of the institution but also concentrate on classes in Humanities and Languages including Hons.courses in the Muslim College and to allow the Presidency College to develope as a Science College with greater facilities for research etc. For some reason the Government became half-hearted in their reforms and abandoned even the idea of changing the name of the Muslim College. You will forgive me if I venture to say this attitude was part of the policy of appeasement followed by the late Government. I feel it is time we emphasise the secular character of our State and refuse to encourage either directly or indirectly communal institutions. Therefore, may I suggest that the name of the College should be changed into the Government Arts College, Madras? Then again efforts should be made from now to transfer all classes in Humanities and languages including Honours courses to the Mount Road College. Whatever may be the recommendations of the Raman Committee, 2/

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I think it will be conceded the general idea is to develope the Presidency College as a Science College. A plan of action may be formulated to achieve these objects within a reasonable period of time.

I learn courses in Islamic History are provided in all classes in the present Government Muslim College. It is not known what cultural value these courses have especially in a secular State. A perusal of the syllabuses will show they have more political and communal value. If it is possible, these courses may be stopped. At any rate admission to Honours course in Islamic History may be immediately stopped. Whether the place of Islamic History can be taken by the study of the History of the Middle East and Far East and whether the substitution of courses in languages such as Persian, Arabic, Urudu & Hindusthani would have real cultural value are matters for consideration and the Government will do well to pursue their consideration in this direction. Anything which savours of communalism and militates against the idea of a secular State should be scrupulously avoided.

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These suggestions I pass on to you in the hope that when they are referred to the Director of Public Instruction he will appreciate the points of view which prompted me to offer these ideas and will have constructive proposals to offer to achieve the objective.

Trusting these matters will engage your immediate consideration,

Yours Sincerely,

R. Suryanarayana Rao

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The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty,
Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St.George.

E.P.H.(A)
Endt. No. 40435-1/49 Edn. dated 31-5-49.
Referred to the D.P.I. for very early remarks

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To the D.P.I.
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D.O.No.790 K2/49. Director of Public Instruction,
Madras (Camp) Anantapur, 4th July 1949

My dear Prabhu,

Ref: Government Endorsement No.40435-1/49, Edn., dated 31st May 1949 re: the teaching of Islamic History in Government Colleges.

I hope to be forgiven for the rather lengthy remarks I have offered on the Government reference quoted above. This could not be avoided in view of the political implications of the recommendation which I am making after the most careful consideration and study. I request that very urgent orders should be passed regarding the continuance or otherwise of Islamic History in the Intermediate, B.A. and B.A. Honours courses.

Yours sincerely,

To

J.M.Lobo Prabhu, Esq., I.C.S.,
Secretary to Government,
Education & P.H.Department,
Fort St.George, Madras.

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R.C.No.790 K2/49.   Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, 4th July 1949.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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

Sir,

SUBJECT: Government Muslim College, Madras - Removal of denominational character -

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REFERENCE: Government Endorsement No.40435-1/49, Edn., dated 31--5--49.

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1. Before offering my remarks on the critism of Mr. Suryanarayana Rao that the courses in Islamic History in the Government Muslim College have no cultural value especially in a secular State and that the syllabuses have more political and communal value, I wish to explain the place which this study occupies in the different courses.

2. In the Intermediate course, Islamic History is one of the three subjects under Part III which a candidate can take. Accoding to the University Regulations these 3 subjects should be selected out of the following:

Logic
Indian History
Ancient History
Modern History
Islamic History
A Language.

Thus Islamic History occupies a relatively unimportant place in the Intermediate course as it is only one of the three subjects which a candidate can take. As in the case of the other History subjects there is no syllabus but the scope of the subject is defined by the text-books prescribed which are:-

A History of the Saracens ..	Ameer Ali.
Heroes of Islam	Salik
Arab Civilisation	Hell

In the B.A. Degree course much greater prominence is given to this subject inasmuch as this subject occupies three-fifths of the History course. Under Part III of the B.A. course 5 papers have to be taken by all candidates taking History, Economics or Politics. In common with the students of these groups, the Islamic History pupils offer 'Politics,' and 'Economics - General' while the other three papers relate to their own particular courses of study. Under this they have to study -

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(1) General History of Islam:

Ameer Ali: A short history of the Saracens.
Muir: The Caliphate: its rise, decline and fall.

(2) Civilization and culture of Islam.

Ameer Ali: The spirit of Islam.
Arnold: The Legacy of Islam.
Hell: The Arab civilization.

(3) History of India with reference to the role of Islam:

Dodwell: The Cambridge Short History of India.
Elphinstone: History of India.

It is surprising that even here no syllabuses have been prescribed. The students have to sit for one paper on each of these subjects. The text-books recommended for study are noted against each subject. No books are recommended for consultation.

3. In the Honours Course, candidates in all courses in the Humanities have to offer 6 subjects with one paper in each besides writing an Essay. Islamic Studies occupy four-sixths of the course, if the essay is excluded, as the candidates have only 2 papers - Politics and Economics - General, in common with the other Honours courses in History, Politics and Economics. These four subjects are -

1. Advanced History of Islam.
2. Islamic Law and Constitution.
3. Special Subject - I.
4. Special Subject - II.

At present the following special subjects find a place in the course of study and candidates are required to choose 2 of them:

1. The Mughals and Rajputs.
2. The Bahmini Rulers and the Vijianagar Kingdoms.
3. The Mughal Administration.
4. Commerce and Industry under the Moghuls.

No detailed syllabus have been prescribed for the Honours course also, but a comprehensive list of books has been appended.

4. The first question that has to be decided is whether a course of this kind has real cultural and academic value and whether they are suitable subjects for undergraduate study. On this I have had discussions with Professors of History including Dr.C.R.Reddi who was also good enough to give a brief confidential note on it. I have also obtained the opinions of Prof.Nilakanta Sastri, Emeritus Professor of Indian History in the Madras University, Prof. Balakrishnan Nayar of the Presidency College, Col.Hamid, Joint Director of Public Instruction and Dr.Haq, Principal of the Presidency College and copies of their remarks are enclosed. The first two are definitely of the view that such courses as at present organised should not find a place in any University while the last two are in favour. Prof.Balakrishnan Nayar is also on the whole in favour, though the views which he expressed to me when he first discussed the subject with me agreed with those of Dr.C.R.Reddi.

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5. After going through the question papers and the syllabuses I feel that there is far more weight in the arguments against their retention. In the first place, the term "Islamic History" is in itself objectionable as has been pointed out by Dr.C.R.Reddi. History as such cannot be given any religious appellation like Christian, Hindu or Buddhist. It would have been more appropriate to have called it as "History and Culture of Islam" as pointed out by Col.Hamid. In the second place, there can be no justification whatever to have a course like Islamic Culture and History in a Government institution when there is no provision for parallel courses in Hindu, Buddhist or other cultures. In the third place, the approach to the subject cannot but tend to be communal and religious when the teachers and the taught are believers. It will be seen that judged by the figures for the last 2 years only one non-Muslim took this course in the College and he had not offered History in the Intermediate Examination. This is inevitable when a subject so closely connected with a living religion is a subject of study. As pointed out by Dr.C.R. Reddi it is not possible for a critical approach to a subject which is so intimately connected with religion and belief.

pp 37-39 & 33-35 infra

6. There is still another aspect on which even more serious criticism has to be levelled, i.e., that these subjects provide a soft option. On this the analysis of the results given both by the Principal of the Muslim College as well as by Prof.Balakrishnan Nair (Enclosures VII and VI respectively) leaves no room for doubt. In the Intermediate, the percentage of failures in Islamic History is much lower than in the other two subjects while in the case of the Honours the evidence is far more damaging. All the candidates who appeared for the Honours and M.A.Degree Examinations in 1947, 1948 and 1949 passed, only one candidate securing a III Class in the years 1948 and 1949.

pp 37-39 infra

7. Such a high percentage of passes in the Honours Courses need not in itself be a matter for surprise as admission to the Honours Courses is intended to be confined to students who are well above the average. If this were so in the case of this group there would be no need for comment, but it will be seen from the analysis of the attainments of the pupils furnished by the Principal of the Muslim College (Enclosure VII) that a large number of the students who were admitted to the Honours course had passed the Intermediate in more than one sitting while some others had no previous acquaintance with History. One interesting fact that may also be noted in this connection is that no pupil sought admission into the B.A. Islamic History group in 1948 apparently for the reason that they could as well join the Honours course !

pp 13-14 & 31-32 infra

8. As explained by Prof.Balakrishnan Nayar and Col.Hamid the standards set are determined not by syllabuses but by the Professors and it is difficult for a high standard to be maintained where the subject is taught only in one College in the Honours Degree and by about 2 or 3 colleges in the Province like the IslamicCollege, Vaniyambadi, Osmania College, Kurnool for the Intermediate and B.A.Degree which are under Muslim management.

9. Moreover, in the B.A. it should be difficult to avoid overlapping since civilization and culture cannot be entirely separated from the History of Islam. That this is so, is confirmed by the fact that 2 of the 3 texts recommended for study for the Intermediate are prescribed again in the B.A. one for each of the two subjects. As regards the third subject, History of India with reference to the role of Islam, the paper is virtually a paper on the Muslim period of Indian

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History and judged by the examination papers for 3 years, there is hardly a question which could not have been set in the general Indian History paper. As against the three History subjects included in Islamic History referred to in paragraph 2 the corresponding subjects in the regular B.A. History course are -

(1) English Constitution History from 1485 A.D.
(2) European History from 1500 A.D.
(3) Indian History from the pre-Historic period to the Constitutional Reforms of 1919.

Even if the first 2 of these subjects are treated as equal in weight to the first two subjects in the Islamic History group - an assumption which would not be warranted,-there can be no denying the fact that the Indian History syllabus in the ordinary History course is much heavier.

10. For these reasons, I am of the view that the existing provision in the Government Muslim College (such provision is not made in any other Government College) may be withdrawn. Hons. It is not within my competence to suggest to the University, which is an autonomous body, any modification in the existing course of studies as recommended by Prof.Nilakanta Sastri, but Government, like any other management, are ~~p~~ at perfect liberty to drop any subject without assigning any reason. Such a course has been followed by Government for reasons of economy previously as when the Philosophy Honours Course in the Presidency College was abolished sometime ago. So far as the B.A. group in Islamic History is concerned there were no pupils at all in the Junior class of last year and the figures for the previous years are also poor (Enclosure VI). BA p 31 infra If as pointed out by Prof.Balakrishnan Nayar, it is dying a natural death there is no point in incurring expenditure on it while waiting for its total extinction. It is only in regard to the Intermediate and Honours courses that Government should come to a decision on grounds other than considerations of economy. Ints – 2 Hons

11. It will perhaps help Government to come to a decision if the Annexure to Enclosure V is referred to. pp 21-29 infra It will be seen that with the exception of the two predominantly Muslim Universities of Aligarh and Dacca and the University of Travancore, the provision made for Islamic History in such of the Universities as have instituted courses is of a limited nature. In Mysore, it is provided in the B.A. course only and that only as an alternative to one paper; in theDelhi University it is also one subject and that also for the B.A.Honours; there is no provision at all for this subject in the Universities of Allahabad and Bombay. Calcutta is rather unique as it is reported that the courses are not exclusively Islamic and that provision is also made for the study of Hindu culture and institutions. The Madras University is one of the few Universities where Islamic History is provided for from the Intermediate and where it occupies such a prominent place in the B.A. and B.A.Honours courses. In the Intermediate the Muslim College offers only Modern History, Ancient History and those taking Islamic History do so by dropping Modern History. Such a student when he completes the B.A. course leaves the College without any real knowledge of Indian History. For these reasons and for the reasons already referred to in the preceding paragraphs, the subject may be dropped in the Intermediate and Honours courses also in the College. 2 Ints + Hons

12. I am well aware of the fact that Government, in this particular case, has to take into consideration factors which are not merely academic. Muslim opposition is bound to be aroused by the abolition of the courses in Islamic History. It will naturally be regarded as the final step in the conversion

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of the College into a general college open to all communities. The institution of Honours courses next year in one or more languages like Arabic or Urdu or Persian should, however, serve to satisfy the community. Government have this year sanctioned the opening of Honours courses in Telugu and Tamil and it is but right that the question of opening similar courses in the other languages should be taken up for consideration in due course.

13. As the College is re-opening ~~in a few days~~ today I request that this reference may be treated as urgent and early orders issued. Pending the decision of Government, the Principal has been instructed not to make any final admissions into the Islamic History group in the Intermediate. The B.A. and B.A. Honours classes will take some more time to be formed but all the students who wish to offer these groups have been required to choose an alternative subject. If Government feel that the abolition should be gradual I recommend that the subject may be retained in the Intermediate for this year.

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Enclosure I

(Ref: Director's query regarding Islamic History & Culture courses in Intermediate, B.A. and B.A.(Honours).

(By the Joint Director of Public Instruction).

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INTERMEDIATE: The subject of Islamic History and Culture forms a third part of Part III of the Intermediate. For the Intermediate standard Islamic History is of sufficient weight and heaviness to measure up to the other two subjects of Part III. For a student of History it may even be said to be important as it would give him an insight into the History of the Middle East, Southern Europe and India. For that purpose it may be remain as one of the optional subjects of the Intermediate course. The number of students taking the course in the last few years has been as follows:-

1947

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Islamic History and Culture for the B.A. This again forms a third part of Part III course, two papers being taken in common with other students of History. The syllabus and the scope of study are quite wide and its inclusion in the course is important from a cultural as well as an academic point of view. There are three subjects included in this course of study - (1) History of India with reference to the rule of Islam (2) History of Islam (3) Culture and Civilisation of Islam. A knowledge of Urdu, Persian and Arabic is required for this course.

The number of students taking this course has not been encouraging as will be seen from the following figures for the last three years:-

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Islamic History & Culture for B.A.(Hons): There are three papers which the students of this course take in common with students of History Honours. These are (1) General Economics, (2) Politics and (3) Essay.

The four special subjects are (1) Islamic Jurisprudence and Constitution (2) General History of Islam (3) Bhamini and Vijayanagar kingdoms and (4) Moghul Administration. Knowledge of Urdu, Persian and Arabic is necessary for this course. The course is wide in scope and is comparable in the demands it makes on the students, with the History and the Economics courses. It is understood that about six to ten students have been taking this course since it was instituted in 1946 and that some students have withdrawn not being able to stand up to its requirements. The students who have taken this course are understood to have fared well in some of the All-India competitive examinations.

The question papers for this course are set by the General Board of paper setters and it is understood that the standard is uniform with other Honours Courses.

Naturally the profoundness of study or its opposite, depends upon the standard set by the Lecturers and Professors and the demands made by them on their students. It is understood that First Classes in the final Honours Examinations have been few and far between.

It may be advantageous to retain these courses for their cultural and academic value, but the name may be changed into 'History and Culture of Islam'. It would also be appropriate to transfer the Honours Course to the Presidency College which is perhaps going to develop into an all round centre for the study of Sciences and Humanities.

Occasionally non-Muslim students have taken up the study of the 'History and Culture of Islam', for its cultural value.

Taking a long range view of things generally, it seems best to retain these courses in order to leave no gap in our courses of study or in our field of knowledge. A University is after all a place where anything in the world can be pursued as a subject of study so long as it is of some interest to the human mind. In that sense one sees nothing wrong in retaining them as courses in the Madras University.

Enclosure II

Copy of D.O. dated 18-6-49 from Dr.M.Abdul Haq, Principal, Presidency College, Madras.

In submitting the remarks of the Professor of History, I would like to add that the course of studies in this subject has had nothing to do with the 'communal or political movements at any time. As a matter of fact the pioneer in this field who established a chair of Islamic History and Culture at Calcutta University was the late Sir Aushutosh Mukherjee, the great Indian Educationist. The subject has a great cultural value as the study of several branches of its schools of law and Sociology have been specially recommended by International Bar Association at Hague. As such I think its value cannot be minimised. Regarding its high standard, suffice it to say that very few students are attracted to this course and there have been cases of students who went over to other groups feeling this group a little difficult.

I endorse the other remarks of the Professor of History.

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part of our countr must not allow our sky over-cast by the old clouds or new. Governmental nisations should be adjusted to the requirements and gress of a secular state.

About the facts in the Madras University relative to this question, I have no knowledge. I have read the accounts given. Parity of admissions to the different onours courses, results in this subject as compared with the results obtained by the same candidates in the subjects taken in common with other candidates, the nature, scope and type of syllabuses adopted - have all their bearing the problem, but these are mainly administrative issues ich could be rectified if difficulties are found by e University and the managements conducting these classes.

On the question of principle and policy, I am in eral agreement with the views of Professor Nilakanta try.

In Oxford and Cambridge and some other foreign ersities, courses in Arabic and Persian - classical uages - are organised and sometimes periods of history the Caliphate are prescribed. I myself had for my al subject, The First Crusade, and the History of ian Turks, so far as it was incidental to that . Our teacher was an Englishman Mr.J.B.Mullinger. t type of study is different in approach, spirit ent from Islamic Culture as organised here.

t should be possible as in England and elsewhere uslims to be appointed as teachers and examiners sian and Arabic courses to be studied both as and as connected with particular phases of history. I don't know what the facts in this respect.

Enclosure IV 11

Copy of letter dated 24th June 1949 from Sri K.A.
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Ref: D.O. letter dated 22-6-49 re: courses o
Islamic History and culture.

I took part in the discussions in the Board o
in the Academic Council which preceded the introducti
courses and can speak with personal knowledge of the
adoption and working. They came in against the gene
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Enclosure V

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Remarks of the Progress of History and Politics regarding the provision for Islamic History in the Government Muslim College.

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Courses in Islamic History are now provided for at the Government Muslim College in all the stages - Intermediate, B.A. Pass and B.A. Honours. Islamic History is one of the three Histories in which instruction is given under Group B of the Inter. In B.A. Pass, the college is affiliated in Group iv-d. Islamic History and Culture and in B.A. Honours in Branch XIII. Islamic History and Culture.

Affiliation was first obtained for B.A. group iv-d. Islamic History and Culture and after a few years in 1944-45 for B.A. Honours, Branch XIII in Islamic History and Culture and in 1945-46 for Islamic History in the Intermediate.

In the Inter. Islamic History is one of the three histories taught at the college, the other two being Modern History, i.e., History of Great Britain and Ireland and Ancient History, i.e., History of Greece and History of Rome. The University has not given any set syllabus for Islamic History unlike in the case of Modern History or Indian History and hence the scope of the subject has to be taken as indicated by the text books prescribed. The text-books prescribed are the following:-

1. Amir Ali - A History of the Saracens.
2. Salik - Heroes of Islam.
3. Hell - Arab Civilization.

These books deal with the rise and progress of Islam in Arabia, Persia, North Africa and Spain generally and of the History of the Caliphate in particular for those who offer the subject a new vista of history is opened.

In B.A. group iv-d. Islmaic History and Culture three papers deal exclusively with the History and culture of Islam, the two offers being Politics and Economics which are common to iv-d. and iv-a. As in the case of Islamic History in the Intermediate for the three papers in Islamic History and Culture in B.A. group iv-d. the University has prescribed no set syllabus, but has left the books recommended under each paper to define its scope. The third paper is entitled "History of India with reference to the role of Islam" and the students are examined only on that period in the History of India beginning with the Arab conquest of Said and ending with the eclipse of the Mughal Empire. A perusal of the question papers set by the University would show that in certain years under this paper a few questions bearing upon the history of Hindu kingdoms contemporary with Muslim states and non-Muslim religions movements were also asked. There is, however, no doubt that the emphasis of the three papers in B.A. is on the whole on the history and culture of Islam.

The three papers for B.A. group iv-a History and Economics corresponding to 'General History of Islam, Civilization and Culture of Islam" and "History of India with reference to the roll of Islam" of group iv-d. Islamic History and Culture are 'General Indian History' 'Constitutional History of Great Britain and Ireland' and 'Outlines of European History'. They have detailed syllabuses to define their scope for the simple reason that the group of which they form part has had a longer period of existence as a course than group iv-d. and therefore has had greater attention devoted to them by the Board of Studies in History. However, the text-books alone taken into consideration, the number prescribed under each group seems to be almost the same and of about equal standard. It is true that two out of thee books prescribed for Islamic History in the Inter. viz., Amir Ali. A short History of the Saracens and Hell - The Arab Civilization are repeated in the B.A., the first under "General History of Islam" and the other under "Civilization and Culture of Islam". This has happened because of the dearth of other suitable books to cover the subjects they deal with.

B.A. Honours. Branch XIII - Islamic History and Culture includes seven papers, three of which are common with Branch III. History. The four papers which give the course its Islamic stamp are

"Advanced History of Islam", Islamic law and constitution" and two special subjects with periods of Islamic History to be studied along with original authorities, chosen from a group of four, viz., "The Mughals and the Rajputs", "The Bahmini rulers and the Vizayanagar kingdom", Mughal administration" and "Commerce and Industry under the Mughals." In keeping with the practice obtaining at all Universities at the present day syllabuses are not given for the several subjects in the Honours course and the list of books prescribed under each paper for this branch is not less formidable than that of any paper for branch iii - History. The emphasis of this course as evidenced by the inclusion of "The Mughals and the Rajputs" and "The Bahmine Rulers and the Vizayanagar Kingdom in the list of special subjects and the books prescribed thereunder both as original sources and as modern works, it will be admitted, is not wholly Islamic. Elliot and Dowson's "The History of India as told by its own Historians" and Todd's Annals and Antiquities of Rajasthan figure in the list under "Mughals and the Rajputs" and S.K. Ayyangar's "Inscriptions of Vizayanagar", "South India and her Muhammadan Invaders and "A little known chapter of Vizayanagar History." besides Krishna Sastri's "The dynasties of Vizayanagar" and Servill's "A Forgotten Empire" under "The Bahmini rulers and the Vizayanagar Kingdom."

The text books prescribed for the various courses cannot be said to have been chosen for their "political and communal value". In the Intermediate Islamic History is only one of three Histories offered. No one is compelled to take it and it is an alternative to Ancient History (History of Greece and History of Rome) which to some may seem more remote and evoking less interest than the History of Arabia. On the basis of the books recommended Islamic History at the Intermediate stage amounts merely to the History of the Arabs in their homeland first and later in Persia, North Africa and Spain. The emphasis of the subject is no doubt on the Arabs as Muslims. But Islamic History is not the only history studied. It goes with Modern History and therefore there is no attempt made to insulate candidates against non-Islamic histories or to create in them any sense of exclusiveness or arrogant nationalism. There is thus no danger in having Islamic History at the Intermediate stage in the college with the students given the freedom to choose it in preference to Ancient History which is its alternative.

The position of Islamic History in the B.A. is altogether different. A criticism of B.A. group iv-d is that it is a great disadvantage among its products that they should know the history of Islam so well and of their own country and the modern world hardly at all. The candidates taking this branch have no opportunity of comparative study of the history of other people. Their study of Indian History is confined to the role of Islam in India and consequently they are apt to form a false historical perspective. But the danger of this course corrupting any large number of young men and women is precious little. Compared with group iv-b - Economics, it has not been very popular with the students at the Muslim College and is probably dying a natural death. The following statistics would illustrate the point:-

Academic Year.		B.A. Islamic History.		B.A. Economics.	
		Number of students.		Number of students	
		Junior.	Senior.	Junior.	Senior.
1941-42	..	11	8	24	16
1943-44	..	7	5	16	20
1944-45	..	6	5	13	15
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1946-47	..	3	2	23	22
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1948-49	..	..	7	17	45(?)

B.A. Hons. Islamic History and Culture is by no means a course exclusively in Islamic History and Culture. The content of the course is sound and cannot be said to have been shaped with a view to give any particular communal or political bias. It gives those who take it a comprehensive knowledge of the history of the Caliphate, of Muslim theology and jurisprudence together with certain special periods in the history of India. Any Honours school in History must include a study of original sources as a test of accuracy,attention to detail and ability to interpret. And this condition the Honours course in Islamic History and Culture amply fulfils. History, it must, however, be pointed out is best studied as the history of a country and not as the history of Muslims, of Hindus or of Christians. Because of its name largely, and not for any other valid reason the course has not found favour with such of those who believe that a secular state aiming at being neutral in matters of religion has no business to provide for the teaching in its educational institutions of the history and culture of any particular community within its territorial ambit. For those who take it, it must be said that the course has a cultural value and in the period of its history at the Muslim college, it may be pointed out that there was a non-Muslim offering it for his degree. It would be a pity if admissions to the Honours degree in Islamic History are stopped before its content is retrieved and made to form part of the B.A. Honours course in branch iii - History.

The importance of a knowledge of the history of the middle and Far East from the point of view of the student of History cannot be gainsaid and the University of Madras may be asked to include it in its B.A. Honours course in History in order to render it more comprehensive than at present.

The University's regulations already provide for B.A. Honours Degree in Arabic and Persian. It is up to the Government, having provided for Honours courses in Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu and English, to ask for Honours affiliation in these languages as well. Such an act will be regarded as a gesture of good will on the part of the majority towards the minorities. Honours courses in Arabic, Persian and Urdu cannot, however, take the place of the study of the histories comprehended by the present Honours course in Islamic History.

A note on the position of Islamic History and Culture at Indian and a few foreign Universities asked for by the Director of Public Instruction at an interview on 8-6-1949 is herewith submitted.

Annexure to Item V

Note on the position of Islamic History and Culture at Indian and a few foreign Universities.

Indian Universities:-

The following Universities in India have no provision for Islamic History and Culture:-

Agra, Annamalai, Benares, Nagpur and Patna.

Universities which have provision for Islamic Studies and its nature --

Aligarh:- For the High school examination conducted by the University "Muslim History" is compulsory in the case of Non-Muslims. "Muslim History" again is compulsory in the case of Non-Muslims in Intermediate Part I. In Intermediate Part II "Muslim History" is one of several subjects that can be chosen.

In B.A. Part II "Muslim History" or an additional course in Urdu is prescribed for non-Muslims. Further in B.A. Part II History is treated as distinct from Islamic studies.

The University has an Honours school of Islamic studies apart from Arabic, Persian and History.

Osmania:- Islamic History is one of the subjects for the Matric Examination at the University. In the Intermediate "Islamic History" combines with two languages under Part II and is an alternative to Indian or English and European History.

For the B.A. History school "Select period of Islamic History is one of four subjects that the candidate is permitted to offer under Part 4. There is a B.A. Pass course in the History of Indian Culture but not in Islamic History and Culture.

One of the four papers in M.A. History-Previous can be on "Early Political Institutions, Indian, Islamic and European upto 1500 and another on "Early Political Theories, Indian, Islamic and European. A third paper can be on "A period of Islamic History."

Lucknow:- "Islamic Culture and Civilization is one several subjects which a candidate for the B.A. can offer along with two other subjects and English and there is an Honours course in Islamic Culture and Civilization.

Dacca:- The University has no B.A. Pass in Islamic History and Culture. But there is a B.A. Honours course with Islamic Studies as the principal subject.

Mysore:- At Mysore there is a paper on "History and Culture of Islam to 1258 for the B.A. as an alternative to History of India to 1300.

Travancore:- "Islamic History from 632 to 1258 A.D. is one of the three papers under Part III in Intermediate and there is a B.A. Pass Degree called "History, Economics and Islamic History and Culture, the scope of which is the same as that of group iv-d. B.A. of Madras.

Bombay:- There is no provision for Islamic History in Inter. or B.A. For Honours in History and Economics there is a paper on Ancient, Persian, Greek or Roman History.

Delhi:- The University offers Islamic History as an optional subject. "The Republic, the Umaiy yads of Damascus and the Appasides of Baghdad for its B.A. Honours in History. Under Arabic Honours "A period of Islamic History or Islamic Studies can be chosen and for M.A. in the same language "Islamic Studies" or Arab Civilization". It is also possible to do "A period of Islamic History" as one of four alternative subjects for M.A. in History.

Allahabad:- There is no degree in Islamic History at this University. But for Arabic M.A. as Part of Paper II one can do "History of Islam" and "History of Arabs in India" and for paper III "History of Islam" is an optional subject. Furthermore, there is provision in M.A. Final group D - Asiatic History for the study of "The History of Afghanistan, Persia, Turkey and Egypt."

Calcutta:- This University has made large scale provision for the teaching of Islamic History and culture. For paper 2 in History in the Inter. choice can be had between History of Greece and Rome and "A special period of the History of Hindu colonial exapnsion and a special period of the history of Islam outside India" - pass and Honours courses in Indo-Islamic and World History as well as in Islamic History and culture are provided and paper vi for Honours. History can be a "special period of Islam outside India. An important chracteristic of Indo-Islamic and World History and Islamic History and Culture courses, both pass and Honours, however, is that they are not exclusively Islamic. They include papers on Indian History and Hindu culture and it is a noteworthy fact that the Honours courses in Ancient Indian and World History permits "contact between Hindu culture and Islam" as a special subject. There is also an M.A. course in Islamic History and Culture which remains exclusively Islamic in its content.

Of the colleges at Calcutta, the Islamia College has affiliation in B.A. Pass and Honours in Islamic History and Culture, but not either Presidency College or Lady Brabourne College both of which are Government colleges. Presidency College, Calcutta, however, has affiliation in Arabic and Persian (pass as well as Honours). It has also got History Pass and Honours and in the Inter. Arts it provides for History but not for Islamic History and Culture.

In Foreign Universities:-

Neither Cambridge, nor Oxford has any degree course in Islamic History and Culture. The first allows a tripos in Arabic or Persian and the second posssesses Honours schools in both these languages.

Edinburgh offers "History of the Caliphate to 132 A.D. as one of five papers under the First course for degree examination in Arabic and a Diploma and Certificate of Proficiency in Islamic History, Diplom for Honours Graduates and Certificate for other Graduates. The same University has a paper entitled "The History of the Caliphate to the end of the Abbaside period" including movements in Western Islam which affected Spain" at the final examination in the Honours curriculum with Arabic as the primary and Spanish as the secondary language.

At London there is no provision for Islamic History in the Inter. or in B.A. general examination. In B.A. Honours History, Branch III, Oriental History with special reference to the History of India one of the papers is "The History of India - Hindu and Muslim." Another branch of Honours, viz., Branch iv - Oriental History with special reference to the History of the near and middle East has "Islamic Institutions, Islamic Art and Architecture," as an optional subject. In one paper for B.A. Honours in Arabic questions on the History of Islam are asked and "Islamic Art and Architecture" is an optional paper.

At Chicago Islamic History is not a field of History as defined for the purposes of graduate study.

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Enclosure VI

Copy of D.O. dated 28th June 1949 from Sri T.Balakrishnan Nayar, Professor of History and Politics, Presidency College.

I have your D.O. letter dated 20-6-49. Please find enclosed the particulars that you have asked for.

It is true that in my report on the provision of courses in Islamic History at the Government Muslim College I have maintained that the standard of Islamic History in the Inter, B.A.Pass and Honours courses is about the same as that of 'History' in the corresponding courses. But I may be permitted to point out that any 'standard' has reference only to the content of the courses, and not to results at the examinations.

'Softness' or otherwise of any Honours course I believe is to be judged not by the absence or presence of failures at the final examination, but by the distribution of classes. Ordinarily no student fails in the Honours examination. But the distribution of classes - granting that in the course of three years we can improve our material to a great extent - in any Honours course must bear some relation to the previous records of the candidates inasmuch as their I.Q. does not alter appreciably between their joining their course and the time they take their final examination.

In 1949, 5 candidates took the examination in Branch XIII Islamic History and culture. Of these, one got first, three second and one third. And of the two post-Graduates who wrote the M.A. in the same branch one got first and the other second. Judged solely from their records in the Inter or the B.A., their classification may not be considered quite warranted. Here it may be mentioned that while it is the same Board of Examiners that is responsible for branches iii, iv, v and xiii the four papers bearing on Islamic History for branch XIII are valued by specialists appointed for the purpose. The liberal award of classes then in branch XIII probably has to be ascribed to the liberal standards adopted by the said specialists in their valuation.

For comparison's sake I have given in tabular statement A, the results for Presidency College in B.A. Honours and M.A. (Branches iii, iv and v) for the three years 1947, 1948 and 1949.

Tabular statement B would give an idea of the distribution of classes for the University as a whole in the four branches, viz., iii, iv, v and xiii. The results in M.A. for the four branches in 1949 are given separately in tabular statement E.

Compared with results in other branches the results in branch xiii M.A. are liable to be interpreted as being too liberal particularly when it is remembered that both the candidates who took the examination in 1949 were third classes in their B.A. and that one of them (a woman) had passed her B.A. in more than one sitting.

Tabular statement C gives the analysis of admissions into branches iii, iv and v, both Honours and M.A. (P.G.1) at the Presidency College according to educational records of the candidates at the time of their admission. It will be seen from this statement that in recent years not only at the Government Muslim College, but also at the Presidency College a few students who completed their Inter in compartments were admitted into Honours courses and that admissions to post-Graduate (M.A.) courses were not confined to those who had secured first or second classes in their B.A.

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Tabular Statement D shows that the percentage of passes in Islamic History in the Intermediate is ~~xi~~ higher than in other histories, 'Ancient' or 'Modern'. In 1947 out of ten candidates who offered Islamic History at the Government Muslim College 9 passed in that subject; Of the 3 who failed in Part III only one lost it on account of failure in Islamic History. In 1948 out of 22, 18 passed in Islamic History and of the 12 who failed to obtain their Part III only 4 had failed in Islamic History. The figures would thus seem to support the contention that few candidates manage to fail in Islamic History. The results in the B.A.Pass (iv.d Islamic History) as given by the Principal, Government Muslim College reinforce this view. Though Islamic History in the Inter and Islamic History in the B.A. are controlled by the same Board of Examiners, that is responsible for other histories in the corresponding courses just as in the case of B.A. Honours, branch xiii, Islamic History and culture, Islamic History scripts are valued by specialists in it appointed to the Board and one of the reasons why there are few failures in Islamic History in the Inter and B.A.Pass is probably that the examiners valuing the Islamic History scripts are far more liberal than those valuing other history scripts.

I must apologise to you for my delay in furnishing the data you wanted. My difficulty was that I had to search them out from Gazette notifications, University mark lists, forms of application for admission bundled and stacked away in strong rooms etc.

A Analysis of results for the Presidency College at the B. A. Honours and M. A. Degree Examinations in the subjects of History, Economics and Politics during the years 1947, 1948 and 1949.

Year of Examination	History								Economics								Politics.							
	B. A. Honours				M. A.				B. A. Honours				M. A				B. A. Honours				M. A.			
	number of Candidates sent up	number of passes			number of candidates sent up	number of passes			number of candidates sent up	number of passes			number of candidates sent up	number of passes			number of candidates sent up	number of passes			number of candidates sent up	number of passes		
		I class	II class	III class		I class	II class	III class		I class	II class	III class		I class	II class	III class		I class	II class	II class		I class	II class	III clas
1947	11	4	5	2	3	1	1	1	12	5	7	–	5	–	5	–	6	1	5	–	4	2	1	1
1948	12	3	9	–	4	–	3	1	10	2	7	1	5	1	4	–	6	3	3	–	2	0	1	1
1949	7	1	2	4	6	3	2	1	13	5	8	–	8	1	6	1	6	2	4	–	4	1	2	1

B Analysis of results at the B. A. Honours Degree Examination for the University of Madras as a whole in Branches III, IV, V and XIII

Year of Examination	Branch III. History				Branch V. Politics				Branch XIII. Islamic History				Branch IV. Economics				
	Total number that took the exam	number of 1st classes	no of second classes	no. of third classes	Total number that took the exam	no. of first classes	no of second classes	no of third classes	Total number that took the exam	no. of first classes	no. of second classes	no. of third classes	Total no. that took the exam	no. of 1st classes	no. of second classes	no. of third classes	no. recommended for the B.A. degree
1949	33	6	15	12	6	2	4	–	5	1	3	1	117	28	76	12	1

C Analysis of Admissions to the B. A. Honours and Post-Graduate (First Year) cour at the Presidency College according to the educational records of the candidates admitted

Year of admission	History								Politics								Economics							
	B. A. Honours				M. A (P. G. 1)				B. A. Honours				M. A (P. G. 1)				B. A. Honours				M. A (P. G. 1)			
	Total number admitted	Inter I class	Inter II class	Passed in more than one sitting	Total number admitted	B. A+C I class	B. A+C II class	B. A. C III class	Total number admitted	Inter I class	Inter II class	Passed in more than one sitting	Total number admitted	B. A+C I class	B. A+C II class	B. A+C III class	Total number admitted	Inter I class	Inter II class	Passed in more than one sitting	Total number admitted	B. A+C I class	B. A+C II class	B. A III c
1944	10	2	5	3	7	–	–	7	6	2	4		2	–	1?	1	12	7	4	1	4	–	2	2
1945	12	4	8	–	4	–	1	3	6	4	2	–	4		1	3	12	5	7	–	5	–	2	3
1946	8	–	7	1	4	–	2	2	6	1	5	–	2	–	–	2	12	7	5	–	5	1	3	1
1947	5	–	4	1	7	1	2	4	9	2	6	1	4	–	–	4	16	7	9	–	8	1	2	5
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Year of Examination	number of Candidates who failed in Part III	number of Candidates who failed in Islamic History	nu. Can who s Mo	
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Year of Examination	M. A. Branch III. Hiuch r. politics.					M. A. Branch XIII. Islam		
	Total number that took the exam.	number of 1st classes	. of classes	no. of II classes	no. of III classes	Total no that took the exam	no. of I classes	no. of II clas
1949.	13	3	1.	3	4	2.	1	2

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Figures furnished by the Principal, Government Muslim College, Madras.

	March 1947	March 1948	March 1949
Intermediate Examination.			
Group V - Islamic History			
No. of students appeared	11 (10 Muslims 1 non-Muslim)	22 Muslims	31 Muslims
Complete pass	6 Muslims	I Class - 3 II " 4	results not available.
Incomplete Passes	1 Hindu P.III only 1 Muslim Girl P.II only 1 Muslim boy I&II only 2 " " II only	3 in Part III only.	
B.A. - Group IV-d			
Islamic History Main - Econs & Politics - Subsidiary.			
No. of students appeared	2 Muslims	3 Muslims	6 Muslims
Complete Passes	1 Second class	2	
Incomplete passes	1 in P.II&III only.	1 P.I only.	
B.A.Honours - Branch XIII			
Islamic History & Culture.			
No. of students appeared	6 Muslims	4 (3 Muslims 1 Christian)	5 Muslims
Complete Passes.	2 in I Class 4 in II "	3 in II Class 1 in III "	1 in I Cl. 3 in II " 1 in III "
Incomplete pass NIL	Cent per cent	Cent per cent	Cent per cent
Post-Graduate - Branch XIII			
Islamic History & Culture.			
No. of students appeared			2 Muslims.
Complete pass			1 in I Cl. 1 in II Cl. Cent per cent.

Of the students admitted inHonours Class, their previous educational qualifications are furnished hereunder:-

			Their results in Intermediate Examination and class, if any.
1944-45	No. admitted in Honours course.	6	1 in First Class 2 in First sitting 3 in more than one sitting.
1945-46	-do-	5	4 in First sitting 1 in two sittings.
1946-47	-do-	8	* 4 in first sitting 4 in more than 1 sitting

* includes 1 who had taken Physics, Chemistry & Logic in Intermediate course.

1947-48	No. admitted in Honours course.	9	1 in First class * 6 in First sitting @ 2 in more than one sitting.

* had taken Mathematics, Physics & Chemistry in Intermediate.
@ one had taken Physics, Chemistry & Natural Science in Intermediate and also passed B.Sc Part I only.

	No. admitted in Post-Graduate class.	2	1 first sitting in B.A. 1 more than one sitting in B.A.
1948-49.			
	No. admitted in Honours course.	6	1 in I Class. 3 in First sitting 2 more than one sitting.

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Memorandum No. 40435-2/49A1 Edn., dated 14-7-49

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Sub:- GOVERNMENT MUSLIM COLLEGE, MADRAS - Study of Islamic History and Culture.

Ref:- Letter from the D.P.I., No.790-K2/49, dated 4th July 1949.

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The D.P.I. is informed that the Govt. consider that the provision for the study of Islamic History and Culture made in the Muhammadan College, Madras, may be continued in 1949-50. Admissions may, therefore, be made into Islamic History Group in the Intermediate and 1st B.A. and 1st B.A. (Hons.) Classes as usual.

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Memo. No. 40435-3/49A Edn dated 1-8-49.

Sub: Colleges - Govt. Muslim College, Madras - Abolition of Courses in Islamic History & Culture.

p7-11 c.f. Fr om the D.P.I. D.O. No. 790 K2/49 d. 4-7-49.

p41 c.f. Read: Memo. No. 40435-2/49A Edn. d. 14-7-49.

It has been suggested

vide 'A' [illegible] on p4 n.f. (1) that the courses in Islamic History and culture in the Govt. Muslim College, Madras, may be abolished, with effect from the next academic year, i.e. 1950-'51; (2) that Honours courses in languages like Arabic, Persian and Urdu, ~~Persian~~ may be ~~instituted~~ opened simultaneously ~~in the Presidency College, Madras~~ and/or, (3) ~~and~~ that the Uty. of Madras may be moved to provide a course similar to the one in the Calcutta Uty., combining the study of Islamic & Hindu

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cultures. The D.P.I. is requested to examine the suggestions in detail, particularly with reference to cost of each proposal and send his report to the Govt. in the matter at a very early date, with a full picture of the addl. expre. ~~to Govt. on account involved of the proposals~~. involved

— vide Secy's note on p 6 n.f.

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R.C.No.799 K2/49 d

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction
Madras, dated 2nd August 1949.

FROM

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
MADRAS.

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
FORT ST. GEORGE, MADRAS.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
8- AUG. 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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Sir,

Subject:- COLLEGES -- Government Muslim Colleges -- Madras -- Honours Course in Branch XVII-- Islamic History and Culture -- Conduct of the Course in the Presidency College, Madras.

The Government Muslim College, Madras, has been affiliated for Honours Course in Islamic History and Culture with effect from 1944-45. This course is being conducted in co-operation with the Presidency College, Madras, and the Department of Indian History of the Madras University. Of the 7 subjects under Part II of the course only 2 viz. Advanced History of Islam and Islamic Law & Constitution are taught in the Government Muslim College,. Of the remaining subjects, Politics, Economics and Essay are taught in the Presidency College and the two special subjects in Indian History in the Department of Indian History of the Madras University. It would be advantageous to transfer the course from the Government Muslim College to Presidency College in the interests of the students who have to go all the way from the Muslim College to the Presidency College and the University for the major part of their course. The University has agreed to the conduct of the course in the Presidency College for this academic year. A copy of the letter from the Registrar, Madras University No.A.4075 dated 27-7-49 is enclosed herewith for the information of Government. Accordingly the course will be conducted in the Presidency College in the current academic year. The need for continuing the course in the Presidency College, will be examined and if necessary, an application for the further recognition of the Presidency College in the course from the academic year 1950-51 will be forwarded to the University before October 31, 1949.

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Yours faithfully

For Director of Public Instruction.

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Copy of letter No.A 4075 dated 27th July 1949 of the Registrar, University of Madras, to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras

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Ref:- Letter ROC.No.799 K2/49 dated the 11th June 1949 Honours course in Branch XIII-Islamic History and Culture.

I have the honour to inform you that, in the circumstances stated the lectures for the Honours course in Branch XIII-Islamic History and culture could be given at the Presidency College, Madras, for this academic year 1949-50. In this connection I am, however to state that if the management proposes to continue this arrangement in subsequent years an application has to be made as required under the Laws of the University before the 31st October 1949 for ~~fyrther~~ further recognition of the Presidency College, Madras, in B.A.(Hons.) Branch XIII-Islamic History from the next academic year 1950-51.

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For Director of Public Instruction.

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Memo. No. 40435-4/49 A Edn. dated 15-9-49.

Sub: Colleges - Govt. Arts college, Madras. Abolition of courses in Islamic History & culture.

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P.43c/ Ref: Memo. No. 40435-3/49 A Edn. d. 1-8-49.

The D.P.I. is requested to expedite his reply to the memo read above.

To The D.P.I.

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R.C.NO.1839-K.2/48

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 28-9-1949.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3 - OCT 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

Subject: Colleges - Presidency - Colleges - Madras - Opening of new courses in 1950-51.

Ref: 1. Government Memorandum No.42797-1/49 dated 15-7-49 and
2. Government Memorandum No.40435-3/49-A Edn dated 1-8-1949.

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With reference to the above communications from Government, I have the honour to state that although it is desirable to open Honours courses in Kannada, Malayalam, Urdu and Arabic in the Presidency College, Madras to cater to the needs of the Province, it is found not feasible to open any of these courses in the College till it is provided with additional buildings. I am submitting proposals separately for the opening of Honours course in Urdu with Hindi as subsidiary in the Government Arts College, Madras in lieu of the Honours course in Islamic History. Regarding the suggestion for the starting of an Honours course combining Hindu and Islamic Culture as in the case of the Calcutta University, I may state that the Madras University has first to introduce the course before affiliation of the College in that course can be sought and this will take considerable time.

(about Kannada and Malayalam Hons there is a separate [illegible])

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2. There will be no admissions to the Honours course in Islamic History and Culture from the next academic year. Now that the course has been transferred to the Presidency College it is necessary to seek affiliation for the College till the present batch of students complete their course of study. I request sanction of Government for the payment of necessary affiliation fees to the University.

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3. In connection with Part II of the Budget Estimate for 1950-51 I propose the opening of the following courses in the Presidency College, as they do not involve any additional cost to Government except the payment of affiliation fee to the University.

1. B.A.(Hons) Course in Psychology.
2. B.A.(Hons) Course in Geography.
3. B.A.(Pass) course in Geography.

Government have already sanctioned provision for B.A.(Hons) course in Psychology in G.O.No.1887 Edn dated 8-6-49 and G.O.No.2193 Edn dated 7-7-1949 (in the latter G.O additional equipment for Psychology Department was sanctioned) but the course was not started in the current year as desired by the University who emphasised the need for starting first the B.A.(Pass) course with the necessary equipment as a preparation for the starting of the Honours course. The Honours course can be started next year. As regards Geography, there is now provision for B.Sc.(Pass) and B.Sc.(Honours) courses. At present both B.A.(Honours) and B.Sc.(Honours) courses in Geography are conducted on the Inter College and University Co-operation basis. The proposed B.A.(Hons) course in Georgraphy will not affect the sanctioned strength nor require any additional cost. It is very desirable in that it will enable the admission of non-sicence students desirous of pursuing the course. Similarly, the starting of B.A.(Pass) course in Geography will not involve any additional cost, but its combination with History as subsidiary will be very useful to those who are desirous of pursuing teaching profession as they will be duly qualified to handle Social Studies. The strength for B.A.(Pass) course may be fixed at 20 and this will yeild additional fee income to Government i.e. Rs.2,745/- in 1950-51 and Rs.5,490/- for year thereafter on the assumption that 50% of the students will be entitled to half-fee concessions under Rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules. The University shall be paid affiliation fees in respect of the three new courses.

Extracts of paras 3 taken & dealt with separately.

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B A (Hons)

B A (Pass)

R.C.No.799 K2/49 d

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction
Madras, dated 2nd August 1949.

FROM
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
MADRAS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education and Public Health Department
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D.O.No. Education

Fort St. George,
Madras,
June 1949.

Dear Raja Dhondiraj,

Sub:- ENGINEERING COLLEGE, GUINDY - Admission of Mr.M.P.Gajapathy Rao.
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With reference to your letter dated 7th May 1949/on the subject noted above, addressed to the Hon. A.B.Shetty, I have to inform you that the position is as follows:-

At present two out of every fourteen seats in the Government Engineering Colleges in this Province should be given to Harijans. But the students must belong to this Province. Some seats are reserved in these colleges for students coming from outside areas like Cochin, Coorg, Orissa, etc; but no seats have been reserved for students from Hyderabad. If Mr.M.P.Gajapathy Rao, referred to in your letter, is not a Madrasi, he cannot be given a seat, in spite of the fact that he is a Harijan. If, however, the candidate belongs to this Province, he may be advised to get an application form from the Principal,

for Director of Public Instruction.

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~~I am including the necessary provision in Part II of the Budget Estimate for 1950-51.~~

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

Copy to K and Budget.

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R.C.NO.1062-K.2/49

Office of the
Director of Public Instruction,
Madras, Dated 28-9-1949.

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3 - OCT 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department.

Sir,

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Subject: Colleges - Government Arts College, Madras - ~~xxx~~ Starting of Honours course in Urdu from 1950-51.

In connection with Part II of the Budget Estimate for 1950-51, I have the honour to submit for the favourable consideration of Government the following proposal for the starting of B.A.(Hons) course in Urdu with Hindi as subsidiary in the Government Arts College, Madras in lieu of the existing Honours course in Islamic History and Culture.

1143-44 ante
1151-52 ante

2. With reference to Government Memo.No.40435-3/49-A-Edn dated 1-8-49 I have explained in a separate letter (RC.No.1839-K.2/48 dated 28-9-49) the circumstances in which it is found not feasible to open an Honours course in Urdu in lieu of the Honours course in Islamic History and Culture, in the Presidency College. I propose, therefore, the starting of Honours course in Urdu with Hindi as ~~subsidy~~ subsidiary in the Government Arts College, Madras. This course is likely to meet the demand for Urdu in the Province. The financial implications of the proposal are indicated below:

1950-51:

Recurring:			
1 Assistant Lecturer in Urdu	150 x 8	1200	
1 Assistant Lecturer in Hindi	150 x 8	1200	
D.A.	36 x 2 x 8	276	
HRA	15 x 2 x 8	240	2916
Non-Recurring:			
Furniture		1000	
Books		1500	

		5476 or	
		Rs. 5500/-	

1951-52 (additional cost)

Recurring:		
1 Assistant Lecturer in Urdu	150 x 8	1200
D.A.	36 x 8	288
Non-recurring:		
Furniture		1000

		2488 or
		Rs.2500

1952-53 (additional cost)

Recurring:			
1 Assistant Lecturer in Urdu	150 x 8	1200	
D.A.	36 x 8	288	
Non-Recurring: Furniture		1000	12,843

		2488 or	
		Rs.2500	

Ultimate cost:

~~4~~ Assistant Lecturers	205 5/9 x ~~4~~ x 12	~~7401~~ 9627
D.A.	36 x ~~4~~ x 12 12 x 6 x 12	~~1296~~ 1728 + 288
Books		300
MHA	25 x 4 x 12	1200

		~~8997~~ or 11655
		Rs.~~9,000~~ per annum. 11700

The strength of the class can be fixed at 15. The fee income in the first year will be Rs.3600/- and in the third year Rs.10800/-

: 2 :

I am including the necessary provision in the Part II of the Budget Estimate for 1950-51.

Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

Copy to Budget and K Section.

D.O.No. 40435-6/49A Edn. dated 15-11-49.

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Dear Mr. Ismail/ Hamid Khan,

I am to say that the H.M. for E.&.L. desires to ~~meet~~ invite you ~~at~~ for tea in his room in the Secretariat at lunch hour on any day this week and to discuss with you the question of the ~~further~~ continuance of the courses in Islamic History and Culture in the Govt. Arts College, Madras. I am to ~~request~~ ask you to ~~state~~ say when it will be convenient for you to meet the Honourable Minister.

Rpd 16/11.

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan
Mr. Md. Ismail
is also being invited for the discussion.

Yours ~~faithfully~~, sincerely.

~~Y.S.~~

15-11-49

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To
Janab M. Mohamad Ismail, M.L.A.,
Leader of the Opposition.
Janab Abdul Hamid Khan, M.L.A.,

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D.O.No.40435-6/49A Edn dated 15-11-49.

Dear Mr. Ismail/ Hamid Khan,

I am to say that the H.M. for E. & L. desires to meet you for lunch in his room in the Secretariat at lunch hour on any day this week and to discuss with you the question of the further continuance of the courses in Islamic History and Culture in the Govt. Arts College, Madras. I am to request you to send when it will be convenient for you to meet the Honourable Minister.

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan is also being invited
Mr. Md. Ismail

for the discussion.

To
Janab M. Mohammad Ismail,
Leader of the Opposition.
Janab Abdul Hamid Khan, M.L.A.

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Edn and P.H. Dept

D.O. No. 40435-6/49A Edn d. 24-11-49.

Dear Mr Ismail
Mr. Hamid Khan

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Please refer to my Do No: 40435-6/49A Edn of 15.11.49 regarding the continuance of the courses in Islamic History and Culture in the Govt Arts College, Mount Road. The H.M. for Edn and Law desires to meet all the Muslim members of the Legislature including yourself and Mr. Hamid Khan / Mr. Ismail for discussion at 2.p.m on Friday the 25th Nov 1949 in the Committee room. ~~Ordinary tea also will be served to all.~~ I am to ~~request~~ enquire whether the date and time will be suitable to you.

Yours sincerely.

24/11/49.

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To.
Janab M. Mohammad Ismail M.L.A.

Dpd 24-11-49

Janab Abdul. Hamid Khan. M.L.A.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
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D.O.No. 40435-~~6~~7/49 A Edn.

Fort St.George,
Madras, 24th November 1949

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Dear Mr. Ismail,

Please refer to my D.O.No. 40435-6/49 A Edn. dated 15-11-49 regarding the continuance of the courses in Islamic History and Culture in the Government Arts College, Mount Road. The Hon'ble Minister for Education and Law desires to meet all the Muslim members of the Legislature including yourself and Mr. Hamid Khan for discussion at 2 p.m. on Friday the 25th November 1949 in the Committee room. I am to enquire whether the date and time will be suitable to you

Yours sincerely,

To
Janab M. Mohamed Ismail, M.L.A.,

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Many thanks.

Can you not kindly have the meeting after 3 PM tomorrow ~~as~~ it is Friday. Or, you may have it on Saturday at any time suitable to you.

M. Md Ismail
24/11/49.

I have got a couple of Bills to move after 3. ~~So if 2.30 will not suit we shall postpone the discussion~~

If all the members are here on Saturday I shall be delighted to meet any time on that day after 12. But most members may leave. If they are not leaving let us meet at 1.30 on Saturday. If that is not convenient we shall postpone to December. KM

Then, we shall have it in December when the Assembly meets. M. Md Ismail 24/11/49.

Edn and P.H. Dept

D.O. No. 40435-8/49 A Edn. d. 12-12-49.

Dear Mr. Ismail
Mr. Hamid Khan

The Hon'ble Minister for Edn and Law desires to meet all the Muslim members of the Legislature for discussing the question of the continuance of the courses in Islamic History and Culture in the Govt Arts College, Mount Road. It is proposed to hold the meeting on the 17th Dec. 1949 at 1.45 P.M ~~at~~ the Committee Room. I am to require whether the date and time will be suitable for you. A similar invitation has been sent to Mr. Hamid Khan
Mr. Mohamed Ismail.

Yours sincerely

10/12/49.

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To
Janab. M. Mohamed Ismail M.L.A.
Leader of the Opposition
No: 37, Pudupet Garden
Street, Royapetta, Madras

Janab. Abdul Hamid Khan M.L.A.
"Hamid Manzil", Ameer Mahal.
Royapetta, Madras.

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ABDUL HAMEED KHAN
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Amir Mahal,
Royapettah, Madras,
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Dear Mr. Prabhu,

I thank you for your D.O. of the 12th inst. I shall indeed be happy to meet the Hon'ble Minister for Education and Law along with the Muslim members of my group on the 17th instant.

Yours sincerely,
Abdul Hameed Khan

May draw at once H.M's attention to this fixture, so that he does not have another at the same time

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U.o. Note No. 40435-9/49 A Edn. dated 15-12-'49.

Sub: Govt. Arts college, Madras - Continuanc of the Courses in Islamic History & cultu Discussion with the Muslim members of the Legislature - Permission to use the Committee ro

H.M. (E. & L.) proposes to discus the question of the continuance of the Courses in Islamic History & culture in the Govt. Arts college, ~~Rajahmundry~~ Madras, with the Muslim members of the Legislature at 1.45 P.M. on 17-12-49 in the Committee room at the Secretaria The Dept. of the M.L. Sectt. may be request to permit the use of the Committee room for the purpose.

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To The M.L. Sectt.
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desp'd
16/12/49

By Spl. Messenger.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Education and Public Health Department

D.O.No.40435-16/49 A Edn.

Fort St.George,
Madras,
15th December '49.

My dear Reddi,

The Hon'ble Minister for Education and Law proposes to discuss the question of the continuance of the courses in Islamic History and Culture in the Government Arts College, Madras, with the Muslim Members of the Legislature at 1.45 p.m. on 17-12-1949 in the Committee Room at the Secretariat. He desires that you should also be present at the discussion if possible. I am to enquire whether it would be possible for you to attend the meeting.

O/C

Yours sincerely,

Sri D.Sadasiva Reddi, M.A.(Oxon),
Director of Public Instruction,
MADRAS.

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Memo. No. 40435-11/49A Edn. dated 23-12-49.

Sub: Colleges – Govt. Arts College, Madras – continuance of the courses in Islamic History & culture – Ordered.

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p7-11 c.f. From the D.P.I. No. 796 K_2/49 d. 4.7.49.

p45 c.f. " " " No. 799 K_2/49 d. 2.8.49

p51 c.f. " " " No. 1839 K_2/49 d. 28.9.49.

p53 c.f. From the D.P.I. No. 1062 K_2/49 d. 28.9.49.

The Govt. have decided that the courses in Islamic History & culture should be continued as before. The proposal to open an Honours course in Urdu with Hindi as subsidiary in the Govt. Arts College, Madras will therefore be dropped. (p53-54 c.f.)

2. The courses in Islamic History & culture in the Intermediate and B.A. classes will be continued in the Govt. Arts College, Madras. As regards the

P.T.O.

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Honours Course in Islamic History & culture, the D.P.I. has in his letter d. 2.8.49 cited above stated that in the circumstances stated therein, the course has been transferred to the Presidency College. The Director is now requested to state whether the continuance of the course in the Presidency College will involve any addl. cost to the Govt. ~~by~~ in future by way of purchase of books etc., employment of addl. staff, or unnecessary movement of staff etc. from college to college. The Director is also requested to report what the sanctioned strength of the course is at present and state whether it will not be more economical to ave the Honours Course also in the same college hether the other two courses in the Inter & B.A. asses are provided for. An early reply is requested.

p45 c.f.

ibid & para 2 on p51 c.f.

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To the D.P.I. 28/12

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p69-70 c.f.

Memo. No. 40435-12/49A Edn. dated 8-2-50.

Sub: Colleges. Govt. Arts college, Madras - continuance of the courses in Islamic History & Culture.

Ref: Memo. No. 40435-11/49A Edn. d. 23.12.49. 37

The D.P.I. is requested to expedite his reply to para 2 of the memo cited.

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To the D.P.I.

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Education Department.

From
The Director of Public Instruction,
Madras.

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

Rc.No. 1839 K2/48 dated 23-2-1950.

Sir,

Sub: Colleges - Government Arts College, Madras - continuance of courses in Islamic History. p 69-70 ante

Ref: Government Memo.No.40435-11/49-A Education, dated 23-12-1949. and Government Memo.No.40435-12/49-A. Education dated 8-2-1950. p 71 ante

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With reference to the communications referred to above, I have the honour to state that it is desirable to have the Honours Course in Islamic History in the Presidency College itself for the reasons already explained in my letter Rc.No.799 K2/49 dated 2-8-49. The sanctioned strength of the class is only 8 and its continuance in the Presidency College does not involve any additional expenditure on equipment, accommodation or staff. A copy of the letter Rc.No.830/49 dated 14-2-1950 from the Principal, Presidency College, Madras, is enclosed herewith for information on the points raised by the Government. I request that Government may kindly sanction the payment of affiliation fee to the University.

p 45 ante

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Yours faithfully,

for Director of Public Instruction.

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~~Memo. No. dated -12-49.~~

~~Sub: Govt. colleges - Lecturerships in languages.~~

~~Ref: Your~~ ~~From the D.P.I.~~ ~~No. 566 K2/49 d. 22-10-49.~~

~~The D.P.I. is requested to furnish urgently the particulars of languages taught under Parts II and III in each Govt. college and the number of pupils receiving instruction in each language, asked for in para 1 of the letter d. 15-7-49 from Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, M.L.C., sent to you with Memo. No. 56316A-1/49A Edn. d. 1.8.49.~~

~~To the D.P.I.~~

15.12.49.

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Copy of letter from the Principal, Presidency College, Madras to the Director of Public Instruction, Madras.. Rc.830/49 dated 14th February 1950.

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Sir,

Sub: Colleges - Government Arts College, Madras - continuance of the Courses in Islamic History and Culture - Presidency College.

Ref: Your Proceedings Rc.No.1839 K2/48 dated 2-1-50.

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In continuation of my proposal submitted in my letter dated the 8th Sep. 1949 on the subject of shifting the course of Islamic History and Culture to the Presidency College, I have the honour to submit that the arrangements is in the interests of the students who otherwise would have had to go to Government Arts College only for one paper. At present the Professor of Islamic History and Culture comes to the Presidency College, and his coming has minimised all the troubles and the unnecessary movement of students, thus giving opportunity to students to devote much of their time to their study; for they have merely to attend the classes in the Presidency College, and the University. In this connection, I would like to point out that the continuance of the course in the Presidency College will not involve any additional cost to the Government as no additional staff need be employed. The Professor of Islamic History and myself would easily manage about 18 to 20 hours of week. The Assistant Lecturer of Government Arts College can look to the Intermediate and B.A. class work. If the B.A. classes are re-opened, as the Government Order contemplates, the Assistant Lecturer would be in a position to look to the Islamic History work in the B.A. class as well. At present, he is given about 7 hours of work in the language department, in addition to the Islamic History work.

Regarding books, etc., it would not be difficult to transfer the books of the standard of Honours classes to the Presidency College and any additional expenditure that would be involved in connection with the purchase of books to this section of the library can easily be met out of the library allotment.

I do feel that both the strength and standard of the students will improve, if this branch of Honours course is transferred to the Presidency College. There are already Honours courses in History, Economics and Politics in the Presidency College, which are akin to the subject and the contact of the students of this branch with the students of other Honours Branches in Humanities will be of immense use.

From the point of view of economy and in the larger interests of the students concerned, I strongly recommend that the Branch of Honours Course in Islamic History and Culture be transferred to the Presidency College. The sanctioned strength of the course at the time when there was difficulty of combining the classes was only 8; but now that there is sufficient accommodation in the Presidency College, the strength could be from 10 to 20.

Yours faithfully,
Sd. M.ABDUL HAQ.
Principal.

(TRUE COPY)

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for Director of Public Instruction.

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Sub: Colleges - Presidency College, Madras. Continuance of the Honours course in Islamic History and Culture - Payment of affiliation fee to the Uty. - Orders passed

p 73 c.f. Fr. on the D. P. I. No. 1839 K$_2$/48 d. 23.2.50.

G.O. Ms. No. 758 Edn. dated 8-3-50.

In the circumstances explained, the Govt. agree to the continuance of the B.A. Honours Course in Islamic History & Culture in the Presidency College, Madras, and sanction the payment of the necessary affiliation fee to the Uty.

To the D. P. I.

" A. G. (Main Fin.)

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

PUBLIC (INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
20 JUN 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Extract from The Hindu

of Madras, *dated the* 9th June 49

11 JUN 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
11 JUN 1949
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

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"ISLAMIC HISTORY AND CULTURE"

Sir,—The University of Madras permits, and the Government Muslim College provides, instruction in "Islamic History and Culture" for candidates preparing for the Intermediate, B.A. and B.A. Honours Examinations.

Now, no one could object if these were broad-based and critical courses in comparative religion; and in the literatures of Arabic or Persian, Urdu or Hindustani. But actually, judging from the manner in which the subjects are taught and examined in, they not only provide a soft option for a chosen group of students, but create in young minds a proud, unthinking and mischievous prejudice in favour of one religion and against other religions.

Undoubtedly, such grandiloquent propaganda had once a political value and a purpose. That purpose has now been achieved with the creation of Pakistan. Why countenance this official insemination of a narrow sectarian outlook in our so-called secular state especially when with the transference of the Intermediate class from Presidency to the Muslim College, the latter is rapidly shedding its purely denominational character?

Educationist.

Mylapore.

Secy Edn

I had opposed this in the Senate when the proposal for this was made. But I was in a minority of one.

Personally I would think this to be a course ~~better~~ fitted for a ~~[illegible]~~ College of Theology & not for an arts College. It is for some member of the Senate to move them to abolish that course.

Anyhow I have no objection to this being examined in the Office & the other H.H's ~~seeing~~ may see as it is a matter of Policy.

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E.P.H.(A)

p1-3 c.f. Kind attention is invited to the letter from Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao, M.L.C., d. 25.5.49 and the

p3 c.f. Endt. to the D.P.I. d. 31.5.49. The Director's reply may be awaited till 29.6.49. The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn)

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H.M.(Edn)

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p 7 cf

D.O. from the D.P.I., No.790-K2/49, dated 4--7--1949.
Letter from the D.P.I., No.790-K2/49, dated 4--7--1949.

Please see Mr.P.Suryanarayana Rao's letter on pages 1-3 c.f. and the Newspaper cutting and the minutes of H.M.(Edn.) on the previous page.

p 21 cf

p 10 cf

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Courses in Islamic History are now provided for at the Govt. Muslim College in all stages - Intermediate, B.A. and Hons. No students took up the subject in the Junior B.A. last year and so there are no Islamic History students in the B.A. classes this year. It is only in regard to the Intermediate and Hons. courses that Govt. should come to a decision. In the circumstances explained in his letter in the c.f. the Director recommends that the subject may be dropped in the Intermediate and Hons. courses also.

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Please see letter at Ⓐ

p 11 cf

The Director says that Muslim opposition is bound to be aroused by the abolition of these courses. This is true. They may move the Govt. of India also in the matter. The Director suggests that the institution of Hons. courses next year in one or more languages like Arabic or Urdu or Persian should however satisfy the community. It seems that the courses may be abolished and the Director's suggestion to open Hons. courses in Arabic or Urdu or Persian from next year may be accepted. These courses may be opened in the Presidency College just like Tamil, Telugu, Sanskrit, etc. The Muslim College will then lose its special character entirely. The file may be circulated to H.M.(Edn.) and the H.Pr.

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The D.P.I. has proposed the abolition of courses in Islamic History in the Intermediate, B.A. and B.A.(Hons) on grounds principally (1) that such courses tend to emphasise communal and religious aspects. Dr. C.R. Reddi and Mr. Nilakanta Sastri seem to agree with this view, while Col. Hamid and Dr. Haq maintain that the studies have nothin to do with both communal and political movements. Professor Balakrishna Nayar's views seem to coincide with those of Col. Hamid and Dr. Haq and his note at. pp. 21-25 c.f. deserves to be read. After all if the History of Europe and England which are Christian countries can be taught, it would be argued that the history of the Arabs should be available to those interested in it. (2) that the courses provide a soft option in so far as the students offering them are able to secure high passes in spite of their being poor in the subjects which they share in common with other students. Col. Hamid does not seem to agree with this - p. 13 c.f. (3) that the courses are uneconomic in view of the number of students available.

The D.P.I. apprehends political consequences but considers that Muslims may be p~~a~~lacated if Honours courses in languages like Arabic, Persian and Urdu are instituted next year.

A This may be done next year & the Islamic History group may be given up then
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The question really is if Government should take a snap decision on this subject or whether the change should be introduced simultaneously with the alternative courses of study suggested by the D.P.I. In any case the courses cannot be completely abolished this year because those who have been taking them in the previous years will have to complete them. All that is possible is to stop fresh admissions to these courses. It may be worthwhile not to do even this immediately but to do it simultaneously with the introduction of the alternative courses proposed by the D.P.I. At the same time it can be considered if in the interests of knowledge the courses should not be maintained being balanced with the study of Hindu and Buddist cultures also. In this connection the course in the Calcutta University combining the study of Islamic and Hindu cultures can be considered by the University in case ~~they~~ we decide to approach it for providing a course of study in cultures apart from the course of study in a specific culture.

B I am for this Course
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C This may be examined & pursued.
S[illegible]

H.M.(E.&.L.)

H.Pr.

We have sufficient other worries to attend to & I don't think we need put our head into a hornets nest now
6/7/49

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Let things go on as they are now this year. In the mean while A. B. C above may be done. In any case it is better to take the matter before the Cabinet.

I feel it is the duty of some member of the Senate to move a resolution to abolish this Course. I had opposed it there initially as this a proper subject for a Theological College & not an arts college.

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SECRETARY, GEN. AND P.H. DEPT.
14 JUL 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Please see para 13 of the letter at p.11 c.f. A draft Memo to the D.P.I. informing him that admissions may be made this year as usual for the Islamic History group for the Intermediate, the B.A. and the B.A. Hons courses is subd. After issue, a draft note for the Cabinet will be subd.

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p.41 c.f. [Issued as Memo. No. 40435-2/49 A Edn. d. 14-7-49]

A draft note for the cabinet is subd. for approval. Public may see.

20.7.49

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Respectfully suggest that the three points for orders may be examined in detail first, particularly in respect of cost, before the orders of cabinet are taken. A reference will be made to the D P I at once

H.M.(E&L)

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SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT. 29 JUL 1949 GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

A draft memo to the D.P.I. is submitted for approval.

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(Issued as Memo. No.40435-3/49-A-Edn., dated 1-8-49)

From the D.P.I., No.799-K2/49, dated 2--8--1949. pp 43-44 cf

From the D.P.I., No.1839-K2/48, dated 28-9-1949. p 45 cf

From the D.P.I., No.1062-K2/49, dated 28-9-1949. pp 51-52 cf pp 53-54 cf

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Please see the Memo on pp.43-44 c.f. The D.P.I. says that it is desirable to open courses in Kannada, Malayalam, Urdu and Arabic in the Presidency College to cater to the needs of the Province but that it will not be possible to open these courses till additional buildings are provided. A suggestion was made separately to the D.P.I. whether Hons. courses in Kannada and Malayalam could be opened in the college in co-operation with the Madras University and in that connection also the Director stated that that could not be done without the provision of addl. accommodation. There the Director had not examined the question of obtaining the cöpperation of the University in the matter and he has been asked to examine and report on that aspect of the question. So this file is confined to the question of opening Hons. courses in Urdu, Arabic and Persian.

p 514

Separate file — Sent to Dn

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p 514 cf

The Director recommends that admissions to the Hons. class in Islamic History and Culture may be ~~mxds~~ stopped from the next academic year. He reports that he ~~had~~ has transferred the Islamic History, Hons. Class to the Presidency College from the current academic year and recommends that that class may be conducted in the Presidency College till the present students complete their course of study. He also requests sanction for the payment of affiliation fee to the University for the temporary location of the class in the Presidency College.

He has not stated definitely whether the subject should be dropped out from the Inter and B.A. Hons. this seems to be his intention - please see linked file

p 45 cf

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pp 53-54 cf

In connection with Part II Estimate for 1950-51, the Director proposes that B.A.Hons. in Urdu with Hindi as subsidiary may be opened in the Govt. Arts College, Mount Road, in lieu of existing Hons. course in Islamic History and Culture. He has also stated that for want of accommodation, Hons. degree in Urdu cannot be opened in the Presidency College in lieu of Hons. course in Islamic History and Culture. He has also worked out the cost of introducing Hons. course in Urdu with Hindi as subdiairy. The cost is about Rs.11,700/-. p 53 cf There is a separate Lecturer in the all-E.S for Islamic History and Culture.

If the subject is abolished in all the classes this post can be abolished and saving can be effected to that extent in due course.

As regards the suggestion for the starting of Hons. course combining Hindi and Islamic History as in the case of Calcutta University, the Director states that the Madras University had first to introduce~~d~~ the course before the affiliation of the college in that course and that this will take considerable time.

pp 43-44 cf

p 51 cf

Prior to the consideration of these proposals viz., aboliton of Hons. course in Islamic History and Culture and the introduction of Urdu Hons. with Hindi as ~~xubdxxxry~~ subsidiary, ~~Orders~~ Order of the Cabinet have to be taken.~~xm~~ Please see the minute of H.M.(E. & L.) on p.5 ante. For orders

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Perhaps in the existing political and financial situation it may be of advantage to leave status quo

H.M. (E & L) 9/xi

I shall discuss this with the Muslim members of the Assembly at lunch hour a day this week or next week, convenient to them. Write a D.O. to the Leader of the Opposition & to Mr Hamid Khan and ascertain their convenience. Tell them that I invite them for tea & to discuss this..

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13.11

A draft D.O. is submitted for approval.

15-11-49

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We seem to have misunderstood H.M's orders regarding inviting Muslim M.L.As. for discussion about the Government Arts College. Issue letter immediately to Mr. Hamid Khan and Mr. Ismail saying that it would suit H.M. to see them and all other Muslim M.L.As. at 2-30 P.M. on Friday the 25th in his room. H.M. will be glad if they have Tea with him. Arrangement for ordinary Tea may be made.

23/xi

Secretary.

To
A.S.II.

P.T.O.

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It is understood that H.M. desires to invite the Muslim Members both of the Assembly and Council whose number is about 40. In the circumstances, the meeting may be in the evening at 5-30 P.M. in the Congress Party Room.

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H.M.(E.& L.)

25th at 5.30. is not possible for me. I have other engagements. Please consult 25th at 2 will suit them & then we shall meet in the Committee room here. I don't think there will be more than 20 in the town. If it is not suitable I will have to postpone it to Dec.

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A draft DO is subd with reference to the orders on the previous page.

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p 57 c.f.

It has been arranged with the [illegible] [illegible]

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
29 NOV 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Please see ~~the~~ page 60 c.f. The meeting is to be held in December 1949. A D.O. may be sent to Md. Ismail & Hamid Khan by about the tenth of December 1949. The file may lie over till then. H.M. (E & L.) may see.

24/11/49

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Before ordering tea, make sure that the invitation is accepted — inform H.M. also 24-11-49.

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H.M. (E + L)

The Assembly meets on the 15th Dec. Say 16th at 1.45. at the Committee room

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A draft DO to Messrs Ismail and Hamid Khan is subd.

10/12/49

10/12/49 S 10/12

61 c.f. [Issued as D.O. No. 40435-8/49 A Edn. d. 12-12-49]

From Abdul Hamid Khan, M.L.A., d. 13.12.49.

p 63 c.f. The letter of Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan d. 13.12.49 may be perused. H.M. (E & L) may see.

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H.M. (E & L)

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Janab Md Ismail, Leader of the Opposition
Phoned to me accepting the date
Make arrangements & let me know.
Also please ask the D.P.I. of the case
Come. Send the file to me on tomorrow
KM
15/12

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
10 DEC 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

A draft u.o. note to the M.L. Sectt. asking for permission to use the Committee room is subd. for approval. A draft D.O. to the D.P.I. (together with a fair copy of the same for full signature) is also submitted. The file may be circulated to H.M. (Ed. & L.) after issue of drafts.

(It has been ascertained that arrangements should be made for ordering tea also. This will be attended to separately)

15.12.49.

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x Issued

H.M. (E & L)
(C.L.)x

Discussed with Muslim M.L.A.'s & M.L.C.'s. They are unanimous against stopping the course. So the proposal may be dropped.

(Tea party arranged with Coronation Restaurant.)

KM
17/12

SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
17 DEC 1949
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

~~A draft order is subd. for approval. H.Pr. may see the case, before issue of the draft.~~

previously seen on p5 ante
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The orders in circulation overleaf may be perused. The decision is that the courses in Islamic History and culture should be continued as before.

vide p45 c.f

In the circumstances stated in his letter d. 2.8.49, the D.P.I. stated that he had transferred the Honours course in Islamic History & culture from the Govt. Arts college, Madras to the Presidency college, Madras, and in para 2 of his letter on p51-52 c.f. ~~has~~ he had asked for the sanction of the Govt. for the payment of the necessary fee to the Uty. to get the Presidency college affiliated in the course. In the circumstances stated in the Director's letter d. 2.8.49, the Honours Course in Islamic History & culture may perhaps be allowed to continue in the Presidency college. Sanction may also be accorded to the payment of affiliation fees to the Uty.

x p51 c.f

p45 c.f

2. The other two courses in Islamic History & culture in the Intermediate and the B.A. classes are to continue in the Govt. Arts college itself. A draft order is subd. for approval. Finance may see, before the file is circulated to the H.Pr. thro. H.M. (E&L)

Last seen on p5 ante

19.12.49.

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Fin

The Hons course is apparently for a small class, while it might be more economical to have in the same college as the other courses. For what reasons has it been transferred to Presidency College? Should we not ask D.P.I. to indicate if the transfer involves extra cost, or unnecessary movement of the teaching staff from college to college

22/12

Secy.'s note overleaf: In his letter d. 2.8.49, the D.P.I. has stated that the Honours course in Islamic History & culture in the Govt. Arts college, Madras, is being conducted in cooperation with the Presidency College, Madras, and the Dept. of Indian History of the Madras Uty. Of the seven Subjects under Part II of the course, only two viz. Advanced History of Islam and Islamic Law & Constitution are taught in the Govt. Arts college, Madras. Of the remaining subjects, Politics, Economics & Essay are taught in the Presidency College and the two special subjects in Indian History in the Dept. of Indian History of the Madras Uty. The Director therefore considers that it will be advantageous to transfer the course from the Govt. Arts college to the Presidency College in the interests of the students who have to go all the way from the Govt. Arts college to the Presidency College and the Uty. for the major part of their course. The Uty. has agreed to the conduct of the course in the Presidency College for this academic year and the D.P.I. has accordingly transferred the course to the Presidency College and has asked for the sanction of the Govt. to have the college affiliated in this particular course.

vide p45 c.f.
ibid
ibid
ibid
ibid
vide p45 & 47 c.f.
ibid
para 2 on p51 c.f.

Now that it has been decided that the courses in Islamic History & culture should be continued as before, it is not known whether the continuance of the Honour's course in Islamic History and culture in the Presidency College, will involve any addl. cost to the Govt. in future by way of purchase of books etc., employment of addl. staff or unnecessary movement of staff etc. from college to college. The D.P.I. may be asked in this regard. He may also be asked to state what the sanctioned strength of the course is at present and whether it will not be more economical to have the Honours course also in the same college where the other two courses are provided for. A draft memo is subd. for approval.

22.12.49

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p72 c.f. From the D.P.I. No. 1839 K2/48 d. 23.2.50.

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p73-75 c.f.

The D.P.I.'s letter d. 23.2.50 and the enclosure thereto may be perused. In the circumstances explained therein, the Govt. may agree to the continuance of the Honours course in Islamic History & culture in the Presidency College, Madras, and permit the Director to pay the necessary affiliation fee to the Uty. A draft order is subd. for approval. Finance may see before circulation.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Finance (EM)

(See Finance note on pp 8-9 above)

The minute of HM Edn on p14 above and the further note of E.W.H from p 15 above may be perused. It has been decided to continue the existing courses in Islamic History and culture as before. The Honours course in Islamic History and culture has since been transferred from the Govt Arts college Madras to the Presidency college Madras by the Principal Presidency college. For the reasons stated on p75 cf. the D.P.I has suggested that the Honours course may be continued in the Presidency College itself instead of retransferring it to ~~the~~ its former place. It is stated that the extra cost involved in this transfer is only the affiliation fee to be paid to the University. In the circumstances explained finance may agree to the proposal. Education may be requested to circulate the case to Hon (Fin) also, as Hon (Fin) has not seen the latest decision. The draft order below may be accepted.

p14 above

p73 cf

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Affiliation fees

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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The file may be circulated to H.M.(E&L) and H.M.(Fin.) for approval of the draft order.

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H. M. (E. & L.) 7/3

H. M. (Fin.) 8.3