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[Despatch Abstract.]

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 Schools intended for Muslims - Maintenance of the
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SECRETARIAT OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATURE (ASSEMBLY SECTION)

16-9-1949

STARRED.

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN, M.L.A.

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

* Q.NO. 160.

Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government intend to ~~implement~~ ^{maintain} their promise that the status quo would be maintained with reference to Muslim institutions for 5 years?

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E & P H (S) Dept.

Draft answer.

The Government have no intention to change their declared policy in respect of Muslim schools.

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The Sect. of Madras Legislative Assembly Section (5 copies)
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Answered by Mr. B. K. on 12/11/49

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



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for the meeting of the Legislative Assembly to
be held on the 23.9. 1949.

74037 Two copies of this question are forwarded to the E. & L. Department.
The question has been admitted.

To

The E. & L. Department.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT (BI)

Please see the Legislative Assembly Question on page 1 c.f. Attention is invited to the notes on pages 1-2 n.f. and the ^{D.O.} letter sent by H.M.(E & L) to the Honorary Secretary of the Muslim Educational Association of Southern India on pages 11-13 c.f. of G.O.No. 2937 Education, dated the 21st September 1949. ~~H.M.~~ ^{Hony.} The Secretary has been informed that the policy laid down in G.O.No. 266 Education, dated the 7th Feb. 1948, in regard to the opening & maintenance of separate schools for Muslims will be strictly adhered to by Government, ie., the ^{existing} schools will be continued for a period of five years from the school year 1948-49. The draft answer to the question may therefore be "Yes. The existing separate schools for Muslims will be continued for five years from 1948-49".

The file may be circulated to H.M.(E & L) for orders. A above.

She has deliberately used the words "muslim institutions" and schools. Our G.O. says only muslim schools.

A We may simply refer her to the G.O. & say that the G.O. will be adhered to as far as it is practicable & possible.



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Edm. & P.H. (B) Dept.

Please see the minutes of HM (E+L) above. If the answer to the question is given as above, a copy of G.O. no. 266 Etn D 7/2/48 will have to be placed on the table of the House. The file may be circulated to HM for orders whether or his intention is that a copy of the G.O. should be placed on the table of the House, in which case steps will have to be taken to get the G.O. printed.

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HM (E+L)

It is respectfully suggested that we may confine our

reply to schools, as we have enunciated no policy regarding institutions. The exact reply may be "Government have no intention to change their declared policy in respect of muslim schools."

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The draft answer on page 1 of is for approval.

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Maintenance of status quo in the Muslim educational institutions.

* 84^a Q.—BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government intend to maintain the status quo with reference to Muslim institutions for five years?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"The Government have no intention to change their declared policy in respect of Muslim schools."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—"It cannot be said that this policy has been consistently maintained, because as the Hon. Minister is aware, the Muslim Women's College and other Muslim institutions have been abolished. May I know whether it is the policy of the Government from now onwards, to see that the status quo is maintained with reference to Muslim institutions?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"What I have said was that there would be no change in the declared policy of the Government in respect of Muslim schools. Colleges are different from schools, Sir."

2-6 p.m. JANAB MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN:—"As a result of the conference held between the then Minister, Mr. Avinashilingam Chettiyar, and the Muslim representatives, was not a definite promise given to the Muslims that all the existing institutions intended for Muslims, both schools and colleges, will be maintained for a period of five years, the Government having the option to revise it after the expiry of the five-year period?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"The hon. Gentleman is not correct in his statement. The Government Order has been passed in pursuance of the proceedings of that meeting. There is a reference to schools in it and not to colleges."

G.O. 266 Etn D 7/2/48
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a Postpone 1 from the list of questions for 12th November 1949.

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BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Muslim Girls Secondary and Training School at Guntur has been handed over to a private management?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"I am not aware of it and I want notice of it."

JANAB MUHAMMAD RAZA KHAN:—"I am aware that the Government Communiqué subsequently issued makes a reference to schools; will the Hon. the Minister for Education consult the then Minister for Education and get the truth whether he has not given a definite assurance that the existing institutions intended for Muslims will be continued for a period of five years?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"The assurance that has been given has been embodied in G.O. No. 266, dated 7th February 1948, and this is what is stated—

'The Government have considered the question and had discussion with the members of the Legislature and other representatives of the Muslim community. They have considered the memorandum and in deference to their wishes expressed in it they have decided in the following manner:

While Government are against the starting and maintenance of separate schools, the present separate schools may be continued for the next five years without any commitment to continue them after that period; in the secondary schools and in standards VI, VII and VIII of higher elementary schools, the regional language will be the medium of instruction; in the elementary schools, where the regional language is not now being taught, the study of the regional language will be introduced in standard III or earlier, that the present arrangement for religious instruction for Muslims in the existing Muslim schools may be continued under a syllabus to be approved by the Government and that the Government if they think fit may close down such of those schools which are not economical or for other reasons'.

"These are what have been recorded."

SRI N. M. R. SUBBARAMAN:—"Since the answer has covered what I proposed to ask, I am not putting any question, Sir."

JANAB M. S. ABDUL MAJID:—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Government Order referred to by the Hon. Minister is entirely different from the decision arrived at the Conference called by the previous Minister for Education?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"I can speak only from facts which are recorded on paper; the preamble says 'As a result of the conference with the Members of the Legislature and the Leader of the Opposition and others

representing the community and the memorandum presented by them', and the demands made by them have been mentioned and what the Government have conceded has also been mentioned."

JANAB M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL:—"May I correct one misunderstanding perpetrated in the Government Order that it was not a memorandum submitted by the Leader of the Opposition and others to the Hon. Minister at that stage; it was a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the conference between the Hon. Minister and the Muslim representatives and it represented agreement arrived at between the Ministers and the members concerned and that copy was supplied to him at the express wish of the Minister. It was not a Memorandum that the Leader of the Opposition and others supplied to the Minister to be considered *de novo* by the Government."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"This is the preamble of the Government Order:

'The Government have been having under consideration the matter of separate schools for Muslims. The Government would like to state as their policy that they are against the maintenance of these separate institutions which they have found in the past, created separatist tendencies in our people and the Government are of opinion that those schools should be discouraged. As a result of the discussions the Muslim community have agreed to accept the Government's policy. . . . Janab Muhammad Ismail, Leader of the Opposition on behalf of himself and other representatives of the Muslim community has submitted a memorandum setting forth his views in the matter'

JANAB M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL:—"That is exactly what I am trying to correct. That was not a memorandum setting forth the demands of the Muslim M.L.As. and the other Muslim representatives; on the other hand, that was a document setting forth the understanding and the definite arrangement and agreement that were arrived at between the Minister for Education at the time and the Muslim Members."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"It is on that memorandum that orders have been passed and that is what I see from the papers."

SRI N. VENKATASUBBAYYA:—"May I know, Sir, whether the policy applies only to schools maintained by the Government and may I enquire whether local boards maintaining separate schools are debarred from closing them down owing to financial or other reasons?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"The Government would like the local boards to respect the understanding."

JANAB M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL:—"I do not want to carry on a controversy with the Government on this matter. May I request the Government to refer the matter to the previous Education Minister and ask him whether what I say is correct or not?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"I cannot be going on asking others on matters actually recorded in the files."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Government are trying to get rid of Muslim institutions by handing them over to private management?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"We have no idea of getting rid of Muslim institutions. Where by means of private management we could continue an institution with as much efficiency if not more, we can certainly hand it over to them."

JANAB H. S. HUSSAIN:—"Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister that he would like the local bodies to respect the understanding the Government have come to with Muslim representatives, may I know if the Government have issued any instructions to local bodies with regard to this matter; if not, whether the Hon. Minister will consider the desirability of issuing special instructions to the local bodies on the lines of the Government Order he has mentioned?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"I do not think any instance has come to the notice of the Government where any local body has not respected the terms of the Government Order. If the hon. Gentleman can point out any difficulty anywhere, we shall communicate with them. I may also say that G.O. No. 266, of the 7th February 1948, was published and a copy thereof was given to the Leader of the Opposition and he has not protested against what is contained in it."

JANAB ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"In view of the difference with regard to the veracity of the entire record, the so-called memorandum, will not the Hon. Minister himself consider the question of Muslim education inasmuch as it is as much alive as it was before?"

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THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"I cannot understand the hon. Gentleman's reference to it as the so-called memorandum; it is a real fact that it is a memorandum as I can see from the records."

SRI K. BRAHMANANDAM REDDI:—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that not only Muslim institutions but other institutions as well are transferred to private management if it is found necessary and desirable?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Yes, Sir."

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN:—"May I know whether the Muslim Girls' School at Bellary has been abolished and whether there is a proposal also to abolish the Muslim Girls' School at Salem?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"My recollection, Sir, is that the hon. Member told me so in the course of a private conversation and on verification, it was not correct; I shall, however, verify again."

JANAB ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the Government is at least keeping to the terms of—I will not call it the so-called—memorandum on which they seem to take their stand?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Not on the memorandum but on the decision they have come to upon it."

SRI P. KANDASWAMI PILLAI:—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Muslim Girls' Training School at Salem was abolished for want of strength; there were only seven students on the rolls and that was the reason why it was abolished?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"I have no information; I was not aware of the fact that it was abolished at all."

The proceedings of the Legislative

Assembly on pages 3-6 above may be perused. With reference to 'S' above it is submitted that as the strength in Forms I to III of the Higher Elementary Training Section in the Govt. Secondary & Training School for Women, Bellary, was very poor & as there was no progress since the school year 1944-5, it was considered unnecessary to continue ~~the~~ ^{the middle school from} ~~the~~ ^{the} Training Section.

It was therefore ordered that Forms I to III in the school should be abolished from the school year 1948-49 & that the Higher Ely. Trg. section & the Model School with Standards 1 to 5 should be amalgamated with the Govt. Trg. School for Women, Bellary (General), Bellary & treated as under sections of the school from that school year. There is at present no proposal to abolish the school at Salem.

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