

Educational (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 342

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[Despatch Abstract.]

SPECIAL TEST RULES.

Declining to comply with the requests of the Muhammadan inhabitants of Calicut that the --- may be relaxed in their favour, &c.

to,

His Excellency, the Right Honourable
the Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

Madras

The humble memorial of the undersigned
Muhammadian inhabitants of Calicut
in the Malabar District.

Most respectfully sheweth,

That with every mark of deference
and humble submission Memorialists beg to bring
the following for your Excellency's kind Consideration
and favourable orders, and fully believe that
justice will be meted out to the sufferings and
fallen Muhammadian Subjects of Her Majesty
August Queen and Empress of India

That Memorialists respectfully venture
to submit that the majority of Muhammadian
population in Malabar is poor, having little or
nothing for their maintenance, that amongst them
the English knowing persons are very rare, that
even if there be some, very few are in the Superior
Services of Government, that remaining few are
all in inferior service, such as attendants, peons,
and the like, that not only the question of their
future promotions is already settled, but also
sometimes the authorities concerned make it
a sure point and convenient plea to reject
their applications on the ground of their not having
passed any public Examination. In advancement
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of Notification of Fort St. George Gazette it is allowed that posts carrying up to Rs 15 may be conferred on even unpassed men.

That memorialists most respectfully state here that many of the past and present Muhammadan officials having been and still being nothing better than menial servants getting Rs 6 or 7 monthly have not been and are not able to meet both demands of maintaining their large and helpless family and of giving a suitable education to their children. This will amply account for the absence of so called educational qualifications in this particular race of the populace.

That it is, memorialists most humbly beg to state, a matter of great grievance and heartrending sorrow to memorialists and others of their society that those few who are in the Government Service are often denied the opportunities whenever they apply for promotions to which they are lawfully entitled. It may not be out of place here to mention that posts (such as Amin's, Copyists &c in the Civil Department) carrying a pay of Rs 12 or 14 up to Rs 15/- may be conferred upon candidates according to their Capacities, but this the authorities of this District take not into their Consideration. This is because an additional misery to your Excellency's unhappy memorialists and others of their race.

Memorialists therefore most earnestly and humbly pray your Excellency will

A large no of Scholarships are set apart for Muhammad madams & poor Muhammad madam boys can earn these Scholarships

Amin are Superior servants. Copyists are exempted from the exam rules vide clause (8) to Art 3 of the Public Service Notification

will be graciously pleased to pity their deplorable condition and to pass such orders in the matter as the barriers of their not passing a public Examination may not prove fatal to them in future and to mercifully direct the departmental heads to provide the said

- (1) Muhammadan officials, who are poorly paid, with appointments carrying Rs 12 or 14/- as the case may be, to keep a wide liberal margin for intertainment of Muhammadan Candidates into inferior service generally and especially to direct the Municipal Council of the District to be more liberal and in selecting Muhammadan Candidates for appointments in the municipalities in future.

For which act of benevolence and charity, your Excellency's memorialists shall, as in duty bound, Ever pray.

Cahent
24th March '96

1. Shikr Esmail *Shikr Esmail*
2. V. Syed Inam *V. Syed Inam*
3. P. D. Mahomed *P. D. Mahomed*
4. Syed Mirhaguddin *Syed Mirhaguddin*
5. Shikr Abulhader *Shikr Abulhader*
6. S. B. Syed Thameed *S. B. Syed Thameed*
7. *Shikrullah*
8. Ameer Hassan *A.M.H.*
9. Hamcedu dheem
10. Sayd Burdhan *Sayd Burdhan*

Hazim Khan

T. M. Sh. Hassan

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The petitioners, who are Muham-
madians of Calicut, represent that
most of their Co-religionists in
malabar are poor; that few
members of their community
have received an English edu-
cation; that fewer still hold
appointments in Superior service
under Govt and that the pro-
motion of those in inferior
service is barred. They there-
fore request

- (1) that the Exam. rules may
be relaxed in their favour;
- (2) that Heads of Dept may
be ordered (a) to give pro-
motion to Muhammadans
in inferior service and
(b) to bestow a large number
of appointments in inferior
service on Muhammadans

(3) that the municipalities in the district of Malabar may be directed to employ Muhammadans in larger number.

The first request of the petitioners that the Exam. rules may be relaxed should not, it is submitted be complied with.

The Govt of India has laid it down, when the question was raised by a more influential body of Muhammadans, that, in the interest of Muhammadans themselves, they should not be exempted from those tests which are established to secure the admission of duly qualified candidates into the public service.

- vide para 22 of the Res. of the Govt of I. no 7-215-25 & 15th July 1885 - printed in G.O. no. 507 Ed. & 12th Aug. 1885. (marked with red tape in the file).

As regards the first part of the second request that promotion may be given to Muhammadans in inferior service, the petitioners to be under a complete mis-

FOR ORDERS.

H. E. THE GOVERNOR.

THE HON'BLE MR. H. W. BLISS, C.I.E.

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mis-apprehension. Candidates for appointments in inferior service are not required to pass any examination until the 1st January 1897. vide art 1 of the Public service notification. The promotion of inferior servants is therefore not barred by any rule.

In the case of superior appointments carrying less pay than Rs 15 per mensem the Primary Examination rule came into force on the 1st April 1891 - vide art 3 of the Public service notification in G.O. no 485 Ed. & 25th June 1891. This rule has no retrospective effect and the promotion of those servants who held permanent appointments on the 1st April 1894 is not barred. vide G.O. no. 224 Ed & 5th April 1893 and note 1 to the preamble to the present public service notification.

The second part of the second request is that Heads of depts may be ordered to give a large number of appointments

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The Govt. does not consider that it is ^{either} to the advantage of the Muhammadans themselves that the special test rules should be relaxed in their favour, or desirable on other grounds. (2) Sufficient directions have already been given to Heads of Depts. in the matter of the employment of Muhammadans in the Govt. service, & those directions appear to be duly observed. (3) There is no provision of law under which Govt. can direct Munt. Councils to employ a larger proportion of Muhammadans than they now do.

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in inferior service to Muhammadans. The Govt has repeatedly impressed upon Heads of depts the desirability of giving a fair share of State employments to Muhammadans and it is not borne out by facts that these orders have in any way been disregarded. The Administration Report for 1894-95 shows that in that year, while the percentage of Muhammadans to the total population of the Presidency was 6.3, the percentage of Muhammadans holding appointments in Superior service to the total number of Superior appointments was 15.5. vide page 215, Part II. The statistics relating to inferior appointments are not available.

The third request that the municipalities in Malabar may be ordered to give a large number of appointments to Muhammadans is one for consideration in the L & M. dept.

Orders are solicited as to what

relates should be given to the petitioners.

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