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[Despatch Abstract.]

Tiyas in public service.

Recording papers relating to the question of giving preferential treatment to Tiyas in the higher grades of public service raised by a deputation from the Tiyas of Calicut and North Malabar which waited upon His Excellency at Calicut during his tour inOctober 1917.

DEPUTATION FROM THE TIYAS OF CALICUT AND NORTH MALABAR.

Arguments.

Yet another grievance we have to urge on your Excellency's attention is the fact that we are at present very poorly represented in the higher grades of public service, Revenue and Judicial, and not at all in the Salt and Abkari, Educational, Police and Registration. It is an irony of fate that, though we contribute mainly towards the abkari revenue, we form an infinitesimal number in the service of the department. In the Judicial Department there is an isolated instance of a member of our community being a Temporary Sub-Judge and as regards the munsifs, there is only one member recently appointed to a temporary vacancy. The significance of this state of things will be evident when it is considered that there are more than a dozen B.A. B.Ls. belonging to our vast community. We pray for preferential treatment in the matter of appointments in the public service, until we get adequately represented. We may mention for your Excellency's information that at one time, not very long ago, out of nine Tahsildars in the district, the majority were manned by members of our community who distinguished themselves by honest and zealous work. The remarkable case of the late Mr. C. Kanaran of our community who was the first Malayalee Deputy Collector and on whom the Secretary of State for India was pleased to bestow a pension equal to his full pay as a first-class Deputy Collector, still serves as a beaconlight, not only to our community but to the district as a whole. The late Sir William Robinson, Senior Member of the Executive Council, who acted as the Governor of the Presidency, wrote about him that "he was one of those whom God gives in times of need such as we have passed through together and must ever remember". The Board of Revenue in submitting his papers for pension for his meritorious services recorded the unprecedented eulogium that "there has never been a case in this Presidency

in which the merits of an uncovenanted civilian demanded special recognition so strongly." The late M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur E. K. Krishnan Avargal was the first Malayalee Law Graduate and after a successful career in the Judicial Service retired as a first-grade Subordinate Judge. We refer to these remarkable instances to show that given the opportunity, we have not been wanting in distinguishing ourselves and making our mark in the public service.

Collector's Note.

The North Malabar Tiyan can hardly be regarded as backward in any sense.

The following figures may be of some use :—

In Revenue Department in Malabar—
Out of 31 Tahsildars and Magistrates—

12 are Brahmans.
9 are Nayars.
8 are Tiyans.
2 are others.

In clerical ranks including Revenue Inspectors—

35 per cent are Brahmans.
32 per cent are Nayars.
22 per cent are Tiyans.
10 others.

As to Municipal Councils—

In Calicut there are 3 Tiyans out of 24.
In Cannanore there are 4 Tiyans out of 17.
In Tellicherry there are 4 Tiyans out of 18.
In Palghat } none.
In Cochin }

On the District Board there is only one at present.

Secretariat Note.

HOME (MIS.) DEPARTMENT.

The question of giving preferential treatment in the higher grades of public service to Tiyas may be referred to Revenue, Home (Judicial), Home (Education) and Financial (Separate Revenue) for very early remarks.

2. It may be mentioned that the attention of heads of departments was drawn demi-officially in 1912 to the importance

Pages 17—18 of Notes to G.O. 1561, Public, dated 19th December 1912.

of adequate representation of all communities in the public service.

3. The question of representation of backward classes in the subordinate ranks of the public service was one of the subjects for discussion in the recent Collectors' Conference. The trend of the discussion showed that, while it was essential that there should be in public offices a fair representation of all communities, it was not desirable to fix any definite proportion for particular castes.

T.C.N.—1-10-17.

P.DER.—1-10-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—1-10-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—1-10-17.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

In the higher grades of the Educational Department there are only two Tiyas in service—one, an assistant professor in the Law College and the other, headmaster in the lower elementary training school, Badagara, Malabar district. If qualified candidates offer themselves for employment in the department, the Director of Public Instruction will, no doubt, consider their claims. It does not appear that any special instructions should be issued to the Director in the matter.

S.K.—2-10-17.

N.K.—2-10-17.

C.R.—2-10-17.

R.R.—2-10-17.

FINANCIAL (S.R.) DEPARTMENT.

As regards appointments in the higher grades of the Salt and Abkari Department, it is submitted that direct appointments as *Inspectors* * are not now made but that direct appointments as *assistant inspectors* are made by the Board of Revenue.

2. Paragraph 719 on page 170 of the Salt Manual lays down that all classes and castes are alike eligible to hold offices under Government, provided they have the necessary educational and other qualifications.

It will be seen from the above that, if only Tiyas possessing the necessary qualifications had applied to the Board of Revenue, they would have been appointed as assistant inspectors.

3. Attention is invited to B.P. No. D. 767-Salt, dated the 9th March 1917, in which the Board stated that

* Power of appointment vests with Government.

the reason why no direct appointment of *Telugus* had been made in the past was that very few Telugus had been among the applicants and that these few were not among the least qualified—page 7 of G.O. No. 437, Financial (Separate Revenue), dated the 5th April 1917.

The Board also remarked that it was difficult to appoint any fixed number of Telugus as assistant inspectors as under present arrangements "only two or three direct appointments are made annually from all classes including Europeans and Eurasians who form a very useful class of salt officers"—page 8 of G.O. No. 437, Financial (Separate Revenue), dated the 5th April 1917.

The above remarks apply apparently to Tiyas as well.

It may be remarked that the present system of recruitment to the department will be altered with reference to the recommendations of the Public Services Commission that recruitment should be made in India and from amongst the statutory Natives of India and that the existing practice of appointing Europeans and Anglo-Indians at a higher point in the cadre than Indians should be stopped —Paragraph 2, pages 19–20 of G.O. No. 437, Financial (Separate Revenue), dated the 5th April 1917.

4. As regards appointments in the subordinate services, paragraph 721 on page 170 of Volume I of the Salt Manual directs that officers should be careful to see that the subordinate appointments in their jurisdictions are not monopolised by the members of a few influential families. Such appointments are made by Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners who will doubtless consider the claims of Tiyas if the latter apply to them.

C.V.R.—2–10–17.

K.C.V.—2–10–17.

R. H. COURTENAY—2–10–17.

The Tiyas no doubt are a deserving community, but they would perhaps be at a disadvantage in the Salt and Abkari Department as they have too many friends "in the trade".

F. J. RICHARDS—2–10–17.

HOME (JUDICIAL) DEPARTMENT.

The establishment lists of officers pertaining to Jails and Registration do not furnish information as regards the caste of the officers, and the number of officers of the Tiya community in these two

departments cannot therefore be stated with any accuracy without reference to the heads of departments concerned. The following information has however been gathered :—

Jails.—It appears there are three Tiya clerks. Information is not available whether there are any Tiyas amongst jailors, etc. There are none in the grade of Superintendents.

Registration.—In this department the following sub-registrars (out of 513) appear to be Tiyas :—

182. Melut Kelu.
189. Onden Narayanan.
191. Muliyil Sekharan.
287. Mundachalil Cherumanalil Raman.
354. Panangadan Kanari.
415. Makkada Rarichchan.
421. Kottieth Palliyil Sekharan.

Amongst 75 probationers, there are two Nos. 9 and 42 P. Kunhikannan and N. P. Krishnan.

2. Submitted that no orders have been issued reserving any proportion of appointments in the different departments for Tiyas, who have to take their chances along with others and perhaps none are required in view of the discussions at the Collectors' Conference referred to above.

S.N.P.—2-10-17

M.V.V.—2-10-17.

There are no Tiya Superintendents or Deputy Superintendents of Police. There are two Inspectors of Police of the community (IV class, pay Rs. 150), namely, P. T. Kannan and N. K. Karuvan. The Subordinate Police officers' list does not include sub-inspectors and it is therefore not ascertainable without a reference to the Inspector-General how many sub-inspectors belong to this community. There are no special orders about any preferential treatment being accorded to them.

P.S.R.—3-10-17.

C.V.—3-10-17.

The Civil List shows that the following officers in the higher ranks of the Judicial service are Tiyas :—

(1) Diwan Bahadur C. Krishnan, Bar.-at-Law, Chief Judge of the Madras Small Cause Court (now acting as a temporary Judge, High Court).

(2) Mr. K. A. Kannan, Acting Subordinate Judge, third grade.

(3) Mr. C. V. Gopalan, Acting District Munsif, fourth grade.

No statistics are available of the number of Tiyas in the non-gazetted ranks. There are at present no special orders in Judicial about preferential treatment being accorded to Tiyas. If properly qualified to hold posts under the Judicial Department, the claims of Tiyas will doubtless receive due consideration.

C.R.—3-10-17.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—3-10-17.

D. N. STRATHIE—3-10-17.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—4-10-17.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

The number of Tiyas in the appointments on and above Rs. 50 in the departments under Revenue is noted below :—

Name of department. (1)	Total number of appointments on and above Rs. 50. (2)	Total number of appointments held by Tiyas. (3)	Percentage of column (2) to (3). (4)
(1) Survey	136	3	2·00
(2) Settlement Branch of the Board's Office.	28	1	3·00
(3) Settlement Parties	39	...	...
(4) Land Records	11	..	...
(5) Land Revenue Branch of the Board's Office.	32	...	...
(6) Deputy Collectors	147	1	·67
(7) Provincial Forest Service ...	34	1	3
(8) Forest Rangers	134	4	3
(9) Tahsildars in Malabar* ...	11	1	9
(10) Deputy Tahsildars in Malabar.*	25	5	20
(11) Clerical staff in Malabar and Anjengo.	38	†11	29
(12) Fisheries Department gazetted staff.	3	1	33⅓
(13) Fisheries Department non-gazetted staff.	10	...	...
(14) Cinchona Department ...	11	...	...

* There are no Tiya Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars in other districts.
† There is one more Tiya clerk in Ramnad and none in other districts.

Yes.

A.R.K.—6-10-17.

2. It is observed from the census statements of 1911 that the Tiyas (males) constitute 21 per cent of the total male population of Malabar. Items (9) to (11) in the above statement would seem to show that in the Revenue Department in Malabar the Tiyas are fairly represented.

3. By "preferential treatment" in the proposed address it is apparently meant that Tiyas should be given preference to other castes, irrespective of the question of qualifications prescribed for the public services. It is, however, understood that

Notification on page 2 of G.O. 715, Educational, 5th August 1913.

And apparently do not claim to be a "backward community."

A.R.K.—6-10-17.

the Tiyas are not recognized as a "backward community" for purposes of grants-in-aid in the Educational Department.

4. It is laid down in Board's Standing Order No. 128 (2) that endeavour should always be made to divide the principal appointments in each district among the several castes. Attention is also solicited to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Home (Miscellaneous) Department note on pages 2–3 supra.

5. No further remarks seem called for in this department. Submitted that the file may be returned to Home (Miscellaneous).

K.S.N.—5-10-17.

A. R. KNAPP—6-10-17.

HOME (MIS.) DEPARTMENT.

The notes may now be printed and copies furnished to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor.

2. It will be noticed that, while the deputation refers to the poor representation of Tiyas in the *higher* grades of public service, the Revenue Department note takes into account clerks on Rs. 50 and above in making the statement that in the Revenue Department in Malabar Tiyas are fairly represented. Even excluding clerks, the statistics furnished by the Collector of Malabar show that 25·8 per cent of the appointments of Tahsildars and Magistrates are held by Tiyas. Looking to the fact that the Tiyas (males) form only 21 per cent of the total male population of Malabar, the percentage of appointments of Tahsildars and Magistrates in Malabar held by them seems to be fair. But it is observed that out of 147 Deputy Collectors, there is only one Tiya.

3. The case will have to be submitted to Honourable Member before the notes are sent to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor—vide Rule 3 (*b*) of Rules and Orders for the conduct of Business in Council.

T.C.N.—6-10-17.

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C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—6-10-17.

Honourable Member is on tour. Send one copy to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor and one to Honourable Member.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—6-10-17.

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lency at Calicut on the 10th October 1917 and presented the ... memorial:

"We respectfully beg to offer our humble but hearty welcome to Your Excellency to our district during this part of the year when it looks at its best. The rains on ~~which~~ which the prosperity of our district depends, have been rather capricious, with the result that our harvest is not expected to be as satisfactory as one could wish. This added to the high prices that prevail at present makes the prospect rather gloomy.

2. We, the members of this deputation, representing the interests of the Tiyyas and Ezhuvas of Malabar, are thankful to Your Excellency for having given us an opportunity of waiting on you to refer to some of the grievances and disabilities which press on us at present. Our loyalty and attachment to the British Raj under which we enjoy the blessings of peace and order, could not be exaggerated. The Tiyyas and Ezhuvas number a little over seven lakhs and sixty thousand, forming a fourth of the population of Malabar and more than a third of its Hindu population. We were a community greatly handicapped in the race for progress on account of the social position which the so-called higher caste Hindus assigned to us. But under the benign British Government we enjoy peace and liberty, which enable us to make headway against the disabilities heaped on us. Educationally we are by the force of circumstances backward, but we use our best endeavour to emerge from this state of things. The Zamorin's College, Calicut, does not open its doors to our boys. But this exclusiveness has now ceased to operate against us as we are enabled to avail ourselves of the Basel Mission College at Calicut.

3. General literacy in the Tiyya community is 17.5 per cent and English literacy is only 0.9 per cent for males. The corresponding figures for Mussalmans in the Presidency are ~~19.6~~ 16.6 and 0.9 per cent respectively, showing but little variation in point of general literacy and no difference at all in respect of

English education. We would therefore place before
for kind consideration our claims to be classed as
the Grant-in-Aid Code for purposes of concession ra
and colleges for our children. This humble claim is
the fact that as a community we are generally poor.
agriculturists; 19.1 per cent of our population are, ac
the last Census, classed as labourers, wood-cutters, e
only 306 are shown as deriving income from rent of lan

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selves and making our mark in the public service.

5. The recent orders passed by Your Excellency
for amending the rule relating to the Educational Qua
cation for entering the public service and appearing
tests under the Special Tests, have been hailed with s
by the press. This order supersedes the necessity for
exemption from the prescribed educational qualification
part. We must however draw Your Excellency's kind atten
anomaly in the Special Tests Rules which require a grad
and Law to pass the Precis Writing Test, which incapric
extreme. It is we submit undignified and unnecessary th
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When it was represented that Arts Graduates had to pass in Tr
lation in the Arts Examination, the Government were pleased t
abrogate the anomalous rule. Similarly the anomaly of the Preci
Writing Test in the case of gentlemen possessing double degre
it is prayed, be removed.

6. In any future reconstruction of the local Legislative
Council and mofussil local bodies, we crave for separate repre-
entation. With the existing electorates it is impossible for a
uber of our community to get elected even though we form over a
th of the population of Malabar and South Kanara put together.

Our interests have hardly received any
representatives returned to the Council
torate. It will not serve our purpose, if
is given to non-Brahmins as one community.
effect of drawing in one predominant class
representation to the other classes. Out of
Malabar, about a million and a half would be
of representation. In the local bodies as no
Mofussil we were not at all sufficiently rep

7. As matters stand at present we als
existing constitution of Madras Legislative Co
a nominated seat may be favourably considered.

8. In conclusiton we respectfully thank
for having patiently listened to our represents
hope that our reasonable and moderate claims ha
have fruition in the near future.

9. We pray that His Majesty the King Em
Allies soon come out victorious in the titanic w

After informal discussion of the points raise
in his reply expressed his hearty sympathy with their
continued social, material and intellectual advancemen
community and stated that the Government welcomed the
was making to qualify itself to take a more prominent
public life and services of the Presidency. It was ess
the best material available should be utilized in develo
resources and in manning the public services of the Presid

Referring to their particular requests His Excell
that the question whether the community should be regarde
ward class was examined in 1913 and decided in the negati
ground that the community as a whole was fairly well-to-d
and had made great advances in recent years. It seemed to
deroratory to its position and the achievements already to
that the community should ask to be included among the backw
There were other communities which were far more backward

aspirations. His Excellency doubted whether it would be in the true interests of the Tiyyan community or help its future progress to be classed among them.

As regards employment in the public services, His Excellency stated that he understood that in the Revenue Department at least a large number of appointments carrying a salary of over Rs.50 were held by Tiyyas, and referred to the fact that out of 31 Tahsildars and Magistrates in the district 8 were Tiyyas and that in the clerical ranks of the Revenue Department they held 22 of the appointments. The community has also secured representation on local bodies as there were 3 Tiyyans out of 24 members in the Calicut Municipal Council. 4 out of 17 in Cannanore and 4 out of 18 in Tellicherry. It was true that they had no representatives in the Palghat and Cochin Municipal Councils, but viewing the matter as a whole the community was not inadequately represented and there was no reason why they should not contribute yet more largely to the personnel of these bodies. His Excellency could make no pronouncement on the question of separate electorates or guarantee nomination to the Madras Legislative Council. It was impossible in view of the limited number of nominated seats to give separate representation to all the various communities and interests which desired it. The Legislative Council however was not the only channel through which their representations could be made and it was open to them to make them to the Collector or direct to the Government who would give them full consideration.

His Excellency concluded by thanking the deputation for their expressions of loyalty and stating that all their representations would be borne in mind.

O.F. 18—1-17.

Returned with a copy of the proceedings of the deputation.

Gedmore
20/10/17.

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For the Registrar

A draft order recording the papers is submitted for approval.

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