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Miscellaneous

Ordinary SERIES.

G.O. No. 407

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question.

Recording papers relating to a ——— asked by the Honourable
Rao Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu at the meeting of the Legislative
Council held on the 2nd April 1917 regarding the number of daily news-
papers subscribed by the Government and the answer given thereto.

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MEMORANDUM :-- No. 924-1
20.3.17

Copy of a question which the
Honourable Rao Bahadur M. Ramachandra
Rao Pantulu proposes to put at the ensuing
meeting of the Legislative Council is
forwarded to the Superintendent of Stationery
with the request that the Superintendent
will furnish the Government at a very early
date with the particulars indicated in the
question.

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To the Superintendent of Stationery
(with copy of question)

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Madras, 22nd March 1917.

On Cur. No. 434/Gul.
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From

M. Young Esquire, I.C.S.,

ENCLOSURES.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STATIONERY,

To

The Registrar,

Home Department,

Fort St. George, Madras.



Sir,

(to be kindly
returned at
an early date
when no longer
required)

With reference to Home (Mis.) Department, Memorandum No.924-1 dated 20th March 1917, I have the honour to enclose a copy of the statement of periodicals maintained by this office, revised up-to-date, and ready to be sent to Press. All periodicals Indian and foreign arranged for supply through the agency of this office, the officers to whom they are supplied, and the number of copies supplied to each, will be found in the statement as far as information is available.

2. Information about the cost incurred during the current year and called for in questions 8-(1)(c) and (2) is not available in this office as payments are made by the Accountant-General. A reference to that office may be made in the matter required.

3. I have to state, in this connection, that the amounts expended on account of subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals published in and out of India during 1915-16, as reported to Government in this office letter R.O.C.No.756 dated 1-6-1916, disposed of in G.O.No.336, Finl., dated 16th June 1916, is Rs.36,777/-, of which Rs.23,914/- relate to Indian newspapers and periodicals and Rs.12,863/- to foreign. I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

[Signature]
for Superintendent of Stationery.
MR

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(To be discussed in Council) C.F.-18

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Legislative Council Questions

¹³ ²⁶ ⁷⁵
Nos. 8, 22 and 77 regarding
Newspapers and periodicals.

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(Questions 22 and 77 in
the linked file)

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QUESTION.—No. 8

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the 2nd April 1917.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the
Home (Mis) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the
rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Questions in the
Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due
course.

V.T.K.

14-3-17

By U.O. No. 66/-1 dated 14.3.17

To

The *Home (Mis)* Department. with Q. 8.



Local and Municipal Department.

(Legislative).

The Honourable Rao Bhadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu.

Home (Miscellaneous) Department.

New No. 13

8. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) the number of each of the daily newspapers (English and Vernacular) now being subscribed by the Government in the current year.

(b) whether any of the said papers so subscribed are being supplied to district officers and if so to whom and how many of each ?

(c) the total approximate annual cost incurred by the Government under this head.

(d) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of the newspapers, journals and periodicals for which the Director of Public Instruction and other heads of departments have subscribed in the current year and the approximate expenditure under this head ?

Home (Mis) Dept.

Registrar

The present question is more or less a repetition in a more detailed form of the previous question on the subject asked by the Honble Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao at the ^{last} meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th Feb. 1917. The Govt. has answered that they were not prepared to furnish the information. Please see G. O. No. 194^(mis) 1-3-17 and the notes thereto.

2. A list of new papers & periodicals in the Presidency which the Govt. subscribe for and the number of copies which they take with the annual subscription per copy of each paper will be found on pp 11-13 of G. O. 194 Home (Mis) 1-3-17. That list is not up to date as it was

compiled from the Statement of periodicals revised upto the 30th June 1915, which is the latest and from the memorandum of newspapers prepared by the C. I. & for the year 1915. The Additional Member requires information on the subject for the Current year. Moreover the information required in the question runs into so many details that the Supt. of Stationery and the Depts of Secretariat will have to be consulted for compiling the information.

3. In his note 31-1-17 on pp 8-9 of G. O. 194 Home (Mis) 1-3-17, the Honble Dewan Bahadur

Mr. Rajagopala Chari noted (as to his Home Secy) that "it would be as well to make it clear at the very outset that we do not propose to take the public into our confidence in a matter which may need very careful handling at so distant date."

For orders as to the draft answer.

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15.3.17

Pres.
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The object of the question is to see whether the Govt. "intends" any of the newspapers. The present one is ~~more~~ easier to answer than the previous in that it does not ask for a declaration of what the Govt. intend to do in future, but only for a statement of existing facts.

There are, according to the C.I.D. report on newspapers, fifteen daily newspapers published in the Madras Presidency & the adjoining Native States. We have no information (up to date) as to how many of these ~~newspapers~~ ^{principally of the} ~~heads of~~ ^{heads of} departments subscribe for. The Supt. of Stationery will be able to furnish the information without much difficulty. It is for consideration whether he may be asked to do so. If he says that he

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vide Chap. 2
② clauses (a) & (b) of the Question

Clause (d) of the Question

cannot do it in time for the next meeting, the Addl. Member may be informed that the staff has been called for & will be furnished to him on receipt.

Attention is invited to the Cuttings from the Madras Mail & the New India with reference to the answer given by post to the previous question. In the circumstances stated in the former it may be advisable to furnish the information asked.

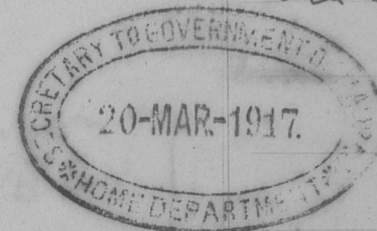
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Orders are solicited whether the information asked for should be obtained & furnished.

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For the information first & let me see it.



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Memo. No. 924-18 20.3.17

(C. No.)

From the Supdt. of Stationery 8 22-3-17
The Supdt. of Stationery has furnished a copy of the Statement of Periodicals revised up to date. It will be seen therefrom that of the 15 daily newspapers referred to on page 4 ante, the Govt. now subscribe for the following papers: -

pages 42-43 of the Statement.
pp 48-49 "
p 62 "
p 63 "
p 68 "

The Hindu	22	(including 1 copy of weekly edition)
The Indian Patriot	15	
The Madras Mail	45	(including 5 copies of weekly edition)
The Madras Times	24	
New India	18	
Justice	6	

The statement also gives particulars as to the officers to whom copies of these newspapers are supplied. The Govt. also subscribe for 6 copies of the new English daily "The Justice". vide page 56 of the Statement.

2. The Supdt. of Stationery states that information about the cost incurred asked for in clauses (c) and (d) of the question at page 2 ante is not available in his office, and suggests a reference to the Accountant-General. It is for orders whether a reference should be made

This may be done taking H.14. Thinks the information may be furnished.
C.A.
we need not bother about cost
20.3.17



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In regard to the statement of newspapers, journals and periodicals for which the Director of Public Instruction and other heads of depts. have subscribed ~~in~~ in the current year, asked for by the addl. member in clause (d) of his question, it is submitted that it is not possible to compile a statement now from the Statement of Periodicals furnished by the Supt. of Stationery, as it will take much time to

compile one. If it is considered necessary to furnish the statement, the Supt. of Stationery may be requested to compile ^{a statement} ~~a statement~~, and the addl. member may in that case be told that a statement has been called for and will be furnished when received.

3. It is for consideration whether the information furnished by the Supt. of Stationery may be given to the additional member.

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we have information now about clauses (a), ~~(b)~~ and ~~was about~~ (c)*.

As regards (d) we may have to refer the Hon. Addl. member to the answer

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that may be given to question no. 77 in the file below.

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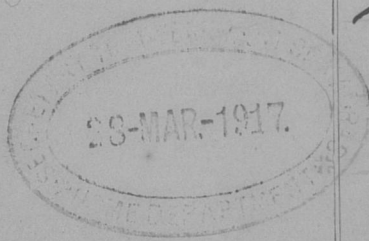
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The answer to this question & those in the linked file will have to be settled in Council.

S. should have ready answers to sub heads (a) & (b) of this question (No 4). The answer to (b) seems to be 'No' & (c) are minor trouble about.

Subhead (d) is of minor importance & will be subsequently answered if it is decided to lay a list of business cases on the table.

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Answer to 77

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that may be given to question no. 77 in the file below.

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The answer to this question & those in the linked file will have to be settled in Council.

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Answer to 77

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In regard to the information asked for in sub-head (b) of Question No. 8, submitted that the dailies mentioned below are supplied to the following officers in mufassal noted against each:

The "Hindin". The Resident in Travancore & Cochin. 1 Copy
 The "Indian Patriot". - do - 1..
 "Madras Mail". - do - 1..
 - do - Head Light Keepers 13 Copies (tri-weekly, ditto)
 "Madras Times". The Resident in Dr. & Cochin 1 Copy
 - do - The Resident Surgeon, Bangalore 1 Copy

It is for orders whether no other officers in mufassal are supplied with copies of the dailies.

Draft answers are submitted below.

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For Council

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Answer approved in Council.

"The Honourable Member is referred to the answer given to Question No. 56".

Q. No. 8. new no. 13

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Question No.56 (old No.58).

By the Honourable Mr.A.S.Krishna Rao Pantulu.

Q.56. Will the Government be pleased to state under the following heads, the details of the amounts spent for subscriptions to periodicals under 32.Miscellaneous- during the years 1914-15, 1915-16, and 1916-17 and of the amount similarly proposed to be spent in 1917-18-

- (a) name of the periodical,
- (b) number of copies subscribed for,
- (c) amount spent for the periodical, and
- (d) officer or officers under whose order the periodical was or is subscribed for?

A N S W E R.

For public purposes, the Government obtain for official use in various departments a number of monthly, weekly and daily publications which varies from time to time according to public requirements. No papers are being subsidised. The Government are unable to give any further information on the subject. This answer has reference to Questions 13, 26, 75 and 90 as well as to this question.

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Draft answers to sub-heads (a) and (b) of
Question No.8:-

(a) The following daily newspapers are now
subscribed by the Government:-

The Hindu	...	22 copies,
The Indian Patriot		15 ,,
The Justice	...	6 ,,
The Madras Mail		45 ,,
The Madras Times		24 ,,
The New India	...	18 ,,

(b) The dailies mentioned below are supplied
to the following officers in districts:-

<u>The Hindu</u>	...	The Resident in Travan- core and Cochin1 copy.
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<u>The Indian Patriot</u>	---	do---
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<u>The Madras Mail...</u>	---	do---
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13 Head Light keepers 13 copies (tri-
weekly edition).

<u>The Madras Times.</u>	The Resident in Travan- core and Cochin1 copy.
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The Residency Surgeon,
Bangalore, 1 copy.

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Not approved.
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Statement of
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13 Q.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state
(a) the number of each of the daily newspapers (English and vernacular)
now being subscribed to by the Government in the current year;
(b) whether any of the said papers so subscribed are being supplied to district
officers and, if so, to whom and how many of each;
(c) the total approximate annual cost incurred by the Government under this
head?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of the
newspapers, journals and periodicals for which the Director of Public Instruction
and other heads of departments have subscribed in the current year and the approxi-
mate expenditure under this head?

13 A.—The Honourable Member is referred to the answer given to question
No. 56.

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