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[Despatch Abstract.]

Municipal Council. Recording telegram from Picha Aiyangar and others requesting that the Srivilliputhur Municipality may be abolished.

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Note

The draft answers to Question No XXIII (a) by the Hon'ble m.R.Ry Vijayaraghava Charlar and question No XXIV (a) by the Hon'ble m.R.Ry Ratnasabapathi Pillai, will have to be altered with reference to this telegram.

From

N. Alston Esquire I.S.
Private Secretary to
H.E. the Governor

* The Secretary has ordered that the draft answers should not be altered as the fowl has not yet seen the telegram.

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Dated 30th May 1899.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
31 MAY 1899
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

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The H.M. is to say again a deputation — & will no doubt send orders on the matter. Meanwhile the Tale can only be received

SUBJECT.

Transfers a Telegram dated 29th May 1899 from Pichai Aiyangar and Mess. Srivilliputtur, praying that the Srivilliputtur Municipality may be abolished.

By order

Private Secretary.

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To (Person) His Excellency The Governor In Council Govt. House Madras

From (Person) Sichu Iyengar and others

82 Word Form.

The impoverished inhabitants of Erivilliputtur are extremely oppressed by the increasing burdens and troubles ever since municipality was forced on them against their protest pray redress by abolishing it as in 86 memorial with deputation follows -

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At Hrs. Mts. by

Sent to KOTACAMUND 29-5-99

Telegraph Master.

The Honourable M.R.Ry. C. VIJAYARAGHAVACHARIAR.

Local and Municipal Department.

XXII (*a*). Has the Government received representations from the people of Srivalliputhur in the Tinnevelly District praying for the dissolution of the Municipal Council of that place?

(*b*). It is a fact that the administration of that Municipality has not yet been a success?

(*c*). Is it a fact that there is great difficulty in collecting the Municipal taxes?

(*d*). It is a fact that the people complain that the great majority of them are too poor to pay the Municipal taxes?

(*e*). Has the Government directed any inquiry as to the capacity of the people to bear such taxes? If not, will the Government be pleased to direct such an inquiry?

(*f*). Will the Government be pleased to ascertain and lay on the table information as to (1) the number of the villages that constitute the Municipality, (2) the population of each such village, (3) the number of thatched houses and huts in each village, (4) the number of tiled and terraced houses in each village, (5) the number of people in each village exclusively engaged in agriculture together with the amount of revenue which each man pays to Government, (6) the number of coercive processes issued during the last four years for the collection of the Municipal taxes, (7) and the number of prosecutions during the same period for resistence to the execution of such processes

(*g*). Will the Government be pleased to place on the table papers shewing the grounds for abolishing the Municipal Council in 1886 and also for re-establishing it in 1894?

(*h*). Is it a fact that the Sanitary condition of Srivelliputtur under the administration of the Union Panchayat was found satisfactory?

(*i*). Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of dissolving the Municipal Council?

The Honourable M.R.Ry. P. RATNASABHAPATI PILLAI.

Local and Municipal Department.

XXIV (*a*). Has the attention of Government been drawn to the complaints against the hardships of the inhabitants of Srivilliputtoor (Tinnevelly) in consequence of its constitution as a municipality under the District Municipalities Act?

(*b*). Is it a fact that the inhabitants of the place are chiefly poor agriculturists, with little or no trade?

(*c*). Is it a fact that out of a total of 6407 houses in the town about 5,000 are thatched huts?

(*d*). Was the town constituted into a Municipality in 1886, and immediately after abolished as such in consequence of its unsuitability for a municipal institution, and was it made a *major union* in the same year?

(*e*). Was the town worked as a major union from 1886 till 1894 and with what results?

(*f*) Has the demand under House Tax increased from Rs. 1,772-10-0 in 1894-95 to Rs. 6,600 in 1899-1900?

(*g*). Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a return shewing the numbers of coercive processes issued in the municipality from its commencement down to the end of 1898-99?

(*h*) Does the Government think that the collection of taxes in the municipality has been unattended with grave hardships to the rate-payers, as judged by the number of coercive processes issued year after year?

(*i*). Has Government reason to believe that there has been a sensible reduction in the population of the place, after it was constituted as a municipality, and if so what has been the decrease, and the causes thereof?

(*j*). Will Government be pleased to take into consideration the desirability of reverting to the former arrangement, and replacing the municipality by a *major union*?

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