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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

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(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Bellary.
 " " of South Arcot.
 " " of Tanjore.
 " " of Trichinopoly.
 " " of Madura.

NOTE FOR THE Secretary.

Please see the reply given to Question Z (d), put by the Honble M. R. Ratnasabapathi Pillai, at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th June 1899. It is submitted that the Collectors of the Districts of Bellary, South Arcot, Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Madura, in which many of the bigger municipalities having Secretaries are situated, may be asked to suggest a set of rules defining clearly the position of the ^{Secretary} ~~Chairman~~ in relation to the Chairman, so that the Govt. may compile a set of rules and circulate them to the Municipal Councils for opinion.

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

Local and Municipal Department.

X (a). Is Government aware that in the absence of definite rules defining the position of Secretaries in Municipalities in relation to the Chairmen, there has been room for friction and conflict of authority?

(b). Is the delegation of powers under section 32 (1) of the District Municipalities Act to the Secretaries consistent with the continuance of the responsibilities of the Chairmen, in whom the law vests the entire executive control?

(c). In cases in which a delegation is made under section 32 (1) to Secretaries, are the Chairmen relieved of their responsibility 'for the due fulfilment of the purposes of the Act'?

(d). Will Government be pleased to frame draft rules defining clearly the position of Secretaries in relation to the Chairmen, and circulate the same to the Municipal Councils for their opinion?

Draft Answer.

X (a) and (c). The answer to these parts of the question is in the negative.

(b). The Government is not aware of any inconsistency.

(d). The matter will be considered.

There is no doubt there has been friction & conflict of authority, but whether the absence of definite Rules has caused this is another question.

To avoid tying down the Government perhaps the draft answers such as

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The Hon'ble M.R.Py. P.Rangayya Nayudu.

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(a) In view of the principle that the system of election to Municipal Councils, Local and District Boards, is mainly intended for men who are not in Government service, will the Government be pleased to frame rules prohibiting officials from standing as candidates therefor?

(b) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the recent elections of the Tahsildar of Cuddapah and the Huzur Sheristadar of Kurnool at the head of the poll as Councilors for those Municipalities, respectively?

Draft Answer.

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XXXVII (a)

The Government does not accept the principle referred to by the Hon'ble Member and is not prepared to adopt his suggestion.

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Note. In para 2. of G.O. No. 2429. L, dated 13th December 1887, the Government has held that there was no objection to officials being elected as members of the District Board. As regards Municipal Councils, the Election Rules distinctly provide that any person drawing a salary of Rs 30 per mensem is qualified to be elected - vide Rule 5 of the rules issued in G.O. No. 1950. M, dat. 19th November 1898.

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(b) The answer to this part of the question is in the negative.

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The Honourable GHULAM MUHAMMAD SAHIB BAHADUR
Local and Municipal Department.

supplemental
XVI (a). Will the Government be pleased to state the circumstances which led to the reversion of Syed Alauddin Sahib, late Secretary to Negapatam Municipality to the Registration Department?

(b). If his reversion was not due to any dereliction of duty on his part will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of restoring him to the Municipal Secretaryship or, if practicable, to invite some other Municipal Council to accept his services as its Secretary.

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(c). If the answer to (b) is in the negative will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of appointing a qualified Muhammadan to the Municipal Secretaryship of Negapatam (when the Municipal Councils nominations are submitted for the approval of Government) in view of the fact that the Town consists of a large Muhammadan population with a shrine of very considerable importance.

Draft Answer.

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on removal of papers.
XVI (a). The Chairman charged Saiyid Alauddin Sahib with insubordination and misconduct. Without going into these allegations, ~~however~~ the Government was satisfied that the relations between Saiyid Alauddin Sahib and the Chairman were so strained that it would be impossible for them to work together harmoniously. As the Secretary was then on probation, he was ordered to revert to his appointment in the Registration Department.

Note.

For the grounds on which Saiyid Alauddin Sahib was directed to revert to his appointment in the

Registration Department please see
 G.O. No. 464. M, dated 29th March 1899.
 Please see also G.O. No. 690. M, dated 15th
 May 1899 in which Saigid Alauddin
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" " Trichinopoly ✓
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