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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording the reply given to a question put at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 13th December 1898 regarding the entertainment of Mahammadans in the higher grades of the Forest Service.

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Revenue Department.

Question proposed to be asked by the Hon'ble Ghulam Muhammad Sahib Bahadur at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 13th December 1893.

III. Is Government aware of the entire absence of Muhammadans in the higher grades of the Forest service, ever since the retirement of the solitary Muhammadan Assistant Conservator of Forests some years ago? Will Government be pleased to instruct the Board of Revenue to issue orders to Conservators to give encouragement to Muhammadan candidates, seeing that Muhammadans as a class are eminently fitted for out-door work?

The solitary Muhammadan Asst. Conservator of forests refer ed to in the first part of the question is M. Muhammad Ali Khan Sahib who retired with effect from the 7th May 1892. It is a fact that as pointed out in the question there has since then been no Muhammadan in "the higher grades of the forest service" by which the Hon. Member apparently means the Provincial branch of the Upper & Lower controlling staffs

2. The recruitment of officers to the forest service is subject to special rules issued by the Govt. of India and reproduced in Sections 19-34 of the Madras Forest Code.

I submit that the Govt. would be glad if Muhammadans would qualify for appointment under these rules but that the rules cannot be set aside in their favour-- which is what the Hon. Member apparently wants done. If any qualify, their claims must it is submitted be considered together with those of others

The draft reply below is suggested.

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		Grade	age	Educational qualification	Date of appointment in the Forest Department.
	Rangers				
1	K. Sayid Edullah Salib	Fifth grade	30 3 0	matric & D.D.R	1st September 1892
	~~Muhammad Rahman Sahib~~	~~Sixth grade~~		—	
2	Sayid Burhan-ud-din Salib	Third grade	29 3 13	matric & *D.D.R	1st July 1895
3	M. Shams-ud-din Salib	Fourth grade	39 7 0	—	26th June 1882
	~~Muhammad Abdul Hakim Sahib~~	~~Sixth grade~~		—	
4	Shaikh Rahmatullah Salib	Sixth grade	29 8 0	matric & Forestry Test (Intermediate)	26th June 1891
	Deputy Rangers.				
5	M. Abdul Rahman Sahib	First grade	38 9 25	D.D.F.	17th January 1881. Ranger (Sixth grade) Sub pro tem
6	K. Saiyid Ishaq Salib	First grade	36 7 0	middle school	18th August 1886
7	M. muhammad abdul ali Salib	First grade	42 10 11	Dept: Test in Forest law.	16th June 1880
8	Mir Jafir ali Kirmani Salib	Secand grade	37 7 0	Dept Test in Forest law: Code & acts	19th September 1888
9	M. Saliji Salib	Secand grade	39 0 19	Dept Test for Dy Rangers	1st October 1881.
10	Muhi-ud-din Khan Salib	Secand grade	47 7 0	—	8th July 1866
11	M. Ahmad Husain Salib	Third grade	41 10 0	middle school	1st april 1876
12	Muhammad Abdul Hakim Salib	Third grade	29 9 0	matric, Dept T. Forest law + Forestry (Intermediate)	6th February 1891. Ranger (Sixth grade), Sub pro tem
	~~Saiyid Yasin Sahib~~	~~Secand grade~~		—	
13	Mir Nizam Muhi-ud-din	Third grade	30 2 0	middle school (third class) + Dept Test in Forest law, Code & acts)	1st Dece 1893.
	Foresters				
14	M. Muhi-ud-din Khan	Secand grade		—	June 1884
15	M. Lookman Sheriff	Third grade	26 9 16	middle school (first class)	9th Dece 1897
16	K. Muhammad Khan	Third grade	31 3 0	—	February 1888 on probation
17	K. Pir Salib	First grade	44 6 9	—	March 1881
18	Baljee Salib	Secand grade	36 8 0	—	July 1897
19	Saiyid Yasin Salib	Secand grade	27 7 0	middle school (first Class) & Dept Test in Forest law, Code & acts	Dece 1893 Deputy Ranger (Secand grade) Sub pro tem
20	M. Hussain Salib	Third grade		—	
21	Muhammad Ghouse	Third grade		—	
22	K. M. Khadir Sadik	Third grade		—	

D.D.R = obtained Forest Rangers (or English Course) Certificate, Dehra Dun

* D.D.R = —— Do —— —— with Honours

D.D.F = obtained Foresters (or Hindustani Course) Certificate, Dehra D...

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The number of appointments in the Provincial and Subordinate branches of the Forest Service with the number of muhammadans in each is shown below:-

	† Total No.	× No of muhammadans
Extra Asst Conservators	12	-
Rangers	106	4
Deputy Rangers	60	9
Foresters	139	9

Of these one ~~was~~ qualified in 1894 by the D.D.R. test with honours and is now a third grade Ranger drawing Rs 100 + 15 conveyance allowance. He appears to have gone over several who had taken only the ordinary D.D.R test. Another officer who is qualified by the ordinary D.D.R test is a fifth Grade

× Civil Statement appended

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Grade Rangers (pay Rs 60 + C. all. Rs 15) while a third who had obtained only a Forester's certificate has been made a Dept Ranger 1st Grade – pay Rs 40. The above are the only officers who have passed any Dehra Dun examinations

Of the remaining 19 officers 9 have not passed any examinations and have apparently been promoted from the rank of Forest Guards. These cannot be sent to Dehra Dun nor can they expect to get promotion to the higher grades of Rangers. There thus remain ten officers. Of these five can go to Dehra Dun if they want, and if they pass the preliminary examinations while the remaining five being over 37 may perhaps be considered to be a little too old to get themselves trained.

(the over aged men being exempted)

2. In this connexion it is submitted that the qualifications for first entry into the subordinate branch of the Forest Services are not at all high – the examinations to be passed being only upper Secondary Exam Class or matriculation with handwriting as in the case of all other branches of the public service. After entry into the Forest Dept any one with two years service may apply for the D.D. Entrance exam^{n} and in case he passes it is sent on for being trained at Dehra Dun.

3. The tests required for higher or lower appointments in the Forest Dept are thus not high.

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Para 8 of the G.I. Resolu^{n} in Gl. no 549 22.9.98 C

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How many of the 22 are qualified for the I.F.S.?

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only one viz – the Ranger with the D.S.R honours certificate

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This man is Syed Nowrangdin Sahib

Question No. III proposed to be asked by the Hon'ble Ghulam Muhammad Sahib Bahadur at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 13th December 1898.

Draft Answer.

Recruitment for the higher grades of the Forest service is regulated by certain rules which will be found reproduced in sections 19 to 34 of the Madras Forest Code. Muhammadan candidates ~~[illegible]~~ under these rules will receive every just encouragement.

approved H.S. 6-12-98.

1 Of the 166 Rangers, 2 Dy Rangers, only 13 are Muhammadans, of whom two only have fully qualified by exam. for further promotion to the grade of Extra Asst Conservator.

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herewas appointed to the Forest Dept in July 1891 & was Conferm in April 1896 after his return from Dehra Dun of longer service than this Muhammadan and qualified for promotion to the E.A.C grade than are 8 officers. They may not be fit for promotion it is true but their claims will have first to be considered.

Besides Syed Imamuddin, there is only one other Muhammadan who has passed the D.D.R test Syed Edullah Sahib; he will qualify for appt to E.A. Cohib in 1899 having passed in 1894.

The Min hereby could be appointed only in exceptional cases if no D.D.R men were available

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The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes ..

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