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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Friday, the 19th August 1938

The House met in the Assembly Building, Chepauk, at three of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. MR. B. SAMBAMURTI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

Reinstatement of or grant of some form of relief to the Police officers, who resigned their posts on account of the non-co-operation movement.

* 81 *Q.*—MR. V. VENKATASUBBAYYA: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of Police, who resigned their posts in the non-co-operation movement;

(*b*) how many of them have applied to the present Government to be reinstated or for proportionate pension or other relief; and

(*c*) how many of them have been restored and how many of them have been granted other relief?

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"(*a*) From the information at present available it is found that one acting Inspector and one Sub-Inspector of Police resigned their posts in the non-co-operation movement.

"(*b*) Both applied to the present Government for reinstatement or other relief.

"(*c*) The Government did not find the cases suitable for action on the lines requested, but the matter is still under consideration."

MR. SPEAKER:—"Question No. 82. Mr. R. B. Ramakrishna Raju."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"I want to ask . . ."

MR. SPEAKER:—"You should have risen earlier. Hon. Members who intend to put supplementary questions must rise immediately after the question is answered."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"I am sorry. I have to state that I can stand up only after the Hon. the Premier has taken his seat . . ."

MR. SPEAKER:—"Yes; but after the Prime Minister resumed his seat nobody stood up."

MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—" It is very unfortunate that I could not catch your eye."

MR. SPEAKER:—" Yes, no one can help it." (Laughter.)

Procedure governing the disbursement of loans to agriculturists.

* 82 *Q.*—MR. R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) how the Government propose to distribute the budget allotment of 50 lakhs of rupees for loans to agriculturists, whether directly through the Government agency or through the Co-operative Land Mortgage Banks;

(*b*) whether any scheme for the same has been prepared showing the rate of interest to be charged and the method and duration of recovery, etc., and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay it on the table;

(*c*) whether any upper limit for the amount to be advanced is to be fixed and if so, what the limit is;

(*d*) whether the budget allotment is going to be distributed equally in both the Government and zamindari areas or whether any distinction is going to be made and if so, for what reasons; and

(*e*) whether any applications for loans have so far been received and how they have been disposed of?

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The scheme for the distribution of the budget allotment of Rs. 50 lakhs for the grant of loans to agriculturists for the relief of indebtedness is under consideration.

" (*e*) The Government have no information at hand."

MR. R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU:—" May I know, Sir, how long the Government will take to frame the scheme? "

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" This is a recurring matter. It is expected that we will have to deal with similar amounts every year, and we do not want to start with a half-cooked scheme in a hurry. Members may expect the scheme to be ready very shortly."

MR. R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU:—" May we have an idea of what is meant by ' very shortly '? "

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Not overlong." (Laughter.)

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know, Sir, whether it is intended to distribute this money through the Land Mortgage Banks? "

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" No, Sir."

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MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have received any memorials from the ryots of the South Kanara district and other districts, stating that their creditors are rushing to courts, and therefore that immediate help is necessary?"

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"May I request the hon. Member to repeat his question?"

MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—"May I know whether the Government have received memorials from the ryots of South Kanara district and other districts stating that their creditors have been rushing to courts and that they are unable to pay the debts as scaled down and that relief must be granted very soon, immediately?"

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"Not only in that district, but in many places, the Government know that the situation demands attention."

MR. R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU:—"May we know whether the Government intend to have an upper limit?"

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"The scheme is under consideration as I said, and I would like to have no anticipation on that question."

Extension of the provisions of the Madras Agriculturists Relief Act to the partially excluded areas of the East Godavari district.

*83 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations were received from assemblies and individuals of the partially excluded areas of East Godavari requesting that the Madras Agriculturists' Relief Act, Act IV of 1938, be extended to that area; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any action in respect of this matter?

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"(*a*) & (*b*) Yes. Representations were received requesting Government to extend the Agriculturists Relief Act, 1938, to the partially excluded areas. Certain modifications to be made in the Act have had to be examined. The necessary notification will issue before long."

Decision of Government on the question of taxing agricultural incomes.

*84 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have arrived at any decision on the question of taxing agricultural incomes; and

(*b*) if so, what that decision is?

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

Expenditure voted by the Assembly on account of the Speaker's visit to England and other foreign countries.

MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—"In view of your statement, I do not propose to ask question No. 85."

MR. SPEAKER:—"Yes."

* 85 *Q.*—The question was not put.

Closing up of the breach in the supply channel on the left flank of Velliyur tank, Tiruvallur taluk.

* 86 *Q.*—MR. D. RAMALINGA REDDIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the breach of the supply channel on the left flank of Velliyur tank (Imperial tank No. 478) that occurred near Ramarajukhandigai in December 1937, owing to heavy floods has been closed; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government will consider the desirability of taking steps to close up the breach with permanent masonry construction before the monsoons set in this year and to remove the temporary cross bund that has now been raised to the south of the breach in the said supply channel?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

"(*b*) The desirability of constructing a permanent masonry outlet at the site of the breach is being examined. The removal of the cross-bund and the closure of the breach should be done by the ryots under kudimaramath."

Levy of water-rate or irrigation-cess in South Kanara.

* 87 *Q.*—MR. H. S. HUSSAIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any water-rate or irrigation-cess is being levied in South Kanara;

(*b*) if so—

(i) whether such rate or cess is collected separately or as part of the assessment;

(ii) whether such rate or cess is collected from the whole of the district or parts thereof and if from some parts only, what they are; and

(*c*) whether the Government have provided any irrigation facilities in the district of South Kanara and if so, what they are?

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THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) & (*b*) No water-rate or irrigation cess is levied in any part of the South Kanara district.

"(*c*) The Government have under consideration the question of the feasibility of undertaking irrigation works in the district similar to those in the Cochin and the Travancore States."

Conversion of the land granted to some members of the depressed classes in Adavuladivi village, Repalle taluk, Guntur district, into wet ayacut.

* 88 *Q.*—MR. K. VENKATAPPAYYA PANTULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that in the village of Adavuladivi, Repalle taluk, Guntur district, there is a large extent of land granted about 20 years back to some members of the depressed classes after parcelling the same into small holdings;

(*b*) whether the said land is saline and unfit for dry cultivation and is therefore lying waste;

(*c*) whether dry assessment has been collected from the poor and ignorant pattadars all these long years; and

(*d*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of including the said lands into wet ayacut and supply water for their irrigation?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have no information.

"(*d*) The Government are prepared to consider the suggestion put forward."

Details regarding the Andhras recruited directly as Deputy Collectors since 1937.

* 89 *Q.*—MR. D. R. ISAAC: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many men have been recruited directly as Deputy Collectors since 1937 onwards till now;

(*b*) how many of them are Andhras; and

(*c*) how many of them are Adi-Andhras and Indian Christians?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) None.

"The question of making a direct recruitment from the scheduled classes is under the consideration of the Government.

"(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Powers of the subordinate authorities in the matter of assignment of lands.

* 90 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether subordinate authorities have now got authority to assign lands less than five acres;

(*b*) what the principles that guide these assignments are; and

(*c*) why this restriction on extent is placed?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the provisions in Board's Standing Order No. 15.

" (*c*) A scheme designed to give effect to Government's policy of assigning all available land to the landless poor is being worked out. In the meantime Government desire to retain control of all substantial areas of assignable land."

Defective flooring work in the new building of the office of the Director of Public Instruction.

* 91 *Q.*—MR. R. VENKATASUBBA REDDIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the year in which the new building of the office of the Director of Public Instruction was built;

(*b*) the total cost of the building;

(*c*) the cost of the flooring;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the flooring has sunk low; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(*e*) what action the Government propose to take against those who were in charge of the construction?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" (*a*) The building was constructed during the years 1929-32 and occupied in 1932.

" (*b*) The total cost of the building is Rs. 4,37,946 of which the special pile foundation cost Rs. 1,52,000.

" (*c*) The cost of the flooring in the ground floor was Rupees 10,320.

" (*d*) The ground floor flooring has subsided in some of the rooms. The soil at the locality was found to be treacherous and piles had to be driven down to rock to support the walls at a cost of 1·52 lakhs. The flooring rests on sand and soil as usual. Reinforced concrete slabs were not put in under the flooring on account of its prohibitive cost. Repairs to the flooring can be easily effected at a small cost.

" (*e*) In view of the answer to clause (*d*) the question of taking any action does not arise."

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Resumption of the Ramnatkara-Tirurangadi and the Tirurangadi-Edarikode roads and construction of a bridge over the Tirurangadi river at Parakkadavu.

*92 *Q.*—KHAN BAHADUR P. M. ATTAKOYA THANGAL SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage of the proposal of the Government to resume the Ramnatkara-Tirurangadi and the Tirurangadi-Edarikode roads and the construction of a bridge at Parakkadavu over the Tirurangadi river;

(*b*) the estimated amount for this work; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to expedite the construction of this bridge?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" (*a*) & (*c*) In 1932 the Government classified the Ramnatkara-Klari road as a road of strategic importance and decided to improve it in the order of importance in relation to other such roads. This road runs from Ramnatkara to Tirurangadi and from Tirurangadi to Klari (Edarikode is about half a mile from Klari). Estimates for improvements to the road and the construction of the bridge at Parakkadavu were accordingly considered in connexion with the budget proposals for 1937–38 and 1938–39. But funds were not provided for the work in those years owing to financial stringency. The Chief Engineer has been asked however to bring forward the proposal again for consideration in connexion with the budget proposals for the next year.

" (*b*) The cost of improvements to the road and the construction of the bridge has been estimated at Rs. 3,55,000. The cost of the bridge alone is Rs. 2,60,000."

Adi-Andhra contractors in the Nellore district.

*93 *Q.*—MR. K. SHANMUGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the number is of Adi-Andhra contractors in Nellore district;

(*b*) what the respective numbers are of the contractors belonging to the other communities; and

(*c*) whether there is any Government Order to the effect that an advance of Rs. 50 should be given to Adi-Andhra contractors in respect of each contract; whether the above Government Order is in force now?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not got the information but have called for it.

" (*c*) There is no such Government Order. Advances to contractors are as a rule prohibited but in exceptional cases where it is necessary in the interests of work to make a small

advance to contractors, subordinates in charge of the works are authorized to make an advance up to Rs. 50 for each work."

MR. S. NAGAPPA:—"May I know whether any Depressed Class contractor applied for such advance and it was rejected?"

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—"Notice."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know whether contractors are selected on communal basis?"

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—"Contractors are selected on account of their ability to carry on their work, and no other consideration is brought to bear in this connexion."

Removal of the restrictions placed by the Government on the starting and maintaining of secondary schools by private agencies in the Presidency.

*94 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any restrictions placed by Government on the starting and maintaining of secondary schools by private agencies;

(*b*) if so, what these are; and

(*c*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of removing such restrictions to encourage the spread of secondary education?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) *to* (*c*) There are no restrictions other than those contained in the Madras Educational Rules, particularly those contained in Chapter III thereof. The Government do not consider that the removal of any of these restrictions is called for. The hon. Member is also referred to the answer to starred question No. 330 asked at the Assembly meeting held on the 17th March 1938."

Administration of the fund raised by the public for the benefit of the Government College at Mangalore.

*95 *Q.*—MR. H. S. HUSSAIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government College at Mangalore has a fund raised by the public;

(*b*) if so, what the amount of the fund and the interest thereon are and how the fund is being administered and utilized now; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the donors of the fund made it a condition that the headmaster or the principal of the institution should be a European or a European educated man of first-class honours?

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THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The amount is Rs. 58,709. It is invested in 3 per cent Government securities and brings in an annual interest of Rs. 2,050. The Director of Public Instruction and the Principal of the College are the administrators of the fund. The interest is added annually as receipts of the College.

" (*c*) At the time of the establishment of the Provincial School, Mangalore, which was subsequently raised to the status of a second-grade college, the donors were desirous of having a graduate of an English University, placed at the head of the institution. Nearly all the Principals have been graduates of English Universities and the present Principal is a graduate of Oxford University."

Support for the scheme of adult education.

* 96 *Q.*—MR. J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any scheme of adult education is receiving the consideration of Government; and

(*b*) whether Government have been approached for support from the adult education conference to be held in Madras in October 1938?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The answer is in the negative."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Arising from the answer to (*a*), may I ask the Hon. Minister what he exactly meant by ' Yes '? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" I think the hon. Member understands the import of the English word ' Yes '."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" I thought the Hon. Minister for Education knew that; but may I know what exactly is the significance of the word ' Yes '? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" The significance of the word ' yes ' is ' yes '."

MR. SPEAKER:—" I think the answer is in the affirmative."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know how far the Government have proceeded in that direction? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" The Government are considering the various schemes put forward by the Adult Education Society of India."

Enhancement of tuition fees in colleges.

*97 *Q.*—MR. V. BHUVARAHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there has been an increase in the total income from college fees this year owing to the increase in the college fees;

(*b*) if so, how much; and

(*c*) whether there has been any fall in the number of students admitted in the colleges when compared to the previous year?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) *to* (*c*) Particulars have been called for."

Abolition of the District Educational Councils and introduction of the Wardha Scheme of Education.

*98 *Q.*—MR. P. MADHAVAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have finally decided to abolish the District Educational Councils;

(*b*) whether the Government are going to effect a reorganization of education more or less on the lines contained in their Press Communiqué, dated Stonehouse Hill, the 26th June 1937, and if so, when; and

(*c*) whether the Government are going to introduce the Wardha Scheme of Education in this Presidency and if so, when?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) A decision has not yet been reached.

"(*b*) The Government await the views of the Universities before considering the question further.

"(*c*) The matter is engaging the attention of Government."

MR. G. RANGAYYA NAYUDU:—"May I know how long it will take to arrive at a conclusion for abolishing the District Educational Councils?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I cannot fix the exact date."

MR. R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU:—"May I know whether the proposal is there to abolish the District Educational Councils?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Arising from the answer to (*b*), may I know, Sir, when the communication was sent to the the Universities and when they expect replies from them?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"I cannot give the exact date. It was about the beginning of April this year. I believe replies have been already received in the office, but I have not as yet seen them."

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MR. V. S. RM. VALLIAPPA CHETTIYAR:—"May I know what the reasons are for abolishing these Educational Councils?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Because the Government feel that they are a fifth wheel to the coach?"

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know, Sir, whether the proposal to abolish these Educational Councils came from the Director of Public Instruction and whether any reasons were given for the same?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The communication from the Director of Public Instruction to the Minister is confidential."

Present stage of the question of recognition by the Medical Council of the degrees of the Medical College, Vizagapatam.

* 99 *Q.*—MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have executed the improvements necessary for obtaining recognition to the degrees of the Medical College, Vizagapatam, as required by the Medical Council;

(*b*) the disabilities suffered by the Vizagapatam Medical College degree-holders on account of the non-recognition of their degrees; and

(*c*) how long it would take for the Government to remove the disabilities the Vizagapatam Medical College students are suffering from?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"(*a*) The Government have sanctioned the construction of an out-patient department including a Venereal Department and a Septic Ward in the King George Hospital at an approximate cost of Rs. 3·15 lakhs, as those buildings are necessary for providing adequate facilities for the teaching of students in the Medical College, Vizagapatam. These works are in progress. They do not consider it necessary to take up at this time the question of construction of a new maternity block or other buildings before the work of the out-patients departments is completed.

"(*b*) The Andhra Medical graduates do not suffer from any disability in India. They are eligible to be registered in the various Provincial Medical Registers in India just like other medical degree-holders whose qualifications have been recognized by the Indian Medical Council. But as regards higher studies in England, the medical degree-holders of the Andhra University must first obtain a preliminary qualification registerable in the United Kingdom before sitting for higher examinations like M.R.C.P., etc

"(c) The disabilities will be removed when the medical degrees of the Andhara University are included in the schedule appended to the Indian Medical Council Act, 1933. The Medical Council of India have been addressed in the matter and in their reply they state the subject will be considered at a meeting of All-India Medical Council on 24th October."

MR. G. RANGAYYA NAYUDU:— "May I know, Sir, which of the requirements recommended by the Indian Medical Council is covered by this grant of Rs. 3½ lakhs?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"To the extent the demand was made by them in their report for the year 1937, we have met."

MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—"Is it a fact that these graduates are not eligible for recruitment to the I.M.S.?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"Recruitment to the Indian Medical Service is not got by Indian qualifications alone. It is a selection appointment; there is no competition at all. It is open to the Medical Board in England to choose whomsoever they like from any register either in England or in India. There is no specific disqualification against Andhra graduates as such."

MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—"Is it a fact that these graduates were refused training in the Madras Tuberculosis hospital because their degrees are not recognized by the Indian Medical Council?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"I am afraid, Sir, this is entirely wrong information."

MR. G. KRISHNA RAO:—"Is it a fact that these medical graduates could not be recruited to the All-India Railways?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"That is a matter on which I cannot give an answer unless I refer to the All-India Railway Board."

MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—"May I ask, Sir, apart from the question of recognition by the Indian Medical Council, whether it is not necessary for the efficiency of the graduates that maternity blocks also should be constructed and instruction given there instead of those graduates having to go over to Madras to have their training?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"The training at Madras is certainly far more efficient than at Vizagapatam and in the interests of efficiency, the hon. Member would admit that graduates have got to be trained at Madras, as on any day Madras is better than Vizagapatam."

MR. G. KRISHNA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, what is the particular difficulty of this Government, is it financial stringency or any other consideration, which makes it difficult for them to

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fulfil the conditions laid down by the Indian Medical Council with regard to the equipment and the buildings for the Vizagapatam Medical College? ''

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" I may remind the hon. Member that the Vizagapatam College has been in existence for over 12 years and nobody ever raised his little finger for improving it till we came into power, and as soon as we came into office we have made every effort necessary to have this college recognized, and because we are so very anxious to have this college recognized by the All-India Medical Council we have to meet every one of the requirements, and have applied to the Medical Council for recognition.''

MR. G. RANGAYYA NAYUDU:—" Will it be possible for the Government to make the training efficient at Vizagapatam alone, Sir? ''

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" Sir, maternity training, if my hon. Friend would understand the subject, is a thing that concerns human beings and the students must be trained and there must be a certain number of patients in the hospital for the training of these boys, and if Vizagapatam can give only a certain number, it is not possible to train all our students there. But if at any time in future years, Vizagapatam will provide the necessary amount of clinical material for the training of these boys in the particular subject, Government will certainly provide all the necessary facilities for students to be trained in Vizagapatam itself. But to-day Vizagapatam is said to have a population of 65,000 and there are three hospitals for women and children, and the Government hospital gets for its share only about 700 labour cases which are not considered sufficient for the training of the pupils. But if in future years the Government hospital would have something like 2,000 or 3,000 every year certainly students will be trained at Vizagapatam and not at Madras. But even then Vizagapatam students will be well advised to go over to Madras, which is not far off to have an efficient training, for a large amount of clinical material is available here.''

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that on account of the want of a very efficient or equally efficient maternity hospital in Vizagapatam, most of the cases from the Andhra districts go away to Madras, and in the absence of that hospital the number of cases is not as many as are necessary for clinical purposes? ''

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" I do not subscribe to the proposition of the hon. Member. Maternity cases are treated not only in big hospitals, but in small hospitals also and at every hospital in the district; and I also do not agree

with the proposition that all maternity cases from Andhra districts come to Madras. Plenty of headquarters and smaller hospitals are distributed all over the province which are staffed by qualified medical men who are treating them year in and year out."

MR. G. KRISHNA RAO:—"Is it the idea of Government to make the Vizagapatam College popular; and if so will it be news to the Government to hear that out of 50 admissions that were made only 35 came into the college and two seats remain unfilled in the pre-registration class? If this state of things continues does the Government think that the Medical College will become popular?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"I may inform my hon. Friend that at the time the recruitment was made, Vizagapatam College got its full quota of 50, which is the required quota for that college. And that was given. Subsequently the number fell and it came to 35. Certainly, it does not mean that the Vizagapatam College is unpopular on that account. I am prepared to admit that because of the lack of recognition by the All-India Medical Council, there is a certain amount of unpopularity which we are making every effort to get over. Therefore, these thirty-five students do not represent a very small number, for, if the hon. Gentleman would take the trouble of going into the admissions of the previous 12 years, he would find this year's admission is certainly a creditable record."

MR. G. RANGAYYA NAYUDU:—"Is it a fact that people from all over the Telugu districts are going to Vizagapatam for efficient treatment?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"I do not know where the hon. Member got the information from. As far as I am able to understand headquarters hospitals attract patients from the districts and the Vizagapatam hospital to which there is an educational institution attached naturally attracts more than the other hospials."

MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—"Is it a fact that the Government have decided to spend not more than this three and a quarter lakhs already allotted to this hospital?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"The mere grant of money does not mean the money is being spent. We have certain sums which we expect would be spent in the course of this year or the next and there will be plenty of opportunity then to find out whether what we have done is enough or not. Government have not made up their mind to the extent that they will give only three and a quarter lakhs and no

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more. They simply say that this amount meets the requirements demanded by the All-India Medical Council, and to that extent grants are being made, but it does not at all mean that in future years no more grant will be made."

MR. G. RANGAYYA NAYUDU:—" Is it not a fact that the Vizagapatam hospital is the only one in the Andhra desa between Madras and Calcutta? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" I should like my hon. Friend Mr. Rangayya Nayudu to travel all over the Andhra districts and then compile a census of the hospitals in that area. I can assure him that there are hundreds of hospitals between Madras and Vizagapatam."

MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—" May I know why the recognition of the degrees should be delayed indefinitely? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" I might again ask my hon. Friend to remember what I have already stated, viz., that the Medical Council is meeting on the 24th October to consider this question."

MR. G. KRISHNA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government are fighting the Indian Medical Council or agreeing with them in these matters? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" I do not know what the hon. Gentleman means by asking the Government to fight the Council. If by 'fighting' he means carrying on energetic correspondence and making out a case for early recognition, we have done all that, and we have gone further and addressed the Government of India and the Medical Council on the urgency of this question. We are taking all possible measures to get this college recognized as early as possible. That will be evident from the amount of attention we are paying to this matter."

Proposals for the appointment of Honorary Factory Inspector.

* 100 *Q.*—MR. D. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the advisability of appointing Honorary Factory Inspectors; and with what result?

MR. B. S. MURTI, Parliamentary Secretary, on behalf of the Hon. Mr. V. V. Giri:—" The matter is under consideration and it is hoped orders will be issued very early."

MR. D. V. RAMASWAMI:—" May I know, Sir, whether in view of the fact that a substantial number of the labourers are women, women officers also will be appointed? "

MR. B. S. MURTI:—" The question will be considered."

Yanadi and Wodda prisoners in the province.

* 101 *Q.*—MR. V. VENKATASUBBAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Yanadis and Woddars respectively in the prisons of the province;

(*b*) how many of them had previous convictions; and

(*c*) what the proportion of the Yanadi prisoners is to the total number of prisoners?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) There are 174 Yanadis and 153 Woddars confined in the prisons in this Presidency.

"(*b*) the Government have no information.

"(*c*) The Yanadi prisoners represent 1·83 per cent of the total number of prisoners."

AN HON. MEMBER:—"May I know, Sir with reference to the answer to clause (*c*) whether this small percentage justifies the inclusion of that class among the Criminal Tribes?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"That is a matter on which the Government are bestowing considerable attention in these days."

Supply of non-vegetarian food to Anglo-Indian convicts.

* 102 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state whether any non-vegetarian food is given to Anglo-Indian convicts?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"The hon. Member is referred to the diet scales in Chapter XXII of Part II of the Madras Jail Manual."

Manufacture in and supply of Khaddar to prisons.

* 103 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether all the cloth required for the use of prisons is khadder manufactured in prisons; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) The answer is in negative.

"(*b*) Hand spinning and handloom weaving with hand-spun yarn have been introduced as an experimental measure in the Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore, and the question of extending the industry to other jails will be considered after some experience has been gained of its working in the Presidency Jail for Women."

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Number of prisoners released since 14th July 1937 before the expiry of their term of imprisonment.

* 104 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of prisoners released since 14th July 1937 last for one reason or other before the expiration of the terms of imprisonment; and

(*b*) how many more are likely to be released before the end of this year?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) Some hundreds of cases are examined annually on the recommendation of the Advisory Boards and of Medical officers. The recommendation is accepted unless there are strong reasons for rejecting it. It will take much time and labour to compile precise statistics for 13 months and the Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by doing so. Recently the Government have ordered the release of 2,080 prisoners under the scheme of premature releases.

"(*b*) It is not possible to give any forecast."

Reform of the prison administration.

* 105 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state what the various reforms introduced into the prison administration are since the present Ministry accepted office other than those contained in the Report on the Administration of Jails for 1937?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

Progress of amalgamation of district boards.

* 106 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the amalgamation of any district boards other than those mentioned in the answer to starred question No. 487 answered on 26th March 1938 has been decided upon; and

(*b*) if so, which they are?

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—"(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(*b*) The bifurcated district boards in the revenue districts of West Godavari, Guntur, South Arcot and Tinnevelly have since been amalgamated with effect from 1st August 1938."

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 410 infra.

MR. G. RANGAYYA NAYUDU:—"May I know how much time will elapse before these are amalgamated?"

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—"As stated in the answer, the four district boards have been amalgamated on 1st August 1938."

Measures, if any, for the rectification of the defects in the rules governing elections to local bodies.

*107 *Q.*—MR. D. RAMALINGA REDDIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any defects have been brought to the notice of the Government in the enforcement of the rules framed by the Government under the Madras Local Boards Act in the recent elections held for the district boards, municipalities and panchayats; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government are taking to remedy such defects?

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—"(*a*) A few defects came to the notice of Government.

"(*b*) The Government are considering the question of amending the rules suitably."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know what the defects are that came to the notice of the Government?"

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—"Quite a number of them."

MR. D. RAMALINGA REDDIYAR:—"When thy are considering this question, may I know, Sir, whether the Government will see that the election officers do not assume the powers of election commissioners?"

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—"Even now the election officers do not assume the powers of election commissioners."

Details regarding the works included in the seven years' programme of road development pertaining to the South Kanara district.

*108 *Q.*—KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the works included in the Seven Years' Programme of road development for South Kanara;

(*b*) the names of the bridges and their estimated costs in the Seven Years' Programme for South Kanara;

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(*c*) the works that are to be executed during the current year in this district; and

(*d*) whether the approach roads to the Trikarpur and Charvatur railway stations are included in the Seven Years' Programme and if so, whether they are to be executed during the current year?

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Two statements [a] are laid on the table.

" (*d*) The approach road to Charvatur railway station has been included in the Seven Years' Programme. It may be taken up for execution during the current year if the approval of the Government of India is received and plans and estimates are sanctioned by the competent authority. The road to Trikarpur railway station has not been included."

Refusal of conveyance allowance sanctioned by the Municipal Council, Tirunelveli, to its Chairman.

* 109 *Q.*—MR. K. P. YEGNESWARA SARMA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Local Boards and Municipalities has disallowed the conveyance allowance for the municipal chairman sanctioned by the Muncipal Council, Tirunelveli; and

(*b*) whether it is the policy of Government to disallow conveyance allowance to chairmen in all municipalities where there are commissioners?

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) The matter is being examined."

Tax on agricultural income.

* 110 *Q.*—MR. B. BHAKTHAVATHSALU NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have called for information from the Collectors of the districts regarding the proposed levy of tax on agricultural income;

(*b*) what the opinion of the Collectors of the districts is in the matter; and

(*c*) what the probable revenue expected thereby by Government is?

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) *&* (*c*) The Government are not prepared to disclose the recommendations at this stage. No final decision in regard to the levy of the tax has been yet arrived at."

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 411 infra.

Alleged beating of Palladam Ponnuswami by the police while under police custody.

*111 *Q.*—Mr. B. BHAKTHAVATHSALU NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Palladam Ponnuswami, who is in prison in connexion with the anti-Hindi demonstrations was beaten by the police while being escorted to the court from the prison;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he filed a complaint before the Third Presidency Magistrate who referred it for departmental action; and

(*c*) what action the head of the department has taken in that matter so far?

The Hon. Mr. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The man made a statement before the Magistrate that a police constable had pushed him and his head hit against the side of the police van. The prisoner stated to the Magistrate that he would be content with a departmental enquiry.

"(*c*) The Commissioner of Police caused an enquiry to be held in respect of the allegation. The enquiry elicited the fact that the allegation was unfounded and that the prisoner's head knocked against the side of the van as a result of jolting when the van-driver had to apply the brake suddenly."

Re-introduction of the old settlement rates

*112 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have cancelled the re-settlements carried out after 1914 and have re-introduced the old settlement rates;

(*b*) which the districts are that were re-settled after 1914; and

(*c*) which the recommendations are of the Marjoribanks Committee that the Government have accepted and what the recommendations of the Committee are that the Government have rejected?

The Hon. Mr. T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

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" (*b*) The districts in which re-settlement rates were introduced after 1914 are—

(1) Vizagapatam;
(2) East Godavari;
(3) West Godavari;
(4) Kistna;
(5) Bellary;
(6) Anantapur excluding Kadiri taluk;
(7) Chittoor (three taluks);
(8) North Arcot (portion);
(9) South Arcot;
(10) Salem (southern taluks);
(11) Trichinopoly except Karur taluk;
(12) Tanjore.
(13) Madura except Kodaikanal taluk;
(14) The Nilgiris (Gudalur taluk only);
(15) Malabar; and
(16) South Kanara.

" (*c*) The Government have not accepted or rejected any of the recommendations of the Committee."

Withdrawal of the powers of notary public from Sub-Registrars.

*113 *Q.*—MR. V. S. RM. VALLIAPPA CHETTIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Sub-Registrars were previously authorized to do the functions of a notary public;

(*b*) whether the Government have recently withdrawn such powers restricting it within the Negotiable Instruments Act;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the inconvenience and difficulties experienced especially by ladies, to go over to Madras from mufassal stations for attesting documents of foreign countries; and

(*d*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of permitting Sub-Registrars to attest such documents as before?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) A number of sub-registrars have been appointed as notaries public within their respective sub-districts under section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

" (*b*) The Government are advised that a notification as notary public under the Negotiable Instruments Act conveys to the person notified legal authority to attest only such documents as fall under the said Act and that attestation by him of other documents carries no legal validity. The Government accordingly directed that notaries public notified under the said Act should restrict their attestations to documents which they are legally empowered to attest.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The Government recognize that in the absence of notaries public with authority to attest all forms of documents inconvenience is likely to result. They are accordingly considering what arrangements can be made to provide greater facilities in this respect."

Representations for the appointment of a notary public for Karaikudi.

* 114 *Q.*—MR. V. S. RM. VALLIAPPA CHETTIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations were made to the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons during his visit to Karaikudi, for the appointment of a notary public at Karaikudi; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) A memorandum on the subject was presented to the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons during his visit to Karaikudi in April last.

" (*b*) The matter is under consideration."

Payment of travelling allowance to village headmen for their attendance on summons issued by the Revenue authorities.

* 115 *Q.*—MR. B. BHAKTHAVATHSALU NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of village headmen, karnams and menials that were departmentally punished in Arkonam taluk in each of the years 1936, 1937 and 1938;

(*b*) the number of village munsifs that were fined or suspended for not showing a nil balance in their revenue collections in 1938;

(*c*) the total amount of fine realized in Arkonam taluk from the village headmen from 1st January 1938 to 30th June 1938;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Tahsildar and the Revenue Divisional Officer summon frequently the village headmen during the collection period and whether they are made to wait unnecessarily till late in the night;

(*e*) whether the village headmen are paid any travelling allowance for their attendance on summons issued by the Revenue authorities; and

(*f*) if the answer is in the negative, what the Government propose to do in the matter?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

" (*e*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*f*) There are no proposals in this respect before Government."

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Views of the Collectors of districts on the question of abolition of hereditary rights of village officers.

*116 *Q.*—MR. B. BHAKTHAVATHSALU NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the opinions of the Collectors of the districts regarding the abolition of hereditary rights of village officers; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to place the same on the table of this House?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—"(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

"(*b*) It will be considered when the opinions are received."

Restrictions on the opening of schools by district boards.

*117 *Q.*—MR. V. S. RM. VALLIAPPA CHETTIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any specific order to District Educational Officers not to give their approval for the opening of district board schools in villages, where there are already aided schools; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons for such an order?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

"(*b*) In view of the answer to clause (*a*), this clause does not require an answer."

Government Order, if any, authorizing the use of the word 'Hindustani' in the place of the word 'Urdu' or 'Hindi'.

*118 *Q.*—KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state whether the Government have issued any order to use the word 'Hindustani' instead of the word 'Urdu' or 'Hindi' in all Government records and correspondence?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"This recommendation was anticipated and orders in the sense suggested were issued in connexion with the new scheme of teaching Hindustani in Secondary Schools."

Closure of some board schools in the South Kanara and Malabar districts.

* 119 *Q.*—KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many board schools in South Kanara and Malabar have been closed as uneconomic or inefficient and how many of them are Muslim or Moplah schools;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that some of these schools were once thriving schools under different teachers;

(*c*) whether the Government have decided not to restore those schools to their respective places; and

(*d*) if so, whether the Government will open these schools in other places where such schools are needed?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) So far as the Government are aware, 10 elementary schools and one middle school under the South Kanara District Board and one High School and two Middle Schools under the Malabar District Board have recently been closed as the District Board found themselves compelled to effect economies in their educational expenditure: one of the elementary schools closed by the South Kanara District Board was a school intended for Muslims.

"(*b*) The Government have no information.

"(*c*) & (*d*) The question of reviving the schools under reference at suitable centres is one primarily for the District Boards concerned to determine in consultation with the departmental officers."

Reasons for the transfer of the management of elementary schools under the local boards to the Revenue department.

* 120 *Q.*—MR. B. BHAKTHAVATHSALU NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to transfer the management of elementary schools under the local boards to the Revenue department;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*a*) is in the affirmative, what the reasons for such transfer are?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

"(*b*) & (*c*) In view of the answer to clause (*a*) these clauses do not require separate answers."

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Omission of the name of C. S. Swaminathan of Conjeeveram from the list of candidates declared eligible at the S.S.L.C. examination held in 1932.

* 121 *Q.*—MR. P. S. SRINIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the hard case of C. S. Swaminathan of Conjeeveram, a candidate in the S.S.L.C. Examination in 1932, whose name was omitted in the eligible list when he had secured good marks in all subjects;

(*b*) why the Government have not issued orders till now;

(*c*) whether similar mistakes were subsequently corrected in various Government examinations by gazette notifications even after the lapse of several years; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to rectify this wrong very soon, so that the future prospects of the candidate in securing a job may not be spoiled?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government do not subscribe to the assumptions in clause (*a*) of the question, viz., that the candidate's case was hard or that he obtained good marks in all the subjects at the examination in question. The fact was that the candidate's marks in the Elementary Mathematics paper were considerably below the required minimum and his name could not therefore be possibly included in the list of candidates eligible for university courses. Numerous representations on behalf of the candidate were considered and rejected by Government. The candidate's father took the matter successively to the District Munsif's Court, Conjeeveram, the District Court, Chingleput, and the High Court and in all these cases the suit was dismissed. The Government therefore see no grounds to re-open the case."

Abolition of munsif's courts and sub-courts in Malabar.

* 122 *Q.*—KHAN BAHADUR P. M. ATTAKOYA THANGAL SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal under consideration by the Government for the abolition of any of the Munsif's Courts or Sub-Courts in Malabar;

(*b*) if so, which are the courts proposed to be abolished;

(*c*) whether the District Judges of North and South Malabar recommended the abolition of any court on the ground of want of sufficient work; and

(*d*) if so, which those courts are?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) *to* (*d*) The general question of reduction of civil courts, in view of the fall in work, is under the consideration of Government. No decision has, as yet, been arrived at as to which Courts should be abolished."

Communal representation in the matter of the appointment of Public Prosecutors.

* 123 *Q.*—MR. H. S. HUSSAIN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any communiqué giving discretion to the District Magistrates to recommend any one outside the panel of four elected by Bar Associations for appointment as Public Prosecutors and if so, why;

(*b*) whether any panel of four has been elected by the Bar Association of Mangalore in South Kanara and if so, what their names and the communities to which they belong are; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, the Government propose to take to give due representation to minority communities in the matter of appointment of public prosecutors, if a fit and qualified person is available among them?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) Instructions have been issued to District Magistrates that if they consider that the panel does not include the name of a lawyer who in their opinion is the most suitable for the post, it is open to them to set out their reasons and to recommend such a person for appointment.

"(*b*) A panel was selected by the Bar Association, Mangalore on 4th July 1938. The names included in the panel are—

(1) Sri K. Sadasiva Rao—Brahman.

(2) Sri B. Narasimha Rao—Brahman.

(3) Sri U. C. Subrahmanya Bhat—Brahman.

(4) Sri S. Nagarajiah—Non-Brahman.

"(*c*) In view of the orders and instructions so far issued the Government do not consider that any further steps are necessary."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Is it not a fact that the Government passed orders cancelling the election of the panel before the report called for by the Government from the Mangalore Bar Association reached them?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"The Government did not call for any report from the Bar Association, Mangalore."

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MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Does the Government recognize that there was an election to the panel in that district?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"The panel was elected."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Is it open to the Government to appoint an individual from outside the panel recommended by the bar?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"It is open to the Government to do so."

Revenue from and expenditure on bus inspection in the Malabar district.

*124 Q.—MR. P. MADHAVAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) the annual income in Malabar district derived from bus inspection fees in the years 1936–37 and 1937–38, respectively;

(*b*) the amount of expenditure incurred annually in connexion with bus inspection in Malabar; and

(*c*) what the items of that expenditure are?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) The income derived from bus inspection in the Malabar district during 1936–37 and 1937–38 was Rs. 9,280 and Rs. 10,137 respectively.

"(*b*) & (*c*) It is not possible to estimate the expenditure in connexion with bus inspection in Malabar. The following items of expenditure are directly incurred annually in connexion with the said expenditure:—

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Pay of the Motor Vehicle Inspector ...	1,800
Conveyance allowance of the Motor Vehicle Inspector	240
Pay of a peon	114
Service postage charges	5 "

Supply of pounded rice and khadi for the food and dress of the prisoners in jails.

*125 Q.—MR. K. VENKATAPPAYYA PANTULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are at present supplying for prisoners in jails, pounded rice for their food and khadi for their dress; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government will consider the desirability of supplying the same?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) Handpounded rice is supplied to prisoners in the Central Jail, Trichinpoly. Khadi is not supplied to prisoners in any jail.

"(*b*) The question will be considered."

MR. G. RANGAYYA NAYUDU:—"Is the rice pounded in the jail, Sir?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"Yes, Sir."

Protest against the appointment of Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors from the panel elected by the Bar Association.

* 126 *Q.*—MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any protest against the Government Order in regard to the appointment of Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors which requires the election of a panel of four persons by the District Court Bar;

(*b*) how many Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors have been appointed since the issue of the said Government Order; to which communities the said Public Prosecutors and Assistant Public Prosecutors belong;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that this panel system has introduced factious spirit in the Bar Associations that were called upon to elect the panels; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to modify the said Government Order?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(*b*) The following seven appointments have been made:—

(1) Government Pleader, Ramnad.	Sri K. V. Ranga Ayyangar (Brahman).
(2) Additional Public Prosecutor, Guntur.	Sri K. Venkatasundara Rao (Brahman).
(3) Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor, East Godavari.	Sri C. Suryanarayana (Brahman).
(4) Public Prosecutor, Chingleput.	Sri R. Subba Ayyar (Brahman).
(5) Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor, South Kanara.	Sri M. Krishnan Nambiyar (Non-Brahman).
(6) Government Pleader, Tinnevelly.	Sri A. S. Kuppuswami Ayyar (Brahman).
(7) Public Prosecutor, Tinnevelly.	Sri P. A. Thangaswami (Indian Christian).

"I may also add the name of Bijili Sahib, who has been appointed as the Additional Public Prosecutor of Tinnevelly.

"(*c*) Some representations to that effect have been received.

"(*d*) The answer is in the affirmative."

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Scheme of minor irrigation works for Malabar.

* 127 *Q.*—KHAN BAHADUR P. M. ATTAKOYA THANGAL SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have under contemplation or under investigation, any, and if so, what scheme or schemes for minor irrigation works for the improvement of agriculture in Malabar?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" The Government have under their consideration the general question of the feasibility of undertaking irrigation works in the district similar to those in the Cochin and the Travancore States."

Proposals for extending the operation of the Madras Gaming Act to Ootacamund.

* 128 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government intend to extend the Madras Betting Tax Act to Ootacamund; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Consideration by the Government of the Marjoribanks Committee Report on land revenue remission.

* 129 *Q.*—MR. K. R. KARANT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any decision has been arrived at by Government on the recommendation of the Marjoribanks Committee report on land revenue remission; if so, what it is;

(*b*) whether before final orders are passed by Government a committee will be appointed to go into the whole question after receiving representations from the people of the ryotwari areas; and

(*c*) If not, what opportunities will be afforded to the people concerned before final orders are passed by Government?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The matter will be considered at the proper time."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the question of consulting the Assembly before passing final orders? "

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—"The answer has already been given. Perhaps the hon. Member will like to know at what stage the matter is. The question is being examined in connexion with the general land revenue policy. The Marjoribanks Committee Report is being examined very closely. If the Marjoribanks Committee Report could be accepted without any other alternative position being taken into account it would have been done. Therefore the hon. Member and those who feel with him will wait until the matter is completed and placed before the House."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know, Sir, how long the Government will take to come to a conclusion?"

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—"It is not a simple question confined to the acceptance or non-acceptance of the Marjoribanks Committee Report. The main recommendation of the Marjoribanks Committee Report is that all resettlement enhancements after 1914 should be cancelled and the matter should be settled. After that Report, representations came that resettlements that have preceded 1914 also should be taken into account and the districts that had been resettled before 1914 should also be brought under the recommendations of the Marjoribanks Committee Report. For that reason, the question is being examined. It is not merely this. We are examining other alternative positions with regard to the general land revenue policy as to how any method that is best suited to this Presidency could be found so that the cultivator will not be a victim to the vicissitudes and fluctuations of prices."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government found the report of the Marjoribanks Committee unsatisfactory and whether they are going to appoint another committee?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"That is a hypothetical question."

MR. K. R. KARANT:—"May I know, Sir, whether before the Government come to any final conclusions in the matter, an opportunity will be afforded to this House and to the public to express their views?"

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—"After conclusions are reached, they are going to be placed before the House at the proper time in the proper form. Nothing can be done before conclusions are reached. If conclusions are to be reached after consultation with the whole House here or with everyone of the members, no conclusion would ever be reached. After the conclusions are reached we are bound to place the conclusions before the House."

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MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know what is the purpose of placing it before the House after the conclusions are reached? "

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" I should have expected the hon. Member to understand that it is not possible to place the matter before this House unless and until the Government arrive at certain conclusions. It is a very simple answer. I do not see the difficulty really."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" May I know, Sir, whether these conclusions are modifiable, when the matter comes before the House? "

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" Modifications, if there should be any, would follow as a matter of course."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know whether till the matter is placed before the House, the Government have decided to stop all future resettlements? "

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" The policy had been stated already. So far as the Government are concerned, the same policy would be continued."

Alleged preferential treatment in the matter of promotion of clerks as Sub-Registrars.

* 130 *Q.*—MR. V. S. RM. VALLIAPPA CHETTIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that clerks working in the office of the Inspector-General of Registration are given a preference over those in the mufassal in the matter of promotion as Sub-Registrars;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that not a single clerk has been promoted as Sub-Registrar for the past five years in the Ramnad district; and

(*d*) whether the Government will consider the desirability of fixing the seniority among the clerks for all the districts together including the office of the Inspector-General of Registration?

THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The rules do not recognize any preferential claim to appointment as Sub-Registrar in the case of the clerks working in the office of the Inspector-General of Registration. A report as to whether the facts are as stated has been called for.

" (*c*) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

" (*d*) As the appointment of Sub-Registrars is made by selection on grounds of merit, the question of seniority does not arise in this connexion."

Revision of the syllabus for elementary schools.

* 131 *Q.*—MRS. V. LAKSHMI AMMAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a departmental committee to revise the elementary schools' syllabus;

(*b*) if so, whether the Committee has completed its labours and submitted a report to Government; and

(*c*) whether Government will consider the advisability of publishing the revised syllabus at an early date?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(*c*) The revised syllabuses are under consideration and will be published in due course."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister will consider the advisability of consulting non-official opinion interested in the revision of the syllabus, before they come to any final decision on the matter?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"The hon. Muslim Member's suggestion will be considered."

Scheme of mass education.

* 132 *Q.*—MRS. V. LAKSHMI AMMAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a scheme for mass education in the Province; and

(*b*) if so, when Government expect to put it in action?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The question of the measures to be adopted for the expansion of mass education in the Province is engaging the attention of the Government."

Training of teachers under the Wardha Scheme.

* 133 *Q.*—MRS. V. LAKSHMI AMMAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any teachers from this Province have been sent to Wardha for training and if so, how many; and

(*b*) whether any centres have been selected in the Province for starting training schools under the Wardha scheme and if so, what they are?

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THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) The Government have not yet deputed any teachers for training at Wardha.

"(*b*) The question is under consideration."

Proposals for the abolition of the posts of Divisional Inspectors of Schools.

* 134 *Q.*—MRS. V. LAKSHMI AMMAL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government are considering the advisability of abolishing the posts of Divisional Inspectors as a measure of retrenchment; and

(*b*) when Government propose to abolish these posts?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) & (*b*) There is no such proposal now under the consideration of the Government."

Levy of tuition fees on secondary grade trained teachers admitted for the B.Ed. course.

* 135 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any fees are collected from B.Ed. students in the Training College, Rajahmundry;

(*b*) if not, whether any fees are collected from those who were trained as secondary grade teachers and who after graduating themselves enter B.Ed. class; and

(*c*) if so, what the reasons are?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) & (*b*) Fees are collected from secondary grade trained teachers admitted for training in the B.Ed. class.

"(*c*) Because the secondary grade trained graduates have already received training at Government expense."

Dietary arrangements for the anti-Hindi prisoners.

* 136 *Q.*—MR. S. M. LALJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the anti-Hindi political prisoners in the Madras Penitentiary are treated worse than the ordinary criminals with regards to their dietary arrangements; and

(*b*) whether any enquiry has been made of late in this connexion?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

"(*b*) The answer is in the affirmative."

Appointment of Malayalee gentlemen as Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders.

* 137 *Q.*—MR. S. M. LALJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Malayalees have been appointed as Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders after the Congress Party took office in this Presidency and in what places they have been so appointed;

(*b*) what the strength is of the Malayalees in those bars where Malayalees have been so appointed;

(*c*) whether all of them were included in the panels selected by those bar associations; and

(*d*) what the names are of the gentlemen so appointed?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) Two. One at Calicut and the other at Mangalore.

"(*b*) In Calicut all the members of the bar are Malayalees. About Mangalore the Government have no information.

"(*c*) & (*d*) Sri U. Gopala Menon was appointed as Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor, South Malabar, before the introduction of the panel system. Sri M. Krishnan Nambiyar who was appointed Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor in the South Kanara district was not included in the first panel. The Bar Association, Mangalore, refused to elect a panel after the Government set aside the election to the first panel."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether the gentleman who has been appointed is a permanent resident of Mangalore?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"He is."

MR. K. R. KARANT:—"May I know whether the Government gave any reasons before setting aside the election?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"No."

MR. K. R. KARANT:—"May I know why they did not give any reason?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"The reason is well-known to the Bar Association, namely, that they did not observe the regulations framed by the Government in that regard, for the election to the panel."

MR. K. R. KARANT:—"May I ask whether, in the matter of choosing the Public Prosecutor at Calicut, the person appointed was recommended by the District Magistrate?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"I cannot give the information. It is confidential."

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MR. G. KRISHNA RAO:—" May I know the standing of the members elected by the Mangalore bar? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" That relates to the next question."

Rejection by the Government of the panel elected by the Mangalore Bar Association for appointment as Public Prosecutor.

* 138 *Q.*—MR. S. M. LALJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Mangalore Bar Association was asked to select a panel for Public Prosecutors and whether the said panel was set aside by the Government; if so, what the reasons were for which the panel was set aside;

(*b*) whether the Government communicated the reasons for which the panel was set aside to the Mangalore Bar Association;

(*c*) whether the Government heard the Bar Association or the candidates selected before setting aside the said election;

(*d*) whether the Collector heard the Bar Association of Mangalore before recommending the panel to be set aside; and

(*e*) what the reasons urged by Mr. Vellodi, the Collector, were for setting aside the said election of the panel?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—" (*a*) The Mangalore Bar Association was asked to select a panel. The panel was set aside because the election was not conducted in accordance with the following instructions of the Government on the subject:—

(1) that the election should be by open voting and the process of successive elimination; and

(2) that gentlemen who would attain the age of 55 within three years of the date of the vacancy should not be included in the panel.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The answer is in the negative. There has not been any dispute about facts.

" (*d*) The Government have no information whether the Collector heard the Bar Association before sending his report to the Government.

" (*e*) The Collector's report is confidential."

Scheme for increasing the number of girls in elementary schools.

* 139 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state whether the Government have got any scheme to increase the number of girls in elementary schools and what it is?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" There is no such scheme at present under consideration."

Measures for the introduction of the Wardha Scheme of Education.

* 140 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to introduce the Wardha Scheme of Education; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The question is under consideration."

Scheme for eradication of illiteracy.

* 141 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have formulated a scheme for removing illiteracy in a very short time; and

(*b*) if so, what it is?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The question of the measures to be adopted for removing illiteracy is engaging the attention of the Government."

Policy in regard to purchase of materials by Government.

* 142 *Q.*—MR. K. R. KARANT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the practice or policy of this Government has been with regard to the purchase of materials required for the different departments of Government; and

(*b*) whether any changes have been made in that policy and what they are?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the Press Communiques, dated the 6th November and the 23rd December 1937."

MR. K. R. KARANT:—"May I know whether there has been any change of policy in this regard between this Government and its predecessor?"

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Yes, Sir. If the hon. Gentleman had taken the trouble to read the communiques he would have found that there is considerable difference."

Proposals for the publication of text-books by Government.

* 143 *Q.*—MR. K. R. KARANT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that under the present system private agencies print and publish text-books and sell them at whatever rates they please and with constant changes; and

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(*b*) if so, whether Government have any proposals to print and publish the text-books for the elementary and high schools themselves and sell them as cheaply as possible?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) It is a fact that the printing and sale of text books is now done by private agencies.

" (*b*) The suggestion of the hon. Member is under consideration."

Memorandum from Mr. K. R. Karant on the reorganization of the Engineering College, Guindy.

* 144 *Q.*—MR. K. R. KARANT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received a memorandum from the questioner on the abolition of the Upper Subordinate Course of Engineering and on the reorganization of the Guindy Engineering College; and

(*b*) whether any and what orders have been passed thereon?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) & (*b*) No such memorandum has been as yet received. The Association of Passed Engineers, Madras Public Works Department, has suggested that the Upper Subordinate Course in the College of Engineering, Guindy, may be abolished. The suggestion is at present engaging the attention of the Government."

Distinction between police sergeants and sub-inspectors in the matter of status and dress.

* 145 *Q.*—MR. A. SUBRAMANIAN: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the grades of police sergeants and sub-inspectors of Police are the same;

(*b*) whether uniforms are supplied to police sergeants and sub-inspectors of Police by the Government free of cost; and

(*c*) whether cross-belts as those of police sergeants are supplied to sub-inspectors of police?

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" (*a*) Sergeants fall within one set of grades and sub-inspectors within another. The departmental status is the same.

" (*b*) Sergeants are provided with uniform at the cost of the Government, but not sub-inspectors, though persons appointed as sub-inspectors of police by direct recruitment are paid at the time of appointment Rs. 50 in the mufassal and Rs. 100 in Madras city to provide themselves with uniforms for the first time.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative."

MR. V. S. RM. VALLIAPPA CHETTIYAR:—"Will not the supply of dress by the Government to Sub-Inspectors also help to remove this racial distinction and inferiority complex among these officers?"

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"I believe, Sir, to some extent it will."

MR. V. S RM. VALLIAPPA CHETTIYAR:—"May I ask why the distinction is made in the supply of dress between sergeants and sub-inspectors?"

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"Because it is not the only consideration."

MR. V. S. RM. VALLIAPPA CHETTIYAR:—"Are there any Indian sergeants, Sir?"

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"The name 'sergeant' is applied to a particular grade which is different from that of sub-inspectors. Sub-inspectors are not inferior to sergeants at all. Indians are all taken as sub-inspectors or inspectors."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Are Indians taken as sergeants also?"

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"I just now said, 'No,' Sir."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know why Indians, particularly those military men who have retired, cannot be taken as sergeants?"

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"Military men who have retired and who are fit for service can probably be taken, but that is not the existing rule. The matter will receive consideration."

Restoration of the 'Hissa tank' supply channel, North Arcot district.

* 146 *Q.*—MR. B. T. SESHADRIACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he is aware of the fact that the 'Hissa tank' of Pakkam village of Gudiyattam taluk, North Arcot district, which is a major irrigation source with a large wet ayacut has not been receiving any supply for the past 20 years or so in its supply channel and that in consequence, the ayacut lands remain unirrigated, causing loss of income and revenue to the ryots and the Government, respectively;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have taken any steps till now to rectify the defects in the supply channel; and

(*c*) if not, whether the Government will be pleased to consider the advisability of taking steps to restore the supply channel and thereby redress the longstanding grievances of the ryots concerned?

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THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" (*a*) The Government are aware that the supply channel to the Pakkam Hissa tank is being silted up by the silt brought down by Nattam Kanar and that remissions are being granted for the ayacut under the tank.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Proposals for constructing an aqueduct or syphon at the site of the outlet to convey the supply channel above the Kanar are under consideration of the local officers. If this is done it is hoped that the silt trouble will be minimized."

Acceptance of tenders for the transport of Government consignments from the ports in this province.

* 147 *Q.*—MR. T. T. KRISHNAMACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government calls for tenders for the transport of Government consignments from the ports of Madras Presidency;

(*b*) if so, whether it is a fact that the higher tender of an English firm was accepted in preference to a lower tender put up by an Indian firm during the current year; and

(*c*) what steps Government propose to take to prevent the recurrence of this?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" (*a*) Such tenders are called for and disposed of by the Presidency Port Officer and not by Government.

" (*b*) As a rule Government are not bound to accept the lowest tender. There are other considerations that have to be borne in mind in regard to this matter. Tenders were received from five firms. Out of these three did not tender for all the items and were therefore not considered. Of the remaining two—one an English firm and the other an Indian—the former's tender was preferred by the Presidency Port Officer because they had considerable experience and a fleet of boats at their disposal to carry out the work satisfactorily, whereas the Indian tenderer was new. The difference between the rates of the two tenderers was also not appreciable.

" (*c*) The unsuccessful tenderer had petitioned the Government in the matter and the Government made enquiries and satisfied themselves that the Presidency Port Officer's discretion was well exercised in this case."

MR. J. NUTTALL:—" May I ask the Hon. Minister on what basis he arrived at this decision to classify the firm which obtained this contract as English? "

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" Perhaps Mr. Nuttall means that it being a limited company it cannot be classified as belonging to any particular nation. Is that what he means? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" A counter question? "

MR. J. NUTTALL:—" I merely wish to know how the classification came to be made."

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" I do not understand. . . . "

MR. SPEAKER:—" What are the reasons for the classification in that manner? "

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" Because the name of the firm is English. It may be Scotch for the matter of that."

MR. J. NUTTALL:—" Would it not be reasonable to describe the firm as an Indian firm? "

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" Indian firm? It may be a firm working in India and yet it may belong to English people. It may therefore be called an English firm."

Alteration of the period of five years into one of two years for changing text-books in schools.

* 148 *Q.*—MR. K. R. KARANT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have altered the period of five years fixed by the previous Government for the change of text-books, in elementary and high schools into two years, and if so, for what reasons; and

(*b*) whether he will place on the table of the House a copy of that order?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) Yes: representations were made to the Government to the effect that the orders of 1935, whereby text-books once introduced in a school should not normally be changed within five years of their introduction, tended in some cases to confer a monopoly of business on particular publishers, discouraged experiment and prevented new ideas and methods of teaching from reaching schools. These considerations appealed to the Government and they therefore, considered it desirable to reduce the normal period within which text-books should not be changed to two years.

" (*b*) A copy [a] of G.O. No. 862, Education, dated the 7th April 1938, is placed on the table."

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 412 infra.

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MR. K. R. KARANT:—" May I ask whether it was not as a result of constant public agitation that text-books were costing too much that the previous Government Order was passed? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" I am not aware of the reasons that were responsible for the passing of the previous Government Order. The hon. Member may be correct in his presumption."

MR. K. R. KARANT:—" May I ask whether it was only the business interests that were consulted in changing this order or whether the public and the parents also were consulted in this matter? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" Not merely business interests but also the interests of education, as the hon. Member would have found if he had attended to the answer I gave, namely, that the Government considered it desirable that new ideas and methods of teaching must reach the schools."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know whether the Government are aware that by reduction of the period from five years to two years the school-going population is put to great hardship? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" I differ from the opinion given by the hon. Member."

MR. S. NAGAPPA:—" May I know whether the Government have considered the difficulty that is felt by poor students who go in for second-hand books when these books are changed once in two years? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" Yes, Sir. After all, people are aware how these books are used and two years are just enough in my opinion."

MR. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Apart from the modification of the order, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether it may not be advisable to instruct or advise local bodies not to change books very often? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" The local bodies will observe the instructions contained in the Government Order referred to."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know whether the Government consulted the District Educational Officers before they reduced the period and if they so consulted, how many of them were so consulted? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" I am not prepared to say who were consulted. Hon. Members are aware of the usual channels of communication between Government and

the various administrative officers, Sir, and if I were to give the number of officers who were consulted, I should perhaps be spending the whole day here."

MR. MAHBOOB ALI BAIG:—" Are we to understand, Sir, that when the Hon. Minister signed this Government Order he had not looked into the previous Government Order and noted the grounds on which that had been passed? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" The hon. Member is entirely wrong in his presumption."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know whether the Government will consider the advisability of reconsidering the order? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" No Sir. Considering that the order was passed on the 7th April last, I think the hon. Member should give at least this credit to the Government that they cannot change their views in such a short time when they think that the order passed was correct."

Provision of electric fans in the Connemara Library.

* 149 *Q.*—MR. K. R. KARANT: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received representations from the questioner regarding the fitting up of the Connemara Library with a few electric fans, and the great inconvenience now caused to the public for want of them; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, have been taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) Yes, a representation was received in April last.

" (*b*) After going into the proposal and examining the difficulties connected with the erection of fans in the Connemara Library, the Government have found it not feasible to erect fans in the Library."

Measures for the introduction of bee-keeping industry in Chittoor district.

* 150 *Q.*—MR. R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what arrangements have been made for introducing the bee-keeping industry in Chittoor district;

(*b*) whether any particular villages or taluks have been selected for this industry and, if so, which they are and what the reasons are for their selection; and

(*c*) whether the Government have prepared any scheme for this purpose and, if so, whether it will be laid on the table?

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THE HON. MR. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" (*a*) In pursuance of a scheme sanctioned in April 1938 for introducing bee-keeping industry in Chittoor district during the current year, a trained worker and an assistant were appointed with effect from 22nd July 1938 and placed under the Government Entomologist at Coimbatore, for a preliminary training. The staff has moved to Chittoor accompanied by the Assistant Entomologist in charge of bee-keeping and started work on 7th August 1938.

" (*b*) The selection of centres will be made after a preliminary study of the localities in the district has been completed.

" (*c*) The tentative programme[a] of work prepared by the Director of Agriculture is placed on the table of the House."

Measures for the improvement of the breed of cattle.

* 151 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the breed and the number of cattle?

THE HON. MR. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—" I would refer the hon. Member to paragraphs 155–169 of the book 'A Popular Account of the Progress of the work of the Madras Agricultural Department, 1922–35' which describes the work done by the Livestock section in the past. A comprehensive scheme for the further improvement of livestock and animal husbandry work has been called for from the Director of Veterinary Services to whose control the Livestock section has been transferred from April last. The scheme is awaited."

Installation of radio sets in all Central Jails in the Presidency.

* 152 *Q.*—MR. D. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a radio set has been installed in Vizagapatam Central Jail; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take steps to instal such sets likewise in all other Central Jails?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) Radio sets, presented by certain donors, have been installed in four other central jails, and two special jails. The Government will instal such sets in the remaining jails, if they are received from philanthropic persons."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 413 infra.

Proposals for the introduction of hand-spinning and hand-pounding of paddy as items of task in jails.

* 153 *Q.*—MR. D. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations about the introduction of hand-spinning and hand-pounding of paddy by means of 'denkhi' system as useful occupations for prisoners have been received by Government; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to introduce hand-spinning and hand-pounding in jails at an early date?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(*b*) Hand-spinning has been introduced in the Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore, and hand-pounding of rice in the Central Jail, Trichinopoly, as experimental measures. The question of introducing them in other jails will be considered after some experience is gained of their working in Vellore and Trichinopoly."

Provision of separate jails for the mentally defective and the leper criminals.

* 154 *Q.*—MR. D. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any jail set apart specially for mentally defective criminals and for leper criminals who should be segregated from the healthy criminals; and

(*b*) if not, whether the Government will consider the desirability of converting one of the District Jails into a special jail for such convicts at an early date, just as there is a special Wellesley Sanatorium Jail in Bellary for tubercular criminals?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) Male mentally defective convicts are concentrated in the District Jail at Cuddalore. Male convicts suffering from leprosy are removed to the leper annexes in the Salem and Trichinopoly Central Jails.

"(*b*) The Government are considering a proposal to convert the District Jail, Cuddalore, into a special institution for the detention of convicts, adolescent and child mental defectives and criminal lunatics."

Measures for the education of prisoners.

* 155 *Q.*—MR. D. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state whether this Government propose to take steps for a campaign against illiteracy among the prison population in order to render them fit for self-reliant occupations after their discharge?

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THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"Provision already exists in rule 284-E of the Madras Jail Manual to remove illiteracy among prisoners. The Government are also devising ways and means to reform the prisoners so as to render them fit for self-reliant occupations after their discharge."

MR. D. V. RAMASWAMI:—"May I ask, Sir, whether the Government will consider the question whether they should reduce the age from 35 to something lower, in order to facilitate the introduction of this scheme?"

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"The matter will receive the consideration of the Government."

Special Officer's report on the work of the Official Assignee and his staff.

* 156 *Q.*—MR. T. T. KRISHNAMACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Special Officer was appointed to inquire into the work of the Official Assignee, Madras, and the working of his office and to suggest means to improve the working of this machinery;

(*b*) if so, what the result of this inquiry is;

(*c*) whether the Hon. the Minister will be pleased to place the Special Officer's report on the table; and

(*d*) what action he proposes to take in the matter?

THE HON. MR. K. RAMAN MENON:—"(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(*b*) The High Court has forwarded the Special Officer's report to the Government with its recommendations.

"(*c*) The report cannot be placed on the table of the House at present.

"(*d*) The matter is under correspondence with the High Court."

Scheme for the constitution of Panchayat Boards.

* 157 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have under consideration any scheme to complete the constitution of panchayat boards all over the province; and

(*b*) if so, what the scheme is?

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have a scheme under examination for reconstruction of the village panchayat system with a view to enlarging the powers of panchayats."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know, Sir, if the Government propose to have panchayat boards all over the Presidency, in all the important villages?"

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—"Yes, Sir."

KHAN BAHADUR MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know whether they have a scheme to introduce panchayat boards within a year or two?"

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—"I cannot fix any date at present."

Introduction of an autonomous panchayat system in the Province.

*158 *Q.*—MR. P. MADHAVAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are preparing a scheme for self-autonomous panchayat system; and

(*b*) if so, when that scheme is going to be brought into effect?

THE HON. MR. B. GOPALA REDDI:—"(*a*) Yes. The Government have a Bill under examination for reconstruction of village panchayat system with enlarged powers which may develop into autonomous units.

"(*b*) As early as possible."

Proscription of 'Prabhutwa Dhanamu Mana Beedha Thanamu.'

*159 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the ban on 'Prabhutwa Dhanamu Mana Beedha Thanamu' by Sjt. Sanivarapu Subba Rao of Kovvur is still continued; and

(*b*) whether the passages asked to be omitted in the book were contained in the original book in English 'Public Finance and our Poverty' by Sjt. J. C. Kumarappan?

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The ban on the book was removed in G.O. No. 654, Public (General), dated the 9th April 1938."

Publication of the letter of resignation of Mr. K. R. Karant of his office as Parliamentary Secretary.

*160 *Q.*—MR. S. M. LALJAN: Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased—

(*a*) to place on the table of the House a copy of the letter of resignation by Mr. K. R. Karant of his Parliamentary Secretaryship; and

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(*b*) to state—

(1) the duties entrusted to Parliamentary Secretaries; and

(2) why the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Karant was not filled up so far?

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"(*a*) The Government is of opinion that this would be a very bad precedent.

"(*b*) (1) Parliamentary Secretaries assist the Ministers in the discharge of their political and parliamentary duties and generally keep the Ministers informed of the opinions and feelings of members of the Legislature. They also study such files as Ministers may give to them and prepare routine notes for the use of the Ministers.

(2) The attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (*b*) of question No. 2 (starred) answered on the 15th of August 1938."

MR. G. KRISHNA RAO:—"May I know if there is any consideration on the part of the Government to prescribe definitely the powers and the status of these Parliamentary Secretaries with a view to place them on a statutory basis?"

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"The Government do not imagine that the Parliamentary Secretaries will allow such a thing to be done."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Proposal to abolish the Diploma examination of the College of Engineering, Guindy.

17 *Q.*—MR. P. SYAMASUNDARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that there are two examinations for the Engineering course in the Guindy Engineering College, one conducted by the College every year and the other conducted by the Madras University for the same course in Engineering;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that University degree in Engineering is preferred to the college diploma in Engineering; and

(*c*) if so, why this invidious distinction is made and whether any representations were received by this Government in this matter?

A.—(*a*) There are two examinations which engineer students of the College of Engineering may take, one the college examination and the other the University examination. It is not compulsory that they should take both.

(*b*) Generally speaking, the University degree in Engineering is prescribed as a qualification for direct recruitment to gazetted posts while the college diploma is sufficient for posts in the Subordinate Service and for appointment by transfer therefrom to gazetted posts.

(*c*) There is no invidious distinction; there is a difference in the standards of the examinations. The standard of the University degree examination is higher.

A representation was received from a former student of the college, who is a diploma-holder.

Paddy cultivation in the Agricultural Farm at Anakapalle during 1937.

18 *Q.*—SRIMAN Y. V. A. BHASKARA RAO PATNAIK MAHASAYO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of paddy cultivation in the agricultural farm at Anakapalle, Vizagapatam district, during the year 1937;

(*b*) the average yield per acre; and

(*c*) the average expenditure thereon?

A.—(*a*) The area was 31·7 acres in 1936–37 and 28·8 acres in 1937–38.

(*b*) The average yield per acre was 3,055 lb. in 1936–37 and 1,920 lb. in 1937–38.

(*c*) The average expenditure incurred per acre (excluding rental value or kist) was Rs. 51–5–11 in 1936–37 and Rs. 32–9–8 in 1937–38

Cost and utility of the Agricultural department in Palkonda taluk, Vizagapatam district.

19 *Q.*—SRIMAN Y. V. A. BHASKARA RAO PATNAIK MAHASAYO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of expenditure incurred by Government on account of the Agricultural department in Palkonda taluk, Vizagapatam district;

(*b*) the nature of the improvements derived therefrom; and

(*c*) the villages that have been thereby benefited?

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A.—(*a*) An expenditure of Rs. 3,581–13–4 was incurred by the Agricultural Department in that area in 1937–38 and Rs. 3,041–14–6 in 1936–37.

(*b*) The general object of the expenditure was propaganda of agricultural improvements. It was incurred on establishment, their travelling allowance, supply of green manure seeds, ploughs and implements, exhibitions and fairs and in 1937–38 also for payment of premia for the maintenance of breeding bulls.

(*c*) Special attention was paid by the department to the following eight central villages: Palakonda, Veeraghattam, Rajam, Navagam, Sankili, Thotavada, Guttavilli and Burja. Thirty-two other villages round about these villages also received attention.

Duration of appointment of a medical officer in the same station or position.

20 *Q.*—Mr. T. T. KRISHNAMACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any departmental or other rule, regulation or other direction in the Medical department of the Government which determines the duration for which an officer may remain in the same station or position to which he is appointed;

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative,

(i) whether the Hon. Minister will lay the rule or rules on the table of the House for the information of the Members; and

(ii) whether there are any cases in which the rules are not being strictly enforced, and if so, in which cases and why they are not being conformed to?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Policy of Government regarding the tenure and transfer of gazetted medical officers.

21 *Q.*—Mr. T. T. KRISHNAMACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state the policy of Government generally regarding the tenure and transfer of gazetted medical officers?

A.—No definite policy has yet been laid down in the matter. The question of fixing the tenure of appointments is under consideration.

Proposals for the introduction of the teaching of Hindi in schools in prisons.

22 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to introduce the teaching of Hindi in schools in prisons; and

(*b*) if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Because it is not feasible.

Proposals for the levy of a fee on marriages.

23 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any proposals for introducing a Bill to levy fees on marriages; and

(*b*) if so, what the reasons are?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There is no such proposal now under the consideration of the Government.

Legislative proposals for conferring permanent occupancy rights on lessees of jirayati lands.

24 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether there are any proposals for introducing legislation giving permanent rights of occupancy to lessees of jirayati lands?

A.—There are no proposals at present under the consideration of the Government.

Admission of students into Government colleges on communal basis.

25 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of students admitted into each of the Government colleges last year and the present year according to the communities to which they belong; and

(*b*) the number of applications received last year and this year?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The particulars have been called for.

Situation of the depots in the East Godavari district for the sale of seeds and improved agricultural implements.

26 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the places where the depots for selling seeds and improved agricultural implements in East Godavari district are located; and

(*b*) the business done in each of those depots last year?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The information is given below :—

Location of the depots.	Value of sales effected in 1937-38. RS. A. P.
Cocanada	208 8 6
Pithapur	146 10 11
Peddapur	173 13 3
Ramachandrapur	262 9 10
Amalapur	152 11 6
Tuni	247 4 4
Rajahmundry	373 15 0
Bhadrachalam	203 15 7
Kothapeta	519 7 8

Villages bordering on reserve forests.

27 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the villages in this Presidency which are inconvenienced by reason of their being very near the borders of reserve forests; and

(*b*) if the Government have no information, whether the Government will call for the same?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not got the information and do not propose to call for it as it will entail a very large amount of time on Forest officers and expense.

Investigation of a pumping project for irrigation of high-level fields in the Godavari Central delta.

28 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, has investigated the proposal to have a pumping project for the supply of water to high-level fields in the beginning of the Godavari Central delta?

A.—The Chief Engineer has examined the preliminary report of the Superintending Engineer, Dowlaishwaram Circle, on the scheme. He is awaiting the Collector's opinion on the scheme.

Percentage of literacy among convicts undergoing simple imprisonment.

29 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to call for information regarding the percentage of literates among convicts sentenced to simple imprisonment who are still in jail ?

A.—The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by getting the information.

Principles governing grants to aided elementary schools.

30 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state the principles on which grants are made to elementary aided schools in the province?

A.—The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the rules framed under section 42 (2) of the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920.

Number of primary schools for Koya boys in the partially excluded area of East Godavari.

31 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 226 answered on 24th March 1938—

(*a*) whether the information called for in respect of the number of primary schools for Koya boys in partially excluded area in East Godavari has been received;

(*b*) if so, what that number is; and

(*c*) whether the Government have got any scheme to further extend the number of these schools?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The number of schools intended for Koya boys is 65.

(*c*) There is no scheme now before Government.

Teaching of subject lessons in high schools in the language of the district.

32 *Q.*—MR. N. M. R. SUBBARAMAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether teaching of all subjects in high schools in the language of the district has been brought into force this year in all the single language districts;

(*b*) whether any schools have been given exemption;

(*c*) if so, how many;

(*d*) the names of those schools and the district to which they belong; and

(*e*) what the reasons are for giving them exemption?

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A.—(*a*) Orders have been issued that the mother tongue should be used as the medium of instruction in all non-language subjects beginning with Form IV, from June 1938 in the high schools in areas which are not bilingual or multilingual.

(*b*) Yes, generally for one year.

(*c*) 118.

(*d*) A list[a] of such schools is appended.

(*e*) Lack of suitable staff for teaching all, or some, of the subjects in the local language and the fact that districts are bilingual or multilingual are the main reasons for giving them temporary exemption.

Total yield of food-grains in the Province.

33 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state the total yield of food-grains in this Province?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 41.

Value of food and commercial crops raised in 1936–37.

34 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the value of food crops raised in this province in 1936–37; and

(*b*) the value of commercial crops raised during the same period?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 41.

Details regarding fees paid by girl students in college classes during each of the last five years.

35 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of girl students in college classes that paid half fees last year (vide answer to starred question No. 240, dated 28th March 1938);

(*b*) how many paid full fees; and

(*c*) the total amount collected during each of the last five years?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The number of girl students in college classes who paid half-fees during 1936–37 was 471.

Information in regard to the other points has been called for.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 414–415 infra.

Proposals for the abolition of Bench Courts.

36 *Q.*—Mr. J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government for the abolition of bench courts?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Proposals for the abolition of panchayat courts in urban areas.

37 *Q.*—Mr. J. L. P. ROCHE VICTORIA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Courts and Prisons be pleased to state whether the Government propose to abolish the panchayat courts in urban areas?

A.—There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

Expenditure on and functions of the Town-Planning Department.

38 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the Town-Planning Department was started;

(*b*) what the annual expenditure on account of this department has been till now; and

(*c*) the nature of work accomplished by this department?

A.—(*a*) 1921.

(*b*) The total expenditure incurred on the department in 1936-37 was Rs. 19,800.

(*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the administration report of the department for 1936-37 reviewed in G.O. No. 3488, P.H., dated 13th December 1937, placed at the disposal of the press.

Number of cattle used for tilling the land.

39 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cattle in each district; and

(*b*) the number used for tilling the land?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to Appendix XIII to the Season and Crop Report of fasli 1346.

(*b*) The information is not available.

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Teaching of spinning in schools.

40 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state in how many schools spinning is taught at present?

A.—The Government have no information.

The acreage and nature of the crops raised in each district.

41 *Q.*—MR. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the chief crops for each district;

(*b*) the quantity of those crops raised in each of the last five years;

(*c*) the acreage under each such crop in each of those years; and

(*d*) the value of each such crop during the same period?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the figures in the Season and Crop Report published every year. Copies are available in the Secretariat Library.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR FURTHER EXPENDITURE FOR 1938-39.

* MR. SPEAKER:—"Before the supplementary demands are moved, I should like to know from the Hon. the Finance Minister whether this is really a supplementary statement of expenditure within the Government of India Act, 1935. Under section 81 of that Act, supplementary statements of expenditure are limited to further expenditure from the revenues of the province, when it becomes necessary, over and above the expenditure theretofore authorized for the year. The items in respect of which these supplementary demands are made were not at all in the original Budget. Supplementary estimates, under section 81, come in only when in respect of any financial year, further expenditure from the revenues of the province becomes necessary over and above the expenditure authorized theretofore for that year. It is only when further expenditure becomes necessary within the meaning of section 81 that Government should come forward with a supplementary estimate."

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* THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" Sir, the Government, after an examination of this matter, came to the conclusion that they ought to put before the House new items of service. The section referred to, section 81, reads thus:—

'If in respect of any financial year further expenditure from the revenues of the Province becomes necessary over and above the expenditure theretofore authorized for that year, the Governor shall cause to be laid before the Chamber . . .'

" This should not be interpreted to mean ' in each particular item, ' as the word ' expenditure ' is used in a consolidated sense."

* MR. SPEAKER:—" Limited to the total amount."

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" I submit that the treatment in the administrative side would be different between a new service which was not at all contemplated in the original demand and a mere extra expenditure for a service which was contemplated. That is why we place before the House a new service quite definitely, so that the attention of the House may be brought to it."

* MR. SPEAKER:—" But that involves re-appropriation. As the Government in their explanatory note state at the end, in two or three places it involves re-appropriation, which is not authorized by the Statute. The Statute nowhere authorizes the Government to make re-appropriations."

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" I do not quite follow, Sir."

* MR. SPEAKER:—" Under the Government of India Act, at present there is no provision by which re-appropriation is authorized; whereas previously the Devolution Rules had definitely authorized re-appropriation by the Government."

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" The question of grant by the House is the question on a demand made as is done now. But whether the appropriation should be from fresh amounts allotted for the purpose or from out of the amounts already allotted is merely a matter for decision on the suggestion and the placing of facts before the House by the administration. The House can either grant a fresh sum of money or allow it to be re-appropriated from amounts already made. I only wish to point out this, that under the Government of India Act, the grant is applied for, the demand is made for expenditure which had not been granted before. The question as to the resource or the money for it is a different question. If money is not there available for re-appropriation, the Government would have to ask the House to provide that money, otherwise, by a new source of revenue or change. But if the particular head is found sufficient to cover this new expenditure, the Government inform the House that they do not want fresh money for it, but will re-appropriate the amount."

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* MR. SPEAKER:—" There are two things to be observed; we must go either by convention or by rules. The attention of the Government is drawn to the fact that as the Statute stands at present, there is no specific authority for the Government to re-appropriate."

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" I take it, Sir, that your point is this: Under section 81 of the Act, if new expenditure is wanted to be sanctioned, if there is money already sanctioned, there is no need to ask the House for it again; or again, it should be interpreted that it should be asked under each separate head like that. But I submit the intention of section 81 is that if any new expenditure, though money is available by lapses or by amounts remaining over under each particular head,—or in other words, any new service—is sought to be incurred, the general principles applicable under the system now obtaining would demand that it should be placed before the House, as it is a new service. And though, as you have observed, the rules are not explicit here, nor is the section, the old practice has been retained in order that the House may have the advantage of examining and sanctioning or refusing sanction for that new service. It is a helpful convention which this Government do not wish to take away from the House."

* MR. SPEAKER:—" It is not a question of taking away anything. I want to say that this House has got full rights over finance, and the executive must submit every item of expenditure fully to the House; and unless specific re-appropriation is authorized, the Government cannot make any re-appropriation. There must be specific authorization by this Legislature."

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" In consultation with the Audit department of all-India also, a convention has been arrived at which this Government are respecting. It is that every form of new service, unless it is merely a minor variation, will be placed before the House; and that is the convention which we propose to adopt."

* MR. SPEAKER:—" And not merely by asking for a token grant and the Government availing itself of re-appropriation. This time it is only for Rs. 800 or so; but it may so happen that this re-appropriation may take place with regard to even some lakhs of rupees. It is not desirable that re-appropriation should be freely indulged in by any Government, when complete autonomy is in vogue. The Legislature should have a voice in the matter."

THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—" I may inform the House, Sir, that in any matter of a new service which can possibly be postponed, the express arrangement of the present Government is to stick to the old practice of bringing it as 4–3 p.m.

a new demand. It is only in cases of the kind now before the House which practically demand no discussion at all, that we seek to come in the middle of the year."

(1) GRANT X—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS.

* THE HON. MR. T. PRAKASAM:—"Sir, I move—

'that the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 100 *under Grant X—District Administration and Miscellaneous.'* "

* MR. SPEAKER:—"If any hon. Member has given notice of a cut motion he may get up. Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed not being here, his cut motion is considered to have been withdrawn."

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

(2) GRANT XXI—INDUSTRIES.

* THE HON. MR. V. V. GIRI:—"I beg to move—

'that the Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,300 *under Grant XXI—Industries.'* "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

(3) GRANT XXIII—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.

* THE HON. MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"I move, Sir—

'that the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 200 *under Grant XXIII—Miscellaneous Departments.'*

"The explanation for the Demand is before the House."

The Demand was put and carried and Grant was made.

(4) GRANT XXIV—CIVIL WORKS—WORKS.

* THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—"I beg to move, Sir—

'that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rupees 100 *under Grant XXIV—Civil Works—Works.'* "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

(5) GRANT XXV—CIVIL WORKS—ESTABLISHMENT AND TOOLS AND PLANT.

* THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—"I beg to move, Sir—

'that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 28,000 *under Grant XXV—Civil Works—Establishment and Tools and Plant.'* "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

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(6) GRANT XXXIII—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON ELECTRIC SCHEMES.

* THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—" I move, Sir—

' that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 100 *under Grant XXXIII—Capital Outlay on Electric Schemes.'* "

The Demand was put and carried and the Grant was made.

GOVERNMENT MOTION.

III.—MOTION *RE* THE STRENGTH OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR HINDU RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENTS.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

' that the following draft of a notification varying the strength of the Board of Commissioners for Hindu Religious Endowments which the Government of Madras propose to issue in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) *of section* 10 *of the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act,* 1926 (*Madras Act II of* 1927), *be approved as required by the second proviso to the said sub-section.*

Variation.

' In Local Self-Government Department Notification No. 174, *dated the 5th February* 1925, *published at page* 74 *of Part I-A of* Fort St. George Gazette, *dated the* 10*th February* 1925, *for the words " four Commissioners " the words " three Commissioners " shall be substituted.*"

" This motion relates to the appointment of Commissioners in the Hindu Religious Endowments Board. Till now there have been one President and four Commissioners and the Board is constituted with five members. The Government now want to reduce the strength from five to four and according to the rules they have to issue a notification and get it passed through both the Houses of the Legislature so that we may take power under the rules to appoint one less. Therefore, that is the cause of the notification.

" The reason for reducing the number is due to the fact that there is a Bill under examination in the Legal Department for revising the Endowment Act. In view of that, we do not think it necessary to have four Commissioners and think three are enough, until such time as the Act is brought before the Houses of Legislature. There is nothing controversial about it. I hope the House will permit this motion to be taken immediately and passed."

The motion was put and carried.

* MR. SPEAKER:—" I now adjourn the House to meet again on Monday, the 28th day of November 1938."

The House then adjourned.

Appendix I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 105 asked by Mr. K. V. R. Swami at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on the 19th August 1938, page 367 supra.]

Statement.

(1) Two thousand and eighty prisoners have been ordered to be released before the expiry of their sentences subject to certain conditions.

(2) Hand-spinning and hand-weaving have been introduced as the main industry for prisoners in the Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore, as an experimental measure.

(3) The quantity of salt allowed for each prisoner has been increased.

(4) The supply of Fuller's earth for washing the clothes of prisoners has been ordered.

(5) The Government have directed that the transfer of prisoners on disciplinary grounds or otherwise from one jail to another should be done sparingly and only in cases of necessity.

(6) Radio sets presented by certain donors have been installed in the Central Jails at Coimbatore, Bellary, Vizagapatam and Trichinopoly, the Penitentiary Madras, the Presidency Jail for Women, Vellore, and the Wellesley sanatorium Jail, Bellary.

(7) The supply of copies of humorous journals to jails has been ordered.

(8) In the Central Jail, Coimbatore, the appointment of a technically qualified person as the Manager of the Spinning and Weaving Factory in the place of the Deputy Superintendent has been sanctioned with a view to improving the industry.

(9) Oil pressing by human labour as a prison task has been stopped.

(10) The District Magistrates concerned have been directed to appoint two members of the Provincial Legislature as non-official visitors to each Central and District Jail.

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APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 108 asked by Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on the 19th August 1938, page 369 supra.]

Statement I.

List of works included in the Seven Years' Programme in South Kanara district.

Serial number and name of work.	Estimated cost.
	RS.
Bridges.	
1 Bridge at mile 10/3 of Hosdrug to Panathady road	15,000
2 Culvert at mile 12/8 of Hosdrug to Panathady road	8,000
3 Culvert at mile 13/5 of Hosdrug to Panathady road	6,000
4 Culvert at mile 15/3 of Hosdrug to Panathady road	6,000
5 Culvert at mile 16/1 of Hosdrug to Panathady road	15,000
Roads.	
6 Feeder road to Charvatur railway station	22,000

Statement II.

List of works in South Kanara district financed from the Road Fund, under execution in 1938–39.

Serial number and name of work.	Estimated cost.
	RS.
1 Bridge across the Katil river at mile 16/2 of Mangalore-Kinnigole road	66,000
2 Bridge over the Halady at mile 17/3 of Someshwar-Koteshwar road	17,000
3 Bridge over the Shivapura river at mile 16/7 of Hariadka-Hebri road	65,000
4 Bridge over Madavu at mile 6/1 of Ariadka-Nethikalcutta road ..	19,400
5 Reconstructing the bridge at Nidgal at mile 42/3 and 4 of road No. A-22 (Mangalore-Mysore Trunk road)	59,000
6 Reconstructing the bridge at Baddakatta at mile 15/5-6 of road No. A-22	25,000
7 Reconstructing the bridge at Bambilla at mile 22/8 of road No. A-22.	21,000
8 Reconstructing the bridge at Manihalla at mile 18/2 of road No. A-22	63,200

The works included in Statement No. I can also be taken up for execution in 1938–39 after the approval of Government of India is received and plans and estimates are sanctioned by competent authority. The orders of the Government of India are expected by about October 1938.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 148 asked by Mr. K. R. Karant at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on the 19th August 1938, page 390 supra.]

G.O. No. 862, Education, dated 7th April 1938.

In G.O. No. 471, Education, dated 11th March 1935, the Government ordered that text-books should not be changed within five years of their introduction in any school, whether under public or under private management, except with the previous approval of the District Educational Officer in the case of boys' schools and the Inspectress of Schools in the case of girls' schools. The Government have now reconsidered the question and are pleased to direct that the period of five years be reduced to two years.

2. The Director of Public Instruction is requested to submit drafts of the necessary amendments to the Madras Educational Rules and the rules under the Madras Elementary Education Act.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

C. H. MASTERMAN,
Secretary to Government.

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APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 150 asked by Mr. R. B. Ramakrishna Raju at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on the 19th August 1938, page 393 supra.]

Tentative programme of work on bee-keeping in the Chittoor district.

The selection of the centres of work will be the first item in the programme and the main criterion would be the availability of sufficient bee pasturage in the localities. To begin with it is proposed to make a rapid survey of all the centres of work under the Agricultural Demonstrators stationed in the district and select such of those villages as are suitable for the industry.

The preliminary survey of the district and the selection of sites may take about two or three weeks. Immediately after this, the staff will start work in the selected centres by having colonies for the interested ryots and advising them in the care and management of bees in order to train them to look after their hives by themselves.

As time and opportunities permit, it is proposed to interview the honorary rural workers in the district, the District Superintendent of Police, Officers of the Forest Department, etc., and, with their co-operation introduce the industry among some of the Yenadhi colonies.

Requisitions from interested parties even from outside the centres of work of the Agricultural Demonstrators will be attended to.

Along with the propaganda work a central apiary with about 10 hives will be started, if possible, near Chittoor, for demonstration purposes and also to meet the requirements of ryots by way of supplying queens, appliances, etc.

APPENDIX V.

[Vide answer to unstarred question No. 32 put by Mr. N. M. R. Subbaramian at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on the 19th August 1938, page 403 supra.]

Name of schools that have been exempted from the introduction of the mother-tongue as the medium of instruction in non-language subjects.

Serial number and name of district.	Name of school.
1 Vizagapatam ..	Board High School, Tekkali.
2 Do. ..	S.R. High School, Ichchapur.
3 Do. ..	Rajah's High School, Mandasa.
4 Do ..	Queen Mary's School for Girls, Vizagapatam.
5 East Godavari ..	McLaurin High School, Cocanada.
6 Do. ..	Secondary and Training School, Rajahmundry.
7 West Godavari ..	Municipal High School, Ellore.
8 Kistna	Lady Ampthil Secondary School, Masulipatam.
9 Do.	Dornakal Diocesan School, Bezwada.
10 Guntur	Stall's Girls' High School, Guntur.
11 Do.	St. Joseph's Girls School, Guntur.
12 Kurnool	Municipal High School, Nandyal.
13 Do.	Board High School, Cumbum.
14 Bellary	Municipal High School, Bellary.
15 Do.	Wardlaw High School, Bellary.
16 Do.	St. John's High School, Bellary.
17 Do.	Government Secondary School for Girls, Bellary.
18 Anantapur	Municipal High School, Anantapur.
19 Do.	Do. Hindupur.
20 Do.	Board High School, Dharmavaram.
21 Do.	Government Secondary and Training School, Anantapur.
22 Cuddapah	Municipal High School, Cuddapah.
23 Nellore	C.A.M. High School, Nellore.
24 Do.	A.B.M. School, Nellore.
25 Chittoor	Board High School, Chittoor.
26 Do.	Theosophical High School, Madanapalle.
27 Do.	Sherman Memorial Girls' High School, Chittoor.
28 Do.	The School, Rishi Valley.
29 Do.	Board High School, Tiruttani.
30 Do.	Sree Mahant's Devastanam High School, Tirupati.
31 North Arcot ..	Voorhee's College School, Vellore.
32 Do. ..	Municipal High School, Tirupattur.
33 Do. ..	Municipal High School, Gudiyattam.
34 Do. ..	Do. Walajapet.
35 Do. ..	C.S.M. High School, Arkonam.
36 Do. ..	Hindu High School, Ambur.
37 Do. ..	Conlardia High School, Ambur.
38 Do. ..	Islamiah High School, Melvisharam.
39 Do. ..	Sree Mahant's High School, Vellore.
40 Do. ..	Mazharul-u-lum High School, Ambur.
41 Do. ..	Islamiah High School, Vaniyambadi.
42 Do. ..	Government Muhammadan High School, Vellore.
43 Do. ..	Government Secondary and Training School, Vellore.
44 Madras	R. M. High School, Thyagarayanagar.
45 Do.	St. Paul's High School, Vepery.
46 Do.	Kellet High School, Triplicane.
47 Do.	Wesley High School, Royapetta.
48 Do.	Christian College School, Madras.
49 Do.	P. S. High School, Mylapore.
50 Do.	T. T. V. High School, Madras.
51 Do.	Hindu High School, Triplicane.
52 Do.	Pachaiappa's College High School, Madras.
53 Do.	Chintadripet High School, Madras.
54 Do.	Muthialpet High School, Madras.
55 Do.	E.L.M. Fabricius High School, Purasawalkam.

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Serial number and name of district.	Name of school.
56	San Thome High School, Mylapore.
57 Do.	St. Gabriel's High School, Madras.
58 Do.	C.C.C. High School, Perambur.
59 Do.	Presidency Training School, Egmore.
60 Do.	London Mission Bentinck School, Vepery.
61 Do.	Wesleyan Mission School, Royapetta.
62 Do.	C.S.M. School, Georgetown.
63 Do.	C.S.M. School, Rayapuram.
64 Do.	St. Ebba's School, Royapetta.
65 Do.	St. Raphael's School, Mylapore.
66 Do.	St. Anne's Convent, Rayapuram.
67 Do.	Seva Sadan High School, Chetput.
68 Do.	National Girls' School, Mylapore.
69 Do.	Vidyodaya Residential Girls' High School, Nungambakkam.
70 Do.	Government Hobert Training School, Royapetta.
71 South Arcot	Government Training School, Cuddalore.
72 Tanjore	St. Joseph's Girls' High School, Kumbakonam.
73 Trichinopoly	Government Islamiah High School, Trichinopoly.
74 Do.	National College School, Trichinopoly.
75 Do.	St. Joseph's College School, Trichinopoly.
76 Do.	Holy Cross School, Trichinopoly.
77 Salem	Board High School, Hosur.
78 Do.	Government Girls' High School, Salem.
79 Madura	St. Mary's High School, Madura.
80 Do.	Sourashtra High School, Madura.
81 Do.	Orlanda Chilla Pierce Memorial Girls' High School, Madura.
82 Do.	St. Joseph's Girls' High School, Madura.
83 Tinnevelly	Sarah Tucker Girls' School, Palamcottah.
84 Do.	St. John's School, Nazareth.
85 Do.	St. Ignatius' School, Palamcottah.
86 Coimbatore	Board High School, Kollegal.
87 Do.	Government Secondary and Training School, Coimbatore.
88 The Nilgiris	Municipal High School, Ootacamund.
89 Do.	Bethlehem Girls' School, Ootacamund.
90 Do.	C.E.Z.M. Gill Memorial School, Kernhill.
91 Malabar	St. Joseph's High School, Calicut.
92 Do.	Christian College High School, Calicut.
93 Do.	Santa Cruz High School, Cochin.
94 Do.	Government Secondary Training School, Cannanore.
95 Do.	B.E.M. School, Calicut.
96 Do.	Providence Girls' School, Calicut.
97 Do.	Sacred Heart School, Tellicherry.
98 South Kanara	Board High School, Coondapur.
99 Do.	Board High School, Udipi.
100 Do.	Board High School, Karkala.
101 Do.	Board High School, Puthur.
102 Do.	Board High School, Moolky.
103 Do.	Board High School, Kasaragod.
104 Do.	Christian High School, Udipi.
105 Do.	Milagers High School, Kallianpara.
106 Do.	B. V. High School, Buntwal.
107 Do.	St. Aloysius' College School, Mangalore.
108 Do.	B.E.M. School, Mangalore.
109 Do.	Ganpathy High School, Mangalore.
110 Do.	Kanara High School, Mangalore.
111 Do.	Rajah's High School, Nileshwar.
112 Do.	St. Agnes' School, Mangalore.
113 Do.	Do.
114 Do.	St. Cecilia's Udipi.
115 Do.	Government Secondary Training School for Girls, Mangalore.
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