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UNSTARRED QUESTION (meeting of the 6th September, 1921).**Admission into Presidency College.**

251. Babu RISHINDRA NATH SARKAR: (a) Will the Hon'ble the Minister in charge of the Department of Education be pleased to say whether any principle is followed in admitting students into the Presidency College, if so, what?

(b) Has any exception been made to the principle, if any, in admitting students into the Presidency College this year, if so, why?

(c) Is there any committee for selecting students for admission into the Presidency College?

(d) What are the duties to be performed by the Bursar of the Presidency College?

(e) Is it a fact that a professor of Mathematics filled the office of the Bursar when it was first created, but a professor of English has been appointed as his successor?

(f) Is it a fact that the European professor of Mathematics, who filled the office of the Bursar, has been succeeded by an Indian professor?

(g) Has the present Bursar of the Presidency College any special knowledge of keeping accounts?

(h) Is the office of Bursar reserved for European professors only?

(i) Is the Hon'ble the Minister aware that unusual delay is made in distributing the salary of the staff since the appointment of the present Bursar of the Presidency College?

(j) Is it a fact that a professor of Physics of the Chittagong College has been appointed to the position of demonstrator of Physics in the Presidency College? If so, why?

MINISTER in charge of DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION (the Hon'ble Mr. P. C. Mitter): (a) The only rule on the subject is that Muhammadan candidates should be admitted up to a certain minimum. When this has been attended to remaining vacancies are filled by selection, regard being had not only to intellectual fitness and character, but also to school, place of domicile, occupation of father, social status, with a view to securing a wide representation of schools, of the various divisions of the people and of the various parts of the province. Three Calcutta Schools are as a matter of practice, not of right, granted special privileges in that their pupils are admitted in more generous numbers than those of other schools.

(b) No exception has been made.

(c) There is no committee. The decisions and responsibility are the Principal's, though he is invariably assisted by many members of the teaching staff of the college.

(d) He looks after the financial affairs of the college, supervising the accounts of the college accountant, relieving the Principal of this part of his duties but of no responsibility.

(e) The fact is as stated, but the first Bursar was not so appointed because he was a mathematician.

(f) An Indian gentleman has been appointed to act as professor of Mathematics in place of the European professor of Mathematics who is on deputation elsewhere. He has not been appointed to act as Bursar.

(g) The duties of Bursar require intelligence and reliability, but not any special knowledge of the keeping of accounts, though the present Bursar, having satisfactorily held the office for about 2 years, may be presumed to have such special knowledge and all other necessary qualifications for the discharge of his duties.

(h) No such ruling has been made.

(i) Government are not aware of any delay except that as certain members of the teaching staff learnt towards the end of July that they could draw arrears of pay on presenting their bills, and were insistent

that the college accountant should deal with their cases immediately, the preparation of the menials' bills for that month was delayed, and their pay was received late. As the Bursar was appointed two years ago the suggestion in the question is not understood.

(7) It is a fact. Owing to the promotion of a member of the Physics staff of the Presidency College to the Indian Educational Service as Principal of the Chittagong College, the transfer of a teacher of Physics from the Chittagong College to the Presidency College automatically ensued.

[No. 43.]

[FILE No. 11-C—148 (1).]

UNSTARRED QUESTION (meeting of the 29th August, 1921).

Admission into Presidency College.

63. Babu SAILAJA NATH ROY CHAUDHURI: (a) Will the Hon'ble the Minister in charge of the Department of Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that only those boys who have passed the Matriculation Examination in the first division are allowed admission to the first year class in the Presidency College? If so, why?

(b) Is it a fact that in this year the College authorities denied admission to a candidate who was otherwise duly qualified exclusively on the ground that he happened to attend a political meeting?

[No. 44.]

[FILE No. 11-C—148 (2).]

The Hon'ble Mr. P. C. MITTER: (a) There is no rule to this effect, nor is admission to the College made entirely on the basis of matriculation results. Other factors are taken into consideration, the aim being to secure that all classes of the community, and all parts of the province, are represented so far as accommodation permits. The competition for admission is, however, so keen that the majority of those admitted have passed the Matriculation Examination in the first class.

(b) It is not a fact. Such information is not communicated to the Principal, and the reference in the question is not known.