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Presidency College, Calcutta

The 10th August 1938

Dear Sir,

Your letter No. R 4984 dated 8th August inviting my opinion of Abbas Mirza. He has been in the College for five years and is quite well-known to me. His title to fame rests on his proficiency at Foot-ball and Hockey and his Captaining of the Muhammadan Sporting Club. He is an exceptionally well-behaved young man, loyal and absolutely reliable. I have no doubt that he will give a good account of himself in any job that requires general intelligence and good physique rather than knowledge.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. Sen

The Secretary,
Appointment & Information Board,
Senate House, Calcutta.

Oliver Adams

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter
No R 4984 dated 8th Aug.
making enquiry as to writing my
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been in the College for five years
and is quite well known to me.
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and Hockey and his Captaincy of the
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Yours faithfully
Booth

Appointments & Information Board



Senate House,
Calcutta.

8 AUG. 1938

No.—R. 4984

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DEAR SIR,

In applying for registration of his name in the Appointments Board's Register Mr. Abbas Mirza , son of Late Altaf Mirza , has mentioned you as a referee. I am desired to request you to be so kind as to inform the undersigned your personal opinion regarding the applicant's character and ability. In case your reply be not received within a fortnight from date, it will be considered that you are not prepared to recommend the candidate. I am to assure you that any opinion expressed in this connection will be treated as confidential.

Yours faithfully,

DR. Samal
Secretary.

M. Sen, Esq.,
Principal,
Presidency College.

The 24th January 1939.

My dear Khan Sahib,

Will you kindly refer to your letter No. 58 T/C, dated the 19th of January, asking for instructions concerning the attitude of Headmasters towards pupils of their Schools, who are members of the Students' Federation. The Headmaster of the Malda Zilla School has placed us in a very difficult position with regard to his forbidding the students from joining the Federation on penalty of leaving the School. The actual position is that while the Students' Federation is unquestionably an organisation whose motives are not confined to purely academic matters, it is not contemplated at present to declare the Association an illegal one. Such being the case, individual Headmasters are not justified in asking students to leave their institutions for joining an association which has not been declared illegal. The correct attitude of Headmasters towards membership of outside students' organisations of this type should be that they must use their influence to dissuade the students from becoming involved in undesirable outside activities. Headmasters and Teachers of Schools should assist students in developing internal organisations which will further academic and other beneficial interests. If the minds of the students can be concentrated upon matters directly concerning the welfare of their Schools and their studies, there should be no need to take drastic action with regard to students joining the Students' Federation. Headmasters should therefore let it be known to students that in their opinion there is no necessity for students to join external organisations particularly ones whose motives are questionable. In so far as they have evidence of any subversive activities which may be furthered by particular organisations, they should use their influence to the utmost to bring these ulterior motives to the notice of students, parents and guardians. Will you therefore take steps to ensure that the Headmaster of the Malda Zilla School does not precipitate a clash between the Students' Federation and the authorities which at the present moment we wish to avoid, if possible? It is definitely not desirable at the present time that Headmasters should go to the length of requiring students to take transfers because of their joining this movement.

Yours sincerely,

Sd. W. A. Jenkins.

Khan Sahib Mr. Badiur Rahman,
Inspector of Schools,
Rajshahi Division.

Memo No. 8C-13C

Calcutta, the 24th January 1939.

Copy forwarded to all Divisional Inspectors of Schools
(by name) for information.

Sd. W.A. Jenkins,
Director of Public Instruction, Bengal.

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