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G.O. no. 108, 28/02/29

Legislative council question-February 1929—preaching on Islam at Guruvayur, Malabar district—prohibition by police officers.

Mr. S. Satyamurti

Question: will the hon. The Home Member be pleased to state

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Khan Bahadur Ammu Sahib, assistant superintendent of police, Palghat, disallowed Moslem preachers Moulavi and Hydras to preach on Islam and insulted them at large public gathering during the last ekadasi festival at Guruvayur:
- (b) Whether at the same time and place representatives of Christianity were permitted to preach their religion; and
- (c) Whether the govt propose to hold any inquiry into the matter and if not why not?

draft answer:

(a), (b) and (c) the government have no information they have called for a report from the I.G of Police.

To. M.R.Ry.S. Satyamurti Rvl MLC

Sir,

Leg. Council question - preachings on Islam at Guruvayur—prohibition by Khan Bahadur E.V Amu Sahib Bahadur ASD

With reference to the answer given to question no.1284 in the reg. council on 1-2-29 I am directed to state the I.G of police has reported as follows:

During the Ekadashi festival in Guruvayur temple on 23-11-20 ten to fifteen thousand Hindu pilgrims from different parts of Malabar, Cochin state and S. Kanara had assembled at the place. Christian missionaries rented a place outside the temple compound and preached there. Arya samjists also were delivering lectures in another place not far from the Christians. While the two parties were preaching Moulvi Moidu arrived with a few followers and began to lecture at a spot between the two and violently attacked the Christian faith in abuse language. The Christian missionaries replied in an abusive strain whereupon the policemen on duty, apprehending that the speeches of Moulavi were likely to lead a breach of the peace reported the matter to S.Is of police. They interfered and advised Moulavi to speak in a different place at a short distance from the Christians and also so moderate his language. The moulavi and his party thereupon went to the sub magistrate and the A.S.I and complained to them, but are warned not to interfere with the Christian missionaries and advised to find another spot in which to speak. Moulavi and his party then left the place and with their departure the trouble ended.

I am to add that this Moulavi was convicted under sec 124 IFC and sentenced to two years imprisonment for his inflammatory speeches in 1920-21. If he had been allowed to continue his speeches in that particular place, the results might have been serious. The allegation that ASI insulted Moslem preachers is untrue.

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Sub: industries-small scale industries—coir industry training of evacuees

(b) reservation of the two training centres at Olavilam near tellicherry and Thanur in Ponnani taluk for training Moplah women dependants of evacuees in the coir industry: I see no objection to this suggestion being given effect to and have instructed the superintendent, coir school accordingly.

It is proposed to reserve the two training centres at Olavilam near tellicherry and thanur in Ponnani Taluk for training Moplah women depend in the coir industry. There is a large concentration of Moplah depended women whose husbands are stranded in enemy occupied territory near the said places. Mr. Mohamed Seethi, BA, BL, secretary Muslim League, Tellicherry, Hajee Abdul Satter Hajee Esak Sait, MLA Central, residing in tellicherry and other prominent Moplah leaders were interviewed and are of opinion that the introduction of coir industry would absorb Moplah women dependants in useful work. The special deputy tahsildar, Kottayam taluk, has selected 15 women dependants living in the neighbourhood of Olavilam who are willing to undergo the training in coir industry. The sptdt Byepore coir school, agrees to the proposal and women instructors to teach Moplah women are also available. The superintend is only meant for evacuees and not dependants of persons staged enemy occupied territories as they are not specifically mentioned in the scheme. As the government of India is integrated in this absorption of evacuation of dependants and as there are a large number of Moplah women dependants who are receiving financial assistance from the govt of Malabar their absorption in this industry would relieve the govt her financial burden; I do not think govt will have any objection to extend the scheme to dependants of persons stranded in the enemy of territories.