

No. 125.

From

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To

The Principal,

Presidency College, Calcutta.

Dated, Calcutta, the 25th August 1932.

Sir,

In reference to the Director of Public Instruction, Bengal's No. 4427 C dated the 20th August 1932, to your address, I have the honour to submit my views regarding the proposed stay of Arun Kumar Mukerji, a student of the 3rd Year B.A. class of the Sanskrit College in the Eden Hindu Hostel. The Eden Hindu Hostel is reserved exclusively for the Hindu students of the Presidency College only. Admission of students from any other college will considerably add to the existing difficulties of proper maintenance of discipline and will at the same time complicate the situation still further by setting up a system of dual control over the hostel. Our difficulties of administration have already been greatly increased by the ~~introduction~~ ~~of~~ reintroduction of admission of our Post-Graduate students from this year, owing to the abolition of the College Post-Graduate Mess which so long provided for the desirable separate accommodation of these students. The number of admissions up to date is 200 and there is still every likelihood of a few more students being admitted during this session. It is also certain that post-graduate students seeking admission here will come in greater number during the next session. This Hostel has been a source of constant anxiety to the Principals in the past and its good management demanded <sup>the</sup> greatest <sup>caution</sup> on the part of the authorities, in the matter of admissions. In the face of the impending financial difficulties, Mr. Barrow, the late Principal, had ~~to~~ order removal of a large number of our college students from the Hostel, in the interest of discipline, and he had even to refuse admission of our post-graduate students to the Hostel. The late Principals made some special cases of admission to the Post-Graduate Mess where conditions were very different from those prevailing in

this hostel and Mr. Barrow might have allowed a student of the Sanskrit College to reside there; but, under no circumstances, a student belonging to another college was ever allowed admission to the Eden Hindu Hostel attached to the Presidency College.

Moreover, the position of a student of another college in this Hostel will be anomalous, in as much as he can not serve on any of the several Committees, viz., the Sports, Library, Common Room and the Mess Committees, and any difficulty about such a student in the Hostel will put the Superintendent also in an equally anomalous position, in consequence of the necessity of the Superintendent's having to approach the Principal of an outside college for necessary orders or advice in the matter.

Though, as I have shown above, financial considerations have never been the sole or main deciding factors in the matter of hostel admissions, yet I may point out, in this connection, that admission of the Sanskrit College students to the Eden Hindu Hostel may have adverse effects on the admissions of our College, in an indirect way. Because, many of the students who have now to seek admission to the Presidency College in order to enjoy the advantages of residence in this Hostel, may get themselves admitted to the Sanskrit College, if they can thereby secure the double advantages of considerably lower or even reduced college fees as well as of the residence in this Hostel.

I am of opinion that, under no circumstances, can a student of the Sanskrit College be admitted to the Eden Hindu Hostel.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Superintendent.