351 Mr. ISWAR CHANDRA MAJ: (a) With reference to the reply
given to starred questions Nos. 166 and 65 on 17th March, and
24th September, 1943, respectively, will the Hon'ble Minister
in charge of the Education Department be pleased to state whether
the grant-in-aid of the P.K. College, Contai, has since been
restored?

(b) If the reply to (a) is in the negative, will the Hon'ble
Minister be pleased to state whether he is considering the
desirability of restoring the grant-in-aid to the college?

(c) Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether
the District Magistrate has submitted his "observations" to the
Government after Hon'ble Minister's replies as referred to in
starred questions stated above?

(d) If not, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state
the reasons thereof?

(e) Will the Hon'ble Minister be also pleased to state
the reasons why the District Magistrate could not submit his
observation even before September, 1943, when the reply to
starred question No. 65 of date 24th September, 1943, was given?

(f) Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether -

(i) any other Government college or any private college
enjoying the Government grant-in-aid took part in
the "Civil Disobedience Movement" as referred to
in the reply to the above mentioned starred
questions; and

(ii) any other Government college or any private college
enjoying the Government grant-in-aid went on strike
after 8th August, 1942, on any political grounds?
(g) If the reply to (f) is in the affirmative, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state -

(i) whether such college or colleges were penalised by temporary withdrawal of grant-in-aid;

(ii) if so, the name of such college or colleges; and

(iii) if not, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state the reasons thereof?

(h) Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether the managing authority of the P.K. College has made any application for the enhancement of the grant-in-aid?

(i) If the reply to (h) is in the affirmative, will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken on the application?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: (a) No, I may add that question No. 166 of 17th March, 1943, and No. 65 of the 24th September, 1943, are not different ones. The former, though included in the agenda for the day remained unanswered during that session and in the following session it was renumbered 65 and replied to on 24th September, 1943.

(b) The grant cannot be restored without the recommendation of the District Magistrate.

(c) Yes, he is not in favour of the restoration of the grant at present.

(d) and (g) Do not arise.

(e) The matter was under his observation. Obviously he wanted to make sure of the position.

(f) (i) Not within the knowledge of the department.

(ii) No.

(h) Yes.

(i) Does not arise until the original grant (Rs. 250 per month) of the college is restored.
Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state why the District Magistrate is not in favour of restoration of the grant?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: Because he thinks that the attitude of the college has not changed.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: May I know what attitude is referred to?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: The original attitude for which the grant was stopped.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: What was the original attitude?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: I refer the honourable member to the previous questions and previous answers.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state if that attitude referred to any thing that happened after August, 1942, or before?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: I have nothing further to add on that point.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state if Government are aware that the District Magistrate wanted the college authorities to retain two teachers of his nomination in the staff of the college, which the college authorities failed to accept by a majority in the governing body, and as a result the District Magistrate was annoyed?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: Government is not aware of that.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state if it is a fact that two Professors of the college supposed to be acting as spies of the Government were found not sufficiently deserving to be retained on the staff of the college and were asked to resign and the Magistrate got annoyed as a result of that and the grant was stopped?
Mr. SPEAKER: Dr. Sanyal, you have put so many things in one question.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Sir, I have asked whether two Professors acting as spies ---.

Mr. SPEAKER: That is another matter. You first ask whether it is a fact that two Professors were asked to resign.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether Government are aware that a difference between the District Magistrate and the governing body of the college arose out of a decision of the governing body of the college asking two Professors of the college to resign.

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: No, Sir.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state if he is aware that these two Professors actually approached the University of Calcutta as well as the Department of the Government to represent their case for reinstatement and a special committee was formed to go into the case including the Director of Public Instruction and they found that they had no case at all?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: I am not aware of it.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state if he is in a position to state what exactly was the reason for the District Magistrate recommending withholding of the grant?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: I have already referred my honourable friend to the previous questions and previous answers.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Because you do not know. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether the District Magistrate has received any instructions to commandeer the appointment of particular persons in the college and to withhold grants or to recommend withholding of grants only on such grounds?

(No answer)
Dr. SYAMAPRASAD MOOKERJEE: With reference to answer (b), will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether there is any rule in the Education Code which requires that there must be a recommendation from the District Magistrate before a grant can be made to a non-Government College?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: Whether there is any rule or not, Government thought it fit that the grant should not be restored unless the District Magistrate reported to that effect.

Dr. SYAMAPRASAD MOOKERJEE: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state if he has himself looked into the case and has satisfied himself that there is justification for the withholding of the grant?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: Government depended on the report of the District Magistrate in this matter.

Dr. SYAMAPRASAD MOOKERJEE: Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that Contai is a highly distressed area and on account of the pecuniary difficulties of the students reading in that college, the college is finding it impossible to impart education to the boys?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: That may be so.

Dr. SYAMAPRASAD MOOKERJEE: Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that there is a grant sanctioned by the Government of Bengal for distribution to non-Government colleges through the University?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: Yes, I am aware.

Dr. SYAMAPRASAD MOOKERJEE: Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that a recommendation was made by the University of which the Director of Public Instruction is an ex-officio member to the effect that a lump grant should be made to that college and that the Hon'ble Minister has accepted that recommendation?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: I am not aware of that.
Dr. SYAMAPRASAD MOOKERJEE: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to satisfy himself as to how his answer is consistent with the fact that he has made a grant to this college on the recommendation of the University in one case and refused the recurring grant on the recommendation of the District Magistrate on the other.

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: If that was a fact I think the department must have drawn my attention to that. That has not been done.

Mr. ATUL KRISHNA GHOSH: With reference to answer (a), will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state what are the reasons and arguments that the District Magistrate placed before the Government to withhold the grant?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: I have already replied to that question.

Mr. ATUL KRISHNA GHOSH: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to consider the desirability of placing on the Library Table the report of the District Magistrate upon which the Government decided to withhold the grant?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: No, Sir. That is confidential.

(The next question was called.)

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: I am already on my legs.

Mr. SPEAKER: Yes, you may put your supplementary question.

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state if this Government has issued any instructions to the District authorities to withhold the grant or recommend withholding of grants to educational institutions like this college and also other colleges regarding which there is a short notice question if such institutions did not comply with the political requirements or party politics of this Government.

Mr. SPEAKER: That question does not arise.
The Hon'ble Khwaja Sir NAZIMUDDIN: May I draw your attention to the fact that you have already called the next question and an honourable member was going to put a supplementary question?

Dr. NALINAKSHA SANYAL: The Speaker of the House ought to know better than the Hon'ble Leader of the House.

Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state if the District Magistrate of Midnapore has been given by the present Government any instructions, that he should satisfy himself about the political inclinations of the students or teachers of an educational institutions before they recommend any grant to such an institution?

The Hon'ble Mr. TAMIZUDDIN KHAN: This grant was stopped during the regime of the previous Ministry and I do not know whether the previous Ministry issued any such instructions. So far this Government is concerned I am not aware of any such instructions being issued.