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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper :—

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

XV. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many elementary schools have been newly opened during the year 1907-1908, and the direct cost of the maintenance of the same? and

(b) how many are proposed to be newly opened during 1908-1909?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson :—

XV. (a) The Government have no reliable information as to the number of new elementary schools opened in 1907-1908. In the reply given to question No. XI asked by the Honourable Member at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd December 1907, it was estimated that 228 new Board schools would be opened during the year. The actual figures will not be available until the annual report for 1907-1908 is compiled.

(b) It is impossible at present to form any reliable estimate of the number of elementary schools likely to be opened in 1908-1909.

Order—No. 311, Educational, dated 27th April 1908.

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2. The Director of Public Instruction will be requested to note the number of new elementary schools opened in 1907-1908, in his annual report. He is requested to furnish a statement showing—

- (1) the number of elementary schools at the beginning of the year 1907-1908;
- (2) the number closed during the year;
- (3) the number opened during the year;
- (4) the number of secondary schools converted into elementary schools; and
- (5) the total number of elementary schools at the end of the year :—

(True Extract.)

H. D. TAYLOR,
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 311, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 27TH APRIL 1908.

[SUBJECT.—Question put at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on April 1908.]

A copy of the questions and answers at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th April 1908 may be forwarded u.o., to the Judicial, Local and Municipal, Public Works (Irrigation), Revenue, Educational and Marine Departments for information and guidance.

C.R.V.—7-4-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—7-4-08.

C. A. SOUTER—7-4-08.

To the Judicial Department.

„ Local and Municipal Department.

„ Public Department.

„ Public Works Department (Irrigation).

„ Revenue Department.

„ Educational Department.

„ Marine Department.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

Please see question No. XV and the answer thereto on pages 6 and 7 of the agenda below. May the Director of Public Instruction be asked to bear the question in mind and to note the number of new elementary schools opened in 1907-1908 in his annual report or may a separate statement called for?

T.K.—22-4-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—22-4-08.

It is enough if the Director of Public Instruction notes the number in his report.

C. A. SOUTER—23-4-08.

Yes; but the *increase* in the number of schools will not necessarily tally with the number opened. What is required is a statement showing—

- (1) Number of elementary schools at the beginning of the year;
- (2) Number closed during the year;
- (3) Number opened during the year;
- (4) Number of secondary schools converted into elementary schools;
- (5) Total at the end of the year.

H. D. TAYLOR—24-4-08.

The draft placed below is submitted for approval.

T.K.—24-4-08.

K. RANGASWAMI AIYANGAR—24-4-08.

C. A. SOUTER—27 4-08.

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GOVERNMENT OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICES FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT NOON
ON TUESDAY THE 7TH DAY OF APRIL 1908.

(1) Additional Members.

The Secretary will report that the following gentlemen have taken their seats as Additional Members of Council :—

The Hon'ble Mr. W. O. HORNE.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. A. ELWIN.

The Hon'ble Mr. C. E. ABBOTT.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. J. YORKE.

(2) Questions and Answers.

The Hon'ble Raja V. VIRABHADRA RAZU Bahadur of Kurupam :—

I. (a) Have Government passed orders for the abolition of the Police station at Waltair in the Vizagapatam district?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to reconsider their order referred to and issue orders for the retaining of the Police station in the place as usual?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson :—

I. Waltair will cease to be a Police station on the introduction of the scheme for the reallocation of the Police in the Vizagapatam district. The present station will then be utilized as a beat-house where a section officer and a certain number of men will always be located. This will serve the purpose of the existing Police station. The Government at present see no reason to modify the orders already passed in the matter.

The Hon'ble Raja V. VIRABHADRA RAZU Bahadur of Kurupam :—

II. Will Government be pleased to consider the expediency of advising the Municipality of Vizagapatam to appoint a full-time Secretary so as to meet the growing municipal requirements of the town?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson :—

II. The appointment of a full-time Secretary to the Municipal Council, Vizagapatam, has hitherto been deferred on the representations of the Municipal Council. The Government will call for a further report on the subject.

The Hon'ble M. KRISHNAN NAYAR Avargal :—

III. (i) Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Mr. J. Andrew has sent his report to the Government regarding the allegations against the officers of the Madras Ophthalmic Hospital referred to in question No. XXIII asked at the meeting of this Council on the 2nd December 1907?

(b) What are Mr. Andrew's recommendations in the matter?

(c) What action the Government have taken in the matter?

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to lay Mr. Andrew's report on the table?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

III. (i) Mr. Andrew's report has been received. It completely exonerates Major Elliot from all blame in respect of the charges brought against him, and the Government have accepted this finding. The other questions referred to in the report will be further considered.

(ii) The order of Government on Mr. Andrew's report so far as it affects Major Elliot has been placed on the Editors' table, and a copy will be laid on the table. The Government order summarises all the charges made against Major Elliot together with the findings of the Commissioner on each charge, and contains all that Government consider it advisable to publish at present.

The Hon'ble M. KRISHNAN NAYAR Avargal:—

IV. (i) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the judgment of the District Magistrate of Salem published in the *Indian Patriot* of the 18th March 1908 in the matter of a criminal complaint presented by one Kaveriammal against one William Henry Boyd, a railway traffic inspector, for assaulting her with intent to outrage her modesty when travelling in a railway train on 30th January 1908?

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to present an appeal against the order of acquittal passed by the Magistrate in that case?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

IV. The Government called for the records of the case on the 24th March. They were forwarded to the Advocate-General for his opinion whether an appeal should be preferred against the order of acquittal of the accused. The Advocate-General, after a careful examination of the evidence, is of opinion that the judgment of the District Magistrate is right and that there are no good grounds for an appeal. The Government are of the same opinion as the Advocate-General.

The Hon'ble M. KRISHNAN NAYAR Avargal:—

V. (i) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the judgment published in the *Madras Mail* of the 20th March 1908 in the matter of a criminal complaint presented by Rungiah Gownden against Second Lieutenant Watts for mischief and house-breaking?

(ii) Will the Government be pleased to present an appeal against the order of acquittal in this case?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

V. The records of the case were called for on the 30th March. After perusing them, the Government will consider whether it is advisable to present an appeal against the acquittal of the accused.

The Hon'ble M. KRISHNAN NAYAR Avargal:—

VI. Adverting to question No. XXVIII asked at the meeting of this Council on the 2nd December 1907 and the answer of the Hon'ble Mr. Wilson to that question, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received the further report promised by the Superintending Engineer on the subject of the feeding channel for the Vilatikulam tank and what action the Government have taken on the report?

The Hon'ble Mr. Wilson:—

VI. The report called for has not yet been received.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu:—

VII. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state in what taluks of the Ganjam district famine-relief works have been started, or are proposed to be started, and the number of persons who are receiving relief?

(b) The total amount of revenue (1) remitted, (2) suspended up to date?

(c) Whether any reports have been received from the Collectors of other districts regarding the condition of the districts, or of any particular section of the people therein?

The Hon'ble Mr. Cardew:—

VII. (a) One test-work and one poor-house have been opened in each of the following tracts;—(i) a tract comprising five Government villages of the Berhampur taluk and the following zamindari areas—two villages in the Humma estate, the whole of the Paluru estate with the exception of two villages, the whole of the Biridi estate and the villages of Kallikota estate lying on the verge of the Chilka lake; and (ii) a tract comprising 24 Government villages and two inam villages in Purushottapur.

The test-works were opened in the week ending the 21st March 1908, and the total number employed on them in the succeeding week was 796. The poor-houses were opened in the week ending March 28th. The number relieved at the poor-house in the first tract has not been reported to Government; the number relieved at the poor-house in the second tract was 77. The Collector has reported that the distress is slight and that the resort to test-works and poor-houses is moderate.

(b) The Board of Revenue and the Collector have power to order suspensions and remissions of revenue in accordance with Board's Standing Orders Nos. 13 and 14 without reference to Government. The Government have not yet received information as to the amount of revenue suspended or remitted.

(c) A report is received weekly from every Collector as to the condition of the crops and the state of the agricultural population in his district. During recent months special reports have been called for and received in regard to all districts where the rainfall was to any material extent deficient. These reports do not show that there is any present necessity for opening test-works in any district except Ganjam.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu:—

VIII. (a) Is it a fact that the Government of India have sanctioned allowances ranging from Rs. 2 to Rs. 3 to Government servants drawing up to Rs. 30 a month on account of dearness of food?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state from what date the said allowances are proposed to be given?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to direct a similar provision to be made for the servants under Local Boards and Municipalities and help the said bodies when their financial condition does not permit the granting of such allowances?

The Hon'ble Mr. Cardew:—

VIII. (a) The Honourable Member is referred to Resolution No. 1591-Ex., dated 16th March 1908, of the Government of India in the Department of Finance and Commerce, printed in G.O., No. 903, Revenue, dated 30th March 1908, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.

- (b) Orders are being issued sanctioning the grant of allowances admissible under the Resolution with effect from the 1st of April for a period of six months.
- (c) Sanction has been accorded, on the application of certain District Boards and Municipal Councils, to the grant of compensation for dearth of food. The question of delegating to Collectors power to sanction within certain limits the grant of compensation to Local Fund and Municipal servants on the application of the local bodies concerned is under consideration, but the Government cannot direct local bodies to make such provision, nor are they prepared to give a general undertaking to contribute towards the cost.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

IX. (a) Is it a fact that the village of Peravaram in the Amalapuram taluk of the Gódvári district, two miles off the Bobbarlanka lock, consisting of about 425 houses, 3,000 inhabitants and paying an annual revenue of Rs. 15,000 to the Government, has been protected by a flood bank both before and after the construction of the Gódvári anicut and the Amalapuram canal, and that the bank had been strengthened after the construction of the anicut?

(b) Is it a fact that the protecting flood bank of the said village has been left out of repair for nearly ten years, and that the villagers had represented to the Revenue and the Public Works Department authorities of the state of disrepair of the bank?

(c) Is it a fact that during the recent floods in August last the bund was breached, the village was under water from the 17th August till the 11th September and the villagers were obliged to escape for their lives and live on the canal bank with their cattle during the said period and that notwithstanding the representations of the villagers to the local authorities and the subsidence of the floods no action was taken till the 11th September when an outlet was made for the water by breaching the canal banks?

(d) Is it a fact that 375 houses including tiled houses have fallen down, standing crops had been completely damaged and the villagers been put to considerable loss?

(e) Will the Government be pleased to state why no repairs had been made and why there was delay in making an outlet for the water, if the facts above stated are correct?

(f) Will the Government be pleased to state if any action has been taken towards strengthening the flood bank, and, if not, to immediately direct the repairing of the same so as to protect the village during the next floods?

(g) Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of land damaged by the floods and whether any remissions have been granted on such land or any compensation given to the ryots for the loss sustained by them beyond the postponement of the December and January kists for two months?

The Hon'ble Mr. Cardew :—

IX. This question was received on the afternoon of Tuesday last, and there has not been time to make such enquiry as would enable a detailed reply to be made to the various questions asked by the Honourable Member. The Government have received a report in the Revenue Department that the village, which, it is understood, is not protected by the flood-bank of the river, was inundated in August last, and the action taken by the Government was to suspend two kists. No remission was considered necessary as the land has since been recultivated. A free grant of palmyra trees and leaves was made in all cases which required it.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

X. Will the Government be pleased to revise the rule about remission on dry lands and empower the District Collector to grant remission on such lands subject to such limitations as to amount as the Government may think fit to impose?

The Hon'ble Mr. Cardew :—

X. The answer is in the negative.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

XI. (a) Have the Government received any memorial from the ryots of the Ellore, Bhimavaram, Tanuku, Yernagudem and Narsapur taluks, Kistna district, regarding the scheme of water distribution which has been introduced into their taluks?

(b) Is it a fact that, as stated in the said memorial, pipes of the following dimensions were issued till last year :—

Size.	Maximum area to be commanded.
6 inches	ACS. 27
9 "	61
12 "	110
15 "	170

and that pipes that are now being introduced are as follow :—

Size.	Maximum area to be commanded.
4 inches	ACS. 40
6 "	90
9 "	180
1 foot	360 ?

(c) Is it a fact that the water let out through Pippara and other channels branching off from the Undi canal has been in some one-fourth and in others one-third of the supply of the previous year?

(d) Is it a fact that during the year 1907 water had to be supplied in a very large number of cases where the new pipe system has been introduced by making breaches by the side of the pipe sluices even when the full supply level has been maintained according to the remodelling system?

(e) Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken to enquire into the truth of the statements and complaints made in the memorial, and if no action has been taken, will the Government be pleased to institute enquiries?

The Hon'ble Mr. Wilson :—

XI. A memorial has been received which has been referred to the Superintending Engineer for a full report.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

XII. (a) With reference to question No. LIII put by me at the meeting of the Council held on 2nd December 1907, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have obtained any and what information on the points referred to in parts (e), (h), (j) and (n) of the question; and if no information has been obtained, will they be pleased to call for the same?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state what provision has been made under the new system for the wastage of water admitted to be necessary in answer to part (i) of the said question?

The Hon'ble Mr. Wilson :—

XII. (a) Full reports on the system of distribution of water in the Gódvári district have been called for from the Public Works Department and the Land Revenue officers and are awaited. Government do not think it necessary to delay these by calling specifically for the details asked for by the Honourable Member.

(b) Government are advised that the supply of water provided is sufficient to prevent stagnation.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

XIII. (a) Is it a fact that several villages in the Hospet taluk (Bellary district) on the banks of the Tungabhadra or irrigated thereunder, especially Hosúr, Chittawadigi, Mudlápúram, Narasápúram, Basavandrug, Ippethevaroo, Venkatápúram and Hampi, are being depopulated chiefly owing to the prevalence of malaria?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the causes of the depopulation and introduce remedial measures?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson :—

XIII. The Government have no specific information as to the prevalence of malaria in the villages referred to or as to their depopulation. A report will be called for.

In G.O., No. 917 L., dated 2nd of August 1904, all district boards were instructed to draw up schemes for the suppression of malarial fever as part of the sanitary programmes of their districts.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

XIV. Will the Government be pleased to state the number of income-tax assesses under Part IV on incomes ranging from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 2,000—

(a) for the five years immediately prior to the raising of the taxable minimum to Rs. 1,000 and

(b) after the minimum had been raised?

The Hon'ble Mr. Cardew :—

XIV. The figures asked for by the Honourable Member are as follow :—

(a) Period of five years immediately prior to the raising of the taxable minimum—

	Number of assesses under Part IV.
1898-1899	
1899-1900	 15,047
1900-1901	 16,111
1901-1902	 16,563
1902-1903	 17,425
	 18,203

(b) Period of four years subsequent to the raising of the minimum—

	Number of assesses under Part IV.
1903-1904	
1904-1905	 19,751
1905-1906	 19,964
1906-1907	 19,820
	 19,766

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

XV. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many elementary schools have been newly opened during the year 1907-1908, and the direct cost of the maintenance of the same? and

(b) how many are proposed to be newly opened during 1908-1909?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson :—

XV. (a) The Government have no reliable information as to the number of new elementary schools opened in 1907-1908. In the reply given to question No. XI asked by the Honourable Member at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd December 1907 it was estimated that 228 new Board schools would be opened during the year. The actual figures will not be available until the annual report for 1907-1908 is compiled.

(b) It is impossible at present to form any reliable estimate of the number of elementary schools likely to be opened in 1908-1909.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

XVI. With reference to the answer of the Government to question No. LII (c) put by me at the Council meeting held on 2nd December 1907, will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have arrived at any definite conclusions on the subject of introducing the elective element into the Taluk Boards?

(b) what the conclusions are? and

(c) when the elective system is proposed to be introduced?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson :—

XVI. The subject is still under consideration.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

XVII. With reference to the answer of the Government to question No. LIV put by me at the Council meeting, dated 2nd December 1907, will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) if they have since ascertained the result of the enquiry regarding the circumstances under which the employé of the Madras Railway was said to have been assaulted?

(b) what the result of the enquiry is? and

(c) whether any action has been taken or is proposed to be taken either by the Government or the Railway authorities against the said officer with regard to his conduct which may have been disclosed during the course of the enquiry?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson :—

XVII. The Government have made no further inquiries into the matter and do not propose to do so.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu :—

XVIII. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Municipal Council of Anantapur has requested the Government to sanction a grant from public funds of Rs. 3,500 needed for the repair of the Victoria Memorial dispensary, Anantapur, and the Chairman has submitted a memorial on the subject?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to order an inquiry as to whether the statements therein regarding the state of the building are correct?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to favourably consider the request of the Municipal Council and sanction the grant of the sum required?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to have a reserve of two or three trained men for the office to secure the efficiency and continuity of the administration of the Medical department?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

XXIII. (a) The post of Personal Assistant to the Surgeon-General was created in May 1899. Since that day four officers of the Indian Medical Service have done duty in the appointment.

(b) The Government regret that they cannot entertain the proposal.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu:—

XXIV. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state if they have received any memorial from the Assistant Surgeons in their employ praying for the improvement of the pay and prospects of the Civil Assistant Surgeons in general?

(b) What action has been or is proposed to be taken in the matter?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

XXIV. The answer is in the affirmative. The memorials are under the consideration of Government.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu:—

XXV. (a) Is it a fact that small-pox of a virulent type prevails in several districts of the Presidency, that cholera has already made its appearance and that medical aid is not available in many parts of the country?

(b) (1) Will the Government be pleased to take early steps towards providing medical assistance and improving sanitation, and (2) to state how they propose to utilize the Government of India's grant of 3.50 lakhs towards sanitation?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

XXV. (a) According to the latest information available as compiled from the daily reports for March 1908 small-pox is severe in one taluk of the Vizagapatam district and in three taluks of Malabar. It does not appear to be of a specially virulent type. Cholera is much more severe than is usual at this time of year both in municipalities and in rural areas: small-pox is considerably less severe as will be seen from the statement placed on the table. The usual medical aid is available. There are, and always must be, parts of the country in which medical aid cannot be provided by Government.

(b) (1) Presidents of District Boards have been authorized generally to employ wherever necessary for temporary duty in connection with cholera any private hospital assistant who may be available locally if the Surgeon-General is unable to depute men from the reserve. The improvement of sanitation is a duty which rests primarily on the Local Boards and Municipal Councils, but the Government continue to make large grants for the provision of medical aid and the improvement of sanitation throughout the Presidency.

(b) (2) The grant referred to was communicated to this Government for the first time on the 20th of March. It is obviously impossible that the Government could have yet matured any comprehensive scheme for the expenditure of this sum.

The Hon'ble B. NARASIMHESWARA SARMA Garu:—

XXVI. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state if they have sent for the records in the criminal cases against Lieutenant Watts and others disposed of by the District Magistrate of the Nilgiris and the case in which the District Magistrate of Salem has acquitted Mr. Boyd of the Madras Railway accused of outraging the modesty of a Hindu lady travelling in the second class?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to send for the records if they have not already done so and obtain the opinion of the Law officers of the Government on the subject?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to see if departmental action should be taken against the officers concerned?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

XXVI. (a) & (b) The Honourable Member is referred to the answers given to questions Nos. IV and V.

(c) This Government have no control over the officers in question.

The Hon'ble K. R. GURUSWAMI AIYAR Avargal:—

XXVII. (a) Is it a fact that the Government of India have been pleased to extend the powers of the Local Government in regard to the grant of grain allowance to the clerks drawing salaries from Rs. 16 to Rs. 30?

(b) In view of the large rise in the prices of food-grains and other commodities, will the Government be pleased to sanction allowances in the case of subordinates drawing salaries from Rs. 16 to Rs. 30?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

XXVII. The Honourable Member is referred to the answer given to question No. VIII.

The Hon'ble K. R. GURUSWAMI AIYAR Avargal:—

XXVIII. Has the attention of Government been drawn to a leaderette which appeared in the *Hindu* of the 27th March 1908 under the heading "Government and low-paid servants"?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

XXVIII. The Government have perused the article.

The Hon'ble K. R. GURUSWAMI AIYAR Avargal:—

XXIX. Will Government be pleased to sanction increases of pay to clerks in all the City offices receiving salaries below Rs. 30 per mensem?

The Hon'ble Mr. Atkinson:—

XXIX. It has been decided that the minimum pay attached to a clerical post in the Stamp and Stationery office, Sea Customs office, Deputy Collector's office, Court of Small Causes and Government Educational offices in Madras City shall be Rs. 20.

(3) Act assented to by His Excellency the Governor.

The Secretary will report that the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908, which was passed into law at the meeting of the Council held on the 8th February 1908, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 25th March 1908.

(4) Financial Statement.

The Hon'ble Mr. G. Stokes, C.S.I., will explain the annual Financial Statement of the Government of Madras for the year 1908-1909.

H. D. TAYLOR,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

