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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. A. G. BOURNE, D.Sc., F.R.S., C.I.E., Director of Public Instruction, Madras.

To—the Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department.

Dated—the 3rd March 1910.

No.—Ref. on Cur. No. 143/10.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 173 L., dated 9th February 1910, I have the honour to recommend payment of the following amounts of Provincial contribution for education to the undermentioned District Boards for 1909-1910 :—

District Boards.	Provincial contribution for education recom- mended for payment for 1909-1910.
	RS.
1. Anantapur	3,030
2. Arcot, North	7,140 *
3. Arcot, South	3,850
4. Bellary	2,340
5. Coimbatore	6,770
6. Cuddapah	5,880
7. Górávari	34,280
8. Kistna	30,340
9. Koraput	11,210
10. Kurnool	11,430
11. Malabar	15,750
12. Nilgiris, The	930
13. Salem	30,600
14. Tanjore	9,150
15. Trichinopoly	8,720
16. Vizagapatam	24,870
Total ..	2,06,290

* Excludes Rs. 2,470 on account of the Yeomiah and Orphan school, Arcot, which seems to be paid from a separate provision.

An allotment of Rs. 2,10,000 is available for the purpose in the sanctioned budget for the current year under "22-I. Education—Miscellaneous".

2. The amounts, it will be observed, are the same as those provisionally entered in the sanctioned budgets of the District Boards for the current year, and I do not think that any alteration is needed in view of the revised estimates under Grant 2 proposed by the Boards in connection with the budget estimate for the next year. If my recommendation is approved, the Accountant-General may be authorized to disburse the amounts to the Boards, as soon as possible, before the close of the official year.

3. My recommendation in regard to contributions payable to Municipalities for the current year will be submitted separately.

Order—No. 136, Educational, dated 18th March 1910.

The proposals of the Director of Public Instruction for the final distribution among the various District Boards of the educational subsidy for 1909-1910 are approved.

2. The Accountant-General will be requested to disburse the amounts to the District Boards concerned before the close of the current year.

(True Extract.)

L. M. WYNCH,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Accountant-General.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Presidents of District Boards.
" Financial Department.
Editors' Table.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 136, EDUCATIONAL,
DATED 18TH MARCH 1910.

[SUBJECT.—Submitting proposals in regard to the amount of Provincial contribution for education payable to the District Boards for 1909–1910.]

Previous papers.

G.O., No. 1547 L.,	dated 18th November 1908.
" " 124 Edl.	" 5th March 1909.
" " 173 L.	" 9th February 1910.
" " 255 L.	" 1st March "

From the Director of Public Instruction, dated 3rd March 1910, Ref. on Cur. No. 143.

In the budget estimates of District Boards for 1909–1910 credit was taken provisionally for a grant of Rs. 2,06,290 to District Boards, for education, and, as directed in G.O., No. 173 L., dated 9th February 1910, the Director of Public Instruction now submits proposals for the final distribution of the grant among the several District Boards. It may be noted that the distribution now proposed is identical with the provisional distribution above referred to.

2. In the notes connected with the budget estimate of the Koraput District Board for 1910–1911 the Secretary remarked thus:—

"The principle on which these subsidies are calculated must, I think, be reconsidered. They appear to have been based hitherto mainly on the actuals required to pay teaching grants in full, so that the richest Boards in most cases get the largest grants. It is for consideration whether the grant should not in future be distributed also with a view to the extension of primary education in the more backward and poorer districts. I should like therefore to have a statement prepared for consideration when the Director of Public Instruction's proposals for final distribution come up for orders—showing—

"(1) District Board.

"(2) Population.

"(3) Population of school-going age (15 per cent. of 2).

"(4) Cost of primary education for population in three at Rs. 5 * per head.

* Or whatever the average cost of a primary pupil is—vide annual report.

"(5) Ten per cent. of Board's income from ordinary revenues.

"(6) Amount actually spent by the Board on education excluding grant.

"(7) Grant paid last year.

"A comparison of columns 5 and 6 will show if the Boards are spending the average share of their income on education and a comparison between columns 4 and 5 will show how far grants are needed to supplement a Board's resources so

"as to enable it to extend primary education, and we can then see whether the system on which grants are allotted at present—column 7—fits in with these needs."

3. The statement required by the Secretary is submitted and two more columns have been opened, one to show the distribution of the grant proposed for 1909-1910 by the Director of Public Instruction, and the other the distribution to be ordered by the Secretary.

District Board.	Population.	Population of school-going age (15 per cent. of 2).	Cost of primary education for population in three at Rs. 6 per head.	Ten per cent. of the Board's income from ordinary revenues (1908-1909).	Amount actually spent by the Board on education excluding grants, i.e., from its own funds (1908-1909).	Grant paid in 1908-1909.	Grant recommended by the Director of Public Instruction for payment for 1909-1910.	Grant as ordered by the Secretary.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Anantapur ..	780,316	117,047	Rs. 7,02,282	Rs. 13,232	Rs. 19,567	Rs. 23,380	Rs. 3,030	..
2. Aroot, North ..	2,117,288	317,593	19,05,558	39,212	46,857	65,193	† 7,140	..
3. Aroot, South ..	2,250,700	339,105	20,34,630	48,844	63,547	59,410	3,850	..
4. Bellary ..	858,551	128,783	7,72,698	20,517	28,837	29,244	2,340	..
5. Canara, South ..	1,086,997	163,049	9,78,294	28,754	50,041	29,626	..	..
6. Chingleput ..	1,255,407	188,311	11,29,886	28,433	18,242	51,444	..	..
7. Coimbatore ..	2,120,374	318,056	19,08,336	48,146	64,103	64,393	6,770	..
8. Cuddapah ..	1,274,835	191,225	11,47,350	18,085	39,987	38,507	5,880	..
9. Ganjam ..	1,645,360	246,804	14,80,824	39,317	60,471	62,165	..	..
10. Gódvári ..	1,312,415	196,862	11,81,172	57,005	87,546	60,604	34,280	..
11. Guntár ..	1,446,938	217,041	13,02,246	52,840	82,880	34,521	..	..
12. Kistna ..	1,643,104	246,466	14,78,796	73,933	93,571	72,047	30,340	..
13. Koraput ..	455,078	68,262	4,09,572	5,007	1,871	12,712	11,219	..
14. Kurnool ..	831,542	124,731	7,48,386	20,505	29,782	46,564	11,430	..
15. Madura ..	2,663,074	399,461	23,96,766	74,028	77,446	62,016	..	..
16. Malabar ..	2,594,155	389,123	23,34,738	48,746	38,184	1,12,886	15,750	..
17. Nellore ..	1,227,911	184,187	11,05,122	29,846	36,715	27,731	..	..
18. Nilgiris, The ..	85,893	12,883	77,298	5,695	7,564	4,833	930	..
19. Salem ..	2,103,659	315,549	18,93,294	45,711	68,777	60,101	30,600	..
20. Tanjore ..	2,025,571	303,836	18,23,016	76,137	94,765	67,828	9,150	..
21. Tinnevely ..	2,057,269	308,590	18,51,640	51,305	55,229	84,575	..	..
22. Trichinopoly ..	1,317,010	197,552	11,85,312	36,629	49,004	34,164	8,720	..
23. Vizagapatam ..	2,235,486	335,323	20,11,938	45,159	55,059	71,032	24,870	..
Total ..	35,398,933	5,309,839	3,18,59,034	9,08,126	11,70,045	11,45,933	2,06,290	..

* Rs. 1,826 out of the sanctioned grant was refunded.

† Excludes Rs. 24,702 on account of the Yeomiah and Orphan school, Aroot, which seems to be paid from a separate provision.

4. The order sanctioning the final distribution of the subsidy should issue in the Educational Department—cf. G.O., No. 124, Educational, dated 5th March 1909.

K.V.V.—10-3-10.

N. CHENGAL RAO—10-3-10.

The distribution proposed by the Director of Public Instruction may be approved and orders drafted accordingly. The statement put up shows that the expenditure on education varies very much in proportion to the actual requirements as judged by the population needing education being about $\frac{1}{10}$ of the amount required in Gódvári but only $\frac{1}{15}$ in North Aroot and $\frac{1}{25}$ in Bellary. It is for consideration whether grants in excess of the amount now paid should not in future be made so as to remedy these inequalities. In Tanjore, Trichinopoly and Salem the population is more uniform $\frac{1}{15}$ to $\frac{1}{20}$. Please return the papers after the order issues.

L. M. WYNCH—11-3-10.

A draft order is submitted below for approval. If approved, it may be sent to the Educational Department for issue—cf. G.O., No. 124, Educational, dated 5th March 1909.

S.A.M.—12-3-10.

N. CHENGAL RAO—12-3-10.

The draft order is submitted for approval.

L. M. WYNCH—14-3-10.

I am sorry, but I do not understand these papers. Why are only 16 Boards mentioned in the current?

Why in G.O., No. 1547, dated 18th November 1908, was a distribution made to six Boards of Rs. 26,370?

What is the grant in the Educational Budget?

Are these grants exclusively for primary education?

Nor do I understand the columns 7 and 6 of the statement. Take Chingleput, for instance. It shows Rs. 18,242 spent on education excluding grants—i.e., excluding Provincial grant (?)—yet it shows a total of Rs. 51,444 and grant paid—what grant I do not know? Apparently, the Provincial grant was Rs. 4,240 and the figures to me are quite unintelligible.

Before we alter the rates of the Provincial grants we shall have to consult the Director of Public Instruction. At present I presume the grants are paid according to each school opened and as a district like Gódvári has a great number of schools, so the grant is large. In Bellary or Cuddapah, I suppose, if the Board opens more schools, the grant will increase. We pay the same rates of grant, I presume, in Gódvári and Cuddapah or Bellary. We might of course treat the Ceded districts as backward and give the schools there twice the grant rates made elsewhere. But I do not see how otherwise we can increase the grants in the poorer districts—the grants depend on the number of schools and unless you increase the schools you cannot increase the grants.

M. H[AMMICK]—15-3-10.

I am sorry I did not make the matter plainer at the outset.

The notes to G.O., No. 1547 L., dated 18th November 1908, show how the preliminary distribution was arrived at. From the total grant given in 1908-1909, the cost of Supervisor's establishment and the teaching grants thereafter payable from Provincial direct were deducted leaving a balance of 2.06 as grants payable to 16 District Boards in aid of their elementary schools.

In the case of six Boards the Government grant did not cover the whole cost of teaching grants plus Supervisor's Establishment, but fell short by Rs. 26,370. These Boards, therefore, not only paid out of their own funds for the maintenance of their Board Elementary schools but also contributed the amounts referred to towards the payment of teaching grants to aided schools.

As their finances could afford it, they were left to continue doing so. Hence these Boards get no grants.

In his final distribution the Director of Public Instruction simply repeats the figures of the preliminary distribution. The Budget provision is 2.10 lakhs under 22-I. Miscellaneous.

Taking the case of Chingleput, which is singled out by the Honourable Member, the figure in column 7 of the statement, Rs. 51,444, shows the total grant from Provincial paid in 1908-1909 as teaching grants and cost of Supervisor's establishment. The Board spent in addition Rs. 18,242 out of its own funds on its own elementary schools.

Chingleput gets no Provincial grant now as its total expenditure on Board schools is less than 10 per cent. of its general Local Fund receipts, but on the other hand is one of the six districts required to a portion (Rs. 4,240) of the teaching grant.

The distribution of the Provincial subsidy in aid of elementary education is thus based primarily on the amount of grant which the Boards got in 1908-1909 over and above the amount required to pay teaching grants to aided schools and cost of supervisors, the Boards' contribution to education varies between 10 and 15 per cent. of their general Local Fund receipts.

The Budget figure of 2.10 lakhs has been repeated again this year.

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Extension of education (elementary) is thus practically dependent (so far as financial considerations are concerned) on an increase in the Provincial subsidy, as except in the case of the six Boards which at present pay a contribution to teaching grants the expansion of the Boards' own revenues is not enough to provide for more schools, regard being had to their objections under other minor heads. I am going into the question with the Director of Public Instruction at Ootacamund.

L. M. WYNCH—18-3-10.

Honourable Member has initialled on the draft order. The case was explained in person.

L. M. WYNCH—18-3-10.

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