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READ—the following paper :—

Letter—from the Hon'ble Mr. H. SHARP, C.I.E., Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education (Education).
To—the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Educational Department.
Dated—Calcutta, the 13th February 1912.
No.—378.

On December the 12th, 1911, at the Coronation Durbar, it was announced that the Government of India would devote at once 50 lakhs to the promotion of truly popular education. The grant will take effect from 1st April 1912. It will form an addition to provincial budgets over and above previous expenditure on education: and it will be recurring.

2. I am directed to say that it has been decided that the grant shall be devoted to the five objects specified below. In the first instance a grant of 45 lakhs will be distributed. This distribution will not include Coorg, the North-West Frontier Province or the areas under the administration of political officers. For these a lump sum of Rs. 75,000 is set apart. The residue of $4\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs will be held as a reserve and will be distributed later in the year in such proportion to provinces and to the objects presently to be named as may appear desirable.

3. The five objects to which it has been decided to devote the grant and the proportion of the 45 lakhs to be allotted to each of those objects are as follows :—

	LAKHS.
	RS.
(a) The extension and improvement of elementary education for boys, including the extension of free education.	30
(b) Education (mainly elementary) of girls	5
(c) Hostels	5
(d) Technical and industrial education	2
(e) Education of Europeans and Anglo-Indians	3

4. I am to note briefly on these objects :—

(a) *Elementary education of boys.*—Attention is invited to Education Department letters No. 940-949, dated the 6th July 1911, and No. 952-961, dated the 6th July 1911. As regards the former, it is not intended to make elementary education of boys generally free. In some provinces such education is already free and in the majority of provinces considerable provision is already made for giving free elementary instruction to those boys whose parents are likely to be in any way inconvenienced by the payment of fees. But it is desirable that local Governments should carefully consider those provisions and should extend them by reasonable concessions to cultivators and others of small income whose children are reading elementary courses in existing schools. As facilities for education are increased among the poorer and more backward sections of the population, it is probable that still larger exemptions from the payment of fees will be found requisite in the new schools established for this purpose. As regards the second letter, the grant is intended to facilitate the establishment of new schools of the elementary type therein described and to provide, according to the needs of each province, for the training of elementary teachers, the enhancement of the pay of existing teachers and the erection of school buildings. The Government of India desire that the grants now

made should be given largely to the extension of elementary education and the extension of the principle of free elementary education for those that cannot afford to pay fees. There are two further objects regarding which the Government of India have at various times called for information and the replies concerning which show that they are deserving of very special consideration. These are the improvement of the facilities for elementary education in municipal areas, and the establishment of special half-time schools for children employed on plantations or in factories.

(b) *The education of girls.*—It is considered that the bulk of the allotment under this head will most fitly be expended upon elementary education and training; but it is not intended to fetter local Governments in this matter.

(c) *Hostels.*—It is presumed that in the first instance the grant now made will mainly be expended upon the erection of buildings for the reception of pupils in colleges and high schools. The Government of India however are deeply impressed with the importance of making proper provision for superintendence in hostels. The growth of these institutions will throw upon budgets an ever-increasing recurrent charge. And I am to say that local Governments will be responsible for meeting this charge.

(d) *Technical and Industrial Education.*—It is understood that much is needed in the way of workshops and equipment; and in cases where schemes for industrial education have been submitted but not yet sanctioned, it is thought that money may usefully be expended upon these and kindred objects.

(e) *Education of Europeans and Anglo-Indians.*—It is requested that some portion of the sum for this object may be devoted to increasing the number of free pupils or reducing fees in the elementary classes.

5. The approximate distribution of the present grant to the objects named will be preserved not only in the financial year 1912-13, but also in subsequent years; and the grants in these proportions may be regarded as recurrent and hence can safely be utilised either on capital or recurrent objects.

6. The immediate grant of 45 lakhs has been distributed between provinces in regard to the population, the number of pupils in different kinds of institutions and the expenditure from public funds on such institutions; and the totals have been rounded off to lakhs and half lakhs of rupees. The sum allotted to the Madras Presidency is—

	RS.
(a) Elementary Education of boys	5,53,000
(b) Education of girls	87,000
(c) Hostels	96,000
(d) Technical and Industrial education	12,000
(e) Education of Europeans and Anglo-Indians	52,000
Total ..	8,00,000

7. I am to say that the Government of India are of opinion that the intention of this grant as announced at the Coronation Durbar will be suitably carried out by the approximate assignment of the sums here shown to the specific objects, and that in succeeding years these proportions of expenditure together with any additions subsequently made from the reserve of $4\frac{1}{4}$ lakhs may reasonably be preserved. The Government of India, however, are desirous to have the benefit of the views of His Excellency in Council regarding the special needs of the province and the amounts required for them, and they will be glad to receive these and to consider them with reference to any grants which may in future years be made in addition to the recurring grant of 50 lakhs with which this communication deals. They also request that, with the permission of His Excellency in Council, the Director of Public Instruction may indicate the objects on which this grant has been expended together with the amounts expended on each object in his annual reports and more especially in quinquennial reports.

Order—No. 204, Educational, dated 2nd March 1912.

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2. With reference to paragraph 7 of Mr. Sharp's letter, Dr. Bourne will also be requested to furnish Government with a detailed expression of his views regarding the special needs of education in the Madras Presidency and the amounts required for them.

(True Extract.)

L. DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Instruction.
" Financial Department.
" Local and Municipal Department.

From the Govt. of India, No. 378, dated 13th Feb. 1912.

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