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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording Note Connected with the
Resolution regarding the appointment of an
advisory Committee for industrial
work moved by the Hon Chidambaram Iyer
at the meeting of the Legislative Council
held on the 24th Nov 1914

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH RESOLUTION ON MATTERS OF
GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

[SUBJECT.—*Constitution of an advisory board to co-operate with the Director of Industries.*]

Resolution proposed to be moved by the Hon'ble Mr. K. CHIDAMBARANATHA MUDALIYAR at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 20th November 1914 :—

XX. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council the constitution at an early date of an Advisory Board of qualified persons, not less than one-half of whom should be non-official Indians, to co-operate with the Director of Industries in promoting the improvement of existing industries and the introduction of new industries.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

To Under Secretary—

In accordance with the orders in G.O. No. 892, Revenue, dated 21st March 1914, the Resolution is to be dealt with in the Educational Department. Submitted that this may be transferred to that department.

K.A.M.—6-11-14.

M.R.N.—6-11-14.

Secretary—

According to the order quoted above I think this resolution should be dealt with in Educational.

L. J. P. JOLLY—7-11-14.

Yes : it is only with "pumping and boring operations and those developments thereof which directly affect agriculture" that Revenue is concerned. I think we may say at once that in the limited and specialised department an advisory committee could hardly be appointed with any public advantage.

Will Educational take responsibility for the resolution ?

L. DAVIDSON—7-11-14.

Educational Department u.o.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

One of the recommendations of the Ootacamund Industrial Conference held in 1908 was that the Government might undertake, as a pioneer, the introduction of new industries or industrial processes for the purpose of training students or apprentices or for demonstrating that such industries would be commercially successful, provided that no such undertaking should be engaged in without prior consultation with an *Advisory Board*, upon which Indian interests and the leading commercial and trading interests in the Presidency should be represented. On the latter subject of the formation of the advisory board, the Hon'ble Mr. Stokes noted as follows :—

" It (the Board) is apparently to be a standing body But in my opinion such a board would be useless. What is really wanted and would be useful would be that any new industry which it was proposed to take up should be referred to an advisory board appointed *ad hoc*."

The Hon'ble Mr. Forbes also noted on the same lines; and in the order, which was passed on the recommendations of the conference, the Government stated as follows:—

“The proposal to constitute such an advisory board as is contemplated in the fifth resolution of the conference commends itself to Government, though it would appear to His Excellency in Council essential that this advisory board should not be a standing body of fixed and unchanging composition, but should be constituted afresh for each occasion on which a reference to it is desirable, so that it may always include the best expert opinion on the special subject under consideration.”

No permanent advisory board was therefore constituted as recommended by the conference; nor was any temporary one created except in regard to industrial education. The activities of the department have been in abeyance till recently

awaiting the final orders of the Secretary of State regarding the constitution of the department. There have not till now been many occasions necessitating the creation of advisory bodies. Further, under the orders of the Secretary of State the department is prevented from engaging itself in *commercial* undertakings thus limiting its sphere of activity to experiments and demonstrations. As observed by the Secretary of State's Despatch on pages 23 and 24 of G.O. No. 3851, Revenue, dated 30th December 1912.

Revenue Secretary's note on page 1 *supra*. At present there does not also seem to be any particular question relating to industrial development which will need the advice of a committee.

The resolutions of the Industrial Conference lay down the general lines on which the work of the department should proceed. The Legislative Council and the press already furnish sufficient media for drawing the attention of the Government to any particular line of action. It is, therefore, for consideration whether the resolution may be opposed on the ground that such a committee is not needed at present.

Under rule 3 of the rules regulating secretariat procedure in dealing with these resolutions, the Legislative Department has to be informed as to who will take charge of the resolution at the meeting of the Legislative Council.

For orders.
P.R.—11-11-14.

S.K.—10-11-14.

C.R.—10-11-14.

His Excellency—

Honourable Member (Revenue)—

Mr. Tressler's department is struggling for existence: and I fear that, just now, a permanent advisory board will be a handicap more than anything else.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—11-11-14.

Submitted for orders whether the file may not be circulated to the Honourable Member in the first instance, as papers cannot be sent to His Excellency until the 13th.

C.R.—11-11-14.

Will Honourable Member (Revenue) note on this first, as a special case?

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—11-11-14.

I agree with Mr. Rajagopala Achariyar that a permanent advisory board would be a handicap more than anything else to Mr. Tressler. It was lately suggested, I think, by the Hon'ble Mr. Sivaswami Ayyar that a committee might be appointed to assist Mr. Tressler in regard to the possible development of fresh industries, in consequence of the interruption of German and Austrian imports. In this connection I spoke to Mr. Tressler myself and asked him whether he would like a committee appointed. His reply was that there was no one who could be put upon such a committee with whom he was not already personally in touch and that it was really better for him to consult informally and individually any body who possessed special knowledge of any industry than to have a formal committee which might tie his hands and impede his action. I think that this represents the correct view of the matter.

A. G. CARDEW—12-11-14.

Submitted to His Excellency for orders.

P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—13-11-14.

I agree.

Mr. Rajagopalachariar to be ready to take part in the discussion.

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Submitted to E. J. Prader.

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I agree.

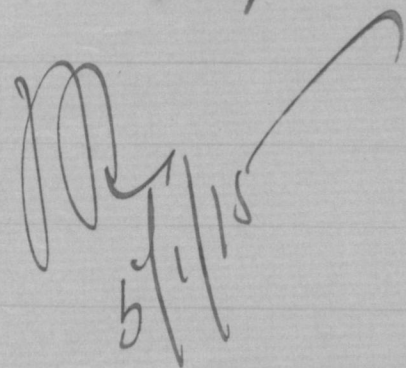
W. Rajapalechani has ready to take part in
the discussion.

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14.11.14.

② Please see pages 210 to 212 of Council proceedings placed below. The resolution regarding the constitution of an Advisory Board for the Dept of Industries was withdrawn by the mover; and no immediate action is called for on the resolution. The paper may therefore, if it is submitted, be recorded. A draft order is placed below for approval.

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Extract from the Proceedings of an adjourned Meeting of the Council of the Governor of Fort St. George assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament, 24 & 25 Vict., C. 67, 55 & 56 Vict., C. 14, and 9 Edw. 7, C. 4.

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 24th day of November 1914.

ADVISORY BOARD FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

The Hon'ble Mr. K. CHIDAMBARANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"I am quite satisfied with the very clear statement * made by your Excellency in regard to this matter, but I think it is necessary to say a word about the resolution I have brought forward simply in explanation of the peculiar nature of it in contradistinction to the other resolutions.† That takes me to what the special officer who was requested to report to Government on this question of the existing state of industries refers particularly in page 3 of G.O. No. 2802, dated 26th September 1914. In the report of Mr. Tressler he says, 'especially for lack of industrial organization nothing is possible to be done at present.' That is what he considers. That is the one and the only drawback which hinders him in any progress that he thinks may be made under the present circumstances; and the only purpose for which I brought forward this resolution to-day is to make a small beginning to provide this province with that industrial organization, which is so absolutely necessary for any progress that may be made in this Presidency. For that purpose I have thought it fit to bring forward this proposal before this Government. It is a very simple proposal which is hardly of a contentious character and which I hope is well within the powers of this Government. The resolution that I beg to move is as follows:—

'XIII. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council the constitution, at an early date, of an Advisory Board of qualified persons, not less than one-half of whom should be non-official Indians, to co-operate with the Director of Industries in promoting the improvement of existing industries and the introduction of new industries.'

"I believe that this will be a measure calculated not only to help us in the presentress, but it will also be a step in the direction of progress permanently throughout this province. It is a very small step, a step which, I believe, will not affect anybody, either Government or any trade interest or in any way the orders of the Secretary of State. It was put forward in a previous discussion on the subject. It is a very necessary, essential initial step, which we will do well to take at this opportune moment. This I consider to be a precursor of a complete set of organizations, of which this should be the central organization, to spring up, as time goes on, gradually in each industrial centre from the bigger to smaller and again to smaller ones. That is my view in bringing this resolution before the Council, and I do not think it necessary at this stage, after the full discussion we have had on the previous resolution, to dilate upon the conditions at present of the province as they have been put fully before the Council and as they are just fresh in their minds. As His Excellency kindly observed there is absolutely no difference in the standpoint of the non-officials or Government in this matter. We see that for instance, with regard to the ground-nut, the present is a most excellent opportunity to make a move in the matter to see that not only the trade of this country is helped, but also the agriculture of this country is helped. What I mean is, if the valuable cattle food in the shape of cakes are preserved in the country, it will mean a lot of help to agriculturists.

* Vide discussion on resolution No. XI of the Hon'ble Mr. K. R. V. Krishna Rao.

† Nos. XI, XII and XIV.

Advisory Board for industrial development.

(Mr. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar ; Mr. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar ;
Mr. Cardew ; the President.)

Already the export of hides is going up every year, and after the war the export is bound to increase. If in this way an advisory board is brought into existence, it will be a sort of intermediary between the Government on the one hand and the public on the other. It will give the non-official view of every matter and I believe it will be a source of help to Government in more ways than one. It will help them to understand the conditions of the people and of the country and it will help also to strengthen the hands of Government in developing their policy in industries. With this particular object in view I brought forward this resolution and I earnestly trust that the Government will find absolutely no difficulty in accepting this small but most important step, which is really bound to give the greatest good to the country. I hope that the Government will see their way to accept this resolution."

The Hon'ble Mr. A. T. G. M. AHMAD TAMBI MARAKKAYAR :—"Your Excellency, in seconding the resolution moved by my Honourable friend, I beg to say a few words.

"It is a well-known fact that the present outbreak of war stands in the way of all commerce and trade, especially in the way of seaborne trade. For example, boatmen and stevedoring coolies are put to much hardship and starvation.

"Unless the Government undertake to establish such industries at its earliest opportunity, I am afraid the position of affairs will become from bad to worse. I am not against the foreign trade; my only object is that the people of this Presidency should also be trained with some knowledge of industry so as to enable them to be of some use at a time like the present juncture.

"So I strongly second this resolution with a request that the Government will kindly arrange to establish an advisory board to improve and introduce such industries as they think proper in various places, more especially in seaport towns."

The Hon'ble Mr. A. G. CARDEW :—"Your Excellency, the suggestion made in this resolution is that an advisory board of qualified persons, not less than one-half of whom should be non-official Indians, might be constituted to co-operate with the Director of Industries in promoting the improvement of existing industries and the introduction of new industries. I may mention that some few weeks ago the same suggestion was put forward and I talked with Mr. Tressler about it. His answer was briefly as follows :—

"I am already in touch with anybody in Madras who is able to give me advice on industries. I can get it much better by private communication than I could, if they were tied on to me as a Board. There are a certain number of people who can give me advice, and I am already able to get that advice unofficially and direct; and I would prefer to be left unfettered in that direction."

"So far as a permanent committee or board is concerned I think it would be wise to accept Mr. Tressler's wish on the subject, and leave him to obtain information direct from the gentlemen who are known to possess special knowledge on special subjects, and not to attempt to create a formal board, which in some analogous cases, like that of the Central Board of Agriculture, has not proved of much use.

"Secondly, there is a possibility of a conference on the subject, and the Council is probably aware that your Excellency has summoned a large conference which is to meet next month and which will be attended by representatives not only of agriculture, but of a large number of industries and trades. That conference will enable all the general representatives of industries in the Presidency to come forward and give advice to the Government as to what can be done. That will be most useful. There will be a conference to deal with the immediate situation, and at that conference we shall have all the advisers that the Government could put on to any board. That, I think, will meet the object which the Hon'ble Mr. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar has in view. Therefore, I should deprecate the creation of a permanent board. I suggest to him that the conference which your Excellency is summoning next month will meet the object which he has in view as regards obtaining advice about industrial development in all directions."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT :—"Does the Honourable gentleman wish to make a reply?"

Advisory Board for industrial development.

(Mr. Chidambaranatha Mudaliyar ; the President.)

The Hon'ble Mr. K. CHIDAMBARANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I wish to say a word. I wanted that advisory board to be a responsible board which could responsibly associate itself with the Director not only to meet him at the present crisis but for all time. It is that which was chiefly my intention. I do not feel convinced by what the Hon'ble Mr. Cardew has said with regard to the way that His Excellency has proposed to proceed in the matter, that is by inviting a conference, my object will be achieved. Conferences, I do admit, have a value, an inestimable value, but I believe that there is a real difference between a conference that meets once in a way, and a permanent body of responsible advisers, who on the one hand advise Government and on the other hand advise and know the people as well. It is that body which I think would be really useful not only in the present crisis but also in the permanent interests of the country. I hope that the Government will see their way to have such a board even though they say, as the Hon'ble Mr. Cardew has said, that the Board of Agriculture has not succeeded. But I do think that if the body is really a competent body, it cannot but be of use and advantage in the industrial development of the country, which every one of us so ardently wishes for. Anyhow if the Hon'ble Mr. Cardew can say that, over and above this conference, the Government will consider the matter of having a permanent advisory board, I should be satisfied."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT :—"Their present view is that it is unnecessary for a time of crisis. The Honourable gentleman may be sure that if the time should come when the Government think that a permanent board is necessary, they will consider it again."

With the permission of His Excellency the President, the resolution was withdrawn.

W. FRANCIS,
Ag. Secretary to Government, Legislative Dept.

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