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[Despatch Abstract.]

Conference Recording the resolution
relative to education passed
at the second Kurnool District

2nd Kurnool District Conference, Nandyal.

23rd and 24th October 1915.

Held under the Presidency of the Hon'ble Rao Bahadur B. N. SARMA,
B. A., B. L., High Court Vakil and Member of the Legislative Council, Madras.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE CONFERENCE.

I. Loyalty.

That this conference expresses its unswerving loyalty and deep devotion to the throne and person of His Imperial Majesty and fervently prays for the glorious success of the British Arms and the speedy termination of the present war.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR.

II. Death of the Hon'ble Mr. G. K. Gokhale.

This conference desires to place on record its sense of profound sorrow at the irreparable loss the country has sustained by the untimely death of India's greatest statesman, the Hon'ble Mr. G. K. Gokhale.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR.

III. Land settlement and land-cess.

This conference is of opinion

- (a) That the land revenue on Ryotwari holdings should be permanently settled.
- (b) That, having regard to the poverty of the District, the land-cess should not be enhanced.

Mr. T. Chidambara Rau-Proposer.

Mr. A. Nagi Reddi-Second.

IV. Arms licenses.

This conference brings to the notice of the Government and the District Magistrate the great hardship caused by the refusal of licenses for the possession of fire arms to a large number of respectable individuals in the District and prays that the grievance in respect thereof be remedied as early as possible.

Mr. N. Ramaswamy Aiyar-Proposer.

Mr. P. V. Bheema Rao-Second.

V. Local Self-Government.

This conference is of opinion that the resolution of the Government of India on Local Self-Government enunciates a retrogressive policy and is unsatisfactory and prays

- (a) (1) That the qualifications for voters and candidates in Municipalities be gradually removed so that ultimately the largest number of voters may elect such person as they consider fit.
- (2) That non-officials be appointed Presidents of District Boards in a few selected Districts in the Presidency.
- (3) That all the members of the Local Boards, and Municipalities be elected and that the Presidents of Taluk Boards be elected non-officials.

That for purposes stated above, Legislation may be undertaken wherever necessary and that till such Legislation may be undertaken, all the seats that can be filled up by election under the existing District Municipalities and Local Boards Acts be thrown open to election.

- (b) That non-official presidents be appointed to the Taluk Boards of Nandyal and Markapur.
- (c) That Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars be prohibited from standing for election to the District Board.
- (d) That village officers be prohibited from standing for election to the Taluk Boards.
- (e) That the Nandyal Municipal Council be given the privilege of electing its own Chairman.
- (f) That all Unions in the District which are the Head Quarters of a Tahsildar or a Deputy Tahsildar be given the elective franchise and the privilege of electing their own Chairman.

Mr. K. Ekambara Iyer-Proposer.
Mr. P. Ramayya-Second.

VI. Village Panchayets.

- (a) This conference is of opinion that the order of the Local Government on Village Panchayets issued recently is very unsatisfactory and does not tend to promote village corporate life in the Province.
- (b) This conference draws the attention of the Government to the immediate necessity of constituting Village Panchayets on the lines suggested by the Decentralisation commission empowering them to try civil and criminal cases.

Rao Bahadur S. V. Narasimha Rao-Proposer.
Mr. N. Ramaswamy Aiyar-Second.

VII. Communications.

- (a) That as the number of Post and Telegraph offices is too few to meet the growing demands of the public, this conference urges the necessity of opening more village post offices and Telegraph offices at convenient village centres in the District.
- (b) This conference begs to invite the attention of the Government and the District Board to the immediate necessity of
 - (1) Laying out a metalled road from Nandyal to Mahanandi,

- (2) Providing more village roads in the District in order to facilitate communication with the centres of trade.
- (3) Repairing the road from Tuggali to Pattikonda which is now in a very bad condition.
- (4) Constructing a metalled road to Sreesailam.
- (5) Connecting the Cumbum Railway Station with the Ongole road by means of a metalled road running through Ravipad.
- (6) Constructing a railway line from Nandyal to the proposed terminus of the Yerragudipad section undertaken by the Cuddapah District Board.
- (7) Extending the Railway line from Kurnool to Gadwal as the Nizam's Government is laying out a railway line from Hyderabad to Raichur Via Gadwal, so as to provide direct communication from Kurnool to Hyderabad.

Mr. M. Neelakanta Iyer-Proposer.
Mr. J. Fakeer Reddy-Second.

VIII. Railway grievances.

This conference brings to the notice of the Government and the Railway authorities concerned the following grievances and prays that they may be remedied soon.

- (1) The marked unpunctual running of all trains on the main line between Bezwada and Guntakal and the Kurnool branch line.
- (2) The want of a spacious and decent waiting room for third-class passengers at the Dronachalam junction and the want of second-class waiting rooms at Markapur and Giddalur.
- (3) The want of a proper building with covering for the Station Platform of the Kurnool Station.
- (4) The tedious and inconvenient halting at Dronachalam Junction extending over some hours for all passengers proceeding from Kurnool to Guntakal and Stations beyond and Vice-Versa.
- (5) The need for an intermediate class for passengers on the Bezwada-Guntakal line.
- (6) The need for a passenger train on the Bezwada-Guntakal line.

Mr. N. Rangaswami Iyengar-Proposer.
Mr. N. Ratnasabhupathi Iyengar-Second.

IX. Volunteering.

This conference prays that in order to afford an opportunity for the Indian Nation to serve as an efficient unit in the defence of the British Empire, a system of volunteering be introduced in the country.

Mr. G. Harisarvatham Rao-Proposer.
Mr. R. Aiyakutti Iyengar-Second.

X. Andhra Movement.

This conference accords its hearty support to the Andhra movement and upholds its ideals as they tend to the advancement of the Andhras.

Mr. G. Harisarvothama Rau-Proposer.

Mr. T. Chidambara Rau-Second.

XI. Forest grievances.

This conference requests

- (1) That in accordance with the recommendation of the Forest committee, Forest Panchayets be constituted at convenient centres in this District.
- (2) That facilities be afforded for procuring agricultural implements.
- (3) That for grazing cattle, Forest reserves be fixed at a distance of not less than one mile from village limits.
- (4) That cattle be allowed to graze from one range to another in the Forest District instead of being limited, as at present, to a particular range for which license has been taken.
- (5) That the existing grazing areas in the Forest not being adequate, be further extended.
- (6) That the seigniorage on leaf manure be reduced from its present excessive rate of Re. 1 to its former rate of annas 5.
- (7) That permission may be granted for penning cattle in the Forest at nights.
- (8) That the Government be pleased to fix a scale of maximum selling price for fuel and other forest produce and insert the same in the agreements with the contractors for their guidance.
- (9) That the grazing fees be collected in four instalments as before instead of in one instalment as at present.

Brahmasri B. Mahanandayya-Proposer.

Mr. P. Bussa Reddi-Second.

Mr. Gangisetty Thimmayyah-Supporter.

XII. Education.

Considering the mass of illiteracy and ignorance prevailing in this District, this conference is of opinion

- (a) (1) That Board Elementary schools for boys be opened in every village with a population of 800 and upwards.
- (2) That Board Elementary schools for girls be started in every village having a population of 2,500 and upwards.
- (3) That increased grants be made to all existing aided Elementary Schools.
- (4) That Elementary education be made free to all classes of people.

- (5) That discretion be given to Municipal Councils to introduce compulsory education in their areas and that necessary changes be made in the District Municipalities Act in the course of its impending revision.

- (b) This conference respectfully invites the attention of the Government to the fact that the absence of Secondary Schools in such outlying places as Pattikonda, Markapur, Koilkuntla, Atmakur and Cumbum has impeded the progress of Secondary Education in this District and begs that Secondary schools in those places be started at an early date.

- (c) In view of the difficulties of boys of tender age to go a long way off to the S. I. G. High School, this conference requests that the Higher Grade Elementary School, Nandyal, be raised to the status of an incomplete Secondary School.

- (d) This conference suggests that the Government Elementary Girl's School at Nandyal be raised to the status of an Higher Grade Elementary School.

- (e) This conference considers that it is eminently necessary for the people to found Libraries and Reading Rooms in rural areas and that Local Boards be authorised to aid such institutions financially.

- (f) This conference prays that the contemplated College for the Ceded Districts be located at Kurnool as it appears to be most suitable from every point of view.

Mr. O. Lakshmanaswamy Rao-Proposer.

Mr. A. Madhwacharlu-Second.

XIII. Irrigation.

- (a) That in view of the heavy loss sustained by the ryots owing to the frequent breaches on the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal, the main source of water supply in this District, this conference requests that speedy investigation be made as to the causes thereof and that steps be taken to prevent the recurrence of such accidents.

- (b) This conference considering the difficulties that the people of Nandyal in general and the agriculturists in particular are put to by the scarcity of water in the Nandyal tanks from the early part of summer both for drinking and for irrigating the betel-leaf gardens and considering also the insufficient supply of water to the vast extent of wet land under the tanks during the second crop season respectfully begs to represent to the Government to remedy the difficulties mentioned above by filling the tanks again by the middle of march by cross bunding the canal.

This conference is of opinion that the storage of water in the Nandyal Tanks by aforesaid means can conveniently be done without interfering with the agricultural operations lower down the canal, as no paddy crop is raised during the second crop season and as the water running in the canal does not ordinarily reach Cuddapah.

- (c) That as irrigation facilities in this District are very scanty, this conference requests that experts of the Boring Department be deputed to investigate into the natural water resources of the District.

(d) This conference urges on the Government the desirability of

- (1) Formulating a scheme for the extension and improvement of the irrigational facilities in connection with the Kurnool-Cuddapah Canal.

(2) Giving effect to the Velgode Project at an early date.

- (3) Reconsidering their decision on the Tungabhadra Project, a protective work of great value to the people of the ceded Districts.

(e) This conference suggests

- (1) That measures should be immediately taken to remove silt from the four channels of the Cumbum Taluk.

- (2) That the channel leading to Panyam tank from Kollamakula be widened.

Mr. A. Nagayya Chetty-Proposer.

Mr. P. V. Bheema Rao-Secondor.

XIV. Water-supply and Drainage Scheme.

This conference requests that the Government be pleased to sanction the following schemes.

(a) Kurnool Drainage scheme.

(b) Nandyal water-supply and Drainage scheme.

(c) Dhone water-supply scheme.

And considering the poverty of the local bodies concerned, prays that at least three-fourths of the total cost of each be granted from Provincial funds.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR.

XV. Rural water-supply.

With a view to mitigate the horrors of Cholera, Guinea-worm and other water-borne diseases that are directly traceable to the absence of pure and adequate water-supply in the villages, this conference urges on the attention of the Government and the District Board the necessity of providing every village of a population of 500 and upwards with a protected well.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR.

XVI. District Registrar's Office.

That as the abolition of the District Registrar's Office at Kurnool has caused serious inconvenience to the people of this District, this conference prays that the Government be pleased to re-establish the same at Kurnool as early as possible.

If the Government is not pleased to give a separate District Registrar's Office to this District, this conference urges the necessity of making Kurnool, the Head-Quarters of the Office of the District Registrar for the two Districts of Cuddapah and Kurnool, as Kurnool is much more important than Cuddapah in the department of registration.

Mr. R. Aiyakutti Iyengar-Proposer.

Mr. T. Poornachanda Rao-Secondor.

XVII. Medical relief.

That in view of the inadequate medical aid in the rural parts of the District, this conference suggests that dispensaries be opened in villages with a population of 250 and upwards.

Mr. A. Madhwacharlu-Proposer.

Mr. I. Bheema Rao-Secondor.

XVIII. Toddy shops.

This conference recommends

- (a) That the existing Toddy shops located in public thoroughfares in this District be removed far away from there.

- (b) That no license be issued for Toddy and country liquor shops during fairs and festivals.

- (c) That local option as to the number and location of shops for vending Toddy and Country spirits be given exclusively within Municipal areas to the Municipal Councils and within non-municipal areas to special committees in which non-official element is adequately represented.

Mr. P. S. Parthasaradhi Iyengar, Proposer.

Mr. K. Narasinga Row-Secondor.

XIX. Village Officers.

This conference suggests

- (1) That the pay of Kurnams be raised.
- (2) That till such increase of pay is sanctioned, travelling allowance be given to them whenever they proceed more than five miles from their villages on duty.
- (3) That they need not be compelled to undergo survey training more than once.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR.

XX. Police and Magistracy.

- (a) This conference is of opinion that the number of Police Stations maintained in this District is quite insufficient to meet the needs of public peace and safety and prays that the Government be pleased to open more police stations at convenient village centres.

(b) This conference requests the Government to appoint Stationary Second-class Magistrates for the Taluks of Nandikotkur, Koilkuntla and Dhone.

PUT FROM THE CHAIR.

XXI. Public service commission Report and Lord Islington's I. C. S. Bill.

This conference requests that the report of the public service commission be immediately published and that consultation with the local governments be deferred till its publication.

This conference strongly disapproves of Lord Islington's bill for the suspension of the I. C. S. Examination and urges its withdrawal.

Mr. P. S. Parthasaradhi Iyengar-Proposer.
Mr. T. Chidambara Rao-Second.

XXII. Next Conference.

That the Third Kurnool District Conference do meet at Cumbum in 1916.

Mr. T. Poornachandra Rao-Proposer.

Mr. P. Bussa Reddy-Second.

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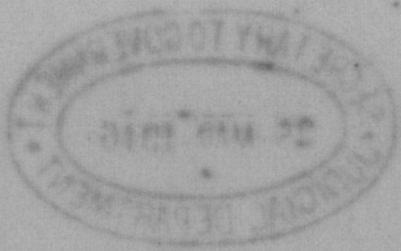
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