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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with the resolution moved by the hon'ble Mr. Siva Rao at the meeting of the ----- held on the 18th March 1917 on the subject of the provision for science classes in the Government District College, Amritsar.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH RESOLUTION ON THE
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

[For the meeting of the 18th March 1917.]

[SUBJECT.—*Provision for the opening of science classes in the Government Ceded Districts' College at Anantapur.*]

The Hon'ble Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—

XXX. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a provision for Rs. 30,000 may be made in the budget estimate for 1917-18 under the head 22-C. Government Colleges—General for opening science classes from July next in the Government Ceded Districts' College at Anantapur and that the same be met from the lump provision of 1.11 lakhs made under the head 22. Education.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

In reply to a question asked by the Additional Member at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th February 1917, the Government stated that they had approved the opening of the science classes in the Anantapur College in July next and also provided a sum of Rs. 27,000 in the budget for 1917-18 for that purpose *—please see page 5 of G.O.

* For gas and electric fittings required for the laboratory and science classes. No. 245, Home (Education), dated the 22nd February 1917. The amount is

shown under 45. Provincial Services—Public Works budget estimate for 1917-18. Provision is also made on page 127 of the Civil Budget Estimate for the full number of instructors to be employed in the College under the scheme approved in G.O. No. 1252, Educational, dated the 9th November 1914, which includes the two lecturers for Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry. If the Additional Member's attention is drawn to the existence of the budget provisions detailed above, he is likely to withdraw the resolution. Apparently he has not been able to trace them in the budget.

N.K.—6-3-17.

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The Additional Member's attention may be drawn to the existing budget provisions.

E. A. HARVEY—7-3-17.

[P. C. Sankar]—8-3-17.

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Extract from the Proceedings of a 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 Act of Parliament, 5 & 6 Geo. V, Ch. 61.

The Council assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 13th day of March 1917.

RESOLUTION *RE* PROVISION FOR SCIENCE CLASSES IN THE
GOVERNMENT CEDED DISTRICTS' COLLEGE.

The Hon'ble Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—"The resolution standing in my name runs as follows :—

'VII. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a provision for Rs. 30,000 may be made in the budget estimate for 1917-1918 under the head "22-C. Government Colleges-General" for opening science classes from July next in the Government Ceded Districts' College at Anantapur and that the same be met from the lump provision of 1.11 lakhs made under the head 22. EDUCATION.'

"Your Excellency, the Ceded districts' college was opened at Anantapur during the month of July last year, and when it was opened it was only the third group in the intermediate class that was provided. Groups 1 and 2 were not opened—physics and chemistry and physics and mathematics. It is time that these science classes also should be opened forthwith. Your Excellency, this institution is fast getting popular; it has attracted many students from the surrounding districts. I find that the strength in the third group is 40. I am also aware that the Government are taking a keen interest in the welfare of this institution. The sooner the science group is opened the better it is for the students in general and for the students of the Ceded districts in particular. I asked an interpellation at the meeting held on the 6th February this year and the Government were pleased to give the following information: 'the Government have approved the opening of the science classes in the College in July next and have provided a sum of Rs. 27,000 in the budget for 1917-1918 to meet the cost of the gas and electric fittings and furniture required for the laboratory.' Your Excellency, I have ascertained that a lot of apparatus has been sent for and instructions have been given to put it up. But when I looked into the budget I did not find any provision made for the additional staff that would be necessary for the opening of the science classes next year, nor was there any provision made for Rs. 27,000 as was mentioned in answer to 103 (a), under Government Colleges, 22-C, which appears on page 127 of the Civil Budget Estimate. The staff is not increased. The present strength of the staff is nine and the future strength of the staff will continue to be nine. All that is provided for is one temporary Principal on Rs. 300, three assistants on Rs. 250, 150 and 125, two on Rs. 100, and three on 40-2-50 making a total of 13,740. The current year's budget provided for a sum of Rs. 9,160 for eight months and I find the same provision is made in the budget estimates for the coming year also. The result is that there has been no provision made for the additional staff required for physics and chemistry. Even in the Revised Financial Statement, page 35, we find a reference to the college at Anantapur. We find it stated therein that the budget estimate for 1917-1918 contains a full year's provision for the college newly opened at Anantapur. That means that the provision of the staff would be maintained throughout the year, because last year's provision was only for eight months. I do not think it necessary to elaborate any further arguments. The policy I advocate is a policy which the Government have already adopted and I think it is time that these science classes are opened. I also suggest that this sum mentioned by me may be taken from the lump

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provision of Rs. 1.14 lakhs provided for in this budget for taking up some of the secondary institutions, all board schools, viz., the Board High Schools at Chittoor and Tiruvallur and the second-grade colleges with high school departments at Tellicherry and Coimbatore. I think it would be well to develop the institutions already taken up and to see to their completion before we take up new institutions."

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE :—"I am sorry that the Honourable Member has fallen into a misconception. I told him just now that the staff was provided for—I did not think that he would venture into the technicalities of the budget only with the idea of putting me in the wrong. The simple fact is that all these people that were put down were not employed, there are two posts still, so to speak up our sleeve, which we can fill up by employing people for teaching science."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT :—"I think the Honourable gentleman may take it that if the Director of Public Instruction says that these things are provided for, they are provided for. That leaves us nothing to discuss on this resolution, I congratulate the Honourable Member on having achieved his recommendation promptly."

The Hon'ble Mr. P. SIVA RAO :—"I withdraw my remarks as also my resolution."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT :—"It is not a question of withdrawing the remarks as the discussion has already taken place."

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

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An extract of the discussions on this resolution at the meeting of the Legislative Council has been added to the file. The Additional Member withdrew the resolution as he had achieved his object. No further action is necessary. The papers maybe

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