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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

According to the connected with the resolution moved by the Hon'ble
Mr. A. S. Krishna Rao at the meeting of the ——— held on the
13th March 1917 on the subject of increased provision for new elementary
schools.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH RESOLUTION ON THE
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

[For the meeting of the 13th March 1917.]

[SUBJECT.—Increased provision for opening new elementary schools.]

The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—

~~XXXXXX~~ This Council recommends to the Governor in Council that the provision made under head 22, Education for opening new elementary schools be increased by Rs. 50,000 and that a corresponding reduction be made under head 45-B. Civil Works—Civil buildings.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The following provisions exist under 22-E. EDUCATION—Government Schools—General, Payment in support of Local Board and Municipal Schools in the civil budget estimates for 1917-1918 :—

(a) *For additional capitation allowance, opening new elementary schools and opening higher standards in elementary schools, Rs. 1,24,000.* (This provision is intended to secure the continuance during 1917-1918 of the recurring expenditure which first took place in 1916-17).

(b) *Opening new elementary schools and strengthening existing elementary schools, Rs. 1,21,000.* This provision comes out of the incremental grant of two lakhs which the Government have agreed to provide every year for the expansion of elementary education—please see paragraph 9 on page 15 of the budget notes under 22. EDUCATION (1917-1918).

2. In the Finance Committee a discussion took place with regard to the entry of 1.21 lakhs referred to above. It was finally agreed that the opening of new standards was as desirable an object as the opening of new schools and a proposal to earmark half the grant of 1.21 lakhs for the opening of new elementary schools was dropped when it was made clear that the whole of this provision was intended either for new schools or for new standards.

3. In this connection attention is solicited to the papers recorded in G.O. No. 565, Educational, dated the 22nd May 1916, which relate to similar resolutions moved at the Council meeting held in March last year. It was then pointed out on behalf of Government that, in spite of adverse circumstances, they were doing all they could towards the expansion of elementary education. It will be seen from paragraph 9 of the proceedings of the Finance Committee that over and above the incremental grant of 2 lakhs the Government have provided an additional 1.50 lakhs in the next year's budget for the improvement and expansion of elementary education. The provision under "Grants-in-aid" has been raised by 2 lakhs under this arrangement and this is calculated to promote the expansion of elementary education ~~though~~ through private agency.

4. The Additional Member proposes to meet a recurring expenditure from the provision for a non-recurring expenditure. The suggestion is obviously inadmissible.

5. For the reasons explained above the resolution may, it is submitted, be opposed. Orders are solicited whether the resolution should be discussed in Council and as to who should take charge of it.

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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* INCREASED PROVISION FOR NEW
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—"I have the honour to move the following resolution :—

'IX. This Council recommends to the Governor in Council that the provision made under head 22. EDUCATION for opening new elementary schools be increased by Rs. 50,000 and that a corresponding reduction be made under head 45-B. CIVIL WORKS—CIVIL BUILDINGS.'

"Your Excellency, so far as this question of opening new elementary schools is concerned, it has been coming up before this Council year after year during the last five years, the period during which I have been associated with it. On the 21st of March 1913, the resolution on educational policy was promulgated, wherein we were assured that the number of schools throughout the country would be increased to 91,000. We find that so far as this Province is concerned, in the Revised Financial Statement for 1913-1914, a definite assurance was given to us that definite steps would be taken in reaching the goal that was set before us, viz., having elementary schools for the entire school-going population. Since then attempts were made to increase the grants for elementary schools and I must express my gratification on the valuable information furnished in the revised Financial Statement presented today by the Hon'ble Sir Alexander Cardew. No doubt he has given us a table on page 14 as evidence of increased expenditure under elementary education and of increased grants from provincial funds for the purpose of elementary education. In referring to the expenditure on education he was good enough to inform us that the small share of the contribution from local and municipal funds is due not to any unwillingness on the part of local bodies but to the smallness of the resources at their disposal. This is sufficient testimony to the earnestness of the local bodies to utilise as best as possible the aid given to them for starting new schools; and they have also been increasing the expenditure in that direction. If, notwithstanding the assurance given in the Financial Statement for 1913-1914, notwithstanding the increased grant for that purpose, this question has been coming up before this Council, it is because we feel that there should be a much more marked progress in this direction. We all appreciate with thankfulness the efforts so far made by the Government, but would urge that more prominent attention should be given to that question. I find that at the time of the discussion of the Financial Statement for 1914-1915, a similar resolution was moved by the Hon'ble Mr. Srinivasa Sastri for an increased provision for opening elementary schools. Again in 1915-1916, the Hon'ble Mr. Narasimha Raju moved a resolution for a further grant for opening additional elementary schools. In 1916-1917 my Honourable friend Mr. Subbarayalu Reddiyar moved a resolution for increased provision for opening additional elementary schools. It has now fallen to me this year to ask for an increased provision for opening more elementary schools. If I venture to come forward with this suggestion, it is on account of the grant made by the Government of India of Rs. 4 lakhs which might probably enable the Finance Member to find additional provision for the purpose. I know that in dealing with the grant he has informed us that no definite instructions have yet been received from the Government of India as to the manner in which this grant is to be utilised. We are assured that it is for the purpose of improving the pay and extending the training of teachers that that definite sum of Rs. 4 lakhs has been allotted. If that is so, then it must be possible for effecting a retrenchment in the provision already made for that purpose and the amount that was allotted for it might now be utilised for the purpose of starting elementary schools. But for this additional

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grant of Rs. 4 lakhs from the Government of India, I would not have considered it proper to again come forward and ask for this provision of Rs. 50,000. I hope there will be no difficulty in finding the sum in view of the grant from the Government of India. This question has been before the Council for a number of years and I do not think it necessary to say anything further."

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE:—"Your Excellency,—It has been so very often pointed out in this Council that any large expansion of elementary education must be made in this province out of the moneys supplied by the Government of India; but I do not think it is necessary for me to go into that question again. The Honourable Member has mentioned the fact that the Government of India have given us Rs. 4 lakhs this year or rather the next year; but as he is aware, these 4 lakhs have been given for improving the pay of the teachers and extending the training given to them. He proposes, as I understand him, that the Government should disregard the plain intentions of the Government of India and take some of these 4 lakhs for opening new elementary schools. He put it, of course, in a slightly different way. He would have the money now allotted for the training of teachers taken away from that head and devoted to the opening of new schools, the money thus taken being replaced by transfer from the grant given by the Government of India. I am afraid that that course will not commend itself to the Government. It seems to me that it would be of doubtful honesty on the part of this Government towards the Government of India to do so. The Government of India in making this grant of Rs. 4 lakhs wished to emphasise what has been often said by me and others in this Council that what we want quite as much as extension of schools is improvement in efficiency. The extra money that is now provided for the training of teachers and for the improvement of their pay would promote efficiency. At the same time, I should like to point out to the Honourable Member that we may be able to give to the teachers who run private elementary schools something more in the way of grants, which is practically pay, and it may be expected that this will conduce towards the spread of elementary education, so that the grant of Rs. 4 lakhs, although it is specially to be spent in the direction of efficiency, cannot but affect favourably the extension of elementary education."

The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU:—"I should like to make a small observation. The Hon'ble Mr. Stone has said that elementary education has to be financed principally by the Government of India; but I may bring to the notice of the Council that when my Honourable friend Mr. Srinivasa Sastri moved two days ago for an allotment of Rs. 30 lakhs from the Government of India, the answer given by Sir William Meyer came upon me as a surprise—that elementary education is a Provincial charge. May I know who is right or who is wrong? Is it Sir William Meyer or the Hon'ble Mr. Stone? Whether it comes from the Provincial or Imperial Revenue, we are anxious for some advance. I do not think I need say anything further."

The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU:—"I have nothing further to add to what has been already said."

The resolution was put and lost.

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An extract of the discussions at the Council meeting has been added to the file. The resolution was lost. As no further action is necessary, the paper may be

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