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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Mr. Ahmed Tambi Marakayar at the meeting of the _____ held on the 13th March 1917 regarding provision in the Civil Budget Estimate for opening a secondary school for Muhammeden boys at Nagore.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH RESOLUTION ON THE ANNUAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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

[SUBJECT.—*The opening of a Secondary School for Muhammadan boys at Nagore.*]

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur A. T. G. M. AHMAD TAMBI MARAKKAYAR Sahib
Bahadur:—

VII ~~XXV~~. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs. 20,000 be provided under 22-E. Education—Government Schools, General—Other Secondary Schools for boys, for opening a secondary school for Muhammadan boys at Nagore, and that the same be deducted from the provision under 26-B. Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Nagore is a suburb of Negapatam where there are already two high schools, viz.,
Page 15 of subsidiary tables of Public Instruction Report for 1915-16. (1) Negapatam Wesleyan Mission School and (2) Negapatam National School.

The strength of the former institution on the 31st March 1916 was 416, of whom 59 were Muhammadans, while the strength of the latter was 1,275 including 63 Muhammadan pupils. There seems to be no need for a separate school for Muhammadans in that place. In paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 404, Educational, dated the 10th May 1912, the Government have already directed that local bodies and other agencies maintaining secondary schools in municipal towns with a large Muhammadan population should be required to make special arrangements for the teaching of Hindustani and for the formation of Muhammadan sections in the lower classes with a view to the use of Hindustani as the medium of instruction. Special grants on account of any extra expenditure thereby incurred are admissible under the Grant-in-Aid Code.

2. In submitting proposals for the utilization of the Imperial grant of Rs. 30,000 for Muhammadan education the Director of Public Instruction proposed to allot funds for the opening of Government

incomplete secondary schools for Muhammadans at Vellore and Trichinopoly, but did not think it necessary to open such a school at Negapatam or Nagore. Sanction has been accorded to the opening of an incomplete secondary school at Vellore.

The opening of another school at Trichinopoly is under consideration. When the Muhammadans of Nellore and Ellore made similar requests, they were informed that the Government could not at present hold out any hope that they would be able to open Muhammadan secondary schools in those towns at the expense of public funds (vide G.O. No. 483, Educational, dated the 4th May 1916, and G.O. No. 1444, Educational, dated the 18th December 1914).

3. The general policy of the Government is to rely on private enterprise for the provision of secondary education. The Muhammadans of North Arcot were accordingly told that if leading residents were prepared to contribute the Government would entertain sympathetically any application that might be submitted for aid in regard to the opening of secondary schools (vide page 4 of G.O. No. 277, Educational, dated the 12th March 1915). If the Muhammadan community of Nagore and Negapatam is prepared to contribute towards the opening of a school under private management, the Government will render all the assistance they can in the matter of grants. In that case there is no necessity for the provision of a separate allotment as suggested by the Additional Member since the funds allotted for secondary schools generally under 22-G. Grants-in-Aid are available for the Muhammadan schools also. It is therefore for consideration whether the resolution may be opposed.

4. Orders are solicited as to who should be in charge of the resolution, whether further information should be called for and whether the resolution should be discussed in the Executive Council.

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The proposal is against the general policy of Government and no special circumstances seem to exist in the case of Negapatam to warrant an exception. The resolution

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I agree. No need to consider this proposed reduction.

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may, it is submitted, be opposed on this ground, apart from the feasibility of reducing the provision under 26-B. Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—7-3-17.

His Excellency.

E. A. HARVEY—7-3-17.

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 Thursday, the 13th day of March 1917.

RESOLUTION *RE* PROVISION FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR MUHAMMADAN BOYS AT NAGORE.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. T. G. M. AHMAD TAMEI MARAKKAYAR :—"Before moving the resolution of which I gave notice I wish to make a slight alteration in it. I put there 22-E. instead of 22-G."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT :—"I am much obliged to the Honourable gentleman. That alteration will be made."

The Hon'ble Mr. A. T. G. M. AHMAD TAMEI MARAKKAYAR :—"Your Excellency, the resolution which stands in my name runs as follows :—

'VIII. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs. 20,000 be provided under 22-G. EDUCATION—"Government Schools—General—Other Secondary Schools for boys" for opening a secondary school for Muhammadan boys at Nagore, and that the same be deducted from the provision under 26-B. SCIENTIFIC AND MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS.'

"I do not think that many words are necessary to commend this resolution to this Council, as the Government is always anxious to promote the educational interests of the country, more especially of the Muslim community and other backward communities. It is only very recently that the Muslim community have awakened to the needs of education, and the Muslims of the Coromandel Coast, who were hitherto very slow to take advantage of the educational facilities available to them, have also realised how much their trade suffers for want of education. In my recent tour in the Straits Settlements and Ceylon, many members of my community have represented their grievances to me in this respect; and in order to remedy the evil, it is proposed to start a Mussalman Secondary School at Nagore, which is an important Mussalman centre, and subscriptions to the extent of Rs. 10,000 have already been announced, besides the gift of a decent spacious site for building the school.

"As the President of the Muslim Association, which inaugurated the movement, I intend applying to the Government for favour of grants with which the Government favours private enterprises, and I therefore request that the provision be made in the budget for enabling the Government to help the school with sufficient funds as soon as application is made.

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"I have already taken up this question with the Educational authorities who have every sympathy for the movement.

"Under these circumstances, I hope that the Council will not oppose this important resolution, and I trust the Government will be pleased to set apart a sum of Rs. 20,000 under the head 26-B. Scientific and Miscellaneous Departments.

"With these few words, I commend my resolution."

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE:—"Your Excellency, the Honourable Member has altered 22-E into 22-G and he has asked us to provide under the head 'Grants in Aid' the sum that he mentions in aid of a school at Nagore. Technically I am afraid we cannot find it possible to accept the suggestion. There is no provision in the budget for aiding any particular school though there is provision for giving grants in aid generally to schools. If a school be started in Nagore and they apply to us for aid there will be no difficulty in giving whatever aid we can under the ordinary rules. There is no occasion to put any provision in the budget any more than there is necessity for putting in a provision for other schools. That is the answer to this specific resolution. As regards the attitude of the Government towards Muhammadan education and towards having a school at Nagore, I do not believe that there is any reason to suppose that the Government will not afford proper encouragement to a proposal to open a school at Nagore."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT:—"The reply of the Hon'ble the Director of Public Instruction is this: The resolution as it stands is unnecessary. When the authorities of the school apply in proper form to the Government for aid the application will be considered; and under these circumstances the Honourable gentleman will probably not wish to press his resolution."

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

R. A. GRAHAM,
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