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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Resolution.-

Recording papers relating to a resolution proposed to be moved by the Hon'ble Mr. A.T.G.M. Ahmed Tambi Marakkayar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 13th March 1918 regarding the provision of religious instruction in municipal Muhammadan elementary schools.

Regarding Various Financial Statements
 Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

SUBJECT.--No. LXIV for the meeting of the Legislative
 Council to be held on the 13th March 1918.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Resolution may be forwarded to the
Finl. and Home (Education) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the
 rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Resolutions in the
 Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due
 course.

V.T.R.
 6.3.18

By. U.O. No. 592 dated 6-7-18

To
 The *Home (Education)* Department. with Ref. No. LXIV



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Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department.

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING REVISED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur A.T.G.M. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar.

should be met for providing religious instruction at State cost to Muhammadan pupils in the Municipal Muhammadan elementary schools in the Hyderabad. The Financial Department. question of the policy to be adopted by the Government in the matter of giving religious instruction in the schools under public management was considered in the

LXIV.- This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in 1905, in connection with a request made by the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India for permission to impart religious instruction in all the Municipal Muhammadan Elementary Schools, from the lump grant of Rs.5.50 lakhs, entered by the Government of India for the development of primary education, under head "22-EDUCATION".

(1) that the instruction was given out of school hours and did not interfere in any way with the school curriculum;

(2) that no extra charge was levied on the parents of the children for the instruction; and

(3) that the instruction was given in the school building and not in any other place.

(4) that the instruction was given in the school building and not in any other place.

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Home Department,
(Education).

The Additional Member suggests that provision should be made for imparting religious instruction at State cost to Muhammadan pupils in the Municipal Muhammadan elementary schools in the Presidency. The question of the policy to be adopted by the Government in the matter of giving religious instruction in schools under public management was considered in the notes to G.O.No.358, Educational, dated the 25th May 1905, in connection with a request made by the Muhammadan Educational Association of Southern India for permission to impart at its expense religious instruction to the boys of the Government Madrasa-i-Azam, Madras. Though the Government then recognised that difficulties might arise if they permitted religious instruction to be given in ~~public~~ ^(under public management) schools they agreed to the proposal of the Association on the following conditions:-

- (1) that the instruction was given out of school hours and did not interfere in any way with the school curriculum;
- (2) that no boys were admitted to the religious instruction classes without the written consent of their parents or guardians;
- (3) that if, at any time, a room in the school building could not be spared, the Association would be required to make other arrangements; and
- (4) that at any time the Government might withdraw the permission to use the room.

2. In G.O.No.404, Educational, dated the 18th May 1912, the Government again reiterated the above policy and emphasized the first two conditions mentioned above. Thus Muhammadan schools under public

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Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department.

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING REVISED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur A.F.G.M. Ahmad Tahir Khan.

Financial Department.

Home (Education) Department.

XXV. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs.25,000/- be provided for giving religious instruction in all the Municipal Muhammadan elementary schools, from the lump sum of Rs.5.00 lakhs entered by the Government of India for the development of primary education, under head "EDUCATION".

management can now make provision for religious instruction to be given out of school hours in the school premises, provided the parents of the pupils agree to such instruction. The extra expenditure, if any, incurred in the employment of special instructors ~~there~~ for the purpose is met by the association or body which seeks to make provision for such instruction. The Government have generally abstained from utilising state funds for the purpose consistent with their policy of religious neutrality.

3. In 1911 the Government of India desired that the question of making provision for imparting religious and moral instruction in schools should be referred to a committee and that Government should be informed of the views of this Government on the subject. Though the committee appointed by this Government recommended that moral instruction on a theistic basis and religious instruction should be imparted in schools, it has recently been decided by this Government that as an experimental measure moral instruction should be given in the three higher forms of the four Government secondary schools in the Presidency and that the consideration of the question of religious instruction in schools should be postponed for the present. The Government of India have been informed of this decision.

4. The Additional Member suggests that funds should be provided for making arrangements for imparting religious instruction in Municipal Muhammadan elementary schools ~~which does not seem to be acceptable~~. In ^{the} notes to G.O. No. 1293, Home (Edn.) dated the 11th October 1917, H.E. the Governor noted that "the introduction of religious instruction in the schools is beset with difficulties, even if it be (which may be held doubtful) a legitimate function of

para 3 & 4 of p. 691 (2)
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the Government". It does not therefore appear that state funds can be expended on the imparting of religious instruction. If such a course is allowed in the case of Muhammadan schools other communities may also ask for a similar concession to their children in other schools. It seems therefore desirable not to make any change in the existing arrangement, under which religious instruction can be given out of school hours, ~~and~~ the Government ~~by~~ ^{being} not committed to any expenditure on that account.

5. From the replies of other Local Governments on the subject of moral and religious instruction in schools, copies of which have been forwarded by the Government of India to this Government for information, it is observed that the Bombay and the United Provinces Government are against the proposal to expend state funds on the imparting of religious education in schools though the Bengal Government are inclined to meet from their funds the cost of employing instructors for giving religious instruction for Muhammadans.

6. Orders are solicited as to who should be in charge of the resolution and whether it should be discussed in the Executive Council.

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Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department.

No. 667-1 Madras



From

The Hon'ble Mr. R. A. Graham, I.C.S.,

Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur

A.T.G.M. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar Sahib Bahadur.

Dated Fort St. George, the 9th March 1918

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your resolution regarding religious instruction in Muhammadan elementary schools has been disallowed by His Excellency the President as it raises a question of policy and is therefore not appropriate to the ensuing meeting.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. A. Graham,

for Acting Secretary to Government.

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