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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording papers relating to a resolution proposed to be moved by the Honourable Mr. P. Siva Rao at the meeting of the held on the 13-8-18 recommending the appointment of a committee to enquire and report about the working of the S. S. L. C. system but which was disallowed being too late.

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.



Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

SUBJECT.—No. LVI for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on the 13th Aug. 1918.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Resolution may be forwarded to the Home (Educ.) 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.K.
29-7-18

Leg. U.O. No. 1686-1, dated 29.7.18

To
The Home (Educ.) Department. with Ref. LVI

10-29-7-18]

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.
Home (Education) Department.

Resolution on matters of general public interest.

The Hon'ble Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—

LVI. This Council recommends to the Governor in Council that a committee may be appointed to enquire and report about the working of the S.S.L.C. system (secondary school-leaving certificate).

[Meeting of the 13th August 1918]

Home (Sd) Department.

The scheme for the award of Secondary school leaving certificates was first approved in G.O. No. 427 of 1907. It has since undergone minor alterations now & then. The scheme on pages 37-40 of the Commissioner's Calendar for 1917-18 embodies all alterations up to 1917.

2. It is not clear what exactly is meant by the Asst. Member when he speaks of the working of the S.S.L.C. system, that is to say, whether he means either the one or all of the following:-

(i) Courses of studies,
(ii) Constitution of the board for the award of the certificate, or

(iii) the alleged restriction placed by the University on the admission of S.S.L.C. holders to the Intermediate course of study.

3. As regards (i) & (ii) it is submitted that the course of studies has lately been lightened in consultation not only with the S.S.L.C. Board, but also in consultation with a number of representative headmasters who were invited by the S.D.O. for the purpose and who might be regarded, for all practical purposes, to have served the purpose of a committee such as the Asst. Member has in mind.

(E) - G.O. No. 804 Sd. 15-6-17 and G.O. No. 894 Sd. 6-7-17. The constitution of the S.S.L.C. Board has

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also been altered recently. Instead of the D.P.D. (the President), 4 educational officers and 4 non-officials (besides the President) the Board now consists of 5 educational officers and 5 non-officials, of whom two officers and two non-officials are to be nominated by the

⑨ Madras University - Go. No. 726 D 3-7-16. These changes have been in force only for a short time and it is doubtful whether it is not too soon now to make further changes.

4. At the meeting of the Dep. Council held on the 23.5-17 the Hon. ble Mr. Venkatapati Rajin gave notice of a resolution suggesting the appointment of a Committee for the consideration of the course of studies and the grouping of subjects taught in the high school department. At the D.P.D. then told the A.D.D. Member that he was about to consult the headmasters of school in order to find out whether any change was necessary in the matter of the grouping of the subjects, the resolution was not moved. In that connection the D.P.D. noted as follows:-

"The secondary school leaving certificate scheme has now been working for seven years, so there is a priori reason for overhauling it in the light of experience. I should be inclined to say that if the Council was prepared for things to go on as they are for the coming school year Govt. or I would appoint the Committee."

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5. With regard to (iii) in para. 1 above it is submitted that the restriction on the admission of S. S. L. C. holders in colleges forms the subject matter of another resolution ^(Kv) to be moved at the next meeting by the Hon.ble Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar. It has been decided to oppose that resolution.

6. It is for consideration whether, in view of the D.P.D.'s opinion extracted in para. 4 above, the Govt. will accept the resolution, whether any further information should be called for, whether the resolution should be discussed in the Executive Council and who should take charge of it. The file may be sent to the D.P.D. for remarks.

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The S.S.L.C. scheme was devised to provide a certificate for those who were not coming at university education. It was known that there was little demand for such a certificate and therefore I suppose in the hope of creating such a demand, it was arranged that the certificate should also qualify for admission to university courses. It was hoped that parents and college masters would accept the opinion of the school headmasters and the S.S.L.C. examiners as indicating fitness or the reverse for a college course. Unfortunately it proved that the tendency was for any certificate to be accepted

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so that the cheap classes became crowded with students who were unable to pursue the course with reasonable chance of success. The University or rather the type in it then exercised its power of making rules limiting the power of principals to admit students on the strength of a SHC. Under the type in its rules only a small proportion of SHC holders have been found fit for these classes. This is the real cause of the discontent with the SHC system and probably this will often form the SHC members' speech.

The fact is that the attempt by means of the SHC scheme to get the schools away from the domination of the University has largely failed. They are nearly just as much in the old SHC domination days bound to do what the University wants, and at present the University accepts the SHC certificates, or in one term of course, because it is satisfied that the courses and examinations under it are a guarantee that those pupils who attain a certain degree of success in them are fit for a University course. Any appreciable lightening of them will lead to the University repudiating the SHC scheme altogether, and a demand for a separate matriculation examination.

him would be a fearfully because the HEC system does much to secure systematic and continuous work in schools: its unsatisfactory features are largely due to the pressure exercised not altogether intentionally by the University.

As I said before there are a number reasons for examining the system with a view to its improvement by a larger body, than the HEC board, but while the attitude of the Graduate is what it is,

I doubt whether the proposed Committee could do much good, but it might influence the ^{attitude} of the Graduate. It is also to be remembered or handed out in the note that the courses have recently been revised and somewhat lightened.

I think if I were staying on I would like to have a Committee but it would not be confined to Questionists and Propositions.

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For orders whether the resolution ^{or accepted} ~~that~~ he opposed & the D.D. may be asked to take charge of it.

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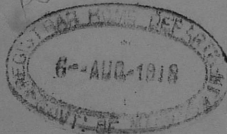
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Has not this resolution been disallowed?

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Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department.
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D.P.L's remarks above and
perhaps to pass orders

From

The Honourable Mr. R.A. Graham, I.C.S.,
Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras

To

The Honourable Mr. P. Siva Rao, I.C.S.,
Dated, Octacumund the 2nd August 1918.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the five resolutions
forwarded with your letter of the 26th ultimo have been
disallowed by His Excellency the President, as they were
not received within the prescribed time (vide D.O.N c.1357-1
Legislative, dated the 11th June 1918.)

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R.A. Graham

for Acting Secretary to Government.

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