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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Resolution.-

Recording papers relating to the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 14th March 1918 regarding the opening of an industrial school at Negapatam.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH A RESOLUTION REGARDING REVISED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

[For the Meeting of the 13th March 1918.]

[SUBJECT.—Opening of an industrial school at Negapatam.]

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

LXHI. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs. 25,000 be provided, for opening, at Negapatam, an industrial school where mechanical training could be taught out of the Rs. 62,000 allotted as lump provision for opening manual training centres, under head "22-F. EDUCATION—Government Schools—Special."

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

In November 1914 the Honourable the Additional Member asked a question at the meeting of the Legislative Council whether the Government would be pleased to open an industrial school at Negapatam in view of the increased demand for mechanical artisans and labourers and of the large openings available in the local workshops and others in the Tanjore district. The following reply was given:—

"There is at present a Government Technical Institute at Madura, a scheme for the development and reorganization of which has been approved by the Government and will be introduced when the new buildings, which are shortly to be constructed for the institute, are completed. The Government have also under consideration a proposal to develop the St. Francis Xavier's Industrial School at Tanjore. More schools for the southern districts are not, for the present, contemplated. The institutes at Madura and Tanjore should serve the needs of Negapatam also.

2. As regards the Madura Technical Institute the new buildings for the institute are well on their way to completion and that the institute and the hostel would be ready for use by the end of the official year 1917-18 (vide paragraph 2 on page 1 of G.O. No. 1347, Educational, dated 29th October 1917).

3. In regard to the Industrial School at Tanjore attention is solicited to G.O. No. 740, Educational, dated 12th August 1913, in which the Government decided that a particular site should be acquired for the construction of a building for an industrial school at Tanjore, that a building should be erected thereon and that the site and building should be lent to the Salesian Mission or other agency for the purposes of the school so long as the school was managed on lines approved by the department. The land was acquired by the Government and it was leased out to the St. Francis Xavier's Industrial School, Tanjore, who were also permitted to construct buildings thereon (vide G.Os. No. 1217, dated 20th November 1916, and No. 213, dated 21st February 1918). It may however be noted that the school seems to train pupils only in carpentry and weaving but not in mechanical engineering (vide Table II on pages 20-21 of G.O. No. 1209, dated 19th September 1917).

4. Thus the two schools at Madura and Tanjore would serve the demand for industrial training in Negapatam and other places in the Tanjore district. It would therefore appear that there is no need for the establishment of a Government industrial school at Negapatam, but as pointed out in the notes connected with a resolution proposed to be moved by the Hon'ble Mr. K. Sadasiva Bhat at the ensuing meeting of the Legislative Council regarding the establishment of an industrial school on the West Coast, if private agencies or local bodies come forward with proposals for opening such a school at Negapatam, the Government will be prepared to aid them.

5. In regard to the suggestion to provide Rs. 25,000 from the lump provision of Rs. 62,000 allotted for the opening of manual training centres under 22-F. Education for the opening of an industrial school at Negapatam, it may be noted that the Director of Public Instruction originally proposed only a provision of Rs. 12,000 under this head for the purpose of imparting instruction in manual training in certain elementary training schools, but he subsequently proposed that it should be increased by Rs. 50,000 for making provision for opening ten manual training centres in the mufassal in connexion with both European and training schools. The amount is to be met out of the non-recurring Imperial grant of 49 lakhs—vide paragraph 6 on page 3 of G.O. No. 43, dated 15th January 1918. It was approved by Government—vide also item (f) on page 4 of notes to the Government Order. The amount required for the industrial school at Negapatam cannot therefore be met from the above provision.

6. Further attention is solicited to the following remarks made by Mr. Innes in connexion with the resolution regarding the opening of an industrial school on the West Coast :—

“ Apart from all other considerations, I do not want Rs. 2 lakhs thrown at my head for the purpose of an industrial school on the West Coast. I shall have my hands full with the Madura Technical Institute, the Cooganada scheme and the scheme for the permanent Trades school in Madras. Further even if Government decided on a school on the West Coast I doubt if they would get it. Tools, machinery and plant of all kinds are almost impossible to get and if procurable at all are procurable only at an appalling price.”

7. It is submitted that the resolution may be opposed. Orders are solicited as to who should take charge of the resolution, whether it should be discussed in Council and whether any additional information should be called for.

A.S.—5-3-18.

T.K.—8-3-18.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—8-3-18.

No portion of the Rs. 62,000 will be available and it is quite impossible just now to start an industrial school at Negapatam. The proposal is quite premature and I shall oppose the resolution.

P. R. [AJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR]—8-3-18.

Extract from the Proceedings of an Adjourned 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 re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 14th day of March 1918.

RESOLUTION RE OPENING OF AN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL AT NEGAPATAM.

The Hon'ble Mr. YACUB HASAN :—“ The Hon'ble Mr. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar who went away last night has asked me to move the next resolution which stands in his name and I have much pleasure in doing so. With Your Excellency's permission I beg to move :—

“ XXXVIII. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs. 25,000 be provided for opening at Negapatam an Industrial school, where mechanical training could be taught, out of the Rupees 62,000 allotted as lump provision for opening manual training centres under the head “ 22-F. EDUCATION—Government Schools—Special.”

“ Your Excellency, there can be no doubt that there is a crying need for the establishment of several industrial schools throughout the Presidency. At some places the schools have come into existence; but there are other important centres where their establishment is equally necessary. One of these centres in my opinion is Negapatam. The Hon'ble Mr. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar has been moving the District Board of Tanjore for some time to establish an industrial school there. The last reply that he received from the Board was that as they understood that the Government proposed to establish a school themselves there, it was not necessary for the Board to move in the matter. So I beg Your Excellency to accept this resolution and to see that this school is established there in the course of the year. I may mention that there is a large railway workshop there, which will be a great convenience in giving practical training to the students of this school in the mechanical branch. In that district, there are several mills where students trained in the school can be employed. In my opinion Negapatam is a very good centre for a school of that kind. The Hon'ble Mr. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar has pointed out that this amount may come out of the lump provision for opening manual training centres. I do not know whether the Director of Public Instruction will be prepared to have that amount cut short as he might have other schemes in view. As long as that school is given to Negapatam, I am not particular where the money is taken from. I am prepared to modify that portion of the resolution if the Government will be pleased to accept the motion.”

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR :—“ Your Excellency, I regret that I cannot accept the resolution moved by the Honourable Member for the reason that the sum of Rs. 25,000 will not really be utilized. We have hardly finished the reorganization of the technical school at Madura. That is being done on a large scale. We are committed to the Cooganada scheme for which an allotment has been made. That has to be started. The Madras trades school has to be put on a permanent basis. We have got all these things on our hands and in regard to many of these we have serious difficulty in completing the equipment on account of the fact that we cannot get tools, plant and machinery; we cannot procure them except at exorbitant prices. In a situation like this we should concentrate our attention on the commitments already made. We have the Madura Institute, the Cooganada Institute and the Madras one and we should concentrate our attention on these three and finish them before we start another school. Until that is done, I submit, that there is nothing to prevent the promising young men of Negapatam from going to Madras or Madura for the training they require. I do not say that at no time will Negapatam have a school. But the chances of its getting a school next year are very little. Therefore no useful purpose will be served by allotting Rupees 25,000 for opening a school at Negapatam. Therefore, I oppose this resolution.”

The Hon'ble Mr. YACUB HASAN :—“ I do not wish to press this resolution, but I may be allowed to make one remark. If the Government will kindly formulate a definite policy of starting a number of industrial schools and keeping that policy before them, they will take into consideration, when establishing these schools, the claims of Negapatam as a suitable centre, I should be very much satisfied.”

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

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Please see extract from Council proceedings on the previous page. It does not appear that the Govt. should ^{now} formulate any such policy as that referred to by the Hon'ble Mr. Yakub Hasan ^{in regard} ~~to the opening of new schools~~ ~~for the purpose of~~. These papers may

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