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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Mr. A.S. Krishna Rao at the meeting of the Council held on the 15th March 1918 regarding the increase of provision made for opening elementary schools.

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HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT
NOTES CONNECTED WITH A RESOLUTION REGARDING
REVISED FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

[SUBJECT.—Increase of provision made for opening elementary schools.]

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

XV ~~XXXX~~ This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council to increase the provision made for opening elementary schools under head 22. Education by one lakh and to make a corresponding reduction under head 45. Civil Works.

(T) This is one of the stock resolutions brought forward at every March meeting—cf. notes in G.O. No. 666, Home (Education), dated 21st May 1917. In the budget estimate for the current year a provision of 1.21 lakhs had been made for payment of subsidies to local bodies towards the opening of new elementary schools and the strengthening of existing schools. The same Additional Member suggested in March 1917 that an additional provision of Rs. 50,000 be made for opening new schools, the amount being met from the Imperial grant of 4 lakhs (G.O. No. 1433, Home (Education), dated 15th November 1917), sanctioned for the improvement of the pay and the training of teachers. The Government opposed it on the ground that it was not the intention of the Government of India that any portion of the 4 lakhs should be devoted to the expansion of education. The resolution was eventually lost—G.O. No. 666, Home (Education), dated the 21st May 1917.

(U) 2. Later on, in submitting proposals for the utilization of the 1.21 lakhs referred to above, the Director of Public Instruction stated that he had received a large number of applications from local bodies, that their acceptance would obviate the necessity of calling for more for next year and that they might with great appropriateness be considered as forming part of the general scheme for the expansion of education. The annual cost as revised by the Director was estimated at 4.50 lakhs as shown below :—

Item.	District Boards. RS.	Municipalities. RS.	Total. RS.
Opening of new schools	2,04,459	42,970	2,47,429
Strengthening of existing schools	1,12,296	12,096	1,24,392
Opening of higher standards in existing schools.	69,408	8,976	78,384
	<u>3,86,163</u>	<u>64,042</u>	<u>4,50,205</u>

(U) The expenditure for the current year was put down at Rs. 1,37,300. These proposals were after careful consideration accepted by the Government—G.O. No. 1585, Home (Education), dated the 15th December 1917. It will be seen that against the provision of 1.21 lakhs in the budget the Government have undertaken a recurring outlay of 4.50 lakhs. The excess to be incurred in future years (3.29 lakhs) has been debited to the progressive incremental grant of 2 lakhs for 1918-19. The Government have thus gone even beyond their promise. It may not be possible to undertake a further recurring liability of one lakh per annum for new schools from Provincial revenues.

3. It is understood that the Government of India have sanctioned a recurring assignment of 5-50 lakhs in the budget for 1918-19 for the development of primary education. No details of this provision or the objects on which it is to be spent have yet been received. If the conditions that may be laid down by the Government of

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India permit, one lakh out of this amount may be reserved for new elementary schools in which case the resolution may be accepted.

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

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If the position in paragraph 2 be explained, the Additional Honourable Member is likely to withdraw the resolution. Director of Public Instruction may take charge of the resolution.

His Excellency the Governor.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—7-3-18.

P[ENTLAND]—7-3-18.

Extract from the Proceedings of a Meeting of the Council of the Governor of Port 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 Wednesday, the 13th day of March 1918.

RESOLUTION RE INCREASED PROVISION FOR OPENING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU then moved the following resolution:—

'XV. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council to increase the provision made for opening elementary schools under head "22. Education" by one lakh and to make a corresponding reduction under head "45. Civil Works."

In doing so he said:—"Your Excellency, so far as the resolution which is committed to my charge is concerned it asks for an additional allotment for opening elementary schools. In placing this resolution before the Council, I do not wish for one moment to be understood that I do not appreciate the efforts already made in the direction of affording additional facilities for opening elementary schools throughout the Presidency. In view of the recent orders issued throughout the Presidency, as per G.O. No. 1585, dated 15th December 1917, it is clear that the Government have, under contemplation, a scheme of improving and expanding elementary schools in the Presidency, to a very large extent. If, notwithstanding this inclination, I have ventured to come forward with this resolution, it is because I feel that the ground to be still covered for affording a wide diffusion of knowledge throughout the country is very large, and that unless further funds are allotted for that purpose, it is not possible to secure the desired object. I know and I believe that it is as much the object of the Government as of the people concerned that there should be elementary education spread throughout the country, even by means of compulsion and that there should not be one home in this Presidency as anywhere else which should be without education. That being the object, I would ask whether it is not necessary that further efforts should be made to find an additional sum for starting elementary schools in the Presidency. I want one lakh of additional allotment. So far as the principle is concerned, I do not think there is any difference of opinion and I need not elaborate here on the desirability of starting elementary schools in larger numbers. The only question is whether larger funds could not be provided. With these remarks I place this resolution before this Council."

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE:—"Your Excellency I do not think I need waste the time of the Council by renewing the assurance of the care of the Government for elementary education and I think the Government have given ample proof of it in the budget before us. As regards adding one more lakh, I should like to say that the Government are not prepared to accept the resolution. For one thing, which is perhaps the most important point, the Government of India have sanctioned a recurring assignment of Rs. 5½ lakhs in the budget of 1918-1919, for the development of elementary education. When we get, so to speak, a bucket from the Government of India, we need not add a drop to it. It will not be particularly easy to make the necessary development in elementary education implied by these large grants. It is not altogether easy to find new school masters for new schools. There are increased demands on the supply of qualified school masters and I cannot help remarking that our machinery for inspection and control of elementary schools is fast getting inadequate. Therefore, with the best will in the world, I must say that I find some difficulty in facing the prospect of a sudden and very much larger increase in the number of elementary schools. I feel sure that the Government is well advised in saying that for the next year we must be content with the sums of money already allocated to the improvement and extension of elementary education, including as they will, I presume, a considerable portion of the 5½ lakhs grant from the Government of India."

The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU:—"I have nothing further to add to what I have already said. I request Your Excellency to put this resolution to the vote."

His Excellency the President:—"I should be very much inclined to suggest to the honourable gentleman that the best course is not to put it to the vote. There is no disagreement as to the principle. All that the Hon'ble Mr. Stone has pointed out is you cannot take any sudden step towards the wholesale development of elementary education. We are doing everything we can and we have the support of the Government of India in the large sum which, we hope, will be placed at our disposal. There is no reluctance on the part of the Government to extend elementary education."

The Hon'ble Mr. A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU:—"It is only the announcement made of the grant in the Imperial Legislative Council that made me bring this resolution. Therefore I thought the Local Government should make an additional allotment. If Your Excellency's

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Government would assure me, that you will provide additional funds, though not the exact amount of one lakh asked for in the resolution, and try to push the scheme of elementary education forward, I am not particular about the amount and I am perfectly willing to withdraw the resolution."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT :—" I am putting it in a perfectly friendly way. What we want is a gradual and continual increase. That we hope to secure. A sudden increase is apt to throw the machinery out of gear. A sudden increase, a sudden large expenditure of money will not be wise. As for making deliberate preparation for a continuous and extensive increase in elementary education we are entirely at one with the Honourable Member. I will put the resolution to the vote if he wishes."

The resolution was put to the Council and lost.

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Home (Edy) Dept

An extract of the discussion on the resolution at the Council meeting has been added to the file. The resolution was put to vote and lost. No further action is necessary. The papers may be

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