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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with the resolution on the subject of making provision in the budget for improving the hostel and playground accommodation of the Government College, Rajahmundry, moved by the Honourable Rao Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu at the meeting of the ----- held on the 13th March 1918 and requesting the Director of Public Instruction to report the stage at which the question of additional playground accommodation is at present.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH A RESOLUTION REGARDING REVISED
FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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

[SUBJECT.—Improvements to the hostel and play-ground of the Government College,
Rajahmundry.]

The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—

XIV ~~XX~~ This Council recommends to the Governor in Council that one lakh of
rupees be provided under XXII. EDUCATION for improving the hostel and
play-ground accommodation of the Government College at Rajahmundry and
that a corresponding reduction be made under 45-C. CIVIL WORKS—CIVIL
BUILDINGS or from the reserve provision at the disposal of Government under
XXXII-E. MISCELLANEOUS.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

There is at present a hostel attached to the Government Arts College, Rajah-
mundry. It accommodates about 40 students—item 13, page 9 of notes to G.O.
No. 108, Home (Education), dated 1st February 1918. The construction of
additional buildings at a cost of about Rs. 34,000 to accommodate 40 more students
has been sanctioned in G.O. No. 1018 W., dated the 6th August 1917. This work
has not, however, been provided for in the Civil Works Budget for 1918-19
apparently for the reason that it is not comparatively very urgent. From the annual
reports on the working of the college during the last three years it is observed that
certain students had to be refused admission to the hostel for want of accommodation
—paragraph 18, page 4 of G.O. No. 701, Educational, dated the 30th June
1915; paragraph 18, page 5 of G.O. No. 708, Educational, dated the 28th
June 1916; and paragraph 18, page 4 of G.O. No. 881, Home (Education), dated the
20th June 1917. This points to the need for the construction of additional hostel
buildings. If it is considered that the matter is imperative and urgent then the
Public Works Department may be requested to suggest any possible means for
carrying out the work as early as possible.

2. As regards the improvement to the play-ground, attention is solicited to item
13 on page 9 of notes to G.O. No. 108, Home (Education), dated the 1st February
1918, in which the necessity for an additional play-ground has been referred to. In
paragraph 2 of D.O. No. 2538-A-2/17, dated the 24th January 1918 [page
14 of notes to G.O. No. 108, Home (Education), dated 1st February 1918], the
Director has been asked to take action in due course to supply the wants brought to
notice as regards Government colleges.

3. The answer to the resolution is that while the Government have already
recognized the need for the improvements to the hostel and play-ground, provision
has not been made for the former for want of funds and for the latter as proposals
have not yet matured. If the position is explained to the Additional Member, he
may probably withdraw the resolution. If this suggestion is not adopted, the reso-
lution may be opposed. Orders are solicited as to who should be in charge of the
resolution, whether it should be discussed in Council and whether further informa-
tion should be called for.

S.A.—5-3-18.

T.K.—5-3-18.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—5-3-18.

To the Director of Public Instruction for favour of remarks, if any.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—6-3-18.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION'S OFFICE.

The orders of Government that expenditure not imperatively necessary should be avoided has prevented progress in the matter of increased playing fields and hostel accommodation. It is also true that as regards the former no definite scheme has been worked out. The Honourable Member might perhaps be informed that the Principal will be told to work out such a scheme.

J. H. STONE—6-3-18.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The file may now be circulated to His Excellency the Governor.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—7-3-18.

K. RAMACHANDRA RAO—7-3-18.

P[ENTLAND]—8-3-18.

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 Wednesday, the 13th day of March 1918.

RESOLUTION RE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HOSTEL AND PLAY-GROUND OF THE RAJAHMUNDY COLLEGE.

The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU then moved the following resolution of which he had given notice:—

'XIV. This Council recommends to the Governor in Council that one lakh of rupees be provided under XXII. EDUCATION for improving the hostel and play-ground accommodation of the Government College at Rajahmundry and that a corresponding reduction be made under '45. CIVIL WORKS—Civil Buildings' or from the reserve provision at the disposal of Government under '32-E. MISCELLANEOUS.'

"Your Excellency:—This resolution relates to the provision of a hostel and play-ground accommodation for the Government College at Rajahmundry. Rajahmundry, as Honourable Members are aware, is one of the important educational centres in this Presidency, and as the Hon'ble Mr. Stone is intimately acquainted with the condition of things in Rajahmundry, it seems to me hardly necessary to say very much in support of this resolution. As regards the Arts college, there is one hostel which is capable of accommodating 36 students. The number of admissions every year to the Arts college is about 300; and I understand the number of actual applications for admission into the hostel is between 80 and 100. I have heard many complaints of the state of things and the conditions under which the students are obliged to live in Rajahmundry. That is so far as the hostel accommodation is concerned. I may also tell Your Excellency that this matter has been pressed more than once by the educational authorities upon the attention of the Government, and when Your Excellency was at Rajahmundry representations were also made by the students.

"As regards the play-ground, the Hon'ble Mr. Stone is quite aware of the inadequacy of accommodation, and I suggest that the whole question of play-ground accommodation for the Government's Arts college must be looked into. I may also incidentally press upon the attention of the Hon'ble Mr. Stone, that the whole question of play ground and hostel accommodation, not only with reference to the Government Arts college, but also with reference to the Training college and High schools at Rajahmundry, will have to be very carefully examined. The place has become very congested and there is absolutely no room at present for play grounds either for the High school or the Training college or even the Arts college, where the present play-ground is absolutely inadequate. I am aware of the difficulty of finding space, but I believe, my Lord, that the question is not one for which it is not possible to find a solution. I would respectfully suggest to the Government to consider the desirability of examining the whole question and selecting a place on the other side of the railway line which the Hon'ble Mr. Stone knows very well, and I trust that this resolution will be accepted and the necessary action will be taken."

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE:—"Your Excellency, the question of hostel accommodation at Rajahmundry is under consideration. In fact, we have the necessary plans and estimates for it, and the Hon'ble Sir Alexander Cardew told me that the Government would be prepared to find the money in the course of the next year, and it has only been postponed, because of the financial stringency due to the war. As regards the play-ground accommodation at Rajahmundry, we have no specific proposals at present. I have asked the Principal of the Rajahmundry College for specific proposals. I shall be at Rajahmundry next week, when we shall look into the matter. I hope that would meet the Honourable Member's wishes."

The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU:—"Do I understand the Hon'ble Mr. Stone to accept a portion of the resolution?"

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE:—"I do not mean that the Government accept the resolution, as it stands. The estimate for a building for a hostel is not so large as one lakh or even half a lakh."

The Hon'ble Rao Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU:—"I will withdraw the resolution."

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

N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Acting Secretary to Govt., L. & M. (Legislative) Dept.

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The resolution was withdrawn.

2. A provision of .25 lakhs has already been provided in the current year's budget estimate towards the construction of the additional hostel. The Director also stated in the course of the discussion that he had asked the Principal to submit specific proposals for the additional playground accommodation. It is therefore submitted that no further action is at present necessary and that the papers may be

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2. The D.P.D. is requested to report in what stage the questions relating to addl. ~~hostel~~ ^{accommodation} & play ground ~~are~~ ^{is} at present.

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Recording notes connected with the resolution under subject of making provision in the Budget for improving the hostel & playgrounds account of the Govt. College, Bangalore moved by the Hon. Minister in Karnataka has been taken up at the meeting of the Board held on 13.3.18 & request to D.P.D. to report the stage at which the questions of additional playground accommodation is at present.

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