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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council.

Recording notes connected with the resolution on the subject of making provision in the budget estimate for contribution to local bodies for repairs to elementary school buildings constructed with the aid of Provincial grants moved by the Honourable Mr. B. Venkatapati Raju at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 13th March 1918.

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH A RESOLUTION REGARDING REVISED
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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

[SUBJECT.—*Grant to local bodies for repairs to elementary school buildings.*]

The Hon'ble Mr. B. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—

XXI LIX. This Council recommends to the Governor in Council that a sum of (Rs. 50,000) fifty thousand rupees be added under the head of 22-I. Education as contribution to local bodies for the repairs of school buildings for elementary education, constructed with the aid of Provincial grants and a corresponding reduction be made under 45-B. Civil Works—Civil Buildings.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

(W) Attention is solicited to G.O. No. 1448 L., dated the 7th October 1915, in which local bodies were informed that repairs to school buildings were a legitimate charge on their funds and that no application for a building grant should be made, unless the local body had satisfied itself that it could maintain the building from its own resources when constructed. The local bodies were also advised to provide in their annual budgets a fixed percentage of the capital cost of the buildings. This decision was arrived at after full consideration—please see pages 3 to 11 of the notes to the Government Order quoted above. It may, however, be noted that the Government have been sanctioning the utilization on repairs to school buildings of savings from subsidies sanctioned for the maintenance of schools—vide G.Os. No. 756, dated 11th June 1917, No. 1208, dated 19th September 1917, and No. 1431, dated 15th November 1917. (W) (X) (C)

2. The resolution now proposed is directly opposed to the principle referred to above. Individual cases of difficulty in meeting such charges will be dealt with on its merits when applications are received. But as a general principle the liability cannot be accepted. It is therefore for consideration whether it may be opposed on the question of policy. If so, orders are solicited as to who should be in charge of the resolution, whether it should be discussed in Council and whether further information is necessary.

S.A.—8-3-18.

T.K.—8-3-18.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—8-3-18.

His Excellency through the Director of Public Instruction.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—8-3-18.

I agree with the note.

J. H. STONE—9-3-18.

P[ENTLAND]—9-3-18.

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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 18th day of March 1918.

RESOLUTION *RE* GRANTS TO LOCAL BODIES FOR REPAIRS TO
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The Hon'ble Mr. B. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" Your Excellency, the resolution that I beg to move runs as follows :—

'XXI. This Council recommends to the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs. 50,000 (fifty thousand rupees) be added under the head of "22. Education" as contribution to local bodies for the repairs of school buildings for elementary education constructed with the aid of Provincial grants and a corresponding reduction be made under "45-B. CIVIL WORKS—Civil Buildings".'

"With reference to this question, my Lord, I asked at the last meeting as to how many buildings were in need of repairs and whether any steps were taken to carry out the repairs; and practically the Government stated that it was the duty of the local boards to maintain the buildings constructed out of Provincial funds at their expense. But, as a matter of fact, we have noticed that there are many buildings which require repairs and for which the money was liberally granted. The local bodies have constructed these buildings for elementary schools. Most of them are in out of the way villages and many of them are not keenly noticed by the authorities concerned. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary, whoever may be responsible for the good condition of the buildings, that they should be put in proper repairs. But the boards complain that they have not got the money to keep them in good repair. As the money has been granted by the Government for the construction of these buildings, it is in the interests of the Government that these buildings are kept in good order. Therefore, I suggest, your Excellency, that if the boards cannot provide sufficient funds for the purpose, the Government may be pleased to grant an additional sum, just as they granted the original sum, to keep them in good repair, and to see that these buildings do not come to ruin and that they are maintained in good condition, so that they will be useful for the purpose for which they were erected."

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE :—" It seems to me that the principle that local bodies should maintain the school buildings in a state of repair is one that can hardly be disputed. It would occur to any one as being one of their first duties. The Government having enunciated that principle are not prepared to make such a public recantation of it, as the accepting of this resolution would seem to imply. We are well aware that local bodies have sometimes difficulties in providing funds for the repairs of buildings. The Government have on more than one occasion, and, in more than one case, sanctioned the expenditure of the savings from other educational expenditure for repairs on school buildings; and I presume that in future the Government will be ready to consider any case in which the local body for any cause is not able to find the necessary money for repairs out of savings from some other sources. But more than that I am not in a position to say. The Government are not therefore in a position to accept the resolution."

The Hon'ble Mr. B. VENKATAPATI RAJU :—" I understand that the Government propose to take some action in the matter of compelling local bodies to maintain the buildings in a good condition. I understand from the Hon'ble Mr. Stone that the Government propose to ask the board to keep the buildings constructed in good repairs, and if they fail to do it and if they have not got funds for the purpose, the Government will see their way to make a grant."

The Hon'ble Mr. J. H. STONE :—" The Government decided that it was the duty of the local bodies to keep their buildings in good repair. I said that in certain cases the Government had allowed the savings from other sources to be spent on the repairs of the school buildings and it is more than possible that the Government would do the same in future, if there is evidence to show that the local bodies cannot find the funds otherwise."

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

Home (Education) Dept

The resolution was not accepted by the East, though the Hon Mr. Stone stated that Indian applications would be considered; No further action seems necessary at present. The papers may be ^{only} ~~used~~ ^{used}

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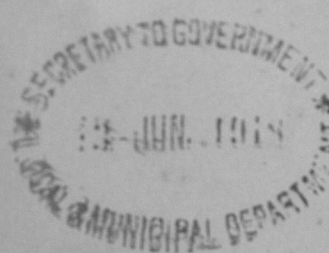
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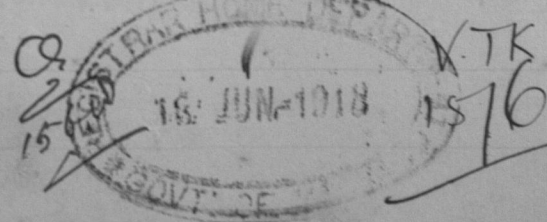
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