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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Resolution.

Regarding notes relating to a resolution proposed to be moved by the hon'ble Mr. P. Siva Rao at the ensuing meeting of the Madras Legislative Council regarding the introduction of legislation for free and compulsory elementary education.

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

Resolution—No. XI

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the 3. 4. 1919.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Resolution may be forwarded to the Home (Edn) & L & M Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (3) of the rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Resolutions in the Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due course.

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Local and Municipal (Legislative) Department.

Resolution on matters of general public interest.

The Hon'ble Mr. P. Siva Rao.

Home (Education) Department.

Local & Municipal Department.

XI. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that early legislation may be initiated to empower local bodies to start free and compulsory elementary education within their areas.

It is recommended that the Council should pass a resolution to the effect that the Government should take steps to provide for the establishment of free and compulsory elementary education within the limits of the local bodies.

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Home (Education) Department.

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XI. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that early legislation may be initiated to empower local bodies to start free and compulsory elementary education within their areas.

Local Municipalities

Clause 45 of the draft Madras Elementary Education Bill provides that any taluk board or municipal Council may in respect of any local area under its charge or any part thereof resolve that elementary education shall be compulsory for all children of school age or for boys of school age alone, subject to certain conditions set forth. Submitted that this resolution

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Resolution may be transferred to the Home (Education) Department, in which the Bill is being dealt with.

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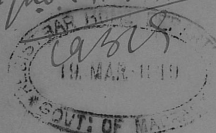
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Clause 16 of the draft Bill
Elementary Education Bill provides
that any local board or municipal
Council may in respect of any local
area under its charge or control
pass a resolution that elementary education
shall be compulsory for all children
of school age or for boys of school age
above, subject to certain conditions
set forth. Subordinate to this

Home (Edn) Dept.

The Elementary Education Bill prepared by this govt is now under the consideration of the govt of India. Chapter V of the Bill provides for the introduction of compulsion by local bodies in the areas administered by them with the previous sanction of the Local govt. The Bill, however, does not provide for the introduction of free elementary education. So far as the question of the levy of fee is concerned ~~it~~ it will be regulated by the existing ~~rules~~ rules. In their Educational policy of 1913 the govt of India stated as follows:—

"As regards free elementary education the time has not yet arrived when it is practicable to dispense wholly with fees without injustice to the many villages which are waiting for the provision of schools. The fees derived from

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"those pupils who can pay them
"are now devoted to the main-
"tenance and expansion of
"primary education and a
"total remission of fees would
"involve to a certain extent
"a more prolonged postpone-
"ment of the provision of
"schools in villages without
"them. In some provinces
"elementary education is
"already free and in the
"majority of provinces libera-
"provision is already made
"for giving free elementary
"education instruction to
"those boys whose parents
"cannot afford to pay fees.
"Local govt have been requested
"to extend the application
"of the principle of free
"elementary education
"amongst the poorest & more
"backward sections of the
"population. Further than this
"it is not possible at present
"to go."

Subsequently in reply to a
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question asked at the meeting of the ^{Imperial} Legislative Council held on the 7th March 1917, the Govt of India stated that they had & not then under consideration any scheme for making ~~for~~ elementary education free after the war, but that they did not wish to interfere in the discretion already possessed by local govt & local bodies to take such steps in respect of particular areas & classes when these might be considered educationally & financially desirable.

2. A few local bodies in the Presidency have recently applied to govt for sanction to the total or partial abolition of fees in elementary schools under their management on the ground that the income now derived from fees is small & that the abolition or reduction will tend to popularize

education among the poor. The Govt have decided in that connection that the general question of the abolition of fees in elementary schools should be examined in its various aspects. The D.P. I have been asked to submit a note on the subject.

It may, however, be mentioned in this connection that under the existing rules all girls and 58.4 percent of the total male population classed as backward are eligible for admission without payment of fees in lower elementary schools under public management. In higher elementary schools, the pupils belonging to backward classes can also be admitted without fees and girls, muhammadians and Uriyas are required to pay only half fee.

3. In reply to a question asked by the Hon'ble Mr. H. Ramchandra Rao at the last meeting

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Rule 8 & (ii) of R.D. Rules

* A very low rate of fees is prescribed for girls.

Before compulsion is introduced in any area, the question of fees or their abolition would obviously require consideration to make an arrangement that might be necessary to suit the conditions of the poorer classes will be made.

of the Legislative Council, it was stated that the draft Elementary Education Bill prepared by this Govt "is under the consideration of the Govt of India". The Honble Mr Swa Rao is there fore aware that the Bill will shortly be introduced in the Legislative Council. He apparently wishes to ^{hasten it and to know if possible} ~~know~~ the detail of ~~the~~ the provisions made for free & compulsory education in it. We cannot now discuss ^{any thing about the latter, but we can assure the Bill members that no avoidable delay will be allowed to occur in this matter.} Orders are solicited as to whether further information should be called for, whether the resolution will be discussed in the Executive Council and as to who will be in charge of it. It may go to the D.P. Secy.

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As the resolution stands it cannot be accepted. In the first place it is for consideration whether, in view of the fact that our draft

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Elementary Question Bill is now under the consideration of the Govt. of India, the resolution is to be admitted; if admitted, the discussion thereon might be curtailed if a ^{few} statement is made that the Bill is ~~in~~ with the Govt. of India and an assurance is given that no ~~provident~~ delay will occur after receipt of this Govt. of the Bill from 'India'.

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From

The Hon'ble Mr. H. G. Stokes, C.I.E., I.C.S.,

Acting Secretary to the Government of Madras,

To

The Hon'ble Mr. P. Siva Rao.

Dated Port St. George, the 24th March 1919.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that your resolution recommending legislation to empower local bodies to start free and compulsory elementary education has been dis-
allowed by His Excellency the President with reference to
rule 3 (c) of the Resolution rules.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

H. G. Stokes

Acting Secretary to Government.

Copy to the Home (Education) Department. ✓

" Local and Municipal Department.

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