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Legislative Council resolution

Recording papers relating to the resolution moved by the Hon'ble Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 5th February 1919 regarding budget provision for grant to the Madura Municipality for providing sites and buildings for municipal schools

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LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.



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for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the

5th Feb 1919.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this *Resolution* ~~Question~~ may be forwarded to the *Encl, Lt to (Encl) P. W. D* Department (with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the *& Home (Encl)* rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these *Resolutions* ~~Questions~~ in the Legislative Council. Orders regarding admission will be communicated in due course.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL (LEGISLATIVE) DEPARTMENT.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH A RESOLUTION REGARDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

[For the meeting of the 5th February 1919.]

[SUBJECT.—Grant to the Madura municipality for providing sites and buildings for municipal schools.]

The Hon'ble Mr. K. RAMA AYYANGAR :—

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~~XI.~~ This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs. 85,218 be provided for the acquisition of sites for municipal schools and for the construction of buildings for the same to be granted to the Madura municipality and that the same be met from the provision for school buildings or by a corresponding reduction under the head "45-B."

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The Additional Member desires that a sum of Rs. 85,218 should be provided for grants towards the construction of buildings for elementary schools under the Madura Municipal Council. Presumably the amount mentioned is an approximate estimate of the cost of constructing buildings for all the elementary schools in the town under the management of the municipality which have no buildings of their own. In recent years the Government have been providing in the budget lump sums

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for grants to local bodies for elementary school buildings. In the distribution of these lump allotments, the Director of Public Instruction takes into consideration the demands made by the several District Boards and Municipal Councils and as far as possible the distribution is so made that all parts of the Presidency may benefit by the Government grant.

2. In the distribution of grants for elementary school buildings in the years 1917 and 1918 the Madura Municipal

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Council received a sum of Rs. 40,000 for four schools. In the current year, a sum of nearly Rs. 3 lakhs was recently distributed

to local bodies for buildings for elementary schools. No portion of this grant was given to the Madura Municipal Council. In submitting his recommendations for

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the distribution of the above sum, the Director of Public Instruction stated that proposals were called for only from such of the local boards and municipal councils as did not participate to a large extent in the distribution of the provision made for the purpose during the year 1917-18. Madura Municipal Council was accordingly left out by him. But there will shortly be another distribution of Rs. 3 * lakhs for elementary school buildings in the current year. The Director of Public Instruction's proposals in this regard are awaited. It cannot now be stated whether the Madura Municipal Council will receive any portion of this grant.

* 2.67 lakhs from the Imperial grant of 5.50 lakhs and the balance from anticipated savings in the provision under the head 'Payments in support of Local Board and Municipal Schools' under '22. Education.'

Of course it cannot be.

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3. A sum of Rs. 3.85 lakhs has been provided in the budget estimate for 1919-20 for subsidies to local bodies for elementary school buildings. The Additional Member's suggestion that a sum of Rs. 85,218 out of the above provision should be

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given to the Madura Municipal Council cannot, it is submitted, be accepted. The Council's request for a subsidy will have to be considered not only with reference to its own needs, but also with reference to the needs of other local bodies.

Besides, it should be shown that the Council cannot meet from its own funds at least a portion of the cost and that it has not now on hand unexpended savings from subsidies for educational buildings paid in previous years. If its demands are met *in full*, some other local bodies will have to go without any grant next year and there will be complaints from the latter that they were not fairly treated. In the current year, the Director of Public Instruction allowed in the recent distribution for one building for each of the taluk boards in a district and one for each municipality without regard to the question of relative urgency. Some such principle will have to be followed next year also. In these circumstances the suggestion made in the resolution cannot, it is submitted, be entertained.

4. The Director of Public Instruction may be requested to offer his remarks on the resolution.

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R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—28-1-19.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The Hon'ble Mr. K. Rama Ayyangar is evidently referring to the scheme proposed by the Municipal Council, Madura, for the extension of elementary education in that town. In regard to this, Government have in their Order Mis. No. 1743 M., dated 4th November 1918, asked the Council to formulate definite proposals and informed them that till this is done and the cost is ascertained approximately it will not be possible for Government to promise any grant. So far definite proposals have

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not been formulated. And it does not appear on what data the Additional

Member bases his request for a grant of Rs. 85,218. The attitude taken in the Government Order quoted above may be adopted, also the view taken in the Secretariat notes a regards the position of Madura in connexion with the distribution of subsidies for the construction of elementary school buildings.

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LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT.

In May last the Madura Municipal Council formulated a scheme for the extension of primary education (G.O. No. 1743 M., dated 4th November 1918). The scheme provided for increasing the number of elementary schools in the municipality from 26 to 40. The Council owned seven school buildings and it proposed to construct 33 more. The cost of buildings and the acquisition of sites therefor were estimated at 3 lakhs. The Council proposed to spend during the current year Rs. 53,800—Rs. 30,000 on the acquisition of sites and Rs. 23,800 on the construction of buildings—for three of the existing schools meeting a portion of the cost from the balance of Rs. 57,275 out of the grants for school buildings sanctioned in G.Os. No. 709, Home (Education), dated 29th May 1917, No. 179, Financial, dated 13th March 1918 and No. 332, Home (Education), dated 12th March 1918. The remaining buildings estimated to cost about 2½ lakhs, the Council proposed to construct in the next five years allotting Rs. 20,000 from municipal funds every year. The Council applied to Government for an annual grant of Rs. 30,000 for five years. After a full consideration the Council was informed that until the details of the scheme were worked out

and the cost ascertained approximately it would not be possible for Government to promise any grant for the acquisition of the sites and construction of buildings. The Council was at the same time advised to settle definitely the sites for the schools, ascertain their cost and formulate definite proposals with regard to them—vide G.O. No. 1743 M., dated 4th November 1918.

2. The Chairman has submitted to Government an advance copy of an application for a grant of Rs. 85,218 for the acquisition of sites and construction of buildings for the municipal schools, Rs. 42,718 for acquisition of sites for four buildings and Rs. 42,500 for the construction of six buildings. In paragraph 4 of this letter the Chairman promised to submit the scheme called for in G.O. No. 1743 M., dated 4th November 1918, as soon as the valuation statements for the remaining sites selected by the Council are received from the Collector. The present resolution is apparently based on the Chairman's letter referred to, the original of which has not yet been received from the Collector. In any case, until the scheme has been completely worked out there appears to be no necessity for considering the question of grant. With these remarks, the file may be passed on to Home (Education) u.o.

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L. A. CAMMIADU—30-1-19.

H. G. STOKES—30-1-19.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

I Please see Director of Public Instruction's note on page 2 supra. This department has already noted that the suggestion in the resolution cannot be accepted as the needs of the Madura Municipal Council will have to be considered with reference to the needs of other local bodies.

II The Local and Municipal Department consider that until a complete scheme for the expansion of elementary education has been worked out by the Council, the question of grant need not be considered.

2. The file may be circulated to Honourable Member (Local and Municipal) and His Excellency.

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C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—30-1-19.

For the reasons I and II, the resolution has to be opposed.

P. R[AJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR—30-1-19.

P[ENTLAND]—31-1-19.

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 5th day of February 1919.

RESOLUTION *RE* GRANT TO THE MADURA MUNICIPALITY FOR PROVIDING SITES AND BUILDINGS FOR MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS.

The Hon'ble Mr. K. RAMA AYYANGAR :—"The resolution which stands in my name runs thus :—

'XIII. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs. 85,218 be provided for the acquisition of sites for municipal schools and for the construction of buildings for the same to be granted to the Madura Municipality and that the same be met from the provision for school buildings or by a corresponding reduction under the head 45-B.'

"This relates to the correspondence between the Director of Public Instruction and the Madura Municipality in respect of the number of primary schools that they maintain there and propose to extend in course of time. The amount that I refer to covers the acquisition of sites for four schools and buildings for six schools. The municipality maintains about 17 schools, some for girls and some for boys, some for Panchamas and some for Muhammadans. The Government have been communicated with by the municipality and in that communication they give exactly what they propose to do with a view to introduce schools in the various parts of the town so that boys may have the chance of attending school with the view of getting all the school-going population into these schools for primary education. The scheme has been submitted to the Government and a printed memorandum also. They propose to open 40 schools. They do not propose to ask the Government to help them immediately. The present proposal is to acquire four more buildings for four more schools and to put up buildings for six more primary schools. If the acquisition of sites is put off, the price of land in Madura increases steadily, and unless they are acquired as early as possible, the price may become much more prohibitive. As it is they cost a fairly large sum. In these circumstances my request is that this small fraction of the total scheme they have before them may be considered especially in a year of this kind when about Rs. 8 lakhs of expenditure has been added under the head of grants for buildings. It includes buildings for secondary schools also. The portion relating to elementary education will be about Rs. 4 lakhs. I beg to submit that I do not want that the scheme of the other municipalities and other boards should not be considered; but I contend that this municipality which has set a scheme before itself and proposes to expend money for the maintenance of these schools may be given this non-recurring grant so as to bring it under the category of bigger municipalities in the Presidency. It is second only to Madras. If compulsory education be introduced in any place next to Madras, it will be in Madura. As I said they have spread it over a number of years and the grants can be given in small bits. They have prepared plans and estimates, and I understand in respect of two of them they have been approved by the Sanitary Engineer also, and four others are modelled on the plan of the Goripalaiyam school which has been approved by the Government and has also been constructed. In these circumstances I hope that the Government may view this proposal with favour and help the municipality."

The Hon'ble Mr. R. LITTLEHAILES :—"Your Excellency, the crux of this matter rests on the fact that although the educational budget is large relatively to other budgets, yet the funds are limited, and the needs of the Madura Municipality will have to be considered with reference to the needs of other local bodies. I may mention that in the years 1917 and 1918 subsidies for building elementary schools to the amount of Rs. 40,000 out of a total of just a little over Rs. 1,64,000 for the whole Presidency were awarded to the Madura Municipality. That indicates that the needs of the municipality have not been neglected or ignored by the Government in the past. There is no fear that they will be ignored in future."

The Hon'ble Mr. K. RAMA AYYANGAR :—"I do not want to press the resolution."

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

H. G. STOKES,
Acting Secretary to Govt., L. & M. (Legislative) Dept.

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