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for the meeting of the Legislative

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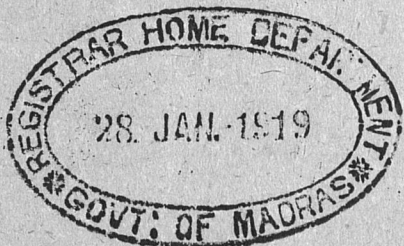
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**NOTES CONNECTED WITH A RESOLUTION REGARDING ANNUAL
FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

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

[SUBJECT.—*Provision for four additional circle inspectors of schools.*]

The Hon'ble Mr. A. SURYANARAYANA RAO PANTULU :—

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~~LIX.~~ This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs. 60,000 allotted towards expenditure for additional four circle inspectors under 22-B be deducted and the sum added to the unallotted expenditure.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The sum of Rs. 60,000 referred to in resolution is a portion of the Imperial recurring grant of 5.50 lakhs received in the current year and is intended for the following purposes :—

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(i) Appointment of an additional inspectress of schools (including allowances, supplies and services)	13,000
(ii) Addition of four inspectors of circles	23,000
(iii) Appointment of twelve additional sub-assistant inspectors	24,000
Total ..	60,000

The Additional Member assumes that the above provision of Rs. 60,000 is for the employment of four circle inspectors of schools. This is not correct. Only a portion of it, viz., Rs. 23,000, is for circle inspectors. It is not clear whether his intention is that the whole provision should be deleted or only that portion of it which relates to the addition of four circles. In any case, his suggestion is unacceptable. The three objects for which provision is made are briefly noticed below.

2. *Appointment of an additional Inspectress of girls' schools.*—The Government of India have been addressed in letter No. 1461, dated the 18th November 1918, for sanction to the employment of an additional inspectress. The post is to be temporary for a period of one year to begin with. The main reasons for the proposal are—

(1) that it is now more than 17 years since the staff of inspectresses was re-organized and that during this period the number of girls' schools has risen from 1,066 to 1,935 and their strength from 60,427 to 149,295, exhibiting an increase in the latter case of nearly 150 per cent;

(2) that the improvement noticed is not confined to elementary schools but extends to all classes and grades of schools, especially secondary schools for girls and training schools for mistresses;

(3) that each inspectress has now to travel over practically eight revenue districts to organize, inspect and control as many as 650 schools on an average and the consequent inspection and office work constitute a severe strain on the small staff of inspectresses;

(4) that the employment of an additional inspectress is imperatively necessary to give relief to the existing staff and thus render inspection more efficient and to bring about the rapid development of female education for which there is an effective demand.

From the above, it will be seen that it is not practicable at the present stage to delete the provision for an additional inspectress.

3. *Addition of four inspectors' circles.*—Proposals in this regard are now under consideration. There are at present nine circles including Bangalore and Coorg. The question of employing additional inspectors and of effecting a general reorganization of the inspecting agency has been under consideration since 1913. The general scheme contemplated the employment of—

(1) twelve additional inspectors (seven in the Indian Educational Service and five in the Provincial Educational Service); and

(2) one hundred and forty-nine additional sub-assistant inspectors.

It also contemplated the abolition of the posts of assistant inspectors and supervisors of schools. The scheme is allowed to lie over pending receipt of the orders of the Government of India on this Government's letter on the recommendations of the Public Services Commission in regard to educational services. In the meanwhile, the Director of Public Instruction has proposed the employment of four additional inspectors in the Provincial Educational Service and the consequent rearrangement of the inspectors' circles. He considers that this addition should be made immediately to cope with the increased work of inspection and supervision of schools which have multiplied considerably during recent years. The number of secondary, elementary and training schools in 1912-1913 and 1917-1918 is as follows:—

	Secondary schools.		Elementary schools.		Training schools.	
	Number of schools.	Strength.	Number of schools.	Strength.	Number of schools.	Strength.
1912-1913	339	106,396	25,211	1,014,448	47	3,485
1917-1918	355	140,306	29,848	1,259,041	62	4,226

In the current official year the Government have sanctioned the opening of seventeen additional high schools and forty-nine middle schools. The Government have also just sanctioned the opening of 1,170 additional elementary schools under local bodies. It is also likely that more schools will come into existence in the next few years. In order that adequate attention may be bestowed on the proper organization and control of these schools and that the work of sub-assistants is more closely supervised some addition to the superior inspecting staff seems to be imperatively necessary. The addition of four inspectors does not appear to be excessive and the proposal to delete the provision for this purpose cannot, it is submitted, be entertained.

4. *Appointment of twelve additional sub-assistant inspectors.*—The Director of Public Instruction's proposals in this regard have not yet been received. An addition to the strength of sub-assistant inspectors was made in 1912. Since then as shown in the previous paragraph the number of elementary schools has considerably increased and a further addition to the strength of sub-assistant inspectors seems to be necessary. It is not therefore desirable to omit the provision made for this purpose which appears to be very moderate.

5. Orders are solicited as to whether further information should be called for, whether the resolution should be discussed in the Executive Council and who will be in charge of it.

S.K.—29-1-19.

N.K.—29-1-19.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—30-1-19.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—30-1-19.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

The note is adequate and the resolution may be opposed.

H. S. DUNCAN—30-1-19.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The file may now be circulated to His Excellency for orders with reference to paragraph 5 supra.

C.R.—30-1-19.

R.R.—30-1-19.

The Director of Public Instruction will take charge and oppose.

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 PROVISION FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL CIRCLE INSPECTORS FOR EDUCATION.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"The resolution that I beg to move runs thus:—

'XI. This Council recommends to His Excellency the Governor in Council that a sum of Rs. 60,000 allotted towards expenditure for additional four Circle Inspectors under 22-B. be deducted and the sum added to the unallotted expenditure.'

"I invite your Excellency's attention to page 35 of the Amended Draft Financial Statement. I notice that under 22-B. 'Inspection' in the budget for the year 1919-20 for the appointment of an additional Inspectress of Schools Rs. 13 lakh is provided; for the addition of four Inspectors' circles Rs. 23 lakh; and for the appointment of twelve additional sub-assistant inspectors Rs. 24 lakh, making a total of Rs. 60 lakh. This is a new expenditure which is introduced for the first time in the present budget. I respectfully submit that the budget shows that a large increase has been sanctioned in the number of elementary schools and certainly a larger amount of inspection is wanted. But there is no emergency now for adding four Circle Inspectors at a cost of Rs. 23 lakh. In all these matters we must see that the subordinate agency is strengthened, and we must see that elementary schools are properly inspected. It is only after the subordinate establishment is well strengthened that we might well look to the superior agency. The superior agency and the higher schools can take care of themselves, and I do not think such a detailed inspection is necessary in the case of those schools. I think the proposal can very well wait till next year, and I appeal to the Government that this amount may not be spent this year, because the scheme is under consideration, for I notice on page 4 of the Director's report that 'the subordinate agency was already strengthened as a temporary measure pending the issue of orders on the scheme for the strengthening of the inspecting agency which is now under the consideration of the Government.' The inspecting agency is about to be strengthened and I have no doubt that the whole scheme will be placed before the Council, and the Council will then be in a position to submit their views on the subject. The Hon'ble Mr. Krishna Rao has told us, that the Government were asked whether they would be pleased to place the scheme on the table and the Government were not in a position to do so. Unless the scheme is placed before us, we are not in a position to see how the whole thing will work. I therefore move that this provision be deleted from the budget."

The Hon'ble Mr. R. LITTLEHAILES:—"Your Excellency, I wish just to raise a technical point at the start, which is that the resolution is for the deletion of the provision of Rs. 60,000 made for four additional Circle Inspectors while as a matter of fact only Rs. 23,000 is allotted."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT:—"That is a correction which the Council should bear in mind."

The Hon'ble Mr. A. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"I confess the resolution is not happily worded. It was intended to apply to the whole of Rs. 60,000."

The Hon'ble Mr. R. LITTLEHAILES:—"This is a matter of urgency. It is well known that the work of the Inspector is in the main inspecting secondary schools and supervising and organizing the work of education in the whole of his districts. The Inspectors are overworked. The Honourable Mover of the previous motion has already read a statement to this effect from the quinquennial report ending 1916-17. That is a very valid argument in favour of the provision which has been made in the budget. The Honourable Mover of this resolution desires to have this deleted because he considers the inspection of elementary schools is more important. I may submit, Sir, if that is the argument it ought to go towards the strengthening of the cadre of Sub-Assistant Inspectors who have the majority of actual inspecting work to do in these schools. So far as the Circle Inspectors alone are concerned, we have had the present number for a good many years and it is absolutely necessary to have an increase. We have had an increase of 40 per cent in the strength of pupils attending secondary schools since 1913. We have had no increase whatsoever in the number of Inspectors. I need not detain the Council to emphasize the argument that the department is fully convinced of the urgent need of the appointment of additional Circle Inspectors. That is the prime need of the department. It is very undesirable to have this provision deleted."

(Mr. Suryanarayana Rao ; the President.) [5TH FEBRUARY 1919.]

The Hon'ble Mr. A. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Your Excellency, the resolution No. X provides for the appointment of 11 additional Assistant Inspectors. This resolution asks for the deletion of the provision for four additional Inspectors. It has been pointed out by the Hon'ble Mr. Littlehales that the number of Circle Inspectors has remained the same for several years and therefore the number has to be increased. He says that the inspection agency has to be increased. But under resolution No. X we are going to have 11 additional Inspectors of schools who can inspect the schools. I cannot understand why we should have four additional Inspectors. I think the two are inconsistent. If we are going to have one, the second can be deleted. If the Hon'ble Mr. Krishna Rao's resolution is accepted and 11 additional Assistant Inspectors are appointed, it is still more necessary that my resolution should be accepted by the Government. I do not think that we want both Circle Inspectors and additional Assistant Inspectors. When we have the whole scheme before us, we can consider how many Circle Inspectors and additional Assistant Inspectors we may have. But till the scheme has matured, I think this expenditure may be omitted altogether."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT :—" I am reluctant to add anything to what the Hon'ble the Director of Public Instruction has said, because he has said everything that can be said. It is not permissible for us to go back and discuss resolution No. X. As a matter of fact resolution No. X involves not only the addition of additional Assistant Inspectors but the reorganization of the whole grade. In that sense it may be differentiated from the resolution we are now discussing. The point is simply this. The department is spending a certain amount upon secondary education and we are not getting the full value of that money without the inspecting agency. The Hon'ble the Director of Public Instruction has pointed out that since 1913, I think he said, 40 per cent has been added to the number of pupils in the secondary schools. If the department is to get full value for the money spent on educating these scholars, really it is in the opinion of the department essential that there should be for the time being at any rate an addition to the staff of the inspecting agency, and I cannot do otherwise than advise the Council to accept this provision. In the current year only 17 secondary schools and 49 model schools have been opened. At present the Inspectors are overworked. If we are to get the full value of the money the department cannot do better than advise the appointment of these Inspectors. Does the Honourable Member press the resolution ?"

The Hon'ble Mr. A. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" No."

His Excellency the PRESIDENT :—" The Honourable Member will realize that this is a perfectly genuine and moderate demand that the department has made."

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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