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[Despatch Abstract.]

ADDRESS.

Recording notes connected with an -----presented to
His Excellency the Governor by the Municipal Council of Adoni
regarding the provision of a building at the cost of Government
for the Municipal High School.

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Copy of demi-official letter dated the 6th June 1919
from the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor,
Ootacamund.

I am sending you herewith copies of three addresses
to be presented to His Excellency in the Bellary district.
Will you please arrange to send me not later than the 15th
instant three copies of a note on the subjects if any
relating to the departments under you referred to in each
of these addresses as usual?

Home (Edn) Dept

Three Copies of a note on the Subjects relating
to this department ~~drawn with~~ in the address
of the ~~Municipal Council, Adoni~~
are placed below. They may be sent to the P.S.G. (no)

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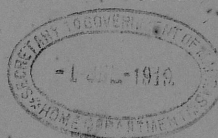
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Returned with thanks. I have kept copies
of the note.



Adm.
B.O.
28-6-19.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR—JUNE 1919.

*Extract from the address to be presented by
the Adoni Municipal Council to His
Excellency the Governor.*

"3. This town, with its large population of 32,000, its extensive commerce being situated on the main north-west line of the Railway between Madras and Bombay, and its rapidly rising and flourishing condition, has been, as remarked by the Government on the previous Administration Report of the municipality, backward in educational point of view; and it was only in 1908 that the Government was pleased to sanction an incomplete secondary or better known as middle school under municipal management, which has now been raised to the status of a high school. The fourth form was opened in July 1918, the fifth form is to be opened in July of this year, and the long-felt want and desire of a complete secondary or high school will be realized next year by the opening of the sixth form.

"4. The estimates amounting to Rupees 66,000 for the building for the municipal high school as per type-design have been sanctioned and the Government have been pleased to grant a moiety of the same together with the centage charges thereon, for which we owe our gratitude to the benevolent Government. But on account of the rise in the prices of materials and labour not only the revised estimates of this building have gone up to Rs. 1,07,000, but has greatly affected the financial condition of the municipality to such an extent that we are even unable to meet the promised moiety of the original estimates as we have already spent Rs. 5,000 and are now spending another 5,600 for the temporary sheds of this high school besides contributing Rs. 12,500 for the enhancement of the catchment area of the water-works tank. We are therefore compelled to approach Your Excellency with a further solicitation that, in honour of Your Excellencies' exalted visit to our district, the entire cost of the high school building as per revised estimates may be borne by Government and a free gift of the building made to the municipality. In this connexion it will not be out of place to mention that after all we are not extravagant in our demands as two our

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neighbouring municipalities of Bellary and Anantapur have had the fortune of getting better and more substantial help in this respect."

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Collector's note.

The facts as to the high school are set out in the address.

The place is steadily growing in importance as a trade centre and both * the requests are in the interest of its commercial development.

Secretariat note.

HOME (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

With the object of providing additional facilities for secondary education and with a view to relieve congestion in the existing secondary schools in the Presidency, the Government, in G.O. No. 757, Home (Education), dated 11th June 1918, sanctioned the raising of the status of seventeen middle schools under the management of local bodies, including the institution under the management of Municipal Council, Adoni, to that of a high school. Accordingly, the fourth form was opened in the school last year; the fifth form will be opened next July and the sixth form in 1920. The net additional cost involved in the opening of the new forms will be borne by Government.

2. The need for the construction of a new building for the Municipal High School, Adoni, has already been admitted by Government. As stated in the address, the cost of the new building was originally estimated at Rs. 66,000. The Council agreed to bear one-half of the cost from its own funds and the Government in G.Os. Nos. 559, Home (Education), dated 29th April 1918, and 206, Financial, dated 19th March 1918, sanctioned the payment of a subsidy of the other half (Rs. 33,000) towards the construction of the building. In G.O. No. 1869 M., Mis., dated 28th November 1918, the execution of the work was entrusted to the Public Works Department and the Government also sanctioned the payment of a further subsidy of Rs. 15,840 towards the centage charges.

3. The Council now states that on account of the rise in the prices of materials and labour, the revised estimate for the building has gone up to Rs. 1,07,000 and that, in its present financial condition, it will not be able to meet a moiety of the

* The other is for an industrial school.

cost of the building as originally arranged. The Council therefore requests that the entire cost of the high school building as per revised estimate may be borne by Government and a free gift of the building made to the Municipality.

4. In support of its request, the Council alludes to the special treatment accorded in the matter of the provision of new buildings for the Municipal High Schools at Bellary and Anantapur. So far, the Government have sanctioned only a subsidy of Rs. 50,000 towards the construction of a new building for the Municipal High School at Bellary and no undertaking has been given that the entire cost will be met from Provincial funds, although it is generally understood that a substantial portion of the cost will be borne by Government (G.O. No. 206, Financial, dated 19th March 1918). The case of the Municipal High school, Anantapur, is, however, special. In pursuance of an undertaking given to the Anantapur Municipal Council, as far back as 1909, the Government have agreed to provide a new building for the Municipal High school at the cost of Provincial funds and the Director has been asked to obtain and submit the necessary plans and estimates—vide G.O. No. 299, Home (Education), dated 10th March 1919, and note on pages 3 and 4 of the notes thereto.

5. The Municipal Council, Adōni, is spending a good portion of its funds on education. In 1917-18, the percentage of net expenditure on education to the Council's total income from taxation was 7.7 against the presidency average of 6.7 (page 51 of G.O. No. 531 M., dated 31st March 1919). The Council's financial position does not appear to be satisfactory, as the closing balance in the budget estimate of the current official year is only 4.9 per cent of the estimated ordinary receipts as against the prescribed minimum of 10 per cent (paragraph 5 of G.O. No. 462 M., dated 22nd March 1919). But the Council must show that it is unable to raise the amount required for the construction of a new building for the Municipal High school, over and above the Government subsidy, either by public subscription or by means of a loan. Last year, Sir Alexander Cardew remarked that grants to local bodies for the construction of secondary school buildings should be restricted to 50 per cent of the

estimated cost. The question whether such a limit should be laid down is now under the consideration of Government.

6. It is submitted that the Municipal Council may be told to apply officially through the Director of Public Instruction in the matter of an additional subsidy towards the construction of a new building for the high school. In submitting the application, the Council might be asked to furnish full particulars as regards its present financial condition and as to its ability to raise a portion of the estimated cost of the building either by means of subscriptions or by loan.

N.K.—10-6-19.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—10-6-19.

The high school is a necessity and some body will have to find out the funds. But without further examination we cannot definitely promise to give more than 50 per cent (though even this ratio need not necessarily be given in the case of local bodies). The proposal in paragraph 6 seems to be suitable provided the Council be asked to make a bona fide attempt to contribute as much as it can.

R. RAMACHANDRA RAO—11-6-19.

This request for an additional subvention must be subjected to thorough scrutiny by the three departments concerned, viz.—

(i) *Local and Municipal*, as to the ability of the Council to find a share of the aggregate cost ;

(ii) *Educational*, as to the comparative claims of this school and other institutions on the budget provision for building grants ; and

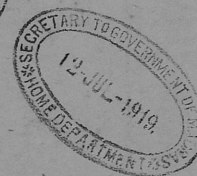
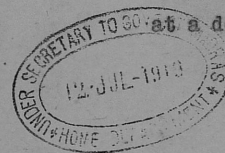
(iii) *Financial*, as to the propriety of allotting so large a grant to this one Council and the feasibility of adding to the aggregate budget provision.

I do not think anything more can be done on this address than to promise examination of an official application for an additional subsidy and at the same time to say that Government expect local bodies to contribute their fair share in such cases and very strong grounds must be established to warrant so unusual a step as a grant of the entire cost.

L. D[AVIDSON]—11-6-19.

Returned with the following extract from His
Excellency's reply:

"The necessity for increased educational advantages for your town is very real and urgent, and I regret to learn that the rise in the price of materials has so considerably increased the estimate for the cost of the Municipal High School which was recently sanctioned. It is I fear impossible for me to accept your suggestion that in honour of my visit amongst you Government should agree to bear the entire cost of the building, for this might create a difficult precedent but I can give you an assurance that they will favourably consider the question of enhancing the grant already sanctioned, and that the special difficulties which you have laid before me will not be lost sight of in arriving at a decision."



Recd

P.S.G.
9/7/19.

H His instructions on p 4 ante will be borne in mind in examining the Council's application for an additional subsidy towards the construction of a new building for the Municipal High School, Adoni. The papers may it is submitted be now order No 8833 16-7-19

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