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RESOLUTION DATED 14-3-21

Mr. Diwanath Das.

THE LAB. (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

SIR, This Council recommends Government to reduce the demand of Rs. 1,30,000 for building grants in Detailed account No. 51 B(1) Education - Secondary, to Rs. 50,000 only.

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The following provision relating to building grants for Secondary Schools has been made in the preliminary issue of the budget for 1921-22:-

	Budget Estimate 1921-22. Rs	Revised Estimate 1920-21 Rs	Budget Estimate 1920-21 Rs	Acc'ts. 1919-20 Rs
P.126. Building grants to Non-Govt% (European) Secondary Schools.	1,30,000	77,100	1,30,000	19,000
P.129. Building grants to Non-Govt. Non-European Secondary Schools.	1,13,500	70,000	1,40,000	1,06,492

For the rules relating to Building grants to European Schools please see articles 50-62 of the code of Regulations for European Schools. The provision of Rs.1,30,000 for European Secondary Schools was proposed by the D.P.I. apparently on the basis of last year's budget estimate and was accepted by Government. The remarks of the Director may be invited on the suggestion of the M.L.C to reduce the amount to Rs.50,000.

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The reasons which justify an allotment of Rs.1.3 lakhs for building grants to European Schools are as follows: Large expenditure is anticipated in connection with 3 schemes.

- (a) Lawrence Memorial School.
- (b) Civil Orphan Asylums
- (c) Saint Georges Homes, Ketu.

If the scheme in connection with the new Homes at Ketu is fully worked out large grants will be involved.

(d) Apart from these three schemes we have maturing liabilities of about Rs. 1.4 lakhs.

Consequently if the amount in the Budget Estimate for 1921-22 is reduced to Rs.50,000/-, next year we shall not be able to meet ^{our} ~~the~~ other liabilities.

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Mr. BISVANATH DAS then moved the following motion :—

4. That this Council recommends to the Government to reduce the demands of Rs. 1,30,000 for building grants in detailed account No. 31-B (a) (1) Education—Secondary, by Rs. 80,000 (Budget, page 126).

In doing so, he said :—“ Sir, I am very sorry that during the discussion of the last motion much was spoken of the racial prejudice. It is natural, Sir, when Anglo-Indians and Indians move together as brothers in a family and one brother, specially with the weapon of reservation at his back, is rolling on the laps of luxury---it is natural that there should be some grumbling from the other side. Sir, we are gathered here Anglo-Indians, Indians, Brahmans, and non-Brahmans, and when the discussion of questions from a communal standpoint are allowed to be discussed, I do not think there would be much trouble or much to be complained of in the name of race prejudice when questions relating to the curtailment of luxurious grants are discussed. Well, Sir, we are by this time convinced of the fact that Anglo-Indian education has unfortunately been very costly. As my friend Mr. Somasundaram Pillai said, Anglo-Indian students should learn to adjust themselves to circumstances and I am sorry they have not. Reference has also been made to my figures given out on my observations on the budget on the last occasion and I must say here that from a close working out of the figures I have found out that while Rs. 13 is spent per head of Indian students, Rs. 183 is spent per head of Anglo-Indian or European students. Certainly, Sir, these ways do not speak well of the community especially when they are destined to live with us and to be educated along with us. I should say that in the interests of Anglo Indian community themselves it would be better for them to come a bit to our level or at least just try to meet us half way in the cost of education. When these are the circumstances, it is for this House to decide if they would allow again another luxury of heavy grant for costly buildings.

“ I quite repudiate the unwarranted saying of the Rev. Macphail that ‘European students do not receive any help in the matter of education. I find from the educational reports of 1919-20 that Anglo-Indian and European students as also Indian students read together in the same institutions and I believe that money spent in those institutions is also spent on the education of the European students. Therefore I do not know how the Rev. Macphail believes that not a pie is spent in the education of European students.’ ”

The Hon'ble Rai Bahadur K. VENKATA REDDI NAYUDU :—“ I think, Sir, there is some mistake there. The Hon'ble Member Mr. Macphail stated that since all rich Europeans are educated in England, nothing goes towards their education.”

Mr. BISVANATH DAS :—“ I must say that money is also spent on the education of poorer European students. So, I believe that the statement of Mr. Macphail is not correct. Secondly while realizing that the education of the European and Anglo-Indian students is becoming more and more costly, we must not allow them more grants for more luxurious buildings as we find in Demand under 31-B (a) (i) in which 1.30 lakhs has been demanded for building grants. Sir, I find from the reports that for the last three years much money has been allowed for building grants. For instance in 1919-20 I find in the educational reports that a good amount was allotted and that the whole amount could not be utilized as payment was not mature during that year. Again I find from the budget estimate for 1920-21 that a sum of Rs. 77,100 was allowed. This year a further provision of about 1.30 lakhs has been made.

“ I submit, Sir, that the cost on this head is growing more rapidly than it ought to have been and for myself, I believe, that more money spent on buildings is money mis-spent. I therefore submit that it is not proper for us to vote such a huge amount as Rs. 1.3 lakhs and I therefore appeal to the House that in view of the financial stringency and in view of the difficulties in the different branches of education felt that a sum of Rs. 80 thousand should be deducted from the demand of 1.30 lakhs.”

Mr. R. G. GRIEVE :—“ Mr. President, I should like to say that if the grant is reduced we shall not be in a position to meet our obligations in the coming year. It is also worth while mentioning that part of 1.30 lakhs is transferred from the Imperial to Provincial funds. It is not all coming out of the Provincial budget. We have also a liability of 1.40 lakhs and apart from this we have three schemes on hand in connexion with the Lawrence Memorial School which is provided from Imperial funds, with Civil Orphanage asylum and with the St. George's Homes. In all these schemes applications for building grants have been sanctioned already. In other words you cannot cut down so as to meet your liability.”

Rao Bahadur T. NAMBERUMAL CHETTIYAR :—“ This is not the time for starting new buildings, as the prices of materials and labour have advanced considerably. Another reason is that in the Revised estimate for 1920-21 only Rs. 77,100 was allotted and there seems to be no justification for the increased demand now made. I therefore support its reduction by Rs. 30,000.”

Rao Bahadur K. S. VENKATARAMA AYYAR :—“ With regard to building grants, the Hon'ble Member Mr. Namberumal Chetti stated that it was a bad time but the time is becoming already worse. Every year the Public Works Department has to revise the schedule of rates and the Local Fund department has also to revise the schedule of rates. If the building is postponed it will cost us 1.50 lakhs next year. There can be absolutely no objection to provide buildings for the schools and I believe building grants are the grants with which nobody should interfere.”

The motion for closure moved by Mr. T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar was carried with two dissentients.

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