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[Despatch Abstract.]

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Resolution--reduction of the provision for expansion of elementary education meeting the cost of District Educational Councils by one lakh--papers recorded.

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Council Office.

14th March 1921.

Resolution on the budget.

Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rau.

The Law (Education) Department
The Finance Department.

337. That the demand of

Rs. 132 of C.B.S.
for 1921-22

Rs. 6,00,000 under Sl C (b) (iii) for
expansion of Elementary Education for
meeting the cost of District Educational
Councils, be reduced by one lakh.

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Law (Edn) Dept.

The provision of 6.00 in question is for
the following purposes:—

- (i) for meeting the cost of Dist. Edu-
cational Councils to be constituted
under the Madras Elementary
Education Act. 4
- (ii) for expansion of elementary
education.

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<u>Establishment.</u>	cost for 1922
<u>For 11 months.</u>	Rs
2 clerks on Rs 30 each	660.
2 peons, 14 & 13	297
Stamp & Stationery	200
Furniture for clerks	650
T. A. for members	500
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Educational Councils. If the
position, as noted above, is explained
the Member may perhaps withdraw
the Resolution.

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expansion of ~~each~~ ^{each}
meeting the cost of D. & C.

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26. That the demand of Rs. 6,00,000 under 31 C (b) (iii). for expansion of elementary education for meeting the cost of district educational councils be reduced by one lakh (Budget page 132).

"My main object in making this motion is to find out from the Government—"

The Hon'ble Sir LIONEL DAVIDSON :—"May I rise to a point of order, Sir. The resolution suggests that the demand of Rs. 6,00,000 for the expansion of elementary education for meeting the cost of district educational councils be reduced by one lakh. But the entry in the budget is for the expansion of elementary education and for meeting the cost of district educational councils. May I ask, through you, Sir, whether the Honourable Member is aware that the allotment is for two purposes; his resolution suggests only one."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—"I am aware of it, Sir."

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT :—"Has the Honourable Member any objection to insert the word 'and' before the word 'for'?"

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—"I have no objection. The first point on which I should like to have information is as to what establishments the district educational councils are going to have if elementary education is to be expanded through these district educational councils, because it seems to me that we must have more funds than are provided for in this item. I understood that the Hon'ble Mr. Grieve once informed me that the establishments to be provided for running these new district educational councils would cost about a lakh of rupees. If there are any revised figures, I should like to know what these new district educational councils are to cost us and whether the administrative arrangements in connexion with them are going to cost us."

"As regards the remaining portion of this grant I should like to know from the Hon'ble the Minister as to what necessity there would be for the existing establishments if these new educational councils are to be decentralized bodies for the purpose of undertaking the duties done at the Central Office. I wish to know whether the establishment of these new education councils which will hereafter take up the administration of elementary education in the districts will involve the abolition of one of the Deputy Directorships."

"The third matter upon which I should like to have information is as to how this amount of 6 lakhs has been arrived at. The new educational councils are not in existence as yet. We do not know what educational cesses they are going to levy. All I wish to know is whether this allotment of elementary education would be spent irrespective of the amount of cesses that might be raised. I am anxious to secure at least some continuance of the policy in regard to spending funds on elementary education. This question of finding funds for elementary education has been urged in this Council a number of years and the Government have committed themselves to a policy of expanding their expenditure year after year. I should like to know what it is that is proposed to be done assuming that the new educational councils are not able immediately to put on their cesses equivalent to the Government grant. I hope that the Government would find their way to spending 6 lakhs or as much as they can give on elementary education. These are the three points which I wish to raise in connexion with the new educational council."

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur A. SUBBARAYULU REDDIYAR :—"Since the budget has been prepared I have had an opportunity to look into the matter myself and the result of it is we have to spend Rs. 45,000 on the educational council per year. As regards the Deputy Director, I am not in a position to say now that I can dispense with him. We will have to try and see how the educational council works before we can arrive at a decision that the Deputy Director could be discontinued."

"Then as regards the 6 lakhs it is only a rough estimate and I cannot get the details now. But I can certainly guarantee that the amount will not be reduced."

Mr. C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—"Sir, this item has two divisions. I wish to know what the policy of the Government is going to be regarding expenditure on elementary education. Hitherto the expenditure on elementary education is done by aid to aided schools or by supporting new schools through local bodies. I wish to know what the policy of this Government will be regarding expenditure on elementary education."

The Hon'ble Sir LIONEL DAVIDSON :—"Sir, as I was responsible until a few months ago for the policy in regard to elementary education, perhaps my Honourable Colleague will not object if I venture on suggestions as to the future. I imagine, Sir, that there will for the immediate present be no marked difference between the policy of the past and the policy of the future. With regard to future developments, one of the first objects of the Government will be to consult the district educational councils, which it is now proposed to constitute under the Elementary Education Act. One of the primary functions of these educational councils is to levy cesses for the expansion of elementary education with the aid of contributions from Government. But it is surely premature to expect the Hon'ble the Minister for Education to enunciate the policy of Government. This is a matter regarding which he must naturally consult the newly-created educational councils. The six lakhs which was entered under this head is, I may say, a lump provision roughly calculated at three times the amount of the annual increment which this Government have promised to give. My Hon'ble friend Mr. Ramachandra Rao probably recollects the occasion when it was promised that there should be an yearly increment of two lakhs to the grant for the expansion of elementary education. Notwithstanding the great pecuniary difficulties of this year we have managed to find for the Educational Department a sum of six lakhs or three times the promised increment."

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU :—"Before I withdraw this motion, I believe I can take it as an assurance that, pending the formation of these new educational councils and the cesses that they are likely to raise, this amount of six lakhs will be spent on elementary education."

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur A. SUBBARAYULU REDDIYAR :—"I say, yes."

The motion was by leave of Council withdrawn.

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