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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Meeting September 1921.-- Resolution-appearing
for the S.S.D.C. examination privately-not moved.

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Resolution

27.6.21

Mr. M.C. Rajah.

The LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

recommends to the Govt.

84. That this Council ~~is of opinion~~ that in order to help those pupils, who owing to poverty or for other reasons are unable to undergo a regular school course in a recognised secondary school the existing rules should be relaxed to enable them to appear for ^{the} S.S.L.C. Examination privately.

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p. 38 of the
Commissioner's
calendar
perhaps

* The Board for the
award of the S.S.L.C

V.M. 21.5.

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under para II of the Scheme for the
award of Secondary School-leaving
Certificates, the certificates "may be
awarded on the completion of their school
course to boys or girls who -

" (1) have attended one or more
recognized secondary schools from at
least the fourth form upwards,

" (2) have attended each of the
fourth, fifth and sixth forms either for
not less than 60 percent of the
number of working days in each
term and for not less than 120 working
days in each school year, or for
not less than 150 working days in
each school year." under para IV

ibid • of the above scheme, "the certificate
will take into account the
school work done by the pupil
from the fourth form upwards, and
shall also contain the results
of a public examination conducted
by the Board. It shall show exactly
what subjects a pupil has studied
and discriminate fairly between
one pupil and another as to the
benefit he has received from

a school course" 3

2- The value of the S.S.L.C Scheme is not so much in the fact that a boy has passed a certain test but in the fact that he has gone through a definite course of study in a recognised school and that during the period which he has spent at such a school he has conducted himself in a satisfactory manner. The S.S.L.C is a record of the last three years of a pupil's school ~~year~~ career, in regard to progress, attainment, character and conduct and ~~work~~ also shows the result of the public examination. Paras 2 and 3 of Govt No 427 E.S. of 21.7.09. On this ground the Govt have refused ~~to~~ ^{to} grant exemption from the rules regarding attendance certificates. - Vide Govt No 693 E.S. of 2.12.10 and No 877 Home (Edn) of 4.7.18. The case of bona fide teachers who failed in the manipulation examination and are desirous of undergoing training of the secondary grade.

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Gov. N^o 1602

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The special public examn.
for pub. instn. held under
No. 609. 3.19.5.20 +
10106. 34.9.20 is on
a different footing & has
been designed to suit
the special circumstances
of girls in this county.
Such a system could be
applied to the case of boys.

* See p. 1 on p. 1. 10/11/17

grade was considered to be ⁴special
and the restriction in regard to attendance
at a recognised school was removed
in their case with a view to bring
into existence a sufficient supply of
secondary grade trained teachers -
Gov. N^o 820 Res. of 30.7.1915.

Attention is in this connection invited
to the answer to a question asked
at the meeting of the Legislative
Council held on the 20th November
1917 from which it will be observed
that the Board declined to adopt
the suggestion that unpassed
Candidates who joined the Govt.
Service prior to the introduction
of the S.S.L.C. scheme should be
permitted to appear for the examination
as private candidates.

3 The poverty of a pupil may
be a ground for exempting him
from the payment of school fees or
for granting him a scholarship
and not for allowing him to appear
for the S.S.L.C. examination as a
private candidate.

4 The M.L.C.'s suggestion
runs counter to the spirit under

underlying the scheme and does
not therefore seem acceptable.
Submitted that the resolution may
be opposed.

5 Orders are solicited as
to whether further information
should be called for, whether the
resolution should be discussed at the
meeting of the Cabinet and as
to who should take charge of
the ~~proposals~~ ~~it~~

6 The file may be sent
to the D.P.I. for remarks.

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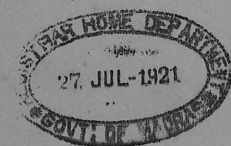
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The proposal made by the mover of the resolution is not to relax existing rules but to destroy entirely the Secondary School Leaving Certificate scheme.

The main arguments are stated in the Secretariat note above. It will be necessary, however, to hear the arguments which the mover brings forward before the main points in the existing scheme are known which are to be used to rebut the arguments of the mover.

The reason brought forward for the destruction of the scheme is stated to be 'in order to help those pupils etc'. We shall have to wait until we hear how these pupils are proposed to be helped by being allowed to sit for an examination which in its present form is accepted for Government service and also under certain conditions for entrance upon a University course of studies but which in the modified form proposed need not necessarily be accepted by Government for entrance into the public service and which will not in all probability be accepted by the University as qualifying for entrance into a University course of studies. The University has, for the pupils who are to be benefitted, its own Matriculation examination.

I should like to know what the mover means by 'for other reasons'. Presumably he will quote some



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D.P.T.

reason apart from poverty which should allow a pupil to appear for an examination destructive of the Secondary School Leaving Certificate scheme. I can think of no reason which he can adduce which will be of sufficient weight as to demand the acceptance of his resolution or which cannot rationally be countered on the spur of the moment in debate.

Does the mover of the resolution suggest that pupils of unrecognised secondary schools should be allowed to sit for the Secondary School Leaving Certificate examination? The acceptance of his resolution might easily imply such a course, although this might not be the intention of the mover.

I agree that the resolution should be opposed.

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D.P.T. will take charge of the results.
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To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
The Law (Edn) DEPARTMENT.
The following is the result of the debate on Resolution No. *P4*

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25 SEP 1921

Resolution.

m m c r a n
Permission to candidates to appear for the S.S.L.C. Examination privately.
84/54 That this Council recommends to the Government that in order to help those pupils, who owing to poverty or for other reasons are unable to undergo a regular school course in a recognized secondary school, the existing rules should be relaxed to enable them to appear for the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination privately.

The Hon'ble member not being in his place, the resolution was deemed to have been withdrawn

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L. S. Swamikannu
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

Law (Edn) Dept.

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