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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Meeting-- September 1921.--Resolution regarding
democratisation of the Madras University-notes recorded.

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Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

SUBJECT.—No. 141

for the meeting of the Legislative

Council to be held on the 15th August 1921.

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Resolution may be forwarded to the Law (Edn) Department with reference to Nos. (1) and (4) of the rules regulating Secretariat procedure in dealing with these Resolutions in the Legislative Council. The Resolution has been admitted. Admission orders will follow.

U.O. No. 1850-2 dated 21-7-21



To

The Law (Edn) Department

Council Office,
15th July 1921.

Resolution.

Mr. W. Vijayaraghava Mudaliyar.

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

141. That this Council recommends to the Government that the Indian Universities Act be amended so far as this Presidency is concerned to democratise the University and to make it more representative of all communities and interests and that a Committee be appointed to make practical proposals consistent with the above object.

Law (Edu) Dept

ENV.

At the meeting of the Council of State held on the 23rd February 1921 the Honble Mr. Bhargava moved a resolution that this Council

"Council recommends to the Governor General
 "in Council to take early steps to
 "introduce legislation in order to place
 "the universities of India on a more
 "democratic basis." In the course
 of the debate the member ^{urged} ~~pointed out~~
 that effective popular control must
 be established over the universities,
 and to this end the general plan
 of the University Government and
 the constitution of the organs of
 government may roughly be the one
 suggested by the Sadler Report.

p. 24. of the
 pamphlet
 (put up)

p. 242 ibid

p. 25, ibid

The Honble Mr. Shafi, speaking on
 behalf of Govt., observed that under
 the Reforms scheme the Provincial
 Legislative Councils have absolute
 authority to deal with those uni-
 versities which were in existence
 at the time the Indian Universities
 Act was passed. It is probably
 in view of this statement that the
 M.L.C. has ~~been~~ proposes to move the
 resolution in the local Legislative
 Council.

2 Under the Indian
 Universities Act of 1904, the
 number

p. 76 of Vol. I
of the University
Calendar.

number of ordinary fellows in the
Universities of Calcutta, Bombay and
Madras shall not ~~exceed~~ be less
than fifty nor exceed one hundred;
and of such number:—

(a) ten shall be elected by Registered
graduates

(b) ten shall be elected by the
Faculties; and

(c) the remainder shall be
nominated by the Chancellor.

Thus in the existing constitution of the
Madras University there is a pre-
dominance of the nominated element.
The M.L.C. ^{presumably} suggests that the elected
element should be increased so
as to make the Senate representative
of all communities and interests.

Attention is solicited to para 6 of
the letter from the Govt of India
No 926 of 16.10.16 in which they
solicited the opinion of the Madras
Govt on the advisability or otherwise
of effecting an extension of the
elective system in the Senate. On
this point the local Govt replied
to the Govt of India as follows:—

I doubt whether
this is meant.
~~It is~~ *Q*

p. 2 of Co
No 304 (Edn)
5.3.17 (X)

where is the
reference in
the report?

ad p. 5 of
No 304 (Edn)
5.3.17 (X)

"The general result of the electoral
 "system has been to introduce into
 "the Senate persons who are neither
 "educationists themselves nor
 "otherwise qualified to bring to the
 "consideration of University policy and
 "the wide interests which it affects
 "that unbiased and large outlook
 "which existing circumstances render
 "specially to be desired. The number
 "of those who seek a career by the
 "acquisition of academic distinctions
 "has increased out of all proportion to
 "that of those fitted to benefit by such
 "education and the result has been
 "increasing pressure on the part of
 "parents, students and Indian
 "public opinion generally to secure
 "a lowering of the standard of
 "attainment which the possession of
 "a degree implies." The Govt
 "therefore expressed their opinion that
 "any extension of the principle of
 "election in the case of the Madras
 "University was inadvisable and
 "premature.

3 In April 1917 the Govt of
 India

para 2 of letter
 No 305 (X)
 5.3.17

para 4 ibid
 (X)

Mr 1-29
Gov No 987

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Vide portion side-
lined on p. 249
of the pamphlet
(put up)

India formulated certain proposals for increasing the elective element in the Senates ^{of the various universities} and invited the views of local Govts on those proposals. The Madras Govt reiterated the view expressed in para 2 of letter No 305 of 5th March 1917 and stated that the proposals made by the Govt of India would inevitably strengthen ~~the~~ ^{the} undesirable influences referred to in that letter and would further introduce and intensify in the field of education those antagonisms between the different sections of the community which are already abundantly manifested in other fields - Vide para 3 of letter No 988 of 27.7.1917.

4 It will be observed that the Govt have in the past expressed themselves against an increase in the elective element in the Senate. The Calcutta University have however remarked as follows:—

"Advisable as it may be to make use of nomination as a means of securing

"securing the right composition - at
 "once representative and administratively
 "homogeneous - in a small body
 "charged with executive functions,
 "we are doubtful whether nomination
 "is the best method to adopt in a pre-
 "dominant degree for the constitution
 "of a large body, the main function
 "of which should be to keep an exe-
 "cutive in touch with public opinion.
 "In such a case it is desirable that
 "the members of the large body should
 "feel that in a real sense they are
 "spokesmen of special bodies and
 "though not to the prejudice of
 "their own independence of judg-
 "ment, responsible for giving
 "expression to the view which those
 "bodies entertain."

The Commission

p. 384 of
 Vol IV of the
 Calcutta Uni-
 versity Commis-
 sion report.

have accordingly recommended that
 a representative body called the
 heart of the university should be
 constituted, which should represent
 every important element in the
 public opinion of the area
 specially served by the university
 and every kind of expert judgment
 whose

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whose criticism on university policy
would be of value and that the
court should be constituted
in a different way from the
existing Senate.
The Senate of the Madras University
has accepted the above recom-
mendation and the subject is
separately under consideration
along with the several other
recommendations of the Cal-
cutta University Commission

5 In the above cir-
cumstances it seems unneces-
sary to appoint a committee to
consider the question of demo-
cratizing the university. If
the position is explained to the
member, he will probably with-
draw the resolution.

6 For orders whether any
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
it

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The question is under consideration & if
 the matter is explained this member
 he will perhaps withdraw his resolution
 for the appointment of a committee. ~~the~~
 Perhaps a reference to D.D. is unnecessary

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The matter was talked over with
 D.D. & the resolution was
 withdrawn & the matter of Mr. T. Ra-
 malaya's duty will be
 accepted & formed the
 Committee & appointed by
 Gov. 29/7/21

Resolution withdrawn.

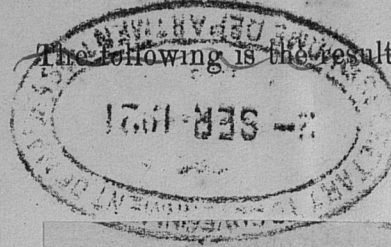
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To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
The Law (Edn) DEPARTMENT.

The following is the result of the debate on Resolution No. 110



Resolution.

Democratizing the Madras University.

Mr. W. VIJAYARAGHAVA MUDALIYAR :—

110 [141] That this Council recommends to the Government that the Indian Universities Act be amended so far as this Presidency is concerned to democratise the University and to make it more representative of all communities and interests and that a committee be appointed to make practical proposals consistent with the above object.

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Resolution *was* not moved *was* *therefore* deemed to have been
withdrawn

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29. 1921.]

L. D. Swamikannu

Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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