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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Resolution.-

Holidays and vacations in secondary schools
under public management - notes recorded.

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 NOTES CONNECTED WITH A RESOLUTION ON MATTERS OF
 GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.
 [For the meeting of the 12th October 1921.]

[SUBJECT.—Holidays and vacations in schools under public management.]

COUNCIL OFFICE.

Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—

139. That this Council recommends to the Government that no distinction be made between schools under public management and other aided secondary schools in prescribing the number of holidays and vacations, that rule 88, clauses (ii) and (iii) be deleted and that rule 24, Chapter IV, of the Grant-in-aid Code, be substituted.

LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

Rule 88, clauses (ii) and (iii), of the Madras Educational rules specifies the holidays which shall ordinarily be allowed in secondary schools under public management and the period for which these schools should be closed for the summer vacation. Rule 24 of the Grant-in-aid Code lays down that a secondary school under private management shall not ordinarily be eligible to receive the full yearly grant sanctioned for it unless it meets on 180 school days in each year. The Member of the Legislative Council desires that the latter rule should be substituted for rule 88, clauses (ii) and (iii) of the Educational rules. His proposal, therefore, is that Government should not specify the days or periods for which the schools under public management should be closed. As rule 88 applies to schools under local bodies presumably the intention of the Member of the Legislative Council appears to be that these bodies should have more power in the matter of grant of holidays in their schools. With regard to this, it is submitted that rule 107 of the Local Boards Manual lays down that all local fund secondary schools shall be administered according to the principles of management adopted for State schools. The detailed rules in regard to the grant of holidays, levy of fees and other matters laid down primarily for Government schools are therefore made applicable to schools under local bodies also. Though rule 88 (ii) of the Educational rules specifies the names of holidays, it allows the substitution of any local holidays for those specified in the rule, with the sanction of the Inspector. In connexion with a resolution proposed to be moved at the last meeting of the Legislative Council by Mr. T. Balaji Rao Nayudu urging the grant of full discretion to local bodies in the management of their schools, the Director of Public Instruction wrote as follows :—

“If the existing elasticity provided in rule 88 of the Madras Educational rules for holidays in secondary and special schools is not sufficient, the Department of Public Instruction will be pleased to consider any modification of rule 88 which is suggested by the mover of the resolution or by any one else interested in educational administration.”

The resolution was, however, not moved by Mr. Balaji Rao Nayudu. If the mover of the present resolution in the course of the discussion in the Council asks for wider powers for local bodies in the matter of the grant of holidays and vacations, the Government may, perhaps, promise consideration of the suggestion.

2. The file may be sent to the Director of Public Instruction u.o. for remarks, if any, which he may wish to offer.

S.K.—25-8-21. N.K.—26-8-21.

The aim of the Member of the Legislative Council is to free gradually institutions under local bodies from the operation of the "Special regulations for institutions under public management other than elementary schools and colleges." He has already given notice of another resolution in respect of giving the local bodies freedom in respect of the choice of text-books. No doubt these regulations were intended primarily for Government schools; and as local bodies were regarded as quasi-Government institutions and as Government were often looked up to for financial assistance by local bodies, their institutions were also considered as deserving of being brought under the same regulations as Government schools. The policy has since changed and larger freedom is being given to local bodies in the management of their affairs. The Government themselves wanted to give local bodies freedom in the choice of text-books. In pursuance of the same policy there would seem to be no objection to giving local bodies freedom in respect of granting holidays and vacation to their schools. The resolution may be accepted *in substance*.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—26-8-21.

P. C. DUTT—26-8-21.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Rule 24 of the Grant-in-Aid Code cannot be substituted for rule 88 of the Madras Educational rules since the former lays down the condition upon which a grant may become eligible to a secondary school. Secondary schools under public management do not receive grants. A modification of rule 24 to the effect that each secondary school must meet for 180 school days in each school year is probably what the mover wants but that is not what his resolution states. As it stands the resolution cannot be accepted. At the same time the department will be willing to consider any reasonable alteration in rule 88 of the Madras Educational rules which the mover or any one else interested in education suggests.

R. LITTLEHAILES—29-8-21.

LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

For orders whether further information should be called for, whether the resolution should be discussed in the Cabinet and who will take charge of it.

S.K.—31-8-21.

C.R.—31-8-21.

P.C.D.—31-8-21.

I take charge.

A. P. F[ATRO]—31-8-21.

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To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Law (Edn) DEPARTMENT.

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The following resolution was

not moved and was therefore deemed to have been withdrawn.

Resolution No. 139 (208)

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Amendment.

Law Swamikannu

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OFFICE,

15 Oct 1921.

Secretary to the Legislative Council.

Law (Edn) Dept

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