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The M.C. not being present who had  
 the motion was deemed to have been  
 withdrawn

## NOTES CONNECTED WITH RESOLUTION ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

[For the meeting of the 12th October 1921.]

[SUBJECT.—Committee to formulate a scheme for the introduction of compulsory  
 elementary education.]

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO :—

160. That this Council recommends to the Government to appoint a  
 representative committee to formulate a scheme for the early introduction  
 and steady development of compulsory Elementary Education in this Pre-  
 sidency.

LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The idea of compulsory elementary education is nothing new. In fact, it is one  
 of the main aims underlying the Madras Elementary Education Act. For a variety  
 of reasons, however, chief among them being the insufficiency of the number of  
 school places now available, the varying degrees of backwardness in the several  
 districts or portions thereof, the inadequacy of funds and the paucity of trained  
 teachers—it has been thought fit to introduce the element of compulsion only  
 gradually. Chapter V of the Act deals with this subject. According to the provi-  
 sions thereof, the responsibility for deciding whether a particular area is fit for the  
 introduction of compulsion is laid in the first instance on the local authority having  
 jurisdiction over that area. If the local body comes with a proposal for 'compulsion'  
 after satisfying the requirements of sections 44 and 45 of the Act, the Government  
 will not ordinarily stand against it. There are already District Educational Councils  
 charged with the definite function of taking stock of existing facilities for elementary  
 education and of formulating proposals for the expansion of that type of education.  
 The question therefore is more or less a local matter and it is not clear what a  
 central committee which should certainly lack local knowledge can do. It may also  
 be pointed out that, as an eminently more practical step, the Inspector of Municipa-  
 lities and Local Boards has been instructed to examine immediately the possibilities  
 of introducing compulsory measures in certain selected municipal areas and suggest

Certified that no similar resolution was  
 moved in the Legislative Council for the last  
 one year.

E.A.V.—25-8-21.

working schemes to the Municipal  
 Councils concerned. If the position is  
 explained the Member may possibly  
 withdraw his resolution. It seems  
 unnecessary to consult the Director of  
 Public Instruction.

E.A.V.—25-8-21. N.K.—26-8-21.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—26-8-21.

The District Educational Committees were formed only recently and it is their  
 duty to push on with elementary education to the fullest extent compatible with  
 local conditions. The matter may for the present rest in their hands and "a repre-  
 sentative committee to formulate a scheme" presumably for the whole presidency  
 can do no good.

P. C. DUTT—26-8-21.

The situation will be explained to the Member that we have been investigating  
 into the matter. A committee is useless for the purpose.

A. P. P[ATRO]—29-8-21.

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THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

*Law (Edn)*

DEPARTMENT.

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Resolution No. 160

Committee to formulate a scheme for the introduction of compulsory elementary education.

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—

160 [216] That this Council recommends to the Government to appoint a representative committee to formulate a scheme for the early introduction and steady development of compulsory elementary education in this Presidency.

*Mover not in his place*

Amendment.

*led Swamikannu*

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OFFICE,

*17-11-1921*

Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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