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Physical instruction—Director of Public Instruction requested
not to fill up the post.

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295. That under 31B(b)(1) Education

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the provisions of Rs. ⁷²⁰⁰ 7200 for two

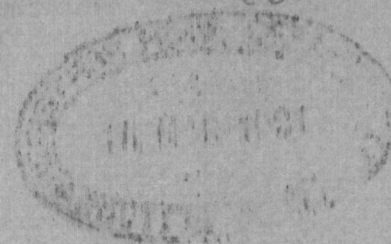
women specialists be omitted.

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Resolution on the budget. 14-3-1921.



Mr. M.C. Raja.

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

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RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET.

Mr. T. A. Ramalingam Chettiyar.

THE LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.
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390. That in 31-3 (b) (1) Education,
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specialists in physical instruction be
reduced by Rs4,800 providing only one
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Resolution on Budget.

Mr. O. Thanikachalam Chettiyar.

The Home (Edn) Dept.

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251. That under 31-B(b)(i), the provision for two women specialists in physical instruction of Rs. 7,200 be omitted.

Home (Education) Dept.

In 1913 ^{the} Govt. sanctioned the employment of an Instructor in Physical Training for European Schools on a temporary footing for a period of five years in the first instance. The post has subsequently been retained permanently.

In 1914 the Y.M.C.A., Madras, applied for a grant towards the salary of a Physical Director whom that association desired to employ for the purpose of improving the physical training of young men in Madras. This Govt. agreed to meet from Provincial funds one-third of the salary of the Physical Director subject to the condition that he should place one-third of his time at the disposal of the Department of ^{Public} Instruction to perform certain duties connected with the Physical training and athletics in schools and colleges in the Presidency. Subsequently however in 1918 it was represented that the Physical Director's work for the Govt. occupied nearly three-fourths of his time and in view of this circumstance it was decided to raise the Provincial contribution to Rs. 345 p.m. being one-half of the Physical Director's salary. The Govt. having found the existing

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existing arrangement under which he works under the dual control of the Y.M.C.A. and the Dept. of Public Instruction to be necessarily of a make-shift character, have recently addressed the Govt. of India with a view to move the Secretary of State for the creation of a post in the I.E.S. to provide for the employment of an Inspector of Physical Education in this Presidency.

In addition to the part-time Physical Director, ~~the~~ Govt. appointed about the end of 1917, an Asst. Physical Director for boys' schools for a period of two years in the first instance and as he had been doing much important work in connection with the development of the boy scout movement in this Presidency, his services were continued for a further period of two years.

2. With a view to provide a similar organisation for girls' schools, ~~the~~ Govt. have on the recommendation of the D.P.I., recently sanctioned the appointment of a woman specialist in Physical instruction for a period of three years on a salary of Rs. 400 p.m. for the following purposes:-

- (1) to organise physical training on approved lines in the three Govt. Secondary and Training schools for mistresses in the city of Madras;
- (2) to form a centre for the training of groups of teachers from the mufassil schools; and
- (3) to introduce the girl guides movement in such schools as may require it. The specialist will not only be able to improve physical training of girls by organising healthy out-door games for the pupils and students, but she will also be able to give remedial treatment in all cases of physical defects, such as incipient curvature of the spine and

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and bad postures in walking and sitting, defects which are readily detected by the trained specialist and which if taken in time can be cured by gradual treatment. Such timely help would also exercise a very salutary influence in promoting the healthy growth of all gosha girls, more especially the Muhammadans, and of those young married Hindu women who are not allowed to take the ordinary outdoor exercise suitable to their period of growth between the ages of 11 and 15.

3. The D.P.I. has ^{separately} recommended that for the post on Rs. 400 p.m. arrangement be made for the recruitment of one Miss Fearn a teacher who is now undergoing training in the College of Physical Culture, Liverpool. The Under Secretary of State is being addressed with a view to her selection by the Appointment Board if found suitable.

4. For orders whether the resolution may be opposed ^{ast} who will take charge of it, whether any further information is required and whether the resolution is to be discussed in the Cabinet.

D.P.I. may be consulted.

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I do not see that I can usefully add any remarks in this connection. In my letter C.No. 1604 /20 W.B. dated 16th October 1920, I stated the case for the creation of two appointments. It is suggested that the resolution may be opposed.

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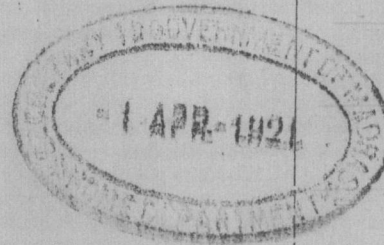
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(D.P.D. is apparently aware of this - having been present in the Council)

Mr. O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR :—"Mr. President, the next motion which stands against my name is—

'12. That under 31-B (b) (i) the provision for two women specialists in physical instruction of Rs. 7,200 be omitted (Budget, page 129).'

"I do not know whether these two specialists are Sandows to be paid Rs. 7,200. If they are gymnastic instructors, even then I suppose women instructors on less than Rs. 400 and Rs. 300 a month could be had. It seems too extravagant to spend so much money for instructors in physical exercise."

Mr. M. C. RAJA :—"I beg to move—

'13. That under 31-B (b) (i) the provision for two women specialists in physical instruction of Rs. 7,200 be omitted (Budget, page 129).'

"Sir, I think this is a very costly item. As a matter of fact, no expert is needed for our girls' schools to teach physical exercise. Moreover, I do not think at this stage we have a physical instructor for our boys' schools. I know there is one who is called the Assistant Physical Director, but he is not doing physical work at all, he is doing only scout work. As a matter of fact, I do not see why this special provision should be made for drilling women in physical exercise and why on the other side the boys' branch should be overlooked. Of course our idea is that we must encourage education, but we should not kill the feminine softness in women. Moreover the physical exercise which they ought to do at home—I mean the household exercises, just as drawing water from the well or grinding curry stuff or pounding rice—all this will, I think, help them to a great extent to develop their bodies, and also in the evenings they can have a little walk or a little badminton or tennis. But I do not see any necessity for specially getting two costly experts to look after the exercises of our young ladies in school. Moreover, Sir, we are not going to make them amazons or suffragettes to break the windows of our Ministers."

Mr. R. G. GRIEVE :—"Mr. President, Mr. Raja stated that no provision was made for a Physical Director for boys' schools. I think anybody who has followed recent educational activities not only in Madras but also in the mufassal must have seen the admirable work done by Dr. Noehren in connexion with physical training in boys' schools. We want now a lady trained in up-to-date methods so that the many Hindu girls who grow up at present unsound may receive during their early years remedial treatment and remedial measures which will make for their physical health and well-being. I am sure that no member of this House who has got the best interest of girls' education at heart will fail to support this provision. In this connexion I appeal to my two honourable friends opposite who are authorities on medical matters and ask them to give me their hearty support. It may be desirable to start only with one lady in this connexion; but the point is that we should have somebody who is fully trained and who is fully qualified to look after this very important branch of women's education."

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO :—"Mr. President, Sir, the physical development of women is absolutely necessary. If we take the total number of men and women suffering from consumption, we find that 75 per cent of the number are women. That is due to want of proper physical training and to the poor development of chest muscles. Many cases of spinal curvature, adenoids and ailments such as consumption, are due to want of open air exercises. That is one of the great drawbacks of Indian women. Most Indian women are not in the habit of going out to take open air exercise. So they do not develop their bodies, and their lung muscles. That is why we want, Sir, a woman specialist to help the development of the girls' physique. Every one in this House will admit that women are capable of doing all sorts of physical and mental work just like men. Women are now engaged in all kinds of work. They want franchise; there are among women doctors, lawyers and merchants and probably in course of time they will come and sit by our side as legislators. Such being the case, I do not see any reason why we should deny them physical training. Physical training is absolutely necessary for the development of brain. Without a good body, the mind cannot develop. So, Mr. President, if we are anxious to have healthy children, we must give physical development to our women. We must have at least one woman specialist for the purpose. Indian women do not like to undergo training under men instructors. That is the reason why I strongly oppose this motion."

Rao Bahadur Dr. C. B. RAMA RAO:—"Mr. President, Sir, this is a very important question from the national point of view. I consider it one of the most important, because on the proper training of our girls in schools will greatly depend the proper development of the physique of our future mothers. Unless we provide for it at an early stage of life no real work is possible. Take for instance a woman who has already given birth to a child at an early age. She is practically hopeless because her frame has become so firmly set that no further expansion of the bony frame is possible. An all-round development is necessary and it is possible and easy if it is arranged for early in life. That is possible only in schools. Since men instructors are out of question in so delicate a matter, women are necessary. To get women who understand the physiology and the anatomy of the body and who can watch the development and the progress of the children is not an easy thing at the present stage. I do not suppose that even the amount now provided will secure a sufficiently cultured and knowing lady to manage this difficult task. I therefore heartily support the proposal to entertaining the best possible lady trainer."

Mr. T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR:—"Mr. President, Sir, I have given notice of a motion which runs as follows:—

'14. That under 31-B (b) (i) Education—Secondary—Government Secondary Schools, the grant of Rs. 7,200 provided for two women specialists in physical instruction be reduced by Rs. 4,800 providing only one (Budget, page 129).

"So far as I have been able to follow the discussion, all are in favour of employing a lady specialist. Even Mr. Grieve says on behalf of Government that we want a lady specialist for training. There is absolutely no difficulty to get a sufficient number of women trained here by having one woman specialist. But there is no necessity for bringing two people from outside for this training. Moreover the appointment of two instructors won't be enough for the whole Presidency. What is wanted is that a number of instructors should be appointed, at least one for each institution. All these can be trained by the woman specialist who will come here. I do not see therefore any necessity for two teachers. Even if two specialists are employed they can only be in Madras, and I do not think they will be available for the whole Presidency. So even though I am in favour of employing specialists for physical instruction, I do not think it is necessary to make the provision made in the budget. I think the provision for one of the two instructors may be cut off."

Mr. R. G. GRIEVE:—"Mr. Ramalinga Chettiyyar proposes to cut off Rs. 400 a month which leaves only Rs. 200 a month and we shall not be able to get a really qualified woman specialist for this low salary. If he leaves it to the Minister and withdraws his motion, he will look to it."

Mr. O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR:—"I beg leave to withdraw my motion (Motion No. 12).

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

Motions Nos. 13 and 15 standing in the names of Mr. M. C. Raja and Mr. W. Vijayaraghava Mudaliyar, respectively, were also by leave withdrawn.

Motion No. 15 ran as follows:—

'15' That under 31-B (b) (i) Education—Secondary—Government Secondary Schools, the provision of Rs. 7,200 for two women specialists be omitted (Budget, page 129).'

Mr. T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR:—"All that I can say is, let one woman specialist be appointed. I do not want now to insist that the lady ought to be employed only on the lower salary and not on the higher salary. What I say is that provision need be made for only one woman."

The Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur A. SUBBARAYULU REDDIYAR:—"Sir, I have no objection to content myself with retaining one of them on Rs. 400 a month for the present."

The Motion No. 14 of Mr. Ramalingam Chettiyyar was by leave withdrawn.

In the Budget here is still provision for 2 officers. V. no. p. 141 of the final estimate C.B.E.



A copy of the above extract may be sent to the D.P.O. with the request not to employ, during the current year, for the present, the asst. woman specialist in physical instruction m/s 200 p.m. sanctioned in G.O. no. 1454 Home (S.D.) 8-12-20. A draft order is submitted

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An extract from the proceedings of the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 26th March 21, relating to the provision in the current year's budget for two women specialists in Physical instruction, is communicated to the D.P.D. and he is requested to ~~not to employ any individual during the current year the~~ ^{to the post of} assistant women

Specialist in Physical instruction on Rs 200 p.m. Sanctioned in No. 1454 Home Exy of 8-12-20.

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