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Revised Estimate of expenditure in 1923-24 under 31-Education as compared with the budget provision for the year.

Dr. U. Rama Rao enquired why the revised estimate of expenditure under 31-Education in 1923-24 was only Rs. 166.82 lakhs as against the budget provision of Rs. 171.12 lakhs for the year. The various heads under which diminished expenditure occurred are noted on pp. 49 & 50 of the Financial Statement for 1924-25, viz.:-

- (1) Grants to the University
- (2) Grants to local bodies under the proviso to s. 37 of the Madras Ely. Edn. Act.
- (3) Govt. schools-Special-owing to the transfer to the reserve side of expenditure on the Reformatory school and ~~at~~ the certified school, Banipet.
- (4) Pay of I.E.S. Officers-Non-voted-owing to the absence of the number of officers on leave to England.

2. Muhammadan Girls' school, Mangalore.

Khan Bahadur Haji Abdullah Haji Quasim Sahib Bahadur mentioned a rumour that the Govt. intended to abolish the Govt. Muham. Girls' school, Mangalore and pleaded for its retention. The school is still being continued under departmental management as the Mangalore Municipality refused to take ^{it} under its control. There is no proposal to close the school and provision for its continuance has been made in the B.E. for 1925-26.

3. Appointment of Muhammadans to the higher branches of the educational service

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Sahib pointed out the poor representation of Muhammadans in the higher branch of the Educational services, there being only two Muhammadan officers in the M.E.S and one in the I.E.S. The Govt. are not unmindful of the claims of the Muhammadan community, and qualified candidates belonging to that community are appointed to the Edl. Dept. whenever available.

4. Opening of elementary schools in villages in the S. Kanara district unprovided with schools.

The same Member pleaded for large assistance from provl. funds to local bodies in the South Kanara district for the expansion of elementary education. In G.O. No. 1598 Law (Edn) dated 16-x-24, sanction was accorded to the opening, with effect from 1-11-24, of 103 elementary schools in the S. Kanara district, the cost of maintenance of the schools being met from provl. funds. The question of making provision in the next year's budget for a further expansion of elementary education is under consideration.

5. Special grants to backward districts for expansion of elementary education.

Rao Bahadur C. Venkataranga Reddi suggested that local bodies in the backward districts of the Presidency should be given a contribution equal to twice the proceeds of the education cess raised by them. Under s. 37 of the Ely. Edn. Act, it is open to the Govt. to give more than the equivalent contribution in special cases. In fact, the subsidies distributed in G.O. No. 1598 dated 16-x-24 for the opening of 839 elementary schools in the presidency are special subsidies in excess of the equivalent Govt. contribution payable under s. 37 of

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the Ely. Edn. Act. The claims of backward districts for special treatment are recognised by the Govt. in the distribution of the funds available.

6. Raising of the salaries of teachers in elementary schools.

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Mr. G. Rameswara Rao urged that the salaries of teachers in elementary schools should be raised. Apparently he referred to teachers employed under local bodies. The revision of the pay of such teachers is primarily the concern of the local bodies. The Govt. have, however, undertaken to meet a moiety of the cost of payment of the tempy. allee. of Rs. 4 p.m. to teachers in the employ of the local bodies, on condition that the other half is met from the general funds of the local body. Many local bodies have however pleaded inability to provide their share of the cost, and hence the complaint of a reduction in the pay of the teachers.

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Mr. Adinarayana Chettiyar also pleaded that the pay of the teachers in elementary schools under the control of local bodies should be assimilated to that obtaining in Govt. Ely. schools. As pointed out above, the initiative in the matter should be taken by the local bodies themselves.

7. Conditions attached laid down by Govt. for the payment of their share of the cost of the tempy. allee. of Rs. 4 p.m. to teachers in the employ of local bodies.

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Mr. Mallesappa pleaded that the Govt. contribution towards the payment of the allowance should be paid irrespective of the ability of the local body to meet its share of the cost.

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The question has been considered before and negatived

8. Introduction of free and compulsory education in municipal areas.

Mr. Veerian urged that free and compulsory elementary education should be introduced in all municipalities to begin with, with a view to better the condition of the depressed classes. So far 16 municipalities have introduced compulsion in their areas. Under the Ely. Edn. Act, the initiative in the matter should be taken by the local bodies themselves.

9. Increased provision for expansion of elementary education.

Messrs. G. Rameswara Rao, S. Arpudaswami Udayar, A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar and R. Sreenivasa Ayyangar pleaded for larger provision in the budget for the expansion of elementary education with a view to remove the illiteracy of the masses. In the current year, 839 schools have been opened with the assistance of subsidies from provl. funds, and the question of making provision for the opening of addl. elementary schools in the next offl. year is under consideration. The Govt. are thus alive to the importance of the problem and progress depends chiefly on the funds available.

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10. Subsidies to local bodies for secondary education

Mr. C. Venkataranga Reddi stated that municipalities were treated more favourably than local boards in the matter of grants for secondary school buildings and urged that a new system should be devised by which the local boards also would get a fair share of Government contributions for school buildings, hostels and equipment. The statement that municipalities are accorded more favourable treatment than local boards in this matter is not correct. The rules and procedure for the payment of these grants to municipalities are the same as those for local boards. The amount of grant is fixed mainly with reference to the financial position of the local body concerned and the funds available with the Government. No change in procedure seems necessary.

11. Secondary school for Muhammadans at Cuddapah.

Mr. Abdul Hye Sahib suggested that the opening of a secondary school for Muhammadans at Cuddapah was a desideratum which the Budget for 1924-25 had lost sight of. A separate middle school for Muhammadans has been opened at Cuddapah recently under the management of the Municipal Council and the Government have undertaken to pay the Council a subsidy towards the cost of maintenance of the school.

12. Facilities for the higher education of Muhammadan girls.

Mr. Abdul Hye Sahib stated that when the D.P.I. visited Bellary a deputation of Muhammadans waited on him and represented to him the necessity of affording proper facilities for the higher education of girls. He pointed out that provision had not been made in the

Budget as per assurances given by the Director. It is not known what the requests of the community are in this respect. Obviously, the D.P.I. would have addressed the Government if the suggestions of the deputation were feasible of adoption.

13 Provision for manual training in secondary schools.

Mr. Arupudaswami Udayar stated that secondary education required a complete overhauling by the inclusion of liberal provision for vocational courses.

Mr. Veerian also urged that attempts should be made to introduce vocational training in all schools. The Hon'ble the Minister pointed out that he had been insisting on the introduction of vocational education in every secondary school. He added that as soon as the educational finances were reorganized he would make an application for further grants for vocational education. There is no provision in the current year's budget for new schemes of manual training. It has not been possible to move for a supplementary grant for this purpose in the course of this year. The necessary allotment for making a further advance in this direction is being asked for in connection with the budget for 1925-26.

14 Amalgamation of the District Educational Councils and the District Secondary Education Boards.

Mr. P.T. Rajan suggested that the District Educational Council and the District Secondary Education Board should be amalgamated and should be given powers to do useful work instead of being merely advisory bodies.

The District Educational Council is not merely advisory but has definite powers to accord recognition and aid to elementary schools. The District Secondary Education Board is only an advisory body. The question whether

one and the same body might look after both elementary and secondary education in a district was considered in 1923. The Hon'ble the Minister ~~for~~ considered that before undertaking legislation some experience should be gained of the working of these bodies. The District Secondary ^{Education} Boards were constituted towards the end of 1923 and it is now too soon to consider whether any change should be made in their constitution or functions.

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Medical inspection of pupils in schools.

Mr. W. Rama Rao drew attention to the absence of budget provision for ~~the~~ medical inspection in aided schools and to the scantiness of the provision for medical inspection in Government schools.

The question of reviving the system of medical inspection of pupils is under consideration. A provision of Rs 12,850 has been suggested by this Department for inclusion in the next year's budget.

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Special efforts to improve Muhammadan education with particular reference to South Kanara and Malabar Districts.

Of the measures suggested by Mr. Haji Abdulla Haji Quasim Sahib (i) free secondary education to Muhammadans;

(ii) provision of a larger number of scholarships for Muhammadans;

(iii) better arrangements for conveying Gosha Muhammadan girls to and from schools;

(iv) provision of hostels.

It is not part of the educational policy of the Government to provide for the secondary education of any community free of cost to the parent or guardian irrespective of his ability to pay for the schooling of his child or ward. The Department has, however, always given special facilities for backward classes. The Muhammadans are recognised as a community requiring special help, and under rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules, the poor pupils among them need pay only half the standard rates of fees in secondary schools and colleges. A good number of scholarships for award particularly to Muhammadan pupils is also available.

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It was only this year that the number of these scholarships tenable in secondary schools was raised. ~~Preference~~. Preference is also given to Muhammadan pupils in the award of the 'open' or general scholarships. Conveying ~~of~~ poor Muhammadan girls to and from schools is no new suggestion. Government funds are spent for the purpose in at least three centres,

~~Royapettah (Madras), Mangalore,~~
~~Nellore, Nellore and Mangalore.~~ In view of several other more essential developments in education which, as it is, cannot be provided for for lack of funds, it is unlikely that anything more can be done in this direction. If concrete proposals are put to the Government as to where hostel facilities are necessary, the Government will be disposed to consider them. It is sufficient to mention here that where demand exists hostels are maintained. We have hostels attached to the Government ^{training} elementary school, Malappuram, ^{the} Government College, Mangalore.

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17 Raising the Government College, Mangalore to the I grade.

The above suggestion ^{was} made by Mr. Haji Abdulla Haji Quasim Sahib. There is already a first grade college at ~~Nellore~~ ^{Mangalore}, the St. Aloysius College. This college is not, however, affiliated to the University in Science and the Hon'ble Member's grievance is that the students of South Kanara have to go to distant Madras or Trichinopoly to study science subjects. The question of raising the local Government institution to the first grade and of providing facilities for the study of science subjects is ^{primarily} ~~largely~~ one of funds and even if funds are available it has first to be ascertained whether the St. Aloysius College will not open

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science classes. It is only in the event of the Mission finding it impossible to do so that the Government need seriously consider the suggestion. Already there is a proposal to open B.A. classes in the Government Victoria College, Palghat, and for some time to come it may not be possible to think of a Government first grade college for ~~Nellore~~ Mangalore.

The same additional member suggested another second grade college for the South Kanara dist; either by subsidizing the Christian High School, or the Board Secondary School, Udipi. It is difficult to consider this without further details and in any case it is for the managements concerned to put up concrete proposals.

18 The necessity of paying more attention for Muhammadan education.
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Mr. Abbas Ali Khan suggested that the amount spent on Muhammadan education was not adequate and specifically referred to the insufficiency of scholarships. From the notes recorded in G.O. No. 1025 (Education), dated 23rd June 1924 it will be observed.

(1) that out of a total provision of about 2.29 lakhs for scholarships about Rs 23,000 is specially earmarked for the award of scholarships for Muhammadan pupils;

(2) that it is a piece of standing instruction to the Department that in the award of the general scholarships the claims of communities who are most in need of aid should receive special consideration and that the Muhammadans are one of the communities who are specially marked for special treatment; and

(3) that having regard to the percentage of

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of Muhammadans to the total population of the Presidency it cannot be seriously contended that the attention which they receive in the matter of scholarships is inadequate.

19. The Inspectorate.

Mr. M. Ratnaswami makes a passing reference to the Inspectorate and characterises it as inadequate. It is a general remark which it is perhaps unnecessary to notice in detail.

20. Grants to the University.

Mr. Ratnaswami wanted to know if the sum of Rs 85,000 (Rs 85,500) allotted to the University in 1923-24 had been spent actually by that body and observed that if it had not been there was no generosity in repeating the grant this year. It is well to correct a slight misconception which might possibly have prompted this observation. The grant in question is composed of three items:

(1) A recurring grant of Rs 65,000 originally allotted to the University by the Imperial Government and which has, consequent on the reforms, become a Provincial liability.

(2) A recurring grant of Rs 20,000 made by the Local Government for payment of travelling expenses to University Fellows; and

(3) a sum of Rs 500 for the maintenance of Carnsalloch scholarship.

The aggregate amount of Rs 85,500 has after the passing of the new University Act of 1923 become a statutory payment to the University and it is scarcely open to the Government to impose any condition in the matter of this grant. Items (2) and (3) specified above require no explanation and the amounts are usually

p. 165 of Financial
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p. 186 of Fin. Stat.

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spent for the purposes indicated. The allocation now in force of the sum of Rs 65,000 adverted to as item (1) above is given in G.O. No. 491, (Education) dated 4-4-1923.

Mr. Ratnaswami further suggested that the allotment for T.A. to members of the University authorities should be increased. This question was within the past one year urged on the attention of Government three times and was vetoed by Government. The Vice Chancellor has again addressed the Government and the file is submitted separately.

21. Amalgamation of the Adi Dravida Training School with the Training School for Masters, Tribli-cane.

Dissatisfaction is expressed by Mr. D.C. Guruswami with the amalgamation of the Adi Dravida Training School sanctioned in G.O. No. 993, Education, dated 19th July 1923. It will be seen from the papers with this G.O. that the amalgamation was given effect to on grounds of economy and that efficiency was not sacrificed thereby.

Concessions to Lingayats.

Mr. Mallesappa pleads for scholarships and half fee-remissions ^{for pupils belonging to} ~~in respect of~~ his community. It may be noted that the Lingayats have recently been included in the list of backward classes. G.O. No.

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22. Stipends to teachers under training

Mr. Veerian drew attention to the differential rates of ^{stipends} ~~teaching grants~~ to Muhammadan teachers and to teachers belonging to the depressed classes undergoing training. The same Hon'ble Member asked a question on the subject at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on last November and a reference

has gone to the D.P.I. No action is necessary here.

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