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G.O. No. 1268

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council meeting.

European schools--eligibility of Indian pupils for
scholarships--orders passed.

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 Demand XVI.
 Education Reserved.
 Rao Sanib P. V. Bopalan:-
 p. 193. 1896. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,800 for Government Secondary Schools, by Rs. 10.
 (To discuss the desirability of reducing the fees of Indians in European Schools from double to single and of awarding scholarships to Indian boys and girls if they pass with credit.)
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The M.L.C assumes that the rate of fees for Indians in European schools is double that for Europeans. In connection with the discussions which took place recently on the question of fees in these schools, it was reported by the Inspector of European schools that in 34 schools the same fees were charged and that in 21 schools the fees for Indians were higher than those for Europeans, the former being in a few cases three or four times the latter. The main reasons for this differentiation are:-

(1) the majority of the schools are maintained with or for a definite religious purpose and the fees charged for Anglo-Indians are much below the minimum necessary to maintain the school, the management bearing the deficit; and

(2) the extra fee levied on Indians serves as a check on the maximum limit of one-third of the total number up to which Indian pupils may be admitted into European schools. The Govt. have recently issued orders that the approval of the Inspector of European schools should be obtained by the managements of schools for the adoption of differential rates of fees. This will ensure that, except where it is

Extra fees are also levied because special tuition in English is sometimes necessary

for in a few cases
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absolutely unavoidable, no differentiation is introduced in the rates of fees in these schools.

2. The M.L.C also suggests that scholarships should be awarded to Indian pupils in European schools. The scholarships tenable in European schools are intended for European and Anglo-Indian pupils. There are separate scholarships for Indian pupils tenable in Indian schools. Ordinarily children of well-to-do parents seek admission in European schools, and there is no need to award to Indian pupils any of the scholarships reserved for European and Anglo-Indian pupils.

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The D.P.J. (with copy of L.C.
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O.M. 686 B.1 of 4.6.25

Law (E)

A copy of the Leg. Council Proceedings connected with a motion to reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,800 for Govt. secondary schools - European - by Rs. 10, brought forward by M.R. Ry. Rao Sahib Bahadur P.V. Gopalan and M.L.C. during the last budget discussions, is forwarded to the D.P.J. who is requested to enquire into and submit a report on the ^{question} ~~statement~~ made raised by Mr. Gopalan, namely, that some of the Indian boys and girls, reading in European schools, who passed with in the examinations securing a high place on the list even first places among of the successful candidates were not awarded scholarships ^{purely} on the ground of their nationality.

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Subject.

European Schools - Indian Pupils - Eligibility for scholarships
under the Code of Regulations for European Schools.

ENCLOSURES.

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R.O.C No. 662-E/25.

Station Madras, Dated the 4th July, 1925.From (Name) R.G. GRIEVE, Esq., M.A., F.R.G.S.,(Designation) DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,

LAW (EDUCATION)

Department.

Sir,

In reply to Government Memorandum No. 686 B-1, Law (Education) dated 4-6-25, I have the honour to state that scholarships awarded under the Code of Regulations for European Schools under G.O. No. 415 Educational dated 1-7-1907, were reserved for "Europeans" in the same way as scholarships are now reserved for Adi-Dravidas, Muhammadans &c.. The fact that an Indian boy has been a pupil of a European School gives him no claim to a scholarship specially reserved for a boy of another community. The position is accepted without demur in Indian Schools, and I do not see why it should not be accepted in European Schools as well. I may add that if an Indian boy in a European school cannot continue his studies without a

without a scholarship he can go to an Indian School where he will be eligible for a scholarship.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. C. M. S.
for Director of Public Instruction.

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DEMAND XVI—EDUCATION (RESERVED).

* The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—"Sir, I beg to move
'that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 9.07 lakhs
under Demand XVI—Education—Reserved.'"

Motion No. 89.

* Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—"Sir, I beg to move
'to reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,800 for Government Secondary Schools
—European—by Rs. 10.'"

"It is as seen a token motion, for eliciting some information from the hon. Member. In answer to some of my questions regarding the reduction of school fees of Indian boys and girls reading in European schools the hon.

the Home Member gave me an assurance that he would consider the question. I wish to know whether the hon. the Home Member has heard definitely from the Director of Public Instruction or any other officer concerned that arrangements have been made to charge the same fees both for Indian and European or Anglo-Indian boys and girls.

"Secondly, Sir, I am informed that some of the Indian boys and girls who pass very creditably in the examinations and even stand first in rank are refused scholarships purely on the ground of their being Indians. I shall be very glad to hear from the hon. the Home Member if there is any such rule barring such bright Indian boys and girls from getting scholarships."

* The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—"Sir, I am glad to have this opportunity of explaining the points referred to by the Mover of this resolution. In the first place, the hon. Member is under a misapprehension if he thinks that the general practice is to charge Indian boys and girls double the fees that are charged to the European boys and girls. According to the reports we have received, 34 European schools charge the same fees for both classes of pupils, while in 21 the fees for Indians are higher. I can only find one instance where the fees are actually double. That probably is the case which my hon. Friend had in mind when he moved the resolution. This matter has been discussed in this House more than once largely in the form of questions and answers. I may tell the House what the latest stage is. It was pointed out on a previous occasion that the order which we passed in December last was likely to lose a good deal of its effect owing to the fact that the great majority, if not actually all the European schools with which we are dealing, had endowments earmarked for the benefit of certain communities. Government therefore have had to issue further instructions to the Director of Public Instruction. I may mention at this stage that I recently held a conference on the subject of European education. A preliminary survey of the present condition and requirements of European education is being made by the Inspector and as soon as his report is submitted a committee will probably be appointed. And one of the questions that is going to be considered by the committee is the question of fees. Pending further inquiry Government have issued an interim direction that if the management of an European school desires to levy from any non-European pupil fees higher than those demanded from Indian boys in the same standard they should report the matter to the Inspector of European schools and obtain his specific approval for their action. That is to say, the management will have to make out a sufficient case to the Inspector or the Director of Public Instruction or if necessary to the Government.

"With regard to the other point regarding the scholarships, the question has not, so far as I know, been raised before. The fact is that there are a certain number of scholarships which are tenable for European schools and there is a very much larger number of scholarships tenable in Indian schools. I do not think that the question has ever arisen regarding an Indian pupil reading in an European school. Now that it has been raised I shall ask the Director to report on the matter."

* Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—"I beg to withdraw my motion, Sir."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

Lawrence Dept

*The attention of the D.P.I. may
be invited to portion 'A' of the Legal Council
proceedings and he may be requested to
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submit the report referred to therein
at an early date

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At 1725 B From the D.P.D. Rec no. 662 E/25

of 4.7.25

The reply from the D.P.D. at

pages 2-3 of fully answers the

point raised by the M.L.C. in regard

to the ~~award~~ scholarships in European

Schools. No further action is

necessary on this file. It may be

recorded for future reference.

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