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99. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 12,48,400 for Training Schools - Masters - by Rs. 100.

(To discuss the question of reducing period of training).

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The period of training for elementary (lower and higher) and secondary grade (excluding Intermediate) teachers is at present two years. The two years' course for the former was introduced for in 1907 and the latter in 1920. In both cases, the object of extending the period is to enable the teachers to improve their general educational qualifications while undergoing training for the teaching profession. In 1917, Sir Henry Stone noted as follows on the point. "As regards the question of the length of the training course and the possibility of shortening it, I am not inclined to economise by reducing the period of training. The effect would be a cumulative depression of our educational standards. Ill-trained teachers produce ill-taught boys some of whom become teachers and ill-organised schools which tend to set a standard. It must unhappily be the case that the trained teachers must be in the minority and I cannot venture to look forward to the time when this will not be so in the Presidency, but it is not open to question that they are doing valuable work in raising the general standard of education and any

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"course that would impair their quality would be suicidal. Teachers in general suffer from sheer ignorance. Our system of training for elementary teachers seeks in the first place to mitigate this and we want a two years' course for people of the matriculation standard also for the same reason. The fact is that in filling our training schools as full as we can we have already gone as far as we can in sacrificing quality to quantity."

2. The suggestion to reduce the period of training is not new. The Madras Retrenchment Committee made a similar recommendation. Mr. Littlehailes whose opinion was invited on the suggestion stated that the period of training should be two years unless the standard of general education of persons admitted for training were raised.

3. The committee appointed by the Government to consider the question of re-organisation of Secondary education has also made a recommendation to the effect that the course of training for Secondary grade teachers (Secondary School-Leaving Certificate holders) be reduced to one year in view of a revised course and curriculum for secondary education recommended by it. In that connection also Mr. Littlehailes expressed the view that revision of the secondary Education course suggested by the Committee was not compatible with a reduction in the period of training.

3. The direct answer to the motion is that under present conditions the suggestion is impracticable.



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