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Closing down of the Engineering
College, Guindy - Notes Recorded

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Mr. Rameswara Rao:

424. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 16,91,400
for University by Rs. 100

(To demand the closing of the Engineering
College, temporarily.)

Law (Education) Department.

The object with which the member sug-
gests the temporary closing of the Engineering College
is not clear.

2 A college which caters for the needs of
439 students cannot be said to be a superfluity. If
the temporary closing of the college is recommended
as a measure of retrenchment, it may be observed that
the Retrenchment Committee remarked in paragraph 200
of its report that the net cost of the college had
risen from Rs. 205 in 1919 to Rs. 516 in 1921-22 and
suggested a detailed examination of the college bud-
get. The Retrenchment Committee's recommendation
was referred to the D.P.I. for remarks and he was
asked to suggest the names of experienced persons
who could go into the question and advise economies.
The D.P.I. pointed out that the average net expendi-
ture per student in 1921-22 was Rs. 468 and not Rs. 616
as observed by the committee and that the following
special factors contributed to the increased expendi-
ture since 1920.

- (1) Employment of additional staff such as a Professor of Technical Chemistry, an additional Professor of Civil Engineering etc.
- (2) Installation of a Power house with a large establishment attached to it.
- (3) Normal increases in salaries due to the introduction of revised time-scales of pay.
- (4) Rise in the cost of materials required for the workshop owing to post-war conditions.
- (5) Large decrease in the strength of the college from 499 in 1919-1920 to 360 in 1923 due to diminished chances of employment owing to retrenchment in the personnel of the P.W.D.

* This was the strength
on the 31st March 1924
- paragraph 3 of College
report for 1923-24
p. 7 of Rs. 15.65 (X)
8.10.24

p. 78 of the
report (this up)

memo on pp. 1-2 of
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in 1921-22 and 1922-23.

(6) Occasional wrong debits against the educational Budget instead of the P.W. D. budget of certain items of expenditure such as stores indented for in England by the Principal on behalf of the P.W. D.

The Director also pointed out that the expenditure on the college had steadily decreased since 1921-22 as shown below:-

	Net cost per student.
1921-22	Rs. 468
1922-23	463
1923-24	442.

He, therefore, stated that there was no need to appoint a committee to go into the question of retrenchment in the expenditure on the college.

The Hon'ble the Minister then noted as follows:-

"I thought at first that a committee might be necessary; but on reading the report of the D.P.I. and the information I had from the Principal, there is no need to proceed further in the matter. The present expenditure is justifiable and no desirable economies can be effected."

3 The Engineering College is the only institution of its kind in the Presidency. The Government have already closed the probationary subordinate and lower subordinate classes in the college. At present these classes are confined to the two Engineering schools at Vizagapatam and Trichinopoly. The Engineering College has only the Upper Subordinate and the Engineer classes. Year after year a number of students undergo instruction in these classes. It is not clear what alternative arrangements the Hon'ble Member has in view for ~~offering~~ instruction in Engineering if the college is abolished. Perhaps the Hon. Member

denies to bring to notice that the Engineering Department, viz: the P.W.D. does not now offer sufficient scope for the employment of the large no. of students turned out by the College & that there are now several of qualified candidates unemployed. He may also point out that

Apparently this is the M.L.C.'s aim.

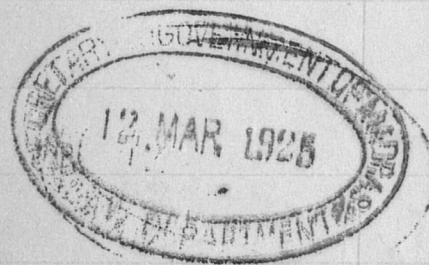
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the present supply is more than the demand. That if the College is closed temporarily, the existing qualified will partially be absorbed. Besides the P.W.D. there is sufficient scope for the formation of a private service of Engineers.

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It is obviously shortsighted to close the College temporarily when, as the result of the remission of a portion of the Madras Contribution and a general revival in trade & economic conditions, we are likely to be able to offer employment to a larger number of the men turned out of the trained in the College

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The motion was not discussed in the Council. The motion may be order 738 Recorded. or 145/25
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*the present supply of water from the
 channels that of the City is closed
 temporarily, the existing supply
 will probably be exhausted. It is
 therefore suggested that a supply
 of water be sent from the
 reservoirs of the private tanks of
 the city.*

*It is already stated that the close
 the College temporarily when, as the result
 of the suspension of a portion of the Machine
 Control and a general revision in
 the economic conditions we are likely
 to be able to offer employment to a
 large number of the unemployed.*

*It is suggested that the
 Commission be authorized to
 make a visit to the various
 institutions of the city and
 to report on the results of
 the visit.*



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