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Rao Sahib U. Rama Rao:-

p. 212. 45. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4675,000 for Grants to local bodies for Primary Education, by Re. 1.

(To discuss about the introduction of free and compulsory Primary Education and also to point out the inadequacy of the provision.)

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The Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, empowers local bodies to levy an education tax in the areas under their jurisdiction, and also to introduce free and compulsory elementary education ~~for~~ for children of school age, with the previous approval of Government. So far ~~only~~ 78 out of 127 taluk boards and 20 out of 81 Municipal Councils have obtained the sanction of the Government to levy the education tax in their areas. Free and compulsory elementary education has been introduced only in 16 municipalities. *The initiative is to be taken by the local bodies* The proceeds of the education tax and the equivalent Government contribution amount nearly to Rs 16.88 lakhs, but the progress made in the expansion of elementary education is not ~~commensurate~~ *inadequate* to the funds made available. The Government are fully ~~aware~~ alive to the need for the rapid expansion of elementary education, especially in rural areas. In the current official year, subsidies were granted to taluk boards levying the education tax to enable them to open schools.

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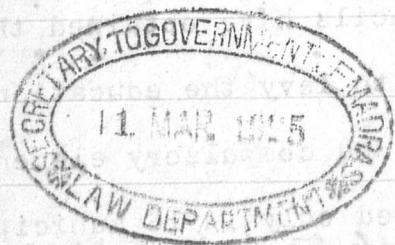
in 839 villages. Provision has been made in the budget estimate for 1925-26 for the opening of 1017 additional elementary schools. The total provision for elementary education has also increased from Rs. 60.49 lakhs in 1921-22 to Rs 84.40 lakhs in 1925-26. Thus, every endeavour is being made to provide additional facilities for elementary education so far as the funds at the disposal of the Government permit. Further progress depends on the state of the Provincial finances and the willingness of the local bodies to levy the education tax. It may also be pointed out that the necessary school places should first be provided before compulsory elementary education can be introduced in any area. The whole question is therefore one of funds.

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