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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Meeting - Budget motion

Contribution of Local Board to the
Elementary Education Fund - Note, Records

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Mr. B. Munuswami Nayudu:

P.213. 1373. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,97,600 for Grants to Local Bodies for Primary Education by Rs. 100.

(To express dissatisfaction at the way in which Government treat local bodies in regard to the Elementary Education Budgets and the cost of administration properly debitable to the fund and to draw the attention of the Government to the illegality and unfairness of their orders in insisting upon large amounts being contributed from Revenue to Elementary Education, beyond their financial resources and to the prejudice of other services maintained by them).

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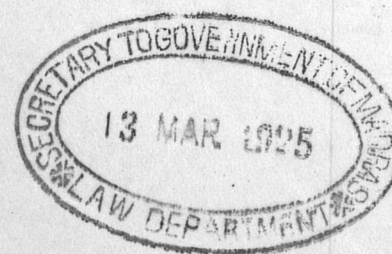
In passing orders on the Elementary Education budgets fund budgets of local bodies, the Govt. ~~requested~~ ^{required} the local bodies to contribute from their general funds, the amounts incurred from such funds on the maintenance of elementary schools in 1920-21--the year preceding the introduction of the Ely.Edn.Act--or such other amount as may be fixed with reference to the financial position of the local body. While under the proviso to s.37 of the Ely.Edn.Act 1920, the Govt. are bound to contribute the

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amounts incurred from provincial funds on the maintenance of elementary schools under the control of local bodies in the year 1920-21, there is no corresponding legal obligation on the part of local bodies. Some local bodies attempted to reduce or withdraw altogether the amounts contributed from their general funds ~~towards~~ ^{on} the maintenance of elementary schools already in existence, and to meet the cost of such - schools from the proceeds of the education tax and the equivalent Govt. contribution. The object of the levy of the education tax is, however, to secure funds for the opening of new schools. Accordingly, before according sanction to the levy of the tax, the Govt. ^{require} ~~requested~~ local bodies to give an undertaking not to divert the proceeds of the education tax for the maintenance of schools already in existence, and to continue their usual contribution from their general funds.

2 Some taluk boards have however complained that, with the separation of the finances of taluk boards from those of district boards, the resources of ~~the~~ taluk boards have been crippled, and, in consequence, the taluk boards are not able to pay the amounts contributed by them in 1920-21. To meet such objections, ^{district} committees were appointed for the preparation of a ^{normal} ~~nominal~~ budget for each taluk board ^{and for} making fair provision for each ^{the} services the board has to maintain. ^{and} The amount to be contributed by ^{each} ~~the~~ board for elementary education has been fixed with reference to the recommendations of the committee. Thus, every endeavour has been made to meet the legitimate wishes of local bodies. 3 Under the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the provision of elementary education is one of ^{the} obligatory items of expenditure

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to be met from the general funds of taluk boards. The taluk boards ignore this statutory liability and are under the misapprehension that, with the constitution of the elementary education fund, every item of charge connected with elementary education should be debited to that fund. Some ~~taluk~~ boards represented that, in consequence of the expansion of elementary education and the opening of new schools, it had become necessary to employ addl. clerical establishment in their offices, and asked that the extra expenditure should be met from the Ely. Edn. Fund instead from the general funds of the taluk boards. For the reasons given above, the Govt. have, however, - declined to entertain such proposals. ~~The~~

4 ~~The~~ real source of all the troubles felt by taluk boards has to be traced elsewhere. In consequence of the passing of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920, the finances of taluk boards have been injuriously affected. Most taluk boards work at a deficit, while nearly all the ~~the~~ District boards have ^{large} ~~more~~ surpluses. Instead of complaining about the orders issued by the Law (Edn) Dept, the Hon'ble Member will do well to take steps to secure a fairer allocation of funds as between ~~the~~ district and taluk boards,



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