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Powers of District Secondary
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QUESTION.—No. 565*

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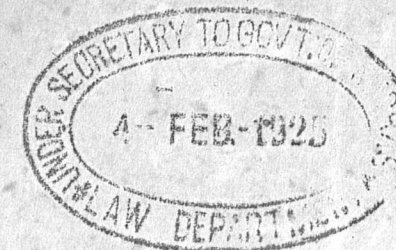
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SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the

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The Question has been admitted.



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To

The *Law (Education)* Department.

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Muhammad Chouse Nian Sahib

THE LAW (Education) DEPARTMENT.

959. ~~Will the hon. the~~
Minister for Education be pleased
to state - that the

(a) whether it is a fact that the
recently constituted District Secondary
Education Boards are purely advisory
bodies and have no power in them to
initiate schemes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in
most cases the D.E.Os who happen to
be Secretaries of the Board do not place
before the boards the facts connected with
the distribution of grants; and

(c) if the Government have no infor-
mation whether they will call for reports
on this matter from the D.E.Os of Coim-
batore, Salem, South Arcot and Trichino-
poly; and

(d) if clause (b) is in the affirmative
whether the Government will direct that
in all cases no distribution shall take
place before the sanction of the Board?

primary secondary schools
actual distribution of grants
made by the D.E.O.

The D.E.O. may be
in a position to the
point of the question

Clause (a) of the question.

The District Secondary Education Boards are purely advisory bodies. It is not clear what the M. D. C. means by the expression "initiate schemes". There can be ~~absolutely~~ no objection to the Boards suggesting to the de ptt. or to the Govt. the desirability of adopting a new scheme. If such a suggestion is made it will be duly considered.

Clause (b)

under G.O. No. 24

Law (Edn), 8.5.1.23, the advice and opinion of the Boards should be taken ~~whenever feasible~~ for the disposal of applications for teaching, building and equipment grants to secondary schools. The actual distribution of grants is made by the D. P. I.

2. The D. P. I. may be consulted in regard to the answer to be given to the question.

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As regards clause (a) of the question the position is clearly put in Law (Education) u.o. note.

As regards clause (b) there ^{was} correspondence about a year ago between Mr. Ramachandra Rao and Mr. Littlehailes. Reference is invited to the Secretary's D.O. No. 329 B-2 dated 9th February 1924 and Mr. Littlehailes's reply D.O. No. 6/D/24 dated 12th February 1924. In the latter D.O. a copy of the proceedings R.C. No. 2515-D/23 dated 13th December 1923 was enclosed.

In practice all building and equipment grant applications are referred to the District Secondary Education Boards but this does not apply to teaching grants; nor are the orders of Government and the D.P.I. placed before the Boards. There is no objection, however, to these orders being placed before the Boards if they desire to see them. As the Boards meet only four times a year inordinate delay would be caused by referring all teaching grant applications to them. The answer to clause (b) might, it is suggested, be as follows:-

"Under G.O. No. 24 Law (Edn) dated 5-1-1923 the advice and opinion of the Boards are taken in the disposal of all applications for building and equipment grants to secondary schools and on such other matters relating to grants as may be specifically referred to them by the Government, the D.P.I., or the D.E.O. The actual distribution of grants is made by the D.P.I."

In view of the answers suggested for clauses (a) and (b) it does not seem necessary to call for reports from the D.E.Os of the districts specified by the Hon. Member.

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The following answer to the question is for approval.



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Clause (a).

5 Answer

"The functions of the Boards are advisory. There is, however, no objection to the District Board suggesting to the Department or to the Government the desirability of adopting a new scheme. If such a suggestion is made it will be duly considered. Clauses (b) & (c).

Under G.O. No. 24 Law (Edn), dated 5-1-23, which has been placed on the Editors' table, the advice and opinion of the Boards are taken in the disposal of all applications for building and equipment grants to secondary schools and on such other matters relating to grants as may be specifically referred to them by the Government, the D.P.I. or the D.E.O. The actual distribution of grants is made by the D.P.I."

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The powers of District Secondary Education Boards.

* 434 Q.—MR. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the recently constituted District Secondary Education Boards are purely advisory bodies and have no power to initiate schemes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in most cases the District Educational Officers who happen to be secretaries of the board do not place before the boards the facts connected with the distribution of grants; and

(c) if the Government have no information whether they will call for reports on this matter from the District Educational Officers of Coimbatore, Salem, South Arcot and Trichinopoly?

4.—(a) The functions of the boards are advisory. There is, however, no objection to the boards suggesting to the department or to the Government the desirability of adopting a new scheme. If such a suggestion is made, it will be duly considered.

(b) & (c) Under G.O. No. 24, Law (Education), dated the 5th January 1923, which has been placed on the Editors' Table, the advice and opinion of the boards are taken in the disposal of all applications for building and equipment grants to

secondary schools and on such other matters relating to grants as may be specifically referred to them by the Government, the Director of Public Instruction or the District Educational Officer. The actual distribution of grants is made by the Director of Public Instruction.

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB:—"Have not District Secondary Education Boards been given the power to distribute the grants?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The boards have not been given the power to distribute the grants; they have got only the function of advising. The power of distributing the grants is with the Director of Public Instruction."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Have they got the power of advising generally in all matters?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Yes, generally in all matters and specially with regard to the grant-in-aid."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"May I know when the Grant-in-aid Code will be revised?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"That does not arise out of this question, Sir."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—"Sir, in clauses (b) and (c) it is suggested that the District Secondary Education Boards should be given greater powers in the matter of these grants. Therefore I ask whether in revising the Grant-in-aid Code they will also take into consideration the enlargement of the powers of these boards with regard to the power of distributing the grants?"

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"May I ask the hon. the Minister for Education when he would think of placing these Secondary Education Boards on a statutory basis?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"When the question of the reorganization of secondary education was taken into consideration, some portions of the report dealing with the subject was referred to the Senate for its views. When these views are communicated to the Government the matter will be taken up for consideration."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"Sir, may I know, how long it will take for the Senate to express its views?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"It is not possible for me to say how long it will take for the Senate to express its views."

[Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"Sir, may I know whether District Secondary Education Boards were created for all the districts in the Presidency?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"I think, Sir, the district of Nilgiris has not got one such board and as such the information given by the hon. the Minister for Education is not correct."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I am sorry it is so."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know why members of the depressed classes who are really interested in secondary education are not nominated to these Secondary Education Boards?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"The question was already answered before."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I point out to the hon. the Minister for Education that he assured us that he would nominate some members belonging to the depressed classes and he has not yet done so?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"If there is a vacancy and if there is a member available, certainly I would consider that."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know the period for which these members are nominated, once in three years or five years?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Once in three years."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"When does the term of the present board expire?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I am afraid I cannot give the date off-hand."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"Why is the system of nomination resorted to in filling up the presidentship of these Secondary Education Boards?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"That is part of the constitution of the Secondary Education Boards?"

The above was the final form of the question and answer.

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