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1587. To reduce the allotment of Rs.10,70,000 for grants to local bodies for secondary education by Rs.100.

(To express dissatisfaction at the policy and inadequate grants made and that for small periods recommending thereby to allot more funds to make grants to the local bodies and private managements).

Law (Education) Department

The policy of Government in the matter of the development of secondary education is to rely mainly on aided agencies. The M.L.C. refers to subsidies to local bodies for the maintenance of secondary schools. Prior to 1918, there were very few secondary schools under local bodies. In order to provide additional facilities for secondary education and to relieve congestion in the already existing secondary schools the Government sanctioned the opening of a large number of high and middle schools under the management of local bodies in the years 1918 and 1920. As these schools were opened at the instance of the department, the Govt. undertook to meet the entire net cost of these schools irrespective of the financial position of the local bodies concerned. In recent years, several local bodies have submitted proposals for the establishment of new secondary schools or for the opening of higher forms in middle schools or for the revision of salaries of teachers employed in schools under their management. In such cases, the local bodies ask that the extra cost should be borne by Government as was

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done in the years 1918 and 1920. These proposals are generally examined with reference to the following factors and orders as to the portion of the cost to be met from Provincial funds are issued in consultation with the L. S. G., and Finance Departments:-

- (1) the needs of the locality;
- (2) the ability of the local body to meet the cost;
- (3) the percentage of its income which the local body spends on secondary education.

In some cases, subsidies are sanctioned for one or two years in the initial stages of the establishment of the school. The

The M. L. C. complains about "inadequate grants" and "small periods" for which they are sanctioned. As regards the amount of grants, application for enhancement of the amount is rejected if on an examination of the financial position of the local body it is found that the local body itself can provide the necessary funds. It is nothing but equitable that those local bodies which are able to pay should do so and that the Government should help only those that are unable to provide adequate funds for secondary education. As regards the reference to small periods for which subsidies are sanctioned in some cases, it is submitted that in the first few years of the opening of ~~the school, the number of pupils~~ the school, the number of pupils in the several classes is likely to be small and the net cost will therefore be correspondingly high. After the school has worked for some time and after the strength has become normal, the net cost will be comparatively less and it should ^{ordinarily} be possible for a local body to meet it from its own funds. If, however, in any particular case a local body is unable to meet even the reduced cost, the Government will continue to pay the subsidy.



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