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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Budget motion
Direct grants to non Govt. Secondary
Schools. Conscience clause in
Grant in aid Code

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1543. To reduce the allotment of Rs.10,43,800 for direct grants to non-Government Secondary schools by Rs.5,00,000.

(To discuss the question of a conscience clause in Mission schools)

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The question of the introduction of a -- conscience clause in the Grant in aid Code is separately under consideration.-vide linked file. It will be seen therefrom that this Govt. -- recommended to the Govt.of India in 1915 the insertion of a rule in the Grant in Aid Code similar to the rule embodied in the Code of Regulations for European schools providing for liberty of conscience to students so that they might abstain from attending religious instruction of a persuasion different from that professed by them. On this the Govt of India made an -- exhaustive enquiry and circularised all Local Govts. On that occasion this Govt. consulted several officers;and the ~~desirability~~ decision arrived at in 1915 regarding the desirability of introducing the rule was adhered to. The Govt.of India, however, did not issue any definite orders on the subject.

2.The question again arose at the time of the discussion of the Madras Ely.Edn.Bill and a compromise was arrived at as provided for in

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sections 53 & 54 of the Act.

3. In 1921 Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar brought forward a resolution on the subject in the local Legve. Council. After discussion the resolution was put to vote and rejected by a large majority.

4. At the instance of Govt, all the Dt. Secy. Edn. Boards were consulted on this subject by the D. P. I. He has recently reported the views of the Board. The majority of the Boards have expressed themselves ^(as being) in favour of the introduction of a conscience clause. The D. P. I has, however, stated that the clause, if introduced, should not apply to all schools but only to schools situated in 'single school areas'. On the request of the Missionary Edl. Council the Director has suggested that the form of the clause and the definition of 'single school area' should be settled in consultation with the council. The Hon. the Minister has noted that the question might be discussed at a meeting of the Education Advisory Committee on the 2nd April next.

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