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The Coimbatore College was originally under private management. It was taken over by Government in 1919 under the model high school scheme. In 1924 Mr.C.V.Venkataramana Ayyangar tabled a similar motion urging the raising of the college to the first grade. It was then noted that, having regard to the strength of the four second grade colleges under Government management, viz., those at Palghat, Tellicherry, Mangalore and Coimbatore, the colleges at Palghat ~~and~~ Mangalore had a prior claim to be raised to the first grade. The motion was not reached; ^{in discussion} but Mr.Venkataramana Ayyangar raised the point in connection with a motion by Mr.Prabhakaran Tampan for the raising of the Victoria College, Palghat, to the first grade. The Hon'ble the Minister then stated that private management of colleges was more economical than Government management and that it was a question whether Government should pursue the policy of taking over private colleges and raising and maintaining them as first grade colleges or whether they should leave them to private management and subsidize the management. He also stated that he was not prepared generally to maintain first grade Government colleges at all. He, however, undertook to appoint a committee to consider the question of raising the Palghat college to the first grade.

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A Committee was accordingly appointed. It has recommended the raising of the Victoria College to the first grade. The Finance Committee before which the matter was placed has expressed the opinion that the matter is not one of immediate urgency. The Hon'ble the Minister has, however, ordered that the Director may be asked to submit proposals for the raising of the college to the first grade. It does not appear that the raising of the Coimbatore college to the first grade ~~is a matter~~ is a matter

which ~~is~~ has preferential claims for consideration at the present moment.



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Motion No. 93
Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—The motion which stands is:

'To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,18,200 for pay of officers by Rs. 100.'

"The reason why I want to make this motion is to urge the question of having a first-grade college in Coimbatore. I am not one of those who urge the creation of certain institutions in our place because other places want the creation of similar institutions in their places. I have no objection to Palghat having one. But what I urge is that that should not stand in the way of Coimbatore getting one also.

"So far as Coimbatore is concerned, the present college has a history for a century and over. It was managed for a very long time by a committee. With a view to convert the second-grade college into a first-grade one, the

committee was reconstituted and a large sum of money was collected by way of donations. Thinking that the handing over of the college to the Government would facilitate the conversion of that college into a first grade, the college was handed over to the Government, and not on account of any difficulties that we felt.

"Sir, if we are unable to compete with eastern districts in the higher education, it is because of the absence of a first-grade college there. We have none in our parts. Bellary, Salem and Coimbatore are spoken of as the central Tamil districts and they must have a first-grade college in their midst. I do not know what attitude the Government is going to take in this matter. As I said, I do not say anything against the establishment of a college at Palghat. I am very strongly urging that, sooner or later I would say that it should come very soon, our college should be raised to a first-grade college. We have got several advantages. I do not press for a University being granted at once to Coimbatore. We have got a number of colleges. On the professional side we have got the Agricultural College, the Forest College and various other institutions and it would be great help if a University is established there. But that is only a dream and we do not want to press for it. So far as the establishment of a first-grade college is concerned, Coimbatore is an educational centre; it is an official centre and therefore it is highly necessary that the present college at Coimbatore should be raised to a first-grade college as early as possible."

*Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR:—"I have also given notice of a similar motion. I may say that there are many advantages in establishing a first-grade college at Coimbatore, but I am sorry to see that they are not availed of by the authorities concerned. Now we have got a proposal to separate the Agricultural College from the Research Institute. The college has got a library and I believe the library is going to be added to. So, Sir, if a first-grade college is established in Coimbatore and if it is located somewhere near the Agricultural College, this library can be utilized both by the Agricultural College and by the Arts College. It seems to me that the raising of the Coimbatore College into a first-grade college can be achieved without much cost to the Government. There is also this additional reason, namely, that Palghat wants a first-grade college. If that college is raised into a first-grade college in arts, and if Coimbatore is raised into a first-grade college in science, the two together can supply the needs in the arts and science courses to the neighbouring districts and the cost would be the minimum. If, on the other hand, if we are going to have a new place as the University centre, it would cost a good lot and the achievement of our object will probably be impracticable within recent times. It seems to be both in the interests of higher education in that part of the country and also in view of the facilities that are existing in Coimbatore and also the need for a college either in Coimbatore or Malabar—it seems to me—it is necessary and feasible, that the college at Coimbatore should be raised into a first-grade one along with the Palghat College."

*The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Sir, hon. Members from Coimbatore would have realized that, instead of having a first-grade college, manufacturing more B.A.'s and M.A.'s, which is of no use it is better to encourage the young men from the second-grade college to go into the Agricultural and the Forest Colleges for

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