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The question of raising the
Victoria College, Palghat, to the first
grade is under consideration in
the linked file. The Finance
Committee which ^{recently} considered the
subject ^{recently} decided that the
opening of the B.A. classes in
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into a first grade College).

of immediate urgency. ² The Honble
the Minister has ordered that the
D.P.T may be asked to submit
proposals for the opening of the
B.A. classes in the college in con-
sultation with the Committee. A
draft memo is submitted in the
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* Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN :—" Sir, I beg to move
'to reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,88,500 for Arts Colleges—Men—by
Rs. 25,000.'

"I beg to move this motion, so that out of the money provided for arts colleges, a sum of Rs. 25,000 may be allotted for raising the Government college of Palghat to the first-grade college. At the fag end of the budget discussion I do not propose to go into the details of the question and launch upon a full dress debate. Sir, the representatives coming from Malabar to this honourable House have availed themselves of every opportunity to raise this question and as the result of their exertions the Government were pleased to appoint a committee to enquire into that question and submit a report. Sir, the committee practically unanimously resolved to start a first-grade college in Malabar and locate it at Palghat. We are very anxious and I believe I am voicing the feelings of all the hon. Members of the Council coming from Malabar that we must have a first-grade college. (A voice :— 'Why not others?') It is our earnest desire that effect should be given to that proposal immediately and I trust that the hon. the Minister will see his way to comply with our request forthwith so that we may have a first-grade college in Malabar with effect from the 1st July 1925."

* Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Sir, there is a first-grade Government college in the Andhra province at Rajahmundry. There is a first-grade Government college in the south of the Presidency for the Tamil tracts at Kumbakonam, and there is a first-grade college at Madras. The west coast including Malabar and South Kanara (the Malayalam-speaking

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country) is the only place where there is no Government first-grade college. And in Malabar itself though there are four second-grade colleges and a large number of higher grade complete secondary schools, there is no first-grade college. As a matter of fact, a committee was appointed by my hon. Friend the Minister for Education to go into this question of raising the Victoria College at Palghat into a first-grade college. The committee considered the question thoroughly, went into all details, into the pecuniary side of the question, into the structural side of the existing buildings and came to the conclusion that it was necessary to raise the second-grade college at Palghat to a first-grade college. I believe from the observations made by my hon. Friend in reference to one of the previous motions that my hon. Friend the Minister has practically made up his mind to raise this college into a first-grade college. That is the impression created in my mind and I hope my impression is right. I hope that in the beginning of the next term, at the commencement of the next University term by the end of June or the beginning of July, we may see the Victoria College, Palghat, raised to a first-grade college."

* Mr. V. MADHAVA RAJA :—" Mr. President, Sir, I have great pleasure in supporting this motion. I have also tabled a motion regarding the raising of the Victoria College, Palghat, to a first-grade college. Some time ago I brought a resolution for the raising of this college to a first grade, and the hon. the Minister in charge of Education specially told me that he would try his best to raise it to a first-grade college, and asked me to withdraw the resolution; and on his promise I withdrew that resolution. The hon. the Minister for Education wanted to visit Malabar recently, but that also he postponed doing with the assurance that he would come to Malabar to declare the Victoria College of Palghat as a first-grade college sometime in July next. I hope the hon. the Minister for Education will at least now openly tell us whether he would raise the Victoria College to a first grade in July next. With these words, I support the motion."

* Rao Bahadur P. RAMAN :—" Mr. President, Sir, I agree to the founding of a first-grade college in Malabar but it should be located in Tellicherry. I have always been advocating it. All facilities should be given to the depressed and backward classes to acquire knowledge and it is the policy of Government to give such facilities. Palghat is not the place for it. It is a very orthodox place as we have lately seen—as an instance I may mention the Kalpathi incident. There is undoubtedly an awakening among these classes and they have come to realize that it is only by education they can come to the level of, and cope with, the higher classes. No doubt, as to the college hostel there may be no difficulty so long as Mr. Lobo is the Principal; he is an amiable and nice gentleman with good tact, but Mr. Lobo may not always be the Principal and all the principals are not Lobos. Next, Palghat is in a corner of Malabar. Tellicherry is more central with no orthodox difficulty. The climate is good and living cheaper and all people will find it convenient. We could have considered Calicut but that is out of the question. There is no Government second-grade college there now, though it once owned a Government provincial school. I passed my F.A. there. I have already submitted my views on the question and I have no doubt they are now in the possession of Government. I would therefore urge that the college may be located at Tellicherry."

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Mr. A. V. BHANOJI RAO :—" Sir, in supporting this motion regarding the college at Palghat, I wish to bring to the notice of the hon. the Minister for Education the question regarding the pay and prospects of the subordinate educational service, I mean the teachers in the subordinate services. (Laughter.) This is the only chance I have got, Mr. President, as it is nearing 5 o'clock. This is a real grievance which I wish to bring to the notice of the House and I will not detain the House long. These teachers have submitted a memorial to the hon. the Minister for Education praying for an enhancement of their salaries, and I hope that he will consider their hard case and see that they are given what they desire. That is the only point that I want to press on the attention of the hon. the Minister."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Sir, as far as the Department of Education is concerned, we have appointed a committee to enquire into the matter, both as regards the necessity and the desirability of raising the existing college at Palghat into a first-grade college. As Mr. Raman has pointed out there was rivalry between Tellicherry and Palghat, and some urged that a more central place should be selected for the first-grade college. Ultimately, the majority opinion in the committee seemed to be in favour of Palghat. Therefore the question was placed before the Finance Committee, and the Finance Committee has placed the proposal in class III, and said that it was not very urgent and pressing. However, we have taken the matter again and have pressed on the Finance Department, because the administrative department considers that it is a case of urgency and it is a necessary one; it is for the administrative department to decide on such matters of policy. I have asked the Director of Public Instruction to visit Palghat and he is going to visit the place on the 8th or 9th April and the details as indicated by my hon. Friend Mr. Krishnan Nayar can be discussed with him and when his report is submitted to the Government proper orders will be passed thereon. Further, the possibility of opening the college in July next will be considered and if the Finance Department agree to the opening of the college on the 1st July, it can be done. As far as the administrative department is concerned, they are agreeable to the proposal of opening a first-grade college at Palghat."

Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN :—" I am delighted to hear that the hon. the Minister is agreeable to open the B.A. classes in July. We are grateful to him for this kindness. I hope the Finance Department will also come to the rescue and the proposal will be an accomplished fact at the beginning of the next collegiate year. I therefore do not press this motion."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

In the allocation of the sum of Rs 126 lakhs set free by the remission of the Provincial contribution a sum of Rs 12,000 has been provided for the expenditure on account of the opening of the B.A. classes in the Palghat College. The papers may be

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