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[Despatch Abstract.]

ADDRESS.

Presented by the District Board, Coimbatore--subsidies for
secondary schools--notes recorded.

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Extract from the Address to the
presented to H. E. the Governor on the
30th instant by Kacchimbature D. B. D.

5. Till recently, we had seven secondary schools under the control of this District Board--three High Schools and four Middle Schools. The necessity to open more secondary schools has been engaging the attention of this District Board for a very long time. Accordingly three middle schools have now been started at Idigarai, Kangayam and Sular in the hope that the Government would meet half the net cost of these schools as usual. The question is now under correspondence with the Director of Public Instruction, and we request that Your Excellency may be pleased to sanction the usual grant when the matter finally comes up before Government. There are still some more centres in this district where the need for secondary schools is very keenly felt. The Board is already spending more than Rs. 40,000/-, towards the maintenance of the existing seven secondary schools. The three schools since opened would raise the expenditure to over Rs. 50,000/-. We are afraid that the Board cannot allot from its ordinary resources any more funds towards the expansion of secondary education. We therefore venture to hope that Your Excellency will be pleased to



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realise the need for greater financial aid from provincial funds and we pray that the Government may be pleased to render the utmost possible help to the Board in this direction.

6. At present a very large number of moffasil students are attending the several High Schools in Coimbatore. The immediate need for a suitable hostel in the town for boarding and lodging is very keenly felt. The Board has therefore decided to establish one for the benefit of these students. As such an institution will undoubtedly provide better facilities for the expansion of secondary education and will induce many more even from the backward community in the rural areas to join the High Schools in Coimbatore, we pray that Your Excellency's Government be pleased to sanction a moiety of the cost towards its recurring and non-recurring charges. This question is now under correspondence with the Director of Public Instruction and we request that Your Excellency be pleased to sanction the subsidy as prayed for, so that a pucca building may be constructed in a suitable locality at the earliest possible date.

7. We would respectfully invite Your Excellency's attention to the desirability of starting in this district a well-equipped industrial school where mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and similar subjects would be taught. We request Your Excellency may be pleased to consider this proposal favourably and sanction the opening of a school in some convenient centre.



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The P.S. wants very early notes on the points raised in the Address. The above extract may be sent to Law (Edn) w.o. for necessary action

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on paras 5-6
of the address.

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Paragraph 5 of the address to be presented by the District Board, Coimbatore - Subsidies from Government towards the cost of maintenance of secondary schools.

The District Board, Coimbatore has been maintaining the following secondary schools:-

Name of School	High School forms	Strength		Total Strength
		Middle School forms	Primary classes	
High School, Dharapuram	90	153	180	423
" Kollegal	61	117	142	320
" Bhavani	84	145	119	348
Middle School, Satya-mangalam	-	62	91	153
Middle School, Perundurai	-	49	51	100
" Andiyur	-	36	73	109
" Chennimalai	-	32	49	81

Mr. Statham in his report on the survey of secondary education in the Presidency has pointed out that the school at Chennimalai is too small and has proposed that one school will suffice for both Chennimalai and Perundurai. Mr. Statham's ^{suggestions} ~~recommendations~~ are separately under consideration.

2. The District Board states that it has opened three additional middle schools at Idigarai, Kangayam and Sulur. It is not known whether there is a sufficient number of boys in these places who are likely to attend secondary schools paying the higher rate of fees prescribed for such schools. The Director has separately proposed that unless a middle school has at last 45 pupils in forms I to III it should not receive any subsidy from Government. The Director with whom the District Board is in correspondence, will consider how far there is need for a secondary school in each of the places referred to, before granting recognition to the schools.

3. From the address it is observed that the District Board expects a subsidy of one-half of the cost of maintenance of the three new schools from Provincial funds. No application in this regard has

been received by Government. The Board receives at present a subsidy of Rs 13,300 from Government towards the cost of maintenance of the seven secondary schools mentioned in paragraph 1 above. The amount contributed by the Board for secondary education and the percentage it bears to the total revenue of the Board is as follows:-

Year (1)	Amount contributed by the Board for secondary education (2)	Total revenue of the Dist. Board excluding Govt. grant (3)	Percentage of the figure in col.2 to the figure in col.3 - (4)
1923-24	13,942	5,06,893	2.6
1924-25	24,770	5,87,557	4.2

Some District Boards which are poor e.g., Anantapur, Bellary and Kurnool, spend a larger percentage (11.7, 6.0 and 5.2, respectively) of their revenue on the secondary schools maintained by them. It should be possible for the District Board, Coimbatore, to raise its contribution to secondary education ^(without difficulty). The question whether the grant of a subsidy for the three new schools will be justified may, however, be examined when the District Board's application is received by Government.

4. Paragraph 6 of the address - Establishment of a hostel for students in Coimbatore.

The District Board requests a subsidy of one-half of the recurring and non-recurring charges of establishing a hostel in Coimbatore. Subsidies are not ordinarily given towards the recurring charges ^(established by local bodies) of hostels. As regards non-recurring expenditure, the Board may send an application to Government through the Director. The question whether any and, if so, what portion of the expenditure should be met from Provincial funds may ^{then} be considered.

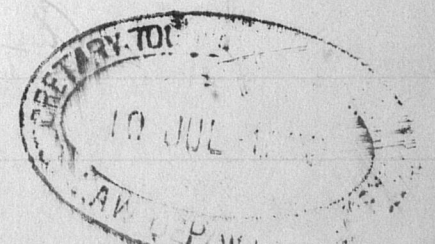
Returned with the following extract from His Excellency's reply:

"I congratulate you on your zeal in the cause of education which has prompted you to open three new middle schools in centres where you feel more facilities for the spread of education are needed. But I am not sure from a perusal of your Budget whether the expenditure of your revenues on this important item of secondary education is quite keeping pace with your enthusiasm. I say this, for I understand that the percentage of your income which you spend on secondary schools was in the year 1924-25 only 4.2 which is lower than that of other District Boards with less resources at their disposal and I feel therefore that your diffidence in the matter of allotting more funds for this purpose is perhaps not fully justified. Your request for a subsidy for the three new schools will however be considered in the light of your remarks when the application reaches Government.

The same applies to your prayer for a moiety of the cost of recurring and non-recurring charges for your proposed hostel for students attending the High Schools of Coimbatore. It is not however usual for Government to grant subsidies towards recurring expenditure in such cases and a hostel after its inception should ordinarily be self-supporting."

There is no justification for additional subsidy - Govt. have full liability to Kallur & Blawan schools.

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Presented by the Dist Board, Coimbatore - subsidy for secondary schools - note, records.

The Dist Board is not spending enough on the advancement of education. If it endeavours to do so, Govt. may consider the claim that it arises -

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