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119. *S. Sathgāmurti*

*1582.. Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state---

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently been approached by the University of Madras with a request for a grant for foreign research scholarships and the Government declined the grant;

(b) whether the Government made a grant for that purpose in 1923 which however lapsed; and

(c) the reasons why the Government declined to make any grant this year?

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(a) yes

(b) ~~no grant was~~
made Provision was
entered in the Budget &
Estimate for 1923-24 for
new schemes connected with
the teaching side of the
University and it lapsed
~~as no schemes were~~
~~ready.~~

(c) Section 44(2)(b)
of the Madras University Act,
1923, which enumerates
the objects for which
the Government may make
contributions to the
University does not
refer to the grant of
scholarships tenable
in the University

to be awarded by the
University, 1P11

Further the Government
are now awarding
annually from Provin-
cial funds foreign
scholarships for post-
graduate study or
research work.

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QUESTION.—No. 1582

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SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the

Law (Educ.) Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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To

The Law (Educ.) Department.

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As soon as the Madras University Bill was passed, a tentative scheme for the development of University teaching and for the budget provision necessary for grants to the University towards the cost of the new Professorships, Readerships etc contemplated in the Act, was drawn up in consultation with the late Sir K. Srinivasa Aiyangar, the then Vice-Chancellor. The scheme included, among others, provision for four research studentships in Physical and Natural Sciences tenable in Europe and two studentships in Philology and study of language and literature according to modern critical methods. In the Budget Estimate for 1923-24 as finally passed by the Legislative Council, a provision of Rs 2,38,000 was made for grants to the University under Sec. 44(2) (b) of the Act, in addition to the usual provision of Rs 85,500, which is governed by Sec. 44(2)

p. 7 of Govt. no.
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The ~~former~~ sum of Rs 2,38,000

included a provision of Rs 15,000 for four research studentships in Physical and Natural Sciences tenable in Europe and another of Rs 7,500 for two studentships in Philology and study of languages and literature according to modern critical methods.

p. 47 of Memo
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2. In June 1923 the new Vice-Chancellor was asked to forward proposals for the utilisation of the budget provision for grants to the University in consultation with his advisory Committee. In replying to this reference the Vice-Chancellor raised inter alia the question of the financial relations that should subsist between the Government and the University. It took some time for ~~the settlement~~ the issues raised by the University and order prescribing the procedure in regard to the payment of grants to the University under Sec. 44(1)(a) & (b) of the University Act were

p. 15 ibid

p. 19-23 ibid

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were issued only in April 1924. The provision made in the Budget Estimate for 1923-24 for new schemes lapsed as no schemes were ready.

3 Under the procedure laid down in the Memo quoted above, a budget estimate of its requirements has to be forwarded to the Govt. by the University by the 1st November of the year preceding that in which grants are required. The budget estimate for 1924-25 could not be forwarded by the University in ~~the same~~ time, as the question of the procedure was under consideration ⁽¹⁹²³⁻¹⁹²⁴⁾ in March 1924. Consequently a provision of only Rs 30,000 for the Vice-Chancellor's salary (in addition to the usual provision of Rs 85,500) was entered in the Budget Estimate for 1924-25 and no provision was made for new schemes. There was, therefore, no provision for research studentships ~~is~~ awardable by the University in that year's budget.

4. In the proposals submitted by the University in connection with the

the Budget Estimate for 1925-26 the Govt. were requested to provide a sum of Rs. 6,200 for a research scholarship for a student in Europe. The Hon'ble the Minister ~~then stated that~~ was not prepared to allow provision to be made and consequently no provision has been made in the current year's Budget Estimate for a grant to the University towards foreign scholarships.

5 In July last the Syndicate ~~suggested~~ ^{suggested} that a scholarship might be awarded by the University to one T. Vijaya Raghavan to enable him to carry on research work in England and requested the Govt. to make a grant for the purpose. The Govt. declined to comply with the request, ~~and~~ ^{for the reason that} scholarships were already awarded from Provincial funds annually to enable suitable candidates to undertake postgraduate courses or research work in the United Kingdom - vide Govt. No. 1372 of 8.8.25 and the Hon'ble the Minister's note on page 5 of the Govt.

para 2 of the
Vice-Chancellor's
letter on pages 2-3
of Govt. No. 865
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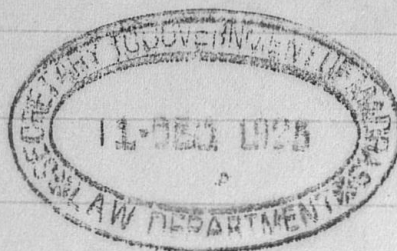
Para 27-29 of
Govt. No. 602
27.4.25 (V)

Para 1-2 of
Govt. No. 1372
8.8.25 (E)

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6 A request from the University for reconsideration of the order was negative in Govt. No. 1923 of 7.11.25 and the reasons were given in the Govt. and the Member for the University who puts the question is ~~probably~~ ^{probably} aware of them.

2 A draft answer is submitted for approval.



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Education.

Grants to the University of Madras for foreign research scholarships.

*1191 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have recently been approached by the University of Madras with a request for a grant for foreign research scholarships and whether the Government declined the grant;

(b) whether the Government made a grant for that purpose in 1923 which however lapsed; and

(c) the reasons why the Government declined to make any grant this year?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Provision was entered in the budget estimate for 1923-24 for new schemes connected with the teaching side of the University and it lapsed.

(c) Section 44 (2) (b) of the Madras University Act, 1923, which enumerates the objects for which the Government may make contributions to the University does not refer to the grant of scholarships tenable in the United Kingdom to be awarded by the University. Further the Government are awarding annually from provincial funds foreign scholarships for post-graduate study or research work.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“With reference to clause (c), may I ask the hon. the Minister for Education whether Government have come to this conclusion that in regard to future grants to the University of Madras they will be confined only to items mentioned in section 44 (2) (b) of the Madras University Act? I am asking this merely because the section merely enumerates the objects for which Government *may* make contribution.”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Each case will have to be decided on the circumstances.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“Therefore, Sir, may I take it that in this case Government declined the grant, not so much because they were convinced they had no power, but because they were awarding annually foreign scholarships from Provincial funds?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“On both grounds.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“In order to elucidate the matter further, may I ask one more question? May I ask the hon. the Minister for Education to be good enough to say whether if he finds that a particular object for which the grant was asked was otherwise proper he would consider the provision of the Act as precluding him from making the provision?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“It depends upon the objects of the proposal. If they come under the interpretation of 44 (2) (b) or approximate to it, they will be considered.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“With regard to the last sentence in the answer regarding foreign scholarships, may I know whether it is usually given to members already in Government service or whether it is given to students who are really students? If it is the latter, whether the representations of the University are considered by Government?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“It is given by the Government to those that are in service and those students who want to carry on research work.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“May I ask if any such scholarships have been given?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“There are some students carrying on research work in the London, Oxford and Cambridge Universities.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“May I ask whether those students were selected by Government itself, and if so, why the University was not consulted?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“I do not think the University has anything to do with the selection. It rests with the Government.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“With regard to the capacity of the students to do research work, does not the hon. Minister consider the University to be the most competent authority to advise the Government?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“University acts through syndicate. The Government gets advice from experts and professors. There are more opportunities for the professors to know the capacity of students for research work?”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“Is it research scholarship alone?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“Technical scholarship as well as research scholarship.”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“Cannot the University be regarded as a better judge in regard to scholarship in general science?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—“As far as my experience goes, I think the present system is very good and I do not think that any change is necessary.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“Arising out of the statement of the hon. the Minister that University means syndicate, may I remind him of what he have known, that the syndicate consults boards of experts of the best

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professors in the general and technological side? May I know the reason why the hon. Minister wants to be sure that the patronage is with him and nobody else? Why should not the University be even consulted?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Government is advised by experts and there is no necessity to consult the University."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"Does the hon. Member think that the Boards of Studies are not expert bodies?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"I do not say that."

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