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Mr. J. A. Saldanha.

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Law (Edn)

Grants to Non-Government Primary Schools by Rs. 100.

(To urge more liberal boarding grants to keep pace with the exceeding generous grants to European Schools.)

Law (Education) Department.

The provision for boarding grants for European schools and Indian schools is as follows:--

European.

Secondary schools Rs. 2,22,500

Primary schools 12,000

Indian.

30,000

The system of boarding grants for European schools has been in existence for a long time. The rate of grant for each child is Rs. 15 a month in the Madras City and Rs. 12 in the mufassal. The system of giving boarding grants to Indian schools was introduced in 1923-24. The provision made in that year was Rs. 15,000. In the year 1924-25, the provision was raised to Rs. 30,000. This amount is distributed among the eligible children in orphanages and boarding homes. The amount paid last year worked out to a flat rate of Rs. 10 a year for each child. In connection with the current year's budget, the D.P.I. pressed for a larger provision for Indian schools but it was not allowed, and the provision of Rs. 30,000 was repeated. For the year 1926-27, the Director proposed a provision of Rs. 61,400 under this head. The Finance committee did not accept the increased provision and the amount provided is therefore the same as that for

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as that for the current year.

2. The disparity in the amounts provided for European and Indian schools has formed the subject of comment in the Legislative Council in previous years.

In March 1924 Sir Arthur Knapp spoke as follows:--

"Boarding grants for European schools have been in force for a great many years. They started with grants given us by the Government of India before the reforms and the system has been continued. Obviously it is not desirable to put an end to, or even reduce the facilities for education then existing. On the other hand the policy of providing boarding grants of this kind to Indian schools is a new policy which has been urged upon the Government for some years and which has been introduced in the current year (1923-24). A small allotment has been made in the current year and larger allotments will be made from next year. My Hon. colleague, the Minister for Education, intends to go on with it until some day the boarding ~~for~~ grant for Indian institutions will doubtless very largely exceed that grant which my Hon. friend opposite (Mr. Saldanha) complains as excessive in respect of the European schools."

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