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NOTES CONNECTED WITH A RESOLUTION ON MATTERS OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST.

[For the meeting of February 1926.]

[SUBJECT.—*Establishment of a Tamil University.*]

COUNCIL OFFICE.

Mr. P. K. S. A. ARUMUGA NADAR:—

9. [666] "This Council recommends to the Government that immediate steps be taken to constitute a Tamil University for the Tamil Nadu."

LAW (EDUCATION) DEPARTMENT.

The resolution has been ballotted for as No. 9.

For a similar resolution which, however, lapsed, please see G.O. No. 741, dated 10th May 1924. The member suggests that immediate steps be taken to constitute a University for the Tamil districts.

2. Under section 16 (12) of the Madras University Act, 1923, the Senate may make recommendations to the Local Government for the recognition of local areas as 'University centres'. Section 53 of the Act provides that the Senate shall at the end of every five years from the passing of the Act submit a report to the Local Government on the condition of affiliated colleges and on the desirability or otherwise of establishing other Universities outside the limits of the Madras University. The Local Government shall lay the report before the Legislative Council and shall take such action on it as it deems fit. The first report will be due with the Government in 1928.

3. In October 1925 the Senate adopted a resolution in the following terms, moved by Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Ayyar:—

"The Senate is of opinion that one University at least should be established in the Tamil districts and recommends to the Government to take steps at once to bring it into existence."

This resolution was communicated for the consideration of the Government in November last—page 1 of G.O. No. 2184, dated 22nd December 1925.

On this the Secretary noted as follows:—

"I do not think we can take steps at once. We have just put through the Andhra University Bill and it will take some years before the University is placed on a sound working basis. Financial considerations have also to be borne in mind"—page 3 of G.O. No. 2184, dated 22nd December 1925.

The Honourable the Minister recorded the following note thereon:—

"The matter should be taken up by the University to determine the University centres in the Tamil districts. Under the Act the initiative should come from the University and no steps can be taken before 1929 under the provisions of the Act. The attention of the University may be drawn to the provisions of the Act."

The University was thereupon informed that it would be premature for the Government to take steps for the establishment of a University for the Tamil districts till a comprehensive preliminary investigation had been carried out in accordance with the policy embodied in sections 16 (12) and 53 of the Madras University Act, 1923—G.O. No. 2184, dated 22nd December 1925.

The resolution has, therefore, to be opposed.

4. It may be noted that a conference recently held at Trichinopoly under the Presidency of the Hon'ble Sir T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai to consider the question of the establishment of a Tamil University resolved that "as recommended by the Madras University, a separate University be constituted and worked for the Tamil area".

5. For orders whether the Honourable the Minister will take charge of the resolution, whether any further information should be collected, and whether the resolution will be discussed in the Cabinet

G.N.—4-2-26. S.A.—4-2-26.

C. RAMANUJA ACHARIYAR—4-2-26.

V. T. KRISHNAMA ACHARIYAR—5-2-26.

I will take charge if it is moved.

A. P. P[ATRO]—5-2-26.

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