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Budget motion - meeting the net cost of at least one high School maintained by Dist. Boards in each revenue taluk - Notes recorded.

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Mr. R. Srinivasa Ayyangar

To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,17,400 for grants to local bodies for secondary education by Rs. 100/-

(To raise the question of the Government bearing the ~~cost~~ net cost of at least one High School maintained by the District Boards in every revenue taluk.)

Law (Education) Department

There are at present 18 taluks in the presidency ^(either high or middle) which have no secondary school and about 45 taluks which have no high school. The mover suggests that the Government should bear the net cost of at least one high school maintained by the district board in every revenue taluk. It is not clear whether his intention is that the district boards should be subsidised so that they may establish high schools in taluks which are not now provided with such schools or in all taluks in the presidency. ~~irrespective of the question whether there are schools under other managements in these taluks.~~ In the latter case, there will be no need for Government to offer ~~any~~ assistance. If there is a school under private management in a taluk, there is no need why the district board should ~~also~~ establish a school. If, however, the intention is that a school should be opened in every taluk where there is at present no high school, the question arises whether such school should not be established by a private agency in preference to a district board. Schools under private management ~~are~~ are, on the whole, less costly and the policy of Government is to expand secondary education through the agency of private bodies. If no suitable private agency comes forward, the district board may establish the school. In that case, the question for consideration ~~is~~ ^{will be} whether the Board cannot meet the entire cost of the school without any assistance from Government. If a local body is able to maintain the school ^{from its own funds} there is no reason why the Government should make a grant to it. ~~Where~~ where the district board is unable to meet the cost it may apply to Government for aid and the application

will be duly considered. It may also be noted in this connection that it does not follow that because there is no high school in a taluk, a new school should be established at once. ~~There are several schools in the presidency maintained by local bodies which have very poor strength. The question has been raised whether the Government are justified in spending large sums on the maintenance of such schools. Boys do not attend schools for various reasons; the poverty of the parents may be the principal reason; the parents may not be in a position to appreciate the value of secondary high school education or may desire to have some kind of technical or professional training in preference to the purely literary training given in ordinary high schools. Unless the need for a high school is well established there is no reason why the Government or the district board should consider the establishment of such a school in any locality. If there is clear need for the school and if the district board is unable to meet the cost of the school on account of its impecunious condition, the Government will no doubt consider the question of rendering financial assistance to any suitable private agency or local body towards the establishment of the school.~~

The file may be submitted to the Hon. the Minister.

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