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(To discuss the policy of Grants to Local Bodies.)

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Grants to local bodies for primary education are paid for various purposes. The principal items are dealt with below:--

2. Equivalent contribution under section 37 of the Elementary Education Act. The Elementary Education Act provides for the levy of an education tax in the areas of local bodies with previous sanction of Government. Section 37 of the Act provides that the Government shall contribute a sum not less than the proceeds of the education tax raised by a local body. So far 94 taluk boards and 26 municipal councils have been permitted to levy the education tax. The total of the proceeds raised from the tax is estimated at Rs. 11.27 lakhs. Provision is made in the next year's budget for the payment of an equal amount from provincial funds.

As even with the proceeds of the education tax and the equivalent Government contribution, Taluk Boards are unable to open elementary schools in all school-less centres with a population of 500 and above, special subsidies were over and above the equivalent contribution were granted by Government in 1924-25 and 1925-26 for the opening of 2294 board elementary schools in the areas of taluk boards levying the education tax at an annual recurring cost of Rs. 6.60 lakhs. Provision has also been made in the next year's budget for the opening of 566 additional board schools at a cost of Rs. 1.63 lakhs. Thus it will be seen that the Government have not restricted themselves to the cent per cent contribution.

3. Maintenance of elementary schools opened prior to 1st April 1921. Under the proviso to section 37 of the Elementary Education Act, the Government are bound to contribute the amount of recurring expenditure incurred from

from provincial funds in the year 1920-21 on elementary schools under public management. This amount is a fixed one and is non-votable.

4. Maintenance of elementary schools opened subsequent to 1st April 1921. In view of the inability of the local bodies to open schools in all school-less centres with the funds at their disposal, the Government have been sanctioning special subsidies from time to time for the opening of new elementary schools. As stated in paragraph 2 above, special subsidies were granted in the years 1924-25 and 1925-26 to taluk boards levying the education tax for the opening of a number of elementary schools. The Honourable member ~~may~~ probably complain that such special subsidies have not been granted to taluk boards which do not levy the education tax. As to this, it may be pointed out that it is only the poorer taluk boards which have so far evinced a desire to levy the education tax in the areas under their jurisdiction. While all the taluk boards in the districts of Anantapur, Kurnool, Ganjam, Chittoor, and Chingleput are levying the education tax, only three taluk boards out of eight in the Tanjore district have resolved to levy the tax. With a view, however, to meet the needs of local areas wherein the education tax is not being levied, the Government are encouraging private agencies to open schools in school-less centres in those areas. In 1925-26, 263 additional aided elementary schools were opened and provision has been made in the next year's budget for the opening of 263 additional aided elementary schools. *in the areas of taluk boards not levying the education tax.*

5. Maintenance of Government elementary schools transferred to the control of local bodies. With the passing of the Elementary Education Act and the creation of District Educational Councils, the Government considered it desirable to withdraw as far as possible from the direct control of elementary schools. Accordingly a number of elementary schools were transferred to the control of local bodies in 1922 and subsequent years. Subsidies approximately equal to the recurring expenditure incurred from provincial funds on the maintenance of the schools, prior to their transfer, are being paid to local bodies which have assumed control

control of the schools.

6. Maintenance of sessional schools. Sessional schools are intended to improve the general educational qualifications of teachers with a view to fit them for admission into training schools. These schools are maintained by district boards mostly for the benefit of teachers of the depressed and other ~~backward~~ classes. Subsidies towards the maintenance of these schools are being paid from provincial funds and the amount entered in the budget estimate for 1926-27 is Rs. 26,300.

7. Construction of elementary school buildings. Ordinarily, the Government entertain applications from local bodies for grants towards the construction of elementary school buildings, only if the local bodies are prepared to meet from their own funds at least one half of the estimated cost. The total of the demands for subsidies from local bodies for the construction of elementary school buildings in 1926-27 is Rs. 1,19,658. As, however, the subsidies are paid on the post-payment system and the budget provision is not ~~fully~~ ^{always} utilized, it has been considered sufficient to enter a provision of Rs. 71,900 in the budget estimates for 1926-27.

8. Equipment for schools. Subsidies for the equipment of board elementary schools are granted only when the schools are first opened at the instance of Government. No subsidies are granted towards the equipment of schools already in existence. The sum of Rs. 80,600 entered in the budget estimate for 1926-27 under equipment is intended for 566 Board schools and 300 Panchayat schools proposed to be opened in the next official year.

9. Maintenance and equipment of manual training classes. Ordinarily grants are restricted to one half of the estimated cost and each case is dealt with on its own merits.



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