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DEMAND XIX—Education (Transferred).

Mr. C. Maruthavanam Pillai:—

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374. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 148.98 lakhs
for Education (Transferred) by Rs. 100.

(To raise the question of allotting more funds
for Primary Education and the necessity to take steps
in the immediate future so as to make the same
universal).

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The total expenditure from provincial funds on primary education has been steadily increasing as shown below : --

1922 - 1923 (account)	Rs. 71,77,446
1923 - 1924 (accounts)	Rs. 74,25,648
1924 - 1925 (accounts)	Rs. 80,50,912
1925 - 1926 (R.E.)	Rs. 90,93,400
1926 - 1927 (B.E)	Rs. 100,92,600

Thus it will be seen that the provision in the next year's budget is Rs. 26.7 lakhs in excess of the expenditure in 1923 - 1924.

2. The Elementary Education Act, 1920, provides for the creation of a separate elementary education fund under the control of each taluk board and municipal council, and for the levy of education tax by local bodies with the sanction of the Government. The Act also provides for a contribution from Provincial funds which should be not less than the proceeds of the education tax raised by a local body. Till now 94 taluk boards and 26 municipal councils have been permitted to levy the education tax. The total of the proceeds raised ^{from} the education tax is estimated at Rs. 11.27 lakhs and an equal amount is payable from Provincial funds as Government contribution. This additional income has enabled the local bodies to open elementary schools in school-less centres in their areas.

3. During the period 1920- 1921 to 1924- 1925, the number of public elementary schools for boys has risen by 7858 or by 25 per cent, and their strength by 3,69,324 or by 27 per cent.

4. As a first step to making elementary education universal, the Government have resolved, in accordance with the recommendations of the Educational Conference at Coimbatore 1923, to provide every village with a population of

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500 and above with at least one recognised elementary school. In accordance with this policy, the Government have sanctioned the opening in 1924- 1925 and 1925- 1926 of 2,772 board and aided schools at an annual recurring cost to Government of over Rs. 7 lakhs.

In addition, provision has been included in the next year's budget for opening ¹⁵⁰⁸ ~~1508~~ board, aided and *Panchayat* schools at an annual cost of over ^{Rs} 2.7 lakhs.

5. With a view to induce private managers to open aided elementary schools in school-less centres, the rates of teaching grants have been raised at an ^{annual} extra cost of Rs. 6.55 lakhs.

6. Thus every effort is being made to expand elementary education consistent with the state of the Provincial finances. To make elementary education universal, much larger funds will be ^{required} ~~required~~. *This will entail a very large outlay for Govt funds & the resources of local bodies should also be augmented. In the first place those local bodies that do not now levy the education tax should decide to levy the tax in their jurisdiction. By this an equivalent fund will be made available and the progress in the expansion of elementary education will be materially accelerated, and the goal of universal elementary education will be nearer.*

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