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DEMAND XIX - EDUCATION (TRANSFERRED)

Mr. P.N.Marthandam Pillai : -

632. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,21,500

for Grants to Universities by Rs. 100.

(To elicit information regarding the establishment of Tamil University)

Mr. J.M.Narayanaswami Pillai

892. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,00,000 for the Andhra University by Rs. 100
(to raise the question of grants for investigating the question of the establishment of a Tamil Law (Education) Department.

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 to 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

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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 58 of the Madras University Act, 1923 - G.O.No. 2184, dated 22nd December 1925. (6)

2. 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".

In February last Mr. P.K.S. Arumugha Nadar gave notice of a resolution recommending that immediate steps be taken to ~~start~~ constitute a Tamil University for the Tamil Nadu.

This resolution was not however moved.



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* Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—"Mr. Deputy President, Sir, will you allow me to move the motion standing in the name of Mr. P. N. Marthandam Pillai?" 4-16 p.m.

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"Where is the objection?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"The hon. the President has ruled that a motion standing in the name of one Member who gave notice of it cannot be moved by another."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"In one or two particular cases, he did allow such a motion being made. For instance, Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar was allowed to move one."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"No, no."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"Exceptions may be made."

* Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"May I say one word before you give your ruling. I am speaking only on the point of order and not on the merits of this question. On the merits perhaps I would personally allow any Member of this House to move any motion standing in any other Member's name. But on this point of order, it seems to me that there must be some consistency in the rulings, particularly at a continuous sitting. The permanent President, the Hon. Mr. Ruthnaswami, ruled more than once during the course of this sitting,—and he also gave his reasons, elaborate reasons for the rulings—to the effect that when a motion . . ."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"I too heard them, and they need not be pointed out to me. What I would do is that if an hon. Member is prepared to move a motion as his own, I can dispense with the necessary notice and allow the motion to be made."

* Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—"I thank the hon. the Deputy President for kindly granting me leave to say a few words upon the most talked of matter, viz., the beginning that is now attempted to be made in starting a Tamil University in the south. Mr. Marthandam Pillai has left word with me that owing to some work which he had . . ."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member need not refer to Mr. Marthandam Pillai. He may move it as his own motion."

* Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—"I move, Sir, . . ."

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—"On a point of order, Sir, I do not wish to dispute any ruling of the Chair. But I should be glad to know whether you, Sir, consider your present ruling consonant with the ruling which the hon. the President gave on the matter. It seemed to me that the ruling which was actually given, I think, on at least two occasions in the course of our discussions would have naturally ruled out the course which has now been adopted by the hon. Member, as I understand, with your permission."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"I have just said I have got the power to dispense with the time necessary for giving notice of a motion. I consider that the subject is one that might be discussed now and that such an occasion may not arise for another year. I am not saying anything contrary to the ruling that has been passed by the President. I think if an hon. Member is absent on account of illness or for some good reason his motion may be allowed to be moved by another. Otherwise, such a motion cannot be permitted to be moved by anybody else. I looked into the motion and it raises an important subject, and if any hon. Member moves it as his own, I have got the power to dispense with the necessary notice . . ."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"I doubt whether it can be done under the circumstances, Sir."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"Order, order, please. When I am on my feet, no hon. Member should interrupt me. What I was saying is that I have dispensed with the time necessary for notice. I have consulted the Secretary, and I do not think any further discussion is necessary on the matter."

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :—"Perhaps, Sir, as we are still on the point of order, I merely wish to know—I am not questioning the ruling of the Chair I merely wish to know whether the Chair considers whether the present ruling is agreeable to the ruling of the President, or that the point which has now arisen is not covered by the ruling of the President. It seems to me most desirable that there should be no breach of continuity in our rulings and that we should not be given one ruling one day and another ruling another day. I merely wish to know whether the Chair considers that this is a new point which was not covered by the ruling of the hon. the President."

* Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"I may say, at once, Sir, that such a courteous Member as the hon. the Finance Member, could never suggest even for a moment that you had deliberately given a ruling which is not in consonance with the ruling of a predecessor of yours. May I, as the person whose name has been brought into this matter by my hon. Friend Mr. Subbarayan explain exactly as to what took place? It is true that when I wanted to move a motion standing in another hon. Member's name on the agenda the President said he would not give the permission. Subsequently, I raised the question in this House, and requested the President to reconsider his position, and I said that we were under a disadvantage in regard to the motions put on the agenda in this House, as we thought that many of them might come up for discussion after being moved by some one Member or other and I submitted that if the Member was absent someone else who was very much interested in the question might be given the facilities to move the motion. I said, further, that I would move a particular proposition as if it was mine, without reference to the person in whose name it was noted down. Then, the hon. the President asked whether the hon. Member for Government objected to my moving that motion on the ground of want of notice, and the hon. the Home Member said—I think it was the hon. the Home Member—he did not mind the lack of notice. After that I did move a proposition, notice of which had not been given in the regular course but which was waived by the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the President. What I did move then was a motion made exactly under circumstances similar to the present one. I do not think there is really any inconsistency."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"Now, Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar has explained the matter, I do feel that what is wanted is only my permission to dispense with the notice necessary for the motion. I think that occupying the Chair I ought to have the discretion to do it and not to be bound by any ruling that might have been given by the Chair previously. The circumstances of each case has to be considered. Here is a proposition brought forward to make a cut in the demand for Grant with a view to raise an important debate, and the Standing Order No. 53 says:

"Provided also that in the course of the discussion of demands for grants, the President shall have discretion to admit new motions of demands for grants and motions for the omission or reduction of such grants, subject to such shorter period of notice as he may think fit."

"I have given the ruling. The hon. Member will now proceed."

* Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—"I am much obliged to you, Sir. The motion is—

"that the allotment of Rs. 3,21,500 for grants to Universities be reduced by Rs. 100."

"Notice of it has been given, as is printed in the agenda, in order to elicit information regarding the establishment of a Tamil University. I want to

move this motion in consideration of the very great importance which this subject has been evoking in the minds of all those who are representing the Tamil districts in the south of this Presidency. At the time when the Andhra University Bill was launched in this Council, there were many references and appeals made to the hon. the Minister for Education that in the near future he should lay the foundations of a Tamil University, and promises have been made on the floor of this House that he would favourably consider those requests and any schemes that may be put forward by those interested in the Tamil University. Not only that, Mr. Deputy President, there have been many resolutions passed by all the local bodies in the southern districts to the effect that in the near future a Tamil University ought to be started for the Tamil districts with Trichinopoly as the centre for that university. The Government on the receipt of those resolutions promised also that they would favourably consider those appeals and resolutions. I need not emphasise too much on the importance of a Tamil University, and now the Andhra people have got one for themselves. I emphasize and appeal to the Minister for Education that the sentiments of the Tamil people also should be considered and must be satisfied. The southern districts contain many first-grade colleges and in Trichinopoly alone there are three first-grade colleges giving education to the Tamil students, not only to the Tamil students but also to students from Malabar. There is also a move on the part of Malabar members, I understand, to open in the near future a Kerala University. The Government has already pledged itself to start as many universities as possible and to centralize them on the basis of the Andhra University. Without pressing further I move the reduction of the grant in order to bring home to the hon. the Minister for Education the importance of the subject and to appeal to him for rendering a helping hand in opening the university."

Mr. K. Chavadi SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI:—"Mr. Deputy President, I support this motion, my object in supporting this motion is this . . ."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"I rise to a point of order. So far as I can see from the speech of the Mover there is absolutely nothing to show that there is any scheme prepared, or any provision being necessary to be made in the budget. If there is a scheme well in hand and matured, then we can consider this question . . ."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT:—"If that rule were to be applied, many of the speeches should not have been made here." (Laughter.)

Mr. K. Chavadi SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI:—"My object in supporting this motion is this. I know how strong is the feeling of the people in the Tamil districts to establish a Tamil University of their own in the Madras Presidency, and I also know that it was long long ago settled by them that there should be a Tamil University founded soon. Many public meetings have been convened in several Tamil districts and resolutions passed unanimously for the establishment of one for the whole of the Tamil districts, viz., Chingleput, South Arcot, North Arcot (in part), Tanjore, Trichinopoly, (including the Pudukkottai State), Ramnad, Madura, Tinnevely (including Nagarcoil), Coimbatore, and the Nilgiris and Salem. Considering the above circumstances, I think it my duty to endeavour my level best to better the

education of my country and I therefore wish to raise the question of establishing a Tamil University for the Tamil districts. The main objects of the Tamil University are—

(a) the development and enrichment of the Tamil language and literature;

(b) the development of historical knowledge and of the critical spirit among the Tamil people; and

(c) the adoption of the studies to the needs of the people with a view to give the general mass and the unemployed practical and useful knowledge to employ themselves in different sources instead of solely depending on Government for their livelihood.

“The Telugu district people are all very much satisfied on the establishment of the Andhra University and the Tamil district people are also anxiously waiting to establish one for themselves. I therefore request the hon. the Minister for Education to make necessary and immediate arrangements to have the bills, plans and estimates ready to urge upon the Government the immediate necessity of establishing the Tamil University. If the Government have the real idea of educating the masses, if they have really any sympathy for the people, and if they think very seriously over the matter, certainly the Tamil University can be started very easily. I do not think it is a question of finance but it is a question of real interest. The Government should take this question very seriously. I am not one of those who feel diffident about the possibility of providing funds for that purpose. If it is agreed that the question is sufficiently important, I think the question of finance ought not to deter us from taking further steps. I would suggest that some of those works which are budgeted in the next year's budget under Civil Works on buildings might be given up. I might also bring to the notice of the Government that there is also reduction of the provincial contribution and further reduction may be expected in the course of successive years. I think this House owes a duty to itself in pressing on the attention of the Government to establish a university for the Tamil districts as early as practicable. I therefore request the hon. the Minister for Education to make a start at once and I hope and trust that it would be possible to see at least the beginning of the Tamil University in the course of the year.

“As regards the type of university and its location, they may be considered later on.

“I hope and trust that the hon. the Minister will try his level best to bring the Tamil University scheme to success, as early as practicable.”

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—“Mr. Deputy President in the Chair.” (Laughter.)

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—“That is a very peculiar style of addressing the Chair. I think you can stick to the old style.”

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir. A. P. PATRO :—“Mr. Deputy President, Sir, on the question of the Tamil University there need be no apprehension whatever, because the Madras University Reorganization Act lays down clearly the policy, that in course of time other universities may be started, so that the Madras University may become a unitary and practically a residential university. The principle is conceded in that Act, and the Act

also lays down the procedure in regard to the starting of new universities. Under section 16, clause 12 of the Act and section 58 of the Madras University Act, certain preliminary steps have to be taken and it is the university that has to take the initiative in the matter. When the hon. Mover referred to a resolution before the Senate for a Tamil University to be formed, with regard to the principle Government have had no objection. On the other hand, the Government said that if all the preliminary steps which the university had to take in order to mature the scheme and the details prepared and submitted to Government, it would not at all be difficult to consider such a proposal or scheme. Under section 58, the university has to find centres and the university will have to depute a committee to investigate whether there have been developments in university education in such centres with a view to make them the future universities. Under the provisions of the Act, the university has to submit such schemes to the Government and Government may pass orders thereon. These preliminaries are necessary in order to give any practical effect to the principle of the Tamil University. I need hardly refer hon. Members to the result of the resolution moved in the Senate. The resolution was that a committee be appointed consisting of certain members so that they may go into the whole question of the Tamil University and submit a scheme to the Government. The Senate seems to have discussed it at length; there were differences of opinion, and ultimately the Senate passed on to the next item of business on the agenda. The Senate has therefore considered that the question is not so very urgent. But when the Senate do take those necessary steps and submit the proposals, the Government will consider them.

"Then the hon. the Seconder has stated that it is not a question of finance but it is a question of willingness. As for the will to give effect to the principle, I may assure him that it is not at all wanting. One would be very glad, for myself I am very glad to examine any scheme that has been placed before the Government for inaugurating a new Tamil University and I shall also assist those that are interested in the scheme to determine the type of the university, so that the cultural development may be foreshadowed in any scheme for a Tamil University. If a university is intended to reflect the culture, the experience, the knowledge of the Tamil people, the ancient people of the Dravida, it is necessary to have a very well thought out scheme. It is not by a stroke of the pen or by imitating any particular type of university that you may formulate a scheme. It is necessary that the scheme should embrace all the activities of the nation, it should reflect the entire civilization of the people and if you want to develop the culture and tradition of a particular locality for which the university is intended, it must be examined by those persons interested in it and conversant with the traditions of the locality. Therefore the University Reorganization Act of 1923 rightly placed the obligation on the Senate which is the proper body of the university and which is more competent than any others to discuss such academical questions as these and advise Government. I have told you what the Senate has done very recently in the matter. If therefore a scheme is prepared and placed before the Government it will receive all the consideration that it deserves.

"As regards the financial aspect of it, the hon. the Seconder said that it is not a question of finance altogether, and he has also stated that there has been a remission of contributions, and therefore it is quite possible for th

Government to finance another university. A moment's reflection will show the present condition of our finance, and we know what it is as we are now dealing with the budget. If the Government of India did not come to our aid we should have had a deficit budget, and expenditure on new schemes would have come to nil, and all developments would have to be stopped. Hence if elementary education is to be developed as has been rightly urged by my hon. Friend Mr. M. C. Raja and others, and if secondary education is to be reorganized and put on a better basis so as to be of practical utility to the people, and in consonance with the progressive ideas of higher education, if these were to be recognized, we would have to reflect how far the finances would permit of starting new universities.

"My hon. Friend from Cuddapah would say 'Well, don't spend any money on universities.' He has given us a warning on the budget discussion—'Spend more money on secondary education.' I do not agree with him because all education, secondary as well as collegiate, must be developed as far as possible, it cannot be stopped because more funds are required at one stage and less at another stage. I cannot agree with him to stop altogether university and collegiate education and only develop secondary and elementary education. I therefore suggest that the financial problem is not a small problem. If a properly considered scheme is placed before the Government as required by the Madras University Reorganization Act of 1923, and if the University submits its proposals, we are prepared to consider them."

Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—"Is the hon. the Minister who is so sympathetic prepared to appoint a committee? If he is so sympathetic which he says he is, why should he not appoint a committee?"

* Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur :—"With your permission, Mr. Deputy President, I wish to say a few words on this subject. Of course from the way in which personal interest is being taken by the Tamil Minister—I mean the Minister for Development—we all realize that the Ministers are taking some interest in the matter. What we want is some more active interest to be shown in this direction. That is all my Friend wanted to say when he moved his motion. There is a Tamil proverb which says 'எட்டு சுரக்காய் கழிக்கு உதவாது'. The mere fact of the University Act mentioning certain procedure for starting a university will not give us a Tamil University. Something more has to be done. It is true that Government has taken some step in the matter. In referring to the action of the Senate, it has to be regretted indeed that the Senate should have passed on to the next subject on the agenda, thus making us believe that it at any rate considered that this was not a very urgent subject. I should take this opportunity of impressing upon this House that the subject is certainly not one which can be so lightly treated. There is a very strong feeling in the House that the matter must be taken in hand at once. The present Ministry has certainly to be congratulated for the expeditious manner in which the Andhra University Act was carried through this House, and the Andhra university has become a realized fact to-day.

"But so far as the Tamil University is concerned, I think it is needless for me to point out that the question of starting a Tamil University is as important as having an Andhra University, and that the Tamil districts deserve a separate university for their own area is a fact recognized much earlier than the cry for the Andhra University was raised in this Province.

So, Sir, it is on these grounds that the starting of a Tamil University is certainly a very urgent matter, and unless the Government takes some special interest in the matter and sees that a committee is appointed to investigate into the necessary steps to be taken in that direction or sees that the Senate formulates its own proposals, a Tamil University can never be dreamt of in this province. I earnestly appeal to the hon. the Minister to take up this matter in hand and see that the establishment of a Tamil University becomes a realized fact as early as possible and without any avoidable delay."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I must thank you for having allowed me an opportunity to take part in this important discussion. I feel that the establishment of a Tamil University is dear not only to my Tamil brethren, but it is dear to my Andhra brethren also who, I am sure, will not grudge the establishment of a Tamil University when they have had their own. I hope when the Tamil University Bill comes on the anvil of this Council, my Tamilian friends will not follow the unseemly procedure which was followed by my Andhra friends. My Andhra friends did not know what Act they wanted and I hope my Tamilian brethren, when such a Bill comes before the Council, will settle their differences outside the House and not bring all their quarrels inside.

"I am glad that the hon. the Minister for Education said that he would consider the matter sympathetically if a plan came from the Senate. I would like to point out to him that the gentleman who has been really interesting himself in founding a Tamil University is his hon. Colleague, the Minister for Development. I am sure all of us read with interest the great address which he delivered at the Tamil University Conference. That address is a well-thought out address and is well worth the perusal of all the Members of this House. In fact I was very much impressed when I read that address in Delhi—because I happened to be at Delhi at the time when the hon. the Minister for Development delivered his address in Trichinopoly—and the *Hindustan Times* devoted a whole column for this address and also wrote a leader commenting upon this very able address and also asking people in the Northern India to follow the great lead given by the hon. Minister. It is great honour and glory to the Tamilian Minister, as has been described by my hon. Friend Mr. Khalif-ul-lah, that he should have been able to deliver his masterful address. I claim it as a great credit to the Madras Presidency that people in the Northern India should have taken note of an address which was delivered at Trichinopoly by our hon. Minister. When such is the case, it is rather hard for the hon. the Minister for Education to take up an attitude of *non-possomus* and say that the Senate has not produced any resolution and that therefore he is not going to act on this matter. This is just like an ostrich putting its head into the sand thinking that the world is not going to do any harm to it. That is the attitude of the hon. the Minister for Education in the case of the Tamil University. If he really were serious and wanted a scheme, he ought to have acted as he had acted in the case of the Andhra University. I do not mean to say that he shows any bias or was in favour of the establishment of an Andhra University but is against the establishment of a Tamil University. I am far from having any idea of that sort because once he took charge as Minister of this Province I thought he ought to have the interests of the whole province at heart. If it is merely a question of finances that frightens

him from taking up the question in right earnest, I have nothing to say. But on other grounds I cannot accept his position and I would therefore appeal to him to follow the example which he followed in the case of the Andhra University and appoint a Committee for the promulgation of a scheme, for the Tamil University. If he were to appoint a Committee fully representative of the Tamilians of this Province and if that committee is not able to arrive at an agreement for the establishment of a Tamil University, then he can very well say frankly 'I gave you a committee and you are not able to come to an agreement. When such is the case how can I proceed further.' If the hon. the Minister were to appoint a committee and have the scheme drawn up, the establishment of a Tamil University will become an accomplished fact when finances are ready."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"I do not hesitate to appoint a committee when the hon. the Finance Member is able to provide the necessary funds."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I said that a committee ought to be appointed now, so that the scheme may be ready before the hon. the Finance Member is able to provide the funds necessary for this purpose."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"It is not possible for me to say when the hon. the Finance Member will be able to find funds, but for the appointment of a committee it is the co-operation of those that are interested in this question that is needed. If they indicate the lines on which they wish to proceed, we can select the members of the committee. But that, I think, will take time."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"May I point out that we cannot give a scheme until he sets out to appoint a committee? No committee need be appointed if there was a cut and dry scheme."

* Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—"I just wish to know . . ."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"Are you a Tamilian?"

* Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—"On a point of order, Sir. Are only Tamilian Members allowed to speak upon this motion regarding the establishment of a Tamil University?"

* Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN :—"With all good wishes for the Tamil University and for the existing Andhra University, I just wish to know from the hon. the Minister for Education by what name the Madras University will be known hereafter?"

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"The Committee that will go into the formation of a Tamil University will also decide what name the Madras University will hereafter bear."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"Are you (turning to Mr. Ghose Mian Sahib) pressing your motion?"

* Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOSSE MIAN SAHIB :—"I thank the hon. Minister for Education for the kind words he has spoken, namely, that he would soon appoint a committee. I would ask him to show special interest in the matter and take the initiative himself, just as he took in the case of the Andhra University, without waiting and seeing that it should emanate from the Senate. It is from the Government that such an initiative should emanate. However in view of the assurance given by the hon. the Minister for Education, I withdraw my motion."

* Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :--"I object to the withdrawal."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :--"I shall put the main question."

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :--"Would not the correct and the best procedure be to ask the House whether it gives him permission to withdraw."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :--"The Secretary ought to know something of it. He tells me that there is some ruling in the matter. It has been done so in this very House. I am shown an instance by the Secretary. In his 'Parliamentary Practice,' Mr. May says 'if no one dissents he (the President) says 'the motion is withdrawn''. But if a dissenting voice is heard he proceeds to put the question."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :--"With due deference, I rise to a point of order. Your predecessor did not put the question."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :--"I am not here to follow my predecessors. I beg your pardon. I must take note of the circumstances which are prevailing at the moment. The Secretary tells me that it has been done likewise once or twice before by my predecessor."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :--"The Secretary has no place in the Council."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :--"I think he ought to have a better knowledge of these things."

* The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :--"He may tell you privately. He is not an authority on the matter within the Council."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :--"He assures me that it is the correct procedure. If you think that it is wrong, I have nothing to say further. I am referring to May's 'Parliamentary Practice.' If the House as a whole holds that what May says will not hold good so far as the present question is concerned and that the question of withdrawal of a motion should be voted upon by the House, that is another matter."

* The hon. Mr. T. E. MOIR :--"I merely wish to say that the House will not question a ruling which the Chair has taken so much trouble to elucidate. As far as I am concerned, I have nothing to say in respect of the ruling that has been given and I am sure we all accept it."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :--"I will just put the question whether the allotment of Rs. 3,21,500 be reduced by Rs. 100."

The RAJA OF RAMNAD :--"He has withdrawn the motion, Sir."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :--"Somebody has objected to it."

The main motion was put to vote and declared lost.

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :--"So far as I am concerned, I think this motion has elicited very much discussion and I hope it will give satisfaction to all Tamil people. I also think that the hon. the Minister for Education has shown his sympathy towards the establishment of a Tamil University. All this perhaps would have been lost if I had not allowed a discussion."

The House then adjourned to meet again at 11 a.m. the next day.

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