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DEMAND XIX - EDUCATION (TRANSFERRED)

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao,

p. 218. 65. To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,53,200 for Engineering college.

of Mr. C. B. Ebr
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(To discuss the desirability of closing (at least temporarily.) the Engineering college).

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The same member tabled a ~~similar~~ motion for the budget debate of last year, which, however, was not reached for discussion. The object with which the member suggests the ~~temporary~~ closing of the Engineering College at least temporarily, is not clear. If the ~~temporary~~ closing of the college is recommended as a measure of retrenchment, it may be observed that the Retrenchment Committee remarked that the net cost of the college had risen from Rs. 205 in 1919 to Rs. 616 in 1921-1922 and suggested a detailed examination of the College budget. The Retrenchment Committee's recommendation was referred to the ~~Director~~ ^{Director of Public Instruction} for remarks and he was asked to suggest the names of experienced persons who could form a committee to go into the question and advise economies. The D.P.I. pointed out that the average net expenditure per student in 1921-1922 was Rs. 468 and not Rs. 616 as observed by the Committee and that the following special factors contributed to the increased expenditure since 1920:—

Para 200, page 78
of the report (pur up)

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Memo 296 L
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* The discrepancy was due to the fact that the cost of stores debitable to the RWD budget was included by the Ret. Committee in its calculations.

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(1) Employment of additional staff such as a Professor of Technical Chemistry an additional Professor of Civil Engineering etc.

(2) Installation of a Power house with a large establishment attached to it.

(3) Normal increases in salaries due to the introduction of revised time-scales of pay.

(4) Rise in the cost of materials required for the workshop owing to post-war conditions.

(5) Large decrease in the strength of the college from 449 in 1919-1920 to 360 in 1923-1924 due to diminished chances of employment owing to retrenchment

in the personnel of the P.W.D. in 1921- 1922 and 1922- 1923.

(6) Occasional wrong debits against the educational budget instead of the P.W.D. budget, of certain items of expenditure such as stores indented for in England by the Principal on behalf of the P.W.D.

The Director also pointed out that the expenditure on the college had steadily decreased since 1921- 1922 as shown below : --

	Net cost per student.
1921 - 1922	Rs. 468
1922-1923	463
1923- 1924	442

He, therefore, stated that there was no need to appoint a Committee to go into the question of retrenchment in the expenditure on the college.

The Hon'ble the Minister then noted as follows : --

"I thought at first that a Committee might be necessary; but on reading the report of the D.P.I. and the information I had from the Principal, there is no need to proceed further in the matter. The present expenditure is justifiable and no desirable economies can be effected."

3. The Engineering College is the only institution of its kind in the Presidency. The Government have already closed the probationary subordinate and lower subordinate classes in the college. At present these classes are confined to the two Engineering schools at Vizagapatam and Trichinopoly. The Engineering College has only the Upper Subordinate and the Engineer Classes. Year after year a number of students undergo instruction in these classes. The strength of the college at the last three years was as shown in the margin.

It is not clear what alternative arrangements the Honourable Member has in view for offering instruction in Engineering if the college is abolished. Perhaps

p. 8 of Memo
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p. 9 ibid

p. 23 ibid

cf Memo 17
4.1.24

Year	Strength
1922-23	454
1923-24	439
1924-25	361

This is apparently the point the member intends to press.

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the Honourable Member desires to bring to notice that the employing department, viz. the P.W.D. does not now offer sufficient scope for the employment of the large number of students turned out by the college and that there are now several qualified candidates unemployed. He may also point out that the present supply is more than the demand and that, if the college is closed temporarily, the existing qualified men will gradually be absorbed. Besides the P.W.D. there is sufficient scope for the formation of a private service of engineers.

4. On the last occasion the Secretary recorded the following remarks on the motion: --

"It is obviously shortsighted to close the college temporarily when, as the result of the remission of a portion of the Madras contribution and a general revival in trade and economic conditions we are likely to be able to offer employment to a larger number of the men trained in the college".

5. It does not appear that conditions have so entirely altered since last year as to allow of a different view being taken of the motion. If even a temporary closing of the college is not feasible, the temporary closing of the college is clearly apparently out of the question.

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