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Questions and Answers.

THE PRESIDENT:—I have some questions to answer first, gentlemen, put by Dr. V. Varadappah Nayudu.

Q.—Will the President be pleased to state the progress made in the sanitary and other repairs to the Kutwal Bazaar since the last general meeting of the Municipal Commissioners?

A.—Two old platforms have been roofed. Two gangways have also been roofed. Three hundred feet more of drains have been built. All roads have been sectioned and metalled. The manager has deposited the money for lamp-posts and dust-bins, which will shortly be supplied. The sanitary condition has been greatly improved. On the whole, the work has been very satisfactory and there remains little to be done.

Q.—Do the Sanitary Inspectors supervise systematically the articles of food, exposed for sale at markets and bazaars?

A.—Yes.

Q.—If so, how many cases of adulteration of food or of food unfit for human consumption, have been detected or brought to the notice of the President since the appointment of the new Sanitary Inspectors?

A.—No cases of adulteration, as in the absence of Adulteration Act, no action can be taken except under the Penal Code, which requires that the food shall be rendered noxious by the adulteration. In one case, meat was taken before a Magistrate under section 367 and in 19 cases the meat, vegetable or fruit were destroyed with the written consent of the owners.

Q.—In granting licenses for cattle-yard, what is the principle on which such licenses are granted; what is the minimum limit of space allowed to each animal?

A.—That the paving, draining and sanitary condition are satisfactory. No hard-and-fast limit of space has been adopted, the necessity for such not being felt, as the sheds are open, and not closed, buildings.

Q.—Do the Sanitary Inspectors inspect that milk is not adulterated, that diseased animals are not milked, that such milk is not exposed for sale, that vessels in which milk is kept for sale and places where it is sold are kept clean?

A.—No. There is no law or regulation to proceed under and no laboratory or trained Analytical Chemist to detect and prove the adulterations.

Q.—In all extensions of water-works, what rule determines the size of the pipes used as street mains, as I find invariably all of 2 in. and 3 in. and none higher, except in few cases?

A.—The size of the extensions from existing mains is determined by the requirements for domestic purposes in the streets into which the extensions are made. But when the mains to be tapped will admit of it, larger sizes are used so as to permit of further extensions into other streets.

Q.—Do the Public Work Overseers prevent the erection of thatched stables, thatched verandahs in the midst of the town? If so how can they account for the existence of so many in every division of the Municipality?

A.—Every endeavour is made to prevent, as far as possible, the erection of thatched sheds and verandahs when these are near or against buildings. Under section 264, 94 notices have been served since April last on people, warning them not to erect, and 312 people have been prosecuted for erecting without permission. The reason many exist in objectionable localities is owing to there being no power under the Act to remove them.

G. O. Reviewing Administration Report for 1893-94.

THE PRESIDENT:—The first thing is the Government Order on the Administration Report. Does any gentleman wish to say anything about it?

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I move that it be recorded.

The G. O. was recorded.

G. O. on Personal Allowance to Sanitary Inspector.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next is the Order of Government declining to pass a personal allowance to the Sanitary Inspector, Govindarajulu Naidu.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—I propose it be recorded.

The G. O. was recorded.

Inspection of Factories.

THE PRESIDENT:—Then we come to the demi-official letter from the Chief Secretary regarding the Health Officer discharging the duties of Inspector of Factories. I must say I do not see how that section 38 is to be got over at present. I wrote Government a demi-official letter about a fortnight ago pointing this out and asking them to get the opinion of the Advocate-General on the subject and

I think it would be almost as well if the question was deferred till we get some further communication from Government, because as section 38 stands now I do not see how it can be got over unless the Advocate-General can show some way. I do not suppose there is any immediate hurry about it.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I propose “that this be deferred.”

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU:—Has a letter been written to the Advocate-General?

THE PRESIDENT:—I wrote to Government demi-officially, but apparently the Advocate-General has so much work that he had not time.

MR. SIVANGNANA MUDALIAR:—I second that proposition.

THE PRESIDENT:—Well, gentlemen, it is proposed by Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar and seconded by Mr. Sivagnana Mudaliar “that the consideration of the subject be deferred pending a reference to Government.”

The proposition was put to the vote and carried.

Proceedings of Standing Committee.

THE PRESIDENT:—Then we come to the Proceedings of the Standing Committee, dated 19th October and 2nd November 1894.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I should like to have some information from you, Sir, on this subject—paragraphs 13 and 14 of the Proceedings of the 19th of October. The first is with regard to the charge made by the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway for lands occupied by the Municipality. The Standing Committee appear to have taken up that subject. The next one is a claim launched by Mr. Davies for injuries done to his horse. There I find that the Standing Committee have decided that the suit be defended in Court. I should like to know whether subjects such as these come within the powers and duties of the Standing Committee as conferred by the Act.

THE PRESIDENT:—I should think so certainly.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I should like to know the section in the Act under which this comes within the Standing Committee's duties.

THE PRESIDENT:—Anything can come before the Standing Committee.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—In section 78, Sir, it appears the duties of the Standing Committee are laid down. I should like to know if subjects like these can come under that scope.

THE PRESIDENT:—The section says “and shall attend to such other duties as are in accordance with the provisions of the Act.” Perhaps you better move a resolution on the subject.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—If that is the case, Sir, I shall defer it, because it is a very important matter. You will find also in the Standing Committee's Proceedings of the 2nd November—paragraph 10—there is an application from certain parties in the first division for the removal of a fountain and for placing it in a different place. I see the Standing Committee approved of it subject to the sanction of Government. I do not think there is any section of the Act empowering the Standing Committee to grant that approval. I would refer you to section.

THE PRESIDENT:—Will you kindly move a resolution on the subject before discussing it.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—I would make this proposal for the present. “That the consideration of resolutions Nos. 13 and 14 of the Proceedings of 19th October, and No. 10 of 2nd November be deferred and the rest of the Proceedings be recorded.”

THE PRESIDENT:—Well, will any gentleman second that?

MR. ROWLANDSON:—Yes, Sir, I second that. I think it ought to be discussed.

THE PRESIDENT:—Well, do you wish to say anything on this, Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar?

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—No, Sir, nothing more.

THE PRESIDENT:—Well, gentlemen, it is proposed by Mr. Pragasa Mudaliar and seconded by Mr. Rowlandson "that the consideration of resolutions Nos. 13 and 14 of the Proceedings of 19th October, and No. 10 of 2nd November be deferred and the rest of the Proceedings be recorded."

MR. ROWLANDSON:—I should like to say, Sir, that I second this more as a matter of form, because I think it desirable that a suggestion of this kind should be discussed.

The proposition was put to the vote and carried.

Tramway.

THE PRESIDENT:—The next thing, gentlemen, is the Order of Government about the alteration of the Tramway route. It simply says that they consider the route C is the better route. But if the Commissioners still adhere to route B, they have no objection to it.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—Is it a fact, Sir, that the Tramway Company were against that C route?

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes, they were against route C.

MR. THEAGAROYA CHETTY:—That does not appear, Sir, on the Government Order.

THE PRESIDENT:—No, it does not appear so in any communication, but after the first meeting when I think they had seen route C and gone into the question of the difficulties in connection with it, they came to the conclusion that they do not want route C, but perhaps Mr. Rowlandson would be able to tell us about it.

MR. ROWLANDSON:—As a matter of fact, gentlemen, there was a mistake as to route C. In the plan it looked as if you can run along the Municipal High Road, but as a matter of fact it does not. We could not assert our right to go along there at all. We were absolutely bound to take route A or B, and we preferred B.

MR. GURUSAWMI CHETTY:—I propose that the G. O. be recorded, and that the Government be written to, to say that they preferred route B.

THE PRESIDENT:—It is proposed by Mr. S. Gurusawmi Chetty "that the G. O. be recorded and that the Government be written to, to say that they preferred route B." Does any gentleman second it?

DR. COOK:—I second it.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU:—May I ask that at the last meeting—I speak under correction—if you had not told us that the consideration of the scheme of C and D routes were out of question altogether.

THE PRESIDENT:—No, I said that C was out of it—there is no route D—because the Tramway Company would not do C and if they did not get B they would go to A.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU:—In the Government Order they say that Tramway Company preferred route C.

THE PRESIDENT:—No, what they say is:—"as regards the alteration of route in the case of section 2 it seems to Government that route C which is recommended by the Company is preferable to route B, but if the Commissioners maintain their preference for the latter, the Government will not object to it."

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU:—Aye exactly.

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes, it is so. You see when they came to the feasibility of going into route C they said they could not do it and then route B came forward.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU:—Route B was approved of by the Commissioners because it was out of the question to consider route C and we were told to give our opinion as to routes A or B.

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes, because if we were to recommend route C, the Tramway Company would have said, "we do not want route C."

MR. VIJAIARUNGA MUDALIAR:—It looks, Sir, as if Government was under the impression that the Tramway Company wants route C and we told them to take B.

MR. VENKATARAMANJULU NAYUDU:—We are not recommending route B now.

THE PRESIDENT:—Look here Mr. Venkataramanjulu Nayudu, if this will meet it. "That the G. O. be recorded and Government informed that the Commissioners maintain their views as to route B, the route finally selected by the Tramway Company." That will show that the Commissioners have not gone against the Tramway Company. Well, gentlemen, I will put that to the meeting those who are in favor of it.

The proposition was then put and carried.

Health Officer and the Indian Medical Congress.

THE PRESIDENT:—Well, gentlemen, as far as the meeting is concerned, the business is over; but there is a business of an informal sort to be got through. You are aware, I dare say, that there is to be a Medical Conference in Calcutta. The Health Officer wants to go there, he wants to be deputed to attend. He writes "I am prepared to pay my own expenses. Return fares are granted to medical men for a single ticket. The steamer leaves Madras for Calcutta about the 17th December and leaves Calcutta for Madras about the 2nd of January." Well, the gist of it is that he does not want the time he is away from Madras to count against his leave, if the Commissioners approve of deputing him.

On a question from a Commissioner the President said:—No, I cannot give him casual leave for more than 5 days, and he can take casual leave before the holidays (reads G. O.), of course under that section. If he is deputed under the Act he is entitled to his travelling allowance, but he does not want that. All that he wants is, that the time he is away from the 17th December to about 5th January shall not count against his privilege leave.

MR. ROWLANDSON:—Could we not pay his expenses and ask him to look up the incinerator. Have not they got a good one at Calcutta?

THE PRESIDENT:—Yes. Of course if the Commissioners like to pay his expenses, I don't suppose he would refuse it.

MR. ROWLANDSON:—You might ask him, Sir, to look at the Calcutta incinerator. You had been to Bombay and if the Health Officer would look at the incinerator at Calcutta, it might be very useful.

THE PRESIDENT:—Are you prepared, gentlemen, to pay his travelling expenses? (Several voices "yes," "yes").

THE PRESIDENT:—Then, I will pass an order that the Health Officer be deputed to attend the Congress and that he should take the opportunity of reporting on the incinerators.

MR. PRAGASA MUDALIAR:—The Christmas holidays begin on the 24th. What date would you fix for the next meeting?

THE PRESIDENT:—Gentlemen, I think the 19th Wednesday would be the date. The Standing Committee will meet on the 21st. It will have to be on Wednesday.

The meeting then terminated.

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General Department.

Madras, 7 February 1895.

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