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Resolution—

With a view to the determination of the reserves of the Assistant Surgeon and Civil Hospital Assistant class necessary to be kept up by the various Local Governments and Administrations in order to meet the ordinary local wants of the service arising out of casualties and vacancies from leave, as well as those sudden emergencies, such as famine, epidemic sickness, or military requirements which cannot be met fully by the reserves of any single branch of the Administration, the Government of India called for information as regards the details of the Subordinate Medical Establishment maintained by each Local Government.

2. From the replies received it appears that no uniform system obtains for the maintenance of reserve establishments to meet the above-named contingencies. By every local Administration it is apparently conceded that a reserve both of Assistant Surgeons and Hospital Assistants must be kept up; but the fixed proportion varies considerably, and in actual practice the numbers kept up on the reserve fall generally below the percentages acknowledged to be necessary.

3. The reserves maintained by each Administration are, according to the latest available information, as follows:—

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Central Provinces	36.3
Assam	0
Burma	0
Foreign Department	0

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Madras	14.7
Bombay	9.6
Bengal	18.6
North-Western Provinces and Oudh	10.4
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Central Provinces	9.3
Assam	16
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4. Impressed with the necessity of regulating the reserves so as not only to meet the immediate current necessities of each Administration, but also to be available in emergencies, such as war, famine, and extensive epidemic invasions of sickness, which require the co-operation of all Administrative establishments to meet them effectually, the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that a general system should be observed in maintaining such reserves which may be able to meet all contingencies, and that with this object the reserves of Assistant Surgeons may be advantageously fixed at 15 per cent. and the reserves of Hospital Assistants at 20 per cent. on the actual number of appointments in each province.

5. In suggesting that the reserve of Assistant Surgeons be fixed at 15 per cent. upon the actual number of appointments in each province, the Governor-General in Council has in view the possible withdrawal of a large number of covenanted and warrant medical officers in time of emergency, when the Assistant Surgeon class can be called upon to take their places, and can be utilized in maintaining temporarily the efficiency of the medical administration.

6. In regard to the Hospital Assistant establishment, the Governor-General in Council is of opinion that a reserve of 20 per cent. on actual appointments should be maintained in all Provinces and Administrations. It has been found in actual practice that a reserve of 15 per cent. is barely sufficient under ordinary conditions to cover vacancies; and hence it is inferred that a lower percentage would be insufficient to provide for the demands which are liable to be made on the service in times of emergency.

7. The Governor-General in Council desires, therefore, that measures may be taken at as early a date as possible to bring up the reserves of the establishments of Assistant Surgeons and Hospital Assistants in each Province and Administration to the above standards, both by increasing the number of medical pupils under tuition for Government employment, and by recruiting at once any efficient men who may have passed the prescribed examinations, and who are otherwise qualified under the rules for admission into the service of Government.

Order—

Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Local Governments and Administrations for information and guidance; and that a copy be forwarded to the Military and Foreign Departments, and to the Surgeon-General with the Government of India for information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) A. P. MACDONNELL,
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