

taken up by the Meerut Municipality and that if the Cantonments did not join in that scheme as partners now, they would not be able to join in later on.

Sir Godfrey Fell: Government are fully aware of the fact and the matter is at present under their immediate consideration.

WATER TAX IN MEERUT CANTONMENT.

325. Haji Wajihuddin: Is the Government aware that there is a water-tax levied in Meerut Cantonment? Is it also aware that house connections of pipe water are not available in this cantonment, and that a part of thickly populated Sudder Bazar has no stand-posts at all? Do the Government propose to consider how far this tax is justified, and what step it should take in the matter?

Sir Godfrey Fell: The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative.

Government has no information regarding the arrangements for the distribution of water in the Meerut Cantonment. The existence of a water-tax imposes no obligation on the Cantonment authority other than to supply sufficient water for domestic purposes at public stand-posts.

The Honourable Member's question will be brought to the notice of the local military authorities, who are primarily responsible for the administration of the Cantonment.

ARTICLE IN THE *FATEH*.

326. Haji Wajihuddin: Will the Honourable Member in the Education Department please say if the attention of Government has been drawn towards the article published in a daily vernacular organ of Delhi, the *Fateh*, of the 28th January 1921, on page 2 under the heading '*Mohammed Rsoolullah Sullallahowasallam ki Tohin*,' if so, (1) whether the facts are true and (2) has the Government taken or does it intend to take any action in the matter?

Mr. H. Sharp: The Government of India have seen the passage in the *Fateh* to which allusion is made. The Government of India do not know for what purpose or by what authority the book in question has been prescribed. It appears from the passage alluded to that it is prescribed for study in certain educational institutions. Such institutions form part of a provincial transferred subject. The Government of India, however, have already suggested to Local Governments and Administrations that if that book figured on the provincial list of prescribed or approved books, the desirability of removing it should be considered.

RAILWAY CARRIAGES OF 1ST AND 2ND CLASSES.

327. Haji Wajihuddin: (a) Will the President, Railway Board, please say if the Government has ever considered the feasibility of having railway carriages of 1st and 2nd classes to consist of equal numbers of compartments marked for '*Europeans*' and '*Indians*' separately?

(b) Do the Government propose to issue necessary instructions to the various Railway companies in the near future to carry out the above suggestion?