

invitation should be issued to the University of Hyderabad. The Government of India propose to make known this request to the Universities Bureau of the British Empire and to support it.

LOANS, ATTACHMENTS, ETC., OF OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS.

57. **Sir P. S. Sivaswamy Aiyer** : Will the Government be pleased to publish the proposals of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff dated the 15th November, 1919, on the subject of loans, attachments and interchanges of the officers and other ranks?

Sir Godfrey Fell : The Government of India are not at liberty to publish this document, which is the property of the War Office.

SELF-GOVERNING DOMINIONS AND INDIAN UNREST.

58. **Sir P. S. Sivaswamy Aiyer** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether to their knowledge the Self-Governing Dominions of the Empire have been called upon to make any definite pecuniary or military contribution towards the solution of the conditions of unrest in the near and middle East?

Sir Godfrey Fell : The Government of India have no information on the subject.

EXPORT OF RICE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

59. **Sir P. S. Sivaswamy Aiyer** : (a) Will the Government be pleased to state what the prospects of the rice crops in India generally are?

(b) Do the Government intend to permit or prohibit the export of rice from India to other countries?

(c) If the Government intend to prohibit the export of rice to foreign countries wholly or in part, will they be pleased to state their reasons for the prohibition?

Mr. J. Hullah : (a) The Government of India believe that the recent rice crop has been good or fair in the chief rice producing provinces, but poor elsewhere. In the area for which estimates of outturn have been received, it is expected that the outturn of the crop will be nearly three million tons smaller than that of last year, representing a fall of 12½ per cent. but estimates have not yet been received from the United Provinces and from Madras.

(b) The embargo on export from India proper, which has been in force since 1918, is being for the present maintained and only small allotments for export have been made this quarter from Karachi and Madras. The Government of India have no present intention of relaxing materially the existing restrictions on export.

(c) Government, as at present advised, consider that it is necessary to restrict exports in order to conserve the supplies required for internal consumption. The early cessation of the monsoon and the complete failure of the early winter rains have affected the prospects of rabi crops and famine