

Local Governments, and, if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

(b) Will the replies of the Local Governments and the orders of this Government be placed on the table?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any prospect of securing any, and, if so, what portion of the territory lately known as German East Africa for Indian colonisation?

Mr. C. A. Innes: Replies have been received from the Local Governments, and Sir Benjamin Robertson, who was deputed, with the consent of the Colonial Office, to visit Tanganyika Territory on his way back from South Africa, has also submitted a report. A Despatch has been sent to the Secretary of State dealing with the whole question, and it is hoped that this Despatch will be published in India at an early date. The Despatch contains a full answer to the Honourable Member's question, and he will, I hope, consent to await its publication.

VIZAGAPATAM HARBOUR AND CONNECTED RAILWAYS.

94. **Mr. B. Venkatapatiraju:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, what amount was spent out of the sum allotted in the Budget for the construction of Vizagapatam Harbour and the continuation of Vizianagram-Parvatipur Railway line up to Komatlapeta, and if no amount was so spent, to state the reason?

Colonel W. D. Waghorn: The allotments made in the current year to these two works were as follows:

(1) Vizagapatam Harbour	10 lakhs.
(2) Vizianagram-Parvatipur Railway	7 lakhs.

No detailed information is at present available in regard to the actual expenditure which will be incurred against these allotments, but, in view of the fact that it is improbable that any funds will be provided for these projects in next year, the expenditure in the current year is being limited to preliminaries.

MOVEMENT OF PRICES.

95. **Mir Asad Ali Khan Bahadur:** (a) Has Government any recent report regarding the effect of the movement of prices on the economic condition of the people?

(b) Does the Government propose to take steps in the direction of further controlling the export and import trade?

Mr. J. Hullah: (a) Except from the Central Provinces, where there has been a considerable failure of crops, Government have received no reports dealing specially with this subject. They are aware that some hardship is being felt owing to the high prices of foodstuffs and other necessities, but the general movement of the prices of food is now downwards; e.g., the price of common rice at Calcutta has fallen from Rs. 7-6 a maund in October last to Rs. 5-6 a maund now, while the price of wheat at Lyallpur which was Rs. 6-1 a maund in January 1920 is now Rs. 5-8 a maund.