

The Government of India have received no representations in favour of its extension to Secunderabad, but the question is under consideration.

REVERSE COUNCILS AND REVERSE COUNCIL BILLS.

111. **Mr. Jamnadas Dwarakadas :** (a) Will the Government be pleased to provide accurate information on the following :

(i) What was India's amount in sterling in England before the Reverse Councils were issued ; what was the equivalent in rupees which was paid out of the Indian Treasury ?

(ii) What is the total amount of Reverse Council Bills sold in sterling ? What is the equivalent amount in rupees received by the Government of India ?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to publish a detailed list from the beginning up to date of those who were allotted Reverse Council Bills ?

**The Honourable Mr. W. M. Hailey :** (a) (i) The total amount held in England on the 31st of January 1920, was as follows :

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Gold Standard Reserve . . . . .	36,826,916
Paper Currency Reserve . . . . .	57,241,986
Home Treasury Balances . . . . .	8,563,768
Total . . . . .	<u>102,632,670</u>

I am afraid it would not be possible to give an answer to the second part of (a) (i). In the first place, there are certain items of receipt accruing in sterling in England in respect of which there is no corresponding payment from Indian treasuries. Secondly, the accumulation or depletion of Indian sterling assets is the net result of a series of complicated transactions involving ingoings and outgoings over a long series of years, and it is not possible to state when any particular portion of India's sterling holdings accrued in England.

(ii) Reverse Councils have of course been sold for many years. The total amount sold between the 5th of February, the first sale after the proposals of the last Currency Committee had been promulgated, and the 28th of September of last year, was £49,988,000 and the sum received in rupees was 42,29,88,000.

(b) I refer the Honourable Member to the statement which I have already laid upon the table in reply to Mr. Ganu's question on the same matter.

WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS AND PLEADERS.

112. **Beohar Raghubir Sinha :** Will the Government be pleased to state, for each province, the number of students who have so far withdrawn themselves from Government and Government-aided colleges and the number of Pleaders who have suspended their practice in pursuance of the Indian National Congress Non-co-operation Resolution ?