

several non-official Reports and Journals, generally long before they find their way in the Indian Law Reports. and the non-official Reports publish other rulings also which are never published in the Indian Law Reports ?

(b) If so, do the Government propose to consider the question of stopping the publication of the Indian Law Reports in future and recognising one of the non-official Reports under certain conditions and stopping multiplicity of such publications ?

**The Honourable Dr. T. B. Saprú :** The reply to part (a) of the question is in the affirmative, and to part (b) of question is that the Government of India have no intention of stopping the publication of the Indian Law Reports. They are aware of the multiplicity of unauthorised Law Reports.

It is proposed at an early date to consult Local Governments as to the feasibility of appointing a Committee to enquire into and improve the condition of the Indian Law Reports.

#### LEGISLATION RE : MARRIAGEABLE AGE.

123. **Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala :** Do the Government intend to undertake Legislation forbidding marriage of girls before the age of 11 and that of boys before the age of 14 ?

**Mr. S. P. O'Donnell :** The answer is in the negative. Government consider that under present conditions, in a matter of this kind which intimately concerns the social customs and religious beliefs of the people, it is preferable that the initiative should be taken by non-officials rather than by the Government.

#### SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE.

124. **Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala :** In view of the policy of the Government of India declared in answer to question No. 18 put by the Honourable Mr. Khaparde printed in the Gazette of India dated October the 2nd of 1920, at pages 1201-1202 (*viz.*, that they—'The Government of India'—have no intention of associating themselves with any measure that may be deemed to encourage the slaughter of useful cattle, or are likely unnecessarily to wound the religious feelings of the people). Do the Government of India propose to prohibit the purchase and supply of beef as diet for the Military in India ?

**Mr. J. Hullah :** The Government of India cannot undertake to adopt the suggestion contained in this question.

#### MILITARY TRAINING.

125. **Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala :** Is the Government prepared to give Indian subjects military training as is given to Europeans in self-governing countries ?

**Sir Godfrey Fell :** The answer is in the affirmative.