

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 21st March, 1921.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at Eleven of the Clock.  
The Honourable the President was in the Chair.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### EXPULSION OF PERSONS FROM CANTONMENTS.

497. **Haji Wajihuddin**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of persons who have been ordered during the last 2 years to leave Cantonments (within 24 hours from receipt of notice) under sections 215 and 216, Cantonment Code, with reasons of their expulsion?

**Sir Godfrey Fell**: It is regretted that Government are not in possession of the information asked for by the Honourable Member, as expulsion orders under sections 215 and 216 of the Cantonment Code are not communicated to the Government of India.

If the Honourable Member desires to press the matter, the information will be collected from the local military authorities and, when ready, will be laid on the table.

### PRESIDENT OF THE ASSAM COUNCIL.

498. **Srijut Debi Charan Barua**: (a) Has the attention of the Government of India been drawn to adverse comments in the Press upon the appointment by the Governor of Assam of his father-in-law as the President of the Assam Provincial Legislative Council?

(b) Were the Government of India consulted in the matter of the appointment, and if so, did they approve of it?

**Mr. S. P. O'Donnell**: I would refer the Honourable Member to the reply given to a similar question asked by Rai Bahadur Girish Chandra Nag on March 5th, 1921.

### INTERESTS OF THE JAIN COMMUNITY.

499. **Mr. Pyari Lal**: (a) Is the Government of India aware that though the Jains numerically form a small community in the country, yet proportionately they contribute to the Indian Exchequer more revenue in the shapes of income-tax, land taxes, etc., than other communities and that their share in the recent war loans was not inconsiderable?

(b) Has the Government made any provision to protect their minority interests in the matter of Reforms, Education or appointments in the Public Services?

(c) Have the Local Governments ever exercised their power of direct appointment to Provincial Executive Services in favour of eligible young men of the Jain Community as they do in case of others?

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years when it is hoped that the supply will overtake the demand, and rents will fall in accordance with ordinary economic laws. It is not, therefore, at present contemplated to attempt to control or reduce rents by legislation.

**Mr. Eardley Norton :** Sir, may I make a personal explanation? When I spoke on Saturday last regarding the passage of the Finance Bill, I spoke on behalf of the Members on this side of the House to Members of the Government sitting opposite, in tendering them our thanks.

It has been said to me that I have conferred these thanks for their courtesy and their frankness to members of the Indian Civil Service alone. That was not my intention at all. I intended those thanks, not merely for those Members of Government who belong to the Indian Civil Service, but for all the Members of Government sitting opposite whether of that Service or not.

**Dr. H. S. Gour :** I should like to say, Sir, that that was also my intention.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE ESHER COMMITTEE.

**The Honourable Dr. T. B. Sapru :** Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the recommendations of the Report of the Esher Committee. I lay it on the table.

#### *Report of a Committee appointed to consider the Report of the Esher Committee.*

We, the undersigned members of the Committee appointed to consider the Report of the Esher Committee and to make our recommendations thereon, have held six meetings and duly considered the Report.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Herbert resigned his membership of the Committee on account of indisposition and was not present at any of our meetings. Mr. A. D. Pickford was appointed in his place and took his seat at the fourth meeting of the Committee.

3. The limited time at the disposal of the Committee has prevented them from going into the constitution of the Medical Services and the desirability or otherwise of the separation of the Civil Medical Service from the Army Medical Service. The Committee is, therefore, unable to express any definite opinion on the proposals of the Esher Committee in this behalf.

4. The conflicting calls of various legislative duties have prevented a full attendance of members at all meetings, but at each meeting a substantial majority of members were present. We are unanimous in our recommendations excepting that our colleagues, Mr. Samarth and Mr. S. Sinha, dissent from the recommendation embodied in proposed draft resolution II hereunder in so far as its proviso is concerned. Mr. Samarth, Rai Jadu Nath Majumdar Bahadur, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Mr. S. Sinha and Lieutenant-Colonel Gidney dissent from the recommendation embodied in the proposed draft resolution III hereunder. Bhai Man Singh would prefer that proposed draft resolution VII should contain a proviso that, in selecting candidates for King's Commissions, regard should be had particularly to the interests of the classes that supply the greater number of men to the Army.

5. For the purpose of expediting the disposal of the subject in the Assembly and making it convenient for the members to propose any amendments or