

(b) The principle followed in such matters is that renewals containing no element of improvement are charged to revenue. In the case of renewals involving improvements, capital is charged to the extent of the betterment involved and the balance is charged to revenue.

HOSTILE FOREIGNERS INTERNED IN INDIA.

616. **Mr. K. G. Bagde:** (a) What was the total number of hostile foreigners with their respective nationalities interned in India since the commencement of the war to the end of the year 1920?

(b) At what places were such hostile foreigners kept and what was their number at each place?

(c) How many hostile foreigners (if any) are interned at present, and at what places?

(d) What is the total amount of expenditure incurred for all hostile foreigners interned in India since the beginning of the war, to the end of the year 1920?

Mr. S. P. O'Donnell: The information asked for by the Honourable Member is being collected and will be supplied to him when obtained.

PANCHAYAT SYSTEM IN INDIA.

617. **Babu A. P. Sinha:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has given effect to the recommendations of the Report of the Royal Commission upon Decentralization in India about the introduction of the Panchayat System contained in Volume I, paragraphs 699, 701, 705, 706, 708, 710, 711, 712, 716, 717, 718 and 720; and with what results?

Mr. H. Sharp: The Honourable Member is referred to paragraphs 37—39 and 20—24, respectively, of the Resolutions of the Government of India on Local Self-Government, dated the 28th April 1915 and 16th May 1918. Separate Acts have been passed by the Governments of Madras, Bombay, Bengal, United Provinces and Central Provinces for the introduction of the Panchayat system. The Government of Assam have inserted provisions in the Assam Local Self-Government Act, 1915, for the constitution of village panchayats. The Government of India are not in a position to gauge the results of the legislation which has been passed and it is suggested that the Acts alluded to have not been in operation for a sufficient time to permit of a judgment being formed. As the Honourable Member is aware, Local Self-Government is now a provincial transferred subject.

BILL FOR PROTECTING CATTLE IN INDIA.

618. **Rai Bahadur S. P. Bajpai:** Will Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the Bill for protecting cattle in India of which notice for introduction was given by him in February last, together with the correspondence which he had with the Government on the subject?

Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala: The Cattle Protection Bill with Objects and Reasons as well as copies of the following correspondence on the subject is laid on the table:

1. My letter to the Secretary, Legislative Assembly, dated 16th February 1921.