

## LOVETT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

**619. Rai Bahadur S. P. Bajpai:** Do the Government propose to invite the opinion of the Members of the Council of State and Legislative Assembly on the Lovett Committee's Report before giving effect to the recommendations contained therein?

**Sir Godfrey Fell:** I would invite the Honourable Member's attention to the reply given to the question asked by Mr. Sachchidananda Sinha on the 15th March 1921 (Question No. 4, 2).

Government do not propose to invite the opinion of the Members of the Council of State and the Legislative Assembly on the Lovett Committee's Report. It has been open to any Member of the Council of State or the Legislative Assembly to move a Resolution on the subject during the present session, and thus to elicit an expression of opinion.

## BENARES HINDU UNIVERSITY AND THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

**620. Rai Bahadur S. P. Bajpai:** Will the Government be pleased to state why the Benares Hindu University Court has not been given the privilege of returning a Member to the Legislative Assembly?

**Mr. S. P. O'Donnell:** The question of allotting representation to the Benares Hindu University on the Assembly was duly considered by the Government of India. In deciding not to include provision on this behalf in their draft of the electoral rules the Government of India were actuated by the consideration that though the University is in form an all-India institution, the majority of its students are residents of the United Provinces and that the grant of a seat to the University would therefore in effect have increased the measure of representation accorded to that Province, with the result of disturbing the inter-provincial adjustment of seats. I may add that the conclusion reached was concurred in by a majority of the members of the Reforms Advisory Committee and that the claim for the representation of the University was expressly noticed and discussed by the Government of India in the despatch with which the draft rules were forwarded for the sanction of the Secretary of State and the approval of Parliament.

## COURT OF THE JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER AT LUCKNOW.

**621. Rai Bahadur S. P. Bajpai:** (a) Is the Government aware of a very strong feeling in Oudh that the Court of the Judicial Commissioner at Lucknow should be converted into a Chief Court?

(b) If the reply is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what action it contemplates to take in the matter?

**Mr. S. P. O'Donnell:** The Honourable Member is referred to the answer given by me on the 21st March to a question on the subject asked by Munshi Iswar Saran.

## COMMON HIGH COURT FOR AGRA AND OUDH.

**622. Rai Bahadur S. P. Bajpai:** Is there any truth in the rumour that a common High Court is proposed to be established for the Provinces of Agra and Oudh with Divisional Benches at Allahabad and Lucknow?