

ANTI-DRINK MOVEMENT IN INDIA.

786. ***Mr. Gaya Prasad Singh:** (a) With reference to the Resolution on the "Anti-Drink Movement in India", passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 27th September 1921 (Assembly Debates, Volume II, page 1102), will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, have been taken in this connection?

(b) Have Local Governments been addressed on the subject; and if so, will the Government be pleased to place a copy of their replies on the table?

The Honourable Sir Basil Blackett: I refer the Honourable Member to the reply† given to Mr. B. R. Sinha's question No. 261 of the 11th March 1922. The original Resolution recommending that the Assembly's expression of opinion be conveyed to Local Governments was not accepted by this House; an amendment to the effect that note should be taken of the fact that the Assembly was in sympathy with the temperance movement in India was adopted in its place. The Local Governments were, therefore, not addressed in the matter.

SETTLEMENT OF FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE IN DISPUTE BETWEEN THE HOME AND INDIAN GOVERNMENTS.

787. ***Khan Bahadur Sarfaraz Hussain Khan:** With reference to question No. 1 put by Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas on 1st February 1924, and the reply of Sir Basil Blackett, will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) By what time the items of financial expenditure in dispute between the Government of India and His Majesty's Government will be settled?

(b) The total amount that is in dispute?

(c) Whether the decision when arrived at will be communicated to this House by way of information, or whether the House will ever be given an opportunity of discussing the question?

The Honourable Sir Basil Blackett: (a) The Government of India are not in a position to say when the various items will be settled.

(b) The amounts so far as known are given against the various items. In regard to item (c) a further payment of £250,000 will probably have to be made by India, and provision for this payment has been made in the Budget for 1924-25.

(c) The Government will give as full information as possible to the House.

Khan Bahadur Sarfaraz Hussain Khan: Am I to understand that this House will not be given an opportunity to discuss the matter?

The Honourable Sir Basil Blackett: I made no such statement.

ALLOWANCES DRAWN BY OFFICERS OF THE IMPERIAL SERVICES.

788. ***Mr. Gaya Prasad Singh:** (a) Will the Government be pleased to give a full list of the various kinds of allowances granted to members of the Imperial Services showing the basis on which the amount of each of such allowances is calculated?

† Vide p. 2968 of L. A. Debates, Vol II.