

Sir Henry Moncrieff Smith (a), (b) and (c). Yes.

(d) No. The railway banks are well provided with flood openings as well as culverts but the cause of the damage to the East Indian Railway and part of the B. and N. W. Railway was the overflow of the Sone river due to an abnormal flood and the cause of the remaining damage to the B. and N. W. Railway was the bursting of the banks of the Tribeni Canal.

The question whether any inquiry is necessary is for the Local Government to decide.

Mr. Gaya Prasad Singh: Sir, are the Government aware that there was absolutely no inquiry made by the Government of Bihar and Orissa into the cause of the floods, as the communiqué itself says:

"These inquiries have enabled Government to form a comparatively accurate estimate of the losses sustained from the floods in each district, and of the measures that still remain to be undertaken to relieve distress and accelerate the recuperation of the distressed tracts?"

Sir Henry Moncrieff Smith: I would suggest to the Honourable Member that he give private notice to Sir Charles Innes of that question if he desires an answer.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

1005. ***Mr. Gaya Prasad Singh:** Will the Government be pleased to state how many copies of the following newspapers are subscribed for the Government of India in the Departments of (a) Home, (b) Finance, (c) Industries and Labour, (d) Education, Health and Lands, (e) Legislative, and (f) Foreign and Political:

- (1) The "Englishman."
- (2) The "Statesman."
- (3) The "Indian Daily News."
- (4) The "Pioneer."
- (5) The "Times of India."
- (6) The "Madras Mail."

The Honourable Sir Malcolm Hailey: A statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

Number of copies of certain newspapers subscribed for for the use of the Departments of the Government of India specified.

Name of Newspaper.	Home Depart- ment.	Finance Depart- ment.	Industries and Labour.	Educa- tion, Health and Lands.	Legis- lative Depart- ment.	Foreign and Political Depart- ment.	Total.
1. The Englishman	2	1	1				
2. The Statesman	5	3	2	Nil	1	Nil	5
3. The Indian Daily News.	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	1	1	13
4. The Pioneer	5	3	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	...
5. The Times of India	2	2	2	3	1	5	19
6. The Madras Mail	Nil	1	Nil	2	1	1	10
				Nil	Nil	Nil	1