Number of Indian Collectors and District Police Superintendents in the Presidency.

10 Q.—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Finance—

(*a*) to place on the table the total number of Indian Collectors and District Police Superintendents in the Presidency ;

(*b*) to state how many of them are Muhammadans, non-Muhammadans and Christians.

A.—The Member is referred to the Quarterly Civil List which gives the information he requires.

Indian passengers proceeding to Straits Settlements.

11 Q.—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member to state—

(*a*) if it is a fact that the Government of the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States do not insist upon passports for passengers leaving their Colonies ;

(*b*) if the Government will be pleased to recommend to the Government of India to withdraw the passport restrictions laid down under the Defence of India Rules of 1917 for Indian passengers proceeding hence to the Straits Settlements and Federated Malay States.

A.—(*a*) The Government of the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States do not now insist on the possession of passports in the case of British-Indian subjects entering or leaving their Colony.

(*b*) The necessary orders have already been issued. The attention of the Member is invited to the Press Communiqué, dated the 25th January 1921.

Report of the Jails Committee.

12 Q.—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Law to state—

(*a*) with reference to the interpellation No. 3 put by the Hon'ble Khan Bahadur A. K. G. Ahmad Tambi Marakkayar at the meeting of the Council held on 28th September 1920 and the answer given by the Government thereto, whether they have received the report of the Jails Committee ;

(*b*) if they considered the question of affording facilities for the Muhammadan convicts of the Madras Penitentiary to say their prayers on Fridays.

A.—The report of the Indian Jails Committee has not yet been published.

Confirmation of temporary sub-courts and district munsifs' courts.

13 Q.— Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Law to state whether the Government propose to confirm any or all of the temporary sub-courts and district munsifs' courts in the Presidency in the coming official year.

A.—The matter is being considered by the Government.

Improvement of minor seaports.

14 Q.—Mr. V. HAMID SULTAN MARAKKAYAR : To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Finance to state if the Government have arrived at any decision with regard to the improvement of minor seaports.