Report of the Board on the L.M.S. Degree.

27 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government to state whether any steps have been taken or intend taking on the report of the Board appointed last year to consider the advisability of abolishing the L.M.S. of the University of Madras and establishing a Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in Madras.

A.—No Board was appointed by the Government to consider the question.

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO:—"With regard to question 27, is it not a fact that the Surgeon-General had appointed a committee to go into the question?"

The Hon'ble Mr. P. RAMARAYANINGAR:—"Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar has been asked to suggest names for the committee to be formed and he has not yet given the names. He has been reminded. He has not secured the names for the committee."

Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO:—"The Minister has entirely mistaken the question. I only ask with regard to question 27 whether it is not a fact that the Surgeon-General did appoint a committee to consider this question."

The Hon'ble Mr. RAMARAYANINGAR:—"I have no information on the subject."

Ayurvedic Medicines.

28 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government to state—

(*a*) the result of Rao Bahadur Dr. M. C. Koman's investigation into Ayurvedic medicines and the conclusion arrived at;

(*b*) the expenditure incurred for the inquiry; and

(*c*) whether his report will be placed on the Editors' Table.

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The results of Doctor Koman's investigation have been embodied in his report which is being placed on the Editors' Table.

(*b*) The expenditure incurred on the inquiry was Rs. 34,465.

Mangalore Water-works Scheme.

29 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government to state the progress made with the Mangalore water-works scheme and when it will be put into operation.

A.—The investigation of the Hassanar valley spring source has been almost completed. The Sanitary Engineer intends to inspect the site at an early date.

Housing accommodation in Madras.

30 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government whether the Government are aware that the poor and the middle class in the City of Madras are put to much hardship owing to limited housing accommodation and the consequent overcrowding.

A.—The answer is in the affirmative.

Madras City Extension Scheme.

31 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government to state in what stage the Madras City Extension scheme is.

A.—It is presumed the Member of the Legislative Council is referring to the scheme for the provision of additional house-sites in and near Madras

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City outlined in paragraphs 4 to 6 of the press communiqué published on pages 431 and 432 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 23rd March 1920. The Government have decided to entrust the development of the areas in question to a special board constituted under section 45 of the Madras Town-Planning Act, 1920, and orders were passed in December last directing the constitution of a board to be called "The Madras City and Suburban Town-Planning Trust." The chairman of the trust has already taken charge and begun work.

Model Liquor Shops.

32 *Q.*—Mr. S. SOMASUNDARAM PILLAI: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Excise—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have approved of the proposal to build model liquor shops; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to acquire land in Thatha Muthiappan Street, Georgetown, for building a model liquor shop.

A.—(*a*) There is no proposal before Government for building model liquor shops. In exceptional cases, where the Licensing Board experiences difficulties in securing an unobjectionable site for a successful bidder, an acquisition by Government of a suitable site is permitted under existing rules.

(*b*) Government propose to acquire land in Thatha Muthiappan Street, Georgetown, for the reasons indicated in 32 (*a*).

Mr. S. SOMASUNDARAM PILLAI:—"Is it site alone that is to be acquired by the Government? At whose cost is the building to be erected?

"Is the site, which the Government propose to acquire, the least objectionable one? Are there not respectable merchants living in the neighbourhood?"

The Hon'ble Mr. A. SUBBARAYULU REDDIYAR:—"The answer is clear. It is a suitable site that is sought to be acquired. Let notice be given of a fresh question. This is not involved in this question."

Reasons for the construction of model liquor shops.

33 *Q.*—Mr. S. SOMASUNDARAM PILLAI: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Excise, if the answer to question 32 (*a*) be in the affirmative, to state the reasons for such action.

A.—Vide answer to question No. 32 (*a*).

Kannambadi Dam.

34 *Q.*—Mr. T. SOMASUNDARAM MUDALIYAR: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Public Works (Irrigation)—

(*a*) to state whether the Engineers of the Mysore State and the Madras Government have arrived at any understanding regarding the Kannambadi dam;

(*b*) to give the landholders of the Trichinopoly and Tanjore districts an opportunity to represent their case before the matter is finally settled; and

(*c*) to lay on the table all papers connected with the above subject.

A.—(*a*) No final agreement has yet been arrived at by the Engineers of the Mysore State and the Madras Government in regard to the Kannambadi dam.

(*b*) The landholders concerned will be consulted in due course before any settlement that may be reached by the technical experts of the two Governments is ratified by this Government.