

# REPORT

BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS  
APPOINTED TO JOIN WITH A COMMITTEE OF THE  
HOUSE OF COMMONS TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO  
EXAMINE AND REPORT UPON THE PROPOSALS  
CONTAINED IN COMMAND PAPER 4268.

ORDERED TO REPORT :—

That this Committee was appointed at the commencement of the present Session.

The Minutes of Evidence taken before, and Records reported from, the original Committee were referred to us. For purposes of convenience this Report treats the present Committee as though it had been in existence since the appointment of the original Committee on the 11th April, 1933.

We record with profound regret the death of two of our members, Lord Burnham and Miss Pickford, and we are deeply sensible of the loss which we have sustained by being deprived of the aid of their experience and judgment in the preparation of our Report.

We were empowered to call into consultation representatives of the Indian States and of British India, and we accordingly invited the following Delegates to attend our deliberations :—

*Delegates from the Indian States*

Rao Bahadur Sir V. T. Krishnama Chari, C.I.E.  
Nawab Sir Liaqat Hyat-Khan, O.B.E.  
Nawab Sir Muhammad Akbar Hydari.  
Sir Mirza Muhammad Ismail, C.I.E., O.B.E.  
Sir Manubhai Nandshanker Mehta, C.S.I.  
Sir Prabhashankar Dalpatram Pattani, K.C.I.E.  
Mr. Y. Thombare.

*Delegates from Continental British India*

His Highness the Right Honourable Sultan Sir Mohamad Shah,  
 Aga Khan, G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O.  
 Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K.C.I.E.  
 Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.  
 Sir Hubert Carr.  
 Mr. A. H. Ghuznavi.  
 Lieut.-Colonel Sir Henry Gidney.  
 Sir Hari Singh Gour.  
 Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyengar.  
 Mr. M. R. Jayakar.  
 Mr. N. M. Joshi.  
 Mr. N. C. Kelkar.  
 Begum Shah Nawaz.  
 Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. Patro.  
 Sir Abdur Rahim.  
 The Right Honourable Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, K.C.S.I.  
 Sir Phiroze Sethna.  
 Dr. Shafa'at Ahmad Khan.  
 Sardar Bahadur Buta Singh.  
 Sir Nripendra Nath Sircar.  
 Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, C.I.E., M.B.E.  
 Mr. Zafrullah Khan.

*Delegates from the Province of Burma*

Sra Shwe Ba.  
 Mr. C. H. Campagnac, M.B.E.  
 Mr. N. M. Cowasji.  
 U Kyaw Din.  
 Mr. K. S. Harper.  
 U Chit Hlaing.  
 U Thein Maung.  
 Dr. Ba Maw.  
 U Ba Pe.  
 Dr. Ma Saw Sa.  
 U Shwe Tha.  
 Mr. S. A. S. Tyabji.

All the above were able to attend with the exception of Mr. Kelkar, who was prevented by illness from coming to England. We have learned with very great regret of the death of Mr. Rangaswami Iyengar since his return to India.

The Delegates took part in more than seventy of our meetings, some of which were devoted to discussion between the Delegates and ourselves, and others to the hearing of evidence.

We desire to place on record our appreciation of the assistance which we have derived from our full and frank discussions with the Delegates, for many of whom so long an absence from their own country must have caused great personal inconvenience and sacrifice. Their advice and co-operation have been of the greatest value to us. Many of them have furnished us with separate memoranda on various points, but we would mention in particular the Joint Memorandum signed by all the British Indian Delegates who were still in England, which has been of great service to us as focussing British Indian views and to which we shall have occasion often to refer in the course of our Report.

We have held 159 meetings in all and have examined over 120 witnesses, whose evidence has been printed in Volumes 2A, 2B and 2C of the Minutes of Evidence published in the autumn of 1933. We are much indebted to all the witnesses for the assistance which they gave us, but our special gratitude is due to the Secretary of State for India, who, though a member of the Committee, took the perhaps unprecedented course of tendering himself as a witness, and who replied to nearly 6,000 questions during the nineteen days over which his evidence extended. In no other way could we have been so effectively enabled to distinguish, and to examine in all their bearings, the intricate and difficult issues which we are charged to consider.

We have also been fortunate in having at our disposal the practical knowledge of Indian affairs acquired by many of our own number from their personal experience in high office or in other work in India.