

THE LAWRENCE COMMITTEE

DRAFT REPLIES TO QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED IN PARLIAMENT

QUESTION NO. 1 :

How many instances of Indian penetration in European areas have been investigated to date by the Joint Committee ?

ANSWER :

Thirty-three complaints of alleged Indian penetration of European residential areas in Durban have been laid before the Joint Committee to date.

Twenty-one of these complaints have been found by the Committee to relate, not to intended acquisitions of property, but to transactions completed prior to the inauguration of the Joint Committee and therefore not within its terms of reference.

Three of the complaints have been found by the Committee to be without foundation, in that there was no intended acquisition of the property by an Indian.

Seven of the complaints have been found to be cases of intended acquisition falling within the terms of reference of the Joint Committee. Of these six cases have been prevented from going further by the Joint Committee and one is still being pursued.

Two of the complaints are cases in which the Joint Committee has not yet determined whether they fall within its terms of reference or not. These are still being investigated.

QUESTION NO. 2 :

How many investigations have been successful in preventing Indian penetration ?

ANSWER :

The answer to this question is contained in the facts stated above.

IN RESPONSE TO ENQUIRY PER TELEPHONE BY MR GEAKE  
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