

From : Acting Governor-General, Cape Town.

To : Viceroy, New Delhi.

---

Dated 12th June, 1933. ✓

With reference to paragraph 3 of my telegram of the 10th instant - Committee to undertake preliminary investigation in South Africa re Indian colonization scheme, the Minister of the Interior will make the following announcement on the 15th instant:

I desire to make a statement to the House in connection with the proposed Indian colonization scheme, which I promised a few days ago.

Honourable Members will recall that the summary of conclusions reached by the Round Table Conference held in Cape Town in 1932 on the Indian question in South Africa contained the following paragraph -

It was recognized that the possibilities of the Union's scheme of assisted emigration to India are now practically exhausted owing to the economic and climatic conditions of India as well as to the fact that 80 percent of the Indian population of the Union are now South African born. As a consequence the possibilities of land-settlement outside India, as already contemplated in paragraph 3 of the Agreement, have been further considered. The Government of India will cooperate with the Government of the Union in exploring the possibilities of a colonization scheme for settling Indians, both from India and from South Africa, in other countries. In this investigation, which should take place during the course of the present year, a representative of the Indian community in South Africa will, if they so desire, be associated. As soon as the investigation has been completed the two Governments will consider the results of the inquiry.

2. On the basis of suggestion made above there would be no need for our Agent to be member of any departmental committee that Ministers might decide to set up but his help would always be available informally to Ministers and to committee.

