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	Hindus.	Muhamamadans.
Barisal Division	9	1
Chittagong Division	2	Nil
Dacca Division	4	2
Faridpur Division	8	2
Mymensingh Division	7	4
Narayanganj Division	Nil	Nil
Tipperah Division	6	1
Chittagong H. O.	3	Nil
Dacca H. O.	8	5
Mymensingh H. O.	Nil	Nil
	47	15

The Honourable Dr. T. B. Sapru (on behalf of the Honourable Mr. Denys Bray) : Sir, I lay on the table the information promised in reply* to a question by Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Ayyar on the 26th September, 1921, regarding the warrant of arrest against the Khan of Agror :

(i) The warrant issued under Regulation III of 1818 against the *ex-Khan* of Agror did not apply to his brothers. Up to 1897 the brothers were given separate allowances for their maintenance conditionally on their residing where they were ordered. After 1897, the brothers received shares in the increasing income of the estate, subject to the same condition.

(ii) The wives of the *ex-Khan* were allowed to join him in exile and his brothers were ordered to live out of Agror and were given separate allowances conditionally on their living where they were ordered, as the Government of India were satisfied that peace in the Agror valley could not otherwise be secured.

(iii) It is not understood what letter of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab is referred to.

(iv) No promise has ever been made by Government that the *ex-Khan* will be permitted to return to Agror. In 1897, he was distinctly informed that the Government was quite unable to hold out any hopes to him or his family that their exclusion from Agror or from the actual possession of their former lands was intended to be other than perpetual.

(v) (a) The 'settlement' of the valley was ordered by the Regulation of 1891 but was not completed till 1903.

(b) The relations between the British Government on one side and of the Haasanzaïs and Akazai tribes on the other are for the moment satisfactory, but as recently as 1920, these tribes attacked British territory and extensive military operations were with difficulty avoided.

(vi) The question of permitting the *ex-Khan* to return to Agror has been most carefully considered at frequent intervals by the Government of India and it has been deemed inadvisable to permit such return for the following reasons :

* Vide Legislative Assembly Debates, Volume II, page 989.