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COMPULSORY LABOUR

Enquires whether he is correct in assuming that he is authorised to recruit without further reference to S. of S. up to total of 4000 labourers at any one time. Anticipates Thika Myer's contract will continue to end of year, the further compulsory labour necessary for Turbo line.

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MINUTES

I think that the Acting Governor have been justified from the correspondence in assuming the approval for which he asks confirmation but in view of Parliamentary attacks it seems desirable to...

I think that we should reply to the effect that in view of Parliamentary pressure the Secretary of State desires to keep down as far as possible the numbers of compelled labourers, and that from the last sentence of his telegram 11949 it had been hoped that there would be no question of anything like the total number of 4000 having to be called out. Say that he should not exceed the numbers contemplated in that telegram for the respective services without further satisfying the Secretary of State that it is essential, and that approval should similarly be sought for applying the Ordinance to other services that are mentioned in that telegram.

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