

# THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR

OF

## BIHAR AND ORISSA.

*Tuesday, the 3rd September 1929.*

The Council met in the Council Chamber at Ranchi at 12 noon,  
the Hon'ble the President in the Chair.

### MEMBERS SWORN.

Mr. Dhan Masih Panna, M.L.C. (Nominated Aborigines).

Mr. William Bailie Brett, M.L.C. (Nominated official).

Mr. Bhalchandra Krishna Gokhale, M.L.C. (Nominated official).

Mr. Reginald John Hirst, M.L.C. (Nominated official).

Mr. Maurice Garnier Hallett, M.L.C. (Nominated official).

Mr. Arthur Purling Middleton, M.L.C. (Nominated official).

Mr. Daulat Ram Sethi, M.L.C. (Nominated official).

Mr. Archibald Arthur Forbes Bray, M.L.C. (Indian Mining Association).

Babu Maheshvari Prashad Narayan Deo, M.L.C. (Chota Nagpur Division Landholders' Constituency).

### ADDRESS BY THE HON'BLE THE PRESIDENT.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, Before we proceed to the business of the day I have to refer to a few matters of importance. When we met at Patna His Majesty the King-Emperor had just come out of a serious and prolonged illness and was progressing towards recovery. As desired by the Council, I communicated through proper channels the sympathies of the Council with the Royal family and its sincere hope for His Majesty's complete restoration to health. I received intimation that the message was duly placed before Her Majesty

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Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : Are Government aware that there has been more than one judgment of the High Court in which officers have been censured for sitting beyond the prescribed hours and in which the Judges have said that the officers are not to sit beyond the prescribed hours ?

Mr. J. A. SWEENEY : I cannot give the date and page but I know that there are some such judgments.

Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : How do Government propose to reconcile their answer with those judgments ?

Mr. J. A. SWEENEY : I will not attempt to reconcile it.

USE OF THE WORD "TUM" BY THE SUBDIVISIONAL OFFICER OF GIRIDIH IN ADDRESSING THE VAKILS AND COUNSELS.

14. Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) Are Government aware that the Subdivisional Officer, Giridih, in addressing the vakils and counsels calls them "tum" ?

(b) Are Government aware that the word "tum" is not considered a respectful term ?

Mr. J. A. SWEENEY : (a) The officer in question has sometimes inadvertently and without any intention to offend used the term owing to his short acquaintance with the language

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

AFFAIRS OF THE LADY DUFFERIN HOSPITAL AT BHAGALPUR.

15. Babu KAILASH BIHARI LAL\* : (a) Has the sudden departure of Major A. N. Palit to England on study leave any connection with the affairs of the Lady Dufferin Hospital at Bhagalpur ?

(b) Has the lady doctor of the Lady Dufferin Hospital at Bhagalpur got any registerable qualification ? If not, will Government be pleased to state whether that justifies the keeping of a lady doctor who has not got regular qualification ?

16. Babu KAILASH BIHARI LAL\* : (a) Is Rani Shibatarini Hospital, otherwise called the Lady Dufferin

\* In the absence of the questioner the answer was given at the request of Rai Brij Raj Krishna.

[Mr. Amritlal Ojha]

Mr. AMRITLAL OJHA : Will Government be pleased to enquire if there are any such permanent industrial conciliation boards, as I have referred to, in sister provinces ?

Mr. R. E. RUSSELL : Government do not see any necessity to do so.

RAID ON OFFICE OF LABOUR ASSOCIATION, JAMSHEDPUR. GENERAL SITUATION, JAMSHEDPUR. REGISTRATION OF LABOUR ASSOCIATION AND FEDERATION.

18. Mr. AMRITLAL OJHA : With reference to answer to supplementary questions to question no. 304 asked in the last session of the Council on the 21st March 1929 in connection with the riot at Jamshedpur, will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a civil or criminal action ;
- (b) what kind of relief has been sought by the institution of the case ;
- (c) if Government are not in possession of the name of the complainant nor of the accused, are Government aware of the nature of the charges ;
- (d) whether Government will be pleased to make a detailed statement of the present position at Jamshedpur ;
- (e) if it is a fact that one Mr. Homi, the forsaken leader of one party, has created another party ;
- (f) whether both the bodies are registered ;
- (g) whether both the bodies have been recognised by Government, and if so, when ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : (a), (b) and (c) A criminal case under section 147-1380, Indian Penal Code, was instituted on the complaint of one V. J. Satya, styling himself treasurer of the Labour Association, on the 21st February 1929, the charge being that the office of the Association had been forcibly raided.

- (d) The answer is in the negative.
- (e) The local Government decline to discuss personalities.
- (f) and (g) The Labour Association is not registered. The Federation was registered on the 28th January 1929. Otherwise Government have not afforded any official recognition to either body.