

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 2nd June 1938.

Proceedings of the Bihar Legislative Assembly assembled under the provisions of the Government of India Act, 1935.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at Patna, on Thursday, the 2nd June 1938, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ramdayalu Sinha, in the Chair.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

BIHARIS IN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

559. Mr. CHATURANAN DAS* : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to a communication published in a local daily dated the 13th January 1938, under the caption 'Biharis in Public Works Department' ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether it is a fact that in the Public Works Department 90 *per cent* of the employees (excluding menials) are Bengalis, and only 10 *per cent* are Biharis ; if not, what is the percentage of each ;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently two Bengalis have been appointed as accounts clerks in the South Bihar circle, Public Works Department, the claims of equally qualified Biharis being ignored ; if so, why ;

(d) the names and qualifications of all candidates who applied for the posts ;

(e) whether it is a fact that a Bihari sub-overseer in the Public Health Circle was discharged only because he incurred the displeasure of the authorities as he was a Bihari and that he was re-instated by the present Ministry ;

*In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Rajendra Narayan Chaudhuri.

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM: (a) and (b) Two statements are laid on the library table.

(c) The condition of the bank is not satisfactory. It is running in loss for several years.

(d) Pandit Harnath Thakur, B.A., B.L. He has been holding the office of the Honorary Secretary from the 12th April 1938.

(e) (i) and (ii) Statements are laid on the library table.

APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS OF EXCISE IN 1936-37 and 1937-38.

561. Mr. PRAMATHA BHATTASALI: Will Government be pleased to state the names and qualification of all the applicants for excise inspectorship in 1936-37 and 1937-38 as also the names and qualification of those who have been appointed?

Mr. SAYEEDUL HAQQ: Two statements are laid on the library table.

No appointments were made in 1937-38.

REALISATION OF "LAKHAR" FROM TENANTS AND LANDLORDS IN HAZARIBAGH DISTRICT.

562. Mr. SUKHLAL SINGH: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of cess realised from lac (known as *lakhar*) in the district of Hazaribagh, *thana* by *thana*, in the year 1937-38 from tenants and landlords separately;

(b) the basis of assessment;

(c) whether it is a fact that realisation of *lakhar* is causing harassment to the tenants of Hazaribagh district;

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, what action, if any, Government propose to take in the matter?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: (a) A statement is laid on the table.

(b) The assessment is made on the basis of reports submitted by *chaukidari tahsildars*.

(c) Allegations to the effect have sometimes been made and Government have therefore decided to examine this question.

(d) The question does not arise.

STATEMENT.
HAZARIBAGH DISTRICT.

Serial no.	Name of <i>thana</i> .	Amount of cess realised on account of lac from landlords during the year 1937-38.	Amount of cess realised on account of lac from tenants or <i>thicadars</i> during the year 1937-38.	Remarks.
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
1	Giridih ..	2 8 0	0 12 0	
2	Huntergunj	18 12 0	12 13 0	*The Ramgarh Raj is assessed to a jungle cess which includes cess on account of lac for which separate figures are not available.
3	Chauparan	12 8 0	21 1 0	
4	Barkagaon	Nil	250 4 6	
5	Gola ..	Nil	130 6 0	
6	Peterbar ..	Nil	390 2 0	

Mr. KARU DUSADH: What is meant by "*lakhar*"?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: It is a tax on lac, Sir. It is *lah-kar*.

ADMISSION OF SICK CONSTABLES IN THE HAZARIBAGH POLICE LINE TO HOSPITAL.

563. Mr. SUKHLAL SINGH: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that, when a constable in the Hazaribagh Police Line is attacked with fever or other disease, ordinary or even serious, he has to appear before the Sergeant-Major in the parade ground in uniform and after his name has been recorded he is allowed to join the hospital;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: (a) The answer is in the affirmative only so far as minor ailments are concerned. There is nothing to prevent those incapacitated by fever or other more serious illness from going to hospital at once and those who do so are not obliged to attend the sick parade. Since constables admitted to the hospital as indoors