

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR

OF

BIHAR AND ORISSA.

Tuesday, the 6th September 1926.

The Council met in the Council Chamber at Ranchi at 11 A. M.;
the Hon'ble the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

HOLIDAYS FOR MIDDLE AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

237. Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA: (a) Will Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that in September 1926 Government in the Ministry of Education issued a list of holidays for middle and primary schools?

(b) Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing: (i) the total number of public holidays (including those under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, and those announced by Executive Orders; (ii) the number of holidays provided in the list referred to in clause (a) above, for the following Muhammadan festivals—*Shabebarat, Id-ul-fitr Id-uz-Zoha, Muharram, Chehlum and Fatiha Dawaz-dahum*; (iii) and the number of holidays provided in the list referred to in clause (a) for the following Hindu festivals—*Basant Panchami, Shivaratri, Holi, Diwali, Dawat-Puja, Chaitra Shankranti, Ganga Dasahara, Janamashtmi, Chatth, Ram Navami and Mahalaya*?

(c) Is it a fact that while *Ganga Dasahara, Janamashtmi, Chatth, Ram Navami and Mahalaya* are public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, they are not mentioned at all in the list of holidays issued for middle and primary schools? Is it

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their University marks. The mark sheet, testimonials of professors under whom the applicant has studied, and his general record as a student, are all taken into account by the Head of the Department in making his recommendation as to whether the applicant should be admitted or not. In the case of History it is reported that the number of students granted admission already makes the tutorial groups contain as many as 6 students each, compared with 4 or less in other subjects. This has made it necessary to restrict admissions in History, but 3 students have been admitted in that subject since the publication of the results of the supplementary examinations

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE BIHAR AND ORISSA PUBLIC DEMANDS RECOVERY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1927.

Babu GUR SAHAY LAL : Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Bihar and Orissa Public Demands Recovery Act, 1914.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons is contained in the Bill that has been circulated to the members of the House. I need not mention at this stage anything more than what is contained therein.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : The question is :

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Bihar and Orissa Public Demands Recovery Act, 1914.

The motion was adopted.

Babu GUR SAHAY LAL : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : The Bill is introduced.

THE BIHAR AND ORISSA LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1927 : (NO. 1.).

Khan Bahadur SAIYID MUHAMMAD NAIM : Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Bihar and Orissa Local Self-Government Act, 1885.

This Bill, Sir, although a short one is of momentous importance to my community as it aims at securing an adequate representation of Muslims on the district boards of the province.

[K. B. Saiyid Muhammad Naim]

Sir, the results of the last two elections have convinced my community that their interests are not safe unless they are given separate representation through a separate electorate, therefore I have ventured to introduce this Bill.

The Statement of Objects and Reasons have been appended to the Bill, and at this stage I need not enter into any elaborate discussion of the principle underlying this Bill.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : The question is :

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Bihar and Orissa Local Self-Government Act, 1885.

The motion was adopted.

Khan Bahadur SAIYID MUHAMMAD NAIM : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : The Bill is introduced.

THE BIHAR TENANCY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1927.

Babu SHIVA SHANKAR JHA : Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Bengal Tenancy Act, 1885.

Although a long speech will be out of place at this moment I think it is necessary that I should give a history of the efforts for the tenancy legislation made in this Council, if it be in order.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : I do not think it is in order.

The question is :

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Bengal Tenancy Act, 1885.

The motion was adopted.

Babu SHIVA SHANKAR JHA : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : The Bill is introduced.

THE BIHAR AND ORISSA CATTLE BILL, 1927.

Babu JAGAT NARAYAN LAL : Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the protection of cattle in Bihar and Orissa.