

# THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR

OF

## BIHAR AND ORISSA.

*Thursday, the 7th February 1929.*

The Council met in the Council Chamber at Patna at 11-30 A.M.,  
the Hon'ble the President in the Chair.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

DEMONSTRATION AT DUMRAON ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT  
OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SIMON COMMISSION.

51. Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA\* : (a) Will Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that on the 14th of December 1928, on the occasion of the visit of some members of the Simon Commission to Dumraon, a number of Congress workers who had organized a demonstration expressing their attitude towards the Commission, were publicly assaulted?

(b) What steps, if any, have Government taken to bring the offenders to book?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : (a) On the 15th December when some members of the Commission visited Dumraon as guests of the Maharaja Bahadur there was a minor collision between some employees of the Maharaja Bahadur and a party of demonstrators

(b) None.

Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : May I know how many persons were injured in this minor collision?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : I must ask for notice.

\* In the absence of the questioner the answer was given at the request of Babu Krishna Ballabh Sahay.

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ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION IN THE POLICE FORCE MADE BY THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN HIS EVIDENCE BEFORE THE SIMON COMMISSION.

52. Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA\*: (a) Is it a fact that the Inspector-General of Police in his evidence before the Simon Commission stated that 99 per cent. of the members of the police force in the province were corrupt?

(b) If the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, do Government propose to institute an enquiry into the allegations of corruption made by the head of the police department? If not, why not?

(c) Do Government propose to take steps for removing the causes of corruption wherever they exist in the police force of the province?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE: (a) Government understand that the percentage cited had reference only to head-constables and constables.

(b) Government do not consider that such an enquiry would serve any useful purpose.

(c) Government will do their part, both in punishment and reward, and as stated by His Excellency recently at the Police Parade, there has already been a great improvement during the present generation.

Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: May I know if the Inspector-General of Police made any statement in regard to the corruption among the sub-inspectors and inspectors?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE: Government are not authorised to publish evidence given before the Royal Commission.

Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: I want to know whether Government are aware or not.

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE: Government are aware that the Inspector-General was examined as a witness.

Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: I want to know if Government are aware that a statement about corruption of sub-inspectors was made by the Inspector-General.

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE: Government believe that to be the case.

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Dewan Bahadur SRIKRISHNA MAHAPATRA : Will Government be pleased to state if corruption prevails only in the Police Department ?

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : Order, order. That question does not arise.

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : May I know from Government who is this happy individual who does not belong to this 99 per cent ?

(No answer.)

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Is this 99 per cent. figure correct, or is this a slip of the pen, because my impression is that the Inspector-General said '90 per cent.' ? And here I find 99 per cent. Which is correct ?

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : The hon'ble member may put a supplementary question if he likes.

Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : With reference to answer (a), was the evidence of the Inspector-General of Police only with reference to head-constables and constables, or with reference to inspectors and sub-inspectors also ?

(No answer.)

Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : With reference to answer (c), will Government be pleased to state if this improvement has set in since the evidence given by the Inspector-General ? (Hear. Hear.)

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : The improvement began earlier.

Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : Do Government mean to say that the evidence given by the Inspector-General was not accurate ?

(No reply.)

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : May I know from Government whether the statement published in the papers.....

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : The hon'ble member cannot ask Government to state what was published in the papers.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Will Government be pleased to state whether it is correct what the Inspector-General

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stated that only 90 per cent. of the constables and head-constables were corrupt, and not 99 per cent. as put in the question ?

Mr H. K. BRISCOE : As I have stated, Government are not in a position to announce what evidence was given by the Inspector-General.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : May I know whether the Inspector-General of Police made any statement with regard to the corruption in the C. I. D. ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : As I have stated, Government are not authorised to publish the evidence given before the Commission.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Was the evidence given *in camera* ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : Government were not present.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Was any functionary of the Government present there ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : The Inspector-General of Police.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Are Government in a position to enquire from the Inspector-General of Police, who is sitting here, as to what was the nature of the evidence given by him ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : Is that not a request for action ?

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Will Government authorise the Inspector-General of Police to make a statement before this House with regard to the nature of his evidence ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : Is not that also a request for action.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Is the Inspector-General of Police who is sitting here dumb-founded under instruction from Government or the Member in charge of law and order ?

(No reply.)

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : The Inspector-General is sitting here. He is in a position to enlighten the House and he does not do so. Is he showing courtesy to the House which the convention demands ?

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : That is not a supplementary question.

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Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : Do Government propose to ask the Inspector-General of Police to make a statement on behalf of Government as to the nature of the evidence given by him ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : The answer is in the negative.

Dewan Bahadur SRI KRISHNA MAHAPATRA : Are Government aware that the public are to a great extent responsible for corruption in the police department ?

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : I am afraid that question does not arise.

Mr. AMRIT LAL OJHA : With reference to answer (c) it is stated that according to His Excellency there has already been a great improvement during the present generation. Then is it that the Inspector-General was talking of the past generation ? (Laughter).

NUMBER OF NON-DOMICILED EUROPEANS, DOMICILED EUROPEANS, ANGLO-INDIANS AND INDIANS EMPLOYED AS SERGEANTS AND SERGEANTS-MAJOR, ETC.

53. Mr. A. E. D'SILVA : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of (i) non-domiciled Europeans, (ii) domiciled Europeans, (iii) Anglo-Indians, and (iv) Indians employed as sergeants and sergeants-major in the Bihar and Orissa Police ;

(b) the cost to Government during the current year to provide passages for them and their families to England and back ;

(c) if this expenditure cannot be gradually minimized or avoided by increasing recruitment from the domiciled communities ; if not ;

(d) the reasons for employing non-domiciled Europeans for these posts to the exclusion of the domiciled communities ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE :

(a) (i) 40

(ii) 2

(iii) 5

(iv) 4

(b) Rs. 16,072-11-0.