

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Monday, the 3rd February, 1947.

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

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber on Monday, the 3rd February, 1947, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vin-dhyeshwari Prasada Varma, in the chair.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Any hon'ble member present who has not taken the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown will kindly do so now. The following member made the prescribed oath of allegiance to the Crown and took his seat :—

The Hon'ble Mr. Jaglal Chaudhuri. (East Central Shahabad General Rural.)

WELCOME TO HON'BLE MEMBERS.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Hon'ble Members, I welcome you all most heartily to this the second session of the Second Bihar Legislative Assembly.

CONDOLENCES.

CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATHS OF MESSRS. ZAHID HUSSAIN AND HARI KISHORE PRASAD, BABU BRAJKISHORE PRASAD AND PANDIT MADAN MOHAN MALVIYA.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : It is now my painful duty to refer to the heavy loss that the province has sustained by the sad demise of two of our colleagues since we met last, namely, Mr. Zahid Hussain and Mr. Hari Kishore Prasad. Mr. Zahid Hussain was a member of the Sitamarhi Bar where he had a flourishing practice. He was elected a member of this Assembly on the Muslim League ticket last year from the Sitamarhi Muhammadan Rural Constituency. He died of heart failure in the afternoon of the 9th September last in the Sitamarhi Court. He was associated with various committees of rural uplift and social welfare and was a prominent member of his locality. His career was full of promise and his death is greatly to be deplored. It is extremely unfortunate

Woollen Mills.—Messrs. Birla Bros.

Fertiliser factory.—Government of India.

Cement factory.—Government of India.

Vegetable ghee factory.—Bihar Industries Limited, Patna.

Sugar factory at Warsaliganj.—Gaya Sugar Mills, Limited.

(d) Government do not possess full information but in some cases of textile mills and in the case of the Sugar mill and woollen mill orders have been placed by the parties concerned for machineries. The factory for fertiliser is under construction. Government have no information about the cement factory and the vegetable ghee factory.

(e) Yes, of course.

127. Mr. MUHAMMAD ISLAMUDDIN : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state the number of licences issued in each subdivision of the district of Purnea to Hindus and Muslims separately for the sale of cloth, salt, sugar and kerosene oil ?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA :

SADAR SUBDIVISION (PURNEA).

No. OF LICENCES.

		Hindus.	Muslims.
Sugar	...	356	167
Salt	...	606	932
Cloth	...	415	191

KISHUNGANJ SUBDIVISION.

		Hindus.	Muslims.
Salt	...	273	229
Sugar and Kerosene oil	...	242	226

CLOTH.

	Importer.	Wholesaler.	Retailer.	Hawker.
Hindus	...	11	174	66
Muslims	144	64
ARARIA SUBDIVISION—CLOTH.				
Hindus	...	6	148	166
Muslims	14	28

SALT.

			Importer.	Wholesaler.	Retailer.
Hindus	...	...	1	29	404
Muslims	...	...	...	3	88

SUGAR.

Hindus	...	...	...	5	430
Muslims	...	...	...	...	128

KEROSENE OIL.

					Retailer.
Hindus	...	...	...	...	441
Muslims	...	...	...	...	126

RETENTION OF MR. MAHESH PRASAD SINHA, ADVOCATE, MUZAFFARPUR
RETAINED ADVOCATE OF THE HATHWA AND THE BETTIAH COURT
WARDS.

128. Mr. RAMASIS THAKUR : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Revenue Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether Shri Mahesh Prasad Sinha, Advocate, Muzaffarpur, is the retained Advocate of the Hathwa and Bettiah Court of Wards, if whether he is still continuing ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the negative, the reason, if any, for his not continuing as such ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Bettiah Court of Wards refused to permit Shri Mahesh Prasad Sinha, Advocate, Muzaffarpur, to rejoin after the expiry of his leave on the political ground that he was a prominent Congress man ;

(d) whether Shri Mahesh Prasad Sinha filed any representation to the Manager, Raj ; if so, with what results ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative and that of the second part it is in the negative in so far as the Bettiah Estate is concerned and in the affirmative in so far as the Hathwa Wards is concerned.

(b) and (c). The authorities of the Bettiah Wards Estate did not allow him to rejoin his post on expiry of his leave.

(d) The answer is in the affirmative. Mr. Mahesh Prasad Sinha being restored to the post of retained Lawyer of the Bettiah Estate.

DEARTH OF SUITABLE AND QUALIFIED OFFICERS IN THE VETERINARY
DEPARTMENT.

129. Mr. RAM GHULAM CHAUDHURY : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a dearth of suitable and qualified officers in the Veterinary Department on the administrative side ;