

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-dyeshwari 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

DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS TO CULTIVATORS.

158. Mr. RAM BASAWAN RAM : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government propose to distribute Rabi seeds to the cultivators—

(i) free of cost,

(ii) at concession rates,

(iii) at market rates ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, the time when Government will begin to distribute the seeds in each case ;

(c) the names of the seeds Government propose to distribute ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : (a) Government propose to distribute wheat seeds to cultivators in the next Rabi season.

(i) No.

(ii) and (iii) Under the Grow More Food Campaign the cultivators are eligible to 20 per cent rebate, which is calculated on the cost price to the department. The whole question as regards future policy is under examination by Government.

(b) In October.

(c) Mainly wheat. Small quantities of gram will also be distributed.

HARASSMENT OF VETERINARY ASSISTANTS BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF CIVIL VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL RANGE, PATNA.

159. Mr. BIRENDRA BAHADUR SINHA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that many Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of the Central Range are so much oppressed by the present Assistant Director that they are seeking transfer, leave or resignation ;

(b) if it is a fact that there is a dearth of hands in the Veterinary Department ;

(c) if it is a fact that one Assistant Veterinary Surgeon has submitted his resignation due to the aforesaid oppression ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : (a) Government have no information on the point.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) One Veterinary Assistant Surgeon has submitted a petition to the Director, Veterinary Services, for transfer or acceptance of his resignation on alleged grounds of harassment. The matter is under examination.