

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

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Only one of the five Scheduled Caste literate constables applied for appointment as a Sub-Inspector of Police, as a direct candidate from the district of Palamau, but he was not sent up by the District Selection Committee.

(c) Constables are not promoted directly to the rank of Sub-Inspectors. Government have taken steps to ensure adequate representation to Scheduled Castes, Backward Tribes and other backward communities in the appointment of Sub-Inspectors this year and in future.

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NAMES AND NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDERGOING IMPRISONMENT OR RESTRICTION FOR THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

6. Mr. SHIVA NANDAN RAM : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the names of persons who are at present undergoing imprisonment or are under any restrictive orders for their political activities;

(b) whether any of them have been granted any allowance;

(c) if so the name and the allowance given to each of them;

(d) whether Government propose to release them?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) At present there are no persons under orders of restriction of any sort for political activities. There is, however, one political convict, namely, Babu Awadhesh Kumar Singh confined in the Bankipur Jail.

(b) and (c) The answer is in the negative.

(d) The case of Babu Awadhesh Kumar Singh is under consideration of Government.

Mr. MURLI MANOHAR PRASAD : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister kindly let the House know why the Government have taken so long a time to consider the case of the particular political convict, viz., Awadhesh Kumar Singh?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : Because in the judgement it is not clear that the gentleman has been convicted for political reasons. Therefore, I have called for other papers in that connection.

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TICKETLESS TRAVEL ON RAILWAY TRAINS IN THE PROVINCE OF BIHAR.

7. Mr. MAHESH PRASAD SINHA : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state if the attention of Government has been drawn to an article published in the morning edition of a local daily of the 7th October, 1946, under heading, "Criminal Lawlessness in Bihar" written by Mahatma Gandhi if so, will Government be pleased to state

what steps the authorities concerned have taken or propose to take to prevent lawlessness referred to in the article, particularly the measures taken during the course of the last three months to prevent people of the province travelling without ticket and with what result?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : The answer is in the affirmative. Last August the Provincial Government issued orders for special escorts of armed and unarmed police on trains on the lines which were worst affected by the nuisance. Plain clothed constables were also placed in compartments to detect persons who pulled the communication cords and magistrates were deputed to try offenders on the trains. It was not possible to give immediate effect to the orders on account of the communal tension prevailing at that time but the Provincial Government are informed that considerable improvement has been effected.

Mr. MAHESH PRASAD SINHA : May I know if the steps taken by Government are on the personal experience of travelling by the Hon'ble Ministers?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : No. It is based on reports of those who are expected to know it.

Rai Bahadur SYAMNANDAN SAHAYA : Is the House entitled to know something of the experience of Hon'ble Ministers?

(No reply.)

Mr. MAHESH PRASAD SINHA : May I know whether Government intend to implement the measures proposed to be taken before the communal riots took place?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : It has been brought to the notice of Government that the scandal has revived again and therefore it is contemplated to try the scheme once more.

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RECRUITMENT OF SUB-INSPECTORS OF POLICE.

10. Mr. MUHAMMAD YASIN: Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of Sub-Inspectors of Police appointed directly each year
- (b) the number of Sub-Inspectors of Police promoted departmentally;
- (c) the amount spent annually for the training of the directly recruited Sub-Inspectors;
- (d) the amount spent for the same purpose and for the same period as in clause (c) of the Assistant Sub-Inspectors promoted departmentally;
- (e) the reason why direct appointments of Sub-Inspectors of Police are made when suitable hands from within the department are available, in view of the number of police force which is in excess?