

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR
OF
BIHAR AND ORISSA.

Monday, the 10th September, 1934.

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

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF HOUSE BUILDING LOANS GIVEN TO THE EARTH-QUAKE SUFFERERS, THE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM AMOUNT GIVEN IN AN INDIVIDUAL CASE AND TO PLANTERS, ETC.

94. Rai Bahadur LACHHMI PRASHAD SINHA : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount of house-building loans so far given to the earthquake sufferers in the province and the maximum and the minimum amount of such loan given in an individual case ;

(b) the total amount of such loans given to planters and the maximum and minimum amount of such loan given in such an individual case ?

Mr. W. B. BRETT : (a) Up to the 31st August Rs. 8,56,000 had been given out in loans under the Bihar and Orissa Natural Calamities Loans Act in Patna, Saran, Monghyr and Bhagalpur. About half a lakh has been given out in the other districts affected. The largest loan sanctioned is for Rs. 12,000. The smallest is believed to be for Rs. 100.

(b) It is believed that no loans under this Act have been taken by planters, but exact information on this point is not available.

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Babu GODAVARIS MISRA: May I know for what period the members of the Road Board are appointed?

Mr. W. G. LACEY: There is no fixed period, but the non-official members are ordinarily appointed for one year at a time.

THE USE OF THE OLD GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT RANCHI.

105. Rai Bahadur LACHEMI PRASHAD SINHA: Will Government be pleased to state what use is being made of the old Government House building at Ranchi and what amount is being spent annually on its maintenance?

Mr. F. A. BETTERTON: The old Government House building at Ranchi includes the Darbar Hall and provides accommodation for the offices of the Private Secretary and Aides-de-Camp and for a Press and Post Office.

The approximate annual maintenance charge of the building is Rs. 1,500.

Mr. SACHCHIDANANDA SINHA: Will Government be pleased to state if there is no Darbar room, or any other room fit for holding a Darbar, in the new Government House?

Mr. F. A. BETTERTON: The answer is in the negative.

106.

SUGAR FACTORIES AND THE SUGARCANE CRUSHING MILLS.

107. Babu GODAVARIS MISRA: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) the market price of *gur* of the same quality in Orissa and in Bihar; and if there be a difference, the reasons for the same;

(b) the number of sugar factories in (i) Orissa, and (ii) Bihar;

(c) whether it is a fact that in Bihar the sugar factories purchase sugarcane from the growers;

(d) whether they are aware that full quantity of sugarcane in Bihar is not consumed by the sugar factories;

(e) whether it is a fact that they have lately supplied two sugarcane crushing mills driven by power for the purpose of demonstration in Bihar; and if so, what particular work these mills are made to do;

* Question regarding the names of Government expert who visited Motihari after the recent earthquake, etc., standing in the name of Babu Lalita Prashad Oudhuri was not put in the Council.