

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 7th February, 1939.

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

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at Patna on Tuesday, the 7th February, 1939, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ram Dayalu Sinha, in the Chair.

Statement made by the Hon'ble the Speaker regarding breach of the privileges of the House.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : I have just now to make to the House what may be a long statement. I am not quite well and I shall, therefore, seek the indulgence of the House to speak sitting. May I do so ? (*Hon'ble members : Yes, yes.*)

Hon'ble Members,

There has developed a situation which raises the question whether or not a breach of the privileges of the House has taken place. It is, therefore, necessary to apprise the House at the earliest available opportunity of the bare facts pertinent to this matter. The matter has continued for several days to be of deepest concern to me as it touches the dignity, authority and honour of the Chair and the House. An honourable member of the House, Mr. Muhammad Yunus, Barrister-at-Law, has attributed to the Chair partiality in regard to the discharge of one of its functions, namely, allotment of seats in the Assembly Chamber and the constitution of the opposition. On the 23rd August, 1938, letters were received from Lady Anise Imam and Messrs. S. A. Manzar, Shaikh Muhammad Fazlur Rahman, Muhammad Latifur Rahman, Saiyid Mohiuddin Ahmad, Muhammad Qasim, Shaikh Ranzan Ali, Saiyid Najmul Hassan, Saiyid Jafar Imam, Muhammad Shafi and Muhammad Salim and Khan Bahadur Saghirul Haqq, intimating to my

INCOME FROM CHAUKIDARI-TAX IN THE DISTRICT OF MUZAFFARPUR.

160. Mr. SHIVANANDAN RAM: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total amount of the annual income from the chaukidari-tax in the district of Muzaffarpur;

(b) the total amount of the annual expenditure incurred therefrom;

(c) how the balance, if any, is utilized?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: (a) The amount of income for the financial year 1937-38 was Rs. 2,95,451-1-0.

(b) The amount of expenditure during the financial year 1937-38 was Rs. 2,88,457.

(c) The surplus balance at the close of every financial year is carried to the credit of the chaukidari fund of the ensuing year and the amount to be raised by assessment in the ensuing year is reduced by the amount of such surplus according to the provisions of the Village Chaukidari Act VI of 1870.

Mr. KARU DUSADH : Do Government propose to reduce the surplus amount according to each *thana* of the district?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : The answer is in the affirmative.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT BHAGALPUR.

161. Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD: With reference to answer given to clause (f) of question no. 321, asked on the 24th September, 1937, will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scheme for the establishment of a technical school at Bhagalpur with the Subordinate Engineering course and Industrial Diploma classes has been drawn up and considered by the Department of Industries;

(b) whether the aforesaid scheme has been considered by Government;

(c) whether the said technical school is likely to be established by January, 1939; if not, how long will they take to give effect to the aforesaid scheme?

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM: (a) A scheme has been drawn up by the Director of Industries but he has not yet formulated his views.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The said school is not likely to be established by January, 1939, as the site has not yet been selected and buildings have not been erected. Attempts will, however, be made to establish the school as soon as possible.