

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR

OF

BIHAR AND ORISSA.

Wednesday, the 16th March 1927.

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

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

DIGHA WATERWORKS.

263. Babu GUR SAHAY LAL : (a) Is it a fact that a reduction in the consumption of coal and other maintenance charges of the Digha waterworks pumping station, Patna, has been made since the appointment of the Assistant Mechanical Engineer in the Public Health Department, Engineering Branch ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state the amounts of saving on this work as well as on other similar works in the province ? Why was the consumption of coal more previous to this and who was responsible for it ?

Mr. H. E. HORSFIELD : (a) Yes.

(b) There was a saving of Rs. 10,191 at Digha in 1926. The saving effected in other waterworks in the province cannot be ascertained until the annual report of the Superintending Engineer, Public Health Department, Bihar and Orissa, for the year 1926-27 is received.

The reasons for the reduction in consumption of coal are :—

(i) Coal was purchased through the Coal Controller prior to April 1926 ; subsequently it has been purchased by the Public Health Engineering Department, which maintains the waterworks, after tests of its calorific value and a fuel more suitable to the plant has been obtained.

(ii) The pumping plant has been brought into a more efficient condition.

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(c) The answer is in the negative. The term "others" includes the inkmen and fly-boys employed on hand presses.

(d), (e), (f) and (g) The answer is in the affirmative.

(h) The committee referred to was in existence for the period between the two strikes. It ceased to exist because, on resumption of work after the second strike, the staff expressed the opinion that it was not necessary.

(i) The answer is in the negative.

Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : Are Government aware that the staff of the Press now want the working committee to be revived ?

Mr. P. C. TALLENTS : Government have received no information.

Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : Do Government propose to enquire about it ?

Mr. P. C. TALLENTS : The answer is in the negative.

Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : What are the reasons ?

(No answer.)

GRAIN GOLAS IN THE SANTAL PARGANAS.

309. Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY (in the absence of Babu PRATAPENDRA CHANDRA PANDE) : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many grain 'golas' are there in the district of the Santal Parganas financed by Government ;

(b) how much grain is annually advanced by each of these 'golas' ;

(c) What is the total number of recipients of such advances ;

(d) what is the rate of interest charged on such advances ?

Mr. E. C. ANSORGE : (a) 17.

(b) A statement is laid on the table.

(c) 6,744.

(d) 25 per cent. per season subject to the maximum of 50 per cent.

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STATEMENT.

Out of 17 grain golas in the Santal Parganas 15 advanced grain in 1926 as detailed below :—

- ° (1) Chandna 144 maunds.
- ° (2) Sundarpahari 332 maunds.
- (3) Karmatanr 868 maunds.
- (4) Rajabhita 1,188 „
- (5) Simra 2,168 „
- (6) Māndro 557 „
- (7) Amrapara 36½ „
- (8) Parerkola 12 „
- (9) Barbait 3,540½ „
- (10) Borio 1,484 „
- (11) Katikund 1,945 „
- (12) Gopikandar 964½ „
- (13) Karudih 1,864 „
- (14) Kuschira 1,042 „
- (15) Saldaha 553 „

Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : Sir, I sent in other questions for being answered to-day.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : The Hon'ble Leader of the House will explain about the remaining unanswered questions.

ANNOUNCEMENT WITH REGARD TO ANSWERS TO THE PENDING QUESTIONS.

The Hon'ble Mr. E. L. L. HAMMOND : Sir, out of 345 questions which had been received by Government we have been in a position to answer not less than 309 questions leaving 36 unanswered. Of this 36, four of them are here on which I have just been able to-day to take His Excellency's order for answer. The reason for the remaining unanswered questions is simple. Where we had to make enquiries from the Board of Revenue, Commissioners and District Magistrates we only had to wait for their replies. With utmost endeavour we have not been able to get the replies in time to have them printed or roneoed for presentation to-day and answers to these questions will be laid on the table at the next session of the Council.

Rai BRIJ RAJ KRISHNA : May I inform the Hon'ble Leader of the House that some of my questions related entirely to the Secretariat and had nothing to do with the mufassal.