

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 7th April, 1938.

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 Thursday, the 7th April, 1938, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ram Dayalu Sinha, in the chair.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF BIHARI NURSES IN BIHAR.

180. Mr. MUNINDRA NATH MOOKHERJEE : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that qualified nurses are available amongst natives of, and those domiciled in, Bihar ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, why applications for the posts of three temporary qualified nurses for a temporary plague hospital at Bettiah have not been restricted to Biharis only, as it appears from the advertisement on page 892, part IX of the *Bihar Gazette* of the 22nd December 1937 ;

(c) what arrangement there is for the training of Bihari nurses in Bihar ;

(d) whether any inducements in the shape of stipends, suitable accommodation and prospect of employment after training are offered by Government ;

(e) how many Bihari ladies have up to date received training and secured diplomas or certificates on completion of training and how many of them are in Government and local bodies' service ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : (a) It is believed there are very few such nurses, but they are conspicuous by their absence.

(b) The nurses were required most urgently and it would have been dangerous to make any restrictions in the advertisement. Actually no suitable candidates came forward from the province and nurses had to be brought from Bombay to fill these posts.

Mr. UPENDRA NATH MUKHARJI : May I know how far the school hostel is from the trenching ground ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : I must ask for notice of this question, Sir.

Mr. UPENDRA NATH MUKHARJI : Arising out of answers to clauses (v) and (vi), what extra staff is necessary for the trenching ground if it is removed to the site proposed to be given by the Raja in question free of cost ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : I require notice of that question again, Sir. But I must explain at the very beginning that the municipality is free to select another trenching ground, and Government will not put any obstacles in its way ; it is a matter which rests entirely with the municipality.

Mr. UPENDRA NATH MUKHARJI : If the trenching ground is removed to the proposed site, what would be the cost of the approach road ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : That cost has not actually been calculated, but it is stated by the Deputy Commissioner that the municipality in its present finances cannot afford to pay for it.

Mr. UPENDRA NATH MUKHARJI : Do Government propose to enquire into the matter and give some help to the Dumka municipality in the interest of the health of the people of the town ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : It is for the municipality to approach Government. If the municipality approaches Government, Government will certainly consider the matter.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOSPITAL BUILDING AT MOTIHARI.

182. Mr. GORAKH PRASHAD : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) what new site has been selected for the new hospital building at Motihari in Champaran ;

(b) when the construction of the new building for the said hospital will begin ;

(c) the name of the contractor selected for constructing the said hospital building ;

(d) the amount which Government are going to spend for the said building ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : (a) Gopalpur.

(b) Government have issued orders to commence the construction work of the new hospital, and hope that it will be taken up soon.

(c) Messrs. A. B. Engineering Company.

(d) Rupees two lakhs and thirty-six thousand approximately according to the present estimates.

Mr. GORAKH PRASHAD : My question was: "What new site has been selected for the new hospital building at Motihari in Champaran", and the answer given is: "Gopalspur". Now, will Government be pleased to state if it is not a fact that after the Gopalspur site was selected, an objection was made on behalf of the people of Motihari against it, and the Prime Minister went there to enquire into the matter and he seemed to favour that a new site should be selected?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : I would require notice of that question.

Mr. GORAKH PRASHAD : My question, Sir, in itself was a notice (laughter).

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : There is nothing on the file, Sir, regarding the objection or the enquiry and the consequent promise made by the Hon'ble the Prime Minister referred to by the hon'ble member.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The fact is that the information required by the hon'ble member is not available at present, and therefore Government want a formal notice to be able to collect it.

COMMUNAL RIOT AT AURANGABAD.

183. Mr. MUHAMMAD QASIM : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the editorial comment published in a Patna newspaper, dated the 19th December 1937, with the heading "Communal riot of Aurangabad";

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether it is a fact that the present inspector of police of Aurangabad subdivision was in the district of Shahabad before he was transferred to Hazaribagh and thence to the Aurangabad subdivision;

(c) whether it is a fact that he was transferred from the district of Shahabad because he was found creating some trouble in that district;

(d) whether it is a fact that no communal riot has taken place in any of the other three neighbouring subdivisions of the same district of Gaya since October, 1936;

(e) whether they propose to ensure perfect communal harmony in that subdivision; if so, how; if not, why;

(f) whether it is a fact that the said inspector of police abused and threatened a lorry driver on the 1st November 1937 at Daudnagar;