

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 24th March, 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 Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ramdayalu Sinha, in the Chair.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

SKIMMED MILK IN PATNA TOWN.

327. Pandit GOBINDPATI TIWARI : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantities of skimmed milk pour into Patna from different parts of the town and its suburbs and are purchased by the *Gowalas* of the said town ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said skimmed milk is sold by the *Gowalas* and others as genuine milk at Fakir-Bara in Dariapur Mahalla and other milk centres of the said town to the great detriment of public health ;

(c) what action, if any, they propose to take to put a stop to this malpractice ; if not, why ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : (a) Out of 108 samples of milk collected from the Patna municipal areas from 1936 to 1938 only about 3 per cent of the samples were found to be skimmed milk.

(b) and (c) Large quantities of milk are brought by milkmen from the neighbouring *bustee* areas every day and sold at Dariapur as well as at other *mahallas* of the town. Samples of milk are regularly taken by the Sanitary Inspectors from the various milk centres in the town and sent to the Chemical Analyst for analysis and report. When the samples on analysis are reported to be below the standard prescribed for genuine milk under the Bihar and Orissa Food Adulteration Act, the vendors are prosecuted and fined.

*In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Harikishore Prasad.

Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : What is the function of the Wardens ?

Mr. SARANGDHAR SINHA : I refer the hon'ble member, Sir, to the Education Code.

APPOINTMENT OF MYCOLOGIST.

332. Pandit SHEEL BHADRA YAJEE : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have decided to appoint a mycologist for six months under the new sugarcane research scheme at Pusa ;

(b) whether applications for the said post were invited sometime back by the Joint Public Service Commission and whether the said Commission recommended some candidates in connection with the appointment to the said post and whether among the candidates so recommended the first place was given to a Bihari candidate ;

(c) whether the said candidate was the only Bihari to apply for the said post, and whether he has been appointed to the said post ; if not, why ;

(d) whether the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture had decided to ask the said Commission to invite fresh applications for the post ; and whether this step is being taken on the advice of the Director of Agriculture to accommodate one Dr. Chona, a Punjabi, who is his friend ;

(e) whether the said Dr. Chona was a candidate for the said post when it was first advertised and that his name was not included in the list of candidates recommended for appointment by the said Commission ?

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : (a) There is no such scheme as the " new sugarcane research scheme " at Pusa. The mycologist has been appointed in the mycological section of the scheme for the improvement of sugarcane cultivation in Bihar, which was sanctioned in June, 1938.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative. A Bihari candidate was given the first place in the original recommendation of the Public Service Commission, who, however, subsequently revised their recommendation.

(c) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative and to the second part is in the negative. The reasons for not appointing the candidate are :

(i) that the recommendation of the Public Service Commission was conditional,

(ii) that he did not hold a degree and in the opinion of the Public Service Commission he was primarily a bacteriologist rather than a mycologist,

- (iii) that he was 50 years of age and could not be expected to be so active,
- (iv) that he was not willing to accept the pay advertised for the post, and
- (v) that there was at least one other highly qualified mycologist, Dr. B. L. Chona, who had applied before the Public Service Commission but had not been called for interview through a misunderstanding that this candidate was already holding a permanent post on a much higher salary under the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and would not accept the post advertised.

(d) The Public Service Commission were not requested to invite fresh applications for the post. As they had not called Dr. Chona for an interview through a misunderstanding, they were requested to interview him also. The Commission, after interviewing Dr. Chona, found him to be the best candidate and recommended him strongly for the post. The Commission were not moved on the advice of the Director of Agriculture, Bihar, but of Dr. Padwick, Imperial Mycologist, Imperial Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

(e) Vide answers to (b) and (d) above.

Mr. KARU DUSADH : Will Government be pleased to state, whether the advertisement related to mycologist or bacteriologist ?

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : Mycologist.

Mr. KARU DUSADH : Is this province meant for outsiders practically ?

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : Certainly not.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : Will Government be pleased to state the conditions imposed by the Public Service Commission with regard to answer to clause (c) (i) ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : There were no conditions at all. The Public Service Commission recommended that he was head and shoulders high over other candidates and was the most competent person.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : Then, in what respect was it conditional ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : The condition was that the Public Service Commission thought that on the salary offered, a better candidate would not be available.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : Was not Dr. Chona a candidate at that time ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : He was. But the Public Service Commission thought he would not accept the job.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : Will Government be pleased to state the reason why it was thought that Dr. Chona would not accept the job when he had already applied for the post ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : It is for the Public Service Commission to answer. We cannot answer that.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : With regard to answer to clause (c) (ii), if they are aware that a Bihari candidate was recommended as the first man to be appointed because he gives Post-Graduate Training to the Post-Graduate Students in the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research at New Delhi ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : Government are not aware whether he gives Post-Graduate training or not, but Government are aware that the Public Service Commission considered his case simply because they found that the other candidate was also not highly qualified, and in fact he was not a mycologist.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : What was the reason for not recommending Dr. Chona ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : Because they thought that Dr. Chona would not accept the job.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : If it is a fact that the Public Service Commission at the first instance did not think Dr. Chona to be a suitable candidate and so they recommended a Bihari candidate, but afterwards on the advice of the Government Dr. Chona's name was specially recommended to be appointed ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : It is absolutely wrong.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : But that is my information.

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : My hon'ble friend gets all wrong information. It was not a fact. The facts are that the Commission at first recommended only two persons, but these two, who were recommended, were not mycologists. Government learnt that Dr. Chona was a highly qualified mycologist; then they referred the matter to the

Public Service Commission asking the reasons why they did not grant an interview to Dr. Chona. Then they sent for Dr. Chona and said in their recommendation that he was a most highly qualified person and he should be appointed.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : If it is not a fact that the Public Service Commission did not think Dr. Chona to be a suitable candidate and so in the first instance he was not recommended ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : No. It has already been answered.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : Will Government be pleased to state if it is not a fact that the Head of the Department of Mycology in the Imperial Institute of Agricultural Research recommended the Bihari candidate very highly for the post ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : He did not recommend only him but he recommended all the three candidates. But Dr. Chona was not given an interview by the Public Service Commission on a misunderstanding that he would not accept the job as he was already getting more pay.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : My question is whether the application which the Bihari candidate submitted was accompanied by the certificate of a very high order from the Head of the Department of Mycology in the Imperial Institute of Agricultural Research ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : He recommended all the three candidates but he placed Dr. Chona first, then a Muhammadan from Allahabad and the third was a Bihari candidate. If you want, I will show you his letter and satisfy you.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : With regard to clause (c) (iii), that he was 50 years of age and could not be expected to be so active, will Government be pleased to state if it is not a fact that in this very House the Government stated in answer to a question put by an hon'ble member that by the time a public servant reaches the age of 50, he accumulates experience and in the interest of public services it is necessary to retain him in the service ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : That is more in the nature of cross examination than a question.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : Will Government be pleased to state the salary which Dr. Chona was drawing at Delhi ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : If I remember aright, it is Rs. 450.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : May I know the reason why he has accepted the lower salary ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : Because that was not a permanent post.

Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : When the appointment was only for 6 months, was it necessary under the rules to refer it to the Public Service Commission ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : It was not for six months, Sir. It was temporary and temporary posts may go up to 2 years or 3 years.

Mr. RAMCHARITRA SINGH : Do Government think that a mycologist will be required permanently in this Province ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : Certainly, Government think so.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : It was decided yesterday that the House would discuss Grant no. 8 first. Now it is proposed to take up after that grant, if the House has no objection, the discussion of Demand no. 10. May I know if that is the desire of the House ?

Mr. RAMESHWAR PRASAD SINGH (Coalition) : I think there is only one day to discuss all the supplementary demands.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Of course.

Mr. RAMESHWAR PRASAD SINGH (Coalition) : The first demand for grant is 'General Administration'. If we can get time, we want to discuss it, Sir.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Do you want 'General Administration' to come second after the Electric Grid System ?

Mr. RAMESHWAR PRASAD SINGH (Coalition) : Yes Sir and 'Education' third.

Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : I would propose 'Education' to be taken second, Sir. The reason is that there are a large number of members who have got much to say on the Wardha Scheme. If any other demand is taken up, then there will be no time left to discuss the Wardha Scheme.