

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES, 1947.

Saturday, the 11th October, 1947.

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 Ranchi on Saturday, the 11th October, 1947, at 2 p. m., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vinodhyeshwari Prasada Varma, in the chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Are the answers* ready?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: The answers are not ready at present.

Mr. PURNA CHANDRA MITRA: When answers will be ready?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: The answers will be ready in a short time and will be communicated to the hon'ble member as soon as they are ready.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: What about the short notice questions which are pending. May I know whether answers to those questions are ready?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: The answers are not ready. I think they will be ready in a short time and will be communicated to the hon'ble members concerned.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The Hon'ble Minister has assured that as soon as answers are ready and received from the department the hon'ble members will be informed of them.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

REFUND OF FINES REALISED FROM THE POLITICAL OFFENDERS.

†62. Mr. RAJENDRA MISRA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to return the fines realised from political workers who were fined to pay some amount of money in course of 1942 political movement;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, what is the amount of money refunded to such persons in the sub-district of Saharsa?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA: (a) Government have decided to refund the fines realised from political offenders during 1st June 1942 to 31st March.

(b) The amount of money paid to such persons in the sub-district of Saharsa is Rs. 475-14-0

* No. 38 regarding stamping out of corruption amongst officials in the Province.

† In absence of the questioner the answer was given at the request of Mr. Sriish Chandra Banerjee.

67. SARDAR HARIHAR SINGH : Will the Hon'ble the Minister in charge of Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that allegations were made that two truck-loads of rice were removed from the Government godown at Arrah on 28th December 1946 and that an enquiry was made from the godown guard, the palledars who loaded the trucks with rice and the two truck-drivers who drove the rice laden trucks from the godown ;

(b) whether it is a fact that after the aforesaid allegations, an enquiry was held in that godown and that charcoal pieces, mat pieces and dust were found mixed up with grain in the bags ;

(c) if the answer to clauses (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what steps have been taken in the matter ;

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : (a) Yes.

(b) Adulteration was found in some bags.

(c) As thorough and confidential enquiry revealed that the allegation had not been substantiated, the matter was dropped.

68. SARDAR HARIHAR SINGH : Will the Hon'ble the Minister in charge of Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that about six months back an allegation was made against M/s. Kutri Sah Baijnath of Arrah for keeping 30 bags of rice in a neighbouring vegetable gola and for not maintaining correct accounts ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative what steps have been taken in the matter ;

(c) who are the partners or co-shares of the said firm who deal in grains.

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) The matter was inquired into and a case instituted against the proprietor of the firm which is still pending.

(c) The partners of the firm are reported to be :—

1. Babu Lakshminarain Gupta,

2. Ramanand Lal Gupta,

3. Ram Janam Singh,

4. Ramdeo Pande, and

5. Babu Keshwar Rai,