

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES 1948.

Wednesday, the 25th February, 1948.

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 Wednesday the 25th February, 1948 at 11 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vin-dhyeshwari Prasada Varma, in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

CONFISCATED CLOTH LYING UNDISPOSED AT BHAGALPUR AND ITS DISTRIBUTION TO CARD-HOLDERS OF THE TOWN.

***11. Mr. RASH BIHARI LAL:** Will the Hon'ble the Minister in charge of the Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that some cloth confiscated to Government are lying undisposed at Bhagalpur;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to take steps to get them distributed amongst the card-holders of the town;

(c) whether it is a fact that many card-holders for cloth in the town of Bhagalpur have not got their full quota of cloth for the last five or six months;

(d) whether it is a fact that under the existing system of distribution of cloth in the mufasil area of Bhagalpur majority of people do not get cloth at all;

(e) whether it is a fact that bales of cloth sent to Colgong in the district of Bhagalpur area are always found to contain less cloth than the quantity billed out and the dealers are on this account allowed to suffer loss for some shortages each time?

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

(b) The cloth is being sent out for distribution among the card-holders.

(c) The reply is in the negative.

(d) The reply is in the negative

* In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. 8th Chandra Baverjee.

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(e) The reply is in the negative, like other places, shortages are occasionally found in bales consigned to Colgong.

Mr. SRISH CHANDRA BANERJEE: May I be informed what the policy of Government is regarding the distribution of confiscated cloth after the control?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: The cloth which has been brought under the possession of Government will be distributed to certain categories of persons.

Mr. PURUSHOTTAM CHOHAN: Which categories, Sir?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: I give an example. In Patna certain bales of cloth have been kept reserved for distribution to refugees, certain other bales will be given to hospitals and some other bales may be given to similar institutions which require Government assistance in these matters.

Mr. PURUSHOTTAM CHOHAN: Are Government aware that cloth is available in the market at less than the controlled rate?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: Government are not aware of it, but they take the information from the hon'ble members.

CONTRACT BY GOVERNMENT WITH SHREE YUGAL KISHORE SAHU OF RANCHI FOR THE HUSKING OF PADDY.

12. Mr. JHULAN SINHA: Will the Hon'ble the Minister in charge of the Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract for the husking of paddy by hand was made by Government with Shree Yugal Kishore Sahu who has been conducting certain items of village industries at Ranchi, in regard to paddy procured at and near Ranchi last year, i. e., 1946-47;

(b) the quantity of paddy which was actually supplied to the said Shree Yugal Kishore Sahu in pursuance of the said contract;

(c) the rate of husking and carting allowed to him?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: (a) No formal contract was made with Shree Yugal Kishore Sahu for husking of paddy by hand. Paddy, however, was issued under the orders of Government to the Gramudyog Karyalaya of which Shree Yugal Kishore Sinha was the manager.

(b) Shree Yugal Kishore Sahu was supplied with 10,072 maunds of paddy from February to May, 1947, and 3,355 maunds of paddy from September to October, 1947.

(c) He is paid 12 annas per maund of rice produced as milling charges and incidental charges for loading, unloading, weighing, stocking, and transport, etc., at the local rates allowed to others.