

BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, the 7th September, 1948.

Proceedings of the Legislative Assembly assembled under the provisions
of the Government of India Act, 1935.

THE ASSEMBLY MET IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER AT RANCHI ON TUESDAY, THE
7TH SEPTEMBER, 1948, AT 11 A.M., THE HON'BLE THE SPEAKER, MR.
VINDHYESHWARI PRASADA VARMA, IN THE CHAIR.

Replies to questions remaining unanswered during the last session of
the Bihar Legislative Assembly.

The Hon'ble Dr. Sri KRISHNA SINHA: Sir, in accordance with
rule 65 of the Assembly Rules, I lay on the table answers to 145 ques-
tions which are so far ready out of the 153 questions remaining unan-
swered from the fourth session of the Legislative Assembly. Answers to
the remaining 13 questions will be laid on the table on some day during
the current session.

Replies to questions remaining unanswered during the Fourth Session
of the Second Legislative Assembly.

BAD ARRANGEMENT AT MAHENDRU GHAT, CHAPRA AND SONEPUR RAILWAY
STATIONS OF O. T. RY.

1. Mr. RAM BASAWAN RAM : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge
of the Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are aware of the nuisance caused to the
public by bad smell of nightsoil and bad latrine arrangement at Mahen-
drughat, O. T. Railway Steamer Station and the bathing ghat ;

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : (a) The Press note was issued under the instructions of Government.

(b) No. Due to poor response to the Press note the date for receiving applications was extended to 25th April 1948. It is again contemplated to extend the date further.

(c) The reply is in the negative.

(d) The question does not arise. The Provincial Development Board in its first meeting held from the 20th to the 22nd January 1948 had advised that Lac, Mica, Superphosphate, Urea, Formalin, Iron and Steel, Aluminium and Machine Tool industries should be completely owned and managed by the State and the Spun Silk and Leather industries should be jointly owned by Government and private persons. The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(e) There are other industries such as Cotton Mill, Woollen mill, Jute Mill, Card Boards, etc., factory, Paper Mill, Cement factory, power alcohol, etc., which have been left to private enterprise.

NOTICE SERVED ON BABU RAMANANDAN PRASAD.

143. Mr. SHIVANANDAN RAM : Will the Hon'ble the Minister in charge of Education and Publicity be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Babu Ramanandan Prasad. Assistant Publicity Organiser was served with a notice informing him that his services were no longer required ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, the reason for giving such notice ;

(c) the period of service of Babu Ramanandan Prasad.

(d) whether any person has been appointed in his place, if so his name, qualification and the date of appointment ;

(e) whether it is a fact that said Babu Ramanandan Prasad has not yet received his salary for two months and travelling allowance from December, 1946 to April 1947, if so, the reason for the same ?

The Hon'ble Mr. BADRINATH VARMA : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) In view of his consistently unsatisfactory work and the strong adverse remarks on his work made by his superior officers his service were no longer required after the 29th February, 1948, on which date the sanction for the temporary post he was holding expired

(c) About one and a half years.

(d) The terms of some other Assistant Publicity Organisers were not renewed after 29th February 1948. Appointment have been made to fill up these vacancies including the one created by the non-renewal of the term of Babu Ramanandan Prasad. It is not possible to say which one of the new candidates has been appointed in the place of Babu Ramanandan Prasad.

(e) The answer is partly in the affirmative and partly in the negative. In view of the proceedings that were pending against him

for his failure to submit tour diary and progress report in time and on account of his very unsatisfactory work his pay was withheld pending the disposal of the proceeding. The arrear pay for January and February 1948 has since been remitted to him by M. O.

All the travelling allowance bills of Babu Ramanandan Prasad except two have been passed for payment. The two unpaid bills are transfer travelling allowance bills. One relates to a journey made in January 1947, from Saharsa to Khunti. This bill was presented in March, 1948. The claim became time-barred and the bill could not be passed without pre-audit by the Accountant-General, Bihar. It was not permissible under the rules to send the bill for preaudit until the Assistant Publicity Organiser gave satisfactory explanation for the abnormal delay in the presentation of this claim. No explanation for the delay was furnished. The bill has another serious defect. In it the Assistant Publicity Organiser claimed transport charges for luggage but did not produce any supporting voucher to prove the same. This bill was therefore, not passed. The other travelling allowance bill related to a journey made by the Assistant Publicity Organiser from Khunti to Bhabhua in this Babu Ramanandan Prasad claimed transport charges for 15 maunds of luggage but without producing supporting vouchers. The Subdivisional Officer, Bhabhua came to know on personal enquiry that he did not carry any luggage on this journey except some personal effects weighing about one maund. The Subdivisional Officer therefore, amended the bill allowing only Rs. 11 for transport of luggage. Babu Ramanandan Prasad refused to accept the bill so amended by the Subdivisional Officer.

NUMBER OF BIHARI CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

144. Mr. SAIYID AMIN AHMAD : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Local Self-Government Department be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of qualified Bihari Consulting Engineers who can undertake works of preparing draft schemes for Public Health water-supply and drainage;

(b) whether it is a fact that after the said schemes have been prepared by private firms these are required under the existing rules to be scrutinised by the Public Health Engineering Department of the Government of Bihar ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the work of scrutinising big Sanitary Engineering Drainage and Water-supply Schemes requires as much staff and spade work as are required for the preparation of the original schemes;

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, the approximate amount which will be required every year for meeting the cost enlarging the Public Health Engineering Department for checking such schemes;

(e) whether Government have considered the advisability of enlarging the staff of the Public Health Engineering Department for the preparation of the original schemes in order to minimise the ultimate cost of