THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR

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BIHAR AND ORISSA.

Tuesday, the 26th March, 1935.

The Council met in the Council Chamber at Patna at 11 A.M., the Hon'ble the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

INVESTIGATIONS OF THE RAMLA RIVER.

- 100. Babu HAREKRISHNA CHAUDHURI: Will Government be pleased to state—
- (a) if they are aware of the proceedings of a meeting of the advisory flood committee of the Darbhanga district, held on the 27th November 1934;
- (b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, the subjects discussed and the conclusion arrived at at the said meeting;
- (c) if the said meeting was attended also by the Superintending Engineer, North Bihar Circle, the Collector of Darbhanga, the Executive Engineer of Darbhanga and the resident Engineer of the Bengal and North-Western Railway;
- (d) if so, whether these officers were of opinion that the Kamla river should be allowed to flow south-east which is its natural course, and that it should not be diverted to the west;
- (e) if the answer to clause (d) be in the affirmative, whether the said opinion has been confirmed by Government; if not, why not?

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in the accounts, following ordinary: accounting procedure, to the heads of relief under which the expenditure was incurred. The total amount of such expenditure is not known to Government but it represents an infinitesimal fraction of the expenditure incurred under the various heads.

(c) The majority of the work in connection with the distribution of relief has been done by Government servants in addition to their own duties.

_EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, ETC., IN CONNECTION WITH EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.

- 112. Mr. SACHCHIDANANDA SINHA: Will Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing the exact or approximate expenditure on administration, salaries, allowances, etc., in connection with earthquake relief?
- Mr. H. C. PRIOR: The hon'ble member is referred to the answer to question no. 111.

DAMUCHAK COLONY IN MUZAFFARPUR.

- 113. Mr. SACHCHIDANANDA SINHA: (a) Will Government be pleased to state—
- (i) the amount spent in building what is known as the Damuchak colony in the town of Muzaffarpur;
 - (ii) if the materials of the said colony are being disposed of;
- (iii) if so, what is the amount for which they have been, or are going to be, sold?
- (b) Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the loss, if any, incurred, and the amount recovered from the sale of the materials?
- (c) Will Government be pleased to state the number of such houses, and for what period they have been in actual occupation of sufferers from earthquake and floods?