

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Wednesday, the 15th September, 1937.

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 15th September, 1937, at 11 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker in the Chair.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

PETITION FROM TENANTS OF VILLAGES SITUATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF RIVER SIKRAHNA FOR REMISSION OF RENT.

108. Mr. BAIDYANATH MISRA: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the tenants of the villages situated on the north side of the river Sikrahnna in the police-stations Sugauli and Motihari, filed petitions before the Collector of Champaran and the Manager of the Bettiah Raj under Court of Wards for the remission of rent for last year and the previous years;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in affirmative, whether the remission of rent has been granted to the tenants; if not, why not;

(c) whether they propose to make a thorough enquiry into the situation and grant an adequate remission in rent to the tenants of the area in question?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: (a), (b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be made available to the hon'ble member when obtained.

Mr. HARIVANS SAHAY: Will Government make the answer available in this session or after this session?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: In this session, Sir, and it will be laid on the table.

200 LCD.

Mr. SHIVANANDAN PRASHAD MANDAL: (a) No. Government will ask the District Judges to cause enquiries to be made and submit a report.

(b) The civil courts are ordinarily required to sit at 10-30 A.M. and to rise at 4-30 P.M. The offices attached to the civil courts open somewhat before and close somewhat after these hours.

(c) Government will consider whether any action is required when they receive the reports of the District Judges.

(d) It is impossible to generalise. Some clerks of the civil courts may do more work than some clerks of the High Court and Secretariat and others may do less.

(e) No. The work which clerks in the Secretariat and the High Court have to do requires a higher degree of skill than the work which the clerks of the civil courts have to do.

Mr. HARJHAR SINHA : Will Government be pleased to state if the clerks in the civil courts generally come to their offices at 8 A.M. and go at 8 P.M. ?

Mr. SHIVANANDAN PRASHAD MANDAL : They generally come at 10-30 A.M. and go at 4-30 P.M. ?

MORTALITIES OF MOTHERS AND BABIES IN THE PROVINCE

214. Srimati SHARDA KUMARI DEVI: Will Government lay on the table a statement giving the following figures regarding mortality of mothers and babies among the different communities and classes of population both rural and urban separately in this province—

(a) total number of cases of maternity *per annum* ;

(b) total number of cases of mortality of mother—

(i) during child birth, and

(ii) immediately following child birth *per annum* ;

(c) total number of (i) still births and (ii) deaths of children during the first week of the birth ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA: (a), (b) and (c)—

Infant mortality during 1935.

Urban areas	..	..	138 per 1,000.
Rural areas	..	..	129 ..

Labour cases treated in hospitals during 1935.

Normal	{	Number treated	..	..	16,751
		Deaths	..	..	37
Abnormal	{	Number treated	..	..	2,484
		Deaths	..	..	192

Government have no other information. To collect the same will involve a considerable amount of time and labour which will not be commensurate with the advantage to be gained.

APPOINTMENT OF EXCISE PEONS.

215. Mr. RAMBASAWAN RABIDAS: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many posts of Excise peons had fallen vacant this year in the district of Saran;

(b) how many candidates of the scheduled castes applied for those posts and what were their qualifications;

(c) whether any of the scheduled caste candidate was appointed;

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the negative, the reason for not appointing any scheduled caste candidate;

(e) the qualifications of those persons, other than scheduled castes, who have been appointed?

Mr. SAYEEDUL HAQQ: (a) One office peon in the year 1937-38.

(b) No application from outsiders was invited.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

(d) Under Board's rule in paragraph 45(ii) at page 17 of the Excise Manual, Vol. III, a waiting list of candidates, from whom ordinarily appointment of Excise peons should be made, is maintained in the Excise office and a candidate was selected after proper test to fill up the vacancy from the persons whose names were acted in the waiting list.

(e) Passed M. E. examination.

The question was put by Mr. Ram Prashad in the absence of the questioner.

Mr. RAM PRASAD : Did any scheduled caste man apply for the post arising out of these.

Mr. SAYEEDUL HAQQ : The question does not arise. Nobody applied, as no application was invited.