

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 11th April 1938.

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 Monday, the 11th April, 1938 at 11-30 A.M., Mr. S. Rafiuddin Ahmad Rizvi in the chair.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

PROPAGANDA OF THE INDIAN TEA ASSOCIATION.

186. Mr. GORAKH PRASHAD : Will Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that vigorous propaganda has been started by Tea Cess Company for creating tea-drinking habit in the people all over the province, and if so whether they propose to take steps to prevent such propaganda ?

Mr. JAGAT NARAYAN LAL : The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative and to the last part in the negative.

Mr. GORAKH PRASHAD : The answer to the second part of the question means that Government do not propose to take any step. Will Government be pleased to state the reasons for not taking any action ?

Mr. JAGAT NARAYAN LAL : Government have been advised that the habit of tea drinking has not proved injurious. On the other hand, inasmuch as the campaign of prohibition is likely to be encouraged, this habit of tea drinking may be allowed to grow. Apart from that, the question of the consumption of tea which is grown by the people in quantities which exceed the demand is also there. So, Government think that they cannot take any step to carry on propaganda against tea drinking.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : Do Government propose to carry on any propaganda on behalf of the Tea Cess Committee for the propagation of tea-drinking habit ?

Mr. VISHWANATH SINGH :

क्या यह बात सही है कि कमिश्नर (Commissioner) ने इस परमिशन (permission) के बारे में खास रिमार्क (remark) किया था कि सिर्फ एक वर्ष के लिये यह परमिशन दिया जाता है ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY :

गवर्नमेंट को कोई खबर नहीं है।

Mr. VISHWANATH SINGH :

क्या यह बात सही है कि सन् 1937-38 के पहिले सन् 1935-36 में भी एक वर्ष के लिये बाबू राम अयोध्या प्रसाद को service बढ़ाई गई थी ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY :

यह बात सही नहीं है। उनकी उमर ६१ वर्ष की है, उनको एक extension दिया गया था।

Mr. VISHWANATH SINGH :

मैनेजर की report से मालूम होता है कि उनकी service बेतिया राज के लिये जरूरी है। क्या गवर्नमेंट कह सकती है कि जब तक वह नहीं मरे राज के फायदे के लिये रहेंगे और ऐसी हानत में क्या कोई उपाय है जिससे उनको हटाया जा सकता है ?

(No reply.)

NUMBER OF ELECTRICAL AND ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, ETC.

205. Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : °Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many Electrical Engineers and Assistant Technical Engineers are there in the Public Works Department ;

(b) their specific duties ;

(c) their respective salaries ;

(d) whether Government propose to effect economy in this Department ; if so, in what manner ?

(e) the reason why only one Electrical Engineer cannot do the necessary work of the Department ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : (a) (I) Electrical Engineer and Electric Inspector

(II) Electrical Engineer 1

(III) Assistant Electrical Engineers 1

(3 permanent and one temporary). 4

Total .. 6

(b) (I) The Electrical Engineer and Electric Inspector is in general charge of the Electrical Works Division and is responsible for all original and maintenance works connected with generating stations and electrical installations in all except six electrified Government buildings both in Bihar and Orissa, and for the carrying out of statutory duties under the Indian Electricity Act and Rules and acts as Electrical Adviser to Government and as Inspector of Ropeways.

(II) The Electrical Engineer assists the Electrical Engineer and Electric Inspector generally in the performance of his duties.

(III) Two officers are in charge of subdivisions one of which contains three separate generating stations and the other two, besides numerous electrical installations. These officers also assist in the carrying out of inspections under the Indian Electricity Rules. Of the other two officers, one is in charge of the Bankipore subdivision and the other is in charge of projects and estimating and the Test Laboratory Divisional Office.

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(c) (I) Electrical Engineer and Electric Inspector ..	1,375 plus	
overseas pay of ..	400	
(II) Electrical Engineer ..	1,325 plus	
overseas pay of ..	400	
(III) Assistant Electrical Engineers ..	Rs. 610, Rs. 400,	
	Rs. 390 and Rs. 280.	

(d) The question of retrenchment is under the consideration of Government.

(e) One Electrical Engineer cannot possibly do all the work of the Electrical Works Division because of its volume. It has grown beyond the scope of two Engineers and additional staff is necessary.

Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : With regard to answer (d), may I know since when the question of retrenchment is under consideration ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : A Retrenchment Committee has been formed by Government and that Committee is taking up the question of retrenchment in the Electrical Department as also in other departments.

Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : How long will it take ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : According to the terms of the Government resolution, the Retrenchment Committee is to report within six months.

Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : May I know the names of the three permanent and one temporary Assistant Electrical Engineers ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : I ask for notice.

Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : Is any of them Bihari ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : I ask for notice.

Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : Will Government be pleased to state if some of them will be deputed to the Hydro-electric scheme ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : I do not think the question arises. There is no such scheme before Government.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : With regard to answer (b) (i), will Government be pleased to state what are the functions of the Electrical Works Division ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : The hon'ble member is referred to my answers in clauses (b) (I) and (b) (III).

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : Will Government be pleased to state how many generating stations are there ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : I ask for notice.

Mr. JAMUNA KARJEE : Will Government be pleased to state the names of the six Government buildings which are not under the charge of the Electrical Engineer and Electric Inspector ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : I ask for notice.

IRREGULAR BUS SERVICE IN MUZAFFARPUR DISTRICT.

206. Mr. RAMASHISH THAKUR : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to a communication from one Rajnandan Thacore, published in a Patna daily of the 25th February, 1938, complaining of irregular lorry service between Muzaffarpur and Katra ;

(b) whether it is a fact that no special control is generally exercised by the police over the lorry service in Muzaffarpur with the result that passengers are often inconvenienced due to irregular timings and over-loading and have to pay extra fare ;

(c) if the answer to clauses (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, whether Government have considered the desirability of regulating lorry service in the district of Muzaffarpur according to the system obtaining in Ohota Nagpur and the Santal Parganas district, if so, with what results ; and if not, whether Government propose to take any steps in the matter ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The matter is engaging the attention of the local officers.

Mr. RAMESHVAR PRASHAD SINHA : Do Government consider it desirable to impress on the local officers the supreme necessity of introducing some sort of special control over the lorry services of Muzaffarpur without any delay ?