

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 29th June, 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 Wednesday, the 29th June 1938, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ram Dayalu Sinha, in the Chair.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

QUESTION PAPER SET AT THE TEST EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PATNA TRAINING COLLEGE.

715. Mr. BIRESH DUTTA SINHA: (a) Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the question paper that was set at the test examination for admission to the Patna Training College this year?

(b) With reference to that question paper, will Government be pleased to state—

(i) whether it is a fact that the questions set in the aforesaid paper were not marked;

(ii) whether according to the general rules of setting question papers, all questions are to be properly marked;

(iii) whether all the questions were understood to be of equal value;

(iv) whether it is a fact that the examinees at the aforesaid examination were put to any disadvantage on account of the questions remaining all unmarked?

(c) Is it a fact that the object of the test examination was to select the most competent graduate candidates for admission into the Patna Training College?

(d) Is it a fact that the candidates with knowledge of at least two vernaculars of the province are to be given preference at the time of selection?

Mr. JAMUNA PRASHAD SINHA : Is there any rule that a member of the Managing Committee has to be a member of either the district board, the municipality or the lodging house committee?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : Yes, Sir, there is a rule to that effect.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASHAD SINHA : Why members from other bodies are not taken in?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : Under the Local Self-Government and the Municipal Acts, the rules regarding standing joint committees prescribe for the inclusion of members of only those bodies and not for other bodies.

EYE SPECIALIST IN THE DARBHANGA MEDICAL SCHOOL HOSPITAL.

827. Mr. RAM CHARAN SINHA : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no eye specialist in the Darbhanga Medical School Hospital and that there is a public demand of such specialist in the said hospital;

(b) whether they propose to take any steps in the matter, if not, why?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : (a) The answer to the first part of the question is in affirmative. As regards the second part, Government have no information.

(b) A scheme for two touring eye units for treatment of eye diseases in rural areas is under the contemplation of Government. An eye specialist will be posted at Darbhanga when available and when the scheme materialises.

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Arising out of (a), as regards the second part of the question, have Government received any petition from the inhabitants of Darbhanga for an eye specialist for the Darbhanga Medical School Hospital?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : The answer is in the affirmative, Sir.

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Then why do Government say that they have no information?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : Government have received information after the issue of the reply. I may add, Sir, that Government have sanctioned the grant of leave for study purposes to one of the staff of the Darbhanga Medical School to get a degree in ophthalmology in England.

Mr. SAIYID ALI MANZAR : May I know, Sir, his name ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : His name is Dr. Salauddin Ahmad.

Mr. SAIYID ALI MANZAR : When was this leave granted ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : Dr. Salauddin Ahmad's application is for leave for study purposes.

Mr. RAMASHIS THAKUR : Do Government want to say that no eye specialist is at present available in this province or in this country ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : So far as the question relates to the province, I might add that there are some eye specialists but they are all engaged in the Patna General Medical Hospital, and Government's anxiety is to increase the number of eye specialists and they are considering this question at the time of granting leave for study purposes.

EXCLUSION OF VILLAGE SHAMBEY AND CERTAIN OTHER VILLAGES FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE WARSALIGANJ UNION BOARD IN THE DISTRICT OF GAYA.

828. Mr. BUNDI RAM : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the inhabitants of the village Warsaliganj union board protested against the inclusion of certain villages such as Shambey and others in the jurisdiction of the said board, and whether an enquiry in this behalf was made by an officer of Government ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, the action taken by Government in the matter ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : (a) and (b) Government have no information. The residents of the Warsaliganj union board, however, petitioned Government last year for the conversion of the union board at Warsaliganj into a union committee, and in order to remove the complaints of the public at Warsaliganj, Government are considering the exclusion of the village Shambey and other villages from the union board area. The views of the local officers have been called for.

CO-OPERATIVE NATIONAL BANK, BETTIAH.

829. Mr. VISHWANATH SINGH : (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Tikulia Co-operative Society is under the National Co-operative Central Bank, Bettiah ?