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The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The estimates for bridge at Magarshi Ghat are being checked in the office of the Superintending Engineer, North Bihar Circle. The estimates for bridge at Jatmalpur Ghat have been received and are being checked in Public Works Department.

After the estimates have been approved, Government will take further action in the matter.

Mr. RAM CHARAN SINHA : Will Government be pleased to give an idea of the time by which the construction will finalise ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : No, Sir.

MAINTENANCE OF AN ALLOPATHIC DISPENSARY AT MAHARAJPUR IN RAJMAHAL SUBDIVISION BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE SANTAL PARGANAS.

151. Mr. BRIJLAL DOKANIA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Local Self-Government Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Santal Parganas District Board maintains one allopathic dispensary at Maharajpur in Rajmahal subdivision in Damin-i-Koh area in which the majority of patients treated are Paharias and Santhals ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the medical officer posted at the said hospital gets a monthly salary of Rs. 30 only ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said dispensary is going to be closed for financial difficulties ;

(d) if the answer to clauses (b) and (c) be in the affirmative, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : (a) and (b)—One Dr. B. Saha, a private allopathic practitioner, practising at Maharajpur gets a subsidy of Rs. 30 a month from the District Board of the Santal Parganas.

(c) and (d) The question does not arise.

Mr. BRIJLAL DOKANIA :

सरकार ने बतकाया है कि एक Private Doctor को ३० रुपये महीना डिस्ट्रिक्ट बोर्ड से दिया जाता है। क्या सरकार को संतोष है कि इस रुपये महीना का डॉक्टर ठीक से सेवा करता होगा ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :

यह तो डिस्ट्रिक्ट बोर्ड की बात है।

Mr. BRIJ LAL DOKANIA :

यह भी तो सरकार के अन्दर है।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :

डिस्ट्रिक्ट बोर्ड एक semi-autonomous body है।

Mr. BRIJLAL DOKANIA :

अगर कोई district board गलत काम करता है तो सरकार उससे खिलाफ क्या कार्रवाई करेगी ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :

सरकार उसे supersede कर देगी।

FUNCTIONING OF UNION COMMITTEE OF PAKUR.

152. Mr. BRIJLAL DOKANIA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Local Self-Government Department be pleased to state whether the Union Committee of Pakur, which was duly elected a year ago, will ever function, or a new election will be held, if so, in what time ?

The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : The Union Committee of Pakur which was duly constituted in January 1946 could not function on account of lack of funds. The term of the members of this Committee will expire in March 1948 and then a new election will be held.

Mr. BRIJLAL DOKANIA :

सरकार ने बतलाया है कि १९४६ में Union Board का चुनाव हुआ था और आज तक कोई बैठक नहीं हुई। इसका कारण बताया गया है कि उसके पास रुपया नहीं है। तो क्या रुपया देने से बैठक होती है ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA :

यही जवाब Union Committee की तरफ से मिला है।

The Hon'ble Mr. RAMCHARITRA SINHA :

बात भी ठीक है। अगर रुपया नहीं रहेगा तो T. A. कैसे दिया जायगा।

Mr. BRIJLAL DOKANIA :

दो वर्ष तक बैठक नहीं हुई। इसका नतीजा हुआ कि तमाम शहर में बीमारी फैल गयी और कुड़ा-करकट भर गया। इसका उत्तरदायित्व कौन लेगा ?