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(d) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative what orders have been passed on the representation ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAYID MAHMUD : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) Government have been informed that they have families.

(d) The matter is still under consideration of Government.

DEPUTATION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT, BIHAR
TO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, SABOUR

5. Shri RASH BIHARI LAL : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Development Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of the Agricultural Department Bihar, are deputed to the Agricultural College, Sabour, for prosecution of studies in the degree course ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the officers who have been deputed for the sessions 1945—48 and 1946—49 do get half average pay and study allowance amounting to Rs. 40 per month as well as the cost of living allowance ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the officers deputed for the session 1947—50 are denied the advantage of getting cost of living allowance though the officers deputed for the previous session are still now continuing to get this allowance ;

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative the reasons, if any, for this ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : (a) The answer is in the affirmative. Only six Government servants are sent for such training every year.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The answer is in the affirmative.

(d) The study allowance of Rs. 40 per month besides half average pay sanctioned by Government for the two batches of the sessions 1945—48 and 1946—49 was intended to include the cost of living allowance. The Director of Agriculture's office misunderstood the same and consequently the cost of living allowance was paid to the first two batches in addition to study allowance and half average pay. Last year the mistake was detected and it was ordered that the payment of cost of living allowance was not regular as it was done against the order of Government. It was therefore suggested that the students should refund the money unless justification is given for not doing so. The Director of Agriculture was informed accordingly but he and the Principal of the College gave facts and figures justifying that cost of living allowance should be paid to these

officers as they have to maintain two establishments. The matter is still under the consideration of Government. So far as the Government officers for 1947—50 batch are concerned, it was specifically mentioned that the study allowance of Rs 40 per month includes cost of living allowance and as such these officers have not yet been getting cost of living allowance. As soon as final orders of Government on the question of grant of cost of living allowance to Government servants who are on study leave is decided upon the case of 1947—50 batch officers of Agricultural College will be considered.

ADMISSION OF STUDENTS INTO THE BIHAR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING.

6. Shri RAMGHULAM CHOUDHARY : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Development Department be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications for admission into the Engineering College, Patna, were received and how many of them were from Harijan ;—

(b) how many of the applicants were admitted ;

(c) how many of the admitted were Harijans ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : (a) 1,025 applications were received in all, out of which six were from Harijans.

(b) 188 candidates were admitted.

(c) All the candidates from the Harijan community were called for admission but only one turned up, who was admitted.

KAKRAHA, LAGMA AND DARBA CHAURS IN THE DISTRICT OF DARBHANGA.

7. Shri RADHAKANT CHOUDHARY : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Revenue Department be pleased to state—

(c) whether it is a fact that Kakraha (not Karihara), Lagma and Darba Chaur comprising of no less than 1,000 acres of land, adjacent to villages Inderwaza, Jerepura under police-station Tajpur in the district of Darbhanga remain submerged under water for six months in the year ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said chaurs are raided by floods every year affecting dozens of villages near about them ;

(c) if the answer to clauses (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what steps Government do propose to take for the outlet of water of the said chaurs ?

The Hon'ble Shri KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) and (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The question is under the consideration of Government.