

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES, 1947.

Saturday, the 11th October, 1947.

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 Ranchi on Saturday, the 11th October, 1947, at 2 p. m., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vinodhyeshwari Prasada Varma, in the chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Are the answers* ready?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: The answers are not ready at present.

Mr. PURNA CHANDRA MITRA: When answers will be ready?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: The answers will be ready in a short time and will be communicated to the hon'ble member as soon as they are ready.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: What about the short notice questions which are pending. May I know whether answers to those questions are ready?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: The answers are not ready. I think they will be ready in a short time and will be communicated to the hon'ble members concerned.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The Hon'ble Minister has assured that as soon as answers are ready and received from the department the hon'ble members will be informed of them.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

REFUND OF FINES REALISED FROM THE POLITICAL OFFENDERS.

†62. Mr. RAJENDRA MISRA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to return the fines realised from political workers who were fined to pay some amount of money in course of 1942 political movement;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, what is the amount of money refunded to such persons in the sub-district of Saharsa?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA: (a) Government have decided to refund the fines realised from political offenders during 1st June 1942 to 31st March.

(b) The amount of money paid to such persons in the sub-district of Saharsa is Rs. 475-14-0

* No. 38 regarding stamping out of corruption amongst officials in the Province.

† In absence of the questioner the answer was given at the request of Mr. Sriish Chandra Banerjee.

TOTAL NUMBER OF POPULATION OF PRAJAPATI (KUMBHAR)

96. Mr. RAMZAN ALI : Will the Hon'ble the Minister in charge of the Welfare Department be pleased to state—

(a) what is the population of Kumbhar (Prajapati) Community in the province districtwise ; (11) what percentage of their population is educated ; what measures Government propose to take for the uplift of their educational backwardness, if none, why ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the General Secretary Bihar Prantiya Prajapati Mahasabha, has approached the Hon'ble the Prime Minister and other Ministers for aid for the promotion of education among them, appointment in Government services and uplift of professional pottery industry, if so, what action Government proposes to take, if none, why ;

(c) what percentage of their population is in Government service and will Government be pleased to place on the table a list of all such employees under Government (permanent, temporary and Work charged establishment) with their full addresses, length of service, post held by them and their present pay ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) The information asked for is not readily available and the time and labour involved in collecting it would not be commensurate with the result.

It is not possible to make a separate arrangement for the uplift of each educationally backward group but Government would be prepared to consider individual cases for help on their merit.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) As at (a) above.

SEARCH OF HOUSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PADDY LEVY ORDER BY THE
SUBDIVISIONAL OFFICER, HAZARIBAGH.

97. Mr. RAMZAN ALI : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in February last the Subdivisional Officer, Hazaribagh, acting under the Paddy Levy Order, searched many a house and sealed them when no male member of the family was present and consequently often the inmates of the house were left with no foodgrains to eat ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said Subdivisional Officer assessed many small producers in huge quantity which they were unable to give, whereas many large producers were left out ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a letter has been published in a local Urdu daily, dated the 10th March 1947 (cutting enclosed), appealing to Government to take immediate steps in the matter ;