

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Wednesday, the 12th March, 1947.

Proceeding 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 12th March, 1947, at 11.30 A. M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindhyaeshwari Prasada Verma, in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MINOR IRRIGATION SCHEMES.

220. Mr. GAURI SHANKAR DALMIA: Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many Minor Irrigation Schemes have been sanctioned by the present Government till now and what is the amount of expenditure expected on these ;

(b) how many of them are in the Santal Parganas and when and what is the expected expenditure, and what is the area of the land expected to be thus irrigated ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD: (a) The present Government assumed charge in April 1946 and since April to December 1946 the Agricultural Department has sanctioned 2,475 Minor Irrigation Schemes in the whole province. The estimated total cost of all the schemes amounts to Rs. 11,17,298-9-0 only. Government contribute half the cost and the cultivators contribute the other half either in cash or in labour or in both. A statement (A) showing the details of the sanctioned scheme district, by district, is laid on the table.

(b) In the Santal Parganas 31 schemes have been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 17,517 and the area of land to be benefited is 1,430 acres. A statement (B) showing the location of these schemes is laid on the table.

STATEMENT (A)

Showing the details of the schemes sanctioned from April to December 1946.

Ranges.	Districts.	Schemes sanctioned.	Area benefited.	Estimated cost.
			Acrea.	Rs. a. p.
Patna	Patna	162	15,274	1,30,480 0 0
	Gaya	108	10,882	74,325 0 0
	Shahabad	59	5,841	44,801 0 0
	Total	319	31,997	2,49,606 0 0

CHANGE OF HOURS OF SITTING OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : There is still some time left now. I would like to discuss the question which was raised sometime ago as to the hours of the sitting of the Assembly. Is the Hon'ble Minister prepared to offer his opinion ?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : We shall be guided by the opinion of the House and you promised to consult some prominent members on this subject which has not been done as yet.

Rai Bahadur SYAMNANDAN SAHAYA : We may discuss this question to-day as there is enough time left for this purpose.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Hon'ble the Leader of the House informed the House the other day that he would himself consult some prominent members of the House.

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : The Obeir's impression is perhaps not correct. The Hon'ble the Speaker himself undertook to consult the prominent members of the House.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : No, no. I did not undertake to consult prominent members of the House. Probably the Hon'ble the Leader of the House wanted to refer some members to me.

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : It may be so, Sir.

The Assembly then adjourned till 11.30 o'clock on Thursday, the 13th March 1947.