

# THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

*Tuesday, the 20th April, 1948.*

**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 Tuesday, the 20th April, 1948, at 8 A.M., the Hon'ble Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasada Varma in the Chair.

## SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

**Mr. JADUBANS SAHAY :** There is a short notice question pending, Sir.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Is it set down for to day ?

**Mr. JADUBANS SAHAY :** It was not set down for to day. The date was not fixed, but I understand that the answer is ready.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** It may be put,

**BABU BINDESHWARI PRASAD, ACCOUNTS CLERK, RANCHI EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE.**

**57. Mr. JADUBANS SAHAY :** Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Babu Bindeshwari Prasad, Accounts Clerk, Ranchi Executive Engineer's Office passed Divisional Accountantship Examination and stood first in the whole of India ;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to the new rules, only I.A. passed candidates are permitted to sit at the Divisional Accounts Examination ;

(c) whether it is a fact that since Babu Bindeshwari Prasad has not passed the I.A. examination, he is considered disqualified for the purpose of appearing at the Departmental test ;

(d) in view of the brilliant career of Babu Bindeshwari Prasad, do Government propose to allow him to sit at the Departmental test ?

**The Hon'ble Mr. ABDUL QUAIYUM ANSARI :** (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) I. A. and I.Sc. passed candidates are permitted to sit in the examination. Government have since fixed the qualification of appointment of passed accounts clerk as I.A., I.Sc. or I.Com.

(c) The reply is in the affirmative.

(d) This is a matter for Accountant-General, Bihar, and Auditor-General of India to decide. Provincial Government had included his name in the list of candidates for appearing at the last Departmental test but the Accountant-General did not agree to this.

(d) whether it is a fact that the then Collector of Bhagalpur (Mr. T. C Puri, I.C.S.) proposed to acquire the Town Hall in a meeting in May, 1946 but the Committee did not agree ;

(e) whether it is a fact that the two temporary godowns ( Lahore Sheds ) have been erected in compound of the Town Hall without the permission of the authorities of the Town Hall and again the Government have asked the Public Works Department to construct Sales Tax office in the same compound, if so the reasons thereof ?

**The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY :** (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. As regards the second part an *ad-interim* reply from the Collector has been received in which he has urged further points for Government's consideration.

(c) The question as to how much of the compound should be transferred to the Town Hall is under consideration of local Public Works Department and the Collector will send his report after receiving the report of the Executive Engineer.

(d) Government have no information.

(e) The answer is in the affirmative. As the land including the compound is still in the charge of Government, the local officer did not consider it necessary to consult the Committee. Government have recently asked the Collector to arrange for a satisfactory solution by allowing a portion of the compound and also an access to it by a small road.

#### APPOINTMENT OF BABU RAGHO PRASAD SINHA IN THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

**253. Mr. GUPTANATH SINGH:** Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Development Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is fact that one Babu Ragho Prasad Sinha has been taken in permanent Government service in pursuance of the assurances given in the reply to question no. 383 of 16th July, 1946 ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the negative, the reason thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have abandoned the policy of appointing persons who were discharged or dismissed for participating in or associating with the movement of 1942 ;

(d) if the reply to clause (c) be in the negative, the reason of delay in absorbing the said Babu Ragho Prasad Sinha in permanent Government service ?

**The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD :** (a) The reply is in the negative.

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(b) He was employed as a temporary fieldman at the Central Sugar-Research Station and did not seek re-employment there.

(c) The reply is in the negative.

(d) Mr. Ragho Prasad Sinha was never in any permanent service. He was a temporary fieldman. He has been working as a Cloth Inspector. Government will consider his case when he applies against a permanent vacancy in a post for which he may be qualified.

#### LICENSEES OF IRON AND STEEL IN BIHAR.

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

(a) the name of the person who controls the distribution of iron and steel and makes the appointment of licensees in Bihar in respect of these materials ;

(b) the number of such licensees in the beginning of 1946 and the number remaining on the list at the end of the year ;

(c) the names of licensees removed from or substituted in the list within the year 1946 ;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government removed names of some genuine dealers from the approved list of distributors without any charge substantiated against them and whether the names of certain dealers were substituted or added about whose genuineness no enquiry was made at a time when the Controller of Iron and Steel, India, was insisting on the list of dealers being limited to old dealers only in 1947, if so, the names of the parties so included and the name of the officer who approved the new names and also the grounds on which those names were proposed ;

(e) whether it is a fact that an addition in Patna has been made of Messrs. Jahangir and Sons who never dealt in iron till the date of his appointment as a licensee by the Bihar Government.

**The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD :** (a) The Provincial Controller of Iron and Steel is the Director of Industries, Bihar, by designation and not by name. Appointment of licensees in respect of iron and steel is made by Government of India, Ministry of Industries and Supplies, New Delhi.

(b) The number of licensees (registered stockholders) of iron and steel in the beginning of 1946 was 45 and at the end of the year it was 61. The lists were prepared by the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta, without consulting the Provincial Government. Statements showing the names of the registered stockholders in the beginning of the year 1946 and at the end of the year 1946 are laid down on the table.