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Health.**

Company, Jamshedpur, is placing obstacles in the way of the duly constituted "Cable Workers Union", of which Professor Abdul Bari is president, to collect subscriptions from member-workers and threatening men against enlisting members of the union?

Mr. JAGAT NARAYAN LAL : The answer is in the negative. Government are informed that it was some employees themselves who at first dissuaded workers from joining the Union, but the manager has since instructed these employees not to interfere in this matter. As regards the collection of subscription what the manager objected to was the rush of men causing annoyance, due to subscriptions having been collected at first at the Tea Stall adjacent to the Company's office. Collections being made later at Employees Club House are not objected to by him.

GRANT OF LEASE FOR EXTRACTION OF TIMBERS FROM RESERVED FORESTS OF THE KOLHAN DIVISION.

17. Mr. DEVENDRA NATH SAMANTA : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that they proposed to grant a lease for extraction of timbers from the reserved forests of the Kolhan Division in the district of Singhbhum ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether it is a fact that local contractors of timber are strongly against this proposal ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) and (b) A proposal to this effect is being considered by Government, but the existing system of auction is being continued for another year in order that Government may have full time to consider the advantages and disadvantages of any alternative system.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES IN THE DISTRICT OF SINGHBHUM.

18. Mr. DEVENDRA NATH SAMANTA : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of constables recruited in the district of Singhbhum this year ;

(b) the number of such constables recruited from amongst the people of the district ;

(c) the number of such constables recruited from outside the district ;

(d) the number of aborigines recruited as constables in the said year ;

(e) the number of aboriginal candidates for recruitment as constables in the said year ?