

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 2nd September 1937.

Proceedings of the Bihar Legislative Assembly assembled under the provisions of the Government of India Act, 1937.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at Patna, on Thursday, the 2nd September, 1937, the Hon'ble the Speaker in the Chair.

OATH OF OFFICE

The following member made the prescribed oath of allegiance to the Crown and took his seat :—

Mr. SURYA MOHAN THAKUR .

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

OPENING OF DISPENSARIES IN EVERY POLICE-STATION OF THE SITAMARHI SUBDIVISION OF THE DISTRICT OF MUZAFFARPUR.

36. Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no dispensary in every police-station of the Sitamarhi subdivision, in the district of Muzaffarpur ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether they propose to take steps to get a dispensary opened in every police-station in this subdivision, and if not, why not ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Do Government propose to take steps to get a dispensary opened in every thana of the Sitamarhi subdivision ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : The answer is there. We have got a dispensary in every thana of the Sitamarhi-subdivision.

THE AGE OF PROMOTION OF SUB-DEPUTY COLLECTORS, THE WORK AND POWERS
AND REDRESS OF THEIR GRIEVANCES.

41. Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) if it is a fact that sub-deputy collectors after the age of 40 years are not promoted to the posts of deputy collector ;

(b) if they are aware that generally the educational qualifications of sub-deputy collectors and deputy collectors are the same and in some cases they are higher than those of deputy collectors ;

(c) if it is a fact that generally the nature of the work done by the sub-deputy collectors is the same as that of deputy collectors ;

(d) if it is a fact that sub-deputy collectors are never invested with first class powers, while there are some honorary magistrates with first class powers ;

(e) if it is a fact that sub-deputy collectors have to pass departmental examinations, have legal training and are graduates, while honorary magistrates have no such qualifications ;

(f) if it is a fact that sub-deputy collectors are not allowed to officiate as deputy collectors ;

(g) whether they propose to take any action to redress the above-mentioned grievances of sub-deputy collectors ; if so, what action they propose to take ; if not, why not ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) The usual rule is that sub-deputy collectors are not promoted after the age of 40, but during the last three years this rule has been relaxed.

(b) The minimum educational qualification is the same for both services. Usually those selected as deputy collectors have a better educational record, but some sub-deputy collectors have higher educational qualifications than some deputy collectors.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

(d) The answer is in the affirmative. There are at present 12 honorary magistrates who exercise first class powers. Four of these are retired deputy collectors and one a retired officer of the Registration Service.

(e) Sub-deputy collectors are required to pass departmental examination by the lower standard and should go through the same course of training as deputy collectors. They are also required to be graduates. No special qualifications are required for honorary magistrates. The powers which they exercise depend partly on their qualifications and partly on the character of their work as honorary magistrates.

(f) The answer is in the affirmative.

(g) The grievances will be considered in due course.

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Arising out of clause (c), is it not a fact that the sub-deputy collectors as second officers in mufassal have harder work to do than deputy collectors ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : No, Sir, that is not the question. The question is of the nature of work.

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Arising out of clause (f), the qualifications being practically the same as answered by Government, why are the sub-deputy collectors not allowed to officiate as deputy collectors ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : On the ground of efficiency.

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Government have stated in one of the answers that at times the qualifications of a sub-deputy collector are more than that of a Deputy Collector, and.....

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Are you referring to clause (b) ?

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : The question arising out of (f) is this—Qualification being practically the same or at times higher according to the answer of Government, why are sub-deputy collectors not allowed to officiate as deputy collectors ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : The answer that I have given is 'higher educational qualifications', but certainly there are also other things than educational qualifications to be considered.

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Are Government aware that in every Department officers are allowed officiating promotions except the sub-deputy collectors ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : I want notice of the question.

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Will Government please take steps to see that sub-deputy collectors are allowed to officiate as deputy collectors ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : It is a request for action, Sir

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Arising out of clause (g), the answer is : 'The grievances will be considered in due course'. May I know when will the grievances be considered ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : As soon as possible, Sir.

Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : May I know, Sir, whether it will be within a year ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Certainly.

Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASHAD : Has Government received any grievances ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : None, except some resolutions of which Government have received notices.

RESOLUTION.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The House will now proceed to discuss the non-official resolutions. The first resolution* stands in the name of Mr. Suryyanandan Thakur.

Mr. SURYYANANDAN THAKUR : Sir, I think myself very fortunate in being asked to put my resolution first, but then circumstances are such that I beg to withdraw my resolution.

DISCOURAGING RICE-MILLING AND OIL-PRESSING (contd).

Mr. BIRENDRA BAHADUR SINHA :

जनाब सदर, मैं जिस resolution को move करता हूँ वह इस प्रकार है :—

This Assembly recommends to Government to take immediate steps to discourage rice-milling and oil-pressing, for human consumption, with the aid of modern mechanical power and thereby give an impetus to the establishment of cottage industries in rural areas so as to provide supplementary work for the poor and cultivating classes.

यह तद्दरीक है—यह प्रस्ताव है जिसको मैंने हाउस (House) के सामने उपस्थित कर दिया। इसके सम्बन्ध में कुछ ज्यादा कहने की जरूरत महसूस नहीं होती है इसलिये कि इस resolution का जो sense है वह तो करीब 2 admitted principle का सा है। ताहम यह मेरे लिये लाजिमी है कि इस प्रस्ताव का पेश करनेवाला होने की हैसियत से मैं अपने ख्यालात का

* This Assembly recommends to Government to take necessary steps so that no transfer fee be payable to the landlords when an occupancy holding or a portion thereof is transferred by sale, exchange, gift or will.