

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Tuesday, the 2nd July, 1946.

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 2nd July, 1946 at 11-30 A. M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasada Varma, in the Chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

TEMPORARY INDIAN SERGEANTS.

31. Mr. BUDHDEWATH JHA : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister Incharge of Home Affairs be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that some Indian Sergeants, who were appointed five or six years ago, have still been kept on temporary basis;
- (b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, the reasons why they have not yet been made permanent;
- (c) whether it is a fact that one of these temporary Sergeants, Mr. I. S. Jha, who has been working to the entire satisfaction of his superior officers since 1943 and has been recommended during the last three years for promotion to the rank of a Sergeant-Major, is still continuing as a temporary Sergeant;
- (d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, the reason or reasons why his case for promotion has not been favourably considered?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) It is a fact that certain permanent sub-inspectors have been employed as Sergeants on a temporary basis.

(b) They have been employed as Sergeants temporarily because the normal channel of recruitment to that rank was closed on account of the war, but action to absorb them permanently in that rank is now being taken.

(c) It is a fact that Sergeant (Temporary) I. S. Jha has been nominated for promotion but there are 18 other senior to him and he has not yet been promoted.

By that time some of the retailers combined and asked that the cloth to be issued against permits issued by the Emergent Committee should be allotted to them for sale. All subsequent allotments for these purposes were, therefore, given to these dealers. Government have no information that the 4 bales which Rajendra Tewary received were allotted before or after the 20 bales were delivered to certain other retail dealers.

(d) At the instance of the Secretary of the Pure Retail Cloth Dealers' Association allotments of quotas were stopped to individual dealers and cloth was allotted to the Co-operative Store established by the retail dealers.

(e) The question does not arise.

STATEMENT MADE BY MR. FENNER BROCKWAY REGARDING STEPS TAKEN IN INDIA TO SUPPRESS OUTBREAK OF LAWLESSNESS, ETC.

181. Rai Bahadur SYAMNANDAN SAMAYA: Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state —

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement made by Mr Fenner Brockway at the annual conference of the Independent Labour Party at South Gate, England that steps are being taken in India to suppress outbreak of lawlessness and consequent loss of life and property in the event of a breakdown of the negotiations between the Cabinet Mission and the Political Parties;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, what these steps are?

The Hon'ble Mr. SORI KRISHNA SINHA: (a) and (b). The hon'ble member is referred to the answer given on the 24th June 1946 to question no. 98 asked by Mr. Murali Manohar Prasad.

PREVALENCE OF MALARIA, KALA-AZAR, POX AND CHOLERA IN THE KATIHAH ELAKA (PURNEA).

182. Mr. MUHAMMAD RAZIUDDIN: Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Katihar elaka (Purnea) including Kadwa Karandighi, Barsoi, Azamnagar and Mehihari thanas are perpetual victims to malarial, kala-azar, pox and cholera all the year round;

(b) whether it is a fact that almost the entire elaka has been ignored by Government in the Public Health Department and its other allied agencies, causing immense suffering to the people concerned;

(c) if the answer to clauses (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what effective steps Government propose to take or if any taken so far to eradicate the diseases from the elaka?

The Hon'ble Mr. JAGLAL CHUDHARY : (a) The answer is in the negative. This elaka is subject to seasonal outbreaks of these diseases.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

(c) The question does not arise. The existing public health arrangements provided by the district board and Government are adequate to cope with the local epidemic situation.

Mr. MU AMMAD RAZIUDDIN : Arising out of (a), will Government be pleased to lay on the table the health reports of the thanas concerned of the last ten years ?

The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : I want notice of the question as the information is not available on this file.

Mr MUHAMMAD RAZIUDDIN : Arising out of (c), will Government be pleased to state what additional health arrangement has been provided by the district board to combat the increasing force of the epidemic ?

The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : As has been said in clause (c), Sir, the existing arrangements are adequate to cope with the local epidemic situation. It is not possible to give precise information on the point raised by the hon'ble member just at present.

Mr. MUHAMMAD RAZIUDDIN : Have Government sent any epidemic staff to the affected areas over and above what has been provided by the district board ?

The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. MUHAMMAD RAZIUDDIN : May we know the number of the staff ?

The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : I want notice for that.

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•CHOLERA AND MALARIA IN THE DIFFERENT THANAS OF THE SITAMARHI SUBDIVISION.

133. Thakur RAMNANDAN SINGH : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of deaths that have occurred during the last three months due to cholera and malaria in different thanas of the Sitamarhi subdivision ;

(b) the area which has been badly affected by malaria in Sitamarhi subdivision during the last three months ;

(c) the medical relief that has been given to those sufferers on behalf of the district board and the Government ?