

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Wednesday, the 9th April, 1947.

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 Wednesday, the 9th April, 1947, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindheyshwari Prasada Varma, in the Chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

NOMINATION OF BABU BINDA CHOUDHRY OF MAHNAR AS CHIEF AGENT WITH RESPECT TO PADDY LEVY AND MONOPOLY SCHEME.

20. Mr. GUPTANATH SINGH : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state—

(a) when was Babu Binda Choudhry of Mahnar nominated as chief agent with respect to paddy levy and monopoly scheme of Government ;

(b) whether it was pointed out at the meeting of the Grain Dealers' Association held to elect chief agent that the said Babu Binda Choudhry had a very bad reputation in trade inasmuch as he was several times implicated in profiteering and black-marketing cases ;

(c) whether any proceedings were pending in the court of the Sub-divisional Officer, Hajipur, against the said Babu Binda Choudhry even when he was nominated as chief agent ;

(d) when was the said Babu Binda Choudhry convicted by the Subdivisional Officer, and when the judgment of the Appellate Court delivered ;

(e) whether the district authorities were directed by the Government to remove Babu Binda Choudhry from chief agentship long before the decision of the Appellate Court ;

(f) whether very recently a serious case of smuggling of grains has been reported from the Mahnar godown of the said Babu Binda Choudhry ;

(g) whether Government intend to take any prompt action against the said Babu Binda Choudhry for his omissions and commissions as licensed grain and cloth merchant of Hajipur Subdivision ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The question may be read out by Mr. Guptanath Singh clause by clause and the answers may be given by the Hon'ble Minister in charge clause by clause.

SALE OF RICE AT ARRAH.

335. Mr. RAJKISHORE SINGH : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that 125 maunds of rice was taken away by an unauthorised person from Government godown at Arrah in collusion with the local Marketing Inspector without even depositing the cost of the rice;

(b) whether it is a fact that the matter was kept secret for a pretty long time by officers concerned;

(c) if answers to clauses. (a) and (b) be in the affirmative what action has been taken in the matter?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : (a) No. (105 maunds of rice was issued to Pandit Vachaspati Tripathi on April 25, 1946, on the authority of the District Supply Officer and the cost was deposited into the treasury on May 8, 1946.)

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

Sardar HARIHAR SINGH :

किस काम के लिये १०५ मन चावल दिया गया था ?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA :

कलक्टर के वहाँ से जो जवाब आया है उससे पता नहीं चलता कि किस काम के लिये चावल दिया गया था।

Sardar HARIHAR SINGH :

जिनको दिया गया था वे डीलर थे या गोलेदार, किस दैसियत से उनको दिया गया था ?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA :

डिस्ट्रिक्ट सप्लाय ऑफसर ने डिस्ट्रिक्ट कांग्रेस कमिटी के नाम पर जो साइव गये थे उन्हीं ने उनको दिया था।

Sardar HARIHAR SINGH :

किस काम के लिये दिया गया था ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :

इसका जवाब पहले ही दिया जा चुका है।

Sardar HARIHAR SINGH :

डिस्ट्रिक्ट सप्लाय ऑफसर को चावल देने का अधिकार है ?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA :

अधिकार है या नहीं इसका जवाब तो सवाल पढ़ने पर दिया जायेगा लेकिन वाक्या यह है कि डिस्ट्रिक्ट सप्लाय ऑफसर ने अपनी जिम्मेदारी (authority) पर इतना चावल दिया है।

Sardar HARIHAR SINGH :

क्या यह सही है कि डिस्ट्रिक्ट सप्लाय ऑफसर का कोई लिखा हुआ हुक्मनामा चावल देने के लिये नहीं था बल्कि जवानी हुक्म से दिया गया ?]

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA :

मालूम नहीं है।

Mr. MURLI MANOHAR PRASAD : Is it permissible for the District Supply Officer to direct the issue of so much rice for personal use ?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : Not for personal use but he can issue for the use of an institution.

BLACK-MARKETING OF SUGAR IN KATEA THANA AREA IN THE DISTRICT OF MUZAFFARPUR.

327. Mr. VINDHESHWARI PRASAD SINHA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have any definite information regarding the fact that out of a total supply of 60 maunds of sugar for sweets to the Katra Thana Advisory Committee a major portion goes to the black-market ;

(b) whether the names of sweet-vendors are fictitious and the persons to whom the sugar is supposed to be supplied have no shops ;

(c) if the answer to clause (b) be in the affirmative, what action, if any, Government propose to take ?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : (a) No.

(b) The enquiries so far made show that none of the persons are actually fictitious but some of them are not genuine Halwais.

(c) The quotas of all Halwais in Katra Thana have been stopped since January 1947, pending the result of the Assistant Supply Officers' enquiries.