

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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Trunk telephone
line between
Patna and Gaya.

98. Will the Government be pleased to state if it is true that a telephonic connection between Gaya and Patna is in their contemplation? If so, what steps have been taken in furtherance of the project?

MR. SIFTON: A trunk line between Patna and Gaya has been recommended by the Local Government; but at present material is not available for the construction of trunk lines in Bihar and Orissa.

Fast train service
between Gaya
and Patna.

99. Are the Government aware that there exists a keenly-felt want for at least one fast-running train service between Gaya and Patna? If so, will Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, they have taken for the removal of that want?

MR. BREMNER: Government have not received any complaints. The Agent, East Indian Railway Company, will be communicated with on the subject.

Fund for the
establishment of
a medical school
at Darbhanga.

100. Will the Government be pleased to state if the proposed medical school at Darbhanga is to be established out of the Trust Fund created by the Maharajadhiraja Sir Rameshwara Singh, G.C.I.E., K.B.E., of Darbhanga for establishing a medical college at Patna?

MR. SIFTON: The member is referred to clause (c) of Government Resolution No. 577-M.R., dated the 11th June 1920, regarding the creation of the Bihar Medical College Trust Fund, a copy* of which is laid on the table.

Babu Raghubans Thakur.

Revised pay of
sub-registrars.

101. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that bitter discontent prevails among the sub-registrars in the Province on account of the delay in the publication of their revised scale of pay, notwithstanding the recommendations of the special officer submitted long ago?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state in what definite period of time the revised scheme of pay for the sub-registrars is likely to be announced?

MR. HUBBACK: (a) No.

(b) It has already been announced by a press communique* published in part II of the *Bihar and Orissa Gazette* of the 2nd February 1921.

Status of
sub-registrars.

102. Will the Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that sub-registrars were classed as gazetted officers till 1917 and, if so, what the reason of their present exclusion from that category is and whether they intend to include them in that class?

MR. HUBBACK: Sub-registrars were formerly treated as gazetted officers for audit purposes only. This was changed in 1917 at the instance of the Comptroller-General. There has been no change in their status.

Babu Shiva Shankar Jha.

Floods in Madhubani Subdivision due to insufficient waterway in Bengal and North-Western Railway.

103. (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that floods in the Madhubani Subdivision cause extensive damage to crops, fodder and habitations every year?

(b) Are the Government aware that the damage is mainly due to the accumulation of water on account of the Bengal and North-Western Railway roads having no outlets sufficient in number and capacity to discharge the flood water from one side to the other?

MR. BREMNER: (a) and (b) Three reports of floods in the Madhubani Subdivision have been received, i. e., one in 1916, one in 1917 and one in 1920, the flood of 1916 being the highest on record. The damage is due not so much

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to the Bengal and North-Western Railway line not having provided sufficient waterway originally, but to the change in the course of the Kamla river which now passes to the east of the Sakri-Jaynagar line.

A joint inquiry into the waterway required to meet the altered circumstances has been held by the Public Works Department and Railway Engineers.

The Bengal and North-Western Railway are providing additional waterways which, it is hoped, will prove sufficient.

104. (a) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the fact that there are no inter-class compartments for females in most of the branch trains on the Bengal and North-Western Railway which causes much inconvenience to the travelling public?

Want of reserved female compartments (inter-class) on Bengal and North-Western Railway and unsatisfactory arrangements for water supply at stations.

(b) Are the Government aware that there is no satisfactory arrangement for the supply of water to passengers at the stations on the Bengal and North-Western Railway?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps Government propose to take for redressing these grievances?

MR. BREMNER : (a), (b) and (c) The Agent, Bengal and North-Western Railway, who was addressed, has promised that if there is any demand for reserved accommodation for females, he is prepared to board off one intermediate compartment and reserve it for them.

With regard to the water-supply the Agent reports that the matter is receiving attention and that improvements are being gradually made at the more important junctions which will result in satisfactory arrangements.

Maulavi Shaikh Abdul Majid.

105. Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of pupils, Hindu, Muhammadan, Christian and Brahmo, separately in —

Number of pupils, Hindu, Muhammadan, Christian and Brahmo, in different classes of Ravenshaw Girls' School.

(i) the college classes,

(ii) the higher classes from Class IX-XII.

(iii) the lower classes of the Ravenshaw Girls' School, Cuttack?

MR. HALLETT :

	Hindu.	Muhammadan.	Christian.	Brahmo.	Others.
(i)	4	2	...
(ii)	5	1	27	3	...
(iii)	70	9	22	8	1
	<hr/> 75	<hr/> 10	<hr/> 53	<hr/> 13	<hr/> 1

Chaudhuri Bhagabat Prashad Samantarai Mahapatra.

106. Will the Government be pleased to state —

(a) the annual receipts and expenditure, in a tabular form, since the opening of railway communication between Calcutta and Cuttack,

Receipts from and expenditure on the Orissa Coast Canal.

(i) of the Orissa Coast Canal, and

(ii) if the figures of the whole canal be not easily available, then only of the part of it from Chargachhia to Charbatia in the district of Balasore;