

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 28th April, 1938.

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 Thursday the 28th April, 1938 at 11 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ram Dayalu Sinha, in the Chair.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

DRAINAGE OF KABAR AND NANLA CHAURS IN BEGUSARAI SUBDIVISION.

257. Mr. BRAHMADEO NARAYAN SINGH: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether rain and flood water remain clogged all the year round in the Kabar, and Nanla *chaurs* in the Begusarai subdivision ;

(b) whether it is a fact that a considerable area covering nearly 10 or 20 thousands of *bighas* of land remain uncultivated during the year on this account ;

(c) whether Government have any scheme to drain away the water from these *chaurs* ?

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN: (a) and (b) The necessity for the draining of these *chaurs* has been brought to the notice of Government, but the question has not as yet been investigated.

(c) There are several such requests before Government. An order of priority will be made out and the investigations will be taken up as staff becomes available.

Mr. BRAHMADEO NARAYAN SINGH : Will Government be pleased to state what is the difficulty in arranging the staff.

Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN : There is no difficulty about the staff. There are too many schemes before Government and they will be taken up according to priority.

Mr. RAMCHARITRA SINGH : Is it a fact that Government has already taken certain smaller drainage wrkos ?

cases in Wards and Encumbered Estates 13 rent suits failed on legal grounds and proceedings were dropped, in 368 certificate cases as the certificate debtors were reported to possess no assets.

(g) Failure of 8 rent suits was due to a proprietor Thakursi Kashi Prasad Singh himself. The fixing of responsibility in remaining cases is under consideration.

(h) The matter is under consideration of the Deputy Commissioner, Palamau.

(i) and (j) The answer is in the affirmative.

(k) Does not arise.

(l) Certificate cases in *khasmahals* are not filed until the *khasmahal* officer himself approves of such a course of action. As regards such cases of Wards and Encumbered Estates in doubtful cases, enquiries are made by higher officers. Such enquiries in 1936 were made by the assistant manager. There is no prescribed *percentage* of local check either by the manager or the assistant manager.

CLAIMS ON THE DEPRESSED CLASSES IN THE DIRECT RECRUITMENT OF CANE INSPECTORS.

261. Mr. SHIVANANDAN RAM* : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of appointments which they are going to make as cane inspector by direct recruitment ;

(b) whether the claims of depressed class candidates for such appointment will be considered by them ?

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : (a) Two.

(b) All applications which may be received for the posts will be considered on their merits before a selection is made. The claims of the depressed class candidates, if any, will be borne in mind.

WORK PERFORMED BY THE VILLAGE CHAMAINS.

262. Mr. RAM BASAWAN RABIDAS* : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in villages hereditary *chamains* serve as *dais* (midwife) at the time of delivery of a woman and also serve during the period of her confinement ;

* In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Ram Prashad.