

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Friday, the 14th May, 1948.

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 Friday, the 14th May, 1948, at 5-30 P. M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasada Varma, in the Chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

NUMBER OF COMMUNIST WORKERS ARRESTED OR PUT UNDER DETENTION IN THE PROVINCE SINCE MARCH 1948.

62. Mr. HARINATH MISHRA : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the number of communist workers that have been arrested or put under detention in the Province since March, 1948 ;

(b) the names of the communist offices that have been searched since March, 1948, with incriminating materials, if any, found during the searches ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government contemplate banning the communist party in the Province ;

(d) the action Government have taken or proposed to take against the Communist Party ?

The Hon'ble Mr. BADRINATH VERMA : (a) 13.

(b) So far as information is available the following C. P. I. offices were searched :—

Bettiah, Motihari, Chapra, Sonapur, Monghyr, Jamaipur, Bhagalpur, Bogusarai, Koldiha, Katihar, Darbhanga, Gaya, Ranchi, Sasaram, Dehri (Public Works Department Union Office), Patna, Janashakti Press, Patna, Muzaffarpur town.

Dhanbad, Alkusa-Nayadih Balliery Collieries Union Offices at Kenduadih, Bhowrah Colliery Union Office at Jorapokhar, Giridih Coal Workers' Union Office, Mica Mazdoor Union Office, Balram Workers' Union Office Amlabad, Manbhum.

A wireless set bearing No. BC-348-K-serial no. 1357, Signal Corps United States Army was recovered from the C. P. I. Office Bettiah.

A copy of the prescribed book entitled "Operation Asylum" was found at the C. P. I. Office Bettiah and Motihari.

(c) and (d)—It will not be in the public interest to disclose the course of action Government propose to follow.

Action already taken by Government is known to the hon'ble members from the reply to (a).

The Hon'ble Dr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : The rule—Appendix 42, Police Manual—under which Steno-Sub-Inspectors were required to be transferred to executive duties ordinarily after 5 years of service as Steno-Sub-Inspectors was cancelled in 1938 and the cadre of Steno-Sub-Inspectors was completely separated from the general cadre of Sub-Inspectors. The cadre of Steno-Sub-Inspectors has now been replaced by a cadre of Steno-clerks and the existing Steno-Sub-Inspectors are being absorbed as quickly as possible in the general line.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, MONGHYR FOREST DIVISION.

331. Mr. DEOKI NANDAN PRASAD : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Revenue Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Forest Officer posted at Monghyr, or Dinsai is suffering from gout and a particular kind of paralysis ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, the name of the part of his body affected by the particular kind of paralysis ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the particular kind of disease referred to in clauses (a) and (b) has made him physically unfit ;

(d) the number of miles a forest officer is required to walk into the jungle ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) The Forest Officer posted at Monghyr is not suffering from paralysis. The present Divisional Forest Officer damaged his feet very badly while extinguishing a forest fire and he occasionally suffers from pain in the feet which some doctor diagnosed as Rheumatoid Arthritis.

(b) No part is affected by paralysis.

(c) No, he is not physically unfit. Recently he toured with the Conservator of Forests and accompanied him every where.

(d) It all depends on the work one has to inspect.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBDIVISIONAL OFFICER, DUMKA, AFTER THE DEPUTATION OF MR. L. J. TITMAN UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

***332. Mr. BURHANUDDIN KHAN :** Will the Hon'ble Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on the transfer of Mr. L. J. Titman, Subdivisional Officer of Dumka, Mr. John Lal was ordered to take charge of the subdivision ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether it is a fact that before Mr. John Lal could take over, under another order Mr. R. S. Mandal was asked to take over charge from Mr. Titman ;

*In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Dr. Ghulam Rasool Khan.

xii Short Notice Questions and Answers. [14th May,

(c) if the answer to clause (b) be in the affirmative, whether it is a fact that immediately after Mr. R. S. Mandal had taken over, under another order Mr. John Lal was asked to take over from Mr. R. S. Mandal ;

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, whether those orders were passed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister or with his approval

(e) if the answer to clause (d) be in the affirmative, the reason that necessitated the variation in the order in such quick succession ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) The answer is the negative.

(b), (c), (d) and (e) Do not arise.

Dr. GHULAM RASUL KHAN : Sir, in the question it is stated " whether it is a fact that on the transfer of Mr. L. J. Titman, Subdivisional Officer of Dumka, Mr. John Lal was ordered to take charge of the subdivision " and then another gentleman was ordered to take charge. Now, my question is whether such orders are usually passed before a final order is reached ?

The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA : The answer is in the negative.

The question does not arise at all.

Mr. MUHAMMAD ABDUL GHANI : Are there some instances when such orders were passed ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : How does that question arise ?

ISSUE OF SUPPLEMENTARY COUPONS FOR PETROL TO M. L. A.'s, M. L. C.'s AND OTHERS.

333. Mr. TARANAND SINHA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Transport Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the supplementary coupons for petrol allowed to M. L. A.'s has been reduced by half whereas to others it has been restored almost in full ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether it is a fact that difficulty is caused to the M. L. A.'s and M. L. C.'s moving in their constituencies and attending Assembly Session due to this cut ;

(c) if the answer to clause (b) be in the affirmative, the reason thereof and whether Government propose to enquire into the matter of restoration of the supplementary coupons to the M. L. A.'s and M. L. C.'s immediately ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SAIYID MAHMUD : (a) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. Regarding second part of the question the answer is in the negative. Instruction