

**THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.***Friday, the 28th 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 28th May, 1948, with the Hon'ble the Speaker Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasada Varma in the Chair.

**SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**

**THROWING INTO A WELL OF A HARIJAN BOY NAMED MANGAR DHOBI BY PEOPLE OF HIGHER CASTES IN SITAMARHI.**

**83. Mr. RAM GHULAM CHAUDHARY:** Will Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are aware of the news published in a local English daily in its issue of 22nd May 1948, that on May 19th, 1948, a Harijan boy, named Mangar Dhobi of Sitamarhi was thrown into a well by two men of higher castes as a result of which he died instantly ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, what steps Government have so far taken in the matter ;

(c) in case no action has so far been taken in the matter, what action is proposed to be taken in it ?

**The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA :** (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) A case under sections 304 and 114-I. P. O. has been instituted on the 16th May, 1948 by the Sub-Inspector of Police, Sitamarhi. The case is under police investigation.

(c) The question does not arise

**Mr. RAMGHULAM CHAUDHARY :**

क्या सरकार यह बतला सकती है कि जो आदमी भागा हुआ है वह पकड़ा गया या नहीं ?

**The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA :**

चूंकि यह स्वाल पूछा नहीं गया था इसलिए यह बात पर खबर नहीं मंगवाई गई। यदि आप चाहें तो खबर मंगवाई जा सकती है। आपने पूछा था कि क्या action लिया गया है। इसका जवाब मैंने दे दिया है कि पुलिस कैसे किया गया है।

**Mr. RAMGHULAM CHAUDHARY :**

मुझे मालूम हुआ है कि पुलिस की रिपोर्ट यह है कि चूंकि वह पानी भर रहा था, फीच रहा था और छोटा पड़ा, इसलिए वह छर से भागा और कुएं में गिर पड़ा। क्या यह रिपोर्ट सही है ?

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(5) Almost all the day scholars are Bengali reading but there is no provision for teaching Bengali language.

(6) Hostel boys get free medicine and the day scholars have to pay only the bare cost of medicine.

(7) There is no truth.

(8) This is not true. I consulted the list of free-studentships and found names of many non-Christian students enjoying this privilege.

(9) It is not true. The aborigines pay lower rates of fees according to the Education Code.

I examined the mark register of the school and awarded promotions to 4 boys of different classes who deserved promotions but were detained. The reasons given by the headmaster for such detention did not appeal to me.

From the above it appears that there was some misunderstanding among the parties and I do not think any action is necessary just at present.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY AS DEARNESS ALLOWANCE TO UNION BOARD AND UNION COMMITTEES.

420. **Mr. RAM BASAWAN RAM :** Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Education Department be pleased to state —

(a) whether it is a fact that the primary school teachers under the union boards in the province have not been getting the extra dearness allowance granted by the Government to other primary school teachers ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, the reasons for this discriminatory treatment amongst the teachers of different primary schools and whether they propose to place them on equal footing ?

**The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGARH NARAYAN SINHA :** (a) Yes.

(b) Government are against any discriminatory treatment amongst employees of various local bodies. In view of the increasing financial liabilities of Government and the disinclination on the part of local bodies to raise their income by taxation Government are unable to commit themselves to the continuance of the subsidy during the current financial year. The question has not, however, been finally decided and Government are still examining the case of this class of teachers.

**Mr. JHULAN SINHA :** Arising out of (a) will Government be pleased to state, what has happened of the dearness allowance provided in the budget for the teachers of the Union Board from December 1946 to March 1948?

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** What does the hon'ble member mean by saying what has happened to the dearness allowance to the teachers of the Union Board ?

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**Mr. JHULAN SINHA :** Has the dearness allowance been paid to them or has it lapsed ?

**The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA :** The question relates to the payment of dearness allowance to the teachers working under the Union Board. No dearness allowance is paid to the teachers working under the Union Board. So there is no question of paying or not paying the dearness allowance to them.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** The question is whether it is a fact that the primary school teachers under the Union Boards in the province have not been getting the extra dearness allowance granted by Government to other primary school teachers.

**The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA :** It is a fact. They are not granted any dearness allowance.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** The question is whether they have not been getting dearness allowance granted by the Government. The answer is " Yes ".

**The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA :** No grant of dearness allowance was made to them.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** The answer to the question was a little vague. The Hon'ble Minister has now cleared that point.

**Mr. JHULAN SINHA :** Will Government be pleased to state the reason for not paying dearness allowance to the teachers working under the Union Board ?

**The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA :** When making sanction Government said that only such teachers of local bodies as were receiving some kind of dearness allowance were to receive the increased amount. As the teachers of the Union Board were not getting any dearness allowance from before the grant of increased or extra dearness allowance to them was not considered. A reference has been made in this connection to Government, and this matter is under the consideration of Government.

**Mr. JHULAN SINHA :** Do Government realise that they have suffered much ?

**The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA :** They have not been receiving any dearness allowance. For payment to them in future, Government have taken up the matter. Certain information will be required to form an estimate of their requirements of funds. Unless those informations are received it will not be possible to pursue the matter any further.