

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Tuesday, the 20th April, 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 Tuesday, the 20th April, 1948, at 8 A.M., the Hon'ble Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasada Varma in the Chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Mr. JADUBANS SAHAY : There is a short notice question pending, Sir.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Is it set down for to day ?

Mr. JADUBANS SAHAY : It was not set down for to day. The date was not fixed, but I understand that the answer is ready.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : It may be put,

BABU BINDESHWARI PRASAD, ACCOUNTS CLERK, RANCHI EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

57. Mr. JADUBANS SAHAY : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Babu Bindeshwari Prasad, Accounts Clerk, Ranchi Executive Engineer's Office passed Divisional Accountantship Examination and stood first in the whole of India ;

(b) whether it is a fact that according to the new rules, only I.A. passed candidates are permitted to sit at the Divisional Accounts Examination ;

(c) whether it is a fact that since Babu Bindeshwari Prasad has not passed the I.A. examination, he is considered disqualified for the purpose of appearing at the Departmental test ;

(d) in view of the brilliant career of Babu Bindeshwari Prasad, do Government propose to allow him to sit at the Departmental test ?

The Hon'ble Mr. ABDUL QUAIYUM ANSARI : (a) The reply is in the affirmative.

(b) I. A. and I.Sc. passed candidates are permitted to sit in the examination. Government have since fixed the qualification of appointment of passed accounts clerk as I.A., I.Sc. or I.Com.

(c) The reply is in the affirmative.

(d) This is a matter for Accountant-General, Bihar, and Auditor-General of India to decide. Provincial Government had included his name in the list of candidates for appearing at the last Departmental test but the Accountant-General did not agree to this.

Mr. PRABHUNATH SINHA : Is it the policy of Government that in such appointments experience and practical training counts much more than educational qualification ?

Mr. BIR CHANDRA PATEL : Yes, Sir.

Mr. JAGANNATH SINGH : Has the Assistant Agricultural Engineer to do some administrative work ?

Mr. BIR CHANDRA PATEL : He has to do some account of administrative work.

Mr. JAGANNATH SINGH : Do Government think that Mr. Siddique will be able to discharge his administrative work properly when he has no educational qualification ?

Mr. BIR CHANDRA PATEL : It is of such a minor character that he will have no difficulty in doing the job.

CONVERTING THE PATNA UNIVERSITY INTO A TEACHING UNIVERSITY.

***229. Mrs. ZAHRA AHMAD :** Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Education Department be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage is the scheme for converting the Patna University into a Teaching University ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to introduce a Bill to bring about this change at an early date ?

The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA : (a) and (b) Government have a draft Bill ready which is undergoing examination. It will be introduced as early as possible.

Mr. RAMESHWAR PRASAD SINHA (Congress) : Do Government intend to introduce a Bill in the next session for converting the Patna University into a Teaching University ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : As early as possible.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to say for what period the draft Bill has been under the consideration of Government ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : For a considerable period, Sir.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : May I know what the Hon'ble Minister means by considerable period ? Does it not mean two years ?

*In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Salyid Amin Ahmed.

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The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : It cannot be two years, but it may be less than a year or a little more than a year.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : In view of the fact that the conception has taken a long period when can the delivery be expected ?

(No reply.)

Mr. MURLI MANOHAR PRASAD : Is it not a fact that during the last session of the Assembly at Ranchi Government gave a definite undertaking that the Bill would come up before the House in this current session ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : Yes, Sir, some such assurance was given.

Mr. SAIYID AMIN AHMAD : Is there any danger of miscarriage ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : The hon'ble member can know it better.

TAKING OVER THE CONTROL OF T. N. J. COLLEGE, BHAGALPUR.

***230. Mrs. ZAHRA AHMAD:** Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Education Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to take over the T. N. J. College;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, when the contemplated change is likely to take place ?

The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA: (a) and (b) A proposal to this effect is being examined. It is not certain when the proposal will materialise.

PROVISION OF BETTER ACCOMMODATION FOR THE LADY TEACHERS OF THE BANKIPORE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

***231. Mrs. ZAHRA AHMAD:** Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Education Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are aware of the lack of comfort and adequate accommodation to the lady teachers of the Bankipore Girls' School in the teachers' quarters allotted to them;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, measure, if any, taken or proposed to be taken to better the condition, and if so, when ?

The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA: (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

**In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Saiyid Amin Ahmad.*