

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

*Monday, 21st March, 1921.*

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at Eleven of the Clock.  
The Honourable the President was in the Chair.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### EXPULSION OF PERSONS FROM CANTONMENTS.

497. **Haji Wajihuddin**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of persons who have been ordered during the last 2 years to leave Cantonments (within 24 hours from receipt of notice) under sections 215 and 216, Cantonment Code, with reasons of their expulsion?

**Sir Godfrey Fell**: It is regretted that Government are not in possession of the information asked for by the Honourable Member, as expulsion orders under sections 215 and 216 of the Cantonment Code are not communicated to the Government of India.

If the Honourable Member desires to press the matter, the information will be collected from the local military authorities and, when ready, will be laid on the table.

### PRESIDENT OF THE ASSAM COUNCIL.

498. **Srijut Debi Charan Barua**: (a) Has the attention of the Government of India been drawn to adverse comments in the Press upon the appointment by the Governor of Assam of his father-in-law as the President of the Assam Provincial Legislative Council?

(b) Were the Government of India consulted in the matter of the appointment, and if so, did they approve of it?

**Mr. S. P. O'Donnell**: I would refer the Honourable Member to the reply given to a similar question asked by Rai Bahadur Girish Chandra Nag on March 5th, 1921.

### INTERESTS OF THE JAIN COMMUNITY.

499. **Mr. Pyari Lal**: (a) Is the Government of India aware that though the Jains numerically form a small community in the country, yet proportionately they contribute to the Indian Exchequer more revenue in the shapes of income-tax, land taxes, etc., than other communities and that their share in the recent war loans was not inconsiderable?

(b) Has the Government made any provision to protect their minority interests in the matter of Reforms, Education or appointments in the Public Services?

(c) Have the Local Governments ever exercised their power of direct appointment to Provincial Executive Services in favour of eligible young men of the Jain Community as they do in case of others?

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to do with the matter, and the explanation of the incident is the patwari's anxiety to carry out the order to inform all electors in his village of the date and place of the election. This is the only instance so far as is known of the kind, and Government propose to take no action.

#### MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS AT RAISINA.

508. **Sir Frank Carter:** (a) Are Government aware that there are no medical facilities for residents at Raisina?

(b) Will the Government state what steps they are taking to remedy this?

**Mr. S. P. O'Donnell:** There are one Military Assistant Surgeon and two Sub-Assistant Surgeons living at Raisina. Government will consider whether any further facilities are required.

#### INCONVENIENCES ON THE GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

509. **Mr. Abdul Qadir:** (a) Are not the Government aware that no Intermediate class carriages or compartments are provided in the passenger trains on Great Indian Peninsula Railway lines?

(b) Are the Government aware that the absence of such accommodation in passenger trains is causing great inconvenience to middle class people?

(c) Are the Government aware of the fact of the absence of water closets in third class carriages of the passenger trains on Great Indian Peninsula Railway lines and of the consequent inconvenience to the passengers?

(d) Do Government propose to take the necessary action to remove these inconveniences as early as possible?

**Colonel W. D. Waghorn:** (a) and (b). Intermediate class accommodation is provided on all Great Indian Peninsula Railway Mail and Express trains except the Punjab Mail. Until additional stock can be obtained intermediate class accommodation could only be provided on other trains by reducing the third class accommodation which is already taxed to its utmost capacity, and it is not considered desirable to do this.

(c) Lavatories are provided in all bogie third class carriages on main line passenger trains and in a proportion of the four-wheeled stock on branch line services. Fitting of the remainder of the latter is progressing as quickly as funds and opportunity of withdrawal from the train service permit.

(d) As will be seen from the replies to (a), (b) and (c), action which is possible at present is being taken.

#### MEMORIAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

510. **Mr. M. K. Reddiyar:** (a) What is the practice about dealing with the advance copies of memorials submitted to the Government of India in cases where the memorial itself is submitted through the local authority?

(b) What is the remedy prescribed by rules in cases where a memorial submitted by any person to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India or the Government of India is withheld by the local authority arbitrarily, or not transmitted without any proper reason as provided in the rules?

(c) Do the Government propose to make clear rules on the subject, if they are not sufficiently clear and definite?