

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Tuesday, the 16th March, 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 16th March, 1948 at 11 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindhreshwari Prasada Varma, in the Chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

CONDUCT OF THE HEADMASTER OF THE PATNA COLLEGIATE SCHOOL IN REMOVING THE PORTRAIT OF MAHATMA GANDHI FROM A CLASS-ROOM AND SUBSTITUTING IT WITH THAT OF CLIVE.

13. Mr. SARANGDHAR SINHA : Will the Hon'ble Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) if his attention has been drawn to a news published in one of the local English dailies in its issue of the 7th March, containing two serious allegations against the conduct of the Headmaster of the Patna Collegiate School, viz., (a) that he removed Gandhiji's portrait from a class-room and put up in its place a portrait of Clive, and (b) that he threatened certain students who had attended Gandhiji's funeral in Delhi with expulsion from school ;

(b) if he has had any enquiry made into the truth or otherwise of the aforesaid report ;

(c) if the answer to clause (b) be in the negative, the reasons for not ordering an inquiry immediately ;

(d) if the answer to clause (b) be in the affirmative, the result of the inquiry ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : Sir, with your permission, on behalf of the Hon'ble Education Minister, I propose to answer the question.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Yes, please.

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

SEPARATION OF EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS IN BIHAR.

55. Mr. JHULAN SINHA: Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the decision arrived at by Government with regard to separation of the Judiciary from the Executive ;

(b) the date on which the Committee recommending a detailed scheme for the said separation was last constituted and on which date it submitted its proposal ;

(c) the action that has so far been taken on the recommendation of the Committee ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) Government have decided to separate the Executive and Judicial functions within the existing frame work of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(b) The Committee was appointed on the 1st December, 1946. It submitted its report on the 16th January, 1947.

(c) The details of the scheme are being worked out by a Special Officer appointed for this purpose.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASHAD SINGH : What do Government mean by the qualifying phrase " within the existing frame work of the Code of Criminal Procedure " ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : It is absolutely clear. The hon'ble member ought to understand the meaning.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASHAD SINGH : Is it not a complete separation of Judicial from the Executive ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : It is not.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASHAD SINGH : When the work of the separation is going to begin ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : Examination has started and as soon as the examination is complete, it will be introduced in two districts, to begin with.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASHAD SINGH : Which districts ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : Patna and Gaya.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASHAD SINGH : When will the examination be held ?

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The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : Examination of the materials that have been placed before the authority is being done.

Mr. DEVA SARAN SINGH : Will Government accept the recommendations of the Committee ?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : Fully.

UTTER LACK OF IRRIGATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NON-CANAL AREAS OF THE SASARAM SUBDIVISION.

59. Mr. JAGANNATH SINGH : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Irrigation Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an utter lack of irrigational facilities in the non-canal areas of the Sasaram Subdivision where people are facing conditions bordering on famine this year ;

(b) the number of irrigation schemes sanctioned and executed separately for this area during the last twenty months of the popular regime ;

(c) the number of petitions received from the people of the Sasaram Subdivision for irrigational facilities, thanawise, and the action taken in each case ;

(d) whether Government propose to take any steps in the near future for ensuring irrigational facilities to the people of the aforesaid areas which are often visited by partial famines ?

The Hon'ble Mr. RAM CHARITRA SINHA : (a) It is not a fact that there is an utter lack of irrigational facilities in the non-canal areas of the Sasaram Subdivision. People have their own arrangement for irrigation from small storage reservoirs locally known as " Ahars " besides some tube-wells recently dug in this area.

(b) 16 emergency tube-wells and 3 Provincial tube-wells have been constructed by Government during the year 1946-47.

(c) Only two petitions have so far been received from the people of the Sasaram Subdivision. One is from police-station Tilothu for irrigation facilities by Electricity and the extension of pyne in the village Ohandanpur and the other is from police-station Bikramganj for construction of a bandh in the river Thora near Rambandh Tola in the village Akorha.

The proposals are under investigation.

(d) The question of Development of Son-Canals system which is likely to serve this area also, is interlinked with the construction of Rehand (Pipri) Dam in United Provinces and is receiving active consideration of Government.