

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 30th March, 1939.

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 Thursday, the 30th March, 1939, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ramdayalu Sinha, in the Chair.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

COLLECTION OF TOLLS IN HATS IN THE DISTRICT OF THE SANTAL PARGANAS.

359. Mr. BRIJLALL DOKANIA: Will Government be pleased to state whether there is any rule regulating the collection of tolls from the vegetable and other produce-sellers in the privately-owned hats (markets) in the zamindari villages of the district of the Santal Parganas by the hat *ijaradars*; if so, whether they propose to lay on the table a copy thereof?

Mr. JAGAT NARAYAN LAL: The answer is in the negative.

Mr. BHAGBAN CHANDRA DAS: Are Government aware that such tolls are arbitrarily collected by the *ijaradars*?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: Government have no information, Sir.

Mr. MUHAMMAD YUNUS: Have Government decided to frame any rules?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: The Marketing Bill will probably be introduced in the House very soon and the question of framing rules will, thereafter, arise.

*To the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Brijlall Chandra Das.

what specific charges were framed against the said Dr. Sinha and whether any explanation was obtained from him; if so, with what result;

(b) what were the specific instances of gross insubordination, neglect of duty and general undignified conduct displayed by the said Dr. Sinha and whether Government have made enquiries into the same; if so, with what result?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA: (a) and (b) As Dr. S. P. Sinha was transferred from Arrah to Latehar, it was not considered desirable to pursue the matter further and consequently the matter was dropped. Government do not want to re-open the question now.

Mr. JADUBANS SAHAY: Is it a fact that Dr. Sinha has been transferred to Latehar as a sort of punishment?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA: No, Sir. His transfer was ordered in an ordinary chain of administrative transfer.

ATTITUDE OF DR. R. P. VARMA TOWARDS DR. S. P. SINHA, CIVIL ASSISTANT SURGEON, ARRAH.

368. Pandit GUPTESHWAR PANDEY: With reference to the answer given by Government to the Assembly question no. 366 on the 9th May, 1938, will Government be pleased to state—

(a) when was the charge of incompetency against Dr. S. P. Sinha, namely of not coping with the work of a big institution like the Arrah Sadr Hospital and having little sense of responsibility first brought to the notice of Government and the reasons for the same;

(b) whether the said hospital was placed in charge of the said Dr. Sinha, when the Civil Surgeon Dr. B. P. Varma went on leave during the X'mas holidays last year;

(c) whether they propose to lay on the table a copy of the full report made in the aforesaid matter by the said Civil Surgeon;

(d) whether any remark has been made by the said Civil Surgeon against the said Dr. Sinha to the effect that he was connected with any political movement; if so, on what grounds?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA: (a) The hon'ble member is referred to the answer given to his question no. 367.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative subject to the remark that as Civil Assistant Surgeon, Dr. S. P. Sinha, is a junior officer, the sub-assistant surgeons attached to the Jail and Police hospitals who are senior officers were also directed to assist him.

(c) The answer is in the negative.

(d) It is not considered desirable to disclose the remarks whatever they were.