

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Hon'ble Mr. Sifton laid on the table a statement* showing the number of persons under trial from time to time in connection with the riots in Gaya and the number of admissions to hospital, which was promised in continuation of the reply to a question put by the Hon'ble Mr. S. K. Sahay at the meeting of Council held on the 13th March, 1918, regarding the number of undertrial prisoners in custody in connection with the Bakrid disturbances.

The Hon'ble Babu Adit Prashad Singh asked :—

“(a) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the rules for the appointment of Subinspectors and of District Deputy Inspectors of Schools?”

“(b) Will the Government be pleased to state if any change is contemplated in these rules owing to the transfer of the posts of the District Deputy Inspectors of Schools from the Subordinate to the Provincial Educational Service (which is to be effected in the current year as the reply of the Hon'ble Mr. McPherson to the question of the Hon'ble Rai Bahadur Dwarka Nath regarding the improvement of the Subordinate Educational Service at the meeting of the Council held on the 29th November 1917, shows)?”

“(c) If the answer to (b) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what changes are contemplated in the rules and whether those changes will affect the present Deputy Inspectors and the present Subinspectors of Schools or will apply only to persons appointed Subinspectors after the issue of the Government orders?”

The Hon'ble Mr. McPherson replied :—

“(a) The Hon'ble Member is referred to rules 2—3 of Chapter XIII of the Education Code.

“(b) and (c). The answer is in the negative except as regards rule 9. As appointments to the Provincial Educational Service will be made by Government the power to modify the rules governing the appointment of Deputy Inspectors to that service will no longer rest with the Director.”

The Hon'ble Babu Adit Prashad Singh asked :—

“(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if there is any truth in the rumour that although the posts of District Deputy Inspectors are to be transferred to the Provincial Educational Service, some of the present permanent incumbents will be left in the Subordinate Educational Service and will not be taken into the Provincial Educational Service? If so, will the Government be pleased to state whether they will continue to be in charge of their districts or will be transferred to some other post?”

“(b) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing—

(i) the names of District Deputy Inspectors of Schools who will not be taken into the Provincial Educational Service,

(ii) the period for which they have remained in charge of a district,

(iii) their present pay,

(iv) their present age, and

(v) the reasons why they will not be taken into the Provincial Service?

“(c) Will the Government be pleased to state the principle or criterion on which the Government will decide which of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools should be taken into the Provincial Educational Service?”

Rules for the appointment of Subinspectors and District Deputy Inspectors of Schools.

Appointment of Deputy Inspectors of Schools to the Provincial Educational Service.

The Hon'ble Mr. McPherson replied :—

"(a) As financial considerations make it impossible to place more than 13 of the 39 headmasters and Deputy Inspectors in the Provincial Educational Service at present, some of the Deputy Inspectors will necessarily remain, who are otherwise fit for promotion, in the Subordinate Educational Service in their present posts.

"(b) Selections have not yet been made but in any case Government cannot enter into a discussion of their reasons for appointing or not appointing any particular officer.

"(c) The criterion will be that no officer can be appointed permanently to the Provincial Educational Service till he has satisfied Government by his ability, industry and character that he is suitable for appointment to that service."

The Hon'ble Babu Adit Prashad Singh asked :—

"In reply to the question of the Hon'ble Rai Bahadur Sharat Chandra Sen regarding the L. T. and B. T. examinations, the Hon'ble Mr. Nathan was pleased to say at the meeting of the Council held on 17th January 1914, that "the candidates for the Licentiate in Teaching are required to answer a paper on English of the same standard as the B.A. pass course."

Promotions of
Subinspectors of
Schools.

"Will the Government be pleased to state whether in promotions a Sub-Inspector of Schools who has passed the I. A. examination and the Licentiate in Teaching examination is, on account of his knowledge of English equal to the B. A. standard as well as his successful training in the Government training college, considered superior to an untrained officer who has only passed the B. A. examination? If not, what is the relative worth of their qualifications?"

The Hon'ble Mr. McPherson replied :—

"Training is certainly regarded as an important qualification, but the relative claims of officers to promotion depend on many considerations other than their academical qualifications and it is impossible to lay down any general rule on the subject."

The Hon'ble Babu Adit Prashad Singh asked :—

"In reply to a question of the Hon'ble Babu Braja Kishor Prashad regarding expenditure on Inspecting Pandits and Deputy Inspectors of Schools in charge of subdivisions, the Hon'ble Mr. McPherson at the meeting of the Council held on the 13th March 1914, was pleased to say that the Government had not till then considered the question of appointing Deputy Inspectors of Schools to subdivisions.

Appointment of
Deputy Inspectors
of Schools to
subdivisions.

"Will the Government be pleased to state whether the question of appointing Subdivisional Deputy Inspectors of Schools has since then been considered and what decision has been arrived at?"

The Hon'ble Mr. McPherson replied :—

"The answer is in the negative."

The Hon'ble Babu Adit Prashad Singh asked :—

"Will the Government be pleased to state—

- "(a) (1) Whether the class V (Rs. 100) of the Subordinate Educational Service is the highest class for Subinspectors of Schools in that class;
- (2) The number of Subinspectors of Schools in that class;
- (3) How many of the number have been for more than three years in this class;
- (4) How long they will remain on their present pay;

Position of
Subinspectors of
Schools in the
Subordinate
Educational
Service.

"(b) Whether the Subinspectors of Schools of class V are now being superseded by assistant masters who are junior to them;