

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 30th March, 1938.

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 Wednesday, the 30th March, 1938, at 11-30 A.M. the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ram Dayalu Sinha, in the Chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Sir, I regret very much that the materials are not ready for replying short notice question no. 3 of today. I shall be able to answer it tomorrow positively.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

ROAD CONNECTING BIHAR SHARIFF WITH RAJGIR DIRECT AND VIA NALANDA.

154. Mr. H. B. CHANDRA* : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that portions of the road connecting Bihar-shariff with Rajgir direct and also *via* Nalanda are *katcha* and kept in ill repair ;

(b) whether it is a fact that this is a busy road and that Rajgir is an important centre of attraction for outside visitors including international tourists ;

(c) whether they propose to effect any improvement in the condition of this road ; if so, what, and within what time ?

Pandit BINODANAND JHA : (a) and (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The Patna district board has been spending Rs. 5,000 annually for metalling of the *katcha* portion of the road, but no provision could be made in 1938-39 for want of funds.

*In absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Upendra-nath Mukharji.

Mr. UPENDRANATH MUKHARJI : Is it a fact that the district board of Patna has applied to Government for a loan to metal this road along with other works ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : The district board has applied for loan, but whether this loan is intended for metalling this road or other road can't be said without a notice.

Mr. UPENDRANATH MUKHARJI : Will Government consider the idon of giving some money from the road fund specially earmarked for this purpose ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : The road belongs to the district board and the responsibility for its improvement rests with the district board ; but in view of the importance of this road, Government are addressing the district board for improving this road as well as the sanitary conditions of Rajgir.

Mr. UPENDRANATH MUKHARJI : How Government say that they will improve the road when there is no money allotted for it?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : These things will be settled in negotiations which are to follow between the district board and Government.

Mr. RAM PRASAD : What portion of money the district board spends on the Bihar-Rajgir road ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : I ask for notice.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASHAD SINHA : Is it a fact that some seven or eight years ago the Government of Bihar addressed the district boards of Gaya and Patna saying that if Rajgir was connected with the district town, the Government of Bihar would grant some money for the construction of the said road ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : I ask for notice.

Mr. ABDUL MAJEED : Are Government aware that there is a road which connects Rajgir with the district of Gaya via Hasua ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : The answer is in the affirmative.

PRESENTATION OF THE SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE OF AUTHENTICATED EXPENDITURE.

The Hon'ble Mr. SHRI KRISHNA SINHA : In pursuance of the provisions of section 81 read with sub-section (2) of section 80 of the