

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

100. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the steps they have taken in giving effect to the recommendation of the Public Services Commission in raising the status of the Civil Assistant Surgeons from the Subordinate Service to the Provincial Service?

Raising the status of Civil Assistant Surgeons from the Subordinate to the Provincial Service.

(b) In case no steps have been taken, will they state their reason and policy?

MR. BRISCOE: The service of Civil Assistant Surgeons is in future to be called the "Bihar and Orissa Civil Medical Service."

101. Will the Government be pleased to state what instructions, if any, have this year been given to the magistrates with regard to the cases of—

Instructions to magistrates regard to non-co-operators and temperance workers.

(a) non-co-operators, and

(b) temperance workers in the Province?

MR. SIFTON: (a) The instructions given to magistrates concerning their attitude towards the non-co-operation movement were fully debated in this Council upon a motion for adjournment on the 28th February.

(b) For instructions concerning temperance workers the member is referred to a question of Rai Bahadur Sharat Chandra Ray on the 17th March.

102. Will the Government be pleased to state if (a) within the past six years the scheme of entrusting mere revenue and criminal works to a separate band of deputy collectors and deputy magistrates, respectively, has been tried in any district?

Employment of separate bands of deputy collectors and deputy magistrates on revenue and criminal works exclusively.

(b) If so, where and with what results?

MR. SIFTON: (a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

103. Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken and what steps are in contemplation to extend the system of trial by jury in the sessions cases throughout the Province and by what time it is hoped to introduce it as a part of the Judicial system of the district?

Extension of the system of trial by jury.

MR. HUBBARD: The question of further extending the system is under the consideration of Government. The opinions of local officers are now being received by Government.

104. Will the Government be pleased to state the numbers of the lepers annually treated in the special and general hospitals and dispensaries of the Province since the year 1912, explaining the reasons for increase or decrease in their numbers?

Number of lepers annually treated in the special and general hospitals and dispensaries of the Province.

MR. BRISCOE: Reference is invited to column 8 of Statements O(I) and O(II); D(I) and D(II), and column 14 of Statement E of the annual reports on the working of hospitals and dispensaries in Bihar and Orissa for the years 1912 to 1919. Government have no further information.

105. Will the Government be pleased to state what has been the annual expenditure since the past ten years in supplying specific medicines for the treatment of lepers in the rural dispensaries of the Province?

Annual expenditure for the past ten years in supplying specific medicines for the treatment of lepers in rural dispensaries in the Province.

MR. BRISCOE: No specific medicine was supplied to rural dispensaries and no expenditure was incurred.

106. With regard to the Press Laws Committee appointed by the Government of India in response to a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state—

Representatives of newspapers nominated or invited to give evidence before the Press Laws Committee.

(a) if any of the editors of the English and Vernacular newspapers of this Province were invited to give evidence;

(b) was the local administration asked to nominate or invite any of them for the purpose or did they represent to the Government of India the justice of doing so?