

[M. S. Mubarak Ali]

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**MR. HAMMOND :** The total amount of receipts from fees for licenses under the Indian Arms Act in 1920 was Rs. 42,956-9-0. 12,016 licenses were granted to Indians and 1,805 to Europeans. 74.68 per cent. of the European and 87.14 per cent. of the Indian license-holders were required to pay fees. More exact information is not available and cannot be collected without an excessive expenditure of time and labour.

### Swami Vidyanand alias Bishva Bharan Prashad.

#### LOCATION OF THE PATNA UNIVERSITY.

24. (a) Is it a fact that the Government is trying to locate the Patna University in the compounds of the Patna College and the Bihar School of Engineering?

(b) If the answer to (a) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a detailed account of the newly proposed site of the Patna University?

**MR. BRISCOE :** The member is referred to paragraph 3 of the Government Resolution, dated the 25th October 1921, on the "Report on the progress of Education, 1920-21" which is reproduced below :—

"The refusal of the Government of India to make any further contribution towards the establishment of the Patna University makes it necessary to reconsider the whole scheme. The Director of Public Instruction has put forward cogent reasons for locating the University in the neighbourhood of Patna College where it will be in close proximity to the Law, Medical and Engineering Colleges, if and when they are established. His suggestion is under the consideration of Government who intend to consult public opinion before arriving at a final decision."

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE SYSTEM OF ELECTION IN THE PALAMAU DISTRICT BOARD.

25. Do the Government intend to introduce the system of election in the district board of Palamau? If so, when?

**MR. HALLETT :** As there is no local board in Palamau, the district board cannot be elected under the provisions of the present Local Self-Government Act. The introduction of the elective system will be considered after the Act has been amended.

### Chaudhuri Bhagabat Prashad Samantarai Mahapatra.

#### CULTIVATION AND SUBSTITUTION OF PASTURE LANDS IN BALASORE DISTRICT.

26. Are the Government aware—

(a) that cattle belonging to the people residing in the town of Balasore and its suburbs, grazed on waste lands in mauza Sreekona in Taluk Joydeb Balasore;

(b) that only a small portion of such waste land (about 250 acres) was set apart as pasture lands in the last Revenue Settlement of Orissa;

(c) that the whole of this reserved pasture lands have been only recently cultivated by tenants put in by the Court of Wards;

(d) that lands have been substituted for the above lands which are only jungle lands and low lands inundated by saline tidal water, throughout the year and

(e) that the former lands were only 3 to 4 miles and the lands now substituted are 7 miles from the outskirts of the town of Balasore?