

[29th July 1921]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(c) Are the Government aware that under the general law a permanent tenure-holder is given the right of partition as against proprietors ?

(d) Are the Government aware that much injustice is done to the permanent tenure in the partition of estates under the present Estates Partition Act ?

(e) Do the Government propose to amend the law as it stands ?

MR. HUBBACK : Government are not prepared to give pronouncements on difficult points of law by way of answers to interpellations. If the member will bring to the notice of Government specific instances of hardship caused by the present law, they will be ready to consider whether legislation is necessary.

Babu Kameshvar Narayan Sinha.

338. Do the Government propose to acquire in the near future any lands and houses on the eastern side of the road from Chauhatta towards Darbhanga Ghat up to the Ganges ?

Acquisition of land and houses from Chauhatta to the Darbhanga Ghat.

MR. HUBBACK : There is no such proposal, so far as Government are aware.

Babu Shiva Shankar Jha.

339. Will Government be pleased to state what was the number of suits of the value of over Rs. 1,000 but not over Rs. 2,000 filed in each of the three years 1918, 1919 and 1920—

Number of suits of specified value in the district courts of Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Saran, Monghyr, Bhagalpur and Purnea.

(a) in the District Courts of Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Saran, Monghyr, Bhagalpur and Purnea ?

(b) How many of these and in which year related to the sadar subdivisions and how many to the other and to which subdivisions of these districts ?

MR. HUBBACK : A statement* is laid on the table.

340. (a) Are Government aware that sugar-cane crops growing on a very large and extensive area in the Madhubani Subdivision have been destroyed this year by the insects called "Borers" and the damage done in this subdivision alone is estimated at about 5 lakhs ?

Destruction of sugar-cane crops in Madhubani.

(b) Do Government propose to take any steps against the recurrence of this insect havoc in future ?

MR. HUBBACK : No such information has been received by Government or by the Sabour staff either direct from persons interested or through the District Agricultural Association. The Agricultural Department will investigate the pest as soon as its locality is indicated to them and endeavour to devise means for stopping its recurrence.

Rai Bahadur Dvarika Nath.

341. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of recognized Sanskrit *Tols* existing in each district (a) when the Bihar and Orissa Sanskrit Association was first created and (b) now ?

Number of recognized Sanskrit *Tols* in each district.

MR. HALLETT : The information is not available in the Secretariat. It will be collected and supplied to the member.