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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CONSTRUCTION OF A CANAL IN THE CHAPRA DISTRICT.

132. (a) Are Government aware that the District Officer of Saran in accordance with the Resolution which has been accepted by the Government has made inquiries on the advisability of the construction of a canal from the Manjhi Puraina Chawara up to the Sarju river and reported that the construction of the proposed canal is urgently needed and is intended to save the tenants of nearly 25 villages?

(b) If the reply to (a) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state what further action is going to be taken?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to lay on table a copy of the report made by the District Magistrate of Chapra?

MR. BREMNER : (a) The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. But the Collector's report of the inquiry has not yet been received.

(b) In the absence of the Commissioner's report, Government are unable to say what further action will be taken.

(c) The question does not arise.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS, ETC., ALLOWED IN GOVERNMENT COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS.

133. (1) Is it a fact—

(a) that no Indian daily newspapers are allowed in the Patna College and other Government Colleges?

(b) that the educational authorities do not allow other than Anglo-Indian newspapers in the Patna College and other Government institutions?

(c) that *Saraswati* (a Hindi journal), *Pravasi* (a Bengali journal), the *Hindustan Review*, the *Modern Review*, the *Indian Review* and a few other journals have been ordered not to be put in the common rooms of the Patna College and other Government colleges and schools?

(2) If the answer to (1) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons?

MR. BRISCOE : (1) (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) No. The *Hindustan Review* and *Indian Review* are both on the list of newspapers, periodicals and magazines suitable for use in colleges, schools and hostels in Bihar and Orissa.

(2) The question does not arise. The Director of Public Instruction will, however, be instructed to consult the Principals and headmasters at the time of annual revision of the approved list of newspapers regarding the desirability of including any other Indian newspaper in the list.

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PAY OF SUB-ASSISTANT SURGEONS IN THIS PROVINCE.

134. Are the Government aware that there is a general discontent amongst the sub-assistant surgeons of the Province on account of the small increase in the pay now sanctioned by the Government of Bihar and Orissa?

135. Is it a fact that the scale of pay sanctioned in this province is below that sanctioned in other provinces?