

[29th November 1921]

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Babu Bishwanath Kar.****CONSTRUCTION OF ENGINEERING SCHOOL AT CUTTACK.**

216. (a) With reference to the statement that "It is hoped in any case to start the work this year" made by Mr. Rainy in answer to an interpellation by hon'ble Babu Brajasunder Das in the Council, dated the 10th September 1920, will the Government be pleased to state if they have undertaken the construction of the Engineering school building at Cuttack?

(b) If the reply be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state when the construction is likely to be taken in hand and when it is expected to be completed?

MR. BREMNER : (a) The construction of the Engineering School, Cuttack, has not yet been started. Government in the Ministry of Local Self-Government are inquiring into the reasons for this delay.

(b) Attempts are being made for the collection of bricks and it is hoped that the construction will be taken in hand as soon as the necessary materials are available.

**SUGARCANE CULTIVATION IN THE PROVINCE.**

217. Will the Government be pleased to state the area under sugarcane cultivation in the Province? Have the Government appointed any sugar chemist or expert to advance the industry in the Province? Are there any experts in the departments of Agriculture?

MR. HUBBACK : The area under sugarcane in 1919-20, was reported as 274,800 acres and in 1920-21, 285,900. The figures are based on statistics collected in each district at the time of cadastral survey. Rapid extension of cultivation in several districts since they were surveyed renders the present figures very uncertain, as the corrections made on this account on the survey figures are ultimately based on the reports of the chaukidars. There is no whole-time sugar chemist or other sugar expert in the Agricultural Department of the Province, but the Agricultural Chemist and the Economic Botanist have both done a considerable amount of work on this crop, which has also been investigated at the experimental farms including Sipaya. It is proposed to establish a sugar station with experts, and the Agricultural Committee will consider this question. The work done hitherto is very briefly summarized in paragraph 69 on page 49 of the Indian Sugar Committee's Report, 1920.

**Babu Devaki Prashad Sinha.****APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIAN LADY IN THE INDIAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AS AN INSPECTRESS OF SCHOOLS.**

218. (a) Is it a fact that at the Female Education Conference of 1914 at Ranchi, it was decided to have an Indian lady in the Indian Educational Service as an Inspectress of Schools? If so, when do Government propose to give effect to this decision?

(b) Has any attempt been made by Government to get an Indian lady for the post of an Inspectress of Schools in the Indian Educational Service? If not, why not?

MR. BRISCOE : (a) and (b) The Committee of 1914 considered that the existing number of Inspectresses was inadequate, and added that the Committee would welcome the appointment of an Indian Inspectress, if a qualified Indian

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lady could be found by the Secretary of State. In 1915 Government decided that the question of creating an additional post of Inspectress must be deferred owing to the financial stringency arising out of the war, and the proposal had not so far been renewed by the Director of Public Instruction. It was noted in 1915 that one result of the postponement shall be a greater likelihood of a qualified Indian lady being available.

**BABU RAJIVARANJAN PRASHAD SINHA :** Will the Government be pleased to state if there is any likelihood of the proposal regarding the appointment of an Indian lady as Inspectress of Schools being renewed by the Director of Public Instruction in the near future ?

**MR. BRISCOE :** I am not in a position to say.

**BABU RAJIVARANJAN PRASHAD SINHA :** Will Government be pleased to state if the result expected from the postponement of the question in 1915 has now been obtained ?

**MR. BRISCOE :** There is no vacancy and the Government are not in a position to say whether any qualified Indian lady is available.

**RAI BAHADUR DVARIKA NATH :** Have the Government tried to discover whether a qualified Indian lady is available in the Province of Bihar and Orissa ?

**MR. BRISCOE :** None at present.

**RAI BAHADUR DVARIKA NATH :** Am I to understand that they have not tried or that they did try and were unable to discover anyone ?

**MR. BRISCOE :** Government have not tried.

**BABU DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA :** Do Government propose to try ?

**MR. BRISCOE :** Not until there is a vacancy.

### **Babu Bhuvaneshvari Prashad Mandal.**

#### **FLOODS EMBANKMENT AND REMOVAL OF MADHIPURA SUBDIVISIONAL TOWN.**

219. (a) Are the Government aware that the Madhipura Subdivisional town stands in danger of being overflowed by the Kosi every now and then during the rains ?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they want to remove the subdivision to some other place or to save it in any possible way ?

(c) Is it a fact that very recently a representation was submitted to the Government by the Madhipura public for strengthening the embankment which is the only protection of the town from the Kosi flood ? If so, what action do they propose to take ?

**MR. HUBBACK :** (a) Yes.

(b) Government have recently received a copy of a Resolution passed in a meeting held at Patory on the 27th September 1921, about the removal of the subdivision and are asking the local officers for a report on the question.

(c) No such representation has yet been received by Government.

### **Maulavi Hafiz Nurul Haqq.**

#### **RE-ORGANIZATION OF SUBORDINATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE.**

220. (a) Have the Government received any memorial from the members of the Subordinate Educational Service with regard to the increment of their pay and their prospects ?