

[6th March 1923]

**MANNER OF FURNISHING A REPLY TO A COUNCIL QUESTION.**

99. Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI: Do Government propose to supply to all members of the Council all such answers to the questions put in the Council as have neither been communicated to all the members nor printed in the proceedings of the Legislative Council?

Mr. G. RAINY: In future when an answer to a question has not been communicated to all the members nor printed in the proceedings of the Council, a copy will be laid on the library table. Statements are sometimes asked for which are not likely to be of general public interest, and Government are unwilling in these cases to incur the expense of printing. When the information required for answering a question is not received before the end of the session, a provisional reply is sometimes given to the effect that the information asked for will be supplied to the member as soon as it has been obtained. In such cases any member can bring the answer on the proceedings by repeating the question in the next session.

**IMPROVEMENT OF HANDLOOM WEAVING INDUSTRY OF THE PROVINCE.**

100. Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI: (a) (1) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have during the current year been taken to improve and expand the handloom weaving industry of the province, and

(2) what are the present position and prospects of that industry in each Commissioner's division of the province?

(b) What steps, if any, the Government have taken to encourage the expansion of this industry by utilizing the products of it for the purposes of making uniforms for chaukidars, dafadars and police constables?

(c) Is there any order or circular in force discouraging Government servants from wearing cloths of the handloom weaving industry?

Mr. B. A. COLLINS: (a) (1) It is proposed, subject to vote of the Council, to appoint four additional demonstration parties in order to improve and expand the hand weaving industry in the province.

(2) It is impossible to enter at length into a description of the handloom industry in the province. The member is referred

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to the last two annual reports of the Director of Industries which give information on the subject. The price of cotton cloth has dropped recently and handloom weavers are not making such good profits as they were.

(b) It is understood that the Director of Industries is at present in communication with the Inspector-General of Prisons, who provides these uniforms, with a view to obtaining orders for the handloom weavers of the province, but it is difficult to organize supply except where co-operative stores exist.

(c) The position in this respect was explained in answer to a previous question asked by Babu Devaki Prashad Sinha at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 6th December 1923.

#### PAY OF THE SUBORDINATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE OFFICERS.

101. Mr. M. YUNUS : (a) Are the Government aware that in answer to question No. 3 of the sixth session of the Council last year they replied that the pay of the Subordinate Educational Service was under consideration ?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has considered the question of pay of the Subordinate Educational Service by this time ?

(c) If the answer to (b) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the results of such consideration ?

(d) If the answer to (b) and (c) be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state the reason of the delay ?

(e) If the answer to (a) be in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the approximate time by which such consideration will be completed ?

Mr. B. A. COLLINS : (a) Yes.

(b) The question is still under consideration.

(c), (d) and (e). Government hope to come to a final decision on the subject very shortly.

#### TRAINING OF TEACHERS AND OF PROFESSORS AND LECTURERS OF NEW COLLEGE.

102. Mr. M. YUNUS : (a) Is it a fact that teachers in the Patna Collegiate School are required to possess a special training