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surveillance have greatly improved in character and have become self respecting members of society and are now earning their livelihood. In the year 1919 I personally visited many of the Dom *paras* in Saran, and I am glad to say that I found a few of them showing keenness and pride in the cultivation of their crops but they constantly disappeared on thieving expeditions. The hon'ble member wants to know particularly how the money is spent. In the Saran settlement there is a provision for Rs. 1,000 for 25 settlements. These settlements are under police supervision and they have a population of over one thousand; the money is spent in supplying the Doms with certain necessities of life such as bullocks, repair to houses etc. None of this money is spent for the police either on buildings or pay or allowance or in any other form.

Then there is Rs. 1,227 spent on the Ramnagar settlement at Champaran which is also under police supervision. That, again, is spent entirely on the Doms. The major portion of the grant namely Rs. 7,500 is a grant given to the Salvation Army for running the Chautarwa Dom settlement which is run on non-sectarian lines, there are 300 Doms there and the work of reclamation.....

Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA : Sir, I will withdraw my motion if my hon'ble friend stops here.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE SUBORDINATES.

Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA : Sir, I beg to move :

That the item of Rs 8,040 for " Executive Subordinates " (page 91 of the Civil Budget) be reduced by Rs. 1,600.

Sir, I do not think I shall be justified in withdrawing it, but I move this without any speech and leave it to the House.

Mr. W. SWAIN : Sir, I am in the happy position of being able to meet the desire of my hon'ble friend to a certain extent, because I took the precaution or somebody else took the precaution—I believe the Accountant-General's office or it might be the Finance Department—of making a double entry. If the hon'ble members will look at page 91 of the budget they will find that in the column for 1922-23 the number of executive subordinates is 5 and in the column for 1923-24 the number is 6.

[Mr. W. Swain]

That includes the pay of the mounted sergeant, but his pay has also been included by somebody in the budget in the lump sum of Rs. 3,100, that sum includes his pay, cost of uniform, equipment, and various other items. Therefore I am in a position to agree to a reduction of Rs. 1,600, that is the pay of the sergeant which has been included twice. This money has already been provided by reducing the establishment of the Constables Training School by two sub-inspectors, where it will be observed by hon'ble members that on page 87 of the budget the figure has been reduced from 86 to 84.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. McPHERSON : Sir, may I suggest to the Inspector-General of Police that he should not accept this reduction of Rs. 1,600 unless and until he is satisfied that the next two motions will not be moved ?

Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI : Sir, so far as motion No. 186* is concerned, I undertake not to move it if this is accepted.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. McPHERSON : Sir, Mr. Swain has pointed out that he is willing to accept this reduction of Rs. 1,600, because it is included in the provision of Rs. 3,100. He accepts that but.....

Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA : Sir, may I rise to a point of order ? Is the Hon'ble Member entitled to refer to those motions which have not yet been moved.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : Order, order. The Hon'ble Member is pointing out that the condition of accepting the motion No. 185 will be that the next three motions (Nos. 186-188) will not be moved. He is perfectly entitled to do so.

Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA : But, Sir, you have ruled that there should be no bargaining.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. McPHERSON : Sir, it is for Government to decide, but they cannot say whether they will accept the motion until they know exactly where they stand as regards the others.

Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA : Sir, the fact that my hon'ble friend, the Inspector-General of Police, has admitted this item to be unjustifiable, gives me some justification for

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inflicting on this House a very short speech for a minute. The Hon'ble Leader of the House has said that this can only be accepted by Government if the items that succeed them are withdrawn. On behalf of the non-official members somebody ought to tell him that the other items can be withdrawn only if the present item, which is now under discussion, can be accepted by Government. It will thus be moving in a circle to which there will be no end. This particular item, on the admission of the Inspector-General of Police himself, ought not to be included in the budget, and as such I do not see what objection there can be to accepting my motion. I therefore press my motion and I hope the House will carry it.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. McPHERSON: Sir, there are two ways of correcting the mistake—either by omitting Rs. 1,600 from this demand or by reducing the next provision of Rs. 3,100 by the same sum.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT: The question is :

That the item of Rs. 8,040 for " Executive Subordinates " be reduced by Rs. 1,600.

The Council then divided as follows :—

AYES—19.

Babu Ganesh Datta Singh.	Chaudhuri Raghunandan Prashad
Babu Rameshvar Prashad Singh.	Sinha.
Babu Dvarika Prashad Singh.	Babu Ram Nihora Singh.
Babu Rajivaranjan Prashad Sinha.	Babu Kameshvar Narayan Sinha.
Maulavi Hafiz Nurul Haqq.	Maulavi Letafat Husain Khan.
Rai Bahadur Dvarika Nath.	Babu Sukh Raj Ray.
Babu Krishnadeva Narayan Mahtha.	Chaudhuri Bhagabat Prashad
Babu Nirsu Narayan Sinha.	Samantarai Mahapatra.
Maulavi Saiyid Mubarak Ali.	Khwaja Muhammad Hakim Jan.
Maulavi Saiyid Abbas Ali.	Babu Devaki Prashad Sinha.
	Dula Manki.

[The Hon. The President]

NOES—20.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. McPherson.	Mr. H. L. L. Allanson.
The Hon'ble Mr. Sachchidananda Sinha.	Rai Bahadur Bishun Svarup.
The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Saiyid Muhammad Fakhr-ud-din.	Mr. V. H. Jackson.
Mr. G. Rainy.	Mr. W. Swain.
Mr. E. L. Tanner.	Mr. B. C. Sen.
Mr. M. G. Hallett.	Khan Bahadur Nawabzada Saiyid Ashrafuddin Ahmad.
Mr. C. B. Mellor.	Mr. F. E. L. Morrison.
Mr. J. R. Dain.	Rev. Emanuel Sukh.
Mr. B. A. Collins.	Mr. Dhan Masih Panna.
Colonel H. Austen-Smith.	Rev. Prittam Luther Singh.

The motion was negatived.

EXECUTIVE SUBORDINATES.

Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI : Sir, I beg to move :

That the item of Rs. 8,040 for "Executive Subordinates" (page 91 of the Civil Budget) be reduced by Rs. 1,500.

Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA : Sir, in supporting this motion, I only want to say one word. From the result of the division of the previous motion, which was of the same nature, I hope, the House will realize the wisdom of accepting this motion which can very easily be passed if non-official members so desire.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. McPHERSON : Sir, I merely wish to say one word. If it is understood that the next motion will not be moved, I am quite prepared to accept it. I understand that the hon'ble mover in whose name motion No. 186 stands has agreed to withdraw No. 187.

Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI : I never agreed to withdraw my motion No. 187, but 186.

Mr. W. SWAIN : Sir, the only thing that I have to say is this ; that this provision for a mounted sergeant has involved no increase in expenditure. I have already found it by the abolition of two sub-inspectors in the two constables' training schools. A reference to the column at page 87 will show that the staff has been reduced from 86 to 48.