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Mr. C. B. MELLOR: May I explain, Sir, that there have been two deaths and one or two degradations since the first appointments?

Babu GANESH DATTA SINGH: Was there no Bihari eligible for appointment?

Mr. C. B. MELLOR: They went by seniority and it must be remembered that these men were in the service long before the formation of the province.

Rai Bahadur DVARIKA NATH: Is it always that Government go by seniority?

Mr. C. B. MELLOR: Where qualifications are equal.

Rai Bahadur DVARIKA NATH: Am I to understand that no meritorious man was to be found among the Biharis?

Mr. C. B. MELLOR: No, there did not happen to be a Bihari among the seniormost.

Rai Bahadur DVARIKA NATH: Are Government aware that there is serious discontent in the province for passing over the claims of Biharis?

Mr. C. B. MELLOR: Government are not aware.

Rai Bahadur DVARIKA NATH: Do Government intend to undo the wrongs that have been done to the Biharis?

Mr. C. B. MELLOR: We are very anxious to have our full cadre of 49 but the province cannot yet afford it.

Rai Bahadur DVARIKA NATH: Am I to understand that Government cannot afford to encourage Biharis who constitute the bulk of the tax-payers?

Mr. C. B. MELLOR: I am afraid I must refer the hon'ble member to the Finance Secretary.

BUILDING GRANT TO NON-GOVERNMENT COLLEGES AND PROVISION OF QUARTERS IN COLLEGES.

139. Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA: (a) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of building grant given to each non-Government college of the province within the last five years? What are the conditions under which each such college has received it?

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(b) What Government and non-Government colleges in the province have provided quarters for the Principal and other members of the teaching staff? Under what conditions are such quarters provided?

Mr. B. A. COLLINS : (a) *Bihar National College*.—No building grant has been given, but Rs. 37,312-13-4 has been spent on the acquisition of land and buildings for the college.

St. Columba's College—Rs. 680.

Diamond Jubilee College.—Rs. 10,876-14-11 (including a small sum for equipment).

Tej Narayan Jubilee College.—Nil. But new buildings have been constructed by Government for the college at a cost of Rs. 7,41,944 of which the Banaili family generously contributed Rs. 3,29,000.

The conditions under which building grants are given to colleges will be found in article 693(2) of the Bihar and Orissa Education Code.

(b) At Patna College residences are provided for the principal, two wardens, one professor, and two hostel superintendents. At the Ravenshaw College quarters are provided for the principal, ten professors and lecturers, two wardens and five hostel superintendents. At the Greer Bhumihar Brahman College quarters are provided for the principal, one warden and one hostel superintendent. At New College, the Patna Training College and the Patna Law College quarters are provided for the principal. At the Tej Narayan Jubilee College quarters are provided for the principal, one professor and the hostel superintendents. At St. Columba's College there are quarters for two members of the staff.

The conditions under which Government officers occupy these quarters are shown in articles 725, 726, 728 and 729 of the Education Code: no rent is charged to the Principals, wardens or hostel superintendents, but the other professors supplied with quarters are charged rent under the ordinary rules.

At the Tej Narayan Jubilee College the principal does not enjoy rent-free quarters, but the salary approved by Government for him is Rs. 450—40—850 and the governing body, without the approval of Government, have granted the present principal an initial pay of Rs. 500 and a house allowance of Rs. 20, at the same

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time charging him 10 per cent. of his salary or Rs. 50 as rent. Rent is also charged from the professor who is not hostel superintendent. The members of the staff of St. Columba's College who live in residence pay no rent.

TERMINAL TAX REALIZED IN THE DISTRICT OF GAYA.

140. Maulavi MALIK MUKHTAR AHMAD: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount, if any, of the terminal tax realized since the introduction of the same in the district of Gaya and the manner in which the same has been spent giving the details of expenditure under different heads and the amount in hand?

Mr. M. G. HALLETT: Rs. 51,348-2-9 have been realized from the terminal tax at Gaya. No separate account is kept of the expenditure from this source of income which is amalgamated with the ordinary income of the Lodging House Committee. It is understood, however, that the Committee has incurred the following expenditure this year:—

	Rs.
(a) Grant to municipality for conservancy, pay of health officers and waterworks	22,000
(b) Pilgrim Hospital	13,000
(c) Leper Asylum	6,000
(d) Cholera Hospital	6,000

ENHANCEMENT OF THE PAY OF CHAUKIDARS.

141. Babu BIRABAR NARAYAN CHANDRA DHIR NARENDRA: Will the Government be pleased to state if the pay of the chaukidars has been or is proposed to be enhanced? If so, what are the reasons?

Mr. G. RAINY: It has been found necessary to increase the pay of chaukidars in a number of districts owing to the great rise in the cost of living. The districts in which increases have been granted during the last two years are Gaya, Shahabad, Saran, Champaran, Bhagalpur, the Santal Parganas, Ranchi, Palamau, Cuttack, Puri and Balasore. It may be necessary to grant increases in other districts also where action has not already been taken.