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TOTAL INCOME FROM CHAUKIDARI TAX.

142. Babu GANESH DATTA SINGH: What is the total income from the *chaukidari* tax in the province?

Mr. G. RAINY: Rs. 40,50,251.

ADDITIONAL POLICE IN CHAMPARAN.

143. Babu LAKSHMI MOHAN MISRA: (a) Is it a fact that after the return of His Excellency from Bettiah in July last it was decided to remove the additional police force from the so-called disturbed area, and

(b) that the force was accordingly removed three months before the completion of the year?

(c) Is it a fact that it was decided to allot the refund to the inhabitants of Bettiah of the amount realized for the cost of the additional police and not spent?

(d) If the reply to (c) be in the affirmative, what amount, if any, has been refunded and to how many persons? If not, why not?

(e) Will the Government be pleased to state what amount, if any, is available for such refund?

Mr. G. RAINY: (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) to (e) The whole question is under the consideration of Government.

Babu LAKSHMI MOHAN MISRA: Is there any proposal by the District Officer to remit certain amounts to the assesseees?

Mr. G. RAINY: Yes, Sir. Proposals have been sent up by the local officers.

Babu LAKSHMI MOHAN MISRA: May I know who are these assesseees to whom remission is proposed to be given?

Mr. G. RAINY: I am unable to supplement the answer given in the paper. The whole question is under the consideration of Government, and they are not in a position to state what the recommendations of the local officers are.

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Babu LAKSHMI MOHAN MISRA : Is it a fact that the recommendations submitted apply for remissions to big men ?

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : Order, order. When the Government have replied that they are not in a position to state what the recommendations of the local officers are, no further question can be asked.

Rai Bahadur DVARIKA NATH : Will the Government be pleased to state approximately the amount likely to be refunded ?

Mr. G. RAINY : The matter is under the consideration of Government and Government have not yet decided. In these circumstances the question cannot be answered.

Rai Bahadur DVARIKA NATH : How long will the Government take to decide this matter approximately ?

Mr. G. RAINY : Government hope for an early decision.

Rai Bahadur DVARIKA NATH : Is it still in a state of incubation ?

Mr. G. RAINY : It is likely that the chicken will come out of the shell at an early date.

MILITARY SERVICES RENDERED BY SUB-ASSISTANT SURGEONS.

144. Khan Bahadur SHAIKH ABDUL MAJID : (a) How many sub-assistant surgeons from this province volunteered for service in the Military Department both within and outside India ? How many of them served till the end of the war ?

(b) Is there any Government circular to the effect that recognition of services will be made in the case of those sub-assistant surgeons who would thus volunteer for service ? If so, what action has been taken upon it ?

Mr. M. G. HALLETT : (a) Of the sub-assistant surgeons now in service, sixty undertook military duties during the war, and returned to civil duty on different dates before and after the end of the war.

(b) Yes. A copy of the Government of India's order No. 1116 of 1918, dated 24th September 1918, is laid on the table. It will be seen that this concession was only granted to sub-assistant surgeons who undertook liability for general service, that is to say, service in or out of India. Of the sixty sub-assistant surgeons who undertook military duty, only thirteen volunteered