

[R. S. Ram Gopal Singh Chaudhuri]

Rai Sahib RAM GOPAL SINGH CHAUDEHURI: Is it not a fact that in the Patna City Municipality area, cattle are slaughtered in any house by the butchers as they please and that recently a circular was issued prohibiting them from doing so, but that circular has been withdrawn?

Mr. M. G. HALLETT: Government is not aware of the fact.

**VIOLATION OF RULE 10 OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVANTS'
CONDUCT RULES IN THE DISTRICT OF CUTTACK.**

3. Babu DEVAKI PRASHAD SINHA: (a) Has the attention of Government been drawn to articles in the press regarding the violation of Rule 10 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules in the district of Cuttack?

(b) Is it a fact that nearly a dozen executive and judicial officers posted in the district of Cuttack have landed property in that district and reside there permanently?

(c) Is it a fact that Rai Bahadur S. K. Mahapatra, Superintendent of Police, has been posted to Cuttack which is his home district?

(d) Is it a fact that Rai Bahadur S. K. Mahapatra has landed property in Cuttack and was recently a party to a civil suit known as the Parihari case?

(e) How long has Rai Bahadur Mahapatra been serving as the Superintendent of Police in Cuttack?

(f) If the answer to (d) is in the affirmative, do Government propose to take any action in the matter?

Mr. J. D. SIFTON: (a) The attention of Government has been drawn to a letter in the issue of the *Searchlight*, dated the 14th March 1923.

(b) There are at present two executive and judicial officers posted to Cuttack District who possess landed property in that district and reside there permanently.

(c) Yes.

(d) Diwan Bahadur Srikrishna Mahapatra possesses landed property in the Cuttack District. In 1919 he was party to a suit brought by one Gopinath Parihari.

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(e) Since the 23rd December, 1919.

(f) No.

Mr. W. SWAIN : Will the Government be pleased to state for how many years the Dewan Bahadur and his ancestors have possessed landed property in Cuttack ?

Mr. J. D. SIFTON : For the last three hundred years, i.e. from the seventeenth century.

Mr. W. SWAIN : Is the Dewan Bahadur in possession of any other landed property in Cuttack ?

Mr. J. D. SIFTON : No.

Mr. W. SWAIN : The question is headed "Violation of rule 10 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules in the district of Cuttack". Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Dewan Bahadur has in fact violated this rule ?

Mr. J. D. SIFTON : No Sir, he has not.

Mr. W. SWAIN : Will the Government be pleased to state whether their confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the Dewan Bahadur has been shaken in the slightest degree by the hon'ble member's questions ?

Mr. J. D. SIFTON : No Sir, not in the slightest degree.

IMPOSITION OF TAX ON PASSENGERS USING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN SONEPUR AND HAJIPUR.

4. Babu NIRSUF NARAYAN SINHA : Will the Government be pleased to state under what authority or law the Bengal and North-Western Railway charges a fare of one anna per trip per head from passengers crossing the Gandak bridge between Sonopur and Hajipur ?

Mr. W. S. BREMNER : Under section 51 (f) of the Indian Railways Act and the provisions of the contract made between the Secretary of State for India and the Bengal and North-Western Railway.

SUBDIVISION AT SIMDEGA.

5. Mr. MUHAMMAD YUNUS : (1) Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the year in which the Simdega Subdivision was created in the district of Ranchi ;