

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Thursday, the 30th September, 1948.

Proceedings of the Bihar Legislative Assembly assembled under the provisions of the Government of India Act, 1935.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at Ranchi on Thursday the 30th September, 1948, at 8-30 A.M. the Hon'ble the Speaker Mr. Vindheyshwari Prasada Varma, in the Chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY :

इसका जवाब तो अभी नहीं तैयार है।

Mr. MOSAHEB SINHA :

कितने दिन में जवाब तैयार होगा ?

(कोई उत्तर नहीं)।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :

इसका जवाब तो अभी नहीं तैयार है।

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY :

आज जवाब नहीं दे सकते।

SARDAR HARIHAR SINGH :

कब कब जवाब मिलेगा ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY :

जवाब तैयार होने पर आपके सन्तोष के लिए आपके पास भेज दिया जायेगा। Fresh notice देने पर हाउस में जवाब दिया जा सकता है या कहिए तो मजदूरों में छपवा दें।

SARDAR HARIHAR SINGH :

इसका जवाब तो फौरन देना चाहिए था। What about the land ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Government will see that the land is not settled with any other body. Preference will always be given for erecting a statue of Mahatma Gandhi.

(c) whether it is a fact that most of the hands retrenched have now become or will become overage for the purpose of employment in Government services;

(d) if the answers to clauses (a) to (c) be in the affirmative, the measures Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of the retrenched personnels?

The Hon'ble Dr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) In pursuance of the policy of progressive decontrol adopted by Government many of the temporary hands were retrenched.

(c) Some of the retrenched hands may be overage for Government service.

(d) Government have already issued instructions that the relaxation of excess age up to 35 years in respect of the staff of the Supply Department with at least one year service in this Department will be allowed for appointment to the S. O. S. For employment in other Government services, suitable cases for relaxing the age limit will be considered on merits.

POST OF DEWAN SUPERFLUOUS IN THE HATHWA ESTATE.

181. Mr. DEONARAYAN SINGH : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Revenue Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that when the Hathwa Estate came under the management of the Court of Wards, the post of Dewan was considered superfluous and was not included in the scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Court of Wards, when assuming charge of the management of Hathwa Estate, observed in writing that the work which the present Dewan was carrying on could be done by the Assistant Manager for an allowance of Rs. 100 per month only;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Dewan of Hathwa Estate has been getting Rs. 1,100 per month.

(d) whether it is a fact that the Court of Wards is spending about Rs. 1,500 per month over the perquisites and other emoluments of Mr. B. N. Dutta, the permanent Dewan, over and above his monthly salary of Rs. 1,100.

(e) whether it is a fact that in order to economise expenditure the Court of Wards have retrenched about 150 low paid malis, syces and sweepers?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) and (b) The post was not considered superfluous at the time when the Estate was taken over but the necessity for the post was held over for examination after the retirement of the present Dewan.

(c) The answer is in the affirmative.

(d) It is difficult to give the value of perquisites. The Dewan is allowed free services of malis and the Estate vehicles.

(e) The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. JAGANNATH SINGH : Arising out of (b), will Government be pleased to state the necessity and justification for retaining the post of Dewan on such high salary and emoluments?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : It is under examination of Government, as stated in the answer. How can the hon'ble member get any information until the examination is finished?

Mr. JAGANNATH SINGH : Arising out of (e), May I know whether it was the best way to economy to retrench so many low paid sweepers, malis, etc., and retain a very highly paid Dewan and Secretary?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : The answer is there that the matter is under consideration as to whether we should incur the expenditure on Dewan.

Mr. JHULAN SINHA : Arising out of (b), whether it is a fact that the Court of wards remarked that the post was unnecessary?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Some observations to that effect were made and therefore I have said that the matter is under consideration.

Bardar HARIHAR SINGH :

क्या सरकार ने यह तय कर लिया है कि राजा बिना दीवान के रहेगा ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY :

जब राजा खतम हो रहा है तो दीवान की क्या आवश्यकता है।

Pandit DHANRAJ SHARMA : Will Government be pleased to state if there is a post of Dewan in any other Court of Wards Estate?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : How does that arise? If it is necessary it would be necessary in other cases and *vice versa*.

Pandit DHANRAJ SHARMA : I will say how it arises, Sir. Here the question of retrenchment of the high-salaried post of Dewan has been raised. If this post is not required in other estates, this point should help Government in arriving at a decision in respect of retrenchment of the post in this estate.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : That is under examination.

Mr. PRABHU NATH SINHA : Will Government be pleased to state whether this Dewan was also as the Acting Manager on previous occasions?

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The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Order, order. There is no question of this Dewan or that Dewan.

Mr. PRABHUNATH SINHA : Whether any Dewan is given charge of the Managership also ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : I do not think the question arises from the answer given but so far as the present Dewan is concerned the position is that he was retained on an express wish of the proprietor.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : His question is whether the Dewan can also act as Manager or not.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : He does not act as Manager ?

Mr. PRABHU NATH SINHA : Is it not a fact that he is called the Dewan as well as Joint Manager ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : The function of the two have been separated by Government order. The General Manager looks after the management of the properties of the estate and the Dewan looks after the personal properties of the proprietor and that position has been classified by a Government order.

Mr. DEONARAYAN SINGH : Will Government be pleased to state why the Dewan was not given charge of the Managership and a new Manager was appointed ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : That would involve an expression of opinion.

Mr. SARJOO PRASAD SINHA : How long the matter will be under consideration of Government ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : I can only state that the matter is under active consideration of Government.

182. Mr. DEONARAYAN SINGH : Will the Hon'ble the Revenue Minister be pleased to state whether Government consider under these circumstances the necessity of retaining the post of Dewan which is costing the estate about Rs. 30,000 annually although the post was declared superfluous as early as 1940.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : The necessity for the retention of the post of the Dewan is under examination of Government.

Mr. JHULAN SINHA : Will Government be pleased to state if while considering the question of the retention of the post of Dewan they will be prepared to consult the wish of the Maharaja Bahadur himself ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : The answer is in the affirmative.