

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Friday, the 25th April, 1947.

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

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at Patna on Friday, the 25th April, 1947, at 11-30 A. M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasada Varma in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SUPPLY OF WHEAT TO THE DISTRICTS OF THE PROVINCE.

406. Mr. BASUDEVA PRASAD SINHA: Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state—

(a) the total supply of wheat for consumption in each district of the province from January, 1946 to December, 1946 ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the district of Purnea is not getting wheat and wheat products from outside in proportion to other districts ?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: (a) A statement showing the detail is placed on the table.

(b) The answer is in the negative.

Statement showing allotment of wheat during 1946.

(Figures in maunds.)

Serial no.	Name of the district.	Allotment.	Remarks.
1.	Patna	3,00,240	Imported wheat.
2.	Gaya	26,190	Ditto.
3.	Shahabad	11,840	Ditto.
4.	Muzaffarpur	1,04,600	Includes imported wheat as well as local wheat.
5.	Saran	1,41,760	Imported wheat.
6.	Champaran	2,970	Ditto.
7.	Darbhanga	78,840	Ditto.
8.	Bhagalpur	29,160	Ditto.
9.	Monghyr	16,230	Includes imported wheat as well as local wheat.

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The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : There is a Board of Visitors of officials and non-officials for the Sanatorium with power to record its opinions or suggestions about the Sanatorium. The Board's suggestions are forwarded to Government for action. Appointment of any other committee for this institution is considered unnecessary.

THE INDIAN FOREIGN SERVICE.

414. Mr. JAMUNA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Hon'ble Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Provincial Government have been asked by the Central Government to recommend or nominate candidates for the diplomatic service in foreign countries ; if so, what quota has been given to Bihar for those diplomatic posts ;

(b) what is the share of officials and non-officials in the quota ;

(c) have any qualifications for the said post been laid down by the Central Government ; if so, whether this Government have recommended candidates with administrative qualifications only as official candidates ; if so, the reason why political career coupled with high general education has been left out ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) The Government of India asked the Provincial Government to recommend suitable officers of the Province for the Indian Foreign Service. No specific quota was allotted to Bihar.

(b) The Provincial Government have no information.

(c) The qualifications laid down are :

Officers should be men of ability and character, who are prepared to work hard, and who are likely to adapt themselves easily to the customs of other countries and to be successful in making social contacts. In addition, experience of work abroad or of negotiations with foreign countries and in particular, a knowledge of modern languages other than English were laid down as additional, though not indispensable qualifications.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASAD SINGH : Have Government called applications for diplomatic service ? If so, how ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SHAY : Government servants were informed that they could apply if they so chose.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASAD SINGH : Do Government know that 6th of May is the last date for filing such applications ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SHAY : I want notice of this question.

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Mr. JAMUNA PRASAD SINGH : How many applications, from both officials and non-officials, have been forwarded by Government for the diplomatic service ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : There is no question of applications from non-officials being forwarded. The instructions that were received from the Government of India were that officers should apply for this service, and we notified the officers. We have sent up their applications. I cannot, however, give the number. That question I think does not arise.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASAD SINGH : May I take it that non-officials are not to apply for this service ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : That is for the Government of India to answer, Sir.

Mr. JAMUNA PRASAD SINGH : Has the Government recommended any application from a non-official ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Not that I am aware of.

415. Mr. JAMUNA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Hon'ble Prime Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government have filed any representation before the Central Government that the quota allotted to Bihar for the diplomatic service in foreign countries is very inadequate ; if so, with what result ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : The answer in the negative.

DUTIES OF PRIVATE SECRETARIES TO HON'BLE MINISTERS AND THE LANGUAGE IN WHICH CORRESPONDENCE IS CARRIED ON BY THEM.

416. Mr. RAM BINOD SINHA : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state how many members of the Council of Ministers have got Private Secretaries and what is the salary and allowance of each Private Secretary, and what is his duty ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : The Prime Minister and all Hon'ble Ministers except those of Finance, Education and Local Self-Government Departments have appointed Private Secretaries on a fixed pay of Rs. 250 each. The duties of Private Secretary to an Hon'ble Minister are to arrange the tour programmes of the Hon'ble Minister, to fix interviews with visitors, help in replying to correspondence and to do such other official work as the Hon'ble Minister may be pleased to order.

417. Mr. RAM BINOD SINHA : Will the Hon'ble Prime Minister be pleased to state if it is a fact that letters addressed to the Hon'ble Ministers in Hindi, on official business, are replied to in English ?