

"(b) If, so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for this reduction?"

"(c) Is it not a fact that the reduction referred to is likely to retard promotions and produce discontent in the service and to affect the efficiency of the services?"

The Hon'ble Mr. McPherson replied :—

"(a) The strengths of the 4th and 7th grades of the Executive Branch of the Provincial Civil Service and of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades of the Subordinate Executive Service were incorrectly printed in the Civil Lists for 1st July 1916 and 1st January 1917. The actual strength of the several grades of the two services on the 1st July 1916 and the 1st January 1917 was as shown in the statement^a laid on the table, which will show that the actual reduction effected was of 18 posts in the Executive Branch of the Provincial Civil Service and of one post in the Subordinate Executive Service.

"(b) The reduction of 18 posts in the Executive Branch of the Provincial Civil Service was due to the abolition of that number of appointments, held by the officers of that service who were transferred from the Excise and Salt Department on its reorganization. The reduction of one post in the Subordinate Executive Service was due to the abolition from the 4th grade of one of the appointments sanctioned in 1915 to provide auditors for the co-operative societies from the 2nd July, 1916, owing to the deputation of a Deputy Collector in the Co-operative Department in place of the Sub-Deputy Collector.

"(c) The answer is in the negative."

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Nurul Hasan, on behalf of the Hon'ble Mr. Saiyid Muhammad Naim, asked :—

"(a) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the paragraph which appeared some time ago in the columns of the *Indian Daily News* regarding the redistribution of the Province?"

"(b) Will the Government be pleased to state if any redistribution is in contemplation?"

The Hon'ble Mr. McPherson replied :—

"The answer to both questions is in the negative."

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Nurul Hasan, on behalf of the Hon'ble Mr. Saiyid Muhammad Naim, asked :—

"Will the Government be pleased to state if it is contemplated to change the present site of the headquarters of the Madhipura subdivision in the district of Bhagalpur in view of the action of the river Kosi?"

The Hon'ble Mr. Tanner replied :—

"The answer is in the negative."

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Nurul Hasan, on behalf of the Hon'ble Mr. Saiyid Muhammad Naim, asked :—

"Will the Government be pleased to state if it is in contemplation to change the headquarters of the Rajmahal subdivision in the district of the Santal Parganas from Rajmahal to Sahebganj?"

The Hon'ble Mr. Tanner replied :—

"No such proposal is under the consideration of Government."

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Nurul Hasan, on behalf of the Hon'ble Mr. Saiyid Muhammad Naim, asked :—

"Will the Government be pleased to state if it is in contemplation to locate at an early date a Subordinate Judge in the Santal Parganas specially for the trial of suits of value exceeding Rs. 1,000?"

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