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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 Patna on Wednesday, the 26th June, 1946, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindhya shwari Prasada Verma, in the Chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

BLACK-MARKETING OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS.

* 35. Mr. MEHDI HASAN : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Supply and Price Control be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that one of the chief causes of black-marketing, specially in miscellaneous goods is the difficulty placed by Railway in transit of goods;
- (b) if the answer is in the affirmative, do Government intend moving Railway authorities to remove the difficulty?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : (a) No. Shortage of transport does affect this point to some extent.

(b) Does not arise.

DEALERS IN WOOLLEN GOODS.

36. Mr. HIRALAL SARAF : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state—

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government appointed last year a number of dealers in woollen goods;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the supply position with regard to woollen goods has now improved;
- (c) if answers to clauses (a) and (b) be in the affirmative whether it is still necessary to continue to vest the monopoly of distribution of woollen goods in the hands of a few approved dealers to the exclusion of so many other established long in the trade;
- (d) if answer to clause (c) above be in the affirmative, do Government propose to increase the number of approved dealers in order to ensure equitable and widest possible distribution of woollen goods through so many other dealers excluded hitherto?

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : (a) The Government of India appointed some dealers for selling Indian woollen goods. Foreign woollen goods come through the trade.

*In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Tajamul Hussain.

Mr. HARI KISHORE PRASAD : How long will it take ?

The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : It will take usual time that is taken by the department to prepare a plan and estimate.

Mr. JAGARNATH SINGH : Is the proposal to materialise during the current year ?

The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : No, Sir.

NUMBER OF SCHEDULED CASTES IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN THE PROVINCE.

119. Mr. RAM BASAWAN RAM : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many members of scheduled castes are in Government employment in the Province of Bihar in each department ;

(b) how many of them are holding temporary and how many permanent posts ;

(c) are any percentage and age fixed for them for employment ; if so, what are the percentage and age ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) and (b) The information asked for is not readily available and the time and labour involved in collecting it would be incommensurate with the value of the results.

(c) No percentage has been fixed, but all appointing authorities have been instructed that in making appointments they should aim at bringing the representation of the scheduled castes in particular services up to the proportion which they bear in the total population of the Province, i.e., about 11 per cent.

The maximum age-limit for members of the scheduled castes for all Government services is 3 years above the maximum age-limit for ordinary candidates.

Mr. RAM BASAWAN RAM :

क्या सरकार को यह मालूम है कि बहुत सी जगहों में हरिजन बहाल किये जाते हैं और थोड़े ही दिनों में हटा दिये जाते हैं ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA :

सरकार को मालूम नहीं है, लेकिन नोटिस देने पर इसको मालूम करने की कोशिश की जायेगी।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :

आप को नोटिस देनी चाहिये।

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : Arising out of (a) and (b), is it a fact that the number of scheduled castes in Government service is very low and, therefore, Government are reluctant to give information ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : No, Sir. Presumably the percentage is low, but that is not the reason why the information is not readily available.

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : Arising out of (c), have Government ever thought to ascertain whether the instructions issued by Government are being followed by the appointing authorities ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : Obviously, Government think that the instructions issued by them have been followed, but if my hon'ble friend wants me to enquire into the matter, I will try to see if the instructions are being strictly followed or not.

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : Will Government be pleased to ascertain the number of applicants and also the number of those appointed and those rejected ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : I would like to have notice of the question.

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : Has the maximum age-limit for scheduled castes been fixed by any resolution of Government ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : Yes, Government have issued circular letters to all the appointing authorities.

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state that this maximum age-limit for scheduled castes is advertised along with the advertisements for appointments in the service of Government ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : I would like to have notice.

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : Do Government propose to see that in all advertisements for vacancies this point is also included ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : Yes, Government will certainly consider it.

Dr. SACHCHIDANAND SINHA : Which are the particular services mentioned in the Hon'ble the Prime Minister's reply to this question in which he has been pleased to issue orders that the percentage should be raised to the level of 11 per cent ? What are those services ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : I should like to have notice.

Dr. SACHCHIDANAND SINHA : Am I to understand that this particular order of Government that the level of percentage of certain classes of candidates should be brought to 11 per cent is irrespective of considerations of efficiency, knowledge, experience or things of that kind ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : No. It cannot be irrespective of these things.

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : Is it a fact that this is subject to the candidates possessing the minimum qualification ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : Yes, the candidates must possess the minimum prescribed qualification.

Mr. MUHAMMAD ABDUL GHANI : May I know whether it is a fact that every Department of Government maintains an establishment list of all the employees ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : My answer is, I do not know.

MUSLIM STUDENTS IN THE ARARIA H. E. SCHOOL.

120. Mr. ZIAUR RAHMAN : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Education Department be pleased to state—

(a) the number of the students (Hindus and Muslims) in the Araria H. E. School in Purnea ;

(b) whether the Muslim students of the Araria H. E. School made a representation for appointment of a Muslim Assistant Headmaster ;

(c) if the answer to clause (b) be in the affirmative whether the authorities complied with the representation of the Muslim students, if not, what steps Government propose to take and when ?

The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA :

(a) Number of Hindu students—160.

Number of Muslim students —17.

(b) The Muslim students of the Araria H. E. School did not make any representation either to the Director of Public Instruction or the Board of Secondary Education for the appointment of a Muslim Assistant Headmaster in the school. If they represented the matter elsewhere, Government have no information.

(c) The question does not arise.

Mr. MUHAMMAD TAHIR : Arising out of (a).....

The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA : I would like to correct one misprint. In reply to question (a) the number of Muslim students is wrongly printed as 17. It should be read 176.

Mr. MUHAMMAD TAHIR : What about the number of Hindu boys ?

The Hon'ble Mr. BADRI NATH VERMA : That is correct.

Mr. MUHAMMAD ABDUL GHANI : May I know whether Government are aware that the Inspector of Schools is the immediate authority in relation to the high schools ?