

# THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

*Wednesday, the 12th June, 1946.*

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 Wednesday, the 12th June, 1946, at 11-30, a.m., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vinayachandran Prasad Varma, in the Chair.

## SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### CHOLERA IN PUPRI THANA.

**20. Dr. KISHORI LAL KUNDU:** Will the Hon'ble Minister Incharge of Public Health Department be pleased to state—

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news published in one of the local English dailies, dated the 5th June, 1946, under the caption "People Dying Like Flies";
- (b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, what action has been taken by Government to prevent the spread of cholera in Pupri thana, and what steps have been taken for the treatment of those affected?

**The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA :** (a) Yes. The Health Officer, Muzaffarpur, has been asked to report on the cholera situation and steps taken to combat it. In Pupri thana the number of total villages affected during the fortnight ending 8th June, 1946, is 47, and the number recording cholera is 16; attacks 79 and deaths 87 including deaths from cases of previous week. 4 doctors and 5 health assistants are working in this thana. The number of inoculations done is 34,112.

(b) Inoculations and disinfection of wells are being carried on. For treatment of cholera, supply of essential oil mixture, chlorine and cholera-phage are issued to patients in the villages.

**Dr. KISHORI LAL KUNDU :** What is the maximum death per week?

**The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA :** The total number of deaths during the last week is 9. To give information beyond that I shall require notice.

**Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASAD :** Are the steps taken effective?

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** That is a matter of opinion.

**Mr. HARIKISHORE PRASAD :** Would it not be a matter of result, Sir?

**The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA :** From the report of the Director of Public Health the situation, it appears, is under control, Sir.

**MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Now, the Secretary will read out to the House a message which has been received from the Legislative Council.

**The SECRETARY to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY :** Sir, the following message has been received from the Secretary, Legislative Council :—

In accordance with rule 92 of the Bihar Legislative Council Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Bihar Legislative Council at its meeting held on the 11th June, 1946, agreed without any amendments to the following Bills which were passed by the Legislative Assembly at its meeting held on the date mentioned against each of them :—

1. A Bill to amend the Bihar Sugar Factories Control Act, 1937, passed by the Assembly on the 3rd June, 1946.
2. A Bill to amend the Bihar Ministers' Salaries Act, 1937, passed by the Assembly of the 4th June, 1946.
3. A Bill to amend the Bihar Legislature (Officers' Salaries) Act, 1937, passed by the Assembly on the 4th June, 1946.
4. A Bill to amend the Bihar Legislature (Members' Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1937, passed by the Assembly on the 5th June, 1946.

### **ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TO THE BENGAL NAGPUR RAILWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Hon'ble Members, today is the date for election of a member to the Bengal Nagpur Railway Advisory Committee. Three candidates were nominated, Mr. Sris Chandra Banerjee by Mr. Prabhat Chandra Bose, Mr. Deoki Nandan Prasad by Mr. Sukhlal Singh and Khan Sahib Saiyid Mazhar Imam by Mr. Muhammad Abdul Ghani. Mr. Deoki Nandan Prasad has since withdrawn his candidature. Now only two candidates, Mr. Sris Chandra Banerjee and Khan Sahib Saiyid Mazhar Imam remain. An election would be necessary unless any one of them withdraws his candidature. Members will please take ballot papers from the Secretary.

#### **Khan Sahib Saiyid Mazhar Imam :**

جناب صدر - اس الگشن کے سلسلہ میں میں یہ عرض کر دینا چاہتا ہوں کہ میں بہ حیثیت ایک candidate کے یہ دیکھنا چاہتا تھا کہ majority party کھانگ دوسری جماعتوں کے ساتھ بہتر سلوک کرتی ہے اگر اکثریت کو اقلیت کا کچھ بھی لحاظ و خیال ہوتا تو الگشن کا سوال پیدا ہوتا ہی نہیں۔ لیکن اب جبکہ اکثریت کو یہ خیال باقی نہیں رہا تو میں خود اپنے نام کو رہی لیتا ہوں میری اور میری جماعت کی نیت صرف یہی تھی کہ ہم اکثریت کے سلوک کو دیکھیں اور اندازہ کریں کہ وہ کھانگ اقلیت کا خیال کرتی ہے۔

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** One of the candidates, Khan Sahib Saiyid Mahzar Imam, withdraws from the contest. It is now not necessary to fill in the ballot paper and file it before the Secretary. Mr. Sris Chandra Banerjee is, therefore, declared uncontested as elected.

**Mr. HARI KISHORE PRASAD :** On a point of information, Sir. Can the hon'ble member withdraw his candidature when the ballot paper has been distributed, without the leave of the House?

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** You need not question. It is for the Speaker to decide. The Secretary points out—and rightly—that the Chair did not ask the hon'ble members to vote but only the ballot papers were distributed.

### ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

#### ISSUE OF EXPORT PERMITS FOR LINSEED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN HIGH QUANTITY.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Mr. Hiralal Saraf has given notice to move a motion for the adjournment of the business of the House in order to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, that export permits for linseed have been issued by the Government in huge quantity in spite of the shortage of linseed in this province.

Does Mr. Hiralal Saraf want to make any statement?

**Mr. HIRA LAL SARAF :** Yes, Sir.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** I would like to point out to the hon'ble member that today is fixed for voting of demands. Under rule 48(3) the Speaker may or may not permit such adjournment motions. The real purpose of giving this discretion to the Chair is that time has to be saved for the discussion on matters connected with the budget. I therefore decide that the Hon'ble Minister incharge may make a brief statement about it and then we may proceed with the work in hand.

**Mr. SAIYID AMIN AHMAD :** But we would press for the admission of this motion as it is a matter of very grave public importance.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** I am not going to permit any discussion on it. I want to dispose of it at once.

**Mr. SAIYID AMIN AHMAD :** You may not permit any discussion but you may hear us. We have really to prove that hundreds and thousands....

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** I am not going to allow such sort of discussions.

**Mr. SAIYID AMIN AHMAD :** I think the Hon'ble the Finance Minister will be charitable to us and will hear us before he makes the statement which he is going to make.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** I do not want to permit any discussion on the adjournment motion at this stage.