

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Thursday, the 11th September, 1947.

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 11th September, 1947, at 11 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasada Varma, in the Chair.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Under rule 8(a) of the Bihar Legislative Assembly Rules I hereby appoint the following members to work on the Panel of Chairmen :—

- (1) Srimati Sunder Devi.
 - (2) Mr. Tajamul Husain.
 - (3) Shri Ram Binod Sinha.
 - (4) Shri Taranand Sinha.
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APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM DR. SACHCHIDANANDA SINHA.

An application has been received from Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha for permission to be absent from the meetings of the Assembly with effect from the 10th of September, 1947, due to his illness. Has he the permission of the House ?

Hon'ble MEMBERS : Yes, Sir.

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS REMAINING UNANSWERED DURING THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The Hon'ble Leader of the House will now lay on the table answers to the pending questions.

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : I beg to lay on the table answers to one set of the questions remaining unanswered at the close of the last session of the Assembly.

NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED AND AREA AFFECTED IN THE COMMUNAL RIOTS IN BIHAR.

10. Mr. PHULAN PRASAD VARMA : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) how many persons were killed in the last communal riots in Bihar ;

(b) what was exactly the area affected ; how many subdivisions of the Province were affected by the riots ;

(c) the chronological history (in brief) of the riots as it developed from place to place ;

(d) at how many places was firing resorted to ;

(e) how many persons were killed as a result of the firing?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) 5,558 persons are reported to have been killed in the riots.

(b) and (c) A statement containing such information, as is available, is placed on the table.

(d) and (e) Firing was resorted to at 82 places (on 89 occasions) and about 393 persons are reported to have been killed as a result of the firings.

District.	Total number of villages and Mahallas affected.	Areas Disturbed.	Dates between which the disturbances occurred.
1. Saran	67	Sadr Subdivision including the Chapra town.	25th October to 29th October 1946 after which there were only few isolated incidents.
2. Patna	375	(i) Patna City Subdivision.	27th October to 29th October 1946. Only a few incidents occurred in this area.
		(ii) Sadr Subdivision	28th October to 3rd November 1946 after which there were only a few isolated incidents.
		(iii) Dinapur Subdivision.	30th October to 4th November 1946. Only a few incidents occurred in this area.
		(iv) Barh Subdivision	28th October to 5th November 1946 after which there were only a few isolated incidents.
		(v) Bihar Subdivision	1st November to 6th November 1946 only a few isolated incidents.
3. Gaya	72	(i) Jehanabad Subdivision.	2nd November to 5th November 1946 after which there were only a few isolated incidents.
		(ii) Nawadah Subdivision.	3rd to 6th November 1946 after which there were only a few isolated incidents.
		(iii) Sadr Subdivision	6th and 7th November 1946, after which there were only a few isolated incidents.

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4. Monghyr ...	177	(i) Sadr Subdivision including the Monghyr town. (ii) Jamui, Subdivision	26th October, 1946 and again from 31st October to 7th November, 1946 after which there were only a few isolated incidents. 4th to 7th November. Only a few incidents occurred in this area.
5. Bhaṛalpur ...	44	(i) Sadr Subdivision including the Bhaṛalpur town. (ii) Banka Subdivision (iii) Madhipura Sub-division (Saharsa Sub-district).	28th October to 4th November 1946, after which there were only a few isolated incidents. 31st October to 6th November 1946, after which there were only a few isolated incidents. 17th and 18th November 1946. There were only two or three incidents
6. Santal Parganas	15	Godḁa Subdivision ...	31st October to 5th November 1946 There were only a few incidents.

CRIMINAL CASES PENDING IN THE COURT OF A TEMPORARY SUB-DEPUTY MAGISTRATE OF SUPAUL.

11. Mr. RAJENDRA MISRA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Revenue Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in the court of a temporary Sub-Deputy Magistrate, of Supaul criminal cases have been pending for years without disposal ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether it is a fact that the parties have to undergo a good deal of inconvenience and expenses on this account ;

(c) whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the details of the following cases as to the actual dates of their filing argument and judgments—

(i) Thithar Mandar

vs.

Bouker Khawas.

(ii) Sobhakant Jha

vs.

Phul Misra and others.

(iii) Birwar Narayan Sinha

vs.

Kedar Pal and others ?

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a), (b) and (c) The hon'ble member is referred to the answers given to his question on the same subject (no. 400) on the 24th April 1947.