

[M. S. Md. Husain]

(b) how many of them are Bihari Hindus and Muhammadans ?

Mr. B. A. COLLINS: (a) 36.

(b) 23.

Maulavi SAIYID TAJAMMUL ALI: How many of them are Muhammadans ?

Mr. B. A. COLLINS: I am not quite sure. I think about eight or nine.

#### RECRUITMENT TO MINISTERIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT.

154. Babu RAJANDHARI SINHA: (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any standing order to the effect that each alternate vacancy in the ministerial establishment of the Secretariat should go to an outsider ?

(b) If the reply to (a) be in the affirmative, will they be further pleased to state if this order has been given effect to in recruiting assistants in the Local Self-Government Department in particular and other departments in general ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE: (a) No.

(b) Does not, therefore, arise.

#### COMPLAINTS FROM THE *RAIYATS* OF THE KANIKA RAJ.

155. Babu SHIVA SHANKAR JHA: (a) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the series of complaints of the *raiya*ts of the Kanika Raj ?

(b) Has any independent inquiry been made into these complaints and, if so, with what results ?

(c) Do Government propose to take any steps to redress the grievances of the *raiya*ts of the Kanika Raj ?

Mr. E. L. L. HAMMOND: (a) Government have seen certain anonymous allegations regarding the harsh treatment of *raiya*ts in the Kanika estate which have been made in the public press and again refuted through the same medium by the Manager of the Raj.