

[M. S. Mubarak Ali]

constables have taken place in the province since the year 1921 ?

Mr. E. L. L. HAMMOND: It appears from the Police Administration Reports, that 18 special constables were enrolled in the year 1921, 20 in the year 1922 and none in the year 1923.

Seven special constables have been enrolled during the current year.

Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI: May I know in which district ?

Mr. E. L. L. Hammond: In the district of Saran.

#### OPENING OF THE INDIAN MENTAL HOSPITAL.

182. Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN: (a) Will the Government be pleased to state the approximate date of the opening of the Ranchi mental hospital for Indians ?

(b) What is the total number of patients who could be accommodated there ? Is there a number or proportion fixed for Bihar and Orissa ?

(c) What share have the Bihar and Orissa Government in the management and organization of the hospital, and in making appointments ?

Mr. A. L. INGLIS: (a) July 1925.

(b) 1,412. There is no fixed proportion for Bihar and Orissa but all the inmates of the Patna mental hospital, which is the only such institution in the province, will be transferred to the Indian mental hospital at Ranchi.

(c) The management and organization of the hospital will for the present rest in the local Government, which will also make all appointments in consultation with the Government of Bengal.

#### REQUISITION FOR AN I. M. S. OFFICER FOR THE INDIAN MENTAL HOSPITAL.

183. Mr. JIMUT BAHAN SEN: (a) Is it a fact that the Government of Bihar and Orissa have applied to the