

[B. Krishna Ballabh Sahay]

			Village	Area
3. Thana Simaria	Block C	1. Hahe ...	} 837-05
			2. Tuki ...	
4. Ditto	Block D	1. Hahe ...	} 1190-15
			2. Tuki ...	
			3. Lapanga ...	
			4. Karun ...	
1. Thanas Chatra and Hunterganj		Block A	1. Gae ...	} 3636-00
			2. Kenrimoh ...	
			3. Khawabar ...	
			4. Pandarkola...	
			5. Amber ...	
			6. Pahasbar ...	
			7. Kurketha ...	
2. Thanas Chatra and Hunterganj...		Block B	1. Salot ...	} 3133-63
			2. Karamo ...	
			3. Kurkbeta ...	
			4. Deoria ...	
			5. Kari ...	

Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: Have the recorded rights been respected?

Mr. J. R. DAIN: Yes, Sir.

FIRE IN THE KODERMA RESERVED FOREST WHICH BROKE OUT IN APRIL 1924.

216. Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: (a) Is it a fact that a fire broke out in the Koderma reserved forest in the month of April 1924?

(b) Is it a fact that the fire came from the side of Gaya and entered the Koderma forest because the fire and boundary lines were not clear?

(c) Is it a fact that the forest guard through whose block the fire entered could not take steps to prevent the fire entering the forest because he was at that time at a village called Inderwan and not on duty?

(d) Is it a fact that on the next day the people of Koderma *khas mahal* refused to help in extinguishing the fire because they wanted that they should be given the diet expenses before they started from home?

(e) Is it a fact that the people of Koderma requested the Deputy Commissioner to pay a visit to the forest area and to see for himself whether the fire lines were clear? Will Government state if the request was accepted?

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Mr. J. R. DAIN: (a) Yes.

(b) The fire came from the Gaya side and crossed a fire line into the Koderma reserved forest. The fire line had been properly cleaned, but a 50 fire line is not sufficient to check a fire in the high winds which usually prevail in April.

(c) The forest guard was on his beat on the day of occurrence.

(d) It is usual to provide villagers who assist in putting out a fire with *sattu* at the site of the fire. It is reported that on this occasion the villagers of Koderma, prompted by some interested persons, refused to assist unless Re. 1 per head and one seer sweets were supplied before they started.

(e) No such request was made to the Deputy Commissioner.

Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: Is it a fact that the member of the Council from Hazaribagh personally requested the Deputy Commissioner?

Mr. J. R. DAIN: Government have no information.

PAY OF CHAUKIDARI TAHSILDARS IN CHOTA NAGPUR.

217. Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: (a) Is it a fact that the pay of *chaukidari tahsildars* in Chota Nagpur was not increased when the pay of other office clerks was recently increased?

(b) Are Government aware that a great disaffection prevails among the *tahsildars* on account of this?

(c) Is it a fact that *chaukidari tahsildars* are given a pony allowance?

(d) Is it a fact that the *tahsildars* of Palamau have been deprived of this pony allowance? If so, why?

Mr. E. L. L. HAMMOND: (a) The pay of *chaukidari tahsildars* in the several districts of the Chota Nagpur division has been revised from time to time since 1920 when the pay of other office clerks was last revised. No revision has been made since March last, when *chaukidari* clerks were brought into pensionable service, except in the case of Dhanbad, where the *tahsildars* have been given an increase of Rs. 5 each a month on account of the high cost of living there.

(b) No.