

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Monday, the 22nd 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 Monday the 22nd September, 1947, at 2 P. M. the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr Vindhyeshwari Prasada Varma, in the Chair.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

RELIEF MEASURES IN KAMLA AND KOSI AFFECTED AREAS AND CONSTITUTION OF A PERMANENT BODY TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT IN DEALING WITH THESE AREAS.

3. Mr. HARINATH MISHRA : (a) Will the Hon'ble the Minister in charge of Revenue be pleased to make a statement on the various relief measures adopted by them this year in the Kosi and Kamla affected areas of North Bihar ;

(b) do Government contemplate constituting some permanent body to advise the Government in dealing with the Kosi and Kamla affected areas ;

(c) if the answer to clause (b) be in the affirmative, the nature of the body and the time the constitution will take ?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) Sir relief measures taken by Government in the Revenue Department in the flood affected areas in the districts of Darbhanga and Saharsa are as follows :—

Darbhanga.

- (i) an allotment of Rs. 50,000 has been sanctioned for gratuitous relief in the shape of free distribution of foodgrains, cloth, etc. to the people in distress in the flood affected areas ;
- (ii) an allotment of Rs. 20,000 for gratuitous relief to the people in distress for repairing or reconstructing their houses damaged or destroyed by floods ;

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Pandit Dhanraj Sharma: जनाब सदर, कबल इसके कि आज की बहस शुरू हो मैं आप का ध्यान १८ ता० के इन्डियन नेशन की उस रिपोर्ट की तरफ आकर्षित करता हूँ, जो रांची की १६ सितम्बर की है। उस में यह लिखा गया है:—

"Intemperate speeches tainted with vulgar expressions made yesterday by Mr. Lambodar Mukherjee and some other Congress members in connection with the debate on the State Acquisition of Zamindari Bill in the Bihar Assembly elicited a severe chastisement today from the Speaker."

जहाँ तक मेरा ख्याल है, श्रीकर साहब, मिस्टर लम्बोदर मुखर्जी का नाम आप ने नहीं लिया था। मिस्टर लम्बोदर मुखर्जी की जो तक्रार थी, वह जबरदस्त जरूर थी, लेकिन उसमें कोई vulgar expression इस्तेमाल नहीं किया गया था। मैं जो point raise कर रहा हूँ वह यह है कि जब आपने मिस्टर लम्बोदर मुखर्जी का जो इस परिषद के सदस्य हैं, नाम नहीं लिया और न यही कहा कि उन्होंने vulgar expression इस्तेमाल किया तो यह जो रिपोर्ट शायी हुई है जिससे हमारे एक साथी की तौहीन होती है, इस सूबे के अन्दर और बाहर तो उनकी रक्षा आप को करनी है। मैं चाहता हूँ कि आप इन्डियन नेशन को एक नोटिस दें कि तुमने एक इस परिषद के सदस्य की तौहीन की है, इसलिये उनसे क्षमा मांगो वरना जो सुविधायें (Privileges) इस परिषद में मिलती हैं, वे बन्द कर दी जायेंगी। मेरा यही point है, जिसको मैंने आप के सामने रखा है। जय हिन्द।

The Hon'ble the Speaker: It is true that I did not name any particular member in my statement before the House the other day. It was certainly indiscreet on the part of the paper to have published names without authority and without proper enquiry.

Pandit Dhanraj Sharma:

जनाब सदर, मेरी गुजारिश यह थी कि इन्डियन नेशन से कहा जाय कि जो सुविधायें आप की कृपा से उसको मिलती हैं, उससे उसको वंचित किया जाय अगर वह माफी न मांगे।

The Hon'ble the Speaker:

इस पर विचार किया जायेगा। जैसी राय होगी, वैसा किया जायेगा।

The Hon'ble Mr. Ram Charitra Sinha: Sir, may I move

That the matter may be referred to the Committee of privileges and examined there to see if the privilege of the member named has been infringed.

The Hon'ble the Speaker: Yes; the Hon'ble Minister is certainly within his rights to have this matter referred to the Committee of privileges, but in a matter like this it would be well if the Leader of the House makes a motion, if he thinks it necessary, after the preliminary enquiries have been made by the Secretary under the instructions of the Chair.

The Hon'ble Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha: To-day I am not prepared to say anything in this connection. Action may be taken in the meantime as proposed.

Financial Business:

Presentation of First Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for the year, 1947-48

The Hon'ble Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha: Sir, under the provisions of section 81 of the Government of India Act, 1935, I present a supplementary statement showing the estimated amount of expenditure which, it is anticipated, will be incurred during the financial year 1947-48 over and above the provision in the authenticated schedule of authorised expenditure.

Laying on the Table the Appropriation Accounts and Finance Accounts for 1945-46 and the Audit Reports thereon.

The Hon'ble Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha: In pursuance of section 169 of the Government of India Act, 1935, I lay on the table the Appropriation Accounts and Finance Accounts of the Government of Bihar for the year 1945-46 and the Audit Reports thereon submitted by the Auditor General of India to His Excellency the Governor for being placed before the Legislature.

I may add that the Appropriation Accounts and Audit Reports will be scrutinised by the Public Accounts Committee in accordance with the provision of rule 162 of the Bihar Legislative Assembly Rules and that the report of the Committee will be presented to the Assembly in due course.