

**THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR
OF
BIHAR AND ORISSA.**

Thursday, 22nd January 1925.

The Council met in the Council Chamber at Patna at 11-30 A.M.,
the Hon'ble the President in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

**GRANTS TO AND POSTS UNDER BIHAR AND ORISSA CO-OPERATIVE
FEDERATION.**

106. Babu GUR SAHAY LAL: Will the Government be pleased to state—

(i) the amount of the recurring grants made annually to Bihar and Orissa Co-operative Federation, Limited, and the purpose for which they are made ;

(ii) the name and designation of the authority who makes appointment in the Federation ;

(iii) the different grades of posts thereof ;

(iv) the number of Bihari Hindus, Muhammadans, Bengali Hindus and Oriyas holding posts in the Federation, with their grades of pay.

(v) the number of Bihari Hindus, Muhammadans, Bengali Hindus and Oriyas appointed in 1923 and 1924 separately ?

Mr. B. A. COLLINS : (i) The following are various subsidies paid : —

(a) A subsidy of Rs. 16,672 is granted towards the maintenance of divisional auditors.

(b) A contribution is made towards the audit of primary societies at the rate of Rs. 3-8-0 per society of above two years'

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standing and for other societies in new and backward areas at Rs. 15 per society. For societies in backward areas, but more than 2 years old, Government propose to contribute at a higher rate than Rs. 3-8-0 instead of paying Rs. 15 per society. The amount actually paid this year was Rs. 37,267.

(c) A subsidy of Rs. 6,000 is paid to enable inspecting clerks to be employed in new and backward areas.

(d) A subsidy of Rs. 2,500 is paid for the training of probationary managers, local auditors, bank clerks and inspecting clerks.

(e) A subsidy of Rs. 4,050 is paid to provide for the free supply of sets of account books to those societies which are registered in the first three years from the date of the registration of the first society in any area.

(f) A new subsidy of Rs. 5,000 is being proposed to assist in development and propaganda work. The total subsidies actually paid this year amount to Rs. 66,489.

(ii) The Governor of the Bihar and Orissa Co-operative Federation.

(iii) and (iv)—

Posts under the Federation.

1 Development Officer on Rs. 300— $\frac{15}{4}$ —750

Held by—

Muhammadan.

Federation office.

1 Secretary on Rs. 125—10—175

1 Clerk on Rs. 55—82½

2 Clerks on Rs. 50—75

1 Clerk on Rs. 37½—55

1 Clerk on Rs. 40—60

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Muhammadan.

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Bihari Hindu.

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Co-operative Press.

1 Manager on Rs. 150—10—250

1 Clerk on Rs. 50

1 Clerk on Rs. 20

1 Clerk on Rs. 40

1 Clerk on Rs. 30

1 Reader on Rs. 55

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Posts under the Federation.

Held by—

Posts of Auditors.

6 Divisional Auditors on Rs. 150—10—250	...	One vacant at present. 2 Muhammadans. 1 Bengali. 2 Oriyas.																		
6 Auditors on Rs. 82½—110	...	3 Bihari Hindus. 1 Muhammadan. 2 Oriyas.																		
51 Auditors on Rs. 55—82½	...	19 Bihari Hindus. 12 Muhammadans. 5 Bengalis. 13 Oriyas. 2 Christians.																		
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(v) Appointments made (temporary and permanent).

				In 1923.	In 1924.
Bihari Hindus	5	11
Muhammadans	...	...	...	7	12
Oriyas	...	...	...	5	5
Bengalis	...	...	...	2	4
Christians	...	...	...	Nil	2

Babu GUR SAHAY LAL: Are the four highest posts under the Federation filled by members of one community because of the difficulty of obtaining suitable candidates from other communities?

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT: The hon'ble member should not supply the answer.

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur: I cannot give any information as it is entirely within the province of the Governor of the Bihar and Orissa Federation to make these appointments. Government have nothing to do with it.

Babu GUR SAHAY LAL: Are the Government aware that the appointment to these four posts from one particular

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community has entailed hardship on suitable candidates from other communities ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I have no information.

Babu GUR SAHAY LAL : As regards the post of auditors, have the Government made any effort to secure suitable Bihari Hindu candidates for the highest grade rising from Rs. 150 to Rs. 250 ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I am not aware of this. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies makes these appointments.

Babu GUR SAHAY LAL : To what is due the absence of Bihari Hindus from the higher posts. Why out of six divisional auditors there is no Bihari Hindu ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : Unless I make inquiries I am not in a position to give any information.

Babu GUR SAHAY LAL : Is it a fact that some permanent auditors are being trained ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I want notice of this question also.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the sanction of Government is needed for appointments made by the Federation ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : No.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Will Government consider the desirability of withdrawing their aid from the Federation on account of their antipathy towards a particular community ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I do not think I am entitled to assume that the Federation or its Governor has got any antipathy.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Will Government be pleased to state whether they have ever considered these appointments in the light of fair and equitable distribution of patronage between the different communities ?

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The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : Government had no occasion to consider these appointments as they are made by the Governor of Federation on which I presume Hindu community is well represented. It is for the Federation to consider whether there has been any patronage.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Will Government be pleased to state whether the Hon'ble Minister who is in charge of this department has ever presided over the meetings of the Federation and heard the report which is read at the meetings of these Federation ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I have never presided over the Federation meetings. Once I presided at an annual meeting of congress.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Was the Hon'ble Minister ever present at the meetings of the Federation and thereby came to know of these deplorable results ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : No.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Did the officer in charge of this department ever take the advice of the Hon'ble Minister in making these appointments ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I think never.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Does the Hon'ble Minister propose to stop this gross abuse of patronage ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I shall simply bring to the notice of the Governor of Federation who is the Registrar of Co-operative Societies the questions and answers.

Rai Bahadur DWARKA NATH : Is Government prepared to take sufficient notice of this abuse of patronage by the Head of a Department ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I do not assume that there has been any patronage or any abuse.

Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI : Who makes the appointments ?

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The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : The Governor of Federation.

Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of members of the Federation ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I want notice of this question.

Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI : Will the Government be pleased to state which community preponderates on the Federation ?

The Hon'ble Sir SAIYID MUHAMMAD FAKHR-UD-DIN, Khan Bahadur : I cannot say off hand, but presumably the Hindu community.

Babu KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : I want to know whether in making these appointments the Federation is guided by the question of efficiency or of community ?

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT : This matter is not the primary concern of the local Government.

AUDIT SYSTEM OF BIHAR AND ORISSA CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION.

107. Babu GUR SAHAY LAL : Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) if any committee was appointed by the Government to examine the system of audit of the said Federation, and if so, what report it has made ;

(b) if the Government have taken or intend to take any action on the aforesaid report :

(c) if before making appointments posts are advertised for, and if not, why not ?

Mr. B. A. COLLINS : (a) and (b) A committee was appointed in September 1923 to consider among other objects the adequacy of the audit system. The report and the decision of Government on it have already been published.

(c) The Federation does not always advertise posts that are to be filled up. Appointments are made in accordance with the Registrar's circular no. 9 of 1922 of which a copy is laid on the library table.