

[B. Bhuvaneshvari P. Mandal]

(g) The revised land acquisition proposals have been prepared for the purpose of meeting the legitimate grievances of the persons interested, and the local officers consider them to be satisfactory.

#### PERMANENT SETTLEMENT OF REVENUE IN ORISSA.

137. Babu JAGABANDHU SINHA : Will the Government be pleased to state if any action has been taken by the Government on the resolution passed in the last session of the Council regarding the present settlement operation of Orissa being made permanent?

Mr. J. R. DAIN : Government, for the reasons stated on their behalf in the course of the debate, did not accept the resolution. This was duly recorded in the register which is kept in the library for the information of members of the Legislative Council, the object of which is to avoid the necessity of questions of this description.

#### FLOOD IN DARBHANGA.

138. Maulavi SAIDUL HAQQ : (a) Will the Government be pleased to state if it is a fact that great havoc was caused by flood last year in the Madhubani and sadr subdivisions in the district of Darbhanga?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state if any step was taken by the Government to afford relief to the inhabitants affected by the recent flood?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state if they propose to take any step in order to prevent flood in future?

(d) Is it a fact that for the last fifteen years throughout Ahis and a portion of Dharour pargana, thana Bahera, in the district of Darbhanga, great havoc has been caused by flood, and paddy crops as well as other crops have been washed away every year?

Mr. J. R. DAIN : (a) Considerable damage was caused last year by flood in the area mentioned.

(b) Prompt and effective measures were taken. Gratuitous relief was given, and a large amount of money was advanced as agricultural loans to provide for the re-transplantation of paddy and for *rabi* sowings.

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(c) Government are prepared to consider any recommendation made in this matter by the local officers, but it is very doubtful whether any measures are practicable.

(d) The greater part of the Darbhanga district, which receives the drainage of the lower Himalayas, is subject to periodic floods, but there is no evidence that the areas mentioned have suffered to a greater extent than other low-lying parts of the district.

NUMBER OF OFFICERS POSSESSING MASTERS DEGREES IN THE SUBORDINATE, BIHAR AND ORISSA AND INDIAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

139. Babu GUR SAHAY LAL : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing—

(a) the number of officers in the Subordinate Educational Service holding—

(i) 1st class Masters degrees,

(ii) 2nd class Masters degrees,

(iii) 3rd class Masters degrees of an Indian University or similar degrees in an Honours Examination at any English or foreign University ;

(b) the number of officers in the Bihar and Orissa Educational Service holding—

(i) 1st class Masters degrees,

(ii) 2nd class Masters degrees,

(iii) 3rd class Masters degrees of an Indian University or similar degrees in an Honours Examination at any English or foreign University ;

(c) the number of officers in the Indian Educational Service holding—

(i) 1st class Masters degrees,

(ii) 2nd class Masters degrees,