

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Saturday, 19th February, 1921.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber at Eleven of the Clock.
The Honourable the President in the Chair.

The Honourable the President: Members desiring to take their seats, will please advance to the table to take the Oath or to affirm in the manner prescribed.

There being no further Members to take the Oath, we will proceed to questions.

The Honourable the President then called upon Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala to put Question No. 143.

The Honourable Mr. Moncrieff Smith: The Honourable Member is not here.

The Honourable the President: When a Member is absent, unless, under Standing Order No. 19, the Member of the Government, in charge of the Department concerned, wishes to answer the Question, the Question will lapse, and notice will have to be given of it anew.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT.

143. Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala: Do the Government of India propose to consider the question of securing the appointment of an Additional Indian Judge to the Honourable High Court at Allahabad and transfer the judicial work hitherto disposed of by the Board of Revenue to that Honourable Court?

(This Question was not answered as Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala was not present.)

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY COMMISSION.

144. Babu K. C. Neogy: (a) Will the Government be pleased to state when the report of the Calcutta University Commission was submitted to them, and when the report was published?

(b) Is it a fact that on the publication of the report the Secretary of State for India asked the Government of India for a reasoned despatch containing their proposals, and suggested that sufficient time should be given to him to consider the same?

Mr. H. Sharp: (a) The report of the Calcutta University Commission was published on the 9th August 1919. No definite date can be specified on which it was submitted to the Government of India; but before its publication, proofs of it were received by some of the Government officers concerned.

(b) The Government of India are not prepared to give any information on this subject.

REPORT OF THE CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY COMMISSION.

145. Babu K. C. Neogy: (a) Is it a fact that on or about the 27th January 1920, the Government of India published a Resolution on the report

(f) Is it a fact that the Secretary of State finally declined to accord sanction to the Draft Bill submitted to him? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons assigned by the Secretary of State for his action?

Mr. H. Sharp: (a) and (b). The answers are in the affirmative.

(c), (d), (e) and (f). The Government of India are not prepared to make any statement on these points.

REPORT OF THE CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY COMMISSION.

148. **Babu K. C. Neogy:** Will the Government be pleased to state if any despatch has been received from the Secretary of State on the subject of proposed legislation in connection with the report of the Calcutta University Commission? If so, will the Government be pleased to lay a copy of the Despatch on the table?

Mr. H. Sharp: The Government of India are not prepared to give any information on the matter.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY.

149. **Babu K. C. Neogy:** Is it a fact that in a reply to the Calcutta University's representation dated the 31st March 1920, the Government of India merely informed the University on or about the 26th July 1920, that it was not intended to introduce the Bill for the reconstitution of the University in the September session, and did not deal at all with the request made by the University for a scrutiny of the financial aspects of the question or the appointment of a Committee for working out the details of a financial scheme?

Mr. H. Sharp: It is not a fact that the Government of India, in replying to the letter of the 31st March from the Registrar of the University of Calcutta, merely informed the University that it was not intended to introduce the Bill for the reconstitution of the University in the September session. The Government of India's letter of the 26th July further requested that the remaining Resolutions of the Senate and an explanatory statement which had been promised might be forwarded as soon as possible, since the Government of India would be glad to be in possession of the views of the University at the earliest possible date. The letter did not, however, deal with the request made by the University for the appointment of a committee for working out the details of a financial scheme, since it would clearly have been premature at that stage to appoint such a committee even if the appointment of such a committee were at any stage desirable and necessary.

RECONSTITUTION OF THE CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY.

150. **Babu K. C. Neogy:** Is it a fact that the Government of India stated in reply to a question put in the Indian Legislative Council that no financial arrangement could be made until the Executive Commission proposed in the report of the Calcutta University Commission had made its recommendations? If so, will the Government be pleased to explain its reasons for this view?

Mr. H. Sharp: The reply to the first part of the question is in the affirmative. The reason for the view held by the Government of India is