

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

to be found in the reply to the question to which the Honourable Member has alluded and also in paragraph 95 of Chapter XXXVII of the report of the Calcutta University Commission.

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY.

151. **Babu K. C. Neogy**: Is it a fact that in reply to a question put in the Indian Legislative Council the Government of India stated that before Government consider the request made by the University in their representation of the 31st March 1920, the Government desire to have before them the complete body of Resolutions on the report of the Commission which the Senate proposed to submit? 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 Government of India naturally desire, if possible, to obtain the views of the University of Calcutta before deciding on so important a question.

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY.

152. **Babu K. C. Neogy**: (a) Are the Government aware that the Senate of the Calcutta University has recently passed a Resolution, suggesting that legislation for the re-constitution of the Calcutta University should be undertaken in the Bengal Legislative Council, and not in the Legislative Assembly or the Council of State?

(b) Are the Government aware that there is a strong body of public opinion in Bengal in support of the above proposal?

(c) Do the Government propose to consider the desirability of giving effect to the said Resolution of the Calcutta University?

Mr. H. Sharp: (a) The Government of India have seen in the press a statement that such a Resolution has been passed.

(b) The Government of India have no information on the point.

(c) The question is already under consideration.

CAPITAL CITY FOR THE UNITED PROVINCES.

153. **Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the correspondence which they have had with the Government of the United Provinces on the choice of a Capital city for the United Provinces?

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

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILS.

154. **Lala Girdhari Lal Agarwala**: (a) Will the Government of India be pleased to state whether they had been consulted in the appointment of the Members of the Executive Councils in those provinces in which new Councils have been formed for the first time, if so, will the Government be pleased to lay the correspondence on the table?

(b) On what considerations was the strength of the Executive Councils in Madras, Bombay and Bengal fixed at four instead of two inasmuch as about half the public business of the transferred subjects had been put in charge of the Ministers?