

THE BIRAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 23rd August, 1938.

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 Patna on Tuesday, the 23rd August, 1938, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ram Dayalu Sinha, in the Chair.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT CIRCLE OFFICER OF BETTIAH.

914. Mr. BIRENDRA BAHADUR SINHA* : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that an order appointing Babu Singheshwar Prasad Singh, who is at present serving as a head assistant in the Banailly estate as an assistant circle officer in the Bettiah Court of Wards, was passed some time in 1937 ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, the reasons why the aforesaid order of appointment has not yet been given effect to ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) Does not arise.

INADEQUATE REPRESENTATION OF THE MUSLIMS ON THE MINISTERIAL STAFF OF THE MUZAFFARPUR COLLECTORATE.

915. Mr. BADRUL HASAN† : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether they have received a copy of the proceedings of, or resolutions passed at, the meeting of the Muzaffarpur District Muslim League held on the 28th March, 1938, regarding the inadequate representation of the Muslims on the ministerial staff of the Muzaffarpur collectorate ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether Government have called for any report from the Collector of Muzaffarpur ; and if so, whether they propose to lay on the table a copy of the said report ;

*In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Har Kishore Prasad.

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Mr. UPENDRANATH MUKHARJI : Are Government willing to give remission of rent at the rate as they want it from the *zamindars* ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : That is a request for action.

Mr. UPENDRANATH MUKHARJI : I wanted to know whether there is any such idea in the mind of Government.

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : Government have already started investigation on the point. They called for report from the local officers and they recently received the report of the Commissioner as regards the remission of rent in *Damin* and *khas mahal* and that report is under the consideration of Government.

SERVING OF BEEF TO A HINDU LADY CONGRESS WORKER AT THE PATNA
MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

917. Pandit GOVIND PATI TIWARI : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that beef was recently served in the Patna Medical College Hospital to Srimati Chandrawati Devi, a prominent Hindu lady Congress worker of Patna, without her knowledge or consent ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the religious feelings and susceptibilities of the aforesaid lady were so deeply wounded that she left the hospital in her delicate state of health and represented the mental agony caused to her to several gentlemen in the town, and while doing so, fainted and became unconscious several times and was with great difficulty prevailed upon to go back to the hospital ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the matter was brought to the notice of the Hon'ble the Prime Minister who visited the hospital and enquired into the incident and found that it was substantially true ;

(d) whether Government are aware that this incident has caused deep resentment and pain to the aforesaid lady in particular and to the Hindu public in general ; if so, whether Government have taken any steps in the matter with a view to punish the employees of the Patna Medical College Hospital responsible for this incident ; if so, what ; if not, the reason for the same ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) Reports to this effect did appear in the local newspapers.

(c) The Hon'ble the Prime Minister personally went to the Hospital but as the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Department was out of station he left the matter to be dealt with by him on his return.

(d) The answer to the first part of the clause is in the affirmative.

The Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals has issued a circular letter to all Civil Surgeons and Superintendents of the Patna Medical College

Hospital and the Darbhanga Medical School Hospital, etc., to see that diet offered to any patient does not offend the susceptibilities of the patient.

As regards the particular incident under reference a report has been received from the local officer and is under the consideration of Government.

Pandit GOVIND PATI TIWARI : Arising out of (d), has any punishment been inflicted on the employees of the Medical College Hospital responsible for this incident ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : No, Sir. Government made an enquiry and they have received a report from the enquiring authority and that report is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. SAIYID ALI MANZAR : Arising out of (d), may we know what is the report ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : It will not be in the interest of the public to disclose the report at this stage, Sir.

Mr. SAIYID ALI MANZAR : Does the report support the allegations made ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : The answer of the question will mean publication of the details of the report which we cannot do at present.

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PROMOTION OF BABU RAM NARAYAN, SUB-DEPUTY COLLECTOR, TO THE
PROVINCIAL CIVIL SERVICE.

918. Mr. RAM PRASAD : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is not a single Sub-Deputy Collector in the province belonging to the scheduled castes except Babu Ram Narayan ;

(b) whether it is a fact that Babu Ram Narayan has not yet been promoted to the rank of Deputy Magistrate, while others junior to him have been, even after the lapse of their age ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative. Only one officer junior to Babu Ram Narayan has been promoted to the rank of Deputy Magistrate after he had exceeded the prescribed age-limit.

Dr. RAGHUNANDAN PRASHAD : I understand, Sir, that shortly the question of promotion will be taken up. My question is whether the case of Babu Ram Narayan will be taken up this year or not.

Mr. SARANGDHAR SINHA : It is too premature to say that, now.