

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

MADRAS ENGINEERING SERVICE.

216. **Mr. T. V. Seshagiri Ayyar:** (a) Has the Government received any memorial from the passed Engineers of the Madras Engineering College with reference to the constitution of the 'Madras Engineering Service'?

(b) Is the Government of India satisfied that the scheme of re-organization published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 26th October 1920, is consistent with the Resolution of the Government of India on the subject?

(c) If not, will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to the Government of Madras to reconsider the allotment of posts to the Upper Subordinate Service in the Madras Presidency?

Colonel Sir S. D'A. Crookshank: (a) An advance copy of a memorial has been received, but none as yet through the proper channel, that is to say, the Local Government.

(b) Pending the receipt of memorials through the Local Government together with their views thereon, the Government of India know of nothing in the appointments made by the Madras Government to the Madras Engineering Service, in the selection for which the Local Government has a free hand, which is inconsistent with the Resolution inaugurating the provincial services.

(c) This question does not arise having regard to the answer to (b).

NAUTICAL INSTITUTION.

217. **Mr. Kabeerud-Din Ahmed:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is intended to establish a Nautical Institution at Calcutta for the benefit of Indian seamen who have done excellent service during the late war? If so, when?

INDIAN SEAMEN.

218. **Mr. Kabeerud-Din Ahmed:** Is it a fact that a memorial is to be erected commemorating the services of Indian seamen during the late war?

INDIAN SEAMEN.

219. **Mr. Kabeerud-Din Ahmed:** (a) Are the Government aware that the Indian seamen who come mostly from Eastern Bengal and Assam to seek employment, stay in Calcutta in low, insanitary lodgings or huts kept by money-grasping men?

(b) Do Government propose to take proper steps to erect a Sailors' Home in Calcutta for Indian seamen?

INDIAN SEAMEN.

220. **Mr. Kabeerud-Din Ahmed:** Do Government propose to make provision for—

(a) compulsory education for the sons of Indian seamen in the art of navigation and seamanship and for their training in the work required of them in the engine-room and in the saloon?

(b) training vessels to be stationed in the principal ports in India?