

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Friday, the 26th July, 1946.

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 Friday, the 26th July, 1946 at 11 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasaad Varma, in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

SMUGGLING OF FOODGRAINS.

615. Mr. Jamuna Prashad Singh* : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state—

(a) if it is a fact that smuggling of foodgrains is going on in the border regions of this province through bullock carts, horses and boats ;

(b) whether Government propose to start monopoly purchase of grains to eliminate big dealers in grains in order to stop smuggling, hoarding, profiteering and abnormal shooting of prices, if so, when ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Anugrah Narayan Sinha : (a) There is reason to believe that smuggling of foodgrains is going on in the border regions of this province.

(b) Government have already started monopoly purchase of grains in some selected areas of the province primarily to stop prices from rising and to intensify procurement. A proposal to extend the monopoly purchase system is under consideration.

* In the absence of the questioner, answer was given at the request of Mr. Deoki Nandan Prasad.

(2) To supervise the quality and despatches of foodgrains from their respective mills, and despatching stations.

(3) Submission of consolidated fortnightly stock returns of foodgrains licences.

(4) Checking stocks in the mills.

(5) Checking rations of the mills.

(6) Supervision of the quality and outturn of the mills.

OFFICERS IN THE SUPPLY AND PRICE CONTROL DEPARTMENT IN
THE DISTRICT OF PURNEA.

619. Mr. Muhammad Islamuddin* : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Supply and Price Control Department be pleased to state—

(a) the names and designations of the Officers in the Supply and Price Control Department in the district of Purnea along with their respective headquarters and territorial jurisdictions ;

(b) function of each class of these Officers ?

The Hon'ble Mr. Anugrah Narayan Sinha : A statement is laid on the table.

STATEMENT.

(a) Name of the officer.	Designation.	Headquarters.	Jurisdiction.
1. Babu Shib Narayan Prasad Sinha.	M. I.	... Purnea ...	Kharanchi hat, Sadr Baisi, Amour, Rupouli, Dhandaha, Dharhara, Kasba police-stations. He is in charge of Government godown of foodgrains at Sadr.
2. M. Afaque Nabi ...	Do.	... Katihar ...	Katihar, Barari, Kadwa Azamnagar, Barzoi, Korha, Karandighi and Manihari police-stations.
3. Babu Arun Kumar Guha.	Do.	... Kishanganj ...	(For the whole of Kishanganj subdivision.)
4. Babu Arun Kumar Moitra.	Do.	... Araria ...	(For the whole of the Araria subdivision.)
5. Babu Brij Madhab Das.	Supervisor (Road Patrol).	... Purnea ...	Sadr and Araria subdivisions excluding Karandighi police-station of the Sadr subdivision.
6. M. Shamsul Haq ...	Do.	... Purnea ...	Kishanganj subdivision and the Karandighi police-stations.
7. Babu H. N. Sen Gupta.	Inspector of food-grains (Road Patrol).	Jogbani ...	Nepal and Bhagalpur district borders in the Araria subdivision.

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(a) Name of the officer.	Designation.	Headquarters.	Jurisdiction.
8. Babu Leela Nath Upadhaya.	Inspector of food-grains (Road Patrol).	Dharhara ...	Dharhara police-station bordering Bhagalpur district in the Sadr subdivision.
9. Babu Lakshmi Narain Sinha.	Do.	... Roashna Manihari police-stations.	Borders of the Malda and Dinajpur districts at the end of the Barsol police-station.
10. Babu Ram Kripal Singh.	Do.	... Golpokhar (Kishanganj).	Borders of the district of Dinajpur from the point of Karandighi police-station to Daspara.
11. Babu Brijnandan Prasad.	Do.	... Chapra (Kishanganj).	Bengal border commencing from Daspara to Tentiliya (Kishanganj subdivision).
12. Babu Ram Bahadur Singh.	Sub-Deputy Magistrate (District Supply Officer).	Purnea ...	Entire Sadr subdivision (except for issue of permits for ceremonial occasions in 10 thanas) of the Sadr subdivision.
13. Mr. A. B. Chowdhury.	Sub-Deputy Magistrate.	Araria ...	Entire Araria subdivision. He is working under the supervision of the Subdivisional Officer, Araria because there is no Assistant District Supply Officer available for the price control work.
14. Mr. M. A. Jabbar...	Do.	... Kishanganj ...	Has been working as Assistant District Supply Officer under the supervision of the Subdivisional Officer, Kishanganj. He has been appointed as ex-officio Secretary of the Kishanganj Advisory Committee.

(b) (1) Functions of the Market Inspectors—They are employed in checking Market Prices and detecting cases under the various control orders. They are also utilised in making all kinds of miscellaneous enquiries relating to price control matters and in supervision of the distribution and sale of sugar, kerosene oil and other miscellaneous articles of this nature.

(2) Functions of the supervisors and the Road Patrol Inspectors—

(a) The supervisors have been employed to help the sub-divisional officers in checking the smuggling of foodgrains from this district to other provinces through these borders with the help of these Road Patrol Foodgrain Inspectors. They have also

been authorised to have an immediate control over these Inspectors who have been posted at different centres, from where illegal export of rice and other foodgrains is possible. The supervisors are permanent Excise Inspectors and their services have been transferred to the Price Control Department for the purpose.

(b) The Road Patrol Inspectors are required to move frequently on the borders to detect cases of leakage or illegal export of rice and other foodgrains, with the help of the peons attached to each of them.

(3) Functions of the District Supply Officer and the other two officers posted at Kishanganj and Araria—

(a) The District Supply Officer has been in charge of Price Control and Cloth Control Work since Mr. A. Munim has been transferred to Begusarai. There is no separate office of Officer for Price Control and Cloth Control and this officer is managing the work for the Sadr subdivision single handed except for issue of permits for 10 thanas which have been entrusted to the Munsif-Magistrate at Katihar and recently to Mr. C. D. Tewari, Sub-Deputy Collector, who have been temporarily deputed to Katihar for this work during the marriage season.

(b) The other two officers posted in Araria and Kishanganj subdivisions are doing the entire work of the Price Control and Cloth Control under the supervision of the respective Subdivisional Officers.

AWARD OF STATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY IN ZOOLOGY AND BIOLOGY.

620. Pandit Dhanraj Sharma* : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Education Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether applications were invited for State scholarships in Zoology and Botany this year;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, will Government please lay on the table a statement containing the following informations :—

(i) the terms and conditions of the advertisement inviting applications from candidates;

(ii) the names and qualifications of candidates who applied;

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