

[9th March 1927]

RECEIPTS IN THE SANTAL PARGANAS FROM THE SALE
OF EXCISEABLE ARTICLES.

196. Maulavi ABDUL GHANI (in the absence of Maulavi ABDUL BARI): Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state the annual receipts in the Santal Parganas in the years 1923-24, 1924-25 and 1925-26 from the sale of (a) country liquor, (b) *ganja*, (c) *bhang*, (d) opium, (e) foreign liquor and (f) any other intoxicants?

Mr. H. E. HORSFIELD: A reference is invited to Imperial Return I appended to Excise Administration Reports for the years 1923-24, 1924-25 and 1925-26.

PRINCIPLE ON WHICH RECRUITMENT TO THE BIHAR AND ORISSA
CIVIL SERVICE AND THE SUBORDINATE CIVIL SERVICE IS
MADE.

197. Thakur RAMNANDAN SINHA: (a) Will Government be pleased to state the basis if any of allotting executive posts to the men of different communities, including the domiciled classes of this province?

(b) Will Government be pleased to state if the numerical strength of the classes of men inhabiting the province is also taken as one of the chief factors for consideration in such appointments? If so, on what basis have the appointments both of the deputy magistrates and sub-deputy magistrates been made during the last five years?

(c) Will Government be pleased to lay on the table the respective numbers of the appointments made from Bihari Hindus, domiciled Bengalis and Muhammadans, in the Provincial and the Subordinate Executive Services and also as sub-registrars during the last five years?

(d) Will Government be pleased to lay on the table the exact number of Bihari Hindus, domiciled Bengalis and Muhammadans who are holding appointments in the Provincial and Subordinate Executive Services and as sub-registrars?

Mr. J. D. SIFTON: (a) and (b) For direct recruitment candidates are selected who have the best qualifications and are in the opinion of the Selection Committee likely to make useful public servants. At the same time recognition is given to the principle that a fair share of appointments should go to each of the more important classes and communities. This principle