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(b) Will Government be pleased to state the number of persons and their place of birth, whom Mr. Robertson enrolled as pleaders or mukhtars?

(c) Were any extra vacancies created by Mr. Robertson to provide for the persons referred to in question (b)? If so, will Government be pleased to state how many, and what was the necessity for creating so many extra vacancies?

(d) Will Government be pleased to state the number of licenses which Mr. Robertson, the officiating Deputy Commissioner, granted during his tenure for plying of motor vehicles for hire?

(e) How many of such licenses were cancelled by his successor Mr. Russell?

(f) Will Government be pleased to state the reasons for which the licenses referred to in (e) were cancelled?

(g) Do Government contemplate to re-appoint Mr. Robertson as the Deputy Commissioner of the Santal Parganas?

Mr. J. D. SIFTON: (a) 25th February to 31st October 1926.

(b) Ten. The places of birth of five are (1) Dumka (2) Noniahat in Dumka (3) Deoghar (4) Jamtara (5) Bagdohori in Jamtara; those of the other five are not known to Government.

(c) Yes, nine extra vacancies were created:—viz., 2 in Dumka, 3 in Deoghar, 2 in Jamtara and 2 in Rajmahal.

(d) Fifteen.

(e) None; in one case provisional permission which had been given by Mr. Robertson was withdrawn by Mr. Russell as the road on which the lorry was to ply was not fit for lorry traffic.

(f) The question does not arise.

(g) Government decline to answer the question.

M. B., B. S. EXAMINATION OF THE PATNA UNIVERSITY.

287. Maulavi ABDUL GHANI: (a) Will Government be pleased to state the date on which the final M. B., B. S. Examination of the Patna University takes place?

(b) Is it a fact that the session of the Patna Medical College terminates on the 15th of March each year as per Government

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notification no. 4269-L. S.-G., dated the 9th April 1925, as amended by Government notification no. 85-L. S.-G., dated the 6th January 1926 ?

(c) Is it a fact that the Vice-Chancellor of the Patna University has very recently changed the date of the M. B., B. S. Examination from the 14th March to the 7th March ? If so, is he authorised to change a date which has already been notified ?

(d) Is it a fact that the Patna University has adopted a resolution or has at least laid down somewhere in its records, that no examination will be held as far as practicable in the month of *Ramzan* if that month happens to fall between the 15th March and the 30th June ?

(e) Is it a fact that the Principal and one more European Professor of the Patna Medical College who are examiners of M. B., B. S. Examination are going home on leave in April next ?

(f) Is it a fact that the Principal of the Prince of Wales Medical College has recently remarked to the students of the said college

‘ Religion should not interfere in a University career ’ ?

(g) Is it a fact that there is unrest and dissatisfaction prevailing in the province owing to such remark of the said Principal and owing to the holding of the M. B., B. S. Examination during the month of *Ramzan* ?

(h) Do Government propose to take any steps in the matter and remedy the grievances ?

Mr. H. E. HORSFIELD (a) The final M. B., B. S. Examination begins on the 14th March 1927.

(b) The session terminates on the 16th March each year.

(c) No.

(d) A committee was appointed to report on the question of holding University Examinations during the month of *Ramzan*. The committee reported as follows :

We are of opinion that where practicable no examination be held during the month of *Ramzan*, but that if the holding of the examination cannot be avoided only one paper a day be given out.

The programme has been so arranged that only one paper a day will be given out.

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(e) Professors are entitled under the rules to avail themselves of vacation leave for three months commencing from the 1st April.

(f) No.

(g) and (h) The questions do not arise.

Maulavi ABDUL GHANI : Do Government mean to say that the final M.B., B.S. Examination is held before the termination of the college session ?

Mr. H. E. HORSFIELD : It is stated in the answer that the session terminates on the 16th March each year, and the examination is fixed for the 14th.

Maulavi ABDUL GHANI : Is it a fact that two European professors are going home on leave and therefore the examination has been fixed before it was due ?

Mr. H. E. HORSFIELD : So far as Government are aware no professors are going home on leave.

Khan Bahadur SHAH MUHAMMAD YAHYA : With reference to answer (d) may I ask who were the members of the Committee ?

Mr. H. E. HORSFIELD : I understand it was a university committee and I have no information as to who constituted it.

Khan Bahadur SHAH MUHAMMAD YAHYA : Was there any Muhammadan on the Committee ?

Mr. H. E. HORSFIELD : I ask for notice.

#### NUMBER OF MUHAMMADAN JAILERS AND ASSISTANT JAILERS.

288. Maulavi SAIYID MUHAMMAD NURUL HUDA (in the absence of Mr. SAIYID MUMAMMAD ATHAR HUSAIN) : (a) Will Government be pleased to state how many jailers there are in the province ?

(b) What is the number of Muhammadan jailers ?

(c) Will Government be pleased to state the number of assistant jailers appointed since 1920 ?

(d) How many Muhammadans have been appointed as assistant jailers since 1920 ?

(e) Is it a fact that there is an existing vacancy in the grade of assistant jailers ?