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have been remitted to the Company and their receipts obtained, but the money drawn previously has been misappropriated by the Lodging House clerk.

(c) At a special meeting of the Puri Lodging House Committee, held on the 5th October 1928 it was resolved that the District Magistrate be moved to take action under the law and that the clerk be placed under suspension from that day. The District Magistrate reports that the clerk has been suspended.

(d) The answer is in the negative.

(e) The case is now under investigation by the Inspector of Police, Puri town.

COW SACRIFICE IN THE VILLAGE SARSAUNA, DISTRICT  
DARBHANGA.

29. Babu SATYA NARAYAN SINGH : (a) Is it a fact that Mr. Petter, the subdivisional officer of Samastipur, went to the village Sarsauna and, without making any enquiry from the Hindus of the neighbouring villages, ordered the Muhammadans to sacrifice cows ?

(b) Is it a fact that Mr. Petter unnecessarily provoked the Hindus of the neighbouring villages of Sarsauna by asking the chaukidar to proclaim by beat of drum that the cow sacrifice would be made in the said village ?

(c) Is it a fact that the said Mr. Petter asked the Muhammadans to sacrifice as many cows as they can ?

(d) Is it a fact that Mr. Petter got many cows sacrificed while he stayed in the village Sarsauna ?

(e) Is it a fact that Mr. Petter had a large number of Hindus arrested and refused to grant them bail ?

(f) Is it a fact that Mr. Petter deputed the sub-inspector of police, Samastipur, who is a Muhammadan, to conduct the enquiry of the case and did not allow the Hindu sub-inspector of police, Tajpore, under whose jurisdiction the village Sarsauna falls ?

(g) If the replies to above clauses be in the affirmative, do Government propose to take any action against the subdivisional officer ?

Mr. H. K. BRISCOE : (a) On a report that there was a fear of a breach of the peace over the performance of *Kurbani* in a *gachhi* in Hasanpur-Sarsauna, Mr. Petter visited the spot, and found that the site was a particularly suitable one and that

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Sarsauna was one of those villages in which the practice of *Kurbani* had been recognised for a long time past. He made his enquiries in the presence of a large number of Hindus. He did not order Muhammadans to sacrifice cows, but prohibited Hindus from entering the *gachhi* or interfering with the performance of *Kurbani* by those Muhammadans who had been in the habit of performing it in the past.

(b) Mr. Petter gave no such orders. He merely left the order under section 144, Criminal Procedure Code, with the sub-inspector of police for service.

(c) and (d) The answer is in the negative.

(e) Mr. Petter was present with the armed police while some of the accused persons were being arrested. Bail was not granted to the arrested persons as offences under section 454, Indian Penal Code, etc., are not bailable.

(f) The Hindu officer in charge of the Tajpur police-station was an important witness in the case, and as he was already under orders of transfer, the inspector of police, who was also a Hindu, took up the investigation himself and ordered the senior sub-inspector of the nearest police-station (Samastipur), who happened to be a Muhammadan, to continue the investigation under his supervision.

(g) Does not arise.

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NUMBER OF COMMUNAL RIOTS IN BIHAR AND ORISSA SINCE THE  
CREATION OF THE PROVINCE.

30. Maulavi SAIYID MUBARAK ALI Sahib: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of communal riots that took place—

(i) between the period of the creation of the province and the introduction of reforms, from year to year,

(ii) since the introduction of the reforms up to the present day, from year to year,

(b) how many lives have been lost during each year as a result of such clashes,