

[30th August 1938]

Rai Bahadur SARAT CHANDRA RAY : To what thanas of the Ranchi district have these distributions been confined ?

Mr. J. W. HOULTON : I must ask for notice.

Rai Bahadur SARAT CHANDRA RAY : Is it not a fact that these distributions have been made only to the villages near about the town of Ranchi ?

Mr. J. W. HOULTON : I must ask for notice.

Mr. NANDA KUMAR GHOSH : Have Government received any complaint from any village or villages with regard to the fact, mentioned in the question, that no distribution has been made to them ?

Mr. J. W. HOULTON : Government have no information of any complaint.

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AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME OF A RAIYAT FROM AGRICULTURE IN EACH DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE.

48. Rai Bahadur SARAT CHANDRA RAY : Will Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the average annual income of a raiyat from agriculture in each district of the province ?

Mr. J. W. HOULTON : Such information, as is available to Government, is contained in public documents which are or can be made available to hon'ble members. The settlement reports contain figures which are necessarily only estimates and many of them are now out of date. Government do not consider that the collecting and printing of the information from the Settlement Reports would lead to results of any value, and cannot, in the present financial condition of the province, contemplate the great expense of making special enquiries to supplement that information.

Rai Bahadur SARAT CHANDRA RAY : Is it not a fact that the annual income of a raiyat has considerably decreased during the last five years, particularly in Chota Nagpur ?

Mr. J. W. HOULTON : If the income is estimated in money, the answer is in the affirmative.