

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Friday, the 24th September, 1948.

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 Ranchi on Friday, the 24th September, 1948, at 11.30 A.M., the Hon'ble Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasada Varma in the chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

SETTLEMENT OF THE CLAIM OF SHRI KHANTAR MAHTO.

* 92. **Mr. HARINATH MISHRA** : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Magistrate of Darbhanga in his letter no. 748/J., dated the 30th April, 1947, recommended an amicable settlement of the claim of Shri Khantar Mahto by paying Rs. 16,000 to him ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether Shri Khantar Mahto has been paid Rs. 16,000 according to the recommendation of the District Magistrate. If so, when, if not, why not ;

(c) whether Shri Khantar Mahto submitted a representation in this connection on the 27th May, 1948 ;

(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, the action Government have taken or propose to take on the subject ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) The hon'ble member is referred to the answer to question no. 93 (c).

(b) Nothing has been paid to Babu Khantar Mahto but the officers concerned have been directed to come to a settlement with the former.

(c) A representation, dated 11th May 1948, was received from Babu Khantar Mahto.

(d) The Police Officers concerned have been reminded and they are being warned to come to a settlement with Babu Khantar Mahto.

* In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Pandit Dhanraj Sharma.

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DOMICILE RULES IN BIHAR.

*95. **Mr. JAGANNATH SINGH** : Will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the domicile rules of the Province, many persons become domicile here without foregoing their domicile in another province ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the domicile rules of the sister provinces of the U. P. and Bengal are more stringent and specific than those of ours ;

(c) if the answers to clauses (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take for revising the said rules so as to bring them in conformity with those of the neighbouring provinces ?

The Hon'ble Dr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The domicile rules of the Government of the U. P. which are at present in force are more stringent and specific than the domicile rules of this Province ; but it is understood that the U. P. domicile rules are being revised. Government have no information about the domicile rules in force in West Bengal. A copy of those rules could not be obtained even on telegraphic requests.

(c) Domicile rules in this Province were framed on the recommendations of Dr. Rajendra Prasad and in conformity with the resolutions of the Congress Working Committee. Government do not intend to change the rules.

DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE PATIENTS IN THE SADAR HOSPITAL, DUMKA.

†96. **Mr. BURHANUDDIN KHAN** : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Local Self-Government Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government are aware of the dissatisfaction caused to the patients in the Sadar Hospital, Dumka, due to the reported bad treatment meted out to them by the present Assistant Surgeon, Dr. N. K. Mehra ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the negative, what steps Government propose to take to remove it ;

(c) whether it is a fact that two constables of the Santal Parganas have recently reported to the Superintendent of Police that Dr. N. K. Mehra, Assistant Surgeon, Dumka Hospital, demanded Rs. 10 for admitting one as an indoor patient and the head clerk of Civil Surgeon's office demanded Rs. 32 from another for a leave certificate ;

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(d) if the answer to clause (c) be in the affirmative, what action has been taken on the report of the constables?

The Hon'ble PANDIT BINODANAND JHA : Government are making enquiries in the matter. No complaint has specially been made to Government by any person.

Dr. GHULAM RASUL KHAN : Who has been asked to enquire into this matter?

The Hon'ble PANDIT BINODANAND JHA : I asked for enquiry from the I. G. C. H. in these allegations but I have not yet received the report, because the question was received only a few days back.

Dr. GHULAM RASUL KHAN : May I know, Sir, how long will it take to have the report?

The Hon'ble PANDIT BINODANAND JHA : If the report reaches me before the Assembly is prorogued I shall send a copy of it to the Legislature, and a copy to the hon'ble member concerned.

Dr. GHULAM RASUL KHAN : Will the Government be pleased to state if a copy of the report will be given to the member concerned?

The Hon'ble PANDIT BINODANAND JHA : I have said so, already.

Mr. PURUSOTTAM CHOHAN : Why Government are replying to the question without the completion of the enquiry?

The Hon'ble PANDIT BINODANAND JHA : In order to avoid the charge that the Government is sleeping over the matter. At the time when the question was received we had only taken the step of making enquiry into the matter. So whatever material we had before us we sent that to the Legislature.

Mr. PURUSOTTAM CHOHAN : May I know if enquiry is being made?

The Hon'ble PANDIT BINODANAND JHA : That point is also relevant. We have written to the Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals with a request that necessary enquiries may be made through the Civil Surgeon and that is being done.

WELLS FOR DRINKING PURPOSES AT JASIDIH.

97. Mr. GAURI SHANKAR DALMIA : Will the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Local Self-Government Department be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there are only two wells for drinking purposes at Jasidih and these two also get dried during summer and the travellers do not get water;