

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 27th September, 1937.

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 Patna, on Monday, the 27th September, 1937, at 11 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:

आज बड़ी खुशी है कि Hon'ble the Finance Minister बीमारी से अच्छे होकर आ गये हैं। हम से रोज़ मेम्बर लोग Hon'ble the Finance Minister की बीमारी के बारे में enquiry किया करते थे। आपकी बीमारी की वजह से public का भी बड़ा नुकसान हुआ। हम लोगों की मिनिस्टर्स के स्वास्थ्य के बारे में ख्याल रखना चाहिये और मिनिस्टर साहबान को खुद भी अपनी तन्दुरुस्ती का ख्याल रखना चाहिये ताकि Province को इस किस्म का नुकसान न उठाना पड़े।

आज आखिरी दिन है और सभी मेम्बर चाहते होंगे कि उनके सवाल proceedings में आ जाय। हर जगह supplementary questions होने से सुमकिन नहीं है कि आज ये सब questions खतम होंगे। इसलिये अगर आप supplementary questions न करें तो अच्छा हो। आज His Excellency भी आनेवाले हैं इसलिये समय भी कम है।

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA : We are much obliged to you, Sir, for your kind observations and also for the well-meant censure.

(c) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, the approximate time within which such allowance will be abolished;

(d) if the answer to clause (a) be in the negative, the reasons thereof?

Mr. JAGAT NARAYAN LAL: (a) Government so far have not decided to stop the payment of special allowances to Government servants but will consider this matter when the whole question of retrenchment is taken up.

(b) Government regret that the information is not readily available and they consider that the amount of time and trouble likely to be involved in collecting the necessary information would not be commensurate with the result to be obtained.

(c) Government propose to take up the question of retrenchment at the earliest opportunity.

(d) Does not arise.

PRACTICE OF SUBDIVISIONAL OFFICERS TO ATTEND COURTS LATE.

347. Mr. BUDHAN RAI: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the magistrates in the subdivisions generally attend their courts late at 1 or 2 P.M. in the day and sit till 8 P.M. at night, and whether it results in innumerable inconveniences to subordinates and the lawyers;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the negative, whether their attention has been drawn to a particular case of Sasaram, where the Subdivisional Officer generally sits till 7 P.M.?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: (a) General administrative work and the necessity for outdoor investigations often make it impossible for Subdivisional Officers to start trying cases at 10-30 A.M.; and frequently when the court work is heavy they are compelled to sit later than 4-30 P.M. Government do not approve of late sittings where these are due to slackness on the part of the officer concerned and will take steps to stop that practice. But they recognise that the best distribution of his time between the different branches of his work is a matter which each officer must arrange and that the convenience of the public and the Bar is an important consideration in this respect.

(b) Does not arise.

PHTHISIS PATIENTS AT ITKI SANATORIUM AND PATNA MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

348. Mr. RAJENDRA NARAYAN CHAUDHURI: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of phthisis patients admitted into the Itki Sanatorium and the Patna Medical College Hospital during the last three years;

- (b) the number of such patients cured in the said sanatorium ;
 (c) the number of deaths of such patients in the said sanatorium ?

Mr. BINODANAND JHA : (a) Itki Sanatorium—

1934	...	...	...	...	64
1935	...	...	...	...	132
1936	...	...	...	...	126

Patna Medical College Hospital—

1934	...	...	...	...	218
1935	...	...	...	...	297
1936	...	...	...	...	267

(b) (Arrested and much improved)—

1934	...	...	...	...	46
1935	...	...	...	...	65
1936	...	...	...	...	44

(c)—

1934	...	...	...	...	4
1935	...	...	...	...	10
1936	...	...	...	...	10

COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.

349. Mr. SHARFUDDIN HASAN : Will Government be pleased to state whether they contemplate to make a rule providing for the compulsory retirement of Government servants after twenty-five years of service ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : A reference is invited to the answer given to a similar question asked by Mr. Sukhlal Singh on the 16th September 1937.

GRANT OF A PERSONAL ALLOWANCE TO MR. K. S. RAO, TEXTILE EXPERT.

350. Mr. TAJAMUL HUSAIN : Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a personal allowance of Rs. 300 a month was granted to an officer of the Department of Industries just on the eve of inauguration of the new constitution ;

(b) what time Government took to scrutinise and consider the matter after receipt of the proposal from the Director of Industries ;

(c) what are the special grounds for such allowance in spite of the high salary already drawn by the officer ;