

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 को 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.

(d) whether they are aware of the scales of pay of the Textile Experts in other provinces ?

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : (a) A personal pay of Rs 200—50—300 was sanctioned for Mr. K. S. Rao, Textile Expert in March last.

(b) One month and six days.

(c) (i) His high qualifications and experience.

(ii) The exceptionally good work done by him in encouraging and developing the handloom industry which is the most important cottage industry of the province.

(iii) He has had to forego better prospects elsewhere. In 1928 he received the offer of a post in Hyderabad State carrying a salary of Rs. 1,200 O. S. equivalent to Rs. 1,150 of British money. At that time Government promised to consider the question of increasing the scale of his pay after 1931, but this they were not able to do earlier on account of continued financial stringency. Mr. Rao wished to apply for a post on higher pay in another province, but the Provincial Government were anxious not to lose his services. He was, therefore, given this personal pay on the understanding that he would not apply for any other post until the age of superannuation.

(iv) He had been drawing the maximum of his grade for over 8 years.

(v) Besides his duty as the Textile Expert, he has to look after the development of other cottage industries of the province and generally to act as a deputy to the Director of Industries who has no other senior officer to help him.

(d) The answer is in the affirmative.

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

351. Mr. GORAKH PRASHAD : 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 the 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 ;

(d) whether they are aware of the scales of pay of the Textile Experts in other provinces ?

Mr. JAGJIVAN RAM : (a) to (d) The hon'ble member is referred to the answer given to the preceding question of Mr. Tajamul Hussain.