

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

The 24th June, 1938.

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 Friday, the 24th June, 1938, at 11-30 A.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Ram Dayalu Sinha, in the Chair.

Welcome to hon'ble Mr. Anugrah Narayan Sinha on his return to the Assembly after his recovery from the motor accident.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: It is after a very long time that we see in our midst the Hon'ble Mr. Anugrah Narayan Sinha, our Finance Minister. The whole province hailed with thankful delight his miraculous escape from that most unfortunate motor accident. It is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of the whole House and as well as on my own behalf, very heartily welcome him back to the House to take part in its proceedings. (*Prolonged cheers.*)

Mr. CHANDRESHVAR PRASHAD NARAYAN SINHA: Sir, permit me to add just a few words to what you have already observed. I very heartily welcome the presence of the Hon'ble the Finance Minister in this House, whose usual smiling face we have been very much missing for a very long time, and I am sure that with his presence here not only Government will feel strengthened but we, on this side, also feel the usual encouragement in our own work. (*Cheers.*)

The Hon'ble Mr. ANUGRAH NARAYAN SINHA: With your permission, Sir, I convey my heart-felt thanks to you and through you to the members of this House. I fully realise the great affection with which the members of the House have been treating me, and I need not express my gratefulness in greater terms than I have already done. I also feel that during my absence the members have treated me with kindness, because I have not been able to attend to my duties as I ought to have, and for that also I express my hearty thanks. I owe my life to the good wishes of you all, friends and sympathisers throughout the province, and I take this opportunity of conveying my thanks to all of you. (*Prolonged cheers.*)

(d) the proportion of boys of class I to those of other classes in the said schools in each of the above mentioned years ;

(e) how many one-teacher lower primary schools have been abolished in the province up to the third quarter of the year 1937-38 as a result of the enforcement of the provisions contained in the Dippie circular no. 12-S. O., dated the 18th July 1935 ?

Mr. SARANGDHAR SINHA :

(a)	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37
	17,045	16,339	15,823
(b)	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37
	2,773	2,873	2,936

(c) and (d) Separate figures of boys in different classes of the lower primary and upper primary schools are not available. The figures noted below include the pupils in the primary stages of middle and high schools. The corresponding figures for 1937-38 are not available.

Class.	Number of Indian boys in the class.			Percentage in—		
	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1934-35.	1935-36.	1936-37.
Infant class	220,413	229,753	223,048	30.9	31.9	31.2
I ...	146,887	146,765	1,7,309	20.6	20.4	20.6
II ...	138,280	127,406	127,762	19.3	17.7	17.9
III ...	108,683	108,837	105,296	15.2	15.1	14.7
IV ...	57,268	60,702	62,085	8.0	8.4	8.7
V ...	42,729	46,695	49,733	6.0	6.5	6.9

(e) 42.

ARREST OF BABU BALINDRA LAL DAS OF GAYA.

632. Mr. JAMUNA PRASHAD SINHA : With reference to the answer given on the 31st March, 1938, to a question put by Mr. Birendra Bahadur Sinha, will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a copy of the report of the Subdivisional Officer was not supplied to Mr. Das although the enquiry held was styled a "judicial enquiry" by the Advocate-General on the last occasion ; if so, why ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the enquiry was held in open court and witnesses were examined on oath and cross-examined by the lawyers engaged on behalf of the sub-inspector ;

(c) who paid the fee of Mr. Harihar Prashad, Advocate, and Babu Raghubir Prashad, Mukhtear, of the Gaya Bar, who had appeared during the enquiry on behalf of the sub-inspector, Babu Rambilas Roy ;

(d) if Government paid the fee of the above lawyers, whether it is done in all such cases, or this has been done as a special case, and if it has been done as a special case, why so ;

(e) if the fee had been paid by the sub-inspector concerned, whether he had taken the previous sanction of the Government for the purpose ; if not, whether Government are prepared to take any steps in the matter ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) The report could not be supplied to him as it had already been sent to the District Magistrate. Mr. Das was told so by the Subdivisional Officer. No application to the District Magistrate was made by Mr. Das for a copy of the report.

(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) The Superintendent of Police reports that the sub-inspector engaged these lawyers and has paid them himself.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The sub-inspector was left to defend himself at his own expense and he was entitled to engage lawyers. Appendix 74 of the Police Manual governs this case and no previous sanction of Government was necessary.

POSTING OF KHAN SAHIB ABUL KHAIR, DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.

633. Mr. CHATURANAN DAS *: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Khan Sahib Abul Khair, at present the Deputy Superintendent of Police of Giridih, has been in the district of Hazaribagh continuously for more than ten years ;

(b) if the answer to clause (a) be in the affirmative, whether there is any special reason for keeping him so long in that district ?

Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) Does not arise.

CO-OPERATIVE BANKS AND UNIONS.

634. Mr. SHARFUDDIN HASAN: Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many co-operative banks there are in the province and how many of them have non-official chairmen and how many have official chairmen ;

*In the absence of the questioner, the answer was given at the request of Mr. Suryanandan Thakur.