

THE BIHAR LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DEBATES.

Thursday, the 18th September, 1947.

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 Thursday, the 18th September 1947, at 11 P.M., the Hon'ble the Speaker, Mr. Vindhyeshwari Prasada Verma, in the chair.

QUESTION AND ANSWER.

AFFAIRS OF THE SARAN DISTRICT BOARD DAK AND INSPECTION BUNGALOWS.

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

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Congress workers in Saran district are in the habit of occupying the Dak and Inspection Bungalows of the District Board at Gopalganj without signing their names and paying for their stay which sometimes goes on for days and sometimes for weeks as in the last and current District Board general elections ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Gopalganj District Board overseer and chaukidars fight shy of asking them to sign their names and make payments for fear of incurring their displeasure and inviting troubles for themselves on that account ;

(c) if the answers to clauses (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to take steps so that these persons be asked to make payments and discontinue to deprive the District Board of its perfectly lawful dues ?

The Hon'ble Pandit BINODANAND JHA : (a) This is partially correct. But more responsible section of Congressmen are against the practice and filed petitions to District Board Officials drawing their attention to it.

*In absence of the questioner the answer was given at the request of Mr. Saiyid Maqbul Ahmad.

41. Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Narain Sinha.

42. Mr. Bhagwat Prasad and

43. The Hon'ble Mr. Krishna Ballabh Sahay.

The motion was adopted.

THE CHOTA NAGPUR TENANCY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1947 (BILL NO. 22 OF 1947).

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: We now proceed to the next motion. I would like the Hon'ble Mr. Krishna Ballabh Sahay to present the report of the Select Committee on the Chota Nagpur Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1947.

(Some hon'ble members at this stage began leaving the Assembly Chamber).

Order, order. I am under the impression that the House has to proceed until 5-30 P. M. Today's is a special sitting.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: And if we do not finish the business today, Sir, the Council will have no business.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: We have got to carry on till 5-30 P.M. The Hon'ble Minister may present the report now.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: Sir, I beg to present the report of the Select Committee on the Chota Nagpur Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1947. I have no statement to make.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: The report is presented.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY: Sir, I beg to move :

That the Chota Nagpur Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1947, as reported by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration.

I would not like to inflict any speech upon the House, Sir. The Bill has already been in the hands of the hon'ble members for over a week and they must have read the report of the Select Committee with the details of what important changes have been made in the Bill. If any point is raised seeking clarification, I shall try to remove the doubt.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Sir Chandreshwar Prasad Narain Sinha will now move his amendment.

Mr. RAMESHWAR PRASAD SINGH: Sir, before the hon'ble member moves his amendment, I wish to draw your attention to the fact whether it is proper for the House to take up such an important measure at this late hour.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Order, order. I have decided that the House is to proceed up to 5-30 P. M. Sir Chandreshwar will now move his amendment.

***Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA:** Sir, I beg to move :

That the Chota Nagpur Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1947, as reported by the Select Committee, be recommitted to the same Select Committee.

Sir, my reason for doing that is this. If you will refer to the report of the Select Committee, you will find that the following members of the Select Committee did not attend many of the meetings of the Committee :—

- (1) The Hon'ble Pandit Binodanand Jha,
- (2) The Hon'ble Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Ansari,
- (3) Raja Bahadur Kamakshya Narayan Singh,
- (4) Rai Bahadur Syamnandan Sabaya,
- (5) Mr. Bir Chandra Patel,
- (6) Mr. Dip Narayan Sinha,
- (7) Mr. Muhammad Yasin,
- (8) Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Singh,
- (9) Mr. Taranand Sinha, and
- (10) myself.

This has happened on many occasions. Some of the members who were appointed to the Select Committee did not find time or did not find it convenient to attend the meetings. Of course, the Government on account of their majority might not find it profitable to listen to what I am saying, but in spite of that, the fact remains that there was an arrangement between us that Tenancy Acts, whether they were of Bihar or Chota Nagpur, or the Santal Parganas will all be considered in our presence. In fact, this particular measure was fixed for consideration on the 4th of the last month. Before the Prime Minister and others came to Ranchi, they met us at Patna, and we told them that it was not possible to meet at Ranchi on the 4th. Accordingly we agreed that the Bill should be postponed and it was so postponed. As a matter of fact, when the Hon'ble Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Singh saw me to know whether he should proceed to Ranchi, I told him that he need not do so, as the meeting was postponed. To make matters sure, I sent a telegram to the Hon'ble the Revenue Minister asking him to postpone the meeting and fix any date after the 15th of that month. I got a reply from the Revenue Secretary who said that the Select Committee meeting on the Bihar Tenancy (Amendment) Bill to be held on the 4th of August was postponed until further notice. But before he sent me this telegram, he had sent me a letter, in which he had regretted that he could not postpone the meeting.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I hope the hon'ble member is speaking on the microphone. I do not hear him properly.

* Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : I also do not catch him properly, Sir.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : *(After bringing the microphone a bit nearer)* Now, do you catch me, Sir ?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Yes.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : Am I to repeat all that I have said so far, Sir ? *(Laughter)*. You may not have caught a few words, but I am sure you have followed me all right.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Yes, I have understood you correctly. No repetition is necessary.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : Now, Sir, so far as this measure is concerned, I find from the report of the Select Committee that a very large number of members were absent and the reason for their absence was that every one of them, as far as I could know, was under the impression that the meeting was going to be postponed on the 4th of August and that they were going to meet sometime afterwards. I had mentioned this matter to the Prime Minister when he came from Delhi and before he left for Ranchi and he had agreed to this postponement. Accordingly, I also sent a telegram to the Hon'ble the Revenue Minister, but received a reply from the Revenue Secretary intimating that the Bihar Tenancy Act Committee meeting was postponed. I took it that the other meeting was also postponed. Sir, you will not find me ever mentioning even one word which is not absolutely true. The Revenue Secretary had mentioned about the Bihar Tenancy Committee meeting but when I mentioned to the Hon'ble the Prime Minister, I mentioned about both. There was difficulty in going to Ranchi and when I received the Revenue Secretary's telegram mentioning only one, I again sent a telegram to which I received a reply which runs as follows :—

" On second August Prime Minister told me on phone from Patna to proceed with Chota Nagpur Tenancy Amendment Bill hence did not give notice to members of postponement of its meeting stop Consequently members assembled on fourth August when your telegram was also received stop Pray don't think otherwise and kindly wire when you want final draft to be considered stop

Krishna Ballabh Sahay."

I sent my reply again intimating that any date after 15th would suit us. Subsequent to that I also sent a letter saying. " I am very grateful for your telegram of 6th August and I am sure we will discuss both Bihar Tenancy Act and Chota Nagpur Tenancy Act when we meet next time towards the end of this month. Believe me, I have greatly appreciated your courteous telegram. When are you coming to Patna ?.. " I did not receive a reply to it but I received a telegram which ran as follows :—

" At a meeting of the Select Committee on Chota Nagpur Tenancy Bill it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting for final consideration of draft on 12th August 10 A. M. Kindly attend.

Revenue Secretary."

Now, this telegram was despatched on the 8th of August to which I sent a reply as follows :—

“ Regret it is impossible for any of us to go to Ranchi on the twelfth for Chota Nagpur Select Committee in view of Independence Day Celebration. Kindly fix both Select Committees towards the end of August.

Chandreshwar Pd.”

This telegram was sent on the 8th August. We have never said that it was not possible to come to attend the meetings. We had expected that this Bill like the Bihar Tenancy Bill will also be postponed. I could understand and concede that on account of some confusion the Revenue Minister could not inform the other members and they collected at Ranchi and therefore, preliminary discussions were held and as he had already my request, he had sent me a telegram and explained the reasons and asked me to suggest a date for final discussion. I had suggested a final date. After that, there should have been another meeting on the 12th, just a few days before the 15th. It was impossible for the members to have come here. The Bill was finalised and that is the form in which the Bill has come before the House. If you and the House feel that justice has been done to the matter and it does not matter for the parties directly interested to have been present in the Select Committee meetings, the House can proceed with it. I have absolutely nothing to say ; but, if on the other hand, if the Revenue Minister thinks that there has been certain amount of misunderstanding and that he feels the responsibility that the Bill should not have been considered behind our back, then he may agree but on the other hand, as I have already said, if he feels that it is not so, then that is quite a different matter.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Does it mean that the notices of the dates of the meetings of the Select Committee were not sent to the members of the Select Committee ?

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : Some of them have not got it. I got it. My friend Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Singh did not get it ; but there is another fact. Although he did not receive the notice, he asked me whether there was any meeting and whether he had to proceed to Ranchi for it. As I had received the first telegram of the Revenue Secretary declaring postponement of the meeting, I told him that there was a meeting on the 4th and that arrangement had been made to postpone it and that he need not go. Whether he came or not, I did not know.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Where is the order of the Chairman postponing the meeting ?

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : I have nothing except this telegram in which my request was for the postponement of the Select Committee meetings. I received a reply saying that the Select Committee meeting of Bihar Tenancy Amendment Bill fixed for 4th August postponed until further intimation. Of course, nothing was mentioned about the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Amendment Bill.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Will the hon'ble member read the first telegram ?

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : It reads as follows :—

“ On account of various unavoidable engagements at Patna both myself and Rai Bahadur Syamnandan Sahaya find it impossible to attend Select Committees on the fourth. Kindly postpone meeting. I strongly recommend fixing another date after fifteenth.”

This was the telegram.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Is there any reference about two Select Committees ?

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : In the telegram, it has been said, “Select Committees”.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Is the language used “meetings” ?

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : The words used are “Select Committees”.

After that I again sent a telegram and to that telegram I received a reply. The telegram that I received runs as follows :—

“ Your telegram. Meeting Select Committee Bihar Tenancy Bill postponed on your request. Will sit in the last week of August. Prime Minister assures me you will not object in Assembly on ground short notice. Chota Nagpur Tenancy Bill Committee meeting continuing

Krishnaballabh Sahay.”

To this, I again made a request. I want to be absolutely fair. The facts are as I told you. I requested the Prime Minister for the postponement of the meetings on the 4th. I clearly told him about both the meetings. I sent a telegram in which I said “Committees” and I always expected that everybody will understand that for any reason we cannot reach for the Bihar Tenancy Bill Select Committee and if that Bill alone was postponed, my request was only partially considered. It was no less necessary that it should have been considered for the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Amendment Committee also but it was not considered. Of course I have received a reply. It is that the one was postponed and the other was to be continued. This is what my telegram says :

“ Grateful for your telegram stop Myself Rai Bahadur and Rameshwar Babu took it that all meetings have been postponed stop Extremely sorry to learn Chota Nagpur Bill proceeding kindly postpone the same also stop May fix both meetings simultaneously later as suggested.”

Now to this again I got a reply which I read :

“ On 2nd August Prime Minister told me on phone from Patna to proceed with Chota Nagpur Tenancy Amendment Bill ”—

Even in Ranchi the Prime Minister did not tell him that the one was to be postponed and the other was to be proceeded with—

"Hence (he) did not give notice to members for postponement of this meeting stop Consequently members assembled on fourth August when your telegram was received stop Pray don't think otherwise and kindly wire when you want final draft to be considered.

Krishnaballabh Sahay "

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : When was the final draft considered ?

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : That was considered on the 12th.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Of which the hon'ble member did not receive information ?

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : I received a telegram on the 8th. All this passed near about 4th. On the 8th I received a telegram that at a meeting of the Select Committee on Chota Nagpur Tenancy Amendment Bill it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting for final consideration of draft on 12th August. Knowing full well that he had himself asked me to give him a final date for consideration of the draft he should not have allowed this kind of concession to be made for the 12th, and actually the meeting should not have met on 12th. The meeting should have been fixed for some other date after the 15th, and we could have gone and attended the meeting. When I protested. I received a letter to this effect :

"The report of the Select Committee of the Chota Nagpur Tenancy, Amendment Bill is now ready for being presented to the Assembly. I am sorry that on account of your preoccupations you and other friends could not attend the meetings of the Select Committee held at Ranchi. I shall deem it a favour if you kindly discuss the report with me on the 2nd September at 7 P. M. in the Secretariat at Patna."

On the 2nd September,—of course, we don't blame the Hon'ble Revenue Minister,—the Revenue Minister got very high fever, and it was impossible for him to have come and discussed. But then some other date should have been fixed for the Select Committee. The report has been finally considered and presented. Now I leave it to the House to judge, I leave it to you to judge if this has been proper.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : I want an explanation of the position.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Sir, while my friend, Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Narain Sinha, was speaking I happened to smile at which he thought that I was accusing I happened to facts. That was not why I smiled, Sir. I wanted to indicate something else. I wanted to pay a compliment to him. The compliment that I wanted to pay

him was that he could make a small fish talk like a whale. Facts being what they are, he tried to palm on the blame to me. As a matter of fact when I place all the facts before you, I am sure yourself and the House will feel convinced that I had every anxiety to have the co-operation of my friend, Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Narain Sinha, and all other friends sitting opposite. But unfortunately I could not get their co-operation in the matter of consideration of this Bill. My friend has made a grievance of the fact that several members of the Select Committee could not attend the meeting. I think I should have made a grievance of it. When several members coming from Bihar proper were included in the Select Committee, I congratulated myself. I thought that people from Bihar were now in a mood to take interest in the affairs of Chota Nagpur; but as usual we were disappointed, and none of them could make time to turn up and give us advice.

Now, Sir, I give you a chronology of the dates when the meetings were notified to be held and when they were postponed. The first notice was given on the 2nd July that the meeting would be held on the 28th July. I have got a copy of the notice which was given. Here is the copy, Sir. It is dated the 2nd July. The Revenue Secretary wrote : *L*

"I am directed to say that the meeting of the Select Committee on the abovenoted Bill of which you are a member will begin from 28th July."

The letter issued on the 2nd July. I was therefore really surprised when I was told that some of the hon'ble members did not get notice of this meeting.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : I am very sorry to interrupt. I was talking about the meeting of the 4th August.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : I am coming to that. Now let me have my say. This notice was given in sufficient time, Sir, but what happened was that I had expected that the meeting of the Constituent Assembly would be finished by 25th July. The meeting of the Constituent Assembly was to commence on the 14th July, and it was expected that it would be a short session. Later on we came to know that the meeting would continue till the 31st July and, therefore, at the request of my friend, Mr. Syamnandan Sahaya, who unfortunately is not present here, I postponed the date of the meeting to 4th of August. Now, Sir, on the 2nd August when the Prime Minister returned from Delhi he told me that the meeting of the Bihar Tenancy (Amendment) Bill was to be postponed. I enquired from him whether the meeting of the Select Committee on the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Bill was also to be postponed. He told me that the meeting of the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Bill was to proceed, and, therefore, my friend Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Narain Sinha, was informed that the meeting was to proceed about the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Bill. He was told that

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it had not been postponed. Now, Sir, the members assembled on the 4th August. After the members assembled on the 4th of August my position was a bit difficult. I did write to Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Narain Sinha that I would like to have his presence at time when the Bill was finally taken into consideration and when the draft was finally considered. I was anxious to have his advice. I value his advice not only as a representative of the landlords but I value his advice because I know that he can give very sound advice. Therefore, I wanted to have him on the 4th August with the members of the Select Committee. Now, the members sat for three days—they were members from all parts of Chota Nagpur. There was not a single district of Chota Nagpur which was unrepresented. All the members were there. Judge my position, Sir. And then I placed before them the request of Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Narain Sinha that he would like to have the meeting later on, but then again the question of the celebration of the 15th August came and many of the members—at least two or three of them—had to go to Delhi to attend the meetings of the Constituent Assembly. I was again anxious as to when the final draft should be considered, but the members of the Select Committee unanimously decided that it should be considered on the 12th. When the members of the Select Committee decided that they must consider the final draft on the 12th August, I sent a wire to Mr. C. P. N. Sinha requesting him to come. I think, Sir, if my friend had as much anxiety as I had, I would have got his advice. The grievance should be from my side, it should not be from his side. I wanted his advice anxiously but he could not make time to come and now he finds fault with me and wants the postponement of the passage of the Bill. Every time I replied to his telegram. Every time I showed an anxiety to have his co-operation, but unfortunately I could not have it. I know that in the Select Committee Congressmen were in the majority. There was no question of a decision by votes. And another indication of the appreciation that I have for his advice is that I wrote that I will meet him on the 2nd September. Before the Assembly came to consider this Bill I would have discussed this matter with him but unfortunately I had the accident. In the circumstances I plead that I have not tried to avoid to get his advice. I had been most anxious to get his advice, I would have welcomed his advice. But I think as a member agreeing to serve on the Select Committee he should have sacrificed a bit and come to tender his advice. If he did not do it I should not be blamed. I do not blame him but he should not blame me. This should not be taken into account for the postponement of this important measure. Then there is the difference in the angle of vision. He says that I am rushing through this measure I cannot reconcile myself with this angle of vision. I am anxious to push on this reform. I am not accusing my friend Mr. C. P. N. Sinha. The difficulty is that he takes thing in the easy way which I cannot afford to do. That is why when I bring up any Bill I am accused of rushing through the Bill. But actually I do not rush through a Bill. I am only undoubtedly anxious for the people's welfare. Everybody knows that legislation is a tardy process. It takes days and days to get a Bill passed. We ought to avoid any avoidable delay and pass a Bill as soon as we can.

Well, Sir, this is my explanation, and after I have placed this fact before the House I hope the House will agree with me that I sought co-operation and as a matter of fact it is my misfortune that I did not get. You will be glad to know that in the meeting of the Select Committee through Mr. Kamakshya Narayan Singh, representative of the landlords from Chota Nagpur was not present he sent a wire asking me to invite his legal representative and the Secretary of the Landholders' Association. He, of course, not knowing the rules of business said that one of them should have the right of vote. His lawyer attended every meeting and he took a lively part in the meetings, and I am very much obliged to him for the help that he rendered in shaping this Bill. The Secretary of the Landholders' Association also attended one of the meetings but after that probably he did not find it profitable to be there, and utilised his time better somewhere else. Therefore, it cannot be said that I tried to avoid advice from the landlords of Chota Nagpur. I think the report ought to be adopted and the Bill ought to be passed.

MR. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : Sir, there is not much to reply for I have stated merely the facts of what happened. I did not say that there was any attempt to rush through. I did not say that there has been any attempt to avoid co-operation, nor there is any question of mine not co-operating with Government. I have related the facts as had happened with regard to the consideration of this Bill. If you, Sir, yourself feel that there has been want of co-operation on my part and that it was due to lethargy, then I have nothing to say. There are many Bills and there are nine Ministers and there are thousands of Secretariat people on the other side. If I and my friends could not attend, it does not mean that there was want of co-operation on our part. I had received a letter and I do not deny it. But to say that there was lack of co-operation on my part is some thing which I fail to understand. I wrote a letter in which I definitely expressed my desire. The arrangement was between two gentlemen and I wrote that it was not that I would not give my co-operation but I could not give my attention to this Bill. This was done by the Secretary of the Chota Nagpur Landholders' Association. He attended the meetings. I am only relating facts. The necessary consideration and exchange of views between the two sides did not occur; that is all. We have been sitting here since the 9th. I have been spending all my time with you all. The meeting could have been fixed here. We could have done it here in the presence of Ministers. In those circumstances to say that we were wanting in co-operation is hardly justifiable. We used to receive telegrams and letters and I used to reply to them. Where is then the question of non-co-operation? Sir, this is all that I have got to say.

MR. PRABHUNATH SINHA : Sir, I want to know whether there are members from Bihar, besides Chota Nagpur, in the Select Committee who have signed the report and who are others who have not signed it?

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : These are the members who signed the report :

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| 1. Myself, | 7. Mr. Sukhlal Singh, |
| 2. Mr. Deoki Nandan Prasad, | 8. Mr. Rajkishore Singh, |
| 3. Dr. Purna Chandra Mitra, | 9. Mr. M. Morris, |
| 4. Mr. Sirish Chandra Banerji, | 10. Mr. Bandi Ram Orson |
| 5. Mr. Jadubans Sahay, | 11. Mr. Ramzan Ali. |
| 6. Mr. Amiyo Kumar Ghosh, | |

and these are others who did not attend the meeting and did not sign :

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| 1. The Hon'ble Pandit Binodanand Jha, | 6. Mr. Bir Chandra Fated, |
| 2. The Hon'ble Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Ansari, | 7. Mr. Dip Narayan Sinha, |
| 3. Raja Bahadur Kamakshya Narain Singh, | 8. Mr. Muhammad Yasin, |
| 4. Mr. Chandreshwar Prasad Narain Sinha, | 9. Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Singh, and |
| 5. Mr. Vyamnandan Sahaya, | 10. Mr. Tetanand Singh. |

***MR. PRABHUNATH SINHA.**

स्पीकर साहब, अभी रेवेन्यू मिनिस्टर ने कहा है कि बिहार के लोग छोटानागपुर के कामों में दिलचस्पी नहीं लेते हैं। इतना irresponsible statement एक responsible मिनिस्टर के मुँह से सुन कर तकलीफ मालूम होती है। हम लोगों को मौका तो देते नहीं हैं मगर इस तरह का इल्जाम लगाते हैं। इस बिजु के बिजे जो खेलेकृ कमिटि बनाया उसमें या तो जमींदार या या पार्लामेण्टरी सेक्रेटरी थे तो नहीं आये थे। अगर हम लोगों में से कोई रहता और आया होता तो कह सकते थे। मगर मौका न देते हुए ऐसा स्टेटमेंट हाउस के सामने एक responsible quarter से होना ठीक नहीं है। हम लोगों को मौका दें हम लोग सहयोग देने का तैयार हैं।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The original question was that the Chota Nagpur Tenancy Amendment, Bill, 1947, as reported by the Select Comtee.

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

tee, be taken into consideration since which an amendment has been moved that the Chota Nagpur Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1947, as reported by the Select Committee, be recommitted to the same Select Committee :

The question is :

That the Chota Nagpur Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1947, as reported by the Select Committee, be recommitted to the same Select Committee.

The House then divided as follows :

AYES—16

Mr. Muhammad Abdul Ghani.
Mr. Khaja Gulam Ahmad.
Mr. Latifur Rahman,
Khan Sahib Saiyid. Masbar
Alam.
Mr. Tajamul Husain.
Mr. Badiuzzaman.
Mr. Muhammad Farid.
Dr. Ghulam Rasool Khan.
Mr. Muhammad Khalil.

Mr. Saiyid Maqbul Ahmad.
Mr. Muhammad Shafiqul Haque
Mr. Muhammad Islamuddin.
Mr. Burhanuddin Khan.
Mr. Rameshwar Prasad Singh
O. B. R.
Mr. Ohandreshwar Prasad
Narsin Sinha.
Mr. Taranand Sinha.

NOES—67

Mr. Sarangdhar Sinha.
Mr. Jagat Narain Lal.
Mr. Murli Manohar Prasad.
Mr. Gauri Shanker Dalmia.
Mr. Deva Saran Singh.
Mr. Shyam Nandan Singh.
Mr. Mahabir Ram.
Mr. Sakti Kumar.
Mr. Jamuna Prashad Singh.
Mr. Mosaheb Sinha.
Mr. Hargobind Misra.
Mr. Guptanath Singh.
Sardar Harihar Singh.
Mr. Deo Narayan Singh.
The Hon'ble Mr. Jaglal
Chaudhuri.

Mr. Jagannath Singh.
Pandit Girish Tewari.
Mr. Ram Binod Sinha.
Mr. Jhulan Sinha.
Mr. Prabhunath Sinha.
Mr. Phulan Prasad Varma
Mr. Ganesh Prasad Sah.
Pandit Prajapati Misra
Mr. Harivans Sahay.
Mr. Jaynarayan Prasad.
The Hon'ble Mr. Hadri Nath
Verma.
Mr. Yamuna Ram.
Mr. Dip Narayan Sinha.
Mr. Ramasis Thakur.

NOES—67 *concl'd.*

Pandit Dhanraj Sharma.
 Mr. Harinath Mishra.
 Mr. Radhakant Choudhary.
 Mr. Ramcharan Sinha.
 Mr. Sunder Mahto Pasi.
 The Hon'ble Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha.
 The Hon'ble Mr. Ramcharitra Sinha.
 Mr. Sarjoo Prasad Sinha.
 Mr. Rash Bihari Lal.
 Mr. Shivadhari Singh.
 Thekur Narsingh Prasad Singh.
 Mr. Rajendra Misra.
 Mr. Shivanandan Prasad Mandal.
 Mr. Bhagwat Prasad.
 Mr. Basudeva Prasad Sinha.
 Dr. Kishori Lal Kundu.
 Mr. Lakshmi Narayan
 "Sudhansu"
 The Hon'ble Pandit Binodanand Jha.

Mr. Lambodar Moekhorjee.
 Mr. Brijlal Dokania.
 The Hon'ble Mr. Krishna Ballabh Sahay.
 Mr. Sukhlal Singh.
 Mr. Deoki Nandan Prasad.
 Mr. Nagar Mal Modi.
 Dr. Purna-Chandra Mitra.
 Mr. Raj Kishore Singh.
 Mr. Jitu Ram.
 Mr. Jadubans Sahay.
 Mr. Sagar Mahto
 Mr. Srish Chandra Banerjee.
 Mr. Nakul Ohandra Sahis.
 Mr. Purushottam Ohohan.
 Mr. Kishori Mohan Upadhyay.
 Mr. Abul Ahad, Muhammad Noor.
 The Hon'ble Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Ansari.
 Mr. M. Morris.
 Mr. Ignace Beck.
 Mr. Hira Lal Saraf.

The motion was negatived.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The question now is :

That the Chota Nagpur Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1947, as reported by the Select Committee, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : Sir, permit me just to put a couple of words. I have explained to you the circumstances about the Bill and you can see yourself that under these circumstances it is impossible to take any part in this measure. We have not given notice of amendments or anything of the kind. It was unthinkable that circumstanced as this Bill was, anything but recommitment could be made, but under these circumstances, you can yourself really see that it is impossible for us to take any part in this Bill.

The Hon'ble Mr. SRI KRISHNA SINHA : Before my friend announces this, I would suggest that the Bill may be taken up on Monday next.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : Does the hon'ble member consent to this ?

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : There is nothing to consent if the Hon'ble the Prime Minister fixes that day for this Bill.

The Hon'ble Mr. KRISHNA BALLABH SAHAY : Do you like it or not ?

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : There is no question of liking or disliking. You will agree with me that one cannot but feel bewildered that the Bill would have gone to the Select Committee and come back on Monday.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The proposal is that the Bill be taken up on Monday next.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : I have no objection in the circumstances.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER : The provision for the period of notice may be waived and the amendment may be accepted.

Mr. CHANDRESHWAR PRASAD NARAIN SINHA : I have no objection to that.

The Assembly then adjourned till 11 o'clock on Friday, the 19th September, 1947.