

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE GOVERNOR

OF

BIHAR AND ORISSA

Monday, 4th December 1922.

THE COUNCIL MET IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT PATNA AT 11 A.M., THE PRESIDENT (THE HON'BLE KHAN BAHADUR KHWAJA MUHAMMAD NUR) IN THE CHAIR.

The Hon'ble The President made a solemn affirmation of allegiance to the Crown.

MEMBERS SWORN.

1. Mr. L. F. Morshead, M.L.C. (Nominated official).
2. Mr. B. C. Sen, M.L.C. (Nominated official).
3. Maharaj-Kumar Gopal Sharan Narayan Singh, M.L.C. (West Gaya Non-Muhammadian Rural).
4. Major W. Gillitt, C.I.E., M.L.C. (Nominated official).
5. Mr. E. L. Tanner, M.L.C. (Nominated official).

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

The Hon'ble the PRESIDENT: Before the Council commences the business of to-day I have to announce that, in the exercise of the powers conferred upon me by rule 3 of the Council Rules, I appoint Rai Bahadur Prithi Chand Lal Chaudhuri, Rai Bahadur Jyotirmay Chattarji, Mr. Shah Muhammad Yahya and Babu Bishwa Nath Kar to be a panel of chairmen for the session.

[The President]

CANDIDATES FOR DEPUTY-PRESIDENTSHIP.

I would now request hon'ble members to hand over to me the nomination papers for the election of Deputy-President which has become necessary on account of my appointment as President. The hon'ble members who wish to propose and second a candidate should first ascertain from him that he is willing to act as Deputy-President if elected.

The nominations were then handed in to the President.

The first nomination is of Babu Mithila Sharan Sinha proposed by Babu Shiva Shankar Jha and seconded by Babu Baghubans Thakur. The second nomination is of Mr. Yunus proposed by Maulavi Hafiz Nurul Haqq and seconded by Maulavi Saiyid Mubarak Ali. The third nomination is of Babu Shyam Narayan Sinha Sharma proposed by Babu Maheshvar Prashad Narayan Sinha and seconded by Babu Ganesh Datta Singh. The fourth nomination is of Rai Bahadur Prithi Chand Lal Chaudhuri proposed by Maharaj-Kumar Gopal Sharan Narayan Singh and seconded by Mr. Shah Muhammad Yahya.

These are the four nominations received for the office of Deputy-President. The election will be held to-morrow.

I take this opportunity for the benefit of those members who were not present at the last Council session to repeat what my worthy predecessor the Hon'ble Mr. Sinha has impressed upon the hon'ble members who thus stood as candidates for the office of Deputy-President. A moral obligation rests on the hon'ble member who will be elected to that office not to take part in controversial debates. It is based upon a sound principle that the Deputy-President may at any time be called upon to occupy the Chair and if he has expressed strong views on any particular subject the confidence of the Council in his impartiality may be impaired when he is subsequently called upon to preside during that debate or the discussion of any subject connected with it.

HOUSE AND LIBRARY COMMITTEES.

I have to make two more announcements :—

In the Library Committee I have appointed Mr. Kennedy to take the place of Mr. Atkins. I myself intend to continue my membership of that committee. In the House Committee I nominate Mr. Mellor in place of Mr. Bremner and Chaudhuri Bhagabat Prashad Samantarai Mahapatra in my place.

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ELECTIONS TO PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE AND RESERVED SUBJECTS STANDING COMMITTEE.

I have to draw the attention of hon'ble members to the two elections which will be held in this session in consequence of my appointment as President. One will be for the Public Accounts Committee and the second for the Standing Committee on Reserved Subjects. I think hon'ble members must have received letters from the Secretary intimating that these elections would be held. The nominations are to be handed in on the 6th for the Public Accounts Committee and on the 7th for the Standing Committee and the elections will be held in both cases on the 8th.

The Council will now proceed to the interpellations.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

PROVINCIAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE.

1. Babu BISHVA BHARAN PRASHAD: Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons which have led the Government to give a biennial increment of Rs. 40 to the members of the Provincial Educational Service and of Rs. 50 to those of the Provincial Executive Service?

2. Babu BISHVA BHARAN PRASHAD: Will the Government be pleased to state if the Public Services Commissioners recommended the same scale of pay for members of the Provincial Educational Service as for those of the Provincial Executive Service?

Mr. M. G. HALLETT: 1 and 2. Substantially the same question was asked by Rai Bahadur Dvarika Nath and the member is referred to the reply given in answer to his question No. 71(c) and (a) on the 14th August, 1922.

REVISION OF THE SCALE OF PAY OF MEMBERS OF THE SUBORDINATE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE.

3. Babu BISHVA BHARAN PRASHAD: Will the Government be pleased to state if they propose to revise the scale of pay of members of the Subordinate Educational Service and, if so, whether they intend to publish the proposed revised scale of pay for public opinion before final orders are issued on their memorial?