

[B. Shankar Prashad Misra.]

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Inconvenience to passengers at Jharsogra for want of connecting trains with Bombay Mail and passenger trains.

372. (a) Are the Government aware of the inconvenience due to delay the passengers and travellers are put to at Jharsogra station for want of corresponding train either with Bombay Mail or with passenger train ?

(b) Do Government propose to move the Railway authorities to remove this inconvenience ?

MR. BREMNER : (a) The answer is in the negative. The Agent, Bengal-Nagpur Railway, reports that it is not possible to provide suitable connexions for the branch line trains with all main line trains and the timings of the branch line trains have been arranged to meet the wishes of the majority of passengers as far as possible and with due regard to the traffic offering. When funds become available, the running of a rail motor on this branch will receive consideration.

(b) In the circumstances Government do not propose to take action.

Rai Bahadur Prithi Chand Lal Chaudhuri.

373. Will the Government be pleased to state—

- (a) how long this department has been in existence in Bihar ?
- (b) whether there has been any increase in the production of crops with its creation. If so, what are they ?
- (c) what tangible work it has done during this period ?

MR. HUBBACK : The member is referred to the note written by the Director of Agriculture, Bihar and Orissa, for the recent Agricultural Conference, a copy of which has already been supplied to him.

374. Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of money that will be required if the district of Purnea is included in the programme of works of the Deputy Director of Agriculture of the Bhagalpur Division ?

MR. HUBBACK : The district of Purnea is already within the charge of the Deputy Director of Agriculture of the Bhagalpur Circle. Government are not able to understand precisely of what scheme the member desires to have an estimate of cost.

375. Are the Government aware that a Divisional Agricultural Inspector was formerly stationed at Purnea but was removed some years ago ? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for the same ?

MR. HUBBACK : Yes. He was taken away in April 1919. He was required for work in the Chota Nagpur Division in the establishment of small farms at Ramgarh and Purulia, and no trained officer was available to replace him.

Maulavi Saiyid Abbas Ali.

376. (a) Will Government be pleased to state if their attention has been drawn to an editorial note headed "The Ramgarh Wards Estate", in the district of Hazaribagh, published in the *Express* of the 8th March and also to state if the allegations contained therein against (1) the European manager of the Wards' Estate, (2) the Court of Wards, (3) the terms of the lease and Messrs. Bird and Company, are well founded ?

Working of the Agricultural Department.

Estimate of Agricultural expenditure in Purnea.

Removal of Divisional Agricultural Inspector from Purnea.

Ramgarh Estate. Wards