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Question asked in the Legislative Council.

(Recruitment of the Secretariat of the new Province of Bihar and Orissa.)

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[No. 1.]

[FILE $\frac{18-L}{35}$ 1.]

Questions asked at the meeting of the Bengal Legislative Council held on the 26th February 1912 by the Hon'ble BABU BRAJ KISHOR PRASAD:—

VII. (a) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to an article headed "The New Secretariat and Bihar's claim" which appeared in the issue of *Young Behar* of the 29th January, 1912?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the statement, made in some of the Calcutta papers, that it is proposed to staff the Secretariat for the new Province of Bihar solely with officers taken from Calcutta, is correct?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether, when making appointments to the new Secretariat and other offices in the new Province of Bihar, it intends to consider the claims of the people of Bihar, Orissa and Chota Nagpur?

(d) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it intends to notify the number of such appointments and to invite applications therefor?

(e) Will the Government be pleased to state when the said appointments will be made and who will make them?

[No. 2.]

[FILE $\frac{18-L}{35}$ 2.]

Answer given to the above by the Hon'ble MR. STEVENSON-MOORE:—

VII. (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) to (e) The scale of Secretariat and other office establishments for each of the new Provinces and the Assam Administration has not yet been fixed, and, until this is done, the selection of the *personnel* to fill the several posts cannot be undertaken. When the selection is being made, it will be necessary to pay due consideration to the claims of those clerks who are already in the employment of Government. The method of selecting outside applicants to fill available vacancies in the Secretariat and other office establishments of the new Province of Bihar and Orissa will rest with the Government of that Province, when constituted, and is not a matter within the competence of the Bengal Government.

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K.-W.—A PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH 1912, Nos. 1-2.

Question asked in the Legislative Council.

(Recruitment of the Secretariat of the new Province of Bihar and Orissa.)

Questions VII (a) to (e) received from the HON'BLE BABU BRAJ KISHOR PRASAD for the meeting of the Bengal Legislative Council to be held on the 26th February 1912.

SUBMITTED.

D. N. B.—6-2-1912.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

H. A. F. LINDSAY—6-2-1912.

THESE questions may be admitted.

C. J. STEVENSON-MOORE—6-2-1912.

It seems to me that this Government has little or nothing to do with the appointments which the Lieutenant-Governor of Western Bengal may make and is not in a position to say what he will do. If so, should we answer these questions?

R. T. G[REER]—7-2-1912.

It is mainly a matter of distributing our existing Secretariat establishments and not of new appointments, and for this distribution we are largely responsible. I think, therefore, that the questions should be admitted. They can be easily answered.

C. J. STEVENSON-MOORE—7-2-1912.

I HAVE no objections, but still think that questions referring to the new Province need not be dealt with by this Government.

R. T. G[REER]—8-2-1912.

THERE is certainly a difficulty, but it is in the main we who shall have to select the personnel of the Bihar Secretariat, and I do not think we should refuse to reply so far as we can, and with all due reserve as to the eventual responsibility which presumably will not rest with us.

F. W. D[URKE].—17-2-1912.

TO APPOINTMENT DEPARTMENT—

(a) No copy of *Young Behar* of the 29th January 1912 is available.

(b) A copy of the *Amrita Bazar Patrika* of 16th January 1912 is put up.

For orders.

D. N. B.—7-2-1912.

OBTAIN (a) quickly please; if necessary write demi-officially to the editor. In the

Editor written to dated the 7th February 1912.

meantime please examine the questions. The general principle will be that Bihar officers will naturally be transferred to the new province, and that vacancies will be filled by the appointment of residents of Bihar, Chota Nagpur and Orissa, so far as this can be done consistently with the claims of officers already in Government employ.

H. A. F. LINDSAY—7-2-1912.

A copy of the *Young Behar* of the 29th January 1912 has been obtained and is put up below.

Mr. Collins may perhaps be requested to indicate the line of the answers to be given.

D. N. B.—10-2-1912.

H. A. F. LINDSAY—10-2-1912.

UNDER-SECRETARY—

Nothing definite has yet been decided. Mr. Kershaw, Financial Secretary Designate for Bihar, has been placed on special duty by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Eastern Bengal and Assam with a view to making proposals for the new Secretariat, and I venture to suggest that he should be consulted as to the lines of the reply, as there is plenty of time. He is at present in Ramna, Dacca, and the file might be sent to him there.

B. A. COLLINS—10-2-1912.

THE Hon'ble Babu Braj Kishor Prasad proposes to ask questions at the Legislative Council meeting of the 26th February 1912 on the subject of the claims of Biharis, Uriyas and natives of Chota Nagpur to posts in the new Secretariat of Bihar. A copy of the questions is submitted. The number of Secretariat posts at present held by Biharis in Calcutta is so small as to be practically negligible; I presume the same applies to Dacca. It will be necessary to send over a good many Bengali assistants from Calcutta to Bihar, their places being taken by those who can be spared from Dacca after the requirements of Assam and Bihar have been considered. What Babu Braj Kishor Prasad really wishes to know is apparently whether, after this has been done, there will be any vacancies in the Bihar Secretariat, and, if so, whether they will be notified, and applications invited from natives of the new province. We can give no definite reply on this point until we know how the cadres stand, and what vacancies, if any, are anticipated.

We may perhaps reply to VIII (b) and (c) to the effect that the claims of officers at present in the service of Government must be considered first; but that, if vacancies are found to occur in the establishment lists of the various departments of the Bihar Secretariat, they will be filled by recruitment from residents of the new province. With regard to VIII (d)—as the number of such vacancies is at present unknown, the question of the best method of securing qualified assistants has not yet arisen. [Probably the best plan would be to draw on existing Bihari and Uriya offices, and leave the heads of these offices to fill the vacancies by routine promotions or recruitment.] Any definite reply to question VIII (e) would probably lead to a flood of applications, which should, if possible, be avoided; it might suffice to say that the head of the department concerned will make the selections as soon as he finds it necessary to do so.

Mr. Collins suggests that the opinion of Mr. Kershaw may be taken unofficially by sending the file to him at Dacca. He is on special duty in connection with the creation of the new Secretariat.

H. A. F. LINDSAY—10-2-1912.

CHIEF SECRETARY—

Draft replies—

VII. (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b)–(e) The scale of Secretariat establishments for each of the new provinces and the Assam Administration has not yet been fixed, and until this is done, the selection of the personnel to fill the several posts cannot be undertaken. When the selection is being made, it will be necessary to pay due consideration to the claims of those clerks who are already in the employment of Government. The method of selecting outside applicants to fill available vacancies in the Secretariat establishment of the new Province of Bihar and Orissa will rest with the Government of that province when constituted, and is not a matter within the competence of the Bengal Government.

If Mr. Kershaw is in Calcutta, the draft replies above should be seen by him.

C. J. STEVENSON-MOORE—13-2-1912.

MR. KERSHAW.

H. A. F. LINDSAY—16-2-1912.

SEEN and returned with thanks.

F. KERSHAW—16-2-1912.

CHIEF SECRETARY.

H. A. F. LINDSAY—16-2-1912.

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The draft replies above are submitted for approval.

C. J. STEVENSON-MOORE—16-2-1912.
R. T. G[REER]—17-2-1912.

Type draft replies for submission to His Honour.

C. J. STEVENSON-MOORE—17-2-1912.

SUBMITTED.

A. K. D.—17-2-1912.
D. N. B.—17-2-1912.

SUBMITTED.

C. J. STEVENSON-MOORE—17-2-1912.

APPROVED.

F. W. D[URKE]—17-2-1912.

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