

Proceedings of the Fifth Session of the Second Assam Legislative Assembly assembled under the Provisions of the Government of India Act, 1935.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 10 A.M., on Saturday, the 18th September, 1948.

PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr. Lakshesvar Borooah, Speaker, in the Chair, six Hon'ble Ministers and fifty-one Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Tractors purchased by Government from Srijut Tankeswar Barua of Dibrugarh

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked :

*9. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) How many tractors have been purchased by Government from Srijut Tankeswar Barua of Dibrugarh ?
- (b) What amount has been paid for these tractors ?
- (c) When these were purchased and why ?
- (d) How many of these are under service ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS replied :

9. (a)—Eighteen tractors.
- (b)—Rupees 1,98,000, *i.e.*, at Rs. 11,000 for each tractor.
- (c)—Five were purchased during the month of December 1947 and the rest in February 1948. All the tractors were purchased for the reclamation of waste lands through mechanised cultivation.
- (d)—Six.

Mr. HARENDRA NATH SARMA: Sir, who is this Tankeswar Barua and what is he ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: Sir, Srijut Tankeswar Barua is a Contractor of Dibrugarh. He owns sugarcane plantation in Dibrugarh where he had experience of mechanised cultivation. After the purchases of the tractors he was nominated by the Government as an Honorary Adviser for mechanised cultivation.

Mr. HARENDRA NATH SARMA: Was the post of Honorary Adviser given to him as an additional consideration over and above what he was paid in cash, *viz.*, Rs.1,98,000 as a value of the tractors ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: Sir, I had already stated that Srijut Tankeswar Barua had practical experience in mechanised cultivation and he was nominated so out of this consideration.

I think, Sir, in regard to this Question, I should make a statement as there has been some misunderstanding in regard to the purchase of these tractors. I may state for the information of the House that these tractors were purchased from him at a time when all the other provinces were purchasing tractors from Ledo. The same tractors which the Central Government assured us to send were not received and moreover the very same tractors from Ledo Dump were being utilised by other provinces for mechanised cultivation. It was thought necessary therefore that we should retain some of these tractors and so we took the earliest opportunity to examine them and after necessary examination by the Mechanical Engineer, Government purchased some tractors and these tractors are in perfect condition and they have been working satisfactorily.

Mr. HARENDRA NATH SARMA: Sir, is this Srijut Tankeswar Barua a regular dealer in Agricultural implements ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: Though this Question does not arise, Sir, I can say that he is not a regular dealer. He could secure a few from Ledo Dump. He was carrying on mechanised cultivation in Naharkatia.

Mr. HARENDRA NATH SARMA: Sir, why Government made these purchases from Srijut Tankeswar Barua while they could have purchased them directly from the Military Authorities ? Why they took an intermediary ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: That does not arise, Sir.

Maulavi ABDUL HALIM: Why Government preferred to purchase these tractors from Srijut Tankeswar Barua while they could have purchased them direct from the Military Authority instead of purchasing through an intermediary ? Why Government did not purchase them direct in which case they would have purchased at a low price as the other provinces did ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: I have no information that other provinces purchased at a lower price.

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI: তেখেতে কৈছে যে ৬টা tractor এ কাম কৰি আছে। আমি জানিব পাবোণে বাকী বিলাক tractor এতিয়া ক'ত আছে ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: বাকী বিলাক tractor ঠায়ে ঠায়ে আছে। সকলো বিলাক tractor বে কাম কৰিবলৈ বুলি গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে programme হাতত লৈছে। ডিব্ৰুগড়ত কেইটা মান আছে। সেই কেইটা ডিব্ৰুগড় অঞ্চলতে কামত লগাম বুলি ভাবিছে। এতিয়ালৈকে লাগতিয়াল implements যেনে Disc plough আদি আহি পোৱা নাই। অহা নবেম্বৰ ভিতৰতে আমি কিছুমান সজুলি পাম বুলি আশা কৰিছোঁ। তেতিয়াহলে আটাই বিলাক tractor কামত লগাব পাৰিম।

Srijut SARAT CHANDRA SINHA: Whether Government tried elsewhere to purchase the tractors at a cheaper rate than from Srijut Tankeswar Barua ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: This Question does not arise. Government had to purchase them when they wanted to keep some of these

tractors when these were being taken away by other Provinces for utilising them in their Provinces.

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI: ডিব্ৰুগড়ত যি কেইটা tractor আছে সেই কেইটা কাৰ তত্ত্বাবধানত আছে ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: বৰ্তমান তেখেতৰ তত্ত্বাবধানত আছে।

Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI: তেখেতৰ তত্ত্বাবধানত যি কেইটা tractor আছে তাৰ কিছুমান বস্ত্ৰ হেৰাইছে বুলি গভৰ্ণমেণ্ট খবৰ পাইছেনে ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: নাই পোৱা।

Mr. HARENDRA NATH SARMA: Am I correct in saying that before these tractors were actually purchased one of the high Officers of the Agricultural Department opined that these tractors which Government were going to purchase were nothing but scrap-iron ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: From our practical experience we have found that they are working perfectly well.

Mr. HARENDRA NATH SARMA: Sir, the answer to my Question should be, I think, 'yes' or 'no'.

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: No.

Maulavi ABDUL HALIM: Is it not a fact that some of these tractors are lying idle ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: It is a fact that some of these tractors are not working not because they are not in good condition but because some agricultural implements necessary for their working, have not yet been available.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: Why these tractors have been kept with this gentleman Srijut Tankeswar Barua especially when they were purchased from him ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: He is a reliable person. He has been nominated as a member of the Food Advisory Council and we are satisfied that he would maintain these tractors in perfect condition.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: Are Government paying him any rent or remuneration for keeping those tractors ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: The Question does not arise. He is an honorary member of the Food Advisory Board and the question of remuneration does not arise.

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR: Is not the House entitled to know that the property purchased by the Government with people's money should be kept in safe custody ?

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: I have already told that we have reliance on him and no implement will be lost.

Mr. HARENDRA NATH SARMA: Before finalising the purchase of these tractors, did Government enquire whether Srijut Tankeswar Barua came in possession of the same in his usual course of business and about the price paid by him to the Military? In other words whether Government were satisfied that these were not stolen properties?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: This Question is disallowed as it is insinuating and defamatory.

Expenditure incurred by Government in connection with floods

Srijut RAJENDRA NATH BARUA asked:

*10. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) What financial loss Government had to incur during the Assam Floods occurring in 1931, 1932, 1934, 1946 and 1948 in the shape of gratuitous relief, agricultural loans, medical relief, loan of seed and seedlings, tour charges of Government officials, hiring of country boats, etc.?
- (b) The amount of loss incurred in the shape of damages to paddy crops and jute in each of the above mentioned years all over the Province?
- (c) What permanent steps Government contemplate to take to save this huge loss to the Exchequer and what will be the cost of such schemes and when they are expected to materialise?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary) replied:

10. (a)—It is difficult after a lapse of so many years to furnish figures for Agricultural loan, etc., for the years 1931, 1932 and 1934, but the amounts actually spent during those years for gratuitous relief, were:—

					Rs.
					11,004
1931	...	...	...	...	1,767
1932	...	...	...	...	38,238
1934	...	...	...	..

For 1946, the figures for gratuitous relief and Agricultural loan were Rs.6,54,141-8-0 and Rs.11,31,365-9-0 respectively.

During the current year (1948), Government have up to date sanctioned (1) Rs.2,08,700 for gratuitous relief and (2) Rs.9,17,500 for Agricultural loan. The Agricultural loan includes loans for seeds and seedlings, for cattle loans, and for purchase of rice and paddy at concessional rate, etc., etc.

If by loss the hon. Member means irrecoverable loans it is regretted that the figure is not yet ascertainable for 1946 and 1948.

In addition, Rs.1,000 each has been granted this year for Kamrup and Sibsagar districts from the Premier's Flood Relief Fund for gratuitous relief.

(b)—The estimate of such damage cannot be made now.

(c)—The information has been called for from the Public Works Department and will be furnished when received.

Nationalisation of Motor Transport

Srijut SARAT CHANDRA SINHA asked :

*11. Will Government be pleased to state whether Government propose to nationalise Motor Transport on all the routes in Assam ?

The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS replied :

11.—No. Only on certain important routes selected by Government.

Royalty on Natural Gas

Srijut DALBIR SINGH LOHAR asked :

*12. (a) Are Government aware that natural gas coming out of oil wells are being used by the Assam Oil Company, for fueling their engines and boilers ?

(b) Whether any tax or royalty has been imposed on the Company for the gas used as aforesaid ?

(c) Are Government aware that a large percentage of natural gas is wasted by the Company ?

(d) If so, do Government propose to take such steps as may be necessary with the Company to have the natural gas converted into Gasolene ?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

12. (a) & (b)—The hon. Member is referred to Starred Question No.21 and the replies thereto in the Budget Session, 1947.

(c) & (d)—On a request from this Government, the Government of India have since agreed to send an expert from their Geological Department to advise on all these matters including the fixation of royalties.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Visit of the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture to Nowgong

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE asked :

28. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) If the Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture—Maulavi Abdul Matlib Majumdar paid a visit to Nowgong in the month of May, 1948 ?

(b) If so, whether the visit was a private or an official one undertaken in public interest ?

(c) The period of stay and the nature of duties performed by the Hon'ble Minister during his sojourn to the district ?

(d) The total amount of travelling allowance drawn by himself and his staff for the period ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAJUMDAR replied :

28. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The visit was official undertaken in public interest.

(c)—Arrived on the 4th May. Halted 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th and returned on the 9th. Visited Lanka and Dabaka on the 6th May and held meetings. Held discussion with some local M. L. As., and other gentlemen regarding establishment, opening, selection of site etc., of the Veterinary College at Nowgong. Also had discussion regarding establishment and selection of site for seed farms.

The Veterinary College has since been opened and a site provisionally selected.

Two sites for seed farms one at Raha and the other at Katiatali for *Boro* and *Bao* Paddy and *Sali*, *Ahu*, Wheat, Sugarcane, etc., respectively have since been finally selected.

Attended the Jamiat Conference on the 9th May.

(d)—Rs. 346-3-0.

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE: Sir, is it not a fact that the Hon'ble Minister arrived Nowgong on the 4th May in order to attend the Jamiyat Conference which was advertised to be held on the 5th and 6th May?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: No, Sir.

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE: Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Jamiyat Conference was advertised to be held on the 5th and 6th?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: I do not remember the dates. They might be so.

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE: Is it not a fact that the Hon. Minister prolonged his stay to 8th and 9th to attend the Jamiyat Conference?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: Yes, Sir.

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE: Regarding Question (c), Sir, the answer given is that he held discussions with some local Members of Legislative Assembly and other gentlemen regarding establishment, opening, selection of site, etc., of the Veterinary College at Nowgong, and also had discussions regarding establishment and selection of site for seed farms. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to say whether this required more than one day to halt there?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: It actually took more than one day, Sir.

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE: May I know whether the discussions could not be finished within one day?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: Circumstances were such that it required many people to meet to hold discussions. So, before discussions were held people had to be informed to come to meet. That is why, Sir, circumstances required more than one day.

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE: Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Hon'ble Minister visited Dabaka and Lanka only to canvass people to come to attend the Jamiyat Conference.

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: I visited those places to enquire about establishment of primary schools and to know their present-day requirement.

Maulavi MAHAMMAD ROUFIQUE: But may I agree, Sir, he may have done the work in order to justify to draw travelling allowance while visiting those places? (Some voices: That is an insinuation).

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Questions that bring insinuation should not be put. So the Question is disallowed.

***Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA:** The Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture says that at Dabaka and Lanka he visited primary schools to enquire about their necessity.

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: I did not visit the primary schools, Sir.

***Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA:** I understand that the Hon. Minister discussed with the local people about establishment of primary schools there. But had he the necessary authority from the the Hon'ble Minister of Education to go into those questions?

The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR: Sir, I need not have to take any authority for the purpose, because those schools would be under the Local Board.

Imposition of sales tax on timber

Srijut PURNA CHANDRA SARMA asked:

29. (a) Are Government aware that timber in Assam is a natural produce and an essential material for house constructions and not an article of luxury?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state the reasons for imposition of sales tax on timber even for local sales?

(c) Are Government aware that incidence of this tax falls mainly on the poor middle class who contribute heavily as duty for timber as royalty in the auction sales and otherwise?

(d) Do Government propose to recognise timber industry as of the same category as other small industries and exempt it from sales tax?

The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI replied:

29. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—Timber is not a natural produce but is a processed commodity out of trees which are natural produce. Timber is used not only for building houses but for various other needs of *homo sapiens* and it also goes out of the Province. It is purchased by the Railway Board, Match factories and others for commercial uses. The tax is realised by dealers from purchasers. A person who gets his requirement for building his own house direct from the forest is not liable to pay sales tax. In view of the fact that timber is put to various uses other than house-building and also sold to people outside as raw timber it has not been included in the list of exempted articles, and Government do not propose to

recognise sale of timber, as such, as an industry to be exempted from the payment of sales tax.

Erection of a Bund at Keherua to prevent flood

Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR asked :

30. Are Government aware—

(a) that the river Pagladia has cut a new channel near Keherua and Sagarkuchi villages in Paschim-Banbhag Mauza in Gauhati Subdivision and is overflowing and damaging nearly 20 villages of Paschim-Banbhag and Khata Mauzas for the last 4 years ;

(b) that the flood water of this new stream stays there for a long time and destroys the *ahu* and *baa* crops and prevents *sali* cultivation as well as there is no out-let for the flood water—the North Trunk Road and the Assam Railway road on the south standing as mighty barriers ; and

(c) that the people affected by this calamity are moving this Government as well as the Authorities of the Assam Railway for rendering them some relief and are requesting them to erect a *Mathauri* (Bundh) at Keherua and Sagarkuchi and also to cut an out-let for the flood water through the Trunk road and the Railway ?

31. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether they have received a report from the Subdivisional Officer, Embankment and Drainage, Nalbari, making certain concrete proposals in this respect ?

(b) If so, whether Government have examined those proposals and whether Government propose to give effect to them ?

(c) Whether they propose to consult the Engineering Authorities of the Assam Railway in this connection ?

(d) Whether Government propose to take effective steps in consultation with the Assam Railway Authorities for solving this problem ?

The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY replied :

30. (a), (b) and (c)—Yes.

31. (a) and (b)—A report and an estimate for improving the situation and overcoming the flooding of the Area has been submitted by the Superintending Engineer, Embankment and Drainage, and is under the consideration of Government.

(c) and (d)—The Engineering Authorities of the Assam Railway have been consulted by the Superintending Engineer, Embankment and Drainage, and his scheme drawn up after consultation with them.

Berry-White Medical School

Srijut HARINARAYAN BARUA asked :

32. (a) Will Government be pleased to state whether they have received representations from the Jorhat and other Local Boards of Assam for extension

of the term of the Berry-White Medical School for a further period of twelve years ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken in the matter ?

The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS replied :

32. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

Settlement of lands for villages of South Salmara Thana

Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM asked :

33. (a) Are Government aware that the villages of Damumara, Mamirchar, Madarerchar, Katdanga, Hazirhat, Bara Bala, etc., in South Salmara Thana of Goalpara District were eroded recently ?

(b) Are Government aware that the people of those places are in extreme difficulties for want of money and suitable lands for habitation ?

(c) Do Government propose to find out suitable lands for these helpless people in the neighbouring place ?

(d) Do Government propose to help these people by building up model villages for them ?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

33. (a)—No.

(b)—Government have no information.

(c) and (d)—Government will sympathetically consider each case on its merit when a proposal is received from the District Officer.

***Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM**: Will Government please ask the Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara to enquire into this matter and report in time so that action can be taken as promised ?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary): Government will see to it, Sir.

Kadal Dhema Grazing Reserve

Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM asked :

34. (a) Will Government be pleased to state what action they have taken to fulfil the assurance given on the floor of the House during the last Session of the Assembly that they would enquire into and take early steps to evict encroachers from the Kadal Dhema Grazing Reserve in Karaibari Estate in the district of Goalpara ?

(b) Is it a fact that since then Zamindars are trying to settle more lands from the said Reserve ?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

34. (a)—A Special Officer appointed in connection with the abolition of Zamindari system made a general enquiry. As Government is introducing the

Assam State Acquisition of Zamindari Bill, 1948, no further action is considered necessary.

(b)—Government have no information.

***Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM**: Is it not a fact, Sir, that if more time is taken then the Zemindars will settle all the lands?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary): There is a provision, Sir, in the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindari Bill, 1948 to the effect that any settlement after 1946 will not be valid.

Tribal belts in the district of Nowgong and Akarabari Reserve in Dhing Circle

Srijut DHIRSING DEURI asked :

35. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Tribal belts in the district of Nowgong?
- (b) The allocation of these belts in different Mauzas with names of the villages?
- (c) Whether these belts are fit for cultivation?
- (d) Whether any such belt in Kampur Circle was recently excluded from the Tribal belt?
- (e) If so, why?

36. (a) Is it a fact that some Tribal raiyats of Raha and Barapujia Mauza lately filed a petition to the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong, to open the Akarabari Reserve in Dhing Circle?

- (b) If so, what order has been passed on their petition for opening the said Reserve at least for three years?
- (c) Are Government aware that these people are landless and flood-affected?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHAUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

35. (a) to (e)—No Tribal Belts or Blocks have yet been formally constituted in the district of Nowgong.

The proposals for forming belts in Kampur, Raha and Samaguri Circles are under consideration.

***Srijut DHIRSING DEURI**: Sir, ইয়াত কৈছে যে—“The proposals for forming belts in Kamrup, Raha and Samaguri Circles are under consideration.”

মই গভৰ্ণমেণ্টক শুধিব পাবোনে যে কেতিয়া এই consideration stage পাৰ হৈ কাৰ্য্যত পৰিণত হব?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary): গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে ডিপুটী কমিশ্যনাৰৰ পৰা বিপোর্ট বিচাৰিছিল। সেই বিপোর্ট আহিছে। সেই বিষয়ে কি বকম কাৰ্য্য হব তাকে এতিয়া গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে বিবেচনা কৰিছে।

***Srijut DHIRSING DEURI**: গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে জানে নে, লক্ষা মৌজাব পিপৰ-পুখুৰী আৰু পাচভাণ্ডাৰ সকলো সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ মাজত পত্তন কৰিবলৈ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে? এই কথা সঁচা নে?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary): এইটো সঁচা।

***Srijut DHIRSING DEURI**: ডিপুটী কমিশ্যনাৰে যে এই দুটা বিজাৰ্ড ট্ৰাইবেল Belt কৰিবলৈ proposal দিছে, সেইটো সঁচানে?

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary): তেনেকৈয়া খবৰ গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে পোৱা নাই।

Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary) replied:

36. (a) & (b)—Yes, the Tribals of Raha and Barapujia Mauza filed a petition for opening the Akarabari Reserve in Dhing Circle. When an enquiry under rule 95A of the Rules for the allotment of Grazing grounds was held the Deputy Commissioner found that Akarabari Reserve was an important one and the surrounding Assamese ryots objected strongly to its dereservation. The petition was therefore rejected.

(c)—They are not landless, but their lands are subject to flood.

Adjournment on account of successful termination of police operation in Hyderabad.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Now we come to Resolutions.

Srijut PURNA CHANDRA SARMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to speak a few words. Yesterday we received the news of cessation of hostilities in Hyderabad. As the hon. Members of this House know, there was a sense of insecurity for the last few days owing to the entering of the Indian Union Forces into Hyderabad to prevent further deterioration of peace and tranquility in that State and as a result our people were passing anxious times for the hostilities that broke out there in Hyderabad. Now, Sir, the time of anxiety has passed and we all feel a sense of security after the hostilities had ceased. It is a day of rejoicing for all of us and as such, I beg to request you, Sir, that you will be pleased to adjourn the House to-day as a mark of appreciation and restoration of good-will in the country.

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Government I think I should make a statement in this connection. The hon. Members are aware that police operations in Hyderabad which commenced early this week had come to a successful termination last evening and the Nizam of Hyderabad had given orders to "cease fire". He has also expressed regret that he had not taken this action earlier. It is indeed a day of rejoicing and source of satisfaction to all that the state of lawlessness which had been going on for some time which necessitated the Government of India to intervene had come to an end. It is expected that peace would be restored now. As a mark of appreciation, on behalf of this Government, I associate myself with the hon. Mover of this Motion to adjourn the House. This being a non-official day, if the non-official members agree, Government have no objection to adjourn the House after 12, i.e., after the forenoon.

***Maulavi Saiyid MUHAMMAD SAADULLA**: If the sense of the House is that we should adjourn, as the Hon'ble Minister for Supply has said, we on this side have no objection.

***Mr. J. S. HARDMAN:** I entirely agree with the views expressed by the previous speakers, Sir.

***Srijut GAURI KANTA TALUKDAR:** If we are to adjourn, why should not we adjourn just now ?

(Voices-Yes, Yes).

The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS: That will depend on the non-official Members, Sir, this being a non-official day.

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I shall be guided by the opinion of the House. Is it the opinion of the House that the House be adjourned from now ?

(Voices-Yes, Yes).

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: I associate myself with what has been said by the hon. Mover, Srijut Purna Chandra Sarma. I too feel that it is a day of rejoicing as the tussel between the Nizam and the subjects of the Hyderabad State and the Dominion of India has ended. (disturbances in the House) Order, order, hon. Members should know the Parliamentary decorum that when the Chair rises to speak they should maintain silence and should not talk. As I said, I associate myself with the views expressed by Leaders of the different parties in the House and I hope peace will now be maintained in the troubled State of Hyderabad. According to the wishes of the House, the House stands adjourned to 10. A.M., on Monday the 20th September, 1948.

I would also like to inform the hon. Members of the House that the House Committee which was to be held this afternoon is also adjourned.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A. M. on Monday, the 20th September 1948.

SHILLONG,

The 2nd November, 1948.

A. K. BARUA,

Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Assam.

*Speech not corrected.

