



**Proceedings of the Third Session of the Assam Legislative  
Assembly assembled after the First General  
Election under the Sovereign Democratic  
Republican Constitution of India**

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 10 A.M.  
on Monday, the 23rd March 1953

**P R E S E N T**

Shri Nilmani Phookan, B.A., Chairman, in the Chair, the ten  
Ministers, the two Deputy Ministers, the three Parliamentary  
Secretaries and sixty-eight Members.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**STARRED QUESTIONS**

(To which oral answers were given)

**Resolution to amend the Assam Forest Act**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

\*117. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forest be pleased to  
state—

- (a) Whether he has received any resolution of a public meeting held on 25th January 1953 at Lanturgram, Cachar for removal of some detrimental Rules from the Assam Forest Act ?
- (b) If so, whether the Minister proposes to amend the Assam Forest Act, in the light of the demands made in the resolution ?
- (c) Whether any step has been taken to expedite the survey and settlement work at Jamira and Bilaipur Forest Reserves in the Cachar District ?
- (d) How many families have been settled up till now in the said Forest Reserves ?
- (e) Is it a fact that Government have decided to reserve the 3,618 acres of dereserved land in Jamira in the Cachar District ?
- (f) If so, what is the reason for reverting to their former decision ?
- (g) Is it a fact that the Hailakandi United Food Committee has protested against the decision and if so, do Government propose to reconsider this decision ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister)** replied :

117. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. Government do not consider the rules as detrimental.

(c)—There are no Forest Reserves called Jamira and Bilai-pur Reserves in Cachar District. If the reference is to the areas called locally by certain people as Jamira and Bilaipur, the answer is in the affirmative.

(d)—Information is not readily available and will be supplied as soon as received from the Divisional Forest Officer.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The areas were originally dereserved because of demands from the public. But after dereservation it was found that the area was unsuitable for cultivation and no people settled on the area. Since the land was lying un-utilised and found more suitable for forestry purposes than for agricultural purpose, Government have again re-reserved part of the area.

(g)—The resolution of the Committee was for opening the so called Jamira Forest area, but it did not contain any protest against the above decision.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Is it a fact that some families actually settled in the said Reserve and when Government is reserving it again, will it not mean eviction of those families ?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister):** No, Sir, it is not a fact.

#### Recent Tripartite Conference on Tea Industry

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

\*118. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) Who represented tea labour from Assam in the recent Tripartite Conference on Tea Industry ?
- (b) Why none except Indian National Trade Union Congress was given representation in the Conference ?
- (c) Whether he has any information about the existence of Dibrugarh District Chah Mazdoor Panchayat and other tea labour unions affiliated to the Hind Mazdoor Sabha ?
- (d) Whether the Minister is aware of the existence of the Assam Tea Labour Association a registered Union with 20,000 membership ?
- (e) What is the reason for excluding representatives of such unions in the Tripartite Conference ?

- (f) Whether the opinion of any organised central labour organisation except the Indian National Trade Union Congress was sought at the time of revising the Minimum Wages Act and if not, why not?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister)** replied :

118. (a)—Indian National Trade Union Congress.

(b)—Because of the fact that the Indian National Trade Union Congress has the largest number of followers than any other labour organisation.

(c)—Yes. The name of the Union is, however, the Dibrugarh Zilla Cha Mazdoor Panchayat and not Dibrugarh District Cha Mazdoor Panchayat. The only other labour union affiliated to the Hind Mazdoor Sabha is the Assam Cha Company Karkhana Mazdoor Sangha, Nazira P. O.

(d)—Yes. Its membership is 10,906.

(e)—This has been replied to in question (b).

(f)—No. Because of what is replied to in question (b).

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Regarding (f), was it not essential to take the view of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha and the Assam Tea Labour Association in view of the importance of the matter?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** Because they do not control largest number of followers.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** They may not control the largest number of followers, but was it not necessary to take the opinion of these bodies?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** Government decide to give representation in the Committee on the basis of largest membership controlled by a Union.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** What is the number of members of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha and the Assam Tea Labour Association as against the Indian National Trade Union Congress?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** Assam Tea Labour Association has 10,906 members and Hind Mazdoor Sabha 903.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** In view of the fact that these two bodies have about 12,000 members, may I know why they were not represented?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** Because they control a small number of membership when compared with I.N.T.U.C., which controls 62,618.

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI:** So, is it not necessary to know the opinion of minority bodies, so far as Unions are concerned ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** Only a Union having the largest number of membership is considered for the purpose of representation.

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI:** Is it the policy of the Government ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** That is the policy followed by this Government, and that is also the policy followed by the Government of India and other State Governments.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Is it not a fact that in the Government of India level although I.N.T.U.C. controls 14 lakhs of members, Hind Mazdoor Sabha 7 lakhs and A.I.T.U.C. 5 lakhs and each of them is given representation by the Government of India ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** That may be the policy of the Central Government but so far as this Government is concerned, we give representation to that union which controls the largest number of memberships.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Does not this policy mean exclusion of all Unions except the I.N.T.U.C. ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** That is a matter of opinion, Sir.

#### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

#### Land acquired in Shillong for settlement of refugees

**Shri A. ALLEY** asked :

94. (a) Will Government be pleased to state how many acres of land have been acquired in Laitumkhrach, Umpling and Rynjah villages for settlement of the refugees ?

(b) Is it a fact that the Government have agreed that 25 per cent. of the lands so acquired would be settled with the Khasis ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

94. (a)—5·8 acres of land at Laitumkhrah (commonly known as Bhagyakul area) have been acquired and 75 acres of land in village Rynjah (Umpling) have been proposed to be acquired for settlement of refugees.

(b)—About 20 per cent. of these areas is proposed to be allotted to local deserving non-refugee people.

**Number of Factory accidents in Ganesh Oil and Rice Mills**

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** asked :

95. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of factory accidents in Ganesh Oil and Rice Mills, Tezpur during the years 1952 and 1953 ?

(b) How many cases were reported to the Commissioner by the Mill Authorities according to Factory Act ?

(c) Do Government propose to enquire into the causes of accidents in the said factory ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister)** replied :

95. (a)—1952—one accident,  
1953—Nil.

(b)—The same as at answer to (a) above.

(c)—Yes.

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA:** Are Government aware of the fact that several cases of accidents were not reported to the Commissioner as required by law by the said Mill ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** Government so far received report on one accident.

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA:** Are not Government aware of several representations made of several accidents to the Commissioner ?

**Shri PURNANANDA CHETIA (Deputy Minister):** We are not aware, Sir.

**Sub-Deputy Collectors' Circles in North Lakhimpur Subdivision**

**Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA** asked :

96. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—  
(a) How many Mauzas do each of the two Sub-Deputy Collectors' Circles, in the North Lakhimpur Subdivision comprise ?

- (b) What is the population of each Circle and what is the settled area contained by each ?
- (c) Whether Government have received complaints or representations from the District or Subdivisional Officers that the circles have proved too unwieldy and that the Sub-Deputy Collectors cannot efficiently cope with the work ?
- (d) If it is a fact that the headquarters of both the Circles are now located at North Lakhimpur entailing immense hardship to the parties and the public who are required to come to the Circle Offices from both the ends of the Subdivision ?
- (e) Whether Government contemplate reorganising the circles so as to constitute three circles in place of two ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

96. (a)—One of the circles, *viz.*, Ranganadi comprises of 10 Mauzas and the other, *viz.*, Subansiri comprises of 6 Mauzas.

(b)—The population of:—

(1) Ranganadi Circle is—152,828 and that of Subansiri is—90,267. Settled area in Ranganadi Circle is 492,641 Bighas and in Subansiri Circle is 247,186 Bighas.

(c)—No.

(d)—Yes, the headquarters of both the Sub-Deputy Collectors are located at North Lakhimpur. Government have no information about any hardship for keeping the headquarters of the two circles at North Lakhimpur.

(e)—Government have no such contemplation at present but the matter will be examined in due course.

**Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA :** In answer to question (c), it is stated, 'No', may I know whether the Hon'ble Minister has enquired of the Subdivisional Officer or Deputy Commissioner since receipt of notice of my question ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister) :** No enquiry was made after that.

**Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA :** Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that the settlement work in those Mauzas are enormously increasing every year ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister) :** Yes.

**Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA :** Then is it not a fact that the Sub-Deputy Collectors have got now-a-days to deal with many miscellaneous duties besides land revenue work ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** : That is the case in all places that the Sub-Deputy Collectors have been given some additional work now-a-days.

**Shri SARVESWAR BORUWA** : In answer to (d), it is stated "Government have no information about any hardship for keeping the headquarters of the two circles at North Lakhimpur". May I enquire if the Hon'ble Minister is aware that as far back as 1947 or so the district political conference held at Narayanpur sent a resolution to the effect that the location of the headquarters of both the circles at North Lakhimpur was causing immense hardship to the people of the outlying areas?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** : I am not aware of it. However, I shall make an enquiry.

**Agricultural loan advanced to people of Goalpara Subdivision during last two years**

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** asked :

97. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The amount of agricultural loans advanced to the people of Goalpara Subdivision during the last two years?
- (b) How many families have received such agricultural loan?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that such loans are not obtainable without the recommendation of the Congress President or Secretary?
- (d) If not, on whose recommendations such loans are sanctioned?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

97. (a)—A total sum of Rs.1,38,000 was issued as agricultural loan to the people of Goalpara Subdivision during the years 1951-52 and 1952-53.

(b)—2,003 families have received the said agricultural loan.

(c)—No.

(d)—Loans are issued by the Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers on the recommendation of the Sub-Deputy Collectors.

**Boundary Commission set up for demarcation of boundary of Burah Chapari**

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** asked :

98. (a) Is it a fact that a Boundary Commission was lately set up for demarcation of Boundary of Burah Chapari of Tezpur?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the Report of the Commission ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** replied :

98. (a)—A Committee was set up by Government to report if a rigid boundary can be fixed in that area between different districts, after personal enquiry into the places.

(b)—Government is now examining the report and no decision has been taken on it by Government and as such, it is not considered proper to lay a copy of the report on the table.

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA** : May I know when this matter will be finally settled ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister)** : In course of a month or two.

**Scholarships from the Tribal Grants for the Tribal students in Colleges and Schools of Assam**

**Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI** asked :

99. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state the amount that were allotted from the Tribal Grants for the Scholarships for the Tribal students in the colleges and schools of Assam with the names of students ?

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)** replied .

99.—A total amount of Rs.72,162 was allotted out of the grants received from Government of India during the current financial year, under Article 275 of the Constitution, for the purpose of awarding scholarships to the Tribal students of the Hill Districts as well as the Tribal students inhabiting the Plains Districts of the State. The amount was distributed as below :—

	Rs.
(i) Hills Districts	53,000
(ii) Plains Districts	19,162

Two lists showing the names of the recipients of the various scholarships are placed on the Library Table.

**Number of beds available to women in different district and sub-divisional Hospitals**

**Mrs. USHA BARTHAHAKUR** asked :

100. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of beds available to the Women in different district and subdivisional Hospitals in the State ?
- (b) The number of confinement beds available in different district and Subdivisional hospitals ?
- (c) The number of Midwives entertained by Government in the State for these Hospitals ?
- (d) In view of the shortage of midwives and nurses whether Government propose to start a few more training centres ?

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister)** replied :

100. (a)—669.

(b)—143.

(c)—9.

(d)—The question of starting more training centres is under consideration of Government.

**Murder, dacoity and theft cases under Marigaon Police Station in Nowgong District**

**Shri BALIRAM DAS** asked :

101. (a) Is it a fact that the number of murder, dacoity and theft cases under the Marigaon Police Station in Nowgong District is increasing gradually ?

(b) If so, what step the Government is going to take to stop such occurrences in future ?

(c) Do Government propose to establish a Police Outpost at Barabari in Mayong Mauza under the aforesaid Police Station ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** replied.

101. (a)—There has been an increase in murder during 1952, but dacoity is on the decrease and theft and burglary are also not increasing.

(d)—All possible measures have been taken to have regular patrolling by Police or Village Defence Parties, and enforcement of temperance measures in Tea areas.

(c)—It is under active consideration of Government.

**Discussion of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure  
charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the State for  
1952-53**

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** We come to item No.2. Discussion, if any, of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure charged upon the Consolidated Fund of the State for 1952-53.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, last time when the demands for supplementary grants were moved, we wanted to make some general observations on the whole of the supplementary statement of expenditure. But we were told by the then Speaker that we were to confine ourselves only to the charged items and when we touched on items like Speaker's car and things of that sort we were told that we could not discuss them. I would, therefore, like to have your decision on this point whether we can make general observations on the entire statement or should confine ourselves only to the charged items.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** You can discuss only the charged items and not the whole demand.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Sir, supplementary demands are generally made for unforeseen expenditures. But here under the charged items we find an expenditure of Rs.49,715 for Ministers. The explanation states that this is required to meet the expenditure in connection with the appointment of two more Ministers. Sir, it is difficult to understand this item as all the 10 Ministers were appointed before the Budget was passed. If, however, it means the appointment of two more Parliamentary Secretaries, I submit that this was also not unforeseen. We would therefore like to know from Government what size they have in mind regarding the Cabinet consisting of Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. It would be very difficult for us to sanction this money unless we know definitely what they have in their mind regarding the size of the Cabinet.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** These are voted items, not charged?

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** But it has been shown as "charged", I refer to item H. at page 35, where it is stated that the amount is required to meet the expenditure in connection with the appointment of two more Ministers.

The first thing I would like to know is how this item can come under "charged" head. The salaries of Ministers fall under voted items. This needs clarification. Then, Sir, leaving aside question whether we can vote it or not, we want to be clear

about the size of the Ministry we are going to have here. As I said before, if the expenditure refers to the Ministers, this item should have found a place in the general Budget and not here. But if it refers to the two newly-appointed Parliamentary Secretaries, then it should be clearly stated. What is most important is that we must have a clear picture about the size of the Cabinet that the Government have in mind,—how many more Ministers Deputy Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries they are going to, have to accommodate certain party members.

Then, Sir, there is an item of Rs.16,000 for the purchase of a new car for the Governor. So far as we see, the present car is going on all right,—of course we do not know about the mechanical side of it. But what is going to happen to the present car? Is it going to be sent to the State Transport pool to be used by the travelling public, even after it is considered unworkable, or is it going to be sold and in the latter event what is the expectation of Government about the money that will be received out of the sale proceeds? I also want to know why that money has not been deducted from this amount of Rs.16,000.

Then, Sir, we find a statement that “the excess of Rs.1,517 is due to the discontinuance of voluntary deduction of pay in Speaker’s salary and payment of an arrear pay bill of the late Deputy Speaker after the last election”. This item is not understandable to us. We want to know from Government what actually happened in this connection and why this voluntary deduction has been discontinued?

We find again under “Civil Works” an item of Rs.49,000 for carrying out extensive repairs to the Raj Bhavan. It would be better to give us a clear report of what repairs are being done in the Raj Bhavan.

Sir, so far as our naked eyes go, we do not find any repairs being carried on, how then this amount for repairs comes to Rs.49,000? Oh, I am sorry, Sir, it should be Rs.2,200 and not Rs.49,000.

Sir, these matters need clarification from the Government. Although we cannot vote, we must have a clear conscience that the money is being spent properly and for the proper purpose. So far as the Ministers are concerned, this vital matter also needs clarification from the Ministers before we accept this allotted sum.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** Mr. Chairman Sir, after the General Election, the Budget was prepared. Before the result of the General Election was known, and before the constitution of the new Ministry, Budget had to be prepared as it has to be printed and distributed to the hon. Members who returned

as members to the Assembly. Naturally it was not known at that time what would be the number of Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries or Deputy Ministers that may be necessary for constitution of the new Ministry. I have already stated that after the General Election, the Leader of the majority party had to consider the views of the representatives of the people in order to give representation and share of the administration to the different minorities. There were also other circumstances arising out of the increased volume of work which had to be considered at the time of formation of Ministry so that the Ministers comparatively may be free to move about in different places to rouse the enthusiasm of the people to divert their energies to the constructive channel, it was considered necessary to include two more Ministers. Their salaries could not be included in the Budget but their salary is fixed by an Act of the House, and in accordance with that Act their pay was not anticipated at that time. That is why it has come under the Supplementary Demand.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Then why it is under a charged item ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** The pay of the Ministers are fixed by Legislature. It is shown here as charged as decided by the House.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** In the case of other Ministers it is not shown in the General Budget in the voted item.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** As the salary of the Ministers is fixed by Legislature of the House, and determined as charged. It need not be voted.

Now, Sir, with regard to the repairs to the Raj Bhavan, it is only a small amount of money. It has been stated in the Explanatory Notes that due to extensive repairs to "Raj Bhavan" Sixth Scheduled (Part A) Areas.—Due to special repair to Chateau at Upper Shillong.

With this additional grant the total expenditure during the current financial year both for original works and repairs will remain within the prescribed limit of Rs.55,000 for the "Raj Bhavan". It has been done so, so that the amount does not exceed that amount.

Sir, as regards the car, under the Order in Council, in force at the time the Constitution came in to force, the Governor is not only to be provided with a car, but he should be provided with an aeroplane wherever possible. But in view of the financial difficulties the Governor has not insisted on providing him with an aeroplane. He is entitled to have an aeroplane also for his conveyance.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** : What happens to the old car, when a new one is provided.?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** : Sir, it has not yet been decided whether it would be sold or some thorough repairs would be carried out so as to bring it in a proper working order and placed with the State Transport as a pool vehicle.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEV of Sidli** : Mr. Chairman, Sir, what is meant by the words 'Order in Council'? The Chief Minister referred to this.

(No reply)

**Shri BISHNU RAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** : Sir, as regards the salary of the Ministers, it is fixed by the Legislature. As regards the maintenance of the cars provided to them, the expenditure is subject to vote but as regards the excess voluntary reduction pertained to a particular Speaker and the successor may not agree to have any voluntary cut.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** : What was the amount of voluntary deduction made by *Ex-Speaker* ? Has it now been revived ?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** : It was about 10 per cent. of the pay, Sir. The *Ex-Speaker* voluntarily surrendered 10 per cent. of his pay. Now it is not for us to make a cut. We are bound to pay the Speaker in full, as the pay of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker had been fixed by the Legislature.

Sir, as regards the excess in which the deduction pertained to Speaker's car, under the provision of rules the Speaker is entitled to be provided with a car.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI** : What about the Deputy Speaker's arrears pay ?

**Shri BISHNU RAM MEDHI (Chief Minister)** : As no bill was drawn, the other year's amount must be surrendered. The Deputy Speaker's salary was also fixed by an Act of the Legislature, so the Government is bound to pay it, as it was not paid last year.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN** : I think the matter is clear now.

## Supplementary Demands for Grants

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Shri Motiram Bora to move Supplementary Demand No.1.

No. 1

**Shri MOTI KAM BORA (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 88,519 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "7.—Land Revenue".

Rs.

I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	36,89,200
II. Additional grant voted by the Assembly in the last September 1952 Session.	3,27,448
Additional amount now required	88,519
III. Sub-head under which the additional grant will be accounted for—	

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<i>A. General Establishment—</i>			
3. Allowances and Honoraria	4,635	...	4,635
4. Contingencies	15,705	7,200	22,905
<i>C. Management of Government Estates—</i>			
(c) Improvement of residential land in Nowgong Town.	3,500	...	3,500
<i>D. Charges on account of Land Revenue Collection.</i>	...	2,998	2,998
<i>F. Survey and Settlement and Record Operation—</i>			
(a) Assam Surveys—			
3. Reproduction section	5,000	...	5,000
<i>G. Land Records—(b)—District Charges—</i>			
1. Pay of establishment	...	180	180
2. Allowances and Honoraria	...	1,600	1,600
3. Contingencies	...	1,096	1,096
<i>H. Assignment and Compensations—</i>			
(Voted)	30,106	...	30,106
<i>I. Works—(a)—Original Works—</i>			
5. Water Supply Development Rate Scheme.	16,000	...	16,000
(b) Repairs—			
2. Land Records	272	...	272
<i>K. Charges in England</i>	227	...	227
	75,445	13,074	88,519

Sir, the †explanatory note will explain the necessity of this grant.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.88,519 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "7.—Land Revenue".

There are two Cut Motions, one is for the necessity of the grant, and the other for the adequacy of the scheme. They look almost identical. If the movers mean the same, I may also suggest that one of them should move and the other speak on relevant points. Should I take them as one?

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEV of Sidli:** Sir, I have something to say. These Motions are not same. One is meant for improvement of residential land in Nowgong Town, and the other for water supply development scheme.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** All right. Then Mr. Gogoi to move first.

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

A. 3.—Due to increased tour charges.

A. 4.—General—Due to (i) increased expenditure on "Law Charges" consequent on the increase of Civil cases (Rs. 5,500), (ii) increased expenditure on postage and service stamps (Rs. 10,205).

Sixth Schedule Areas—Some people have unauthorisedly entered into and occupied land in the Hawaipur Professional Grazing Reserve in the United District of Mikir and North Cachar Hills. This amount is therefore required for meeting the expenses in connection with the eviction of those people from the said Professional Grazing Reserve. The amount has already been provided by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

C.—The amount will be immediately required to meet the expenses for construction of roads in the newly-settled areas of Nowgong Town. The expenditure being of immediate nature is met by an advance from the Contingency Fund. The expenditure could not be foreseen as the areas in question were settled only in January last. To enable the allottees to start construction of their residential buildings immediately, it is considered necessary to complete the construction of the roads in question during this cold season.

D.—The excess is due to larger commission consequent on Letter collections of land revenue than originally anticipated.

F.—The amount is required for payment of the charge for a Litho Printing Machine obtained from India. The amount was not provided for in the Budget as no previous information was received from the Survey of India as to when the machine will be despatched to Shillong. The machine has only recently been received and has got to be paid for during the current financial year.

- G.—(1) Due to increase of special pay of Supervisor Kanungoes.  
 (2) Due to more tours for increase of works.  
 (3) Due to increase in pay of chainmen.

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI:** Mr. Chairman, Sir. I beg to move that the provision of Rs.3,500 under Supplementary Demand No. 1, Major head 7.—Land Revenue, Minor head (C) —Management of Government Estates, Sub-head (C)—Improvement of residential land in Nowgong Town, at page 1 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re. 1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.88,519 do stand reduced by Re. 1.

Sir, I take my stand here to oppose this expenditure of Rs.3,500. This money has been spent to open out new roads for improving lands for residential quarters in the town of Nowgong. It has been stated that there was a certain plot of waste land in the Nowgong Town, and that plot has been given settlement to some people in January last for construction of their houses. Immediately after the settlement was given to these allottees, the Finance Minister thought it necessary to spend Rs.3,500 to open out new roads so that those allottees might build their residential quarters on that land. Sir, we know, there are waste lands all over the State which have been given settlement to the deserving people. But we have not heard of any expenditure being incurred or money spent to improve those lands that have been settled all over the State. Sir, in case of Nowgong, this special favour was done by our Finance Minister. I think, Sir, in the business of improving waste land and also providing roads thereto an uniform principle for all over the State should be followed. In Gauhati Town we have seen the swamps of the town have been settled with different people. But the owners of those plots, *i. e.*, allottees are carrying earth by privately hiring lorries and paying from their own pockets. Sir, in this case also, money is not granted or spent by Government like that of the Nowgong case? Sir, money spent by Government is on a principle. So I object to this expenditure.

H.—(Rupees 28,100)—This amount is required for payment of advance malikana to the Raja of Sidli. As Government orders to the advance payment of malikana were passed in the middle of the current year, no provision could be made in the Budget. Rupees 2,006 is required to meet additional requirement under other voted items.

I.(a) 5.—This amount is required for improvement of water supply in the Development Rate Scheme in Nowgong District. This amount was allotted to the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong during 1951-52, but due to non-availability of cement and other essential materials, it was surrendered. The work has been taken up during the current year. Hence the provision.

I. (b) 2.—For construction of the latrine attached to the Mandal's barrack at Chaygaon, which gave way all on a sudden.

K. Based on the latest information received from the High Commissioner for India.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** In the Supplementary Demands, the principle cannot be questioned.

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI:** Alright, Sir, then I have no objection. But Sir, on this question, there are some misgivings in the minds of some of my friends on the other side of the House also. That is why, I want to know who are those unfortunate few people, and what amount of premium they are giving.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** You should confine yourself to the necessity of land, and don't come to individual cases.

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI:** If that be so, I do not ask for the list of allottees. As regards my question, I have already objected to this expenditure. That is why, I have this cut motion. I hope the Hon'ble House will accept it.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The motion moved is that the provision of Rs.3,500 under Supplementary Demand No. 1, Major head 7. — Land Revenue,—Minor head (C)—Management of Government Estates, Sub—head (c)—Improvement of residential land in Nowgong Town, at page 1 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re. 1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary demand of Rs.88,519 do stand reduced by Re. 1.

Any hon. Member wants to speak on this ?

**Shri RADHIKARAM DAS:** Mr. Chairman Sir, I rise to oppose the Cut Motion moved by my friend Mr. Ghanakanta Gogoi. I am glad that the Revenue Minister has allotted some amount of money for the improvement of roads in the waste lands of Nowgong Town. So that the land may be settled with the allottees in a planned way. Sir, the development of a town depends on the settlement of land in a planned way and that plan should be of a right type of land. But that plan has not been taken up so long as other towns of Assam are concerned. I am glad that the Revenue Minister has taken up this question in right time and I hope he will try to settle the land in almost all the towns of Assam, after filling up the low-lying lands if there be any, and providing suitable roads for the allottees to enable them to construct their residential buildings, without any difficulty. Sir, the development and improvement of a town depends on the planned type of settlement.

In this connection I would like to mention about settlement of land at Gauhati town. The waste lands are settled at Gauhati with the people without any right type of plan. So in a meeting of the Land Settlement Advisory Board, the Government have been moved, that, Government should fill up the low-lying lands, and construct roads in a right and planned way so that the land may be settled with the people. In that case Government may be able to realise higher premium from the allottees. I think the procedure that has been followed by the Revenue Minister in case of Nowgong will also be followed in other parts of the State.

**Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI:** চেয়াৰমেন মহোদয় পোন প্ৰথমে আমাৰ গঠনদেৱে যি কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে নই সেইটোৰ প্ৰতিবাদ কৰিছো। আজি আমি স্বাধীন; গতিকে যিমান পৰা যায় আমি সকলো নগৰকে উন্নত কৰিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰা উচিত। আমাৰ মাননীয় বিত্তমন্ত্ৰী বৰা ডাঙৰীয়া নগাঁৱৰ মানুহ বুলিহে তেখেতে বিয়োপিতা কৰিছে চাওঁ। অৱশ্যে যেতিয়া টাউনত মাটি দিয়া হয়, তেতিয়া টাউনখন planned town কৰিব পৰাকৈ মাটি দিয়া উচিত। অকল নগাঁৱেই নহয় আমাৰ ডাঙৰ নগৰবিলাকৰ যদি উন্নতি নকৰে, তেন্তে আমাৰ দেশৰো উন্নতি নহয়। গতিকে মাননীয় বৰা ডাঙৰীয়াই দিয়া টকাৰ কাৰণে যিটো কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱ আনিছে, সেই টকাত চকু পৰাত বৰ দুঃখ পাইছো।

নই জনাত এতিয়াও কিছুমান টাউনত ১০০ বিঘা আৰু কিছুমানত ৪০০ বিঘালৈকে মাটি এনেই খালি পৰি আছে, সেই মাটি বিলাকো acquire কৰি হলেও লৈ টাউনৰ উন্নতি কৰা উচিত।

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** সেইবোৰৰ আলোচনা হল, ইয়াত নুলিৱালেও হব।

**Shri DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI:** ভাল Sir, অকল নগাঁও টাউন নহয় পাৰিলে সকলো ডাঙৰ ডাঙৰ টাউনবোৰ Plan basisত উন্নত কৰিবলৈ লোৱা উচিত। বিশেষকৈ গুৱাহাটী টাউন খন খালি বিলবে ভৰা গতিকে সেই টাউন খন দৰখাস্তকাৰী আৰু যি সকলক মাটি দিয়া হৈছে আৰু সেই সকলৰ পৰা যি টকা Premium হিচাবে লোৱা হৈছে তাৰে সৈতে চৰকাৰে টকা দি হলেও গোহাটী টাউন খন উন্নত কৰা উচিত। গতিকে নই বৰা ডাঙৰীয়াক ধন্যবাদ দিছো আৰু গঠন ডাঙৰীয়াক তেখেতৰ কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো উঠাই লবলৈ অনুৰোধ কৰিছো।

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Mr. Chairman, I am sorry that my friend Mr. Gogoi is labouring under some misapprehension. Sir, he is making an insinuation against me that I am making some discrimination in favour of Nowgong as against other districts, while sanctioning the amount of Rs.3,500 to be spent for the construction of certain roads. Sir, my Friend is not posted with all the informations, that is why he says like that.

Sir, in Gauhati there is a vast low-lying area and that was settled with the people on premia basis. A good amount of money taken from that area has been devoted for construction

of roads in that area. This is being done also in Shillong where we have acquired Lauchemere, Fruit Gardens and other places and quite a good amount of money in these places also has been spent for the construction of roads and the development of the areas concerned. In Nowgong also it was decided to set apart and settle some areas on planned basis, and certain amount out of the premia collected from the people was devoted for construction of roads in that area, and Sir, no discrimination of any sort as is apparent from the above facts has been made in favour of Nowgong. As a matter of fact there are two small low-lying areas in Nowgong by the side of the river Kolong and they are lying waste, and one area was considered rather a nuisance by the people of the locality, because it was a breeding ground of mosquitoes and germs. Now during the last few years the level of those areas has come up on account of deposit of silt and they have become fit for settlement, and accordingly those areas were thrown open for settlement with the people on premia basis. But those areas are so situated that they cannot be reached by the people unless some roads are constructed and that is why, out of the premia, collected from the people of those areas a sum of Rs.3,500 is necessary for the construction of roads to enable people to go there and to settle in those areas, since without construction of roads settlements cannot be given to the people. Sir, in other places like Gauhati and others we are spending rather bigger amount something like Rs.20,000 or more, out of the premia collected from the people of those places for road construction and also for the development of those areas. So Sir, my friend as I said before has not been posted with all informations, and that is, why he is bringing such an allegation.

Sir, in the matter of allotments of lands also my Friend is labouring under some misconception. He says that in this respect also there were some discriminations, and that settlements have been made with some undesirable persons. For his information, Sir, I would like to read out the names of the persons with whom settlements have been made, most of them are Mouzadars, Teachers and Assistants of the Deputy Commissioner's Office and the settlement with these persons has been made on the recommendation of the Settlement Officer.

#### **Name of Allottees**

1. Shree Hara Nath Gayan — Clerk.
2. Shree Tarun Chandra Sarma — Clerk.
3. Shree Hem Ch. Barua — Clerk.
4. Shree Jiban Ch. Hazarika — Clerk.

5. Shree Puspallal Nath — Clerk.
6. Shree Moneswar Patar — Clerk.
7. Shree Amir Hussain — Clerk.
8. Shree Abdul Jowad Hazarika — Clerk.
9. Shree Achinta Narayan Mahanta — Clerk Deputy Commissioner's Office, Nowgong.
10. Shree Lait Ch. Saika — Mauzadar Singia Potani.
11. Shree Basudeb Borthakur — Nanai, Contractor.
12. Shree Dinanath Bora — Driver of Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong.
13. Shree Bhogeswar Neog — Kaliabor C/O Shree Lila Kanta Bora, — M. L. A., Trader.
14. Shree Bhujendra Nath Borua — Son of late Muktaram Borua, Mauzadar Contractor.
15. Shree Gujar Mudai, Mouza Singia Potani — Cultivator.
16. Shree Manick Ch. Bhattacharyya — Bebejia, Ex-teacher.
17. Shree Baneswar Das — Teacher, Government High English School.
18. Shree Sarbeswar Sarma, Kaviraj — Puranigudam.
19. Shree P. K. Bordoloi — Driver.
20. Shree Jajnya Ram Laskar — New Amolapatty. Insurance worker.
21. Shree Profulla Ch. Borua — son of Shree Kanak Ch. Borua, Mouzadar.
22. Shree Baparam Das — Deodhoragaon, Local Board Member.
23. Shree Jajneswar Sarma — Principal, Nowgong College.
24. Shree Rajat Ch. Bora — Mauzadar.
25. Shree Maghiram Das — Chowkidar, Bar Library.
26. Shree Ghana Kanta Hazarika — Hd. Pandit, Mohendra Borua, Lower Primary School.

For settlements of these areas, Government wanted opinion of Settlement Officer and the Government accepted the recommendation of the Settlement Officer with very slight modification. Therefore, Sir, from the names that I have just read out and also from the statement that I have made, it will be quite apparent to the House that there is no irregularity and nothing suspicious in it. My Friend is labouring under a misapprehension, Sir, my Friend is probably suffering from some kind of defects. If a man puts on a dark glasses he will see that the whole world is dark, and my Friend probably suspects all, because his mind is not free from guilt.

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI :** Sir, on a point of information, I find that these lands were settled only in January. Was there any such emergency of giving settlements of these lands? May I also ask whether any landless people have been given lands? I find in the list read out by the Revenue Minister just now the name of a certain friend of mine.

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Sir, in the settlements of these lands my Friend has rather made a very big mistake. These are town lands and should be settled with people who are to live in towns but have no lands there. As far as landless people are concerned they are given lands in the villages for their cultivation. The people who have been given lands in the town are the people who have no lands there and they are also petty officers and most of them are required to stay in the town.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Mr. Gogoi, I think you are satisfied now. Are you withdrawing your motion?

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI:** Yes Sir, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my cut motion.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Has the hon. Member leave of the House to withdraw his motion?

(Voices—Yes, yes).

(The Cut Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.)

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move, that the provision of Rs.16,000 under Supplementary Demand No.1, Major head 7.—Land Revenue, Minor head I.—Works (a)—(Original Works), Sub-head 5.—Water Supply Development Rate Scheme, at page 1 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.88,519 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, the object of moving my Cut motion is to raise a discussion about the inadequacy of the amount provided for the scheme. I had been a member of the Advisory Board at Dhubri and as such I have personal experience about this development work. Sir, every year we are receiving hundreds and hundreds of petitions for improvement of water supply and also for increased number of wells, etc. Here Sir, money was given to the Deputy Commissioner, as I understand it from the explanation, in 1951-52 but he could not complete this work on the ground of shortage of cement. And then probably nothing was done in the next year also and there must have been many more applications for new wells but no further money was sanctioned in addition to the amount sanctioned in the previous year. I do not understand why and how Government could not procure cement during that year. Besides, I know from some responsible persons that construction of new houses in Nowgong were not held up for want of cement and that houses were being constructed by the Government in Nowgong at the time when the Deputy Commissioner says he could not get cement. So Sir, for the present not only this amount of Rs.16,000 which was sanctioned for the previous year but also another Rs.16,000 should be added to it to satisfy the demand of the poor people. That is why I want to discuss the inadequacy of this amount.

This is one of the many instances of the negligence of the Deputy Commissioners who do not try to complete the work within the time and now this Deputy Commissioner is saying that the work could not be completed for want of cement. This is nothing but due to his negligence and I want to draw the pointed attention of the Government in this regard. As a member of the Advisory Board, I also find that where there is a will there is a way and cement and other things could be procured.

With these words Sir, I commend my motion to the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The motion moved is that the provision of Rs.16,000 under Supplementary Demand No.1, Major head 7.—Land Revenue, Minor head I.—Works (a)—(Original Works), Sub-head 5.—Water supply Development Rate Scheme, at page 1 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re. 1, i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.88,519 do stand reduced by Re.1.

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister) :** Mr. Chairman Sir, it seems my friend Raja Ajit Narayan Deb of Sidli is labouring under certain misapprehension because he also does not appear to be posted with all necessary informations relating to this Demand and I feel I must give some facts for the information of the hon. Member about this Demand. Sir, this is not a general demand. Money sought to be given is not within the general demand. The facts of the case are like this. In the year 1941 Government of Assam decided to introduce Development Rate Scheme and accordingly that scheme was introduced in 3 mouzas of Nowgong district, these are Lanka, Hojai and Noamati. Sir, at the time the area covered by these three mouzas was very sparsely populated and they were full of dense and wild jungles with very little human habitation. But the soil is very fertile. So Sir, as I said, the Government of Assam decided to throw open these areas for settlement of the people coming from outside specially from Cachar and Sylhet districts. Accordingly Sir, when this area was thrown open for settlement quite a large number of people from Cachar and Sylhet were settled there. At the time the scheme was adopted it was also decided by the Government that while giving land to these people a Development cess of Rs.2 per head per bigha will be realised from the allottees. And this Development Cess was particularly intended for the development of the area by giving certain amenities to the people settling there like water supply, improvement of village communication, etc. So, in pursuance of that decision a portion of the money realised from the allottees, from time to time, is being spent for the development of the area. Again Sir, this is done not in the entire area of the three mouzas but only some portions were selected as development areas and only those people who get settlement in those selected areas are required to pay this

Development Cess of 2 rupees per head per bigha and this money, as I have already said, is devoted to give the people small amenities, *i.e.*, for digging wells, tanks, improvement of communications, etc.

Now Sir, in pursuance to this scheme, in the year 1951-52 an amount of Rs.16,000 was given to the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong out of this Development Cess, to give some facilities to the settlers in those areas by way of construction of wells, etc. But unfortunately the Deputy Commissioner could not spend this amount owing to non-availability of cement, iron rods, etc., which are required for construction of ring wells, so he surrendered this amount. But now he has requested Government to pay him back that amount which he has surrendered because of the unavailability of cement and other necessary materials. This year, Sir, he says that he will be able to complete the work and so he wants the money that remained unspent last year. In pursuance of that assurance received from the Deputy Commissioner, Government has given him the money so that he can complete the Development work in that area. Under Development Rate Scheme, so far as unavailability of cement and iron rods is concerned I am sorry that I could not agree with the observations of my friend, the Raja Sahib. In the district of Nowgong there was a real scarcity of these articles and it could not be helped.

Sir, I think the hon. Member will see his way to withdraw the Cut Motion, after hearing my statement.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli :** In view of the explanation given by the Hon'ble Minister, though it is not so convincing, I have no other alternative but to ask for leave of the House to withdraw my Cut Motion.

(The cut motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.)

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The question is that an additional sum of Rs.88,519 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "7.—Land Revenue".

The Motion was carried.

No.2

(9 Stamps)

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister) :** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.1,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "9.—Stamps".

I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly

... .. Rs.  
82,400

II. Sub-head under which the additional grant will be accounted for—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A.—Non-Judicial ... ..	1,500	...	1,500

This additional sum is required owing to increase in sale of stamps to public.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.1,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "9.—Stamps".

As there is no Cut Motion I put it as a question.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs.1,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "9.—Stamps".

The Motion was carried.

No.3

(10—Forests)

**Shri RAM NATH DAS (Minister) :** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.1,53,245 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "10—Forest".

I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	Rs. 43,71,300
II. Grant voted in September Session of the Assembly ... ..	1,05,068
III. Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for:—	

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A. (a) Conservancy and Works—			
II. Timber and other produce removed from forests by consumers and purchasers. ... ..	3,420	...	3,420
VI. Communications and Buildings ... ..	7,955	...	7,955
VI. (ii) Ditto for earthquake work ... ..	45,600	...	45,600
VIII. Miscellaneous ... ..	12,670	...	12,670
A. (b) Development Scheme—			
VI. Communication and Buildings ... ..	20,000	51,000	71,000
B. (a) 3. Allowances and Honoraria ... ..	8,750	1,250	10,000
D. Charges in England ... ..	2,600	...	2,600
	1,00,995	52,250	1,53,245

The \*explanatory note below will explain the matter clearly.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.1,53,245 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "10.—Forests".

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that the provision of Rs.3,420 under Supplementary Demand No.3. Major head 10.—Forests, Minor head A(a)—Conservancy and Works, Sub-head II.—Timber and other produce removed from Forests by Consumers and Purchasers, at page 3 of the list of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.1,53,245 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, I table this Cut Motion to discuss the inadequacy of the grant.

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTE

A (a) II. The extra amount is required for entertainment of 18 Forest Guards for petrolling against re-entry of Reangs in the Reserved Forests of Cachar as per detailed below—

	Rs.
Pay at Rs.28 per mensem each for 5 months ... ..	2,520
Travelling Allowance at Rs.10 per mensem for 5 months ...	900
Total ...	3,420

A (a) VI. The extra amount is required for the following purposes—

	Rs.
1. For maintenance and improvement of Jeepable road and reconstruction of camp houses in the Patharia Hills Reserve, Cachar Division	7,255
2. For repairs to Divisional Forest Office, Kamrup, damaged by storm	700
Total ...	7,955

A (a) VI (ii). Earthquake damage work—

The extra amount is required for repair and reconstruction of Roads and buildings damaged by earthquake in Sadiya, Darrang and Sibsagar Divisions as detailed below—

	Rs.
Roads.—Sadiya ... ..	4,500
Sibsagar ... ..	4,000
Buildings—Sadiya ... ..	25,000
Darrang ... ..	4,600
Sibsagar ... ..	6,000
Wells and Fencing—Sadiya ... ..	1,500
Total ...	45,600

Sir, it is pleasing to see that the Government have decided or found it necessary to appoint some more Forest Guards to protect timber and other forest produce. But I do not know why this is so late. As I said the other day, this is one of the most important commercial Departments which yield revenue on investment of money. Sir, this money which is proposed to be utilised by appointment of 18 Forest Guards will definitely yield income which will be more than this amount because these 18 Forest Guards can now detect cases of theft and check illegal removal of forest produce, the cost of which may be much more than the money going to be spent on this behalf. Sir, this is not only the case in Cachar but this is definitely the case in other Forest Reserves also. I should like to point out to the Government and to the Minister particularly that this is going on everywhere. I do not think anybody having any idea of the forest will grudge this provision for extra staff of Forest guards in view of the great benefit that they will now be able to render to the State by detecting theft and checking illegal removal of forest produce. But, Sir, I do object not only to the inadequate number of Forest Guards appointed but to the inadequate provision also. We have heard about corruption among the Government servants who are paid much less than the

A (a) VIII. The extra amount is required for eviction of Reangs who have settled in the Reserves of Cachar Division as per detailed below.

An amount of Rs.25,000 was provided by a Supplementary Demand in last March Session of the Assembly, of this only Rs.8,168 could be spent during 1951-52 and the balance lapsed. Now, the amount required is—

	Rs.
(1) For eviction work ... ..	10,650
(2) Dearness Allowance of 18 Forest Guards ... ..	900
(3) Uniform for above ... ..	620
(4) Journey expenses of three Reangs Headmen... ..	500
Total ... ..	<u>12,670</u>

#### A (b). Development Scheme—

VI. The extra amounts are required for improvement of the Forest Road from Bhalukmari to Khring-Khring and for construction of the Road from Khring-Khring to Agriculture Department camp for promoting the welfare of the people, and construction of permanent wooden bridges in the Lanka-Panimur Road (Section between Diyung River and Panimur) which links Panimur with Lanka. These amounts were advanced from Contingency Fund.

B.(a) 3. The sanctioned grant proved inadequate. The extra amount is necessary for undertaking tours by officers, which if curtailed tells upon forest revenue.

D. Charges in England.—The extra amount is necessary for paying leave salary on average pay of Shri G. Bhadrans, I. F. S. from 9th May 1950 to 17th June 1950.

highly paid officers. These Forest Guards and some other low paid staff have better scope to resort to corruption because there are very little cases of corruption being detected among them.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The Member will please confine his remarks to the adequacy or inadequacy of the grant only.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli :** I am going to point out only why these persons getting a salary of Rs.28 per month will not resort to corrupt practice, because, Sir, it is very difficult to maintain oneself in the forest with such a small amount of salary. Besides this they are placed in very secluded areas in the forest where they hardly get any facilities for giving education to their children or other facilities which human being ought to get.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The member has gone out of the point, it seems.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli :** My point is that the provision is inadequate. More money should be provided in order to appoint more Forest Guards to safeguard the forests. I cite an instance. In the Sidli Forests, Sir, the forest staff is inadequate.

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister) :** I beg to point out, Sir, that the Member is speaking about the policy and secondly about the need of the Forest Guards throughout Assam.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli :** I say that the number of Forest Guards is inadequate.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The Member is speaking about the salary and other things, and thus he is discussing about the general principle or policy on Forests.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli :** All right, Sir, I will confine myself to the appointment of the 18 Forest Guards in Cachar. I do not know the area of Forest Reserves in Cachar, but it is surprising to see that the provision has been made only for five months. I do not know what the Minister will do after five months. I point out that as their pay is inadequate they will resort to corruption. I do not know if the Minister will make provision again.

With these words, Sir, I commend my Motion for the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The Motion moved is that the provision of Rs.3,420 under Supplementary Demand No.3, Major head 10.—Forest. Minor head A (a)—Conservancy and Works. Sub-head II.—Timber and other produce removed from Forests by Consumers and Purchasers, at Page 3 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re.1, i. e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.1,53,245 do stand reduced by Re.1

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I do not know whether it will be said that I am also

suffering from some misapprehension, but at any rate, I want certain things to be cleared.

Here, in this Demand it has been said in the Explanatory notes that the extra amount is required for eviction of Reangs who have settled in the Reserved Forests of Cachar Division and then some details. We are not told as to who these Reangs are, why and how they came into these areas and why and how they are being evicted from those Forest areas? Whether any arrangement has been made for their shelter elsewhere, or whether Government thinks that it is not its business to see as to where they go or where they live? So far as our information goes, these Reangs are some tribal people coming from Tiperra side. They came as a result of communal trouble in the border areas of Pakistan and they entered into Assam for seeking protection. These people naturally did not or could not know that the Democles' sword would be awaiting them when they would be coming for having shelter in the Indian Dominion.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Is it the duty of the Forest Minister to protect them?

**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** Yes, Sir, it is. When we took some measure we ought to see the circumstances and we ought to keep adequate provision for meeting a demand of this kind.

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister):** May I be permitted to interrupt, Sir? Is this the proper occasion to raise the point for eviction of Reangs? For eviction of Reangs, this House had already in the last Budget Session of the Assembly approved the Demand. That was the proper occasion to speak about it when the hon. Member was also present.

**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** It is stated that an amount of Rs.25,000 was provided by a Supplementary Demand in last March Session of the Assembly. Of this only Rs.8,168 could be spent during 1951-52 and the balance lapsed. The Minister-in-charge who failed to spend the amount voted by this House, now comes and says that it was for me and not for him to say why that money lapsed?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister):** What I said is this: that this is not the occasion to give an explanation about the point asked for by my hon. Friend. He ought to have put this question when the first supplementary demand was brought before this House.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Did you object to this at that time?

**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** We wanted this amount to be spent properly, but the Minister did not spend it. Now, he says that it could not be spent. Further, in the explanation it has been stated that for the journey expenses of three Reangs Headmen Rs.500 is allotted. The fact is that there are unexplained

reasons why that amount of Rs.25,000 could not be spent. Now the point before us is whether this sum which is sought to be voted by this House, will also lapse, or will be utilised, or whether by that amount the purpose that is sought to be served will really be served ?

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The point is that the extra amount is required as per detail below. Possibly they have been evicted on the strength of our supplementary demand at that time and again if they are coming and if they could not be evicted even now, the amount is required for their eviction. So, I do not think, we can discuss the matter from the point of view of principle of eviction but in this particular case the demand which the House accepted before stands and if he is to bring another supplementary demand that is quite in order, so, I hope, in the matter of a particular policy or principle we should not discuss it any more.

**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** I think, Sir, the amount that is asked by the Minister is in order only according to his opinion and judgment; but I have a right to point out that this is not in order. I would point out that this small sum of Rs.500 meant for journey expenses of the three headmen is not in order.

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister):** I will clarify that point, Sir.

**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** Let me show the discrepancy. It has been stated at the beginning of the explanatory note, in Major head A. Minor head (a), sub-head II, that the extra amount is required for entertainment of 18 Forest Guards for petrolling against re-entry of Reangs in the Reserved Forests of Cachar as per detail below. Then later on it has been said that the extra amount is required for eviction of Reangs who have settled in the Reserves of Cachar Division as per detailed below. I give special emphasis on the word "have". It is not in past tense; it is in present tense. I think, the Minister understands the difference between a past tense and a present tense. It has been stated that the extra amount is required for eviction of Reangs who have settled. But the Minister came last year to this House for an amount of Rs.25,000 for their eviction. That shows that there are certain features which should have been cleared. We want clarification of those special features. We want to know why these poor tribal people coming for protection and seeking shelter are being evicted, without making alternative arrangement for their shelter.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** That point is not to be discussed here now.

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am very glad that you have been pleased enough to give your ruling to the effect that the question of polices, which have been raised by the mover of the motion, I mean the Cut Motion

as well as in support of the cut motion by Shri Bhattacharyya in the questions as to why this eviction had to be resorted to and what happened to the people who were evicted and why the pay of the Forests Guards should not be raised, cannot be discussed. In addition to that Sir, why the eviction was done, had to be discussed when the demand for the same was brought by me in the last Budget Session of the Assembly and not now. Therefore, Sir, I think, I should not reply to those questions at all. My friend the hon. Mover of the cut motion, Shri Ajit Narayan Deb is not perhaps clear in his mind as to what for these 18 Forest Guards are maintained and expenditure necessary for them for five months. Perhaps he is not aware of the story; therefore he has brought this cut motion.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli:** We have not come here to hear stories.

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister):** As it is necessary for me to remove this doubt from the mind of Raja Ajit Narayan Deb, so, I want to explain to him the need for the demand. In Cachar, as Mr. Bhattacharyya has said, some tribal people from Tripura got into a forest area in Cachar without authority for the same.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS:** When?

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister):** It is about 3, or 4 years back. These people were damaging the good forests and were beyond control and therefore they had to be evicted last year and for this we sought permission of the House to grant Rs.25,000 for that purpose. Provision for 18 Forest Guards had to be made at the time of eviction of the Reangs as well as for protecting these areas from which these Reangs have been evicted so that those people cannot come back to these areas again. Raja Ajit Narayan Deb without knowing the area to be protected cannot say and should not have said that the requirement with regard to the number of the Forests Guards fixed by the department is not sufficient for the purpose. Therefore, Sir, I think, if my friend Raja Ajit Narayan Deb, would have known the area to be protected by these 18 guards, he would not have moved the motion. Now after hearing from me the fact of the case, I hope, he will be pleased to withdraw his cut motion.

With these words, Sir, I request him to withdraw the motion and if he wants any further information or clarification, then I am prepared to meet those points too.

Another point raised by my friend Shri Bhattacharyya is that why Rs.500 was necessary. Sir, this amount of Rs.500 was necessary in order to send three Headmen of the Reangs to certain areas for selection. The expenses was borne by Government, in order to see that the Reangs can be rehabilitated in proper places. Alternative lands were given to the Reangs. The Tripura Government had taken certain number of them and the rest were allowed to be settled in the bordering areas of the district of Cachar.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** That does not arise here.

(The Cut Motion was, by leave of the House withdrawn).

The motion was carried.

No. 4

(11—Registration)

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister) :** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,700 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953, for the purpose of administration of the head "II—Registration".

### A. District Charges—

General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,000	...	1,000
1,700	...	1,700
2,700	...	2,700

Sir, in the \*Explanatory Notes, the reasons for which the money is necessary, have been given.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** There is no cut motion. The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.2,700 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953, for the purpose of administration of the head "11—Registration".

I think, nobody is taking part in discussion. The question is that an additional sum of Rs.2,700 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953, for the purpose of administration of the head "11—Registration".

The motion was carried.

No.5.

#### (12—CHARGES ON ACCOUNT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION ACT)

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.6,80,805 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31 March, 1953 for the administration of the head "12—Charges on account of Motor Vehicles Taxation Act".

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. 3. Some Sub-Registrars and many Office Assistants were transferred. The additional amount of Rs.1,000 is required to meet their Travelling Allowances and Dearness Allowances of the outsiders who were entertained in leave and temporary vacancies.

A. 4. (i) To purchase furniture for the Dhing Sub-Registry Offices an additional sum of Rs.850 is required. So long the Sub-Registrar on commission had managed himself supplying furniture for the office. But with the conversion of the office from a commission basis into a departmental one in September, 1951, Government have now to equip the office with necessary furniture. Hence the extra amount.

(ii) With the shifting of the Goalpara Sub-Registry Office from the Criminal Court building to the Municipal office building a separate punkha puller had to be entertained. To meet his pay an additional sum of Rs.60 is required.

(iii) Due to increase in the receipt of Registration fees there was an increase in the cost of remitting the fees from Sub-Registry Offices to the Treasuries concerned. To meet this increasing cost, an additional sum of Rs.350 is required.

(iv) Due to inadequate supply of stationery articles by the Central Store, Calcutta and irregular supply of standardised forms by Forms contractors, local purchase of these articles had to be made involving an extra amount of Rs.440.

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	Rs.		
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—			
General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A—Charges for collection	12,863		12,863
D—Other charges	6,12,942	55,000.	6,67,942
	6,25,805	55,000	6,80,805

Sir, the \*\* Explanatory Notes clearly explain the reasons why the additional sum is necessary.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.6,80,805 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charge; which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "12—Charges on account of Motor Vehicles Taxation Act".

As there is no Cut Motion, I put the question again.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs.6,80,805 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "12—Charges on account of Motor Vehicles Taxation Act".

The motion was carried.

No. 6

(13—OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES)

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional

#### \*\*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—The additional amount is required under 12.—Motor Vehicles Taxes Act—  
A—Charges for collection—Allowances and honoraria and contingencies to meet unforeseen expenditure consequent on the separation of Transport matters from police, viz., Rs. 7,863 as house-rent for District Transport Offices and Rs. 5,000 as travelling allowance of Officers. 1952-53 budget was prepared before the transfer of transport matters from police and accordingly the necessity for house-rent for District Transport Offices and necessity of travelling allowance of the District Transport Officers could not be foreseen. An advance of Rs. 12,863 was sanctioned from the Contingency Fund for this expenditure.

D.—The supplementary demand is necessary to meet additional expenditure in connection with surfacing, improving and constructing of 2 roads in Sixth Schedule Areas and 23 in General Areas as recommended by the Assam Road Communications Board in its meeting on June 1952. Government accepted the recommendations of the Board and accordingly the Schemes were taken up to provide better communications.

amount of Rs.15,642 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "13—Other Taxes and Duties".

			Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly			3,18,700
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—			
	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
A—Collection charges for taxes and duties having common Administrative Staff—Entertainments, Sales and Profession Taxes.	11,742	3,900	15,642

The \*Explanatory note given below will prove the necessity of the grant.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The motion moved is that an additional amount of Rs.15,642 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "13—Other Taxes and Duties".

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that the provision of Rs.15,642 under Supplementary Demand No. 6, Major head 13—Other Taxes and Duties, Minor head A—Collection charges for taxes and duties having common administrative staff—Entertainments sales and profession taxes (Total) at page 6 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re. 1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.15,642 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, I move this cut motion in order to discuss the necessity of this grant. We find that the Revenue under this Department is falling. Tax of entertainment had been about Rs.14 lacs in the year 1951-52. This tax had gone down to Rs.12 lacs in the year 1952-53. In view of the fall of revenue under this head, there should have been reduction of staff, or in other words the work could have been managed by lesser staff. But instead of that, *i. e.*, instead of that staff being retrenched, we find that the staff has been increased and the expenditure entailed is to the tune of Rs.11,742.

#### \* EXPLANATORY NOTE

(1) Due to increase in sale of Entertainment Tax stamps owing to increased number of entertainments on various occasions and increase in number of Cinema Houses (Rs. 11,742).

(2) In order to wipe out arrear sales-tax assessments an additional staff has been employed for which there was no budget provision and hence it is proposed to provide for the amount (Rs. 3,900).

Sir, regarding sale-tax, we find that there is a fall in revenue. The fall of income-tax, is to the tune of Rs.13,59,000 in the year 1952-53.

Sir, as there such a fall in both branches, there ought to have been a reduction of staff, but instead of that provision has been made to entertain additional staff entailing expenditure of Rs.9,05,000. Sir, the reason for increased expenditure as a result of entertaining additional members in the staff, it has been explained that there were some arrears and in order to wipe out the arrears of sales-tax this is necessary.

Sir, what we find that there is a tendency among the officers of the Sales-Tax Department just to sit tight for a long time and then appear suddenly in some shops and make some summary assessment of Sales-tax and the poor shopkeepers are required to pay a large sum of money in that way. This not only puts the people into difficulty but it appears that in many cases while assessment is made the officers do not go through the books of accounts. I think, Sir, some of the officers of this Department are doing this just to give some harassment to the shop-keepers. Sir, I can just refer a case of Shillong. Sir, here in Police-Bazar, one shop which belongs to Kamala.....

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** You want to discuss the necessity of the grant. You please confine yourself to that particular item.

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI:** Sir, I want to give an illustration.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** That will take time.

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI:** Sir, what we find that the officers of this Department work frequently, so, the entertainment of additional staff is not necessary. I think, this expenditure is not necessary, if the supervision is prompt and better. So, Sir, I have brought this cut motion for the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The motion moved is that the Rs.15,642 under Supplementary Demand No. 6 Major provision of Other Taxes and Duties, Minor head A.—Collection head 13.—Taxes and Duties having common administrative charges for staff—Entertainment sales and profession taxes (Total), at page 6 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, i. e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.15,642 do stand reduced by Re.1.

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** Mr. Chairman Sir. This demand is quite unnecessary, because this demand will

not only serve the cause of the country, but also it will do further harm to a section of our people, particularly the smaller businessmen. We have already seen that as a result of summary assessment by the staff of the Sales-Tax Department in particular the petty shop-keepers have been pushed to a very great hardship. Sir, if an additional number be added to the existing staff .....

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** You mean the whole policy should be changed ?

**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** I am not going into the policy, Sir, that is not within my scope just now. I am confining myself only to this particular item. The further increase of staff is not necessary. Because if they cannot lighten the already heavy burden, they should not add the last straw to the camel's back. Sir, I must give one or two instances to show how this staff actually creates hardship. I know two shop-keepers at Shillong-Gauhati Road. One is dealing in Stationery business and the other is a petty dealer. Excessive summary assessments were imposed on them. There are thousands of such cases. The Government perhaps wants to make lakhs and millions of rupees by imposing summary assessment on such small business men and shop-keepers.

In this connection, I want to cite another instance. There is a small shop from which no sale-tax was assessed for the last four or five years. But all on a sudden one *২৫০০* appeared in that shop with the information that the Government was pleased to summarily assess sale-tax from that shop to the tune of Rs.2,500. Sir, even if the shop-keeper sells all the properties of his shop including his personal properties, he will not be able to collect such a big amount to pay the tax assessed by the Department. In another case, one shop-keeper was assessed an amount of Rs.1,600. The shop-keeper will not be able to pay up the arrears even if he sells his whole property.

Now, as it appears from the Explanatory Note the Government want to wipe out the arrear sales-tax assessments, they want to wipe out by any means without going into the propriety or impropriety of all things. I should say we have got instances, very many instances to show that these assessments in most cases have been made arbitrarily irregularly and not in time. After all Sir, the small shop-keepers do not keep bank account and also they don't keep strictly technical book account, and they don't keep money in reserve. So after 4 or 5 years if the department will assess tax on such small shop-keepers it will not be within the capacity of the poor shop-keepers to pay such heavy amounts. If

the Government failed in its duty to collect the tax in time, proper course would be to write off the arrears. I would like to suggest that instead of employing the additional staff to this department in order to wipe out arrear sales-tax assessments from the small businessmen altogether, the Government should cry a halt and should remain content with whatever those poor businessmen can offer to pay at the present moment instead of trying to wipe out the past arrears. Therefore, I support the Cut Motion moved by my friend Mr. Gogoi, and I request that Government should withdraw this demand which will mean only harassment to the people, particularly the small business people.

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Sir, I am sorry that my friend the Mover of the Motion has not carefully read the Explanatory Notes, and also he has not tried to understand the implication of the Explanatory Notes. That is my trouble. Now Sir, this amount has come under 2 heads—(1) under the Entertainment Tax and (2) under the Sales Tax. The entire amount is covered by two taxes. Sir, in Entertainment tax the demand is for Rs.11,742, and the extra amount is needed for the reason which is given in the Explanatory Notes. Sir, there has of late been an increase of Cinemas as well as Cinema-goers in our State. We did not anticipate that the number of Cinemas and Cinema-goers should increase so much and we did not provide for large amount. Therefore this entire amount is now needed for provision of extra stamps to be fixed on the tickets and our share of the revenue will accordingly rise.

Sir, under the head Sales-tax the amount is very small—Rs.3,000 only and is needed for employing additional staff to cope with arrear works. Sir, a lot of arrears have cropped up in the town of Shillong and to cope with the arrears this extra staff is needed.

Sir, my friend Mr. Bhattacharyya says that a lot of harassments and irregularities are created by Government and that is why the poor people are suffering, I say that by this small amount of Rs.3,000 these difficulties would not be surmounted, but still I should like to point out to him that there is ample provision in the Act—there is provision of appeal and there is provision of revision—all these are there. On the other-hand Sir, to avoid *ex-parte* assessment and thereby to give some relief to people this small amount is provided. If there is more staff, arrears will not accumulate, arrear works will be satisfactorily solved, and therefore, the people will have no cause to complain in future, and the sufferings of the people will come to an end.....

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI:** On a point of information Sir, what is the cause for accumulation of arrear works?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** This is a new department, we have not given enough staff, as our works are increasing, we are expanding the department, that is why we want to give more staff now.

As regards accumulation of works, Mr. Gogoi probably thinks that our officers are not doing their works properly and for this arrears are accumulating. For his information I should like to say that in regard to this department our officers are doing nice works. In my opinion our officers are doing more works than even officers of the Government of India in the Central Excise, or Income-tax Department.

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI:** Why then supplementary assessments have been done in many cases ?

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Supplementary assessments are made because the people do not appear before the office in time, they do not do the things as they are wanted to do, that is why we have to take re-course to supplementary assessments.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** I think Mr. Gogoi is satisfied, in that case he can withdraw his Motion.

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI:** Yes Sir, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Has the hon. Member leave of the House to withdraw his motion ?

(Voices Yes, Yes.)

The Cut Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.  
Now I put the original Motion—

The question is that an additional amount of Rs.15,642 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953 for the administration of the Head "13—Other Taxes and Duties".

The Motion was carried.

No. 7

(18-B and 68-B.—Navigation Embankment and Drainage Works).

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.7,44,510 be granted to the Minister-in-charge

to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "18-B and 68-B—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works".

			Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.	...	...	20,30,900
II.—Additional grant voted in the September 1952 session of the Assembly.	...	...	56,000
Additional grant now required	...	...	7,44,510
III.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for —			
	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
18-B.—N. E. D.—Works financed from ordinary Revenues—			
	Rs.		Rs.
A—Works ...	81,100	...	81,100
A—Works—Development Schemes included in the Five-Year Plan.	53,200	...	53,200
A—Works—Development Schemes under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution.	...	20,000	20,000
C—Maintenance and Repairs	3,25,000	...	3,25,000
F.—Establishment	21,310	...	21,310
Total 18-B, etc.	4,80,610	20,000	5,00,610
68-B.—N. E. D. Works financed from Capital Revenues—			
Productive Works ...	3,00,000		3,00,000
Deduct—Amount transferred to '19—Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works ...	—1,50,000		—1,50,000
Grow-More-Food Scheme—Major Irrigation Scheme.	7,33,856	...	7,33,856
Deduct—Receipts and Recoveries	—7,33,856	...	—7,33,856
Maintenance and Repairs for Food Bonus and Grow-More-Food Schemes.	93,900	...	93,900
Total 68-B—Navigation, etc.	2,43,900	...	2,43,900
Grand Total ...	7,24,510	20,000	7,44,510

Sir, the \*Explanatory Note and the Annexure clearly explain why this amount is necessary.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.7,44,510 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "18-B and 68-B—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works".

There is one Cut Motion in the name of Mr. Gogoi.

**Shri GHANAKANTA GOGOI:** Mr. Chairman Sir, I beg to move that the provision of Rs. 21,310 under Supplementary Demand No. 7, Major head "18-B and 68-B—Navigation Embankment and Drainage Works, Sub-head F—Establishment at page 7 of the list of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re. 1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.7,44,510 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, I move this motion in order to discuss whether the scheme is adequate to meet the situation. Sir, the great earthquake took place as far back as 1950 and the Iyengar Committee visited Assam in the autumn of last year. The Committee suggested establishment of a River Investigation Division under the Public Works Department. Sir, it is known to everybody that after the earthquake great topographical changes took place in Assam specially in the Brahmaputra Valley, and Government ought to have established this River Investigation Division much earlier, they ought not to have waited till the recommendation of this Iyengar

#### \* EXPLANATORY NOTES

*Works.*—Please see Appendix III

*Maintenance and Repairs.*—Due to the after effect of the great Earthquake of August 1950 which had considerably troubled the bed of the river Brahmaputra and its tributaries, extensive damages have been done to the existing bunds by floods during rainy seasons which resulted in heavy expenditure for restoration of such damages. As such heavy expenditure for flood damages could not be foreseen at the time of preparation of current year's Budget. Hence the supplementary grant.

*Establishment.*—The Iyengar Committee, who visited Assam during the month of September, 1952 recommended, among other things, the establishment of a River Investigation Division in Assam. The Central Cabinet accepted the above recommendations. Accordingly the Government of Assam, have decided in the Council of Ministers held on 24th September 1952, that the Assam Public Works Department should take immediate steps for opening the River Investigation Division. As a result of the above decisions it has become necessary to incur the expenditure as noted above during the current financial year and hence the Supplementary demand.

The details may be seen at Appendix III

Committee. Anyway Sir, I am glad that some steps have been taken to train certain rivers and to put up embankments in order to control the floods of the river Brahmaputra and some of its tributaries. Sir, it is known to all that the river Dehing or rather the Buridihing has devastated vast rice growing areas lying in the northern bank stretching from Tipling mauza to Dehingmukh. I am glad also that some provision has been made to put up embankments in the area in between Tengakhat and Kheiramia. This embankment will save the area between Tengakhat and Kheiramia but the flood will come with more force and will devastate the areas lying below Tengakhat, *i. e.*, the area of Madarhat, Mankota and Larrwa mauzas unless an embankment is put on the whole length of Dehing.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** That is why this provision has been made.

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI :** Yes Sir, I quite appreciate that but at the same time I consider the scheme which has been taken up is inadequate, therefore, I say that if you do not put up embankment through out the whole length people in certain rice growing area will get benefit and those living in other areas will be greatly affected as a result of putting up this bund. So Sir, I move this cut motion to bring out a discussion about the inadequacy of the scheme. With these words Sir, I commend my motion to the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The motion moved is that the provision of Rs.21,300 under Supplementary Demand No.7, Major head 18-B and 68-B,—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works, sub-head F—Establishment at page 7 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.7,44,510 do stand reduced by Re.1.

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) :** Mr. Chairman, Sir, my Friend Mr. Gogoi brought in this Cut Motion before this House for eliciting certain information. Sir, it is known to everybody, or at least to the hon. Members of this House that the Iyengar Committee visited Assam during the month of August last. This Committee toured in this State including the devastated areas by floods, and in consultation with the Government of Assam, recommended that the River Investigation Division be established for collection of hydrological data which is lacking here. Sir, on the recommendation of this Committee the Government of India sanctioned the scheme and Government made necessary arrangements for its implementation.

The Government of Assam have decided in the Council of Ministers on 24th September 1952 for opening this River Investigation Division. And, Sir, by reference to the Annexure at page 40

it will appear to hon. Member that the Division is proposed to be arranged with one Executive Engineer, two Subdivisional Officers, four Overseers, Accountants, etc.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The House stands adjourned for lunch till 1-30 P.M., to day.

### Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned for lunch till 1-30 P.M.

*(After lunch)*

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister):** Sir, Shri Gogoi appears to have found fault with the Government for not starting the River Investigation Division earlier. Sir, there are many difficulties in the way—not only the financial difficulties but the difficulties in finding suitable personnel. The ordinary civil and mechanical engineers are not suitable to take charge of this Division. Special training of Engineers are necessary in order to take charge of such a division. Therefore, the Government had to request the Government of India to depute an expert to take charge of this Division to which the Government of India agreed. Government also selected from our cadre necessary staffs for this purpose and deputed to Punjab for special training. After the training they have returned recently. As regards the financial position the Government of Assam requested the Government of India to bear the cost of the scheme and after a long correspondence they have agreed to bear a portion of the cost. Government of India would pay the salary of the Executive Engineer and a part of the scheme. The staff deputed from the Public Works Department of Assam would have to be paid by the Government of Assam. This scheme was formulated after the last Budget Session. So the amount of expenditure required could not be anticipated and therefore necessity for this Supplementary Demand. Afterwards, Sir, as it has been decided that the entire Division will be under the administrative and supervisory charge of the Government of India they will provide fund in their budget and we shall have to accept the debit for the cost of the staff deputed from the Assam Public Works Department.

As regards this amount of Rs.21,310, Sir, I may say that as the personnel, who were sent to Punjab for training, have returned only during this month of March the entire money may not be necessary and in that case it will have to be surrendered this year. For want of trained personnel the Division was started with headquarters in Calcutta but it will shortly be shifted to Gauhati. Thus the Division is being organised and will start to work.

My Friend also referred to collection of hydrological datas in Dihing and Embankments in Dibrugarh Subdivision. The Government of India deputed some experts to take hydrological datas of the rivers Monus and Dihung, but I am afraid whether River Valley Projects of these two rivers can be taken up by the Government. There is the difficulty of getting land for the reservoir and dum for the Monus project. We have been informed a few days ago that Bhutan Government have not yet agreed to give the land required for the project. As regards the Dihung project, Sir, the last great earthquake damaged the site and tilted the bed of the river so much that, doubt have been expressed by expert for success of a project.

My Friend has referred to the embankment and drainage works at Tengakhat and other places in the Subdivision. This Division as far as I know will not take up works of embankment and drainage projects. They will be in charge of collecting hydrological datas of the rivers in Assam and for this purpose the Division have selected some important rivers for collection of datas. The data will help in erecting dums, reservoirs, embankment, and excavating irrigation channels.

In view of these facts stated, Sir, I hope my Friend Shri Gogoi will see his way to withdraw his Cut Motion.

**Shri GHANA KANTA GOGOI:** Sir, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my Motion.

The Cut Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The question is that an additional sum of Rs.7,44,510 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head '18.-B and 68-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works'.

The Motion was carried.

No.8

(19.—CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION, NAVIGATION, EMBANKMENT AND DRAINAGE WORKS)

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.1,50,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head '19.—Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works'.

				Rs.
I. Grant originally voted	by the	Assembly	...	Nil.
Grant now required	...	...	...	1,50,000

II. Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for:—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works.	1,50,000	...	1,50,000
Total ...	1,50,000	...	1,50,000

The \*Explanatory notes will explain the reasons clearly for this demand.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Motion moved is that a sum of Rs.1,50,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "19.—Construction of Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works".

(As there was no Cut Motion, the Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House and adopted).

No.9

(25.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.3,28,239 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration".

\*EXPLANATORY NOTES

On the recommendations of the Iyengar Committee who visited the State in August 1952 to make a study of its immediate and long-term problems, the Central Cabinet decided that the permanent protection of Dibrugarh Town from the Brahmaputra erosion by means of stone revetment for a length of about four miles for  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile upstream of the Bishop's house is essential and should be taken in hand immediately and funds to be provided half as grant and half as interest free loan by India recoverable within the period of 10 years by levying Cess through legislation.

Accordingly an estimate amounting to Rs.1 crore has been prepared and approved. Works such as collection of boulders, shingles wire netting and land acquisition through Revenue Department are in progress. The whole works may take 4 to 5 years for completion.

The expenditure on this Scheme is initially classified under the head "68.B.—N.E.D.—Productive Works" and half the expenditure financed from revenue finally transferred to this head of account. A sum of Rs.3,00,000 is necessary for expenditure during the current financial year and hence a provision of Rs.1,50,000 (in half of the total expenditure) is necessary under this head.

		Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	... ..	62,87,300
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly	... ..	13,58,442
in the last September 1952 Session.		
Additional amount now required	... ..	3,28,239
III.—Sub-heads under which the additional grant will be accounted for—		

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
G. <i>Secretariat Staff of Chief Minister.</i>			
4. Contingencies—Contract	... 1,163	...	1,163
H. Ministers (Voted)	... 66,023	...	66,023
M(a) <i>Civil Secretariat :</i>			
1. Pay of Officers	... 6,461	...	6,461
3. Allowances and Honoraria	... 9,145	...	9,145
4. Contingencies	... 37,447	...	37,447
Passport and Visas	... 19,234	...	19,234
M(d) <i>Directorate of Statistics</i>	... 1,500	...	1,500
P. <i>Director of Land Records</i>			
1. Pay of Officers	... 5,695	...	5,695
4. Contingencies—	... 150	...	150
R. <i>Commissioners</i>			
(4) Contingencies	... 1,800	...	1,800
S. <i>General Establishment—</i>			
(4) Contingencies	... 72,955	...	72,955
Passport and Visas	... 62,241	...	62,241
T. <i>Subdivisional Establishment</i>	... 5,425	...	5,425
U. <i>Other establishment—</i>			
(c) <i>Staging Bungalow Establishment</i>	4,204	...	4,204
(d) <i>State S. S. A. Board</i>	... 8,164	...	8,164
X. <i>Works</i>			
(a) Original Works—	... ..	2,000	2,000
(b) Repairs	... 5,085	...	5,085
Y. Charges in England	... 19,547	...	19,547

The details of this demand have been given item by item in the \*Explanatory notes, and I hope the hon. Members of the House will accept my motion.

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

G. Due mainly to increased expenditure on Service Postage Stamps and purchase of furniture.

H. (Rupees 13,893)—Due to appointment of new posts of Parliamentary Secretaries and staff. (Rupees 12,211 increased expenditure on Allowance and Honoraria consequent on the entertainment of the above Officers and Staff. (Rupees 38,919)—Due to purchase of one State Car for Minister, Food and larger expenditure on maintenance of State Cars than originally anticipated.

M (a)—1.—Rupees 6,461 is required for meeting leave salary of the ex-Chief Secretary Shri S. L. Mehta.

3. The balance is for Allowances the provision for which fell short.

4. (Rupees 6,000)—Due to heavy expenditure incurred on account of shifting the Civil Secretariat office to the new building. (Rupees 17,140 is required for meeting expenditure in connection with temporary

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs. 3,28,239 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "25. — General Administration".

There are 3 cut motions. Shri Ranendra Mohon Das may move his cut motion.

heating arrangements. (Rupees 14,307) is required to meet expenditure incurred for furnishing the new Building.

*Passport and Visas.*—The passport system between India and Pakistan has been lately introduced during the current year and for this purpose staff have been entertained. To meet this immediate and unforeseen expenditure an advance of Rs. 27,519 was sanctioned from the Contingency Fund, but Rs. 19,234 is provided on the basis of actual requirement.

M(d) The amount is required for conducting a survey of cultivators' holdings as part of the programme of World Agricultural Census sponsored by the F. A. O. The cost of the Survey will be borne by the Government of India. The amount was advanced from Contingency Fund.

P.—The excess amount is required in connection with the payment of leave salary to be paid to the *ex-Director* of Land Records and personal pay granted to the Superintendent, Office of the Director of Land Records. These could not be foreseen and provided for in the budget.

4. This small amount was required for the purchase of certain furniture for the accommodation of the Head Assistant, Office of the Director of Land Records sanctioned by Government towards the later part of the year 1952.

R.—The extra amount is required to meet the increased expenditure under 'Contingencies'.

S.—Due to increased expenditure under "Maintenance of Pooled Transport, 'Purchase of Vehicles'" for the District officers and to meet the additional expenditure of the transferred areas of Abor Hills, Mishmi Hills and Tirap Frontier Tract.

*Passport and Visas.*—The passport system between India and Pakistan has been lately introduced during the current year and for this purpose staff have been entertained. To meet this immediate and unforeseen expenditure an advance of Rs. 73,972 was sanctioned from the Contingency Fund but Rs. 62,241 is provided on the basis of actual requirement.

T.—The additional amount is required to meet the increased expenditure under "Dearness Allowances" of the temporary staff.

U(c) Some of the staging Bungalows are in immediate need of repairs, replacement of old furniture and purchase of new crockeries. The extra amount is essentially necessary to meet these expenditure.

(d) The extra amount is required to meet expenditure under "Travelling Allowances" of the Secretary, State S. S. A. Board, house rent, pay and allowances of two newly appointed Secretaries of District S. S. S. Board and other miscellaneous charges.

X (a) The amount is required for the purpose of Constructing quarters for office Assistants of the Deputy Commissioner, United Mikir and North Cachar Hills.

(b) The additional amount is required for some urgent repairs works in the District of Lakhimpur.

Y. Based on the latest information received from the High Commissioner for India in London.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHON DAS:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that the provision of Rs.66,023, under Supplementary Demand No.9, Major head—25.—General Administration, Minor head—H.—Ministers (voted) at page 9 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole grant of Rs.3,28,239 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, we think that there is no necessity for this particular grant moved by the Chief Minister in the shape of a supplementary demand. In the explanatory notes we find that two new posts of Parliamentary Secretaries and their staff have been provided for. Sir, during the last Budget Session of the Assembly and also during this Session thorough discussions have been made regarding number of Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. Sir, we feel that with a deficit budget of nearly two crores the number of Ministers should be reduced. There is absolutely no justification for further appointing two more Parliamentary Secretaries. If we make a comparison with other States like Orissa, Bombay, or with any State except West Bengal (I shall come to West Bengal later), we find that the number of Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries is much higher here than in any other State of India. Sir, the other day giving an explanation on the subject, the Chief Minister said that the works in the State have increased manifold. I would like to ask him in what way our works have increased. In the whole of the Five-Year Plan we do not find any of the multi-purpose projects which have been taken up by West Bengal and other States. Even small States like Orissa and Pepsu have got at least one multi-purpose project included in the Five-Year Plan. In Assam, due to our negligence no contour survey investigation of Rivers were made and so we could not include one multi-purpose project in the Five-Year Plan. We were not ready with any scheme whatsoever. Apart from the stereotyped day to day administration, there has been no increase in the works of this State and so an increase in the number of Parliamentary Secretaries is not warranted by facts.

Sir, here we have in all 15 Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. Why you are increasing the number? The obvious reason is not for increased work but for party interests. I would therefore suggest one thing: instead of increasing the number in this way let them fix a definite number as the strength of Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries and let appointments be made in rotation from amongst the party members, particularly those who are most troublesome. In this connection I would like to quote two lines from a poem written by a friend of mine:—

“শোন বন্ধু কথা লও, একে একে মন্ত্রী হও  
মাসান্তরে একবার হউক না বদল।”

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** That was probably meant for the Bengal Ministry.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHON DAS :** No, Sir, that was written particularly for the Assam Ministry by a friend of mine. Therefore, Sir, I would suggest to the leaders that let them go on making changes in the personnel within a fixed limit and not trouble themselves and us and also the exchequer of the State by increasing the number every time.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** You will have no objection then if the Parliamentary Secretaries are appointed in rotation ?

**Shri RANENDRA MOHON DAS :** No, Sir.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Then you agree to the present demand.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHON DAS :** No, Sir, I do not agree. Let them first fix the number and then the question of rotation will come in. Let the quota be fixed in comparison with other States of the Union.

Then, Sir, we find a sum of Rs.38,919 is necessary due to purchase of one State Car for Minister, Education and larger expenditure on maintenance of State Cars and then originally anticipated. Now, taking the second point, *i. e.*, maintenance costs, we know that we have given new cars to our Ministers and it is not explained fully why the maintenance cost could not be anticipated. If the cars were worn out or bad or old, the maintenance cost would have been high. We could not follow fully from what has been given in the explanatory notes the reason of increase. So also regarding a new car to the Education Minister, we do not mind for this, but want to know what happen to his old car ? It has not been explained. It has not been also explained clearly what is the necessity of this change of cars every now and then.

With these few words, I commend my Motion to the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The motion moved is that the provision of Rs.66,023, under Supplementary Demand No.9, Major head—“25.—General Administration, Minor head—H.—Ministers (voted) at page 9 of the List of Supplementary Demand be reduced by Re.1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.3,28,239 do stand reduced by Re.1.

**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA :** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I support the Motion moved by my Friend. Shri Ranendra Mohan Das. My objection is not so much to the number of Ministers or Deputy Ministers or Parliamentary Secretaries as with

regard to the money which is sought to be passed by this supplementary demand. If there had been an increase of duties or responsibilities on the part of our Council of Ministers and if some more gentlemen would have wanted to help them, we would have no particular objection to that. We should however see whether we have in our Public Exchequer sufficient money to provide for this enlarged staff and whether there really is sufficient work for the enlarged staff. We know that our budget is showing a deficit. We also have seen that our country is passing through an economic crisis and in the present circumstances, we should see that expenditure at least on the high level of the administration should be as less as possibly can be done. We have seen that an additional amount is required due to the appointment of two new Parliamentary Secretaries. If the adjustment cannot be made with the present allotment of money for the Ministers, these new appointment ought not to have been made. However, we oppose these new appointments not on this ground, alone. Let it be remembered that it is not by number that the efficiency of administration will be decided. It is in which manner these personalities work that the efficiency of the administration will be decided. I do not think that I am making any aspersion when I say that there has been no remarkable improvement in our administration as a result of the increase in the number of our Ministers, their Deputies and Parliamentary Secretaries. I do not think, there will be any more improvement, or any change of outlook in the Council of Ministers consequent to the increase in number.

At the same time, I find that a new State car is being allotted or has already been allotted to the Minister-in-charge of Education. We have heard, I do not know whether it is a fact or it is simply a rumour, but yet we have heard that about two months back the car of the Minister-in-charge of Education was sent to the Workshop for necessary repairs and that some thing like Rs.1700 had to be spent for that car and that till the car was out from the Workshop after repairs a new car from the Transport Department was given to the Minister for his temporary use. But even after the old car came out from the Workshop fully repaired, he did not use that car and he continued to use the new car and for this reason this amount for the new car is sought to be passed. If the old car was repaired for Rs.1,700 why that car may not be used by the Minister? Whether that car is sold and the money has been deposited? We shall like to have a clarification because there is the rumour on this point.

Moreover, when the budget is showing a deficit, when the country is passing through an economic crisis and when the Government is asking our people in season and out of season to make sacrifices, to undergo

hardship for building up our State, we should see such examples from the leaders of our State. The Ministers should not think that "Bhog" is for them and "Tyag" is for the people. Why should they always cry for "Tyag" from the people while they are enjoying the "Bhog"? It is said that Nero was fiddling, while Rome was burning. I should say that our Ministers are fiddling, while our country is burning with agony. If our Ministers do not learn even now, history and the people will make them learn. Therefore, I appeal to the Ministers to take lessons from history, to take lessons from the urge of the people, from the demand of our people and not to ask for this sort of extravagance and not to indulge in this sort of arrogance and luxury.

With these words, I support the Motion of my Friend Shri Ranendra Mohan Das.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** I think, the other two Cut Motions can also be allowed to be moved and after discussing them together, the Minister may reply.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** The other two Cut Motions relate to different subjects. The third will be replied by my Friend, Shri Omeo Kumar Das. So, I do not think all these can be moved together.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am grateful to the hon. Friends on the Opposite side for giving me an opportunity of placing facts before the Members of this House as well as to the Public outside.

After my reply, it can be considered whether this expenditure is necessary or not. I will then leave it to the Members of this Legislature and to the Public at large to decide.

First point raised is that two Parliamentary Secretaries have been appointed and the question has been put by Shri Ranendra Mohan Das regarding the appointment of these two Parliamentary Secretaries. Shri Bhattacharyya on the other hand says that there may not be any objection for additional Parliamentary Secretaries, Ministers or Deputy Ministers if the work justifies it. So there is a conflict of opinion amongst the neighbours in the Opposition and clearly justifies the action of the Government.

As regards the appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries, it is known throughout India that the Chief Whip of the Party is given some official status. There was a conference of all the Provinces regarding the question as to what status they should be given. As

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a matter of fact, in the Parliament the status of the Chief Whip has been given a status of a Minister. In other places, they have been given the status of Deputy Ministers or Chief Parliamentary Secretaries. This status is necessary in order to enable the Chief Whip to negotiate with the Leader of the Opposition, regarding the course of business and to convey the views of the Government and the Opposition to the Speaker and maintain a liaison between the Government and the Opposition. Here in Assam the Chief Whip was given only the status of a Parliamentary Secretary, not even of a Deputy Minister. Moreover the Parliamentary business has also increased to a great extent. He is required to contact the Leader of the Opposition, meet him and other Members of the House at their convenience and keep the Members informed of the course of business of the House etc. He is required to keep the Hon'ble. Speaker informed of the course of the business, day to day. All these require that he should be given some official status. Secondly it is known to all hon. Members that we have two big Community Projects and two Blocks in addition to a Pilot Project. The whole idea is that in course of the next five to ten years the whole country is to be covered by such projects. All the villages are to be brought under the Community Projects, so that the people living in the villages may improve their economic condition. We are giving great stress on the successful implementation of these Projects. In course of the next five years we expect to spend Rupees Seventy-five lakhs which may be available from the Centre, as contribution for the implementation of these Projects in addition to similar contribution that may be made by the people in the project areas in the shape of cash or labour. Besides that, I have already stated in course of my reply to the Motion on Governor's address that great stress has been laid for implementation of schemes for increased food production. In addition to that we are trying to give supplementary occupations to our people living in the villages by encouraging cottage industries. As is known to all hon. Members, about 90 per cent. of the people of Assam live in the villages and we want to raise the economic position of these people by rousing their enthusiasm, so that their energies may be diverted to productive channels. In order to do that, larger number of persons are necessary to visit frequently these places, come in contact with the people and bring about a liaison between the people and the officers, so that all these nation building works are taken up by the people seriously. There is a lot of works in connection with the self-help scheme by which the villagers undertake some work. To give impetus to these schemes some amount of money is contributed for work like construction of irrigation, embankment and roads, construction of public health dispensary buildings, Maternity Welfare centres etc., people are undertaking such work and to keep up this tempo Government have provided larger amounts in the current year as well as

in the next year for construction towards this self-help schemes. In order to arouse their enthusiasm it is necessary for some responsible persons like Minister, Deputy Minister, Parliamentary Secretary constantly to move among the people to keep up their enthusiasms these are some of the reasons why we have created the post of another Parliamentary Secretary. He is also to look after these works. It has already been stated by me that we want to revitalise the Co-operative organisation to the rural areas. These Co-operative Societies with the relaxation of the control over certain commodities, are not functioning properly. We want to revitalise these Co-operative Societies. We have proposed schemes to lend money to the cultivators through these Societies so that the greedy money lenders may not exploit them. The cultivators require money to purchase manure, seed and some other implements for the purpose of cultivation etc. Now they are absolutely in the hands of the money lenders. Government propose to release the cultivators from the grip of the Money Lenders. Government have subscribed a share of Rs.10 lakhs to the Apex Bank, so that people may have full confidence in the Bank. Through the Bank we have approached the Government of India, and the Reserve Bank of India, for a loan of Rs. 20 lakhs to be distributed to the villagers so that it may be utilised for production of food crop, and also for encouraging the cottage industries. The money is proposed to be distributed in rural areas through Co-operative Societies to enable villagers to purchase improved spinning wheels for spinning Endi and Muga and for starting new Sericulture Farms in different places. All these activities have created extra work and in order to cope with this increased work, in addition to the expansion of normal work, and to cope with the increased work in connection with various other schemes undertaken under the Five-Year Plan, it has become absolutely necessary to create an additional post of Parliamentary Secretary, so that he may move from place to place to see to the proper workings of these schemes.

In this connection, I may draw the attention of the hon. Members of the House that in the year 1950-51 there were only 600 small irrigation schemes, but in 1952-53 the number of small irrigation schemes came up to almost double *i. e.* it came up to about 1374. These and, certain other schemes, such as embankment and drainage, reconstruction of wells and tanks, all these were undertaken under the scheme of self-help. Enough money was placed under the self-help scheme, and in order to see that the money was properly utilised and people's enthusiasm is kept unabated it is necessary to see that some responsible popular persons should move from place to place.

Besides that, in connection with the Grow-More Food Scheme, we have taken a large number of big irrigation schemes. Along with the various irrigation schemes propaganda has to be carried on

simultaneously for use of best seeds, manure and how to make compost and to encourage double cropping in order to increase our food production.

Our present yield is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the yield in comparison with Japan and other western countries. This fact we must explain to the villagers and their enthusiasm must be roused to take up the improved methods of cultivation. So for all these multifarious activities, it has become necessary to appoint the Second Parliamentary Secretary.

The second point, that has been raised, is this. "Why the Education Minister's car is not used by him after it is being repaired and why another new car has been supplied to him?" In reply to this, I should say that the Education Minister used that car already for four or five years. The depreciation of these cars are about 25 per cent. So if this is taken into consideration the work value of this car is practically nil. At the same time, a Minister cannot carry on his day to day duties if his car is to go out of order every now and then as it will create lot of inconvenience to public in case the Minister fails to keep engagements with the public due to sudden break down of an old car. So in order to eliminate inconvenience, a car is absolutely necessary. That is why a new car has been placed at his disposal.

As regards the old car, it was kept in the pool of car after being repaired, when it was found that the cost of repair was not so high. So that car was utilised sometimes for public purposes when necessary by other officers, Parliamentary Secretaries etc.

As regards the procedure as to how to use pool car, I should say that an officer is not entitled to get mileage, if he happens to use a pool-car, but according to rule, the usual daily allowance is admissible, provided he spends the night outside the head quarters.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli:** On a point of information, Sir, when the officer does not get a car, how he uses to charge travelling allowance?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** I have already said. If he takes a pool car, he does not get mileage. The Minister gets Rs.250 as car allowance in case he uses his own car and gets only Rs.200 in case he uses a State car and that he is to pay the driver, petrol and mobil oil and pay for petty repairs also under the rule.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli:** What about the Deputy Ministers?

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** The Act has not provided any car for the Deputy Ministers.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** I think this is now clear. Mr. Das would you now withdraw your Cut Motion?

**Shri RANENDRA MOHON DAS :** I regret.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The question is that the provision of Rs. 66,023 under Supplementary Demand No. 9, Major head—"25.—General Administration", Minor head—H.—Ministers (voted) at page 9 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1 that is the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.3,28,239 do stand reduced by Re.1.

The Motion was lost.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Mr. Das to move the Cut Motion now.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHON DAS :** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that the provision of Rs.37,447 under Supplementary Demand No.9, Major head—"25.—General Administration", Minor head M. (a)—Civil Secretariat, Sub-head 4 Contingencies, at page 9 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.3,28,239 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, we know that only unforeseen expenditure is to be placed in a Supplementary Demand. But here in the explanatory note, it has been shown that Rupees 17,140 is required for meeting expenditure in connection with temporary heating arrangements of the Secretariat building. We know that a new Secretariat Building was constructed. But if we look at the original plan, the total estimate was sanctioned, passed by the authorities, and voted by the House, but why there was no mention of heating arrangement of that Building? I am afraid, Sir, what I shall say to those persons who prepared the schemes and estimates. Because nobody can dream of his house not to speak of Secretariat Building without making heating arrangement in it in Shillong. Sir, this is not an insignificant amount to be placed in the Supplementary Demand. It ought to have come along with the estimate of the main building. Sir if, for temporary arrangement Rs.17,140 is required, I do not know what will happen when the permanent arrangement for heating is made. So, in this respect I would like to impress the House, that whatever temporary expenditure is going to be incurred in this connection would be useless and wastage. Instead of doing that, the Government ought to have made a permanent arrangement for heating, and the whole provision ought to have come in the original estimate of the Secretariat Building.

Sir, it is also reported that a temporary arrangement is being made for the Ministers and also some upper grade officers only. If it is so, I would ask whether the poor employees who have no warm clothings should not be provided with such heating arrangements more urgently than the highly paid officers and the Ministers whose necessity is much less. I don't know if it is a fact that the heating arrangements are not being made for lower grade officers.

It is disgraceful on the part of the Minister who has placed such a demand before the House for thier own comfort only.

Secondly a sum of Rs.6,000 has been provided and incurred on account of shifting the old Secretariat office to the new building. Sir, I can't understand rather I can't follow why Rs.6,000 would be required for shifting this office which is situated within a furlong's distance. Sir, this reminds me of a story of Muhammad Tulgak who transferred his Capital from Delhi to Devagiri and spent crores of rupees for that purpose, where some lakhs of unwilling people tide in ropes were taken there. I don't know whether the same thing happend here in transferring our office of the Secretariat.

Sir, one thing I must say that there is no mention here in this explanatory note of Supplemenetary Demand that after the building has been constructed very recently many additions and alterations in the arrangement of rooms, bath rooms, stair-case, all these things are going wrong and that a considerable amount of money will have to be spent on that account. It is also stated that the big building is leaking and there are also many defects. Sir, if it is a fact, I would ask why should there be so much addition and alterations in this building, so far everything was constructed according to the plan and completed 1 or 2 years back? So, in the fairness of things I would like to impress the House that the Secretariat Building was not far away that inspection of the works by the Officer in-charge or by the Minister in-charge of the department was not possible, if there should have been alterations, modifications, etc. Those things could have been done while the construction was going on so that the extra expenditure going to be incurred in this connection could have been saved.

With these few words, I move this Cut Motion for the acceptance of the House

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that the provision of Rs.37,447, under Supplementary Demand No. 9 Major head—"25"—General Administration", Minor head—M.(a)—Civil Secretariat—Sub-head 4—Contingencies at page 9 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.3,28,239 do stand reduced by Re.1.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have already stated that I leave the monopoly of using abusive and disgraceful words and so forth to my friend Mr. Ranendra Mohan Das. I think that unplesant and undemocratic words are not very suitable to be used in the floor of the House.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS:** Pass legislation forbidding the use of those words.

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** We are a democratic party, and we would leave the public opinion to be formed against use of abusive words.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHON DAS :** তা হলে গতা কথি আর বলব না ?  
(Voice বোলিয়ে, কোই নহী বোলেছে)

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister) :** Sir, it may or may not be out of place to mention that we were very anxious to shift to the new building even before the heating arrangement is completed. Sir, for want of office accommodation we were compelled to hire private houses for our offices elsewhere and the monthly rent we paid for the different offices comes to about Rs.2,500 per month, i. e., about Rs.30,000 a year. To save expenditure from the public Exchequer we felt that sooner we could shift to the new building is better with that object in view in spite of all inconveniences we shifted to the new building. Sir, another point that has been raised by Mr. Das is that the heating arrangement was not in the estimates, but I would like to inform him that heating arrangement is in the estimates, but on account of transport difficulties all the necessary machineries could not be brought in time. Machineries had to be brought from outside India, and also after their arrival in Calcutta there was considerable delay in transporting them to Assam. Sir, even Fire Bricks are not available in Assam. Sir, although we expected that heating arrangement would be completed in January, it could not be done, as machineries did not arrive in time. Sir, these machineries came from Denmark and Holland, there was delay in getting the machineries, so the engines could not be installed in time. Therefore, Sir, we have to make some other alternative temporary arrangements for use of charcoal. We used coal in our old Secretariat, but charcoal is used in the new building so that the building may not be spoiled by the smoke from coal although cost of charcoal is little higher.

I am surprised to hear such a remark from Sri Das that the lower grade officers are not given heating arrangement, I have seen with my own eyes, even orderlies are getting charcoal and after burning outside in chulas they bring them and warm themselves. I do not know where from he gets information that the lower officers are not given heating arrangements, or whether he purposefully wants to bring charge against the Government without any basis on facts.

The old secretariat building was allotted to other offices. Sir, some of the important offices were situated in different parts of the town and it was found very difficult to co-ordinate the working of these Departments owing to their being so scattered. But now with the shifting of the Secretariat to the newly constructed building, the old Secretariat has been allotted to other important Departments, which used to hold office in hired houses. Now Sir, I will give the House some indication as to what we have saved by

way of rental of those Departments who have now been allotted space in the old Secretariat building.

Release of the house occupied by the office of the Commissioner of Taxes for nine months comes to Rs.963—in this connection we have to take calculation for nine months as the Secretariat removed to the new building in October—then, release of the house occupied by the office of the Special Officer, N. C. C.—Rs.1,125, Labour Commissioner's office—Rs.900, then accommodation of the L.R.'s Office in the new Secretariat at Rs.300 per month, for nine months it comes to Rs.2,700, accommodating the office of the Commissioner of Divisions in the old Secretariat—Rs.2,700, accommodation of the Police Department Wireless Section in the old Secretariat, at Rs.300 per month, it comes to Rs.2,700 for nine months. Accommodating the office of the Director of Consumer Goods at Rs.150 per month comes to Rs.1,350 for nine months, accommodation for the office of the Secretary, State Primary Education Board in the old Secretariat at the rate of Rs.200 per month, comes to Rs.1,800, accommodation of the office of the United Khasi and Jaintia Hills District Council—we considered it necessary to provide accommodation for this District Council to enable them to make a start—at the rate of Rs.100 per month, for nine months it comes to Rs.900. Sir, the total saving made to the State Exchequer by this accommodating some of the Departments in the old Secretariat comes to the extent of Rs.22,038. Sir, in view of this, was it wrong on the part of the Government to shift the Secretariat to the new building? I think the House will agree with me that we have done wisely in this matter and we have saved this recurring expenditure of Rs.22,038. This is also a permanent saving Sir.

Then again Sir, while shifting to the new building, the desks tables, etc., had to be carried hurriedly and it is only natural that some furniture will be broken in transit which have to be repaired. But what was the expenditure incurred in this connection? It is negligible. Besides this, as hon. Members are aware we have also to install the Statue of Mahatma Gandhi in front of the new building. For all this we had incurred an expenditure of Rs.2,200 whereas the money saved from rent of the other Departments is as I have already stated, Rs.22,038.

Under these circumstances I hope my Friend will not press his Cut Motion.

**Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS :** Changing of the building is good but I am sorry the Chief Minister could not impress me that my Cut Motion is not justified. As such I am unable to withdraw my motion.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Then, I will put the Motion—

The question is that the provision of Rs.37,447 under Supplementary Demand No.9, Major head—'25.—General Administration, Minor head—M(a)—Civil Secretariat, Sub-head—4.—Contingencies, at page 9 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1., *i. e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary demand of Rs.3,28,239 do stand reduced by Re.1.

The Motion was lost.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI :** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that the provision of Rs. 8,164 under Supplementary Demand No.9, Major head—'25.—General Administration', Minor head—U—Other Establishment, Sub-head—State Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen's Board at page 9 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, *i. e.*, the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.3,28,239 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, I had no desire to move a cut motion on this subject, and in fact I tabled certain questions regarding the State Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Board but unfortunately all those questions have been disallowed on the ground that they do not pertain to this State. But when I looked into the Supplementary Demand I found an extra amount is required to meet expenditure under Travelling Allowance of the Secretary, State Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Board, house rent, pay and allowances of the newly appointed Secretaries, State Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Board, and other miscellaneous charges.

Sir, since sometime past some letters have been written in the newspapers and news have also been published in the newspapers regarding the administration of the State Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Board. As the House knows there is a State Board and under it there are seven Districts Boards and on this State Board the Governor is the Patron and I believe the Labour Minister is the Chairman of this Board. Sir, in these newspapers charges were made about corruption, nepotism, inefficiency and such other things. The other day when I read the Garwalla Committee's Report it was clearly stated that when constantly certain matters are agitated in the newspapers, whether that newspapers reports are to be believed or not when these reports spread among the people and may create confusion, it is always advisable, rather it is incumbent on the part of the Government to come out with authentic statements to clarify these things. Nothing has been done up till now to clarify such things.

One very important matter regarding this Board is Sir, that this Board is to function for a year, that is, up to 31st March and on the 1st of April a new Board is to be formed. So far my information goes, no new Board has been appointed in 1952 and the old Board still continues to function, and although this matter was discussed in the old Board on the 7th November, up till now, so far my informa-

tion goes, no new Board has been appointed. Also, Sir, I am told that the Governor appointed on 17th August 1951 a gentleman as Member of this Board, but even after this appointment he was not invited to attend this meeting of the Board.

Then regarding the Secretary of the Board also we find that when the permanent incumbend was ailing and was on leave his Personal Assistant Mr. D. Dwara was made the Secretary and during that short period he behaved as a full-fledged Secretary and deposited some office money in a bank, which went into liquidation very shortly. This was also done, it appears, without the sanction of the Board and to-day if the Board has suffered a loss it is due to the action of this irresponsible officer.

Again, Sir, we find that in the Gauhati Board, one Mr. K. M. Gogoi was appointed as the Secretary against the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mr. R. K. Datta to Shillong Board. Mr. Gogoi functioned for a few months and when he was discharged one Mr. T. Saikia was appointed in his place. Again within a few months after this he was removed and one Mr. G. N. Barua was appointed in his place. This Barua was also subsequently removed and Mr. Saikia was again appointed. In this way, Sir, we find that there appears to be an iron curtain around the affairs of the whole thing. We do not know what are the rules, we do not know how things are managed and we do not know what interest the State has in these things. These things are very important. We have in our State quite a vast number of *ex-service* men. In Kamrup alone, I am told, their number will be about ten thousand. In other districts also, I think, there will be as many numbers. These people joined the war and fought the war out. Whether we liked the war or not is a different matter. But the State has a responsibility for these men. But the responsibilities for these people for whose interest this Board has been constituted, have not yet been discharged fairly and efficiently.

Then, Sir, there are rest houses for these *Ex-service* men. I am told there is one rest house at Gauhati, another at Nowgong. But in these there are no furniture either for sleeping or for sitting nor are there other amenities for them. I have come to know that for these rest houses rent is paid at the rate of Rs.100 per month by the Government and my information is that for the Gauhati rest house only Rs. 20 is paid and Rs. 80 is misappropriated by the Secretary. This is the report.

Regarding the rehabilitation of *ex-service* men, Sir, we find that only in Naga Hills and Manipur there is a scheme for them, but although the number of them is vastly great in Kamrup and Goalpara Districts such a scheme has not yet been taken up there. Only in Nowgong a scheme is in operation. So, Sir, attention for the rehabilitation of all the *ex-service* men has not been properly given so far.

Another thing is that this Board has not got enough money and yet from this Captain Bardoloi was granted Rs.13,000 to purchase a car which is against the rules framed for the function of the Board.

Sir, I have stated only a few points. My purpose is not to question the function of the Board. But this House is entitled to know the function of the *Ex-Soldiers, Sailors' and Airmens' Board*. This House is also responsible for their welfare. If we know that all these things are not properly done, if we know the Board is not functioning properly and if we know that there is nepotism and corruption, I would request the House not to sanction any more money for this purpose. Rather I would like to see the whole thing managed properly and orderly and brought under stricter supervision and control of the House and then only it will be better to spend this money.

With these words, Sir, I commend my Motion for the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN**: The Motion moved is that the provision of Rs.8,164, under Supplementary Demand No.9, Major head—25.—General Administration, Minor head—U.—Other Establishment, Sub-head—State Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmens' Board, at page 9 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.3,28,239 do stand reduced by Re.1.

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister)**: Mr Chairman, Sir, before I come to the points raised by my Friend, the Leader of the Opposition it would be better for me to bring to the notice of this House, the historical background of this organisation. In the Pre-independence days there was a Khasi and Jaintia Hills District Board for soldiers, etc., which used to look into the interest of the soldiers resident in Shillong. But with the increased recruitment during the last great war the necessity arose for having a Provincial Organisation. As such the Provincial Board with seven branches in the Districts was established. Of these seven branches four are in the plains districts and the remaining three in the Hills Districts. The Plains Districts in which these branches have been opened are Kamrup, Goalpara, Nowgong and Cachar, and Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Lushai Hills and Naga Hills in the Hill areas. The Leader of the Opposition mentioned that it was in Kamrup only alone the number of *ex-service* men is near about 10,000. He may be right in this estimate. After the Partition the number was estimated to be about 20,000 for the whole State, but during these years the number has increased and it has come up to nearly 48,000.

He has referred to some newspaper comments. For the information of the House I must state that these newspaper comments were looked into by a high power committee which consisted of no less a person than the Accountant General and some other high officers.

The allegations were also enquired by the Anti-Corruption Department and they were found baseless.

Sir, he has mentioned that some of his questions were disallowed. I do not know which of his questions were disallowed because the questions were never placed before me. It may be that some of these questions which relate to the Post-War Reconstruction Fund which is not within the scope of this Legislature to discuss might have been disallowed. I have to mention for the information of the House that this Soldier's and Sailors' Board has to deal with several charity funds. He has also mentioned about Colonisation schemes and stated that it is only in Nowgong and not in Kamrup such schemes are being operated. I beg to mention that these Colonisation schemes are not within the scope of discussion of this House, but still for the information of the House, I may say that there are several Colonisation schemes in operation. In Darrang District there is a Colonisation scheme in Missamari, in Naga Hills there is the Kookidalang Colonisation scheme, in Manipur State there is Kankopi scheme besides Dwar Selona Scheme in Nowgong. These schemes are operated from a charity fund of which the Governor is the President and this is not within the jurisdiction of this Legislature to discuss.

The hon. Member enquired about the functions of the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Board. I have to mention that among other functions, co-ordination of the work of the District Boards and dealing with the cases of *ex-servicemen* who want to participate in any schemes which are under the Regional Directorate of Employment Exchange, investigation about the applications for relief by *ex-servicemen*, application for educational concessions are some which the State Board is entrusted with. It is a long list, which I need not relate.

He has pointed out about the deposit into a certain Bank by Shri Duara, an office Assistant and that the Bank went into liquidation. It would have been better for him if he would have been posted with facts. Probably he lacked correct informations and for the information of this House, I must mention that it is not correct. It is true that Shri Duara had to carry on the office work during the absence of the Secretary of the Board, Captain Bardoloi. No new appointment was made during the leave of Captain Bardoloi.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI :** I have here an advertisement by the Secretary of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Board, signed by Shri Duara as the Secretary, State Soldier's, Sailors' & Airmen's Board calling for applications from Ex-servicemen or their children/dependents to undergo technical training.

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister) :** It may be. Even an Office Assistant may put his signature in an advertisement for Secretary,

He has mentioned regarding the appointment of the Gauhati Board. These were temporary appointments and these had to be changed.

He has mentioned about the co-option of a member, I forget his name, probably, he is Sarma, who is the Secretary of All-Assam Ex-Servicemen's Association. Regarding this co-option, Sir I have to mention that he was co-opted as a member to the Post-War Reconstruction Fund as he was considered to be the General Secretary of the All Assam Ex-servicemen's Association, but the Districts Associations for Ex-Servicemen which are in existence, did not recognise this All-Assam Association and they refused to have anything to do with this Association. The Brigade Commander withdrew the patronage which he offered to this Association. He at first thought it wise to give patronage but in view of the objections of the Districts Associations, he had to withdraw the patronage. Sir, I have already mentioned that it is not within our scope to discuss anything about the Post-War Reconstruction Fund. He has mentioned about some appointments. These were temporary because Shri R. K. Dutta had to be transferred to Shillong as Secretary of this District Board, Shri K. N. Gogoi who was appointed but he did not continue because of the emolument given to him. The Gauhati Board was a second-grade Board and the emolument did not suit him and then another appointment had to be made. There is nothing to suspect that there had been any anomaly.

The amount which has been provided in the supplementary demand is required for the up-grading of the Dhubri Board, which is now a third-grade Board. It is to be up-graded and the Gauhati Board has to be up-graded to a first grade board. This small amount is required for upgrading of these two boards.

Then, he mentioned about the rest houses of Gauhati and Nowgong. I have not seen Nowgong rest house. But it will not be correct to say that there is no sleeping cot, no utensil and no furniture. I myself visited Gauhati rest house about a year ago when it was opened. I found that this rest house was perfectly in order. Regarding the allegation that there is some misappropriation, I am not aware of it, because it has not been brought to my notice. I can assure my hon. Friend that I shall look into it and will take necessary steps if it is true.

With these words, I request the hon. Member to withdraw his Cut Motion.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I will only make one request to the hon. Minister who is also the President of this Board that he should bring out a report of the activities of the whole period, so that we may know about it more fully. Sir, I think, it will not be difficult for him to bring out that report.

With this request I say that I have no objection to withdraw the Cut Motion.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Has the hon. Mover of the Motion leave of the House to withdraw it?

The Cut Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The question is that an additional sum of Rs.3,28,239 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "25—General Administration".

The Motion was carried

No. 10

(27—Administration of Justice)

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,27,675 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "27.—Administration of Justice".

I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	Rs. 10,34,900
II. Additional amount voted in September Session of the Assembly	...	Nil
Additional amount now required	...	2,27,675
III. Sub-heads under which the additional grants will be accounted for—		

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>B. Law Officers—</b>			
(b) <i>Legal Remembrancer—</i>			
(3) Allowances and Honoraria	13,429	...	13,429
(4) Contingencies	2,122	...	2,122
(c) <i>Muzaffar Establishment—</i>			
(3) Allowances and Honoraria	200	...	200
(4) Contingencies	8,420	...	8,420
<b>D. District and Sessions Judges—</b>			
(1) Pay of Officers	23,183	...	23,183
(2) Pay of Establishment	15,715	...	15,715
(4) Contingencies	16,784	...	16,784
<b>H. Criminal Courts—</b>			
(2) Pay of Establishment	30,896	777	31,673
(3) Allowances and Honoraria	42,443	1,215	43,658
(4) Contingencies	61,333	4,652	65,985
<b>L. Charges in England</b>	6,506	...	6,506
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,21,031</b>	<b>6,644</b>	<b>2,27,675</b>

Sir, the reasons for this additional demand have been given in the \*Explanatory Note.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.2,27,675 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head '27—Administration of Justice'.

As there is no cut motion, I put the question.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs.2,27,675 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "27.—Administration of Justice".

The Motion was carried.

No.11

### (28.—Jails and convict Settlement)

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.41,643 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head '28.—Jails and Convict Settlements'.

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	21,41,300
Additional amount now required ...	41,643

### \* EXPLANATORY NOTE

B(b) The extra amount is required to meet the increased expenditure under (1) Sales Tax reference cases and also increased number of cases both in High Court and Supreme Court (II) increased expenditure on Court fees and miscellaneous charges.

(c) Due to increase in number of cases almost in all the Districts.

D(1) Due to appointment of temporary Officers.

(2) Entertainment of temporary staff consequent on the appointment of temporary Officers.

(4) The extra amount is required to meet the increased expenditure under "Allowances to Jurors and Assessors" and "Diet and Road money to witnesses".

H.(2) & (3) Due to entertainment of temporary staff and also to provide for staff in the transferred areas of Abor Hills, Mishmi Hills and Tirap Frontier Tract, for which no provision was made in the Budget and consequent increased expenditure under "Dearness Allowance" and also under "Remuneration to copyists".

(4) The extra amount is necessary to meet the increased expenditure under "Diet and Road money to witnesses". An additional amount of Rs.5,000 is necessary under "Diet and Road money to witnesses" for the transferred areas of Abor Hills, Mishmi Hills and Tirap Frontier Tract as no provision in the State budget for the current year was made.

L. Based on the latest information received from the High Commissioner for India.

II. Sub-heads under which the additional grants will be accounted for—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B. Charges for Police Custody ...	17,781	22,542	40,323
E. (b) Repairs—			
3. Charges for Police Custody ...	...	1,320	1,320
Total ...	17,781	23,862	41,643

Their is \*Explanatory Note which will show why the amount is needed.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.41,643 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "28—Jails and Convict Settlements".

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move the provision of Rs.40,323 under Supplementary Demand No.11 Major head—28—Jails and Convict Settlements, Minor head—B—Charges for Police Custody (total), at page 12 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.41,643 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, the explanation given for this is that the extra amount is required to meet the increased expenditure under "Diet and Conveyance of Under-trial Prisoners" caused by the increased number of crimes. It is not that the purpose that the diet would be improved nor for the purpose the conveyance will be improved, but the amount is required to meet the increased expenditure caused by the increased number of crimes. Sir, most of us were in jail and we know what is the lot of a prisoner. Some of us were also as under-trial prisoners and security prisoners and not for a short period, but for a petty long period. We know what is the hardship, what is the suffering these prisoners undergo. Sir, we expected that after Independence when the Congress came to power that with their sad experience of the jail life at least they would

\*EXPLANATORY NOTE

B. The extra amount is required to meet the increased expenditure under "Diet and Conveyance of Under-trial Prisoners" caused by increased number of crimes.

E (b) 3. The extra amount is required for some urgent repairing works.

try to improve the condition of the prisoners in the Jails. But vainly had we been expecting this from the Government of the day? Prisoners are left almost in the same condition as they were living before this Government came into power. Recently one gentleman from the United Nations Organisation visited India and he made certain comments regarding the life of prisoners in India. He said that these prisoners who have been kept in the jails, have been kept in almost subhuman status and.....

**Shri BISHNU RAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** What happened to other parts of the country is not relevant here, Sir.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Possibly it is not relevant here.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Sir, the diet given to a prisoner is rice  $1\frac{1}{2}$  chatack, salt  $1/8$  chatack, dal 2 chataks, vegetable 2 chataks. So it will appear that the diet that is given to a prisoner is not sufficient even to keep a man's body and soul together. Moreover it is the experience in almost all the jails in this Province that even what is prescribed for the prisoners in the matter of diet does not actually reach them. Between the jail store house and the plate of the prisoner, there is a line of pilferers who pilfer everything. The arrangements for accommodation of under-trial prisoners are also very bad. Recently some labour worker were arrested in Tinsukia. They were kept in a room measuring about  $12' \times 16'$ . About 22 persons were locked up in that small room for the whole night. Sir, they could have been taken to Dibrugarh from Tinsukia by train.

**Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister):** When was that?

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** It was in last July. They were kept in this way and put to various other inconveniences. They were not given anything to eat. One Purna Singh of Tezpur was kept in the Tezpur jail without giving him anything to eat. Sir, we know and all other people know that whatever little is provided for the prisoners goes to pockets of the Jailors. It is said that the Jailors live by pilfering what is meant for the prisoners and the salary they get goes straight to the Banks (laughter). The prisoners remain hungry. Sir, the intention of my moving this cut motion is that the money that we allot for the prisoners should be well spent. We must be satisfied that the money actually comes to the use of the under-trial prisoners and then only we can agree to the sanction of such expenditure.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The motion moved is that the provision of Rs.40,323 under Supplementary Demand No.11, Major head—28.—Jails and Convict Settlements, Minor head—B.—Charges for Police Custody (total), at page 12 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.41,643 do stand reduced by Re.1.

**\*Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS :** On a point of information, Sir, has the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge got any personal experience of jails life like that of his Friends in his side ?

**\*Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister) :** Mr. Chairman, Sir. I visited several jails. I looked to the food supplied to the prisoners, and I also tested them. The officers who were with me told me that some of the prisoners did not get the same quality of food as they used to take at their residence. I also asked the prisoners who were sitting around me whether they were satisfied with the quality of food supplied to them by the Jail authority. They said, "Yes". There were only a small section of people (prisoners) who came from Uttar Pradesh and other States, who were *atta* eaters complained about their food. That was the only complaint I found at that time in the Jail.

**\*Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI :** Whether the Hon'ble Minister's information is of very recent or of several years back ?

**\*Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister) :** My Friends, who were in jails were very bold. They were spokesmen of these prisoners too. So these complaints are something like imaginary to me or of the olden days. They are not like that type now-a-days. So I would request you to accompany me to some jails sometime, and you will see the real condition of the jails, and the type of food supplied to the prisoners—whether those food supplied to them are actually fit for consumption of gentlemen. As regards the other point, I need not made mention of it, as he has not spoken about it.

So, Sir, I have given a true picture of food supplied to the prisoners in the jails. Whenever I happened to visit the jails, I found complaints from the prisoners, but those complaints were not regarding food, but regarding other matters. There were some prisoners, whose cases were not tried as yet for a long time. In order to be more accurate I took some of their cards and examined them. I found that some of them were kept from a long time. This is due to the delay in disposal of cases in the court. So, Sir, there can hardly be real complaints now-a-days, regarding supply of food, at least during this regime. Sir, as my Friend, Shri Hareswar Goswami has said just now, it might be a case of several years back, when my Friend was in the jail.

(A voice : It might be in the British Raj).

(A voice from the Opposition : It was so when he was a Minister).

**\*Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister) :** Sir, I knew one or two jails. As a matter of fact, they were not jails. They were shells and Lock-up. In those places, the Jail Department has no control. But we are trying our level best to improve that. We are also taking steps to transfer the under-trial prisoners as quickly as possible to the places where they ought to go. So, the oratory of Mr. Hareswar Goswami about the experiences he had in Jails, I think they are out of place at the present time. Therefore, I need not mention about that.

There is another complaints about the pilfering of money by the jailors. Whether he means to say that the jailors, when they get some money the money goes to the bank in their account.

**\*Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI :** Sir, I was not speaking of money. I told about pilfering of commodities.

**\*Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister) :** About pilfering of commodities, it has been suspected by many people. But Government made enquiries many times regarding this matter, but did not find anything wrong. It may be said outside the House by many persons. But, we on our part have got to see how to tackle such persons. After all there is a procedure to deal with the wrong doers. In spite of this, if anybody can show or point out anything, that is, wrong, we shall welcome them. We do not want that this sort of things should go on. It is not an easy job to find out whether there is a real pilferage. It is only suspicion.

Therefore to say that the malpractices in the jails, are without any foundation. I want to find out whether there is such a thing. If there is such a thing, our first thing will be to stop it altogether. If the hon. Members will help us in this matter, we shall be very thankful and we are also anxious to set up everything properly.

Sir, he says that the under-trial persons are not properly fed. I have already stated, Sir, they are properly fed, some of them are growing in weights.

Sir, I am surprised to find that in some hospitals, like that of Gauhati where there is accommodation for about 30 or 40, there are only 9 or 10 out of 600 or 700 persons. I have seen the cleanliness of the jail is very good.....

**\*Shri RANENDRA MOHAN DAS :** What is bad, Sir ?

**\*Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister):** Bad thing is the heart of those persons who are there—if they change their hearts, there would be no need of their coming to the jails. Then, Sir, he has mentioned about the people who were arrested by the police and kept in Dibrugarh in a small lock-up to be transported somewhere—that Sir, I am not acquainted. With that fact, Sir, I cannot say anything, because if there is such a thing, it may be out of necessity. But that such a thing has been done in order to transfer them somewhere else I cannot believe that the police officers want to punish them.....

**\*Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Sir, it would be better to put more reliance on me than on the police officers.

**\*Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY (Minister):** If the hon. Member will put it in writing that there is such a thing, surely Government will make an enquiry on the police officers. If there is such a thing, there must be some reasons behind it and which may be beyond our knowledge. There must be certain circumstances which forced them to do so temporarily for a short time. If the room is very small, or if it is wet, to relieve from congestion or from being wet those persons might have been removed temporarily.

For that reason I request my hon. Friend to withdraw his motion.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Mr. Goswami, will you withdraw ?

**\*Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Sir, in view of the assurance of the Minister that he will take me with him to the jails and also to enquire into all these matters, I beg to withdraw my motion.

The Cut Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** I put the question.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs 41,643 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "28.—Jails and Convict Settlements".

The Motion was carried.

No.12  
(29.—Police)

**Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.13,43,739 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "29.—Police".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	1,05,43,600
II.—Supplementary grant obtained during the September, 1952 Session.	31,474
Additional amount now required ... ..	13,43,739
III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
A.— <i>Superintendence—(Passport and visa)—</i>	General
Deduct.—Amount to be recovered from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs.	(—)1,215
B.— <i>District Executive Force</i>	
(a) <b>District Police</b>	
(i) <i>Deduct.</i> —Amount to be recovered from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs. ( <i>Passport and Visa</i> ).	(—)20,274
(ii) <i>Deduct.</i> —Amount to be recovered from the Government of India, Ministry of Industry and Supply. (For guards for Makum Ordnance Depot).	(—)3,992
G.— <i>C. I. D.</i>	
(a) <b>C. I. D. (Proper)</b>	
(i) <i>Deduct.</i> —Amount to be recovered from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs. (Check-Post on Indo-Tibet Borders).	(—)3,164
(ii) <i>Deduct.</i> —Amount to be recovered from the Railway Board (Railway Board D. I. B. staff).	(—)33,000
G—(f) (i) <i>Border Security Force (1st Battalion)</i>	
1. Pay of Officers ... ..	5,412
2. Pay of Establishment ... ..	37,246
3. Contingencies ... ..	3,41,925
Deduct.—Amount transferred to "85-A—Capital Outlay, etc."	(—)3,84,583
G.(f) (ii)— <i>Border Security Force</i>	
(Additional)	
1. Pay of Officers ... ..	Rs. 3,700
2. Pay of Establishment ... ..	92,000
3. Allowances and Honoraria ... ..	47,800
4. Contingency ... ..	8,73,500
5. Hospital ... ..	4,000
6. Works ... ..	3,79,000
	14,00,000
H.(a) Home Guards ... ..	5,384
Total ... ..	13,43,739

The reasons for this demand are given in the \*Explanatory Notes below.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.13,43,739 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "29.—Police."

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—The post of 1 Upper Division Assistant, 2 Lower Division Assistants and one Typist have been sanctioned in the Inspector General of Police's Office for Passport and *Visa* work with effect from the 12th January, 1953 as these additional posts were necessary to deal with the increased works relating to Passport and *Visa* introduced from the 15th October, 1952. The entire amount of Rs.1,215 required for the purpose is recoverable from the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

B.(a) (i)—Entertainment of 6 Sub-Inspectors, 17 Assistant Sub-Inspectors and 56 Constables was necessary for Passport and *Visa* work due to additional works involved therein. The posts have been created with effect from the 15th October, 1952. The entire amount of Rs.20,274 is, however recoverable from the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs. A sum of Rs.36,449 was obtained as an advance from the Contingency Fund.

(ii) Retention of the Armed Police Guards and the Makum Depot of the U. S. A. S. S. Organisation has been sanctioned upto the 31st March 1953 for which the sum of Rs.3,992 has become necessary. The entire amount is, however, recoverable from the Government of India in the Ministry of Industry and Supply.

G.(a)(i)—The original estimate of Rs.16,336 is insufficient to meet the total expenditure in respect of Indo-Tibetan Border Check Posts, hence a further sum of Rs.3,164 is required during current financial year. The entire amount will be reimbursed by the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs subsequently.

(ii)—The amount is required for further retention of the Railway Board Intelligence Branch Staff which will be recovered from the North Eastern Railway.

(f)(i) (ii)—A sum of Rs.3,84,583 is required in connection with the 10 Platoons of Border Security Force which has been sanctioned upto the 28th February, 1953. At the time of making provision for the force it was not possible to anticipate all these additional expenditure particularly regarding purchase of arms and accoutrement and Portage charges, etc.

The amount of Rs.14,00,000 is required in connection with the additional 19 Platoons of Border Security Force which has been raised from the 1st November, 1952 in order to cope with increased border problems. A sum of Rs.10,00,000 was obtained as an advance from the Contingency Fund.

The entire amount of Rs.3,84,583 on account of the 1st B. S. F. will, however, be ultimately debited to the head "85—A—Capital Outlay, etc."

H.(a)—The amount is required for the purpose of meeting expenditure in connection with the creation of the post of Accounts Officer, Home Guards with a skeleton staff for the reconstruction of Home Guard accounts, replying to audit objection and for payment of a few bills.

Details of staff and allowances may be seen at Appendix 'IV'.

I find there is one Cut Motion in the name of Shri Khong-phai, to discuss the effectiveness of the Border Security Force. I believe it is a matter of policy which we cannot discuss here.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** A big sum will be spent,—Effectiveness of the Border Security Force is not a policy.....

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB of Sidli:** If there is anything confidential, the Chief Minister need not disclose those things here.....

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** What my Friend has in his mind. Are you going to discuss the matter in details. It is very vague, I cannot allow a matter of policy under the circumstances to be discussed in this House. So I am sorry, I cannot, but over-ruled it out of order.

Cut Motion No.2—Mr. Goswami.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move that the provision of Rs.5,384 under Supplementary Demand No.12, Major head—29—Police, Minor head—H(a)—Home Guards, at page 13 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re 1, i. e., the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.13,43,739 do stand reduced by Re.1.

Sir, this demand.....

**Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Parliamentary Secretary):** On a point of order, Sir, the purpose is to discuss the necessity of the Home Guards. This also involves a matter of policy which cannot be discussed in this House.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** I think the Chief Minister has raised a question for the purpose of meeting certain expenditure, but my Friend wants to discuss the necessity of the Home Guards, but here provision was made regarding certain matters which are pending and being taken action on the question of this Home Guard Organisation. So the question will come up in the course of discussion of certain facts which may be discussed, but you are straight away putting the question whether there is any necessity of the Home Guards Organisation or not. As such, I hope you will see through this, and I think it will not be possible for me to agree that this is a matter of details.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** I appreciate your observations Sir, but the purpose is to speak about this Accounts Officer of Home Guards.....

**Shri BISHNU RAM MEDHI (Chief Minister):** I think I may inform the hon. Member Sir, that the Home Guard Organisation is not there. This was discontinued and in its place we will have the Defence Force. This was decided in 1951. Therefore, this question whether there is any necessity of this Home Guard Organisation is a matter of a principle and as such it cannot be discussed here in this matter.

**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** I agree Sir, that my Motion is out of order, but I can oppose the main Motion I think. (Voices from the Treasury Benches—the time is up).

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Yes, the time is up. I shall have to take up all the demands just now.

Now, the question is that an additional sum of Rs. 13,43,739 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "29—Police".

The Motion was carried.

No.13

(37—Education)

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.6,82,237 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "37—Education."

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.	...	Rs.	1,84,90,700
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly in the September 1952 Session.	...	...	3,81,670
Additional grant now required ...	...	...	6,82,237
III.—Sub-heads under which the additional grant will be accounted for—			
	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
F.—Government Secondary Schools Development Schemes under Article 275.	...	5,740	5,740
G.—Direct grants to non-Government Secondary Schools.	5,34,183	...	5,34,183
I.—Works (Secondary) Original Works—Dev. Schemes under Article 275.	...	7,400	7,400
M.—Direct grants to non-Government Primary Schools—Dev. Schemes under Art. 275.	1,000	17,400	18,400
R.—Works (Special) Original Works—Dev. Schemes under Art. 275	...	10,000	10,000
U.—Scholarships—Dev. Schemes under Art. 275	3,914	...	3,914
V.—Miscellaneous—			
(d) Other Miscellaneous charges Development Scheme under Five-Year Plan.	2,600	...	2,600
	1,00,000	...	1,00,000
Total	...	6,41,697	40,540 6,82,237

Sir, the \*Explanatory Note is there to explain the necessity of the demand.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.6,82,237 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "37—Education".

### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

F.—The amount represents the grant sanctioned by the Government of India under Article 275 of the Constitution for provincialisation of the Zumikita M. E. School in the Naga Hills.

G.—The amount is required as under (1) Rs. 74,145 for giving relief to non-Government Secondary School damaged by the earthquake of August 1950. The amount will be shared half and half by the Union and the State Governments and the Institution themselves will bear an expenditure of Rs.24,715 representing  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Expenditure. The amount was sanctioned from the contingency Fund for the expenditure.

(2) Rupees 3,41,100 for giving interim relief to teachers, clerks and menials of Aided and Venture High Schools of the State and were met by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

(3) Rupees 1,16,438 for Development Schemes under Article 275 of the Constitution in the Plains Tribal Areas. A sum of Rs. 1,09,438 was advanced from the Contingency Fund for this expenditure.

(4) Rupees 2,500 for meeting expenditure for a grant to the Namti Government Aided High School for construction of a hostel for Naga boys. The expenditure was met from an advance from the Contingency Fund.

I.—The amount represents the grant received from the Government of India under Article 275 this year and funds have already been provided by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

M.—A sum of Rs. 1,000 is required for Development Schemes under Article 275 for extending educational facilities in the Plains Tribal Areas and Rs. 17,400 in the Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas. Both the amounts have already been advanced from the Contingency Fund.

R.—The amount represents the grant sanctioned by the Government of India under Article 275 of the Constitution and the amount has already been provided by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

U.—The amount is required for granting additional scholarships to Plains Tribal Students for extending educational facilities which are now very inadequate.

V. (d)—An amount of Rs.2,500 is required for meeting expenditure for a grant to Shri P. C. Baruah for the fellowship offered by the Netherland Universities Foundation which was met from an advance from the Contingency Fund and Rs.100 for grant-in-aid to the Middle English School at Shimbergaon, Goalpara, which has also been met by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

*Development Scheme under the Five-Year Plan.*—The amount is necessary as under for purchasing furniture and equipments as well as for giving grants for improvement of Primary and Basic Schools in the area selected for integrated development under Five-Year Plan as approved by the Government of India ;

No.14  
(38—Medical)

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.11,097 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head '38.—Medical'.

	Rs.		
I.—Grant Originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	...	...	51,15,500
II.—Additional grant voted in the August-September 1952 Session of the Assembly.	...	...	1,44,549
III.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—			
	General	Sixth Schedule	Total
	Rs.	(Part A) Arcas	Rs.
D.—Medical schools and colleges—(b)—Medical school—3.—Allowances and Honoraria—Scholarships and stipends—Development Schemes under Art. 275 of the Constitution, "Sixth Schedule (Part A) Arcas".	...	3,910	3,910
5.—Contingencies ... ..	...	3,600	3,600
I. - Charges in England ... ..	3,587	...	3,587
	3,587	7,510	11,097

The reason for this demand is there in the \*\*Explanatory Note.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.11,097 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head '38—Medical'.

	Rs.		
1. One Basic Training College ... ..	...	...	6,000
2. Five Community Centres .. ...	...	...	35,000
3. One Janata College ... ..	...	...	8,000
4. Improvement of Primary and Basic Schools in the area	...	...	40,000
5. Integrated Library Services ... ..	...	...	11,000
Total ... ..	...	...	1,00,000

The amount has already been advanced from the Contingency Fund.

\*\*EXPLANATORY NOTE

D.—The grant of Rs.7,510 has been sanctioned by Government of India under Article 275 during this year and hence no provision could be made in the Budget for 1952-53. Sanction to the expenditure in question has, however, been accorded by an advance from the Contingency Fund. The demand is therefore, necessary to regularise the advance.

I.—Based on the latest information received from the High Commissioner for India.

## No.15

## (39—Public Health)

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.30 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "39.—Public Health".

			Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	29,58,000
II.—Additional grant voted in September 1952 Session of the Assembly.			1,34,804
III.—Sub-heads under which the additional grant will be accounted for :—			
	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B.—Grants for Public Health Purposes—			
Grant to the Garo Hills District for public health purposes.	...	30	30

The reason for this demand is there in the \*Explanatory notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.30 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "39—Public Health".

## No.16

## (40—Agriculture)

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.20,878 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "40.—Agriculture".

			Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	54,09,500
II.—Additional grant voted in the September Session of the Assembly.			13,20,386
III.—Additional grants now required	...	...	20,878
IV.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for :—			

## \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

The amount represents a recurring contribution to the Garo Hills District Fund (now District Council) for public health purposes for which no specific provision has been made in the current year's Budget.

	General Rs.	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas Rs.	Total Rs.
D.—Agricultural Experiments and Research—			
(b)—Scheme for Sugarcane research ...	2,324	...	2,324
(c) Bokajan Sugarcane Project ...	5,734	...	5,734
F.—Agricultural Education—(ii)—Develop- ment Schemes—Establishment of Agri- cultural College at Jorhat ...	9,716	...	9,716
I.—Special Rural Uplift Schemes—Pilot Deve- lopment Project, Rangiya ...	3,104	...	3,104
Total ...	20,878	...	20,878

The reasons for this demand are given in the \*Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.20,878 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "40—Agriculture".

No.17

(41—Veterinary)

**Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAJUMDAR (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,526 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "41—Veterinary".

I —Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	Rs. 5,82,400
II.—Additional grant voted in the August-September 1952 Session of the Assembly.	3,64,196
III.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for:—	

	General Rs.	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas Rs.	Total Rs.
G.—Other charges—			
(c) Cattle Breeding operation ...	2,526	...	2,526
Total ...	2,526	...	2,526

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

D. (b) The amount is required to meet the expenditure on pay and allowances of the Sugarcane Specialist entertained under the scheme approved by the Indian Council of Sugarcane Research.

(c) The amount is required for undertaking mixed farming in the Bokajan Sugarcane Project.

The reasons for this additional demand are given in the \*Explanatory notes.

(The demand was put from the Chair)

No.18

(42—Co-operation—II—Rural Development)

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister):**

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.22,174 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "42—Co-operation—II—Rural Development"

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ..	22,85,800
II.—Amount passed in the September Session of the Assembly.	98,000
III.—Additional amount now required ...	22,174
IV.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for:—	

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Grants-in-aid—F. (A)—Grant-in-aid ...		22,174	22,174
(2) Self-help Enterprises Grant.			
Total ...	...	22,174	22,174

The reasons for this additional grant is given in the \*\*Explanatory notes.

F. (II).—The amount is required for the adjustment of B.T. bills on account of transfer of poultry and other materials from the Birubari farm and also to meet the additional expenditure for Travelling Allowance of one of the officers for his journey from Jorhat to the port of embarkation or emplanement for undergoing training under Point Four Programme.

I. The Pilot Extension Scheme at Rangia has been taken up by this State at the instance of the Government of India under the auspices of the Ford Foundation Trust for development of the masses with more emphasis on Agriculture. The present provision of funds is required in connection with the recent appointment of an Extension Adviser under the Scheme. An advance of Rs.3,104 has been taken from the Contingency Fund for the above expenditure during the current financial year. The expenditure will be borne by the Ford Foundation.

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTE

The amount is required to meet the additional expenditure in connection with the entertainment of Additional Staff under Cattle Breeding operation.

#### \*\*EXPLANATORY NOTE

A sum of Rs.98,000 was provided in the State Budget by obtaining a supplementary grant in the September Session of the Assembly on the basis of the original grant sanctioned by the Government of India under Article 275 of the Constitution. Subsequently the Government of India sanctioned increased grant and hence provision in the State Budget for Rs.22,174 is necessary. A sum of Rs.7,500 has already been provided by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.22,174, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "42—Co-operation—II—Rural Development".

No.19

(43—Industries and Supplies—I—Sericulture and Weaving)

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.23,364 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "43—Industries and Supplies—I—Sericulture and Weaving".

I.—Grants originally voted	...	...	...	Rs.
II.—Grants voted in the September 1952 session of the Assembly.	...	...	...	8,77,000
III.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for :—				79,500
E (F)—Training Organisation—				
I—Farm Organisation—				
5—Works—				
(2) Repairs	...	...	...	18,269
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E (F)—Training Organisation—				18,269
III—Sericultural Institute—				
5—Works—				
(2) Repairs	...	...	...	5,095
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				5,095
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Grand Total	...			23,364

The reasons for this demand are given in the † Explanatory notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.23,364, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "43—Industries & Supplies—I—Sericulture & Weaving".

#### † EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. The Government of India were pleased to sanction a grant of Rs.25,340 for the repairs to the earthquake damaged buildings of the Sericulture and Weaving Department in the year 1951-52. Out of the sanctioned amount there remains an unspent amount of Rs 23,364 from the above grants-in-aid for earthquake relief. The work thus undertaken could not be completed for want of material, i.e., C. I. Sheets, etc., in 1951-52. Now, the C. I. Sheets, etc., for the repairs of the 'quake damaged building are available.

The above mentioned amount of Rs.23,364 is essentially necessary to finish the incomplete works and has already been provided by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

No.20

(43—Industries—II.—Cottage Industries)

**Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister):**

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.23,468 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "43—Industries and Supplies—II.—Cottage Industries."

	Rs.
I.—Grant Originally voted by the Assembly ...	2,04,500
II.—Grant voted in September Session of the Assembly.	5,000
III.—Sub-heads under which this Supplementary Grant will be accounted for:—	

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
A (A) Provincial Organisation—			
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Pay of Officers ...	580	...	580
2. Contingencies ...	3,500	...	3,500
E (A) Training Organisation—II— Training Classes—			
3. Allowances and Honoraria ...	2,590	...	2,590
4. Contingencies ...	16,798	...	16,798
Total ...	23,468	...	23,468

The reason for this grant is given in the \*Explanatory notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.23,468 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "43—Industries and Supplies—II.—Cottage Industries."

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A (A) 1.—The amount is required for payment of arrear pay of Deputy Director of Cottage Industries.

A (A) 2.—The amount is required for decoration of the Raj Bhavan at Shilong with Cottage Industries products.

E (A) 3 and 4.—The amount is required in connection with entertainment of our Oil Expeller Demonstrators.

## No.21

## (43-A—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development)

**Shri MOHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister) :**

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.10 lakhs be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953, for the administration of head "43-A.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development."

I.—Grants originally voted	...	...	...	Rs.
				Nil
III.—Sub-head under which the	Supplementary grant			
will be accounted for—				

"43-A.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development... 10,00,000

The reason for this demand is that the Government of Assam have decided to subscribe to the share capital of the Apex Bank to the extent of Rs.10,00,000 and hence the necessity for the provision.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** The Motion moved is that a sum of Rs.10 lakhs be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "43-A.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development".

## No.22

## (47—Miscellaneous Departments)

**Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Minister) :** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.1,12,127 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "47.—Miscellaneous Departments".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	Rs.
		4,55,000
II.—Additional grant voted in the	September 1952	
Session of the Assembly.		5,177
III.—Sub-head under which the	Supplementary grant	
will be accounted for—		

(A) B (i) Labour—Grants-in-aid	...	...	85,000
Total (A)	...		85,000

(B)—B (iii) Labour Agricultural Labour Statistics—	Rs.
(1) Pay of officer ... ..	340
(2) Pay of Establishment ... ..	1,140
(3) Allowances and Honoraria ... ..	948
(4) Contingency ... ..	70
(5) Grant-in-aid—Share of the State Government of the cost of the Agricultural Labour Enquiry initiated by the Government of India.	6,529
Total (B) ... ..	9,027
(C) E (d) Improvement of Population data—State Government's share of the expenditure ... ..	18,100
Grand Total (A), (B) and (C) ... ..	1,12,127

The reason for this additional grant is given in the \*Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.1,12,127 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "47—Miscellaneous Departments".

No.23

(50—Civil Works—Provincial, etc.)

**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister) :** Mr. Chairman Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.15,02,309 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "50.—Civil Works—Provincial (excluding Tools and Plant and Establishment)".

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

(A) The additional amount of Rs.85,000 is required to meet the non-recurring expenses of Welfare Centres to be constructed by the Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh and Assam Seva Samiti. This amount will be adjusted against the grant of two lakhs of rupees received from the Central Tea Board, Calcutta. The expenditure being of immediate nature is met by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

(B) Out of the amount of Rs.9,027, Rs.6,529 is required to meet the cost of 50 per cent. contribution of this Government towards the total cost for the period from 1st April 1951 to 31st January 1952 of the Agricultural Labour Enquiry initiated by the Government of India.

The amount of Rs.2,498 is required to meet the expenditure due to the retention of the post of O. S. D. (Labour) and his staff for a further period of six months with effect from 1st December 1952.

These amounts could not be foreseen.

(C) The amount is required for implementing the Scheme for improvement of Population data. Fifty per cent. of the expenditure is to be borne by Government of India. As no provision was made in the current year's Budget a Supplementary Demand for Rs.18,100, representing 50 per cent. of the total expenditure is necessary.

			Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	3,15,08,000
II.—Additional grant voted by the Assembly in the September 1952 Session of the Assembly.			7,46,000
Additional amount now required	...	...	15,02,309

				General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
III.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for :—				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B.—Repairs—						
Buildings	...	...	...	1,40,000	...	1,40,000
Communications	...	...	...	8,00,000	2,36,000	10,36,000
Tea Rates Works	...	...	...	60,000	.	60,000
Total				10,00,000	2,36,000	12,36,000
D.—Grants-in-aid for Communications—Grants to Municipal and Local Boards for Communications—						
1. Grants to Municipal Boards—Non-recurring.				9,850	.....	9,850
2. Grants to Local Boards—Non-recurring—Development Schemes under Article 275(1) of the Constitution.				9,000	.....	9,000
3. Grants to Local Boards—Non-recurring by Public Works Department.				1,59,352	.....	1,59,352
4. Grants to other funds—						
Recurring	...	...	...	.....	30	30
Non-recurring	...	...	...	.....	15,334	15,334
Development Schemes under Article 275(1) of the Constitution—						
Non-recurring	...	...	...	.....	20,000	20,000
5. Grants for Rural Communications.				52,743	.....	52,743
Total				2,30,945	35,364	2,66,309
Grand total				12,30,945	2,71,364	15,02,309

The reason for this additional grant is given in the \*Explanatory Notes.

### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

*Repairs Buildings—General.*—The additional demand is due mainly to heavy repair work necessary to some buildings which were badly damaged by storm. Moreover new buildings are either completed or taken over by the Department for maintenance, cost of which were not provided in the current year's Budget as the Budget was prepared before such buildings were completed or taken over.

*Repairs Communications—General and Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas and Repairs Tea Rates Works.*—Since the great earthquake of 1950 which changed the topography of the State in certain places considerably frequent floods have damaged road communication necessitating heavy extra expenditure in restoration of such damages.

More and more new roads are constructed and additional length of roads are taken over by the Department for future maintenance which also resulted in heavy extra expenditure on maintenance of roads.

*D.—Grants-in-aid—Grants to Municipal and Local Boards for Communications.*—

1. *Grants to Municipal Boards—Non-recurring.*—The details may be seen at Appendix "III".

2. *Grants to Local Boards—Non-recurring—Development Schemes under Article 275(1) of the Constitution—Plains Tribal Areas (General).*—For the welfare and the benefit of the Plains Tribal people of the State, the Governor of Assam considers that the improvement of communications in those areas should be undertaken immediately. This expenditure could not be anticipated at the time of preparation of the Budget Estimate for the current year and as such supplementary demand is necessary. An amount of Rs.4,000 has already been provided by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

2. *Grants to Local Boards—Non-recurring by P. W. D.*—Details may be seen at Appendix "III". The amount of Rs.1,59,352 was advanced out of the Contingency Fund. Hence, the Supplementary grant is necessary for regularisation.

3. *Grants to other funds—Recurring.*—The amount represents grant-in-aid to the Tura Town Fund payable for the year 1951-52 for which there is no provision in the Budget. The amount has already been advanced from the Contingency Fund.

*Grants to other funds—Non-recurring.*—A sum of Rs.334 is required for payment to the Tura Town Fund as grant-in-aid due for the year 1951-52. A sum of Rs.15,000 is required for payment to the Garo Hills District Fund as grant-in-aid for the construction of Dalu-Baghmara Road. No provision exists in the original Budget for these grants. The entire amount of Rs.15,334 has already been advanced from the Contingency Fund.

*Grants to other funds—Development Schemes under Article 275(1) of the Constitution—Non-recurring.*—No provision was made in the current year's Budget for this grant. Government decided later in this year to give a grant of Rs.20,000 to the Garo Hills District Fund for the improvement of the Dalu-Parakasua Road from the grants-in-aid received from the Government of India under Article 275 of the Constitution. In view of the unforeseen nature of the expenditure, the amount has already been advanced from the Contingency Fund and a Supplementary Demand is now taken to regularise the advance.

5. *Grants for Rural Communications.*—The details may be seen at Appendix "III".

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.15,02,309 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "50.—Civil Works—Provincial (excluding Tools and Plant and Establishment)".

No.24

**(52-A.—Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Electricity Scheme.)**

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister):** Mr. Chairman, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.30,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 1953, for the administration of the head "52-A.—Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Electricity Scheme".

	Rs.
1. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	43,300
2. Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
(1) Contingency ... ..	30,000

The reason for this additional grant is given in the \*Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.30,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "52-A —Other Revenue Expenditure connected with Electricity Scheme".

No.25

**(54-A.—Famine Relief)**

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Mr. Chairman, Sir. On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.17,367 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "54-A.—Famine Relief".

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\*EXPLANATORY NOTES

No provision was made for drilling operation of Umtru Hydro-Electricity project under the head "52-A.—Other Revenue expenditure connected with Electricity Schemes" as this head is primarily meant for staff and preliminary survey work. Therefore a supplementary demand for Rs.30,000 for drilling operation is required to defray expenses in connection with this work.

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	2,45,000
II. Additional grant voted by the Assembly in the last September, 1952 Session.	18,000
Additional amount now required ... ..	17,367
III. Sub-head under which the additional grant will be accounted for—	

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(a) Relief work ... ..	4,467	...	4,467
(b) Gratuitous Relief ... ..	...	12,900	12,900
Total ... ..	4,467	12,900	17,367

The reason for this additional grant is given in the \*Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.17,367 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "54-A.—Famine Relief".

No.26

**(54-E.—Territorial and Political Pensions, 55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions and 83.—Payment of Commuted value of Pensions.)**

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Mr. Chairman, Sir. On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.91,637 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the heads "54-A.—Territorial and Political Pensions", "55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions" and "83.—Payment of Commuted value of Pensions".

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

(a) A sum of Rs.7,500 was sanctioned for Test Relief Works in Barpeta Sub-division during 1951-52, for construction of roads through the agency of Barpeta Local Board. But a bill for Rs.4,467 was drawn by the Chairman, Barpeta Local Board on 21st April 1952, i.e., after the expiry of the last financial year 1951-52. The provision is therefore required to regularise the said drawal during the current year.

(b) This additional amount is required for relief measures in connection with damages caused to paddy crops and fields by rain, flood, land slide, rats and pests in certain parts of the Naga Hills and United Khasi-Jaintia Hills Districts.

			Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	32,70,000
II. Additional amount voted in September Session of the Assembly.			Nil.
Additional amount now required	...	...	91,637
III. Sub-heads under which the additional grant will be accounted for—			
	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
54-A.—Territorial and Political Pensions—			
Territorial and Political Pension (Voted).	13,000	...	13,000
55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions—			
A.—Superannuation and retired Allowances—(Voted).	66,653	13,000	79,653
B.—Equated payments of Commuted value of pensions transferred from Capital (outside revenue account).	38,104	...	38,104
G.—Donations to Provident Fund	3,848	...	3,848
83.—Payment of Commuted value of Pensions—			
K.— <i>Deduct</i> —Capital portion of equated payment out of revenue (voted).	(—)42,968	...	(—)42,968
Total	...	78,637	13,000
			91,637

The reason for this additional grant is given in the \*Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.91,637 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the heads "54-A.—Territorial and Political Pensions", "55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions" and "83.—Payment of Commuted value of Pensions".

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

*Territorial and Political Pensions.*—The excess is based on sanctions and progress of actuals.

A. The excess is based on progress of actuals.

B. The excess is based on actual adjustment.

G. Due to larger expenditure than originally anticipated.

K. The excess is based on actual adjustment.

## No.27

## (56.—Stationery and Printing)

**Shri RAMNATH DAS (Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st the March, 1953 for the administration of the head "56.—Stationery and Printing".

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	9,23,000
II. Additional grant voted in the September, 1952 Session ... ..	Nil
III. Sub-head under which the additional grant will be accounted for—	

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Stationery—			
C. Purchase of plain paper used with stamps.	500	...	500

This is due to increased demand of paper by public.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "56.—Stationery and Printing".

## No.28

## (57.—Miscellaneous)

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister):** Mr. Chairman, Sir. On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.15,49,455 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	81,19,200
II.—Additional amount granted in the... September Session.	12,09,854
III.—Additional amount now required ... ..	15,49,455

IV.—Sub-heads under which the additional amount will be accounted for:—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
E.—Petty Establishment—			
(b) Other Petty Establishment	...	8,000	8,000
Total E (b)	...	8,000	8,000

I.—Contributions Miscellaneous—	General	Sixth Schedule	Total
	Rs.	Part (A) areas Rs.	Rs.
(i) (a) Grant to District Councils.	...	4,33,243	4,33,243
(b) Contribution to Regional Council.	...	1,180	1,180
(ii) Development Scheme under Article 275 of the Constitution—Contribution to Non-Government Institution doing welfare work for the Tribal People.	1,500	15,500	17,000
Total—I	1,500	4,49,923	4,51,423
K (a) Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges—			
K. 1—Expenditure on issue of free ration to Government Servants.		78,000	78,000
K. 4—Miscellaneous charges....	28,032	...	28,032
Total—K	28,032	78,000	1,06,032
P. (i) Losses on supply of food stuff to Government Servants and others at concessional prices.	10,59,000	66,000	11,25,000
(ii) Subsidy for supply of food stuff to Lungleh and the bordering area of the United Khasi and Jaintia Hills and Garo Hills.	...	4,63,940	4,63,940
(ii) Deduct Recoveries from Central Government on account of losses on supply to food stuff to Government Servants and others.	...	—6,04,940	—6,04,940
Total—P	10,59,000	—75,000	9,84,000

The reasons for this additional amount is explained in the Explanatory Notes below.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

E. (b)—The amount was sanctioned as an advance from the Contingency Fund for meeting the expenditure in connection with 20 additional porters sanctioned for the District of Naga Hills.

I. (i) (a)—Consequent upon Government decision to hand over the balance of the Deposit Account, Khasi States Fund to the District Council of the United Khasi and Jaintia Hills, it has become necessary to make provision for the same in the Budget and hence the demand. The amount has already been sanctioned by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

I. (i) (b)—The amount is required to meet the expenditure incurred in connection with the Pawi-Lakher Regional Council Election in the Lushai Hills District.

I. (ii) General—The amount is required for giving contribution to the Kasturba Gram Sevakendra, Dhekiajuli in Darrang District, a non-Government institution doing welfare work for the Plains Tribal People.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.15,49,455 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head '57.—Miscellaneous'.

*Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas.*—A sum of Rs.29,500 was provided in the State Budget by obtaining a supplementary grant in the September Session of the Assembly on the basis of the original grant received from the Government of India under Article 275 of the Constitution. The Government of India have since sanctioned increased grant and hence provision for the same in the State Budget is necessary. The amount has already been provided by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

*K. I.*—The amount is required to meet the increased expenditure on issue of free rations to the Government servants of Naga Hills and North Cachar Hills consequent upon increase in the number of Government servants and payment of cash allowances due to cost in the basic ration.

*K. 4. (a)*—A sum of Rs.12,532 is required to meet the expenditure incurred in connection with Assam's participation in the Republic Day Celebration held in New Delhi. The expenditure has already been met by an advance from the Contingency Fund.

*(b)* A provision of Rs.8,000 is necessary for effecting an adjustment of the amount which was wrongly credited to the head "64-B.—Civil Defence—Provincial" instead of to the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay, etc."

*(c)* A provision of Rs.7,500 is required to meet the expenditure incurred by Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong for printing of ration cards for the non-Statutory rationed areas of Nowgong District.

*P. (i) General.*—The proposed increase has been necessitated to meet the expenditure on rice concession to the increased number of Government servants, Municipal sweepers and Grade IV servants attached to local board dispensaries. A large expenditure has been involved in the payment of cash allowances to these officials due to cut in basic ration, which could not be accurately estimated for want of any reliable data at the time of framing the original Budget.

*Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas.*—Due to increased expenditure on issue of free rations to Government Servants of Garo, Naga and North Cachar Hills, and consequent losses.

*(ii)* This is required for implementation of the subsidy scheme in the following autonomous districts as introduced by the Government on the recommendation of the special Commission (Iyengar Commission) set up by the Government of India.

								Rs.
(a)	Lungleh	...	...	...	...	...	...	85,500
(b)	Bordering Areas of Garo Hills	...	...	...	...	...	...	96,700
(c)	Bordering Areas of Khasi and Jaintia Hills	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,81,740
Total ...								4,63,940

*(iii)* For subsidy to Lungleh a provision for Rs.1,41,000 already exist in the Budget of the current year. The entire expenditure on the Subsidy Schemes being recoverable at the end of the year from the Government of India, a provision for Rs.6,04,940 (Rs.4,63,940 as above plus Rs.1,41,000 existing Budget grant on account of Lungleh Subsidy) by deduct entry under the head has been made.

## No.29

## (63.—Extraordinary charges)

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister):** Mr. Chairman, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.10,41,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "63.—Extraordinary Charges".

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	21,92,300
II. Additional grant voted in the September 1952 Session of the Assembly.	7,78,241
III. Additional amount now required ... ..	10,41,000
IV. Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for —	

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(III) Consumer's Goods Schemes	9,00,000	1,41,000	10,41,000

The reason for this additional grant is given in the \*Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.10,41,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1953 for the administration of the head "63.—Extra Ordinary Charges".

## No.30

## (63.-B—Community Development Projects)

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister):** Mr. Chairman, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.7,30,144 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "63-B.—Community Development Projects".

## \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

The amount proposed as additional demand (Rs.9,00,000) has been calculated on the basis of accounts already furnished by M/S. S. W. & Co., and also on the expected further despatches upto 31st March 1953 according to the new arrangement for space allotment. The increase (Rs.1,41,000) is also due to expected increased despatch of cement.

					General
					Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...					Nil
II. Sub-heads under which the grant will be accounted for —					
I. State Headquarters—					
(i) Secretariat Staff ...	...	...	...	...	42,600
(ii) Directorate Staff ...	...	...	...	...	35,068
Total ...					77,668
II-A—Project Headquarters ...					3,98,826
B—(i) Agriculture ...	...	...	...	...	15,450
(ii) A. H. Extension ...	...	...	...	...	14,000
C—Irrigation ...	...	...	...	...	17,000
					(to be adjusted again st loan from Government of India.)
D—Reclamation ...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
E—Health and Rural Sanitation ...	...	...	...	...	56,400
F—Education ...	...	...	...	...	11,450
G—Social Education...	...	...	...	...	12,700
H—Communications ...	...	...	...	...	1,18,650
I—Rural Arts, Crafts and Industries ...	...	...	...	...	7,000
J—Training ...	...	...	...	...	1,000
K—Works ...	...	...	...	...	(included in communication above).
Total ...					7,30,144

The reason for this grant is given in the \* Explanatory Notes.

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Development (Community Projects) Department have been created during the current financial year at the instance of the Government of India for execution of two Community Projects and two Development Blocks in this State. A sum of Rs.3,43,494 was provided in the Supplementary Budget of the last September 1952 Session of the Assembly under the Major head "25.—General Administration" for expenditure on State headquarters and project headquarters, which is now being surrendered and a fresh sum of Rs.7,30,144, as shown above, is now required to be provided in the current year's Supplementary Budget under the new Major head "63-B.—Community Development Projects"—opened for the purpose. As the expenditure was unforeseen, an advance of Rs.3,86,650 has been taken for the purpose from the Contingency Fund, in addition to the amount of Rs.3,43,494, as referred to above. Seventy-five per cent. of this expenditure (except the expenditure on Irrigation) will be borne by the Government of India during the current financial year. Details of the above expenditure are given at Appendix 'V'.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Motion moved is that a sum of Rs.7,30,144 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "63-B.—Community Development—Projects".

No.31

(82.—Capital Account of other Provincial works outside the Revenue Account)

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister) :** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.14,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "82.—Capital Account of other Provincial Works outside the Revenue Account".

				Rs.
I. Grant Originally voted by the Assembly	...	...		11,04,400
II. Additional grants voted by the Assembly in the 1952 September Session.				29,900
III. Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—				
		General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
A (b)—Original Works—				
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(i) Roads	...	14,000	...	14,000

The reason for this grant is given in the \*Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.14,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "82.—Capital Account of other Provincial Works outside the Revenue Account".

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

At the instance of the Government of India, certain development projects of communications in rehabilitation centres are to be carried out departmentally during the year 1952-53 and there is provision of Rs.5,000 only for Roads in the sanctioned Budget. An additional sum of Rs.14,000 under "Roads" is required to meet the expenditure probable during the current year 1952-53.

The Government of India have agreed to re-imburse to the State Government the entire amount of this expenditure on the sanctioned Rehabilitation Schemes being fully implemented.

## No.32

(85-A.—Capital Outlay, etc.)

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister):** Mr. Chairman, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam I beg to move that an additional grant of Rs.10,92,291 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "85-A—Capital Outlay, etc."

I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	Rs. 100
II. Additional grant voted by the Assembly in last September 1952 Session.	39,000
Sub-head under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for—	
A.—Grain Storage Scheme—Section III—Add amount transferred from (ii) 29—Police—G—Criminal Investigation Department (c) Border Security Force.	10,91,158
D.—Other Miscellaneous Schemes—(h) expenditure on Establishment and purchase of Goods.	1,133

The reason for this grant is given in the \*\* Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Motion moved is that an additional grant of Rs.10,92,291 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "85-A.—Capital Outlay, etc."

## No.33

(Loans and Advances, etc.)

**Shri MOTIRAM BORA (Minister:)** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.5,35,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "Loans and Advances, etc."

## \*\*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. The increased demand is based partly (Rs.3,84,583) on the final estimates furnished by the Inspector General of Police and partly (Rs.7,06,575) for adjustment of the expenditure under the head incurred during the year 1951-52 which has been kept under "Suspense" in the books of the Accountant General, Assam.

D. The amount is required to make good the loss sustained by disposal of certain unsold consumer goods at reduced rates lying with certain dealers. The Expenditure could not be foreseen while framing the original Budget.

	Rs.		
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..			98,05,000
II. Additional grant voted by the Assembly in the last September 1952 Session.			13,45,000
Additional amount now required ... ..			5,35,000
III. Sub-head under which the additional grant will be accounted for—			
	General	Sixth Schedule Part (A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B. Loans and Advances by the State Government.	2,60,000	2,75,000	5,35,000

The reason for this additional amount is given in the \* Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN :** Motion moved is that an additional sum of Rs.5,35,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953, for the administration of the head "Loans and Advances, etc".

Now I shall put the motions. I start from Demand No.12.

The question is that an additional sum of Rs.13,43,739 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1953 for the administration of the head "29.—Police".

The Motion was adopted.

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

*General.*—Out of Rs.2,60,000, Rs.1,00,000 is required to give loan to rice miller licensees to facilitate better procurement. The decision was taken in later part of the year and the expenditure could not be foreseen. The amount has already been provided by an advance from the Contingency Fund, Rs.50,000 is required to meet the demand of the Dewan Manikchand Wards Estate for loan for the purpose of financing the Bidyanagar Tea Estate which is passing through financial difficulties due to heavy fall in tea market, while Rs.1,10,000 is required for the Development (Community Project) Department which have been created during the current financial year at the instance of the Government of India for creation of two Community Projects and two Development Blocks in this State. The above sum of Rs.1,10,000 is required to issue loans to the village organisation, Co-operatives, Collection Farms, etc., under the development programme during the current financial year. An advance to the above extent has been taken from the Contingency Fund. The above amount of loan is to be obtained from the Government of India under certain terms and conditions which are being finalised by the Government.

*Sixth Schedule Areas.*—The amount asked for is required to grant advances to the District Councils of Autonomous Districts to enable them to carry on their functions. An amount of Rs.1,55,000 has already been advanced from the Contingency Fund.

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister):** Sir, in order to save time I think, you can put all the Motions together.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** Yes, I think that will be better. The Motions are before the House.

The question is that all the Motions in Demands Nos.13 to 33 be passed.

The Motion was adopted.

**Mr. CHAIRMAN:** The House stands adjourned till 10 A. M., tomorrow.

### Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A. M., on Tuesday the 24th March, 1953.

SHILLONG:

*The 27th July, 1953.*

R. N. BARUA,

*Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Assam.*

