



proceedings of the Eleventh Session of the Assam Legislative
Assembly assembled after the Second General Election
under the Sovereign Democratic Republican
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The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 9 A.M. on Friday, the 7th April, 1961.

PRESENT

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury, B.L., Speaker in the Chair,
seven Ministers, three Deputy Ministers and seventy-two Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Allocation under 3rd Five-Year Plan

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

2. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the amount of money allotted under the 3rd Five Year Plan for construction of new roads ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that only a sum of 300 lakhs of rupees has been distributed Subdivision-wise for allotment to different schemes ?
- (c) Whether any money out of this allotment has been kept separate for spill-over schemes of the 2nd Five-Year Plan ?
- (d) If so, what is the amount ?
- (e) When was this money for spill-over schemes allotted and how it has been distributed ?
- (f) Whether the Government will lay on the table the spill-over scheme for which this money has been allotted and on which date the separate allocations scheme-wise was made ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

2. (a)—It was originally proposed to allocate Rs 370.00 lakhs for construction of New Roads but it is now proposed to increase the amount to Rs.525.00 lakhs.

(b)—Yes, the allocation of Rs. 370.00 lakhs was reduced to Rs. 300.00 lakhs for the following reasons—

(i) The original estimate of Rs. 220.00 lakhs for spill-over works was considered insufficient due to less expenditure during the last year of Second Five-Year Plan mainly for want of cement and steel.

(ii) After reassessment of the expenditure for 1960-61 it was considered desirable to take up some new road schemes in the same financial year.

(c) & (d)—Yes, a sum of Rs. 70.00 lakhs was set apart to meet the following expenditures.

(i) Additional amount for spill-over work on account of less expenditure than the targeted expenditure during 1960-61, mainly due to want of cement and steel. Rs. 22.50 lakhs.

(ii) Certain roads in Municipalities Rs. 5.00 lakhs.

(iii) Roads in Dergaon Sugar Mill Areas Rs. 5.00 lakhs.

(iv) Halidaganj-Mankachar Road-cum-Bund Rs. 18.31 lakhs.

(v) Certain other roads in different areas of the State. Rs. 19.19 lakhs.

Total Rs. 70 lakhs.

(e)—In case of items (i) to (iv) of (c) and (d) above allotted on 11th March 1961. In case of item (v) allotted on 30th March 1961. Funds have been distributed as per statement placed on the Library table.

(f)—A statement showing the names of the projects is placed in the Library table.† It is added that out of Rs. 70.00 lakhs only the following has been treated as "Spill-over".

(1) Additional amount for Spill-over works over the original estimate. Rs. 22.00 lakhs.

(2) Mankachar-Halidaganj Road-cum-Embankment. Rs. 18.00 lakhs.

(3) Roads within Municipality Rs. 5.00 lakhs.

Total Rs. 45.00 lakhs.

Date of allotment of the above amount is 11th March 1961.

†**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur)**: Sir, I find from the list placed on the Library table that there is an additional amount of Rs.22,50,000 for spill-over works. What are these spill-over works?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)**: Rupees 22,00,000 is the short-fall of expenditure in 1960-61 which was estimated to be spent during the current year but could not be spent. So, that amount has been treated as spill-over.

†**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI**: Sir, so far as the dates are concerned, the Road Communication Advisory Board met on 22nd February. Why these things were not placed before the Board?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA**: Sir, the re-assessment was made subsequent to that date. Moreover, the Road Communication Board at its meeting in February could not come to a decision even on the principle as to how the fund is to be distributed.

†**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI**: The Road Communication Board also met on 23rd March and certain allotment was made on the 30th March. Why this allotment was not placed before that Board meeting?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA**: Because subsequent re-assessment was made subsequently and in the meantime the selection of roads also took sometime.

†**Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA [Phulbari (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]**: What was the total amount required for spill-over in respect of Hill areas?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA**: This will have to be worked out. This is not handy. I shall supply the information to the hon. Member afterwards.

†**Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA**: Certain amount is required for spill-over scheme. I want to know what was the amount required for spill-over scheme in the Hill areas?

Mr. SPEAKER: The Minister has said that the information is not handy. He will supply you the information later on.

Re: Industrial Loan for Co-operative Press

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED, (Bilasipara), Shri NILMONEY BARTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) and Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

3. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether an Industrial loan has recently been sanctioned to a party at Shillong publishing an English weekly for developing a Co-operative Press so as to make the weekly a daily one?

- (b) If so, what is the name of the Co-operative and who are the members of the said Co-operative ?
- (c) What is the amount sanctioned for the purpose ?
- (d) Whether publishing a paper and developing a Press is an Industrial venture ?
- (e) What is the share capital of the Co-operative ?
- (f) Who are the members of the Executive Committee of the Co-operative ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Industries)
replied :

3. (a)—Yes, an industrial loan has been sanctioned to a party at Shilong for the expansion and improvement of their existing printing press.

(b)—Frontier Times Industrial Co-operative Ltd.

The Members are—

1. Shri P. Choudhury.
2. Mrs. N. Choudhury.
3. Shri Krishna Chhetri.
4. Shri Amiya Kumar Choudhury.
5. Shri A. Ghosh.
6. Shri S. N. Guha.
7. Shri S. C. Das.
8. Shri R. Naug.
9. Mrs. K. Ghosh.
10. Shri D. Kumar Choudhury.
11. Shri R. C. Tarafdar.
12. Shri S. Chakravarty.
13. Shri U Molinson.
14. Shri Sarju Lama.
15. Shri Paulus Tham.
16. Shri A. Bhowmic.
17. Shri Pradip Kr. Chowdhury.

(c)—Rupees 1,50,000.

(d)—Development of a printing Press is a recognised small scale Industry.

(e)—The authorised share capital of the Society is Rs.40,000 and the total paid up share capital at present is Rs.20,000.

(f)—The members of the Executive Committee are—

1. Shri P. N. Chowdhury—Chairman.
2. Shri A. Ghosh—Vice-Chairman.
3. Shri S. K. Dutta—Member.
4. Shri H. Giri—Member.
5. Mrs. N. Choudhury—Member.
6. Shri S. N. Guha—Member.
7. Shri A. Chowdhury—Member.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): May I know whether some of the employees of the Press are members of the Co-operative ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Industries): Yes, Sir, apart from the Chaudhuries other members are mostly artisans in the Press itself.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Jorhat): In view of the fact that the printing presses offer employment potential, will the Government be pleased to take some interest in the printing presses in general in Assam ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY: We are taking interest by giving loans. As a matter of fact, I may point out that up till now we have given loans for printing presses to 22 parties.

Re: District and Sessions Judges

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked:

4. Will the Minister-in-charge of Judicial be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the District and Sessions Judges are recognised as Heads of Departments under the Government of Assam ?
- (b) Whether the staff of the said Departments are given the same status as that of other Heads of Departments ?
- (c) If not, why ?
- (d) Whether Government will please consider their case and give them same status and emoluments as that of other Heads of Departments ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Law) replied :

4. (a)—Yes, for certain purposes. Attention of the Hon'ble Member is drawn to Fundamental Rule and Subsidiary Rule, Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1960.

(b)—No.

(c)—For smooth, effective efficient and economic running of the administration, the machinery of the Government consists of various categories of Departments, with distinct and specified functions ; though for the purposes of Fundamental Rule and Subsidiary Rule and Delegation of Financial Powers Rules, 1960, establishments of the District and Sessions Judges and the other Heads of Departments, such as the Director of Agriculture, etc., are both classified as Heads of Departments but for the purposes of pay scale they are treated otherwise. The pay scale of the District and Sessions Judges' establishment is that of the District Offices, namely, Deputy Commissioner's establishment. This difference is in force for a very long time.

(d)—The functions of the staff of the District and Sessions Judges are mostly stereotyped and mechanical like that of the Deputy Commissioner's establishment. The structure of the pay scale of the various categories were looked into by the last Pay Committee which was constituted in pursuance of the Resolution adopted in June 1955 Session of the Assembly. In their recommendation, no point was made out for equating the pay scale of the establishment of the District and Sessions Judges with the other Heads of Departments carrying a higher pay scale. The recommendation of the 1955 Pay Committee has been accepted by the Government and the Government do not consider it necessary to re-open the matter.

†**Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi)** : Though the Pay Committee did not recommend their case, in view of the fact that the Judicial Department is the custodian of justice, will Government be pleased to re-consider their case ?

†**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED** : I have already stated that circumstances do not warrant any reconsideration of their case. They got the same scale of pay as the establishment under the Deputy Commissioner.

Re : Pipeline

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

5. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—
 - (a) What is the respective estimated cost per mile of a pipeline and broad gauge railway in plain country excluding bridging of major streams ?
 - (b) Whether the Government have examined with the Centre the possibilities of extending to Assam the broad gauge railway now reaching Siliguri ?

†Speech not corrected.

- (c) Whether Government considered the all round advantages of a broad gauge railway to Assam instead of the proposed product pipeline for carrying the refined products from Gauhati refinery to the broad gauge railhead at Siliguri ?
- (d) Whether Government represented to the Centre that a broad gauge railway will be generally more useful than a product pipeline which can have only a restricted use ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Industries)
replied :

5. (a)—The approximate average cost of construction per mile of a broad gauge railway line, including bridging works out to about Rs.8 lakhs per mile. The cost per mile of a pipeline is dependent on various factors such as the pipeline diameter, the nature and volume of throughput, the ancillary stations that may be necessary and other factors. For the Oil India pipeline for crude oil, the estimated cost comes to about Rs.6 lakhs per mile inclusive of river crossing, etc. I may add here that if it is a product pipeline to carry the same, the diameter will be perhaps less and to that extent the cost may be a bit lesser.

(b)—Yes. The matter has been taken up with the Government of India and their decision is awaited.

(c)—The two proposals should not be considered as necessarily linked or as alternatives to one another. A broad gauge railway line upto Gauhati is considered, in any case, essential to meet the transport bottleneck which continues to face the State and which may be further aggravated with industrial growth and overall development in the next few years. The products pipeline proposal, which was originally suggested by this Government in the context of refinery location, is now being considered as one of the alternatives to tackle the difficulties arising out of the movement of refined products out of Assam. No final decision in this regard has been taken yet. Here also I may add that not merely for Assam but the Government of India are considering construction of products pipelines from Barauni to Delhi and other places.

(d)—No. As stated above, the two proposals should not be viewed as alternatives. Even if a broad gauge railway line was approved upto Assam, it may still be necessary to have a products pipeline to relieve the heavy pressure on the railway and *vice versa*. The details regarding the products pipeline proposal are however, being taken up with the Government of India.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): With regard to (a), when there is a permanent way for a meter gauge railway, is it not a fact that the cost of a broad gauge railway will be less than 8 lakhs of rupees per mile ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY: It would be less to some extent, but how much less it will be difficult for me to say now.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) : Is it not a fact that if there is a broad gauge line from Siliguri to Amingaon the congestion in the railway will also be less ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Industries) : It is for this reason that we have been asking the Government of India to extend the broad gauge railway line to Assam.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI : Is it not a fact that from Siliguri the products of the refinery will have to be carried by railway to Baruni or any other place ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY : So far as I understand if the products pipeline idea is accepted the product pipeline perhaps will be extended beyond Siliguri.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI : Is it not a fact that up till now the idea is to extend the pipeline only upto Siliguri ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY : The product pipeline idea has not yet matured. There was only one discussion, so far as I understand, in the Directors' Board meeting. Further consideration has not taken place and naturally the idea of extending only upto Siliguri and not further will meet with a great deal of objection. Therefore the idea to extend it only upto Siliguri seems to be very inadequate and not a mature idea on which any theory can be based at the present moment.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Jorhat) : What is the response of the Government of India to the request of the State Government to extend the broad gauge line ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY : Up till now the Government of India have not indicated anything in the matter. Last time we had a conference here, about 15 days back, in which we discussed with a representative of the Railway and a representative of the Steamer Companies and we were surprised to find that as against the Second Plan target of 400 wagons each way on the link line they were providing only 250.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY : Out of that only 50 were allocated for high priority movements. Therefore the requirement of the State of Assam is hardly met and this matter has been brought expressly to the notice of the Government of India. At that time we also discussed whether we should get some wagons through Pakistan and the proposal was that 20 broad gauge wagons should be moved to relieve the shortage.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI : Even though an alternative scheme may not be taken, will the Government place all the figures and also the desire of the people before the Government of India to have a broad gauge line from Siliguri to Amingaon ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY : I fully agree with the hon. Member. We will leave no stone unturned to link Siliguri with the rest of Assam by a broad gauge.

Re : Molestation of two young Garo Girls by Police Officers and Local Goonda of Dhubri

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA [Phulbari (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

6. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that on 24th March, 1961 at about 10 p.m. two thana Police Officers, namely (1) Haren Sarma and (2) Nani Sarma of Dhubri Thana made an attempt with the help of a local Goonda to molest two young Garo girls both from Tura, Garo Hills, who paid a casual visit to Dhubri and were staying at Anandamayai hotel?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that other thana officers having been influenced by these officers refused to make entry of the case in the Thana when reported and as a result the Additional Superintendent of Police himself had to come to Thana in order to make entry of the case?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Police Officers have been placed under suspension after enquiry by the Deputy Commissioner on the subsequent day of the occurrence and the Goonda has been arrested and taken to jail custody?
- (d) In case the replies to the above are in the affirmative what further actions Government propose to take against the Police Officers and the local goonda?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

6. (a)—According to an ejhar lodged in the Dhubri P.S., two Garo girls accompanied by their brother and two other persons came to Dhubri from Tura to see Ashokastami mela on 24th March last and stayed at Anandmayee Hotel. At 5.30 p.m. they went to the cinema and returned after the show was over. Two Sub-Inspectors whom they had met before came to the Hotel and enquired of the brother and threatened him that he must give his sisters over otherwise he will be arrested. On his refusal, they were ordered to proceed to the Police Station. The Sub-Inspectors were accompanied by a goonda. The girls proceeded in one rickshaw while their brother and the goonda proceeded in another rickshaw. The Sub-Inspectors proceeded in their cycles. On the way the goonda pushed the girls' brother and overtook the girls. He caught the arm of one girl and tried to assault her. The girl released herself and took shelter in a petrol pump. The occurrence took place at about 10 p.m. A case has been registered under Section 354 I.P.C. and investigation has been taken up.

(b)—It is not a fact that other Thana Officers refused to make entry of the case when reported having been influenced by the probationary Sub-Inspectors. The Additional Superintendent of Police on receiving information immediately proceeded to the spot. Meanwhile information was also received in the Police Station and a general diary entry was made and a Police Party was sent to the place of occurrence to bring the girls to the Police Station. When the complainants actually came to the Thana, the first information report was taken and a case registered.

(c)—The Deputy Commissioner also proceeded to the spot on receiving information on the following day. The Superintendent of Police was out on tour and on his return to headquarters and on being informed of the details of the case, immediately ordered suspension of the probationary Sub-Inspectors. One, Enayatur Rahman has been arrested in connection with the case.

(d)—In view of the fact that a case has been taken up, Government do not propose to take any action against Enayatur Rahman, but have directed that careful investigation of the case should be made. As far as the probationary Sub-Inspectors are concerned, disciplinary action is being taken against them.

†**Capt. WILLIAM SON A. SANGMA** [Phulbari (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Whether it is a fact that the girls were asleep when the two thana officers arrived at the hotel and under the plea that they come to Dhubri without previous permission, the girls were asked to proceed to the thana?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA** (Chief Minister): Sir, with regard to the allegation, what I have put in reply is from the ejahar that was filed by the complainants, and which I have received from the Deputy Commissioner. According to the Deputy Commissioner's message the ejahar is like this:

"I came to Dhubri to see Ashokastomi mela accompanied by my younger brother and cousin sister. We lodged at the Anadamoyee Hotel. At 5-30 P. M. we went to Rupali cinema and took seats in the balcony. We returned after show was over. After some time we went to sleep. I came to learn that two Sub-Inspectors whom I met before enquired about my brother and threatened him: 'you must give your sister to us otherwise you will be arrested.' On refusal we were ordered to be ready to come to police station. There was one Goonda. The Goonda accompanied my brother in a rickshaw and the Sub-Inspectors proceeded ahead with their cycles. Afterwards the Goonda pushed down my brother from the rickshaw and overtook us and caught hold of my right hand and tried to embrace me by catching my hair. Also he told us that if we yielded to them they would not take us to police station and they would reach us back by 3 A.M. or 4 A.M. But before he could apply force I released myself from his clutches and took shelter at Caltex petrol pump. The occurrence was witnessed by one constable C/79 Chandi Prosad Roy, and the son of Retired police driver and also Driver Davidson Sangma and also by one Bimal Nag of Caltex. Now I pray the matter may be investigated. The statement in ejahar is true. I do not know the name of the Goonda but will be able to identify him. The occurrence took place at 10 P.M. Ejahar was dictated in Garo language and was recorded in Assamese by Rabinsom Marak, Constable of Reserve Polic, Dhubri.

†**Capt. WILLIAM A. SANGMA**: Whether it is a fact that these goonda were engaged by thana officers to get over the girls for them?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA**: The matter is under investigation now; therefore all that is possible for me is to quote the actual complaint that was lodged in the thana and other steps which have been taken.

†Maulavi JAHAN NUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara): May I know the names of the officers who have been suspended?

†Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): The names have been given as Haren Sarma and Nani Sarma.

†Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]: Who was the officer present there who translated Garo language into Assamese?

†Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: The Additional S. P. must have been there, but I cannot give a definite reply to that.

†Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA [Phulbari (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Whether it is a fact the Additional S.P. telephonically enquired from the thana office as to whether the case had been registered the reply was in the negative, and because of that the Additional S. P. had to come down to thana to enquire?

†Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: My information is that the Additional S.P. on receiving information immediately proceeded to the spot; meanwhile the information was received in the police station and a general diary was made and a police party was sent to the place of occurrence to bring the girls.

†Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA: What was the necessity for the Additional S.P. to proceed to the thana when that could be possible for the thana officers themselves?

†Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: This is a short notice question. So whatever information I could collect I have placed before the House. If details are necessary then I will require notice.

†Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi): May I know whether the accused persons have been arrested, and if so, whether they have been granted bail or they have been kept in the Hajat?

†Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: According to reports which I have, it appears that one person has been arrested and two are under suspension.

†Maulavi JAHAN NUDDIN AHMED: Whether it is a fact that Anandamayai Hotel is just in front of the police station?

†Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: I do not know the exact location. The hon. member is the best man to say that.

†Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA: May I know whether any statement has been taken from the goonda, and if so, does the statement give any indication that he was engaged by the thana officer for getting over those girls?

†Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: This information I will have to collect. According to the report which I have now I do not have this information.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Re: Marketing Co-operative Societies in Barpeta Subdivision**Shri MAHADEV DAS [Barpeta (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]**
asked :***156.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Marketing Co-operative Societies are there throughout the Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) What are their names ?
- (c) Whether Government finance the Marketing Societies by loan or subsidy ?
- (d) If so, what were the financing help given by the Government in the shape of loan or subsidy to each Marketing Society up-till now ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that there are many Marketing Societies of which members are Millers ?
- (f) What steps have been taken by Government to remove the irregularities that have been pointed out by the Government audit in audit reports ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operative
replied :

156. (a)—There are 7 (seven) Marketing Societies in Barpeta Sub-division.

(b)—Names of the Societies—

1. Jalah Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited.
2. Bajali Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited.
3. Kayakuchi Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited.
4. Baranagar Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited.
5. Howli Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited.
6. Sarupeta Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited.
7. Gobardhana Co-operative Marketing Society, Limited.

(c)—Government have helped the societies by giving loan and subsidy for construction of godowns, subsidy for maintenance of staff and by contributing to share capital of the societies. Government do not provide finance for business of the society. This they are to obtain from Banks.

(d)—Help given to the societies in the shape of loan and subsidy of Barpeta Subdivision shown below—

	Share capital contribution	Loan for Godowns	Subsidy for godowns	Subsidy for staff
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Jalah C. M. S., Ltd. ..	10,000	15,000	5,000	2,500
2. Bajali C. M. S., Ltd. ..	10,000	15,000	5,000	5,000
3. Kayakuchi C. M. S., Ltd.	10,000	15,000	5,000	2,500
4. Baranagar C. M. S., Ltd.	10,000	15,000	5,000	4,100
5. Howli C. M. S., Ltd. ...	10,000	15,000	5,000	5,000
6. Sarupeta C. M. S., Ltd.	10,000	15,000	5,000	2,500
7. Gobardhana C. M. S., Ltd.	10,000	15,000	5,000	2,500

(e)—We have no information to this effect. We have asked the local officer to verify this assertion.

(f)—The societies are directed to remove the defects and Officers of the Department to see to it that the defects are removed as far as possible.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East): Can the Deputy Minister tell about the business carried on by the Societies which have been given subsidy and loan for construction of the house?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operative): This is a separate question altogether.

(Starred Question No.157 standing in the name of Shri Phani Bora was not put and answered as the Questioner was absent).

Re: Requisition of Land of Hingrijan Tea Estate

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

- *158. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—
- Whether under the advise of Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Sibsagar, some 93 bighas of land belonging to Hingrijan Tea Estate were requisitioned?
 - If so, when?
 - Whether the said land was allotted and possession given?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

158. (a)—Yes. 96 bighas of land were requisitioned from Hingrijan Tea Estate.
- On 3rd September 1959.
 - Allotment was made and possession of the land was given to the allottees on 12th January 1960.

Re: Introduction of present system of purchasing medicines for Government Hospitals and Dispensaries

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] and **Shri PRAKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA** (Gauripur) asked :

*159. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the present system of purchasing medicine for the Government Hospitals and dispensaries ?
- (b) Since when this system of purchase has been introduced ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that due to the centralised system of purchase many dispensaries and Hospitals in the State are going on without any common medicine even ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

159. (a)—Most of the requirements of medicines for Government Hospitals and Dispensaries are obtained from the Medical Stores Depot, Calcutta. Beside the normal supplies from Medical Stores Depot, Calcutta, additional medical stores are supplied to the hospitals and dispensaries according to their requirements by local purchase. There is a Central Purchase Board at the headquarter. Rates of medicines are approved by the Purchase Board after calling for quotations from the approved firms, and purchase of stores is made by the Civil Surgeons concerned according to the approved price list of drugs and chemicals.

(b)—The present system has been introduced since January, 1960.

(c)—No such instance has been reported from any quarter that dispensaries and hospitals are going on without common medicines nor there is any reason for such lapse, in view of the fact that the institutions are provided with necessary drugs.

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA : মাননীয় মন্ত্রীমহোদয় বলেছেন কোন Hospital বিনা ঐষণ চলচে এই কথা তিনি জানেন না আমি জানতে চাই, আমার প্রশ্ন পাওয়ার পর তিনি কই খনা Hospital enquiry করে দেখেছেন ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : The report is that necessary medicines have been supplied to all the dispensaries and hospitals.

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] : আমি জানি, সিলচরের রামকৃষ্ণনগর হস্পিটালে, এখন কি, common medicine সলফাওয়ানডিন, টিংচারআওডিন এ প্রযুক্ত ছিল না এবং তা পাথার কান্দি Hospital থেকে নিয়ে ? সেখানকার ডাক্তার কাম চালিয়েছেন ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : I am not quite sure of that.

I do not know the exact position, but I will look into it.

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA : এটাকি সত্য নয় যে চরকার Medicine গুলি East India Company থেকে কিনবার জন্য ঠিক করেছে।

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: For that I require notice as this refers to a particular firm.

Mr. SPEAKER: The allagation is that Government have adopted a policy of purchasing medicines from a particular firm.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: That is not the policy of the Government.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East): The Minister has denied knowledge of shortage of medicine. Will the Minister consider the views expressed by the hon. Member that many of the hospitals and dispensaries are going without medicine and make enquiry into it ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical): We have not received any official report from any quarters that there is shortage of medicine. There may be shortage of special medicines in some places ; but regarding common medicines we do not have any report.

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: এটাকি সভা M. & B., Product Cila এবং I. C. I. Product, East East India Company থেকে কিনা হয় ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: I cannot reply to that off hand.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister ignore the views expressed in this House till the receipt of the official report from the official quarters ?

Sari RUPNATH BRAHMA: I may enquire into the matter whether that is the position if any specific instance is brought to my notice. My information is that there is no such official report to show that there is shortage of medicines in the dispensaries.

(Starred Question No.160 standing in the name of Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharyya was not put and answered as the Quester was absent).

Re : Encroachment of the Diroi Forest Reserve

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*161. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that encroachment of the Diroi Forest Reserve has been made during the last two/three years at Jelukoni and other small pathas by some people of different places of Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether Government have enquired whether these are political encroachments or the people are actually landless ?
- (c) What step Government have taken to evict the encroachers ?
- (d) Whether Government have declared that encroachers are to be dealt with severely ?
- (e) What was the total area of land encroached by these people in 1959-60 cultivation season and from how many bighas of land the encroachers were evicted ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

161. (a)—Yes.

(b)—It is suspected that not only the landless people but also others are committing encroachments being instigated by some interested party. It has not been possible to ascertain how many of them are actually landless.

(c) & (d)—In accordance with the declared policy of the Government to deal with the encroachers severely these encroachers were repeatedly evicted with police help and the Divisional Forest Officer also dismantled houses, sold crops, etc., in exercise of the powers conferred on him under the rules. The encroachers have, however, been re-encroaching despite these drastic steps, acting no doubt under instigation of some interested party. During the years, 1958-60, 22 cases involving 139 encroachers were submitted for trial and out of these, 4 cases failed and 10 have been disposed of by conviction of the encroachers. Eight cases are still pending in Court. In the cases in which the accused were convicted fines ranging from Rs.10 to Rs.50 were imposed and imprisonments were prescribed in default of payment. But even this conviction has not prevented some of these encroachers from committing re-encroachment.

(e)—The total area of the Reserve Forest land encroached in 1959-60 was approximately 200 bighas and the encroachers were evicted from this entries area.

Re: Opium addicts

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*162. Will the Minister-in-charge of Excise be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Medical Officer, Chabua Opiums Treatment Centre instructed the Prohibition Organiser there not to bring any more opium addicts for treatment for dearth of medicine ?
- (b) Who is responsible in arranging medicines and other necessities in the treatment centre ?
- (c) What is the rent being paid for the house used as treatment centre ?
- (d) Since when the admission of addicts in this centre was suspended for want of medicine ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise) replied :

162. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Honorary Prohibition Commissioner, Assam.

(c)—No rent has yet been paid, but there is a proposal under consideration for payment of rent at Rs.65 per mensem for the houses used as treatment centre.

(d)—From 7th March 1961.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Sir, why no medicines were made available to this Opium Treatment Centre ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise): The Honorary Prohibition Commissioner made certain delay for about three months and no medicine came during the period.

Re: Survey of Industrial possibilities of Assam

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] and Shri PRAKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA (Gouripur) asked :

*163. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries, etc., be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that during the end of the first Five Year Plan period one Mission surveyed the Industrial possibility of Assam and submitted a report to this effect ?
- (b) What are industries they recommended to establish in Assam ?
- (c) Whether Government has taken any step to establish any of these industries ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Industries) replied :

163. (a)—Yes, a Japanese delegation investigated the possibilities of development of Cottage Industries in Assam by utilising natural resources such as wood, cane and bamboo

(b)—1. Timber based industries, *e.g.*—

(i) Saw Mill.

(ii) Wood working industry, *viz.*, furniture making, etc.

(iii) Plywood.

(iv) Improvement of housing in rural areas by use of Timber.

2. Cane Mill,

3. Bamboo Mill

(c)—Government have since established a cane and bamboo mill in the Gauhati Industrial Block ; and a proposal to establish another bamboo mill at Silchar, is under consideration of Government.

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA: It is a fact that one Czechoslovakian Mission also surveyed the industrial possibilities of Assam and submitted a detailed scheme for ropeway, cement factory, sugar mill and coal fields at Jowai ?

Shri KAMAKHYA [PRASAD TRIPATHI]: Sir, it was not a general survey of Assam. They came on invitation and they were consulted about the ropeway and the cement factory. They gave the report and on the basis of the report, we have taken some steps and we are going ahead both with regard to the ropeway and the cement factory.

Re: Permit system to go to North-East Frontier Agency**Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog)** asked :***164.** Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government propose to represent to the Central Government to abolish permit system to go to North-East Frontier Agency ?
- (b) If so, when ?

***164A.** Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether permits are required to go to Mizo Hills ?
- (b) When this permit system was introduced ?
- (c) Whether this permit system will be abolished ?
- (d) If so, when ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

164. (a)—Not at present.
 (b)—Does not arise.

164A. (a)—Yes. Permits are required to enter the Mizo District as an Inner Line for the said District has been prescribed under Section 2 of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 (V of 1873), by which all persons other than officers on Government duty and indigenous inhabitants of the area are prohibited from going beyond that Line without a pass from the Deputy Commissioner, Mizo district.

(b)—The permit system was introduced in 1930.

(c)—No. At present there is no contemplation of abolishing this system.

(d)—Does not arise.

Re: Dibrugarh revetment**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :***165.** Will the Minister in-charge of Public Works Department (Em-bankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that a new channel of the Brahmaputra has cut across the sand from the Northern side to Southern Bank right up to the stone Spur No.4 behind the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Dibrugarh ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that last year in the month of July the heavy rush of water of the channel washed away the timber Spur (a major portion) on the eastern side of the stone Spur No.4 and Dyke was also threatened ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that a portion of the stone revetment along the Dyke in front of Tinsukia and Hotel Indiana were washed away in the last rainy season ?
- (d) What actions are taken by Government to avert further damage of the revetment and spurs as well as the Dyke ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

165. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. The timber spur on the eastern side of Stone Spur No.4 was only damaged. The dyke on the down stream of Spur No.5 was only threatened.

(c)—No. The stone revetment was only slightly damaged.

(d)—Government have already taken adequate measures to strengthen the existing structure and to restore the damaged structures and the work is in advanced progress.

Re: Safeguards for Tribal people

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

*166. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state what are the different safeguards provided for the tribal people of both Hills and Plains?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

166.—The following safeguards are provided for tribal people both hills and plains—

- (1) In order to intensify the economic and educational development of the tribals of Assam a special welfare programme is drawn up under Art. 275 of the Constitution. This programme is a supplementary one, *i.e.*, in addition to the welfare programme drawn up by other Departments from normal State budget.
- (2) Moreover a separate programme namely Centrally Sponsored, Programme is also implemented by the Central Government for the welfare of these tribals.
- (3) As regards settlement of land to Plains tribals of the State, Tribal Belts and Blocks have been constituted for giving settlement of lands to landless Scheduled Tribes of Plains. Similarly in the Autonomous Districts the District Councils have formulated some legislation regarding land transfer, etc., under the Sixth Schedule.
- (4) In order to ensure adequate representation of the Scheduled Tribes of the State in different categories of Services under State Government, Government has reserved 10 per cent of the posts for members of Scheduled Tribes of Plains and 12 per cent for members of Scheduled Tribes of Hills.
- (5) In the matter of settlement of contracts ferries, fisheries permits, forest mahals, toll-bridges, excise-shops, etc., the members of the Scheduled Tribes are entitled to a concession upto the limit of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent below the highest bid offered subject to suitability of candidates. They are also allowed the concession to deposit only 50 per cent of the standard amount of the security or earnest money fixed for the purpose.

(6) As regards political safeguards the Scheduled Tribes of the State have been given reserved seats as follows—

1. In the State Legislature (Hills Tribals)—14 Seats.
2. In the Lok Sabha (Hills Tribals)—1 Seat.
3. In the State Legislature (Plains Tribals)—9 Seats.
4. In the Lok Sabha (Plains Tribals)—1 seat.

But it may be mentioned here that hills tribals living in the Plains districts of the State and *vice-versa* are entitled only to the educational and economic safeguards and not to the political preferences.

In order to safeguard the interest of the Scheduled Tribes of the Autonomous Districts of the State, District and Regional Councils have been constituted under the provisions of the Sixth Schedule to the Constitution of India. These Councils have got various powers to safeguard the interest of the Scheduled Tribes of Hills.

Shri BAIKUNTHA NATH DAS [Rangiya (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: Is there any reservation in the Services apart from Class I and Class II:

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Parliamentary Secretary): There is.

Re: Removal of trenching ground by Jorhat Municipal Board

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked:

*167. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government have given some money to Jorhat Municipal Board for removing the trenching ground from the present place?
- (b) If so, what is the amount and when it was given?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the trenching ground is situated just on by the main road to the Engineering College?
- (d) Whether Government propose to direct the Jorhat Municipal Board to shift the trenching ground within a month?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied:

167. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—Rs. 27,548 was sanctioned on 18th December 1958 and drawn on 27th February 1959.
- (c)—Yes.
- (d)—The trenching ground will be shifted immediately on receipt of a suitable alternative site.

Re: Central Fishery Scheme at Jorhat

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Katonigaon) asked :

*168. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a Central Fishery Scheme was to be undertaken in the Jorhat Municipal Board tank near State Electric Supply ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the request of Department made to the Municipal Board giving the said tank to the Fishery Department has been refused by the Board ?
- (c) Whether Government proposed to direct the Municipal Board to allow the tank to the Fishery Department for launching the research scheme by utilising the tank ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

168. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. The position is that the Jorhat Municipal Board has originally agreed to hand over the tank to the Fishery Department on lease at a token annual rent of Rs.100. But recently the Board has revised their decision and intimated to the Fishery Department that they may consider about sale of the tank outright for a sum of Rs.60,000 or lease out it at Rs.3,000 per year.

(c)—As per latest offer made by the Municipal Board the Fishery Department has written to the Government of India to inform their decision whether they are agreeable to purchase the tank outright at Rs.60,000 offered by the Municipal Board. On receipt of the reply the matter will be taken up by Government.

Re: Drinking Water, Road Communication and Medical facilities in Mikir Villages of Gahpur Reserve Forest

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*169. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there have been no drinking-water, road-communication and medical facilities at all in the (1) Simalguri, (2) Brahmapur, (3) Pulichumonia, (4) Santipurgaon and some other Mikir villages in Gahpur Reserve Forest under Tezpur Subdivision since they were given settlement in the said Forest Reserve as Forest villagers in 1951 after the great earthquake of 1950 ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that these people of the above villages (excepting the Mikir village) migrated from different parts of the Subonsiri Circle after devastation of their hearths and home by the great earthquake and due to their poverty they cannot afford to contribute themselves towards their developments ?
- (c) If so, whether Government propose to take necessary steps to give adequate developmental facilities to these people in distress ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

169. (a)—There are some wells and some roads but the exact number of wells and the exact mileage of roads is not readily available. The information will be furnished to the Hon'ble Member when available. No medical facilities could also be provided for these villages because of shortage of doctors.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, according to availability of funds.

Re : Beauties of Assam Forests

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHAUDHURY (Boko) asked :

*170. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether with a view to beautify the forests of Assam and to attract visitors, Government propose to consider to make a scheme to protect and maintain some trees of fine qualities as monumental trees ?

(b) Whether Government propose not to allow marking of such trees for cutting for ordinary purpose ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

170. (a) & (b)—No special scheme for this purpose is proposed to be prepared. Even at present, the Department follows silvicultural methods to give scope to trees of good stem form and crown development to grow to full maturity by thinning-out inferior trees. Such trees, however, have to be cut down when they have reached their full life span which, in the sub-tropical conditions, is not very long.

Re : Eviction of Shri Tajuddin Munshi

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*171. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Dag No.519 of Paschim Balikuri village, Chit No.2, Mouza Baghar within Barpeta Sub-division is a R. A. land ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that one Tajuddin Munshi, son of Bujur Ali, was evicted from that plot of land in April, 1959 and this man has got patta on 1st March 1960 for the same plot of land ?

(c) If so, why ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

171. (a)—The land in question was a part of the area kept reserved for rehabilitation of some displaced persons from East Pakistan.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The eviction was rightly done, as he occupied land in Dag No.519 which was kept reserved for the refugees. Shri Tajuddin Munshi applied for settlement of 14 Bighas, 2 Kathas, 4 Lessas of land in Dag Nos.711, 617 and Dag No.519. The Sub-Deputy Collector through mistake, directed Shri Munshi in 1957 to credit premium for the entire land. Shri Munshi did not credit premium until on 15th September 1959 on which date he credited premium for this land including 5 Bighas, 3 Kathas, 9 Lessas of reserved Dag No.519 although he was evicted from this land earlier. Settlement of 5 Bighas, 3 Kathas, 9 Lessas in Dag No.519 was given on verification of the wrong challan. This mistake is now being corrected.

Re : Price of Mustard Oil

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*172. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the price of Mustard Oil at Dibrugarh and Tinsukia has gone up to Rs.100 (one hundred) or above per tin this year ?
- (b) What was the price of Mustard Oil at Dibrugarh and Tinsukia previous to January, 1961 ?
- (c) The prices of Mustard Oil in different towns of Assam this year showing the prices last year, specially at Gauhati, Jorhat, Nowgong and Silchar ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that Mustard Oil is one of the daily necessities of common people now-a-days ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

172. (a)—No.

(b)—At Dibrugarh Rs. 40.50 per tin in December 1960.
At Tinsukia Rs. 39.75 per tin in December 1960.

(c)—A statement is placed in the Library Table, which is as follows—

Town	Price per tin in March 1960	Price per tin in March 1961
1. Gauhati	38.50	41.00
2. Nowgong	38.00 to 39.00	43.00
3. Jorhat	38.25	45.00
4. Dibrugarh	35.00	45.00
5. Tinsukia	34.25	44.25
6. Silchar	43.75	46.00 to 50.50
7. Tezpur	40.50	45.00
8. Sibsagar	37.00	45.00
9. North Lakhimpur	41.00	44.00
10. Shillong	39.00	45.00
11. Karimganj	45.00	46.00
12. Barpeta	44.00	45.50
13. Dhubri	37.75	46.00

(d)—Yes.

Re: Assistant Settlement Officer, Baghbar Circle

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*173. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there are many cases within Baghbar Circle under Barpeta Subdivision where the order of Settlement Officer, Kamrup of the year 1954 was not carried out by the Assistant Settlement Officer, Baghbar Circle up to this time ?
- (b) Whether in this connection the Minister would refer to Revenue appeals Nos. 55, 56, 58 and other cases of 1952-53 also petitions Nos. 185 of 1957-58 and 303 of 1960-61 filed before the Assistant Settlement Officer, Baghbar Circle ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

173. (a)—It is not a fact.

(b)—It is not a fact that the Settlement Officer's order was not carried out. The fact is that the Settlement Officer rejected the appeals filed by Shri Baseruddin and two others. In rejecting the appeals the Settlement Officer directed that if the settlement holder, Shri Hem Kanta Das was found to have not occupied the land, he should not be allowed to hold the patta and the annual patta should be cancelled after service of non-renewal notice. In pursuance of that order the Assistant Settlement Officer passed orders for issue of non-renewal notice. The non-renewal notice could not however be issued as the pattadar in the meantime filed a Civil Suit and he has obtained a decree for khas possession from the Civil Court, Barpeta.

Re: Pending Kabula petitions in Baghbar Circle

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED asked :

*174. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Kabula petitions after proper enquiry and verification are pending in Baghbar Circle within Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) Why they are pending ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

174. (a) —Two hundred and thirty-seven.

(b)—The petitions relate to area under encroachment and encroachment proceedings are in progress. The petitions will be disposed of along with the disposal of the encroachment proceedings. The Sub-divisional Officer, Barpeta has been asked to dispose of the encroachment cases as expeditiously as possible.

Re: Kabula Petitions of Baghbar Circle

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

*175. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- Whether it is a fact that many Kabula Petitions of Baghbar Circle within Barpeta Subdivision are pending with the Settlement Kanungoes after Mandal's enquiry for a long time?
- If so, how many such petitions are pending with each individual Settlement Kanungo and since when they are pending?
- Whether Government propose to do needful to root out the corruptions in Baghbar Circle office in this connection?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

175. (a)—One hundred and seven such petitions are pending with the Supervisor Kanungoes of Baghbar Circle.

(b)—The informations are as follows—

Name of Supervisor Kanungoe	Pending over one year	Pending over six months	Pending over 3 months	Pending below 3 months	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1. Shri Labbodar Nayak ...	90	2	1	3	96
2. Shri Refajuddin Ahmed ...	...	4	...	...	4
3. Shri Abdul Aziz ...	7	...	...	...	7

(c)—Government will surely do so if specific case is brought to the notice of Government. The mere fact that some petitions are pending for enquiries does not necessarily mean corruption in the staff.

Re: Employees of the Rural Development

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

*176. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development and Panchayat be please to state —

- How many employees in the Rural Development Department was made permanent?
- How many of them who served for more than 5 years are yet to be made permanent?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat, etc.) replied :

176. (a)—Fifteen.

(b)—One hundred and twenty-five.

Re Dhansiri Bridge on Golaghat-Dimapur Road

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked :

*177. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

(a) When the decking of the Dhansiri Bridge on Golaghat-Dimapur Road near Golaghat town of Golaghat Division was replaced by R.C.C. in place of wooden planks ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that within about 3 or 4 months after completion of the decking the whole surface of the bridge cracked and became unsafe for traffic ?

(c) If so, who is responsible for such weak construction of the work ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department Roads and Buildings) replied :

177. (a)—Replacement was done from 20th February 1960 to 12th March 1960.

(b)—No. Only a portion about two square feet was damaged on 31st January 1961, after 10½ months of completion which has been since repaired.

(c)—This is being enquired into.

Re : Service Co-operatives

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko) asked :

*178. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) How many Service Co-operatives have been formed in the South Bank of Kampur District ?

(b) Whether there is any lag on the part of Co-operative Department to form maximum numbers of service Co-operatives ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

178. (a)—Eighty-six Service Co-operatives have since been formed in the South Bank of Kamrup District.

(b)—There are technical difficulties in forming new societies where there are already existing societies. The existing societies are to be improved and then converted to Service Co-operative in that case. This takes time. The existing credit societies can take up the services necessary for agricultural production even with their present bye-laws.

Re: Cattle loan

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko) asked

*179. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) How many applications for cattle loans were received by Co-operative Department from the cultivators of Gauhati Subdivision during the last three years ?

(b) How many of these applications have been disposed ?

(c) What amount is paid on this account ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

179. (a), (b) & (c)—Cattle loan is issued not by Co-operative Department direct, but through Central Bank who in turn issue the loan to Primary Societies and the latter to the ultimate borrower. Information wanted by Hon'ble Member was called for from the Central Bank but has not been received so far.

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY: Cattle Loan
ব যিবিলাক দৰ্খাস্ত, সেইবিলাক S.D.C. ৰ পৰা আনি Cooperative এ Central Bank ক দিয়া হৈছে নে ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA : I have no information.

(The question hour was over)

Mr. SPEAKER : This is the last day of the Session. The replies to all unfinished Starred Questions will be printed and circulated to the Members and such replies will form part of Proceedings of today.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) : If we are to wait till the replies are printed it will take a long delay. So I suggest that this should be cyclostyled and circulated to Members.

Mr. SPEAKER : I shall see to it.

Starred Questions Not Replied But Printed Under Rule 47

Re: Lecturer of Cotton College

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

- *180. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—
- Whether it is a fact that one Lecturer in Physics in Cotton College was appointed in or about the month of November 1960 and he was a Second Class M.Sc. ?
 - Whether it is a fact that there were at least 2 (two) First Class M.Sc. candidates for this post ?
 - Who were the First Class candidates and to which communities they belonged ?
 - Whether there was any First Class candidate belonging to the Backward Classes ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

180. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—1. Shri J. N. Baruah.

2. Shri J. N. Das.

3. Shri T. D. Goswami.

4. Shri T. C. Sarma.

5. Shri S. Sen.

6. Shri A. K. Tamuli.

(d)—Amongst the above (c) First Class candidates there was only one candidate who stated his particulars as below—

1. State your religion—Hinduism.

2. A recognised Backward Class—Yes.

3. If yes, give particulars—"Mattak" community of Assam.

Re: Veterinary Dispensary at Majuli

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

- *181. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—
- Whether Government lately received representations from the public regarding establishment of Veterinary Dispensaries at Gezera and Jengraimukh (Kumarbari) in Majuli ?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that there is not a single Veterinary Dispensary within the entire upper part of Majuli, an area populated by more than 20,000 people having Agriculture and Cattle rearing as their only profession ?
- (c) If the answer to (a) and (b) above, be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to establish at least the two dispensaries, if not more, for the time being, as demanded by the people ?
- (d) If not, why ?

M. MOJNUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

181. (a) to (d)—Information is being collected.

Re: Gauhati Medical College

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMAH (Dergaon) asked :

*182. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) The date from which the Gauhati Medical College has been started and the number of students admitted in the said Medical College ?
- (b) Whether there is any Hostel arrangement in the said College ?
- (c) If the answer is in affirmative, whether it is a fact that there is no lighting and water supply arrangements in the said Hostel ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some students have to reside outside the Hostel and are to attend college from a distance to their great inconveniences ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to remove these difficulties and provide all necessary facilities to the students of the Medical College ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

182. (a)—The Medical Colleges, Gauhati and Silchar wings have been started at Jhalukbari with effect from 1st October 1960. The number of students admitted to the college is 100—60 in Gauhati wing and 40 in Silchar wing.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—There is lighting and water supply arrangements in the hostel.

(d)—There is hostel accommodation but some students may reside outside the hostel of their own accord.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: Police Station at Daulasal

Shri MAHADEV DAS [Barpeta (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)],
asked :

*183. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there are some Buildings at Daulasal in the District of Kamrup for the purpose of a Police Station ?
- (b) When those Buildings were constructed for that purpose ?
- (c) Why necessary staff is not yet posted there ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to post the staff at an early date ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

183. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Public Works Department constructed those buildings and completed during 1960-61.

(c) & (d)—The staff consisting of 1 Sub-Inspector, 1 Assistant Sub-Inspector and 8 Constables have been posted at Daulasal with effect from 26th July 1956, 22nd May 1956 and 1st July 1956 respectively.

Re: The Headmaster of Karka Middle English School

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

*184. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) What action has been taken against Shri Girish Chandra Nath who personated as Matriculate and drew salary as Headmaster of the Karka Middle English School ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he has been working even after his detection as a teacher of the said School ?
- (c) Why the case has not yet been reported to the police as assured in the last Session by the Minister ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education)
replied :

184. (a), (b) & (c)—The Managing Committee removed him from Headmastership and kept him in the school for some time. So the Deputy Inspector of Schools has put him under suspension and taking action against him.

Re: Removal of disparity between the Government and Aided School Teachers

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

*185. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that according to the last decision of Government the disparity in respect of pay and dearness allowances between the Government and Aided School Teachers has been removed?

- (b) If so, what is the reason that Government has now stopped the C. A. drawn by the teachers for the last 1½ years ?
- (c) Whether C. A. is not an integral part of D. A. meant for Government employees as relief for high prices of commodities and high cost of living ?
- (d) If so, why the C. A. is denied to the Teachers of Aided Schools ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

185. (a)—Yes.
 (b)—It does not form an integral part of D. A.
 (c)—It is not an integral part of the D. A.
 (d)—Does not arise.

Re: Upper Assam University

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

*186. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government has lately received a resolution of a public meeting of Jorhat regarding the establishment of an University for Upper Assam ?
- (b) Whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a letter under caption "Second University for Assam", published in the *Assam Tribune* of the 28th February 1961 ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the said resolution of the public of Jorhat envisages an University with emphasis on Agriculture and Technology ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to examine the case of the type of University envisaged in the said resolution through an expert body and submit a proposal to the Government of India for obtaining necessary advice from the University Grants Commission ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

186. (a)—Yes.
 (b)—Yes.
 (c)—Yes.
 (d)—It is under examination of Government.

Re: Shri Dimbeswar Das, Work-charge Turner

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

- *187. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing) be pleased to state—
- (a) For how many years Shri Dimbeswar Das served the Department as a work-charged Turner ?
 - (b) When he is promoted to the rank of Head Turner ?
 - (c) Why he is deprived of confirmation ?
 - (d) Why authority insisted him to serve for five years in the cadre of the Head Turner to obtain confirmation ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

187. (a)—Thirteen years.

(b)—First January 1956.

(c)—He is confirmed as Turner. According to the existing policy of the Government, the case of confirmation of a member of the work-charged staff is to be considered after he has completed 5 (five) years of service as such. Shri Das has completed 5 (five) years of service as work-charged Head Turner only recently and the question of his confirmation has now been taken up accordingly.

(d)—Does not arise, in view of reply at (c) above

Re: Dam across drain between Bivar Road and Oakland, Shillong

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked :

*188. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is a dam constructed long ago across the drain that flows between Bivar Road and Oakland, Shillong, which does not allow free flow of water and has therefore become a veritable breeding place of mosquitoes, flies, etc. ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that all refuse coming along the drain get blocked at the dam, where decomposition starts giving out foul smell which affects the health of the local residents ?

(c) If so, what measures do Government propose to take to remove this insanitary condition caused by the said dam ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

188. (a)—There is no dam in the place, but a sluice gate constructed prior to 1945 under the Anti-larval measure. Government have not received any complaint as to its becoming infested with mosquitoes and flies.

(b) & (c)—The Executive Officer, Shillong Municipality has been asked to look into the matter and take necessary action.

R: Books for higher Secondary and Multi-purpose High Schools

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

*189. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the required number of Text books have been published for each subject for the Higher Secondary and Multi-purpose High Schools ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the students of such schools are facing difficulties for getting Text books for Higher Secondary courses ?

(c) What steps Government are taking to procure such text books ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

189. (a)—All the Text Books excepting the Text books on—

(i) Biology, (ii) Commerce, (iii) Home Science and (iv) Psychology have been published.

(b)—Teachers have been instructed to dictate notes on those subjects for which no suitable Text books have been prescribed. No complain has been received from the Headmasters of Schools.

(c)—On the above-mentioned subjects and some other subjects prizes of the value of Rs.2,500 were declared. Still books on the above-mentioned subjects are not forthcoming. We are however, requesting some individual writer to write books on these subjects.

Re : Dargari Government Aided High School

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*190. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The total enrolment of Dargari Government Aided High School in Dibrugarh Subdivision showing the number and percentage of Tribal students there ?
- (b) The amount of money to be paid monthly to the members of the staff of this School including the Dearness Allowances and Cash Allowances monthly ?
- (c) What was the compensatory grants due to this School monthly for granting free studentship to Tribal students and when the sanctioning order was issued by the Government for the year 1960-61 ?
- (d) What is the amount of fees collected in this School from Non-Tribal students monthly ?
- (e) What is the amount of recurring grants granted to this School and when the sanctioning order issued this year ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

190. (a)—Total enrolment—414. Number of Tribal Students—307. Percentage of Tribal students—75 per cent approximately.

(b)—Rupees 2,415 per month (including Dearness Allowance Rs.355 and Rice Concession Allowance Rs.229.50 for teachers and clerks).

(c)—Rupees 804 per month (sanctioning order issued on 20th March 1961).

(d)—Rupees 287 monthly.

(e)—Rupees 660 per mensem. Sanctioning order issued in September 1960.

Removal of disparity between teachers of Government and Aided High Schools

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*191. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) How far Government have taken actions to remove the disparity between the teachers of Government Schools and Aided High Schools in matter of pay, allowance and other conditions of service ?
- (b) Whether Government have considered about the Old-age pension or gratuity to the teachers of the Aided High Schools ?
- (c) Whether Government have taken any step to improve the pay-scale of 4th Grade employees of the Aided High and Middle English Schools ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

191. (a)—Disparity has been removed in the matters of pay and Dearness Allowance.

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

(c)—This is also under consideration of Government.

Re: Irregular receipts of grants in Schools

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*192. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state —

(a) Whether Government is aware that many schools are suffering due to irregular receipts of deficit grants ?

(b) Whether Government proposed to enquire and take appropriate actions so that the grants may be given regularly ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

192. (a)—Yes. This is mainly due to non-receipt of necessary particulars in time.

(b)—The matter is being looked into.

Re: A Motor Vehicle used as Taxi which caught fire

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*193. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether a motor vehicle used as Taxi caught fire on 12th March near Chabua in Dibrugarh Subdivision while carrying 7 (seven) passengers from Pulunga village and all the passengers were burnt to death ?

(b) Who were these passengers who died or burnt to death due to the accident ?

- (c) Who was the owner of the vehicle and when it was registered in his name ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Motor Vehicle had no valid licence ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the driver also had no licence for driving motor vehicles ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

193. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The passengers were (i) Rikhen Ch. Bora, aged 25 years, son of Raheswar Bora, (ii) Nanda Ahom, aged 25 years, son of late Dhonjay Ahom, (iii) Shrimati Kawri Bora, aged 50 years, wife of Raheswar Bora, (iv) Shrimati Basanti Dutta, aged 20 years, daughter of late Jagat Chandra Dutta, (v) Shrimati Palcaneswari Dutta, aged 50 years, wife of late Jugol Chandra Dutta, (vi) Shrimati Kanthi Hazarika, aged 30 years, wife of Kandarpa Hazarika, (vii) Shrimati Shikha Hazarika, aged 4 years, daughter of Kandarpa Hazarika, and (viii) Jagannath Rai, aged 25 years (driver), son of Beji Rai.

(c)—The name of the owner of the vehicle is Tarun Ch. Gogoi, Clerk, Haitali tea estate. No registration certificate in the name of the owner could be produced. The owner purchased the vehicle No.ASL.765 from one Jogendra Singha of Moran on 10th February 1960. He filed a petition with the District Transport Officer, Dibrugarh for transfer of ownership of the vehicle.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes.

Purchase of furniture by the *Ex-Inspector General of Police* of Assam

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA, (Nazira) Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) and Shri INDRESWAR KHOUND (Bogdung) asked :

*194. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the *Ex-Inspector General of Police* soon after he assumed charge of the office of *Inspector General of Police* purchased furniture, worth more than Rs.5,000 for his own office room ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that orders for these furniture were placed with a particular Calcutta Firm personally by the *Ex-Inspector General of Police* overriding the rules framed by Government for purchase of furniture ?
- (c) Will Government be pleased to enquire into the above matters and take appropriate action ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied.

194.—Question (unstarred) No.304 on the same subject replied on 27th March 1961 may please be referred to.

Re: Public Works Department Workshop at Gauhati**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar)** asked :***195.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) When the Public Works Department Workshop at Gauhati was established ?
- (b) What is the present number of workers at Gauhati Workshop ?
- (c) What was the number of workers at Jorhat Public Works Department Workshop before the establishment of the Workshop at Gauhati ?
- (d) How many workers of the Jorhat Workshop have been retrenched so far ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the works of North Lakhimpur, Tezpur, Diphu and Nowgong Division have been taken from the Jorhat Workshop to Gauhati Workshop ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to abolish the Jorhat Workshop ?
- (g) If not, why this retrenchment is done at the Jorhat Workshop ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

195.(a)—1954.

(b)—79.

(c)—86.

(d)—No retrenchment has been made in respect of work-charged workers. But the strength of Muster Roll workers varies from time to time according to work-load.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—There is no such proposal.

(g)—As in (d) above.

Re: Building grant for Kukurmara Lower Primary School**Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko)** asked :***196.** Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) What was the amount of building grants given to "Kukurmara Lower Primary School" during 1959-60 or 1960-61 ?
- (b) Whether amounts sanctioned were drawn ?
- (c) Whether the amounts sanctioned were spent fully and for the purpose for which they were granted ?
- (d) Whether school building is completed by now ?
- (e) If not, where the schooling is done now ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to have the said account audited immediately ?

*197. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the procedure of converting the Lower Primary Schools to Junior Basic Schools ?
- (b) How many Lower Primary Schools under Gauhati School Board were converted to Junior Basic Schools during 1960-61 ?
- (c) How many years will take to complete the conversion of all the Lower Primary Schools of Assam into Junior Basic Schools ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

196. (a)—Rs.3,000 in the year 1959-60. No grant was sanctioned in 1960-61.

(b)—Rs.1,500 as the first instalment was drawn and paid to the School. The remaining amount of Rs.1,500 could not be drawn as the School Committee has not submitted the necessary vouchers of the first instalment which are necessary before drawal of the second instalment.

(c)—No.

(d)—No.

(e)—In a private house.

(f)—Yes, the Secretary, School Board is being directed to check the accounts.

197. (a)—According to the availability of trained Basic teachers from the Basic Training Centres.

(b)—One.

(c)—12 to 15 years.

Re: Border Outposts in Assam

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

*198. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Border Out-Posts are there throughout Assam ?
- (b) What are their names ?
- (c) Why these Out-Posts have not been strengthened ?
- (d) Why the Border Out-Post at Patamari is not maintained well, good houses given and good communications given from Dhubri ?
- (e) Whether these Border Out-Posts are checked ?
- (f) If so, by whom ?
- (g) What is the total strength of the Border Out-Posts throughout the State ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

198. (a), (b) & (c)—The information cannot be disclosed for security reason.

(d)—All the Border Out-Posts including the one at Patamari are being maintained and communications to the Border Out-Posts are being improved gradually. The question of provision of better accommodation of the Border Out-Posts is under consideration of Government and some of them have already been improved.

(e) & (f)—The Border Out-Posts are regularly inspected by the Commandants of the Border Security Force and also by the Deputy Inspector General of Police (Border).

(g)—The information cannot be disclosed for security reasons.

Re: All-Assam Middle Vernacular School Teachers' Conference

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergoang) asked :

*199. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government have received any representation from the All-Assam Middle Vernacular School Teachers' Conference ?
- (b) If so, what are the grievances ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Pay and Allowances of the Middle Vernacular School Teachers are not equal throughout the State ?
- (d) If the reply to the above question is in the affirmative, whether Government propose to take any step to remove those differences and fix same scale of pay for all these teachers ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

199. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The resolutions cover a very wide ground but the principal grievances are relating to improvement of pay and allowances.

(c)—The pay scales which were recommended by the Pay Commission, 1956 and accepted by Government have been applied uniformly throughout the State. The Middle Vernacular School teachers used to draw pay and allowances at different rates under the Local Boards. When they were brought under the School Boards, their then existing pay and allowances were protected. When they were fitted into the revised scales of 1956 the pay and allowances of many of the teachers exceeded the maximum in the new scale. Thus their pay was protected by converting the excess into personal pay. That is why in a large number of cases it appears as if the scales are different in different School Boards.

(d)—Recently Government have decided to revise the scales of pay of Matric, Normal and Matric Normal passed teachers of Middle Vernacular Schools to bringing them in a line with that pay scale of corresponding categories in Aided Middle English and High English Schools. This would remove much of the apparent discrepancies and anomalies.

Re: Granting of Kharif Agricultural Loan

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA (Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)) and Shri PRAKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA (Gauripur) asked :

*200. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What amount was granted to a flood-affected person as Kharif Agricultural loan after the great flood of June 1959 in Cachar and Kamrup districts ?

- (b) What is the total amount granted in each of these districts as Kharif Loan ?
- (c) Whether any other grant as relief was given to the affected persons ?
- (d) In view of the great hardship of these people due to the flood of 1959 and drought that followed in the next year, whether Government propose to treat the Kharif loan as grant to the distressed people ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

200. (a)—The Kharif Agricultural loan issued to a person varied from Rs.7 to Rs.25 per head according to individual need in both the districts.

(b) & (c)—Rupees 16,16,250 for Kamrup and Rs.18,60,000 for Cachar districts were allotted during 1959-60 by the Agriculture Department as Kharif Agricultural loan. Besides, the following amounts were sanctioned during the same year for Cachar and Kamrup districts from the Revenue Department—

	Cachar district		Kamrup district	
	Rs.		Rs.	
(i) Gratuitous Relief	1,82,888·00		2,82,815·87	
(ii) Test Relief	70,000·00		1,98,300·00	
(iii) Rehabilitation loan	1,46,900·00		3,09,350·00	
(iv) Distress (Seed) loan	4,00,000·00		6,81,000·00	
(v) Agricultural loan	20,000·00		66,000·00	

(d)—No.

Re: Borjan and Adarsha Middle English Schools of Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

*201. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Education Department failed to recognise the Borjan Middle English School and Adarsha Middle English School of Golaghat Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the authorities of the said two schools have fulfilled all the required conditions for recognition in time ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the number of students in both these schools exceeds two hundred ?
- (d) Whether the teaching staffs are duly qualified and sufficient ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to recognise these schools and remove the disqualifications early in the interest of the students and public alike ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

201. (a)—Both the Schools (now Borjan Venture Middle English and Adarsha Venture Middle English) were established in the year 1949 with the same name as Borjan Middle English. One at Fetagaon and the other at Bhakatiagaon within a distance of 1 furlong or so, several endeavours were made at all levels both officially and by public as well to bring about amalgamation of the two schools in order to be eligible (by the amalgamated school) for recognition. But all endeavours proved abortive for reasons of obstinacy on the part of one party or the other and the two schools continued to function as before till the end of the year 1959 when the Borjan Middle English at Fetagaon was named as Adarsha Middle English and the other (Borjan) Middle English at Bhakatiagaon was shifted to a neighbouring village, Hollowgaon, thereby causing a distance of 4 furlongs between the two schools in contrast to the former distance of 1 furlong. In view of the two schools functioning within such close proximity the departmental authorities have not been in a position to grant recognition to either of the schools unless they were amalgamated.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—They are sufficient but not all of them are qualified.

(e)—It will be considered in this year for recognition.

Re : The Proposed Rantanpur Bund

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

*202. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the survey work for the proposed Rantanpur bund along the KhorKatia Suti is being done from 21st mile-post to 26th mile-post of the Pahumara-Haldibari Public Works Department Road in Majuli this year ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that a big area like Manbhalchuk, Salmari village and Barbil V. G. R. located in the eastern part contiguous to the surveyed area which is more feasible for constructing a bund, has been left out by the survey authority ?
- (c) Whether Government received representation in the form of resolution of public meeting or otherwise from the people of Manbhalchuk sometimes during the year 1957-58 regarding construction of a bund along the KhorKatiasuti commencing from the 21st mile-post and ending at the 31st mile-post of the Pahumara-Haldibari Public Works Department Road covering the aforesaid area ?
- (d) If the answers to (a), (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, whether Government consider the necessity of including the area to fulfil the longfelt grievances of the people ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

202. (a) to (d)—Information called for from the Divisional Officers are still awaited.

[N.B.—This question was received on 30th March 1961 to be replied by 3rd April 1961.]

Re: Sakupara-Muhaidubi Road of Ahatguri Mauza, Golaghat

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

*203. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Sakupara-Muhaidubi Road is the only Public Works Department Road in Ahotguri Mauza of Golaghat Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said road has been badly damaged and eroded by flood ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Public Works Department do not maintain the said road to its standard and always neglect the road because of the backwardness of the locality ?
- (d) What steps for early repair of the said road have been taken ?
- (e) Whether some other route has been opened to keep the communication of the public intact ?
- (f) If the replies to (d) and (e) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to up-keep the aforesaid Public Works Department road in Ahotguri ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

203. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, a breach occurred at 2/4 F due to heavy pressure of the flood of the Brahmaputra in July 1960.

(c)—It is not a fact.

(d)—An amount of Rs.16,600 has been sanctioned for 1960-61 for repairing the damage done by floods and the work is expected to be completed by next month.

(e)—Does not arise.

(f)—The road has already been taken over and maintained by Public Works Department.

Re : The National Highway

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sarbhog) asked :

*204. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) When the work of the National Highway will be started ?
- (b) Whether necessary plans and estimates have been finalised ?
- (c) If not, when these will be finalised ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

204. (a)—It is not clearly indicated in the question which particular National Highway is meant by the Hon'ble member. If he means the portion of North Trunk Road from North Salmara to Charali and thence to Amingaon which will form the North Bank approach to the Brahmaputra

bridge under construction and will possibly be converted into National Highway during the Third Five-Year Plan, then the work in this portion from Amingaon to 4th mile of North Gauhati-Jhargaoon Road have already been taken up as National Highway work and that for the portion from 4th mile of North Gauhati-Jhargaoon Road upto Charali has partly been taken up as Border Road Scheme. The main work from Charali to North Salmara will be started after finalisation of alignment and sanction of estimates by Government of India.

(b)—No, except for the portion as referred to in answer at (a) above.

(c)—As soon as the alignment is finally selected by Government of India.

Re : Don Bosco School at Gauhati

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

- *205. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—
- Whether the Don Bosco School at Gauhati is bound by the Rules and Regulations of the Education Department ?
 - What are the pay scales of the teachers of the said School ?
 - Whether Government are aware of the discontentment of the School Teachers for the pay scales in the School ?
 - Whether the Government lately received any representation in this matter from the Teachers of the said school ?
 - Whether it is a fact that for forming a Teachers' Association some Teachers of the said school have been removed from service ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

205. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—Since 1st October 1960 the school is paying the same pay as in the case of other Aided Schools.
- (c)—Although no formal representation has been made, but Government got the information of the discontent after the introduction of the pay scale.
- (d)—No.
- (e)—It is learnt that the teachers formed an Association, but they have not received any recognition from the school authority.

Re: Dibrugarh Government High School

Shri NILMONEY BARTHAKUR (Dibrugarh) asked :

- *206. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—
- When the Administrative approval and technical sanction for the construction of the buildings of Dibrugarh Government H. E. School were given ?
 - On what date the tender or tenders for the said work was or were invited ?

- (c) The date on which tender or tenders was or were settled ?
- (d) The date on which the work order was given ?
- (e) When the work is expected to start ?
- (f) When the work is expected to be completed ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

206. (a)—The Administrative approval for land acquisition was accorded on 3rd July 1959 by the Administrative Department amounting to Rs.1,88,149 and communicated to the E. E. concerned on 30th July 1959.

The Administrative approval for reconstruction of the High School Building was accorded for Rs.4,99,700 on 12th November 1959 and communicated to E. E. on 23rd November 1959.

The technical sanction for the land acquisition was accorded on 7th November 1959.

The technical sanction for reconstruction amounting to Rs.5,34,500 accorded on 31st January 1961.

(b)—Tender were once invited by S. E. on 17th December 1959 but subsequently tenders were re-invited by C. E. and the date of receipt was upto 14th September 1960, but latter extended upto 5th October 1960 due to poor response from Contractors.

(c)—The tenders were settled on 9th November 1960.

(d)—The work order was given on 3rd January 1961.

(e)—The work has already been started. The dismantling of old plinth of the School building has been started. Arrangement for earth filling of the Compound has already been made by the E. E.

(f)—The work is expected to be completed by 3rd January 1962.

Re: Discharge of Shri Prabhat Chandra Barman, Assistant Teacher, Barajal M. E. School

Shri TARUNSEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

*207. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Abhiram Sargiary, School Secretary, Barajal M. E. School under Gauhati Subdivision has discharged Shri Prabhat Chandra Barman, an assistant teacher violating the order (Memo. No.9731-32 of 22nd August 1958) of Md. M. Hussain, Additional Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gauhati ?

- (b) Whether it is also a fact that Shri Prabhat Chandra Barman has represented to the Additional Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gauhati that he did not receive model pay scale grant amounting to Rs.191.65 nP. from 18th March 1958 to 14th August 1958 although the same has been drawn by the said School Secretary ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Shri C. K. Sarmah Misra, Additional Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gauhati, ordered the School Secretary to pay the above-mentioned amount within a period of 15 days ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that all the orders of the Additional Deputy Inspector of Schools have been violated by the School Secretary and the amount in question has not been paid to Shri Prabhat Chandra Barman ?
- (e) If so, what action Government propose to take against the School Secretary for violation of Government's orders ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to take steps for payment of Rs.191.65 nP. to Shri Prabhat Chandra Barman ?
- (g) If not, why ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

207. (a)—Yes, it is a fact Shri Prabhat Chandra Barman, Assistant Teacher, Barajal M. E. School was discharged or rather relieved by the Secretary of the School, Shri Abhiram Sargiary on the ground that Shri Prabhat Ch. Barman had only been appointed to officiate in the leave vacancy of one Shri Jogendra Nath Nargiary.

(b)—Yes, it is a fact.

(c)—Yes, Shri C. K. Sarmah Misra ordered the School Secretary to pay the arrear due amounting to Rs.191.65 nP. to Shri Prabhat Ch. Barman within 15 days.

(d)—Yes, all the orders of the Additional Deputy Inspector of Schools, Gauhati, in respect of payment to Shri Prabhat Ch. Barman could not be carried out by the present Secretary, Shri Abhiram Sargiary as the whole amount of model scale of pay amounting to Rs.1,506 was drawn by the *ex*-Secretary Shri Gandhi Ch. Kalita and the money is still with Shri Kalita.

(e)—Necessary action will be taken after proper enquiry.

(f)—Payment of teachers is the responsibility of the Managing Committee. Payment will be made to the teacher by the Managing Committee who will also take action on the advice of the Inspector of Schools to realise the money lying with the *ex*-Secretary.

(g)—Does not arise.

Re: Three letters written by Shri S. M. Dutta, the then Inspector General of Police, to the Government of India

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

*208. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware of the three letters written by the then Inspector General of Police Shri S. M. Dutta, on 10th, 23rd and 28th June 1960 to the Home Ministry, Government of India deposed by Shri Dutta himself before the Goreswar Enquiry Commission?
- (b) What are the contents of these letters, copies to be laid on the table?
- (c) Why did the Chief Minister reply in the negative in the last Session held in October 1960 in reply to the Questioner's allegation that Shri S. M. Dutta has written letters to the Home Ministry over the head of the Government?
- (d) Whether the Inspector General of Police can write letters over the head of the Government in such a way?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

208. (a)—Government are aware that three Demi-official letters were written by Shri S. M. Dutta on 10th, 23rd and 28th June 1960 to the Director of Intelligence Bureau at New Delhi.

(b)—The contents cannot be disclosed.

(c)—In the October Session of the Assembly the specific point raised by the Leader of the Opposition was that a telegram was sent to the President of India urging upon him to impose President's rule in Assam by the then Inspector General of Police. This was not correct and a reply was given accordingly.

(d)—There are rules authorising the Special Branch of the Police, of which the Inspector General of Police is technically the head, to correspond direct with the Intelligence Bureau.

Re **Shri S. M. Dutta, I.P., former Inspector General of Police, Assam**

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA, (Nazira) Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lunding) and Shri INDRESWAR KHOUND (Bogdung) asked:

*209 Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that on the very first day of his assumption of office as Inspector General of Police, Shri Sudhindra Mohan Dutta, I.P., now Special Police Officer, held a conference of the Senior Police Officers where he openly stated that he would not have come back to the State Police if Shri Medhi were the Chief Minister but he came because Shri Chaliha invited him to lunch alone to discuss secret matters, indicating absolute trust and affection towards him and as such he decided to come back?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that he placed his confidential character roll before all the officers, in that conference, and if so, whether it was not a flagrant violation of rules framed by Government ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that soon after assumption of office, Shri Dutta went to Dibrugarh where he, returning late at night after dinner and drunk, damaged a car which was in the porch of the Circuit House belonging to an Assistant Collector of the Central Excise and Land Customs, as the car being locked, could not be removed ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that Shri Dutta went up stairs and kicked open the door and abused the Assistant Collector ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the said Assistant Collector complained next morning to the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh ?
- (f) What action was taken by the Deputy Commissioner on the complaint of the Assistant Collector of Central Excise ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

209. (a)—No. After about a fortnight of his assumption of office as Inspector General of Police, Assam, Shri S. M. Dutta, held a conference of all senior Police Officers in Shillong on the 29th and 30th October 1958. In course of giving a confidential talk to the Officers, he stated that as he believed that the Government of Assam was then under the enlightened and liberal minded leadership with the present Chief Minister, he had decided to revert to Assam. He did not say the other things as alleged in the conference.

(b)—The Inspector General of Police wanted to set a high standard of integrity and efficiency and also a sense of keen duty among all the officers. He felt that it would be useful that all the officers should know how he himself had been judged as an officer and as a man by his own superiors, so that they could also get an idea of the standards by which officers should be judged. He illustrated this by remarks made on him by superior officers, both adverse and commendatory. As he used the remarks in his character roll for a *bona fide* purpose, there has been no violation of any rule.

(c) & (d)—No. The facts are that sometime in July/August 1959, the Inspector General of Police went on an inspection tour visiting Tinsukia, Digboi, Naharkatiya and Joypur. He returned to Dibrugarh Circuit House at about 9 P.M., when it was heavily raining at Dibrugarh. His wife was also in his car. On reaching Dibrugarh Circuit House, he found a car parked in the porch of the Circuit House. The car was locked and it could not be moved. The inmates of the Inspector General of Police's car got drenched in the rain. On being told that the car belonged to an officer staying in a room upstairs, he knocked at the door of the officer to whom the car belonged and told him that it was very inconsiderate on his part to park his car in the porch when it was raining heavily to the inconvenience of others and made him remove the car from the porch. The car was not damaged in any way.

(e) & (f)—The Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh, who was referred to, reports that there is no record available in his office about and complaint having been made. In any case, the Assistant Collector of Central Excise was in the wrong having parked his car in the porch of the Circuit House. Cars are not supposed to be parked in the porches of Circuit House and in most of them there are notices to this effect.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Re-organisation of Sanskrit Tols and Model Tols

Mrs. USHA BORTHAKUR (Sarmaguri) asked :

646. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state whether any decision has been taken by the Government in the matter of re-organisation of Sanskrit Tols and Model Tols in particular including pay scales of their Adhyaksha and Adhyapaka ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

646. No decision has yet been taken in the matter.

Re: Establishment of the Assam Medical Stores

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked :

647. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the proposal for establishment of the Assam Medical Store is kept pending in the Secretariat Level since 1956 ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to shelve the proposal or to implement it in the near future ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

647. (a)—No.

(b)—The proposal is under consideration.

Regarding a proposal for a Veterinary Dispensary at Maithong in Saikhowa Mauza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

648. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there was a proposal for a Veterinary Dispensary at Maithong in Saikhowa Mauza from the funds under Article 275 ?

(b) What happened to the proposal ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

648. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected.

Re: Preparation of one budget both for Block Fund and the Panchayat by the Narsigput Anchalik Panchayat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

649. Will the Minister of Community Development and Panchayat be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Narsigput Anchalik Panchayat in Cachar District prepared one budget both for the Block fund and the Panchayat in the year 1960-61 ?
- (b) If not, how they prepared the budgets, whether separately or prepared only for Panchayat fund ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there should be one budget with different heads ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge of Panchayat) replied :

649. (a), (b) & (c)—Information is being collected and it will be furnished as soon as the same is received.

Re: Doctors of Local Board Dispensaries taken over by the Government

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

650. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the services rendered by the doctors in Local Board dispensaries have been considered when these were taken over by the Government on 1st April, 1959 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that these Local Board doctors even having 20 or 30 years of service had been treated as newly appointed persons retaining their last pay drawn only ?
- (d) What are the difficulties of the Government in granting seniority to those qualified doctors transferred from Local Boards ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there is a number of qualified doctors amongst those medical men ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

650. (a), (b) & (d)—The matter is already under consideration of Government.

(c)—Yes.

Re: Venture High School of Baraguri in Rongagora Mauza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

- 651. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—
 - (a) Whether it is a fact that a Venture High School has been started at Baraguri in Rongagora Mauza and this is the only High School in that Mauza ?
 - (b) Whether Government propose to consider the case of this school and sanction grants to maintain two under-graduate teachers in this school with effect from the last financial year ?
 - (c) Why no formal permission to open classes VII and VIII to this School was yet been given in spite of repeated requests since last 3 years ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

- 651. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—The School is unrecognised. It may be considered for the grant in question after it is recognised.
- (c)—Due to law enrolment of the School as noted below—:

Date of Inspection	Enrolment	
	H.S.	M.E.
16th June, 1959	26 (VII)	74
21st February, 1961	83 (VII-IX)	101

Re: Deputation allowance

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

- 652. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—
 - (a) Whether it is a fact that 4 mistress were deputed for training at Nowgong Mission School by Sibsagar School Board in 1960 ?
 - (b) Whether the pay and deputation allowance would be paid to these teachers ?
 - (c) What would be the deputation allowance to these mistress ?
 - (d) Whether the pay and the allowances are being paid to them regularly ?
 - (e) Whether the deputation allowance has been paid to these teachers regularly ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

652. (a)—Yes. Two from schools under School Board, Sibsagar and one from School Board, North Lakhimpur.

(b)—Pay has been regularly paid but no deputation allowance as there is no provision of deputation allowance for such deputation under Section 27, Clause 12 of Assam Education Department Rules and Orders.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—As in (b) above.

(e)—As in (c) above.

Provincialisation of Training Centres

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

653. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) What decision has been arrived at by the Government regarding the provincialisation of the Training Centres ?

(b) If no decision has yet been arrived, at how long Government will take to come to a decision ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

653. (a)—No final decision has been taken as the examination of the financial implications involved in the matter has not been completed.

(b)—Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Regarding permanent retention of the employees of the Government and State Board Basic Training Centres

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI asked :

654. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have come to a decision regarding the permanent retention of the employees of the Government and State Board Basic Training Centres ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the instructors and other employees who have been serving in the Training Centres for more than ten years or so without being made permanent and thus without any security of service have been serving with great dissatisfaction ?

(c) Whether Government propose to make the posts permanent of the instructors and other employees as the Training Centres will continue to exist as permanent features of educational programmes ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

654. (a)—No.

(b)—The question of making these employees permanent is being examined.

(c)—The matter is under consideration.

Re: L. M. P. Doctors of Local Boards Dispensaries taken over by the Government

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

655. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that some L. M. P. Doctors have been retained in the dispensaries formerly run by the Local Boards but recently taken over by the Government ?

(b) If so, under what designation and with what scale of pay they have been retained ?

(c) What is the scale of pay for the regular Assistant Surgeon-in-charge of State Dispensary ?

(d) Whether L. M. P. Doctors absorbed in the post of Assistant Surgeons are considered fit to work as regular Assistant Surgeon ?

(e) If so, why his scale of pay is not equal to that of a regular Assistant Surgeon ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

655. (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e)—Information being collected.

Regarding pay scale of the Head Master of Aided School

Mrs. USHA BORTHAKUR (Samaguri) asked :

656. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that no pay scale has been fixed yet for the head Master of Aided School ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the poor clerks and menials of the school are not benefited by the new pay scale ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Adhyapaka of Sanskrit tols are not benefited according to new pay scale ?

(d) If so, why this anomaly ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

656. (a)—It is not a fact. The scale of Rs.200—500 with Rs.350 as initial pay for those having 25 years of service. The new pay scale could not be given effect to earlier because of non-finalization of the rules. The rules have since been finalized and new scales have been introduced.

(b)—This also is not a fact, because the scale of Rs.60—125 and D. A. at Government rate has been sanctioned to the clerks. As regards pay scales for menials, the matter is under consideration of Government.

(c)—Yes, No pay scale has been prescribed for Adhyapaka of Tols by the Pay Committee.

(d)—There is no anomaly. All scales prescribed by the Pay Committee have been given effect to.

Arts College at Gorgaon in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Naziraa) sked :

657. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware of the starting of an Arts College at Gorgaon in Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that a plot of land measuring 40 bighas has already been allotted to the College by the L. S. A. Board, Sibsagar ?

(c) Whether the college is adequately staffed with qualified teachers ?

(d) What is the enrolment of the College ?

(e) Whether the College authority has applied to Government for any financial help ?

(f) Whether Government propose to give any such help during this year and also in future ?

(g) Whether Government are aware of the necessity of this College ?

(h) Whether Government are aware of the visit of the Gauhati University Commission to this College for ascertaining eligibility of getting affiliation ?

(i) Whether it is a fact that the question of affiliation is pending before the University for want of a Reserve Fund ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

756. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. According to the report of the Principal.

(c)—No.

(d)—From the Principal's reports it appears there are 72 students in the First Year Class.

(e)—Yes. The College applied for non-recurring grants of Rs.30,000.

(f)—No grants has been sanctioned this year. It is too early to say whether any grants will be sanctioned in future.

(g)—The total number of affiliated Colleges in the State seems sufficient at the moment to cater to the needs of those who can profit by Higher Education. Without however a careful survey it is difficult to say whether any new college is necessary at the moment.

(h)—Yes, but the report of the Committee is not known.

(i)—We have no information.

Number of Government sponsored Ayurvedic Centers in the State

Mrs. JOYTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

658. Will the Minister-in-charge, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) How many Government sponsored Ayurvedic centres are there in the State ?

(b) How many patients are treated in these centres ?

(c) Whether the supply of medicine is regular in these centres ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

658. (a)—46.

(b)—Exact figures are not readily available but approximately one thousand patients are treated in each centre on an average annually.

(c)—Yes.

Conversions of Tihu Local Inspection Bungalow into a P. W. D. Inspection Bungalow

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patharharkandi (Reserved for Tribes)] asked :

659. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R and B) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government received plan and estimate for converting the Tihu Local Inspection Bungalow into P. W. D. Inspection Bungalow ?

(b) If so, whether the Government will approve it ?

(c) —If not, why not ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R and B)] replied :

659. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—Due to the financial stringency, the plan and estimate received by the Government cannot be sanctioned at present. The Inspection Bungalow has however, been taken over for future maintenance.

Re: Bhalukadoba P. W. D. Ghat

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked:

660. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R & B) be pleased to state—

(a) Why the conditions of the Bhalukadoba P. W. D. ghat on the North Trunk Road has not been improved ?

(b) Whether engined marboats of 6 tons capacity will be provided there ?

(c) If so, when ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R & B)] replied:

660. (a)—The Ghat is running well.

(b)—A 12 tons capacity engined marboat is under construction for placing at this ghat.

(c) Does not arise.

Re: Construction of a bund at Khatpara in Kaurbaha Mauza in Rangiya Circle

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

661. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he is aware that an embankment of about 2 miles is urgently required at Khatpara in Kaurbaha Mouza in Rangiya Circle ?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that more than 15 villages are affected by flood from Puthimari river every year since the year 1959 ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that people of Depargaon and other places are constructing this bund themselves ?
- (d) Whether Government will instruct the local Executive Engineer to make payment to the workers forming Sramik Bahini ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, P. W. D., Flood Control, etc.) replied:

661. (a) to (d)—Information called for from the Divisional Officer are still awaited.

(N. B.—The question was received on 30th March 1961 to be replied by 3rd April 1961).

Re: Proposal for Test Relief works by the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

662. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur submitted a proposal for Test Relief works as requested by the questioner on 2nd November, 1960 ?
- (b) Whether Government have sanctioned this proposal as yet ?
- (c) What are the other proposals of Test Relief work received from the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh this year ?
- (d) How many of them are still pending for sanction of money with the Government ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

662. (a)—One proposal for Test Relief work by way of construction of Gerekujan-Phoolbari embankment in Saikhowa Mauza has been received from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur on 27th March 1961 only, and is under consideration.

(b)—No.

(c)—No other proposal except the one stated in the answer (a) has been received.

(d) Only one.

Re: Specific items of works for the exclusive benefit of people in Autonomous district and items of works for each Plains district

Captain WILLIAM SON SANGMA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

663. Will the Minister-in-charge, Tribal Areas and Welfare of Backward Classes Department be pleased to state—

(a) The specific items of works taken up by every Department for the exclusive benefit of the people in each Autonomous District and the specific items of works taken up by every Department in each Plain District during First and Second Five Year periods respectively under :

(i) State Normal Budget.

(ii) General Sector of the State Plan Programme ; and

(iii) Grant from Art. 275 of the Constitution ?

(b) The Comparative targets achieved under (i), (ii) and (iii) above in the Autonomous Districts and the Plain Districts separately indicating expenditure incurred in respect of each project in the First Plan and up to the end of September, 1960 of the Second Plan ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

663. (a) & (b)—The information has been called for from all the Heads of Departments and as soon as complete details are received from all concerned they will be consolidated and furnished to the hon'ble Member.

Re: Non-payment to Secretaries of Gaon Panchayats in Kakapather Anchalik Panchayat for long

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

664. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Secretaries of Gaon Panchayats within Kakapather Anchalik Panchayat have not yet been paid for several months ?

(b) If so, how long and why ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat) replied :

664. (a) & (b)—Information has been called for.

Re: Ad hoc Village Panchayats in the Plains Districts and General Meetings held by them

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

665. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development and Panchayats be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Ad-hoc village Panchayats formed in the Plains districts of Assam in the year 1959 ?

- (b) The number of Gaon Sabhas which held their general meetings at least one during the tenure of the *Ad hoc* Panchayat (Subdivision-wise) ?
- (c) The number of *Ad hoc* Gaon Panchayats holding at least 3 meetings of the Panchayats during their tenure in the Plains districts of Assam (Subdivision-wise) ?
- (d) The number of Gaon Panchayats did not hold a single sitting during their tenure (Subdivision-wise) ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat) replied :

665. (a)—Two thousand six hundred and fifty-seven.

(b), (c) & (d)—Information has been called for.

Re: Number of Anchalik Panchayats Subdivision-wise, and the general meetings held by them

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

666. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development and Panchayat be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Anchalik Panchayats in Assam holding their general meeting (*i. e.*, a meeting with all members of Gaon Panchayats and members of the Anchalik Panchayat) in the year 1959-60 and 1960-61 ?
- (b) Total number of Anchalik Panchayats in each Subdivision ?
- (c) Whether inspecting officers enquired of such meetings during their visits ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat, etc.) replied :

666. (a)—Information has been called for.

(b)—Gauhati ...	...	...	...	17
Barpeta ..	...	...	..	8
Goalpara ...	...	...	..	6
Dhubri ...	...	...	..	7
Kokrajhar	...	...	...	7
Sibsagar ...	...	..	...	6
Jorhat ...	...	...	...	6
Golaghat	...	..	...	6
Dibrugarh	..	..	...	5
North-Lakhimpur ...	...	...	...	11
Mangaldoi	...	...	...	6
Tezpur ..	...	...	...	6
Nowgong	...	...	...	7
Silchar ...	...	...	...	13
Karimganj	...	..	..	7
Hailakandi	...	...	...	5
(c)—Yes.	..	...	...	3

Re: Shifting of the present Shillong Civil Hospital to the newly constructed Civil Hospital

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-East) asked :

667. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that considering the number of patients, the present Shillong Civil Hospital premises, is very much congested, and it requires immediate shifting to newly constructed Civil Hospital ?
- (b) If so, why the newly constructed Civil Hospital Buildings have been allowed to be occupied by military ?
- (c) When the military will vacate the same ?
- (d) When the present Shillong Hospital will be shifted to the new buildings ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

667. (a)—Yes. The shifting of the Hospital to its new site cannot be effected until the buildings are likely to be finally available by 31st March, 1962.

(b)—There was urgent need of accommodation for the Army which had been called in aid of Civil Power. The completed buildings were occupied temporarily as no other accommodation was available.

(c)—The buildings will be vacated as soon as alternative accommodation is available.

(d)—The shifting will take place as soon as the buildings are completed and handed over to the Medical Department.

Re : Local Board Bungalow at Sorbhog

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

668. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the Local Board Bungalow at Sorbhog was burnt at Sorbhog in 1942 movement ?
- (b) Why Government has not yet constructed a bungalow in place of that Bungalow which was burnt in National movements ?
- (c) How many representations have been received by Government for constructing a bungalow at Sorbhog after the said Local Board Bungalow was burnt down ?
- (d) Whether the Government are aware that touring officers have to face great difficulty in staying at Sorbhog while on tour ?
- (e) When this Bungalow will be constructed ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayats) replied :
668. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A bungalow was already constructed in 1952-53 on the original site by the Barpeta Local Board (now defunct).

(c) & (d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Regarding Appointment of Hindi Teachers

Shri BISHNU LAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

669. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—
- When first Hindi teachers had been appointed in High and M. E. Schools to teach Hindi from Class IV to VIII ?
 - Whether they have been made permanent in their posts like other teachers in the State ?
 - If not, what is the difficulty in doing so ?
 - Whether Government will take early steps to make the posts of Hindi teachers permanent from the date of their appointment in various schools ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

669. (a)—In 1951.

(b)—Yes, post which are in continuous existence for more than five years have already been made permanent.

(c) & (d)—Do no arise.

Regarding Construction of Bengtola-Hatipota Path

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-East) asked:

670. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Bengtola Hatipota Path under Sidhi P. S. in the District of Goalpara was undertaken for construction in the year 1954, by the Public Works Department ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this important road will connect the proposed National Highways and the Bhutan Boarder ?

(c) Why the road is not completed as yet ?

(d) When it will be completed ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P.W.D.(R.&B.) replied :

670. (a) to (d)—Information are being collected from the Divisions and will be furnished to the hon. Member when these are received. The question were received on 30th March 1961.

Regarding the Sorbhog-Kumargaon P. W. D. Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

671. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W D. (R.&B.) be pleased to state —

(a) Why the Sorbhog-Kumargaon P. W. D. Road has not been raised ?

(b) How many representations were submitted to the Government and to the Executive Engineer, Barpeta ?

(c) Why this road has not been raised and condition improved ?

(d) When this road will be raised ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R.&B.)] replied :

671. (a)—Raising the road is not considered necessary.

(b)—No such representations have been received.

(c) & (d)—This is an existing gravelled road which is being properly maintained. As already stated above raising the road is not considered necessary.

Regarding Construction of buildings, installation of tubewells, etc., for Police Beat House at Belsar

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-East) asked :

672. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that for construction of buildings installation of tubewells, etc., for Police Beat House at Belsar under Nalbari P. S. a big plot of land was given by the local people by a registered deed of conveyance as per request made by the authority concerned ?

(b) If so, why the houses have not been constructed and tubewell not installed ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that a permanent Police Thana is necessary at Belsar ?

(d) When the Beat House will be converted to a regular Thana.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

672. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Necessary steps will be taken on receipt of the plans and estimates which have been called for from the Superintending Engineer concerned.

(c) & (d)—For better control of crime and criminals the Beat House at Belsar has been converted to a regular Out Post. This Out Post, it is expected, will serve the purpose for the present.

Number of P. W. D. Vehicles Drivers

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

673. Will the Minister in-charge of P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing) be pleased to state—

(a) The number of P. W. D. Vehicles drivers (including tractor roller, car, trucks, bulldozers, etc.) in each district and total in the State ?

(b) The number of such driver in each district who have been made permanent and who have not yet been made permanent ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that many such temporary drivers are working for more than five years ?

(d) For how many years the following drivers are serving the department at Jorhat ?

(1) Shri Jiba Kanta Das.

(2) Shri Benuram Dutta.

(3) Shri Arena Madrassi.

(e) Whether these drivers mentioned in (d) above are still either in temporary or work-charged services ?

(f) If so, what is the reason for not making them permanent ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing)] replied :

673. The information is not readily available and is being collected.

The question is received only on 25th March, 1961.

Regarding School Inspector of Lower Assam

Shri GHANASYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

674. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Who is the Inspector of Schools, Lower Assam Division ?
- (b) How many Schools have been visited by him since he joined his duties at Gauhati ?
- (c) Whether any complaint of misbehaviour was received against him since his appointment in that post ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that he refuses to see the visitors at his office ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to direct him to discharge his duties properly ?

Shri ADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

674. (a)—Dr. A. K. Barkakoty, M. A., Ph. D. (Lond).

(b)—Visited Sarupeta, Barpeta Venture Girls' High School, Nowgong Sikkhamandir H. S., Kayakuchi, Hajo, Barigog, Dadara High School,

(c)—No formal complaint.

(d)—Government have no information.

(e)—It is the duty of every officer to discharge his duties properly

Number of Families affected by fire and natural calamities in Kamrup District during 1960

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOWAMI (Kamalpur) : asked

675. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of families affected by fire in the district of Kamrup in the year 1960 ?

(b) How many of them are due to disturbances and how many of them were calamities ?

(c) What is the amount of relief granted to the persons whose houses were gutted by fire due to natural calamities ?

(d) How many of these families whose houses were gutted by fire due to natural calamities have been granted loans for their rehabilitation ?

(e) How many of these families whose houses were gutted by fire due to natural calamities have been granted C.I. sheets ?

(f) How many persons have been detected who got C. I. sheets as disturbance affected persons and have sold the C. I. sheets at higher prices ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

675. (a)—3,026 families.

(b)—Houses of 2,022 families were gutted by fire due to disturbances and 1,004 families due to natural calamity.

(c)—Rupees 15,420·87 in cash and 78 mds. of rice in kind.

(d)—340 families.

(e)—411 families.

(f)—No case regarding sale of C. I. sheets at higher price by the disturbance affected people has come to the notice of Government.

Regarding Gaon Panchayats elected up to December 1960 and number of them that started functioning

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

676. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development and Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Gaon Panchayats elected up to the end of 31st December, 1960 and during the March 1960 within the State of Assam ?

(b) The number of elected Gaon Panchayats that started functioning during the year 1960 (*i. e.*, upto the end of 31st December 1960) and oath takings and co-options were completed up to the end of December 1960 (Subdivision-wise) ?

(c) The number of Gaon Sabhas and Gaon Panchayats in Assam where elections were not held up to 31st December, 1960 ?

(d) The number of Gaon Sabhas and Gaon Panchayats where elections were held before 31st December, 1960 but Co-options and oath takings were not completed during that year (Subdivision-wise) ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge of ayats) replied :

676. (a)—Two thousand, three hundred and thirty-one up to December, 1960. No election was held in any Gaon-Sabha during the month of March, 1960.

(b) & (d)—Information have been called for.

(c)—Two hundred and thirty-nine.

(d)—See (b) above.

Regarding Amalgamation of Narsingpur Block and the Anchalik Panchayat of Silchar Subdivision into one

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

677. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayats and Community Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Assistant Development Commissioner visited Narsingpur Block in Silchar Subdivision on 22nd August, 1960 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he saw that the offices of the Anchalik Panchayat and the C. D. Block were functioning separately ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that these Offices were functioning separately till the month of February, 1961 ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the President, Anchalik Panchayat has been trying to amalgamate the two offices but the Project Officer did not agree ?
- (e) Whether any instruction for amalgamation of the two offices was given by the Assistant Development Commissioner ?
- (f) If not, whether it is a fact that he is not aware of the situation ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development, etc.) replied :

677. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Does not arise.

Regarding Remission of fees to the pupils of Gaurisagar Government Aided H. E. School

Shri KHAGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

678. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that about 200 pupils are driven out of Gaurisagar Government Aided H. E. School (Sibsagar Subdivision) recently as they have failed to pay up the fees ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the area surrounding Gaurisagar H. E. School, is facing acute scarcity of food, as flood is totally damaging the crops of the locality last few years consecutively ?

(c) Why Government is not granting remission of fees to the pupils ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

678. (a)—Only 40 boys were turned out from their classes as defaulters for not paying their fees. Subsequently most of the boys paid their fees and were allowed to join their classes.

(b)—Government in the Education Department have no information.

(c)—Fee remission has been granted to all eligible students under some fixed principles adopted by Government.

Regarding Rehabilitation, etc. of the families affected by the breach of embankment in Bargacha-Barmatola in Pachim Borigog Mauza

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

679. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that due to breach of embankment at Bargacha-Barmatola within Pachim Borigog mauza in Rangia Circle in the month of June, 1959 seven families including Shri Nilkanta Patwary have lost all their movable properties and sustained heavy damage of their immovable properties such as lands and houses ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that another 29 families near the breach have sustained heavy loss of properties ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that due to non-closure of the breach these people were affected by flood water during the year, 1960 ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that applications were made by these families to the local S. D. C. for Relief and Rehabilitation ?

(e) If so, why adequate relief has not been given and why these families have not been rehabilitated yet ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

679. (a)—The number of families affected due to breach of embankment in 1959 was six and not seven.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The affected families were given relief in the shape of gratuitous relief, ration, rehabilitation loans, seed loans and other requirements in time. As regards their rehabilitation in other places, a proposal for deresevation of a part of Sikkibari P. G. R. is under examination.

Settlement of land to Plains Tribal People at Gauhati

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

680. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government received applications and several representations to settle land to the Plains Tribal people at Gauhati ?

(b) If so, what are the steps Government have taken to settle land to the Plains Tribal people ?

(c) If not, why not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

680. (a)—Yes. Applications were received from the Plains Tribal people including the hon'ble Questioner for settlement of land at Gauhati Town.

(b)—The Government is examining the availability of waste land in Gauhati for public and other purposes. The case of the Plains Tribal people will be considered sympathetically when settlement of land in Gauhati will be taken up.

(c)—Does not arise.

Allotment of land for Praja Socialist Party at Barpeta

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

681. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Barpeta District Praja Socialist Party has no land for its party office ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that every year the party is praying before the Settlement Officers and the Subdivisional Officers also the Government for a plot of land there for the purpose ?

- (c) Why no land has been given to this party ?
- (d) Whether the prayer will be granted and if so, when ?
- (e) If not, why ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue, Minister) replied :

681. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Government received a petition from the Party on 28th April, 1958. The Party also reported to have met the local Officers from time to time for allotment of land to the Party.

(c) to (e)—The land originally applied for by the Party could not be made available as this was a grazing ground. As such the Settlement Officer, Kamrup was directed to find out a suitable plot for the purpose. Settlement Officer's proposal has since been received and this is under examination of Government.

Irregularities of Settlement of Land in Amingaon-Numalijalah

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

682. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government lately received complaints from the public of Amingaon alleging some irregularities regarding settlement of Khas lands in Amingaon, Numalijalah, etc. ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that all the available waste lands have been settled with persons during the settlement operation though these persons possess economic holdings in other places ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that some of these persons after obtaining settlement have transferred their lands so settled to some other persons ?
- (d) How many Brahmaputra Bridge affected people obtained settlement of lands during the Settlement operation ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

682. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. An area of 261 bighas of land in villages, Amingaon, Numalijalah, Sila Mahekhati and Kalipahar has been settled with 31 families. Out of these families, 5 families had economic holdings elsewhere, but they are affected by acquisition of land for the Brahmaputra Bridge.

(c)—Yes. Some of the settlement holders have sold their lands to others. These lands were already converted into periodic before the sale transactions took place.

(d)—15 families.

Demarcation of Professional Grazing Reserve in Assam

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

683. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) When Bogidara Professional Grazing Reserve will be finally constructed ?

- (b) Why final boundary demarcation line has not yet been made ?
- (c) When it will be done ?
- (d) Whether the Forest Department has encroached upon it ?
- (e) If so, why ?
- (f) What is the total area of Bogidora Professional Grazing Reserve ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

683. (a)—The Bogidara Professional Grazing Reserve of Kamrup District is already in existence.

(b) & (e)—The boundary of the Professional Grazing Reserve can be finally demarcated only when the inter-district boundary is demarcated by the Assam Surveys. The Kahitama village which forms part of the Professional Grazing Reserve is non-cadastral and its boundary coincides with the inter-district boundary. Steps have been taken by Assam Surveys to have the demarcation done early.

(d) & (e)—There is reason to believe that the Forest Department might have encroached upon about 600 bghas of the Professional Grazing Reserve owing to confusion about the actual inter-district boundary. The actual position will be known only when the boundary between the two Districts is demarcated and the Kahitama non-cadastral village area.

(f)—The total area of Bogidara Professional Grazing Reserve is 5324 Bighas—1 Katha · 15 Lessas of which 450 bighas have been eroded.

Re: Engagement of a man to guard pebbles near Silasaku for a sluice-gate at Namdang river

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

684. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a person is engaged to guard some pebbles collected for the purpose of construction of a sluice-gate at Namdang River near Silasaku in Sibsagar subdivision ?
- (b) Since when this project of constructing a sluice-gate is abandoned ?
- (c) Since when this person is engaged and what is his monthly pay ?
- (d) What is the value of those pebbles ?
- (e) What was the plan and estimate of the gate ?
- (f) How much amount is spent in this gate till January, 1961 ?
- (g) Why it is abandoned now ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY, (Minister-in-charge, Public Works Department, Flood Control) replied :

684. (a)—Yes. A Chowkidar has been appointed to look after the materials of the gate and other maintenance works also.

(b)—In the year 1958.

(c)—He has been appointed on 1st May, 1960, at Rs.58.50 per mensem.

(d)—The value of stones and other materials collected at site is about Rs.17,588.

(e)—To construct a sluice gate over Namdang at an estimated amount of Rs.1,51,700.

(f)—Rupees 28,083.

(g)—On technical ground.

Regarding amount of money surrendered during 1960-61 in different departments

Shri GHANASYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

685. Will the Finance Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What amount of money has been or is being surrendered during 1960-61 in different departments ?

(Why th: whole budget amount could not be spent ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED, (Minister, Finance) replied :

685. (a)—Total amount indicated as surrendered by different departments under plan and under non-plan comes to Rs.2,16,91,505 and Rs 3,90,36,020 respectively. The accurate figures will be available after sometime.

(b)—The budgetted amount could not be spent fully generally due to the following reasons—

(i) Non-availability of building materials such as Cement, C. I. sheet, etc.

(ii) Non-completion of land acquisition.

(iii) Dearth of technical personnel.

Regarding number of bundles of C. I. sheets allotted to Dibrugarh Subdivision in 1960

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

686. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) The number of bundles of C. I. sheets allotted to Industrialists in Dibrugarh subdivision out of general quota during the period of last one year ?

- (b) The number of total bundles of C. I. sheets allotted to Dibrugarh subdivision during the last one year and the number of bundles received there ?
- (c) The total number of bundles of C. I. sheets allotted to consumers of rural areas in Dibrugarh subdivision during the above period ?
- (d) The number of bundles of C. I. sheets allotted to different consumers of Town areas of Dibrugarh and Tinsukia during the period of last one year ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

686. (a) to (d)—Information has been called for.

(N.B.—This question was received on 28th March 1961 to be replied within 3rd April 1961

**Regarding Rehabilitation of erosion affected families of
Bogibil Aithan near Dibrugarh**

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [North Salmara (Reserved for Schedule Castes)] asked :

687. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that some sixty indigencous families, who are uprooted by the erosion of Brahmaputra repeatedly in Bogibil Aithan near Dibrugarh, are lying in shelter for the last 4 years ?
- (b) If so, what steps have been taken to rehabilitate them ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that these families have again been shifted to Banaigutia jungle and taking shelter in temporary sheds ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware no provision for a school for the children has yet been made ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to provide land at least for these families before the monsoon sets in ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge of Revenue) replied :

687. (a) to (c)—Forty-three families were rendered homeless due to the erosion by the Brahmaputra in Bogibil Aithan area of Jamira mouza. These families were given land in non-flood affected areas but they refused to go there as they wanted rehabilitation in riverine areas in view of the fact that their main occupation is fishing. For this, they had to be accommodated in safer zone twice as these two places were eroded by subsequent flood and erosion and ultimately they were shifted to Binai-gutia V. G. R., Larua Mouza, Dibrugarh. Steps have been taken to rehabilitate these families permanently in the V. G. R., and in this connection, dereservation proceedings for 75 bighas of land from the V. G. R. is in progress. They are now accommodated in temporary sheds with C. I. sheet roofs.

(d)—Provision for separate school is considered not necessary now as there are L. P., M. E. and H. E. Schools in the adjacent areas of the V. G. R., where these people are accommodated.

(e)—Yes, they will be provided with lands as early as possible.

Regarding Work-charged overseer Shri Chandra Kanta

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

688. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Chandra Kanta was an *Ex-Military* service man of Nalbari Town (Namasudra Para) was promoted to the post of work-charged overseer after he came out successful from Departmental Examination ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that he hails from a very Backward Namasudra community ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that finding him fit in the field work he was posted at Bijlighat as section officer where he served from October 1958 to 30th. June 1959 ?
- (d) If so, what are the reasons for which he has been reverted ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

688. (a), (b), (c) and (d) —The information is not readily available, and being collected.

The question was received only on 1st April 1961.

Regarding Ayurved Dispensaries and Ayurved passed Physicians in Assam

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

689. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Ayurved Dispensaries are proposed to be started in this current financial year ?
- (b) How many Ayurved passed Physicians have been provided with jobs in different dispensaries and in other services ?
- (c) What amount has been provided for expansion and improvement of Ayurvedic System of treatment in the Third Five Year Plan ?
- (d) When the Ayurvedic Hospital of the Ayurved College will be started ?

(e) What kind of clinical facilities has now been provided to the students of Ayurved College for their practical training ?

(f) Whether Government propose to establish a Research Department of indigenous medicine in the Ayurved College and provide adequate funds for the work ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical)

replied :

689. (a)—Twelve.

(b) - Out of 25 Ayurved passed Physicians 19 are employed in Government Subsidised Ayurvedic Dispensaries and the remaining 6 are employed in Ayurvedic sections of 6 Civil Hospitals at Gauhati, Silchar, Dhubri, Nowgong, Tezpur and Jorhat. Besides these 25, there are another five who are employed in anti-epidemic and survey work on leprosy.

(c)—Rupees five lacs.

(d) and (e)—The Hospital will be started as soon as the circumstances permits. Meanwhile, the students are receiving practical training in the ward of the Civil Hospital, Gauhati.

(f)—A Research Department with adequate fund attached to Ayurvedic College has already been established.

Regarding Defective construction of bridges approaches of embankments over Baralia river at Baharghat

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

690. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (F. C. & I. Wing) be pleased to State—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the bridge approaches on both sides of the embankments at Baharghat over Baralia river on the Morowa Kamalpur P. W. D. Road under S. D. O. (Flood Control) Nalbari have been so constructed that they have covered about 200 in length inside the river ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that comparing with other sections of the embankments over Baralia river, in this part is originally so defective in breadth the necessary volumes of water cannot pass through ?

(c) If so, whether Government is aware that the approaches (referred to) above will obstruct water flow during the time of monsoon and cause havoc in the upper reaches of embankments ?

(d) If so whether Government is going to remove the approaches falling in the river side and keep the free flow of water ?

(e) If not, why ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, P. W. D. Flood Control) replied:

690. (a)—Yes. The bridge approaches have been constructed by R. & B. Wing of P. W. D.

(b) to (d)—This is under investigation.

(e) —Necessary action will be taken after actual observation during the floods.

Re : Narayanpur State Dispensary in North Lakhimpur Subdivision

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

691. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Narayanpur State Dispensary in the Subdivision of North Lakhimpur have been taken over from the Local Board about 7 years ago, but no repairing work has been made of the Dispensary building since then ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the house in question is gradually going from bad to worse ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the ceiling of the Doctor's quarter fell down, and narrowly the inmates of the house saved their lives ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that there is no quarter for Compounder and for the nurse ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the house for Leper Centre has not yet been completed though the contract was allotted long before ?

(f) Whether Government is going to repair the doctor khana houses within a short period ?

(g) If not, for how long it will be delayed ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

691. (a)—No. It is a State dispensary since its start. As regards repairs and reconstruction the matter is already receiving due consideration.

(b)—Annual petty repairs are being done as usual.

(c)—Government have no information.

(d)—Yes. Steps are being taken to provide necessary quarters.

(e)—No, the buildings are nearing completion.

(f) & (g)—Do not arise in view of the reply against (d).

Re: Land for the Public Health Dispensary at Lala in Hailakandi Subdivision

Shri GOURI SHANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked:

692. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical and Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) When the land for the Public Health Dispensary at Lala in Hailakandi Subdivision was acquired ?

(b) How much land was acquired ?

(c) Why the compensation of the land has not yet been paid by the Government ?

(d) What is the amount estimated as compensation per "bigha" ?

(e) How long it will take to pay up the amount to the owners of the land ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that advance possession was given by the owners of the land on the assurance that the compensation money will be paid to them shortly ?

(g) Whether Government are aware that a widow has been undergoing extreme hardship and has turned into street-beggar for loss of land and also due to non-receipt of compensation money ?

(h) Whether Government are aware that the people in the area are much afraid of giving advance possession of land for such other institutions of public importance due to such delay in payment of compensation money ?

(i) Whether Government propose to enquire into the matter and take necessary action in this regard ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

692. (a)—Information is being collected.

(b)—The area of the land proposed to be acquired is 9B. 4K. 2Ch.

(c)—For want of the final valuation report.

(d)—Rupees six hundred per bigha (approx.).

(e)—Sanction for the payment of the compensation has since been issued.

(f)—Yes, compensation money was to be paid on the finalisation of the acquisition proceedings.

(g), (h) & (i)—Do not arise.

Re: Procuring agents of Cement at Gauhati**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)** asked:

693. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Who are the procuring agents of cement at Gauhati ?
- (b) Whether cement procured by the agents are credited to Government account for distribution ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that one Sunilal Kanailal of Gauhati was allowed to procure 25,000 bags of cement during the period when there was scarcity of cement at Gauhati ?
- (d) When this quota was allowed to the said firm ?
- (e) Why a private dealer was allotted such a big quantity at a time when there was acute scarcity of cement at Gauhati ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied:

693. (a) & (b)—There are no procurement agents for cement which is usually procured on Government account but distributed through Cement dealers appointed by the Government.

(c), (d) & (e)—They were allotted 1,250 M/Tonnes of cement for Pd.IV/60 in September, 1960 and asked to move the same on their account speedily to Gauhati to help the consumers for onward distribution to the public as per direction of the Local Officer at the price fixed, as usual, by the local authorities.

Re: Construction of Baila River Bank Embankments by Sramik Bahinis formed by Local People**Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari)** asked:

694. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that last year the Baila River Banks Embankments were constructed by the Sramik Bahinis formed by the local people ?
- (b) If so, what is the total length of these embankments and what is the total cost incurred ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that though the work was completed last year their final bills have not been paid up to this time ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that this year also this Sramik Bahini have begun the bund construction of Adabari Bahari Embankment and Baila River Bank Embankment of Gauhati Division ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that no bill has been paid for these also ?
 (f) Whether Government are aware that these Sramik Bahini Members are very poor river eroded people ?
 (g) Why their Bills are not paid regularly at the interval of 15 days_?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, P.W.D. Flood Control, etc.) replied :

694. (a)—This was done partly by the Sramik Bahini and partly by the contractors.

(b)—The total length of embankment along right bank near Damdama 10,000Rft. Expenditure incurred Rs.40,000. Total length of embankment along left bank near Kajorchar 11,000Rft. Expenditure incurred Rs.41,194.

(c)—No. Contractors were paid finally.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No. Running Bills have been paid.

(f)—May be.

(g)—The payments are being made as frequently as possible but work sites being situated in out of the way place it has not been possible to make regular payment every fortnight after observing the various formalities as required under rules.

Re: State dispensaries to be established in the Plains Tribal Areas During 2nd Five Year Plan Period

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

695. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) The Number of State Dispensaries proposed by the Government to be established in the Plains Tribal areas during 2nd Five Year Plan period from out of the provision under Article 275 of the Constitution ?
 (b) The total amount allocated for construction and other cost of these Dispensaires ?
 (c) How many out of the proposed Dispensaries have been established so far and how many of them still remain to be established ?
 (d) Whether it is a fact that a good number of the said Dispensaries have not yet been established mainly due to not undertaking the construction works by the Public Works Department for some reason or other ?

(e) If so, whether Government propose to get the building of the remaining Dispensaries constructed by the Medical Department itself for early mitigation of the suffering people ?

(f) If not, why ?

Shri LOLIT KUMAR DOLEY (Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

695. (a)—Six under Medical and ten under Public Health.

(b)—The total amount allocated for constructional and other purposes for the dispensaries during the Second Plan is as follows:—

	Rs.
Medical dispensaries	6,48,557
Public Health Dispensaries	5,62,340 (For dispensaries as well as Maternity and Child welfare Centres).

(c)—Only two dispensaries under medical and two under Public Health have since been completed.

One of the Public Health dispensaries is already functioning and the rest are expected to function shortly.

Four of the Medical dispensaries and one of the Public Health dispensaries are at present at different stages of construction.

(d)—Yes. Due to delay in the selection of sites, want of land, want of building materials, etc., the construction works are delayed.

(e)—No.

(f)—The Medical Department have no technical staff of their own. Even if they have, the position is not likely to improve due to the same difficulties which Public Works Department have been experiencing.

Re: Work-charged establishment of the P.W.D.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

696. Will the Minister-in-charge, P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing) be pleased to state —

(a) Whether it is a fact that the work-charged establishment of the Department who have completed five years of service are also entitle to come under regular and permanent cadre due to him and his work-charged period is also counted in his service ?

- (b) The number of work-charged artisans in the Department in each District ?
- (c) How many of them have been converted to the regular cadre since the Government decision of 1958.
- (d) Whether it is a fact that a large percentage of the present work-charged artisans have completed five years of service and they are still in the work-charged establishment ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to bring them under regular cadre without further delay ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [(Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing)] replied :

696. (a)—It is the existing policy of Government to make permanent those work-charged staff who completed five years' service, subject to their approved service. Such personnel on being brought on to the regular and permanent establishment will get the benefit of their past services in work-charged establishment.

(b)—The information is not readily available and being collected.

The question was received only on 27th March, 1961.

(c) & (d)—The position will be known on receipt of the information as in (b) above.

(e)—As in (a) above.

Re : **Shifting the Public Health Unit for Baraigram to Kachuadam**

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi] [(Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

697. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical, etc., be pleased to refer to answer given to Starred Question No. 61 asked by the Questioner on the 17th March, 1958 on the object of Health Unit at Baraigram and state when Government has decided to shift the Public Health Unit from Baraigram to Kachuadam ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

697.—On the 1st August, 1957.

Re : **Deputy Director of Health Services, stationed at Gauhati—his duties, etc.**

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Gauhati) asked :

698. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Deputy Director of Health Services, Gauhati, is to be stationed at Gauhati being attached to the Gauhati Civil Hospital or to be supervising the Health Services throughout the area assigned to him ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that certain beds in the Gauhati Civil Hospital are allotted to the Deputy Director of Health Services for being look after by him ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical, Minister) replied :

698. (a) —The main duties of the Deputy Director of Health Services (Regional), Lower Assam Region, Gauhati are to supervise the Health Services in his region comprising of Garo Hills, Goalpara, Kamrup, Darrang and United Khasi and Jaintia Hills District. He has however, been permitted to attend Civil Hospital, Gauhati as Honorary Physician subject to non-interference with his normal duties.

(b)—Yes.

Re : Establishment of Primary Health Unit at Kamalpur

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

699. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What decision has been taken by the Government regarding the establishment of Primary Health Unit at Kamalpur for which a plot of land was donated by the Pattadars near N. T. Road and Kamalpur Borka P.W.D. Road crossing ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that all the documents were submitted to the Medical Minister by the Deputationists who waited upon him in the year 1958 and several representations were made thereafter ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Director of Health Services visited the site and provisionally selected the site subject to approval of the Government ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Pattadars have relinquished their rights over the donated land for the purpose of establishing the Primary Health Unit and conveyed it to the Government through the Medical Minister ?
- (e) When the work of the Primary Health Unit is proposed to be started by the Government ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

699. (a)—The question of establishing a Public Health Unit at Kamalpur will be considered when Kamalpur falls within a Community Development or N.E.S. Block.

(b), (c) & (d)—Government have no information.

(e)—Does not arise in view of the replies to (a) above.

Re: Demand of an Embankment of the Desang from Bhelaguri to Pathaligarh

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

700. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government has lately received proposal from the public of Lakwa demanding an embankment of the Desang from Bhelaguri to Pathaligarh of Silakutimuza ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the local officers had already made a preliminary survey of the proposal ?
- (c) What action is being taken by Government to have the Scheme materialised ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control, etc., etc.) replied :

700. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The Scheme is under consideration.

Re: Damaging of crops by the water from Dekhow river in Sibsagar Subdivision and closing the mouth of Namdang river

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

701. Will the Minister, Agriculture, be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the water from Dekhow river, Sibsagar Subdivision, gets into Namdang river and inundates every year some Mauzas Jokaisuk, Morabazar, Salaguri, Jokatali, Dopdar, Metika Nongaon, etc., and damaged, crops last few years ?

(b) Whether Government is aware of the strong public demand that the mouth of this Namdang river be closed at the earliest ?

(c) What steps Government is taking to close this mouth ?

(d) Whether Government propose to close this at the earliest ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge P.W.D., Flood Control, etc.) replied :

701. (a)—Yes, to certain extent.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—It is under investigation.

(d)—In view of reply above does not arise.

Re: Constitution of a reserve of Hahchara village with khas lands

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

702. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether a reserve will be constituted at Hahchara village comprising about 227 bighas of khas lands ?

(b) How many representations have been received at the circle office Patacharkuchi to this effect since the last two years ?

(c) When it will be given effect to ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

702. (a)—No.

(b)—No such representations in Patacharkuchi Circle Office have been received.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Teok Subsidised Dispensary

Shri HARI NARAYAN BARUAH (Teok) asked :

703. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Teok Subsidised, Dispensary is in a dilapidated condition ?

(b) If so, what steps Government have taken to improve the condition of the said Dispensary ?

(c) Whether Government propose to up-grade it to that of a Primary Health Unit and if so, when ?

(d) Whether Government have received representations from the Public to this effect ?

(e) If the reply to question (d) above is in the affirmative, what is the result of the action taken thereon ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

703. (a) & (b)—Government have no information as the maintenance of such buildings is a responsibility of the Dispensary Committee and the Public. Government sanction a grant of Rs.100 per annum for repairs.

(c)—At present there is no such proposal.

(d) & (e)—Yes. A petition was received by this office from the public of Teok requesting for conversion of the Teok Subsidised Dispensary and a report on that has been called for from the Civil Surgeon, Jorhat. The report has not yet been received.

Re: Charging at high rates per Pura of land by land-lords from tillers in Bogdung Mauza, Pulunga mauza, etc.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

704. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to refer to unstarred question No. 492 asked on 8th April, 1959, in the Budget Session and state—

(a) Whether any action was taken by the Government to prevent the land-lords from charging Rs.80 to 100 per "pura" (4 bighas) of land or realising 8 to 10 maunds of paddy per pura of lands from tillers in Bogdung Mauza Chabua, Pulunga Mouza, and Gharbondi Mauza of Dibrugarh, Eastern Circle?

(b) Whether Government is aware that similar higher rates are also charged in Moderkhat Lahoal and Rahmoria Mauzas in Dibrugarh Eastern circle by land owners?

(c) Whether Government propose to take such informations from Gaonburas and Lot Mandals of their respective jurisdictions ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

704. (a) to (c)—Informations are being collected.

Regarding Proposals for grants for Flood Damage Repairs of roads and bridges in Nalbari, Rangiya and Tihu circles

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

705. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the proposals received for sanction of grants for Flood Damage Repair of Roads and Bridges damaged by North Kamrup Floods during 1959 and those during 1960 floods in Nalbari, Rangiya and Tihu circles ?
- (b) What are the proposals that received sanction up till now ?
- (c) What are the proposals receiving consideration of the Government for sanction ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat) replied :

705. (a)—No specific proposal was received for repairs of roads and bridges damaged by flood of 1959 from any of these circles. During March 1961, however, on being asked two Anchalik Panchayats only of the Nalbari circle have submitted list of damages caused by 1960 floods. No other proposal has been received till now.

(b)—Due to late receipt of these list, no proposal could receive sanction this year.

(c)—No proposal till now has received any consideration, but on receipt of the list from all Anchalik Panchayats, the matter will be considered.

Regarding the Assam Board of Wakfs

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

706. Will the Minister-in-charge of Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the achievements of the Assam Board of Wakfs.
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the functions of the Board are not properly carried out by the office bearers of the said Board ?
- (c) If so, why ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the staff of the Board are not getting their salaries since a pretty long time ?
- (e) If so, why ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Secretary of the Board has resigned sometime back, but up till now none has been appointed in his place ?

(g) If so, why and how the present works of the Board are being managed?

(h) Whether it is a fact that the previous Secretary has misappropriated huge amount of money out of the Wakf fund?

(i) If so, what action has been taken against him?

(j) Whether Government are aware or received report to the effect that the present staff of the Board are illegally taking money from the Mutawallis of many Wakf Estates whenever a dispute comes before them?

(k) If so, whether Government propose to institute an enquiry confidentially into the works of the Board since its coming into existence?

(l) Whether it is a fact that a great controversy is going on about the Mutawallis of 'Haji Abdur Rahman Barlaskar Wakf Estate' of Silchar and the Board has failed to solve it?

(m) If so, why and in what way it failed?

(n) If the reply to (l) above is in negative the causes of the said dispute and the way how the Board is settling it?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Finance Minister) replied :

706. (a)—The Board has completed registration of the Wakfs in the State and has called for the accounts and budgets of all of them.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Yes, for last eight months.

(e)—As most of the Wakfs in Assam are Wakf-alal-aulad with nominal provisions for charitable and religious purposes, the income of the Board is small. To assist the Board, the Government twice advanced loans of Rs.8,000 and Rs.5,000 respectively. The Board has since exhausted the amount of these loans. The Mutawallis of the Wakf-alal-aulad agreed to make voluntary contributions to the Board to enable it to meet its financial requirements but most of the mutawallis failed to keep their commitment. The Board has therefore, no fund at present to pay its staff.

(f)—Yes. It is under consideration whether in view of the financial condition of the Board, the work can be managed otherwise than by appointing a paid Secretary.

(g)—The office work is being managed by the Head Assistant of the Board.

(h)—There are some allegations against the former Secretary regarding irregularities of accounts and cash.

(i)—A sub-committee has been formed to enquire in to the allegations and the report of the committee is being awaited.

(j)—No.

(k)—Does not arise.

(l)—Yes, with the consent of the contesting parties, Shri U. G. Majumdar, Chartered Accountant, has been appointed to audit the account of this Wakf Estate and it is hoped that the report of the auditor when available will help in solving the controversy.

(m)—Does not arise.

(n)—Please refer to the No. (1) above.

Re : The River Research Station at Burnihat—its functions, etc.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked :

707. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

- (a) When did the Government start the work of the River Research Station at Burnihat.
- (b) What was the capital cost sanctioned for its establishment and what amount has been spent up till now ?
- (c) What is the present function of the said River Research Station ?
- (d) What are the different types of Research work proposed to be carried out in the River Research Station at Burnihat ?
- (e) Whether any research work is being actually carried out there at present ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the said River Research Station is not functioning for want of research staff ?
- (g) If so, what steps have been taken by Government to appoint requisite number of such staff ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the State Electricity Board is conducting research work with their own staff by their own arrangement at a huge cost in spite of the potentiality of such Research work in the Burnihat River Research Station ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P. W. D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

707. (a)—The River Research Station was started on September, 1956.

(b)—(i) The Capital cost sanctioned for establishment of the River Research Station is Rs.19 lakhs.

(ii) Amount spent till 31st March, 1961—Rs.11 91,721.00.

(c)—The function of the River Research Station is to attend to the problems referred to the Director, River Research from time to time and to furnish the findings and recommendations on the basis of laboratory test and mathematical analysis as far as possible with the help of equipments so far procured.

(d)—The following research work is proposed to be carried out :—

(i) Hydraulics including Potomology ; problems on Irrigation and Flood Control.

(ii) Soil Engineering.

(iii) Works concerning concrete, cement and other building materials.

(e)—It has already started functioning. The dearth of qualified research officers, research assistants has hampered the progress of its proper functioning in full swing.

(f)—Does not arise in view of (e) above.

(g)—The posts in question were advertised three times. In respect of the third advertisement, 2 candidates were offered appointment as Assistant Research Officers with higher initial pay, one candidate was appointed as Research Assistant in the Junior Scale of Rs.125—275 and another in the senior scale of Rs.225—500, but all the four candidates mentioned above did not join their appointments. Regarding the posts of research officers, one person (Shri Gajindar Singh) was offered appointment as research officer with a higher initial pay and other facilities but he declined to accept the offer.

(h)—Materials are under collection.

Re: Construction of embankments from Dibrugarh to Dihingmukh on Southern side of Brahmaputra

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-Wast) asked :

708. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs.10,56,000 was sanctioned in the year 1959-60 for construction of embankments on the Southern side of Brahmaputra from Dibrugarh to Dihingmukh with a view to save the people of Larua and Jamira Mouza from flood havoc ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that tenders were submitted by contractors in time and works have been distributed about 3 months ago?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that compensation of land has not been paid as yet and that the workers have not been allowed to cut earth?
- (d) What steps Government have taken to complete the work?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P. W.D. (Flood Control, etc., etc.)] replied:

708. (a)—No. Administrative Approval for Rs.9,92,000 was given on 28th March, 1960.

(b)—Yes. Though tenders were called for during October, 1960, work could not be started by the Contractors in time for want of possession of land.

(c)—Yes. Works have already been started by Contractors in these portions of the alignment where advance possession has been received. As no Land Acquisition estimates have been submitted by the District Officers, (Revenue) payment for compensation of land for these portions could not yet been done. Work in the remaining portions would be started with handing over advance possession of land by the Revenue Authority.

(d)—All possible steps have been taken to start the work as soon as possession of land is received, and to complete if possible.

Re: Settlement of lands of the Barpeta road-town

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked:

709. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) With whom lands of Barpeta road-town were settled since the beginning?
- (b) How many of them were cancelled for not giving premium within the specified period?
- (c) What were the conditions of settlement of lands there?
- (d) Whether these conditions have been fulfilled by the persons with whom these lands were settled?
- (e) If not, why their plots have not been cancelled?
- (f) How many Government servants have been allotted lands their having lands within the town in their names or in the name of their relatives and what are the names of such Government servants?
- (g) Why settlement to those persons have not been cancelled?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

709. (a)—The list of allottees is placed on the Library table.

(b)—A proposal for cancellation of allotment for non-payment of and kist of premium by 10 allottees has been received which is under examination of Government.

(c)—The conditions of settlement are as follows:—

“Settlement may be made on short-term lease for a period of 3 years after which if the land is occupied and developed by the allottee, ordinary periodic leases may be granted. On failure of the allottee to occupy and develop the land within 3 years the allotment may be cancelled without any claim for refund of premium.”

The premium may be realised in two instalments, one-half with the allotment, and the other half at the beginning of the 3rd year.

(d)—There is no report that the allottees except those 10 mentioned in (b) above, failed to fulfil the condition.

(e)—In view of reply to (b) and (d) above, the question does not arise.

(f) & (g)—The information is being collected from the Sub-Divisional Officer, Barpeta.

Re: Agricultural and Cattle loans issued during 1957-58, 1958-59, 1959-60, and 1960-61 and amounts realised

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

710. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—
- What is the total amount of Agricultural loan issued in the years 1957-58, 1958-59, 1959-60 and 1960-61 in the State in each Subdivision ?
 - What is the total amount of Cattle loan issued in the years 1957-58, 1958,59, 1959-60 and 1960-61 in the State in each Subdivision ?
 - What amounts of the loans issued in these years have been realised in each year in each Subdivision ?
(Agricultural loans and Cattle loans to be shown separately).

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

710. (a) to (c)—A statement showing the agricultural and cattle loans issued during 1957-58, 1958-59, 1959-60 and 1960-61 and amounts realised in each year is placed on the Library table.

Re: Selling of Annual Patta Land

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

711. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—
- Whether annual patta lands can be sold ?
 - How many cases of sale of annual patta lands are there in Assam since 1947 (Subdivision-wise) ?

- (c) How many encroachment cases are pending in such cases all over Assam ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

711. (a)—Sale of annual patta land is not recognised, and the patta is liable to be cancelled for that reason.

(b)—The number of cases of sale of annual patta land so far come across is furnished in a statement placed on the Library table.—

(c)—The information is furnished in the statement referred to in reply to question (b) above. Encroachment cases were not taken up in all cases of transfer of annual land. Where the occupants were found deserving of settlement, their occupation was regularised by fresh settlement after termination of the original settlements by issue of non-renewal notices.

Re : Introduction of Bodo language in the Primary Schools in areas inhabited by Kachari people

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

712. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government decided to introduce Bodo language in the Primary Schools which are situated in areas predominately inhabited by Kachari people ?

(b) If not, why not ?

713. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government received a copy of the book under the name of "Mokhjennai" written by Shri Rajendra Lal Narjari ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to consider to introduce this book in the Bodo Primary Schools?

714. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government propose to sanction of grants-in-aid to the Lower Primary Schools of Bodo language if opened by the voluntary organisation ?

(b) If not, why not ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister-in-charge of Education) replied :

712. (a)—It is under consideration and a preliminary survey is being made.

(b)—Does not arise.

713. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The book will be considered if and when a final decision regarding introduction of Bodo language is taken by the Government.

714. (a)—No.

(b)—A school can be given grants-in-aid only when it is recognised and a school can be recognised only when the department is satisfied that the standard of instruction is satisfactory. After the introduction of Bodo is decided upon necessary syllabus and text books will have to be prescribed and recognition of schools will be on the basis of the prescribed syllabus and text books, etc. So it is too premature to consider recognition of or giving grants to Bodo Medium Schools.

Regarding distribution of non-recurring grants to the Government Aided Schools

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

715. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) The names of the Government Aided Middle English Schools in the State, which are given non-recurring grants this year from the last year's savings ?

(b) The names of such Government Aided High English Schools with the amounts in Sibsagar Subdivision.

(c) On what basis the grants is distributed ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister-in-charge of Education) replied :

715. (a)—No amount of non-recurring grants have been sanctioned this year from last year's savings.

(b) and (c)—Does not arise.

Regarding Election as Members of Panchayats and Assembly

Dr. SHIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

716. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any circular was issued by the Government stating that Aided High English School Teachers, Professors, Principals, etc., of Teaching Institutions are not entitled for election as Member of Panchayats and Assembly ?

- (b) If so, how many sub-teachers were elected in various elections, e.g., Panchayat, Assembly, Parliament, etc., with names and addresses ?
- (c) Whether one Sri Devi Charan Nayak was ordered to take compulsory leave with effect from 18th October 1960 without giving any notice to him who won the Panchayat Election held on 25th April 1960 and who was an Assistant Teacher of Amrikhowa Government Aided High English School of Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (d) Whether other persons under the same category either in Schools or Colleges will also be ordered to take compulsory leave ?
- (e) If the reply is in the affirmative, since when ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

716. (a)—No.

(b)—Information is being collected.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, orders have already been issued.

(e)—Since the date of holding election.

Re: Payment of Dearness Allowance to the Middle English School Teachers

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked :

717. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the dearness allowance of Rs.15 per head due to the Middle English School teachers of Nowgong, Sibsagar and Lakhimpur District is not paid since 1959, March ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether Government propose to make arrangement to pay up immediately the amount due to them ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister of Education) replied :

717. (a)—Dearness allowance at Rs.15 per head to Middle English School teachers of Sibsagar and Lakhimpur Districts could not be paid in 1959-60 due to paucity of funds during the year 1959-60. Teachers of Nowgong District have been paid.

(b)—Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c)—Yes. The amount has been drawn by Director of Public Instruction and will be paid through the Inspector of Schools ?

Re: Irregularity of payment to Lower Primary School Teachers in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

718. Will the Education Minister, be pleased to enquire and state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that payment to the Lower Primary School Teachers in Sibsagar Subdivision, is made irregularly for the last few months ?
- (b) If so, since when and why this irregularity ?
- (c) Whether such irregularity in payment, is done in other districts ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

718. (a)—Payment to the teachers in the Sibsagar Subdivision has been regular. But a few teachers could not be paid regularly during the last two months for late submission of particulars. Government will, however, enquire into the matter.

(b)—Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c)—Government have no report from other subdivisions except Nalbari and Rangiya where difficulty was experienced due to the opening of new circles for Deputy Inspector of Schools.

Construction of buildings for State Dispensaries in Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldoi) asked :

719. Will the Minister Medical be pleased state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Public Works Department submitted Plans and estimates for construction of buildings for several State Dispensaries of Mangaldai Subdivision for administrative approval ?

(b) If so what are these Dispensaries and what actions are being taken ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

719. (a)—Yes.

(b)—

1. Kharupatia ... Plans and estimates for Rs.74,367 received and administrative approval is being accorded.
2. Chamuapara ... Administrative approval for Rs.70,000 already accorded.

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| 3. Majbat | ... | } Taken over from Local Board. |
| 4. Dalgaon | ... | |
| Administrative approval for Rs.24,000 for Majbat and Rs.26,000 for Dalgaon accorded. | | |
| 5. Jaljali | ... | } Plans and estimates received by the Director of Health Services and Administrative approval will be accorded. |
| 6. Saraibari | ... | |
| 7. Kalaigaon | ... | |
| 8. Puthimari | ... | |
| 9. Hangalpara | .. | |
| 10. Burhinagar | ... | |
| 11. Bhergaon | ... | |
| 12. Harisinga | ... | |
| 13. Paneri | ... | |
| 14. Garokhuti | ... | |
| } Taken over from Local Board. | | |
| } Plans and estimates received but administrative approval could not be accorded for want of provision in 1960-61. | | |
| 15. Kurua | .. | |
| 16. Panisili | under Art. 275. | Necessary action is being taken by the Tribal Areas Department to accord administrative approval. |

Re: Head Pandit and teachers' quarters of the Mornoi Deuri Govt. M. V. School at Bahgora

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

720. Will the Minister Education be pleased to state—
- Whether it is a fact that the Mornoi Deuri Govt. M. V. School, Bahgora is running without a Head Pandit for more than six months ?
 - If so, what steps have been taken to appoint a Head Pandit for that school ?
 - Whether it is a fact that for want of Teachers' quarters, for the said M. V. Schools, neither the Head Pandit nor the other teachers are willing to come to serve that M. V. Schools ?
 - What amount of money so far allotted since the establishment of the Mornoi Deuri Government M. V. School for (i) Construction of the Building (ii) Construction of teachers' quarters and (iii) Construction of the Boarding House ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

720. (a), (b), (c) & (d).—Informations are being collected.

Re: Sanction of recurring and Teacher's Compensatory Grants to the M. E. Schools of Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

721. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the following deserving recognised M. E. Schools of Golaghat Subdivision have not been granted their share of teachers' compensatory grants out of the recurring grant :—(1) Numaligarh M.E., (2) Kachupathar M. E., (3) Melamora M. E., (4) Adarsamiri M. E., (5) Sankardeb M. E., (6) Bokakhat Girls' M. E., (7) Karayani M. E., (8) Borjan M. E., (9) Adarasa M. E. and (10) Negheriting M. E. Schools ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to sanction payment of the recurring grants and teachers' compensatory grants to these Schools from the year 1960 ?
- (c) If not, what are the reasons ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that the Golaghat Subdivision is more backward in comparison to other subdivisions in respect of Education ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to enquired and state whether the questioner had moved the D. P.I., the Inspector of Schools, Jorhat and the Deputy Inspector of Schools regarding sanction of grants to those schools several times ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the localities of the aforesaid schools mostly inhabited by people who are backward and belong to Scheduled Castes ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

721. (a)—There is no teachers' compensatory grant.

(b)—Yes, to the following schools at the rates shown against each, with effect from 1st March 1960 to 28th February 1961.

1. Numaligarh M. E.—Rs.108 p. m.

2. Kachupathar M. E.—Rs.69 „

3. Melamara M. E.—Rs.142 „

4. Sankardev M. E.—Rs.76 „

5. Bokakhat Girls' M. E.—Rs.124 „

6. Adarasha M. E.—Rs.76 „

(c)—The following M. E. Schools have not been eligible for deficit grant in the current year for the reason shown against each—

1. Adarsha Miri M. E.—Particulars for recurring grants have not been received.
2. Karaiyani M. E.—Particulars for recurring grants have not been received.
3. Barjan M. E.—Particulars for recurring grant have not been received.
4. Negheriting M. E.—Staff under-qualified.

(d)—No.

(e)—Yes, the questioner moved the Inspector of Schools through the Deputy Inspector of Schools.

(f) Yes. The localities in question are inhabited by backward people and Scheduled Castes people.

Re: Payment of a sum of Rs.10 for cleaning blockages of sanitary installations, man-holes, etc., by Departmental Sweepers

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

722. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Road and Buildings Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Departmental Sweepers are employed for work such as opening out the blockages of Sanitary installation, man-holes, pipelines, septic tank, etc., other than his normal duties ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that a sum of Rupees 10 was paid under the receipt No. 115, book No.34, dated 30th March 1960 for such work ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to place on the table a copy of the said receipt ?
- (d) Who is the payee of the amount ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

722. (a)—The point raised is not quite clear as the normal duties of the Sweepers include works relating to sanitation like sweeping, clearance of drains and latrines, etc.

(b) - Government have no information. The matter will, however, be looked into if and after further details thereof are furnished by the hon. Member.

(c) and (d)—Do not arise in view of (b) above.

Re: Sub-Inspectors of Police directly, recruited and confirmed prior to 1945 and not promoted to higher rank

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

723. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The names of Police Sub-Inspector directly recruited and who have been confirmed prior to 1945 but not yet promoted to the higher rank ?
- (b) Whether these officers were asked to appear at the Selection Board for promotion ?
- (c) Whether these officers have been allowed to cross the efficiency bar in the scale of pay they are enjoying ?
- (d) If so, why they have not been promoted to the next higher rank (*i. e.*, Inspector of Police) ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

723. (a)—The names of such Sub-Inspectors of Police are given below—

- (1) Shri Bangshidhar Thakuria.
- (2) Shri Jagabandhu Das.
- (3) Shri Bagaram Dewri.
- (4) Shri Gopal Chandra Deka.
- (5) Shri Khagendra Nath Medhi.
- (6) Shri Nara Kishore Basumatary.
- (7) Shri Joy Chandra Das.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The Board which examined their records of service and confidential character rolls did not consider them fit to hold higher responsibility, as their records are not satisfactory. Crossing of efficiency bar in a particular rank does not automatically entitled an officer to promotion which is made on basis of seniority-*cum*-merit and suitability, *i. e.*, fitness to hold the higher post.

Regarding confirmation of P. W. D. workers of five years completed service

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

724. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R and B Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to confirm as permanent the Public Works Department workers who have completed five years of service ?

- (b) If so, what is the number and date of the letter by which the order was communicated ?
- (c) What steps the Government are taking to implement the Government decision to make them permanent ?
- (d) Who is responsible for the delay in implementing the Government order ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to assure that all the workers who have completed five years of service will be made permanent within the next three months and from the date of their joining in the services ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R and B)] replied:

724. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.E.3M/23/57/17, dated 24th April, 1958, No.E.3M/23/57/18, dated 24th April 1958, No.1E/4/58/43, dated 3rd November, 1958, No.E1E/2/59/45, dated 2nd May 1960. No.E.3M/23/57/19, dated 24th April 1958, and No.E.3M/23/57/20, dated 24th April, 1958.

(c)—Necessary instructions are issued from time to time to all Controlling officers to take action promptly.

(d)—There seems to be no such delay in implementing any Government orders.

(e)—It is difficult to give such assurance as sometimes, considerable time is necessary to scrutinise cases. But attempts are always made to implement the orders as early as possible.

Re: Promotion of Sub-Inspectors of Police to Inspectors of Police the requisites necessary

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

725. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the qualifications required for promotion from the post of Sub-Inspector of Police to the post of Inspector of Police?
- (b) Whether promotions are allowed without appearing at the selection Board in violation of the existing Rules and procedure ?
- (c) If so, what are their names who were thus promoted?
- (d) Whether promotions are allowed to Sub-Inspectors of Police having records of major punishment including black marks in their service career ?

(e) If so, what are their name ?

(f) What are the reasons for their promotions in supersession of the claims of the Sub-Inspectors having no major punishment in their service record ?

(g) Whether Government propose to promote immediately the Sub-Inspectors of Police having long standing career and who have been allowed to cross the efficiency bars in consideration of their efficiency service ?

(h) If not, why not ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

725. (a)—Promotion from the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police to the rank of Inspector of Police is made by selection on basis of merit-cum-seniority and fitness to hold the post.

(b)—Yes, in exceptional cases.

(c)—The names of these Sub-Inspectors are as follows:—

1. Shri Lakhanlal Saha.
2. „ Padma Kanta Dutta.
3. „ Jagar Singh.
4. „ Charu Prasad Das.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Their names are as follows:—

1. Shri Bepin Behari Chakravarty.
2. Shri Gunaram Gogoi.
3. „ Kalidas Mukherjee.
4. „ Bhabani Charan Bora.
5. „ Jitendra Ch. Chanda.
6. „ Abdul Majid Bora.
7. „ Harendra Nath Saikia.
8. „ Motiram Regon.
9. „ Lakhanlal Saha.
10. „ Kabil Ali.
11. „ Harendra Nath De.
12. „ Vilalhoulie Angami.
13. „ Narayan Ch. Phukan.
14. „ Sudhir Ch. Mozumdar.
15. „ Chandra Nath Sut.
16. „ Debendra Nath Das.
17. „ Ganiruddin Ahmed.
18. „ Nirmal Ch. Saharia.
19. „ Surendra Nath Biswas.
20. „ Usha Ranjan Dutta.
21. „ Padma Kanta Dutta.
22. „ Charu Prasad Das.

(f)—The above officers after having major punishments at their credit tried their level best and rectified their past conduct and thus improved their standard of work and showed a complete change of their mental outlook. Their continuous good work was taken into consideration in promoting them.

(g)—Not immediately.

(h)—Unless their records of service justify their promotion their cases cannot be considered.

Regarding grant of compensation to the Government servants who served in Naga Hills during disturbances

Mrs. USHA BORTHAKUR (Samaguri) asked :

726. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that no step is taken by the Government to grant compensation to those Government servants who served in Naga Hills during Naga disturbances in 1955-56 and onwards and who lost their properties there during discharge of official duties ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

726. No *ex-gratia* grants were sanctioned to Government servants who sustained loss of property due to hostile activities in Naga Hills. A statement is laid on the Library table.

Regarding opening of States dispensaries in the Second Five Year Plan

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

727. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) How many new State dispensaries were opened during the Second Five Year Plan in each subdivision ?
- (b) How many local Board dispensaries were taken over in each subdivision during this period ?
- (c) How many dispensaries are running without Doctors in each Subdivision ?
- (d) What is the total shortage of Doctors in the State ?
- (e) How many petitions from Doctors for appointments are pending in the office of the Director of Health services till now ?
- (f) How long these petitions are lying in the said office ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

727. (a)—Gauhati Subdivision	..	...	4
Barpeta	..	...	4
Goalpara	..	...	6
Dhubri	..	...	4
Kokrajhar	..	...	3
Nowgong	..	..	4
Sibsagar	..	..	1
Jorhat	..	...	1
Dibrugarh	..	...	4
Silchar	..	...	1
Karimganj	..	..	1
Shillong	..	...	3
Mikir Hills	..	...	4
N. C. Hills	..	...	1
Garo Hills	..	...	4
Aijal	..	...	1
Jowai	..	...	1
Total	...	...	47

(b)—Total 205 including 2 Hospitals and 5 out centres (A Sub-division-wise statement is given below :—

List of Local Board dispensaries taken over shown Subdivision-wise

Subdivision	Hospital	Dispensary	Medical Out centre	Total
Silchar...	..	6	..	6
Hailakandi	..	1	..	1
Karimganj	..	6	..	6
Tezpur	..	13	..	13
Mangaldai	..	21	..	21
Nowgong	..	25	..	25
Sibsagar	..	7	..	7
Jorhat	..	5	..	5
Golaghat	..	5	..	5
Dhubri	1	27	..	28
Goalpara	..	9	..	9
Gauhati	..	42	5	47
Barpeta	..	17	..	17
Dibrugarh	1	9	..	10
North Lakhimpur	..	5	..	5
Total	2	198	5	205

(c)—29 Dispensaries in the State.

(d)—87, viz., 77 in the cadre of Assistant Surgeon I and 10 in the cadre Assistant II.

(e) and (f)—6 applications (for the post of Asstt. Surgeon I received during January & February, 1961).

Four applications (for posts of A.S II 10 applications since December, 1960.

Regarding Saikhowa-Dirakmukh Road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

728. Will the Minister of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to refer to unstarred question No. 650 asked by the questioner on 8th April, 1959 in the Budget Session of the Assembly, 1959 and state—

(a) Whether the existing alignment of the Saikhowa-Dirakmukh Road which is outside the Embankment has since been abandoned and the diversion through Lafankala inside the Embankment has been taken up ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the portion of this fair weather road outside the bund could not serve the purpose and local public had been complaining that this expenditure has been mis-spent ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R.&B.)] replied :

728. (a) & (b)—Information are being collected. The question was received on April, 1961.

Re: Scarcity of Coal in Assam

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

729. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware of great scarcity of Coal by consumers and industries of Assam from some time past ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that sole monopoly has been given to Messers New Assam Coal Trading Company Calcutta who have failed to supply the requirement of quota holders of Assam ?

(c) What is the composition and financial condition of the said company, and whether the opinion of the State Government was taken in selection of the Company for the purpose ?

- (d) Whether it is a fact that since introduction of Coal control, Depot holders of Assam for soft coal were given freedom in selection of own Agent ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Messers R. K. Dindayal, Gauhati, and some other selected dealers have been allotted liberal quota of hard coke depriving majority of Depot holders ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that the same firm gets another quota of coal in the name of Radhakrishan Trunk and Bucket Factory ?
- (g) What effective measures State Government propose to take with the Government of India to set aright the irregularity ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

729. (a)—Yes, these have been some complaints of scarcity.

(b). (c)&(d)—New Assam Coal Trading Company of which Mr. and Mrs. F. Hazarika are the proprietor was not appointed to deal in Coal.

(e)—Messers R. K. Dindayal, Gauhati reported to be depot holders of long standing were given large quotas since the time allotments were made by the Deputy Assistant Coal Controller Government of India, Gauhati. Their quota has been reduced after allotment of coke was taken over by the Supply Department.

(f)—No.

(g)—Government have no knowledge of any irregularity.

Allotment of Sugar for Sibsagar District

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

730. Will the Supply Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government allotted two wagons of sugar to Subdivisional Officer Sibsagar from M/s. produce exchange Corporation, Gauhati telegraphically on 5th August 1960 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer Sibsagar did not send any nominee to lift the sugar from Gauhati when he was asked to do so ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that M/s. Produce Exchange Corporation sold 65 bags of sugar to one Shewkumar Brajranglal of Sarupathar without any authority ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Supply, Golaghat seized the sugar from one Padumsuk Agarwalla of Sarupathar and forwarded the case to the Joint Director, Supply to prosecute the dealer ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that Shewkumar Brajranglal to whom M/s Produce Exchange Corporation issued the sugar is a fictitious person who could not be traced any where ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat was asked to release the seized sugar unconditionally by the Government ?
- (g) What action has the Government taken against M/s. Produce Exchange Corporation, Gauhati for such illegal deal ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

730. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—Yes.
- (c)—Yes.
- (d)—The Inspector Supply seized the sugar but did not forward the case for prosecution.
- (e)—Sixty bags of sugar were sold to M/s. Shewkumar Brajrangla through their alleged commission agent M/s. Chaggan Mul Prem Sukh. It has however been reported that there is no such party at Sarupathar.
- (f)—The sugar was released under orders of Secretary, Supply and M/s. Produce Exchange Corporation took it back to Gauhati.
- (g)—The case is still under enquiry.

Re: Settlement of Goalpara District

MAULAVI SHAHADAT ALI (South-Salmara) asked :

731. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be please to state—
- (a) In which year the resettlement of the Goalpara District was taken up?
- (b) Whether the District was divided into circles ?
- (c) If so, what was the number ?
- (d) Whether any time for completion of the re-settlement was fixed ?
- (e) If so, whether it was complete within the stipulated time
- (f) What is the total amount spent in this connection ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that all A. R. O's worked from the same headquarter ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the Government had to incur expenditure as Travelling Allowance of officers for having their headquarters at Goalpara ?

- (i) If the answer is in the affirmative, what is the total amount of Travelling Allowance drawn by the officers in this connection ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that the settlement work of one village was done by several officer (*i. e.*,) Mondal and Kanongoh at different phases of the operation for which innumerable mistakes occurred in records of rights ?
- (k) Whether Government are aware that poor tenants had to suffer for the arrangement mentioned above ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that the "Bujarat" operation was not done ?
- (m) What is the number of cases filed by the tenants up till now against draft published records and final published records ?
- (n) The number of cases disposed of and the number of cases pending up till now ?
- (o) Whether Government are preparing records-of-rights under the Goalpara Tenancy Act, or under the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

731. (a)—(i) In 1953 preparation of record-of-rights including survey was undertaken for permanently settled areas.

(ii) In 1955 resettlement operation including record-of-rights of tenants and adhiars was undertaken for temporarily settled areas.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Nine.

(d)—Yes, 31st March, 1961.

(e)—No.

(f)—Rupees 47,05,066.95nP. upto February, 1961.

(g)—No.

(h)—No.

(i)—Does not arise.

(j)—Yes, the work has to be done by several officers at different stages in the same village according to the provisions of the Act. It is, however, not true that the mistakes in the preparation of record-of-rights can be due to this.

(k)—No.

(l)—Yes.

(m)—(i) Seventy-five thousand four hundred and ninety three, objections have been filed against the draft records, and

(ii) 2,049 cases have been filed against the final records.

(n)—Fifty-seven thousand eight hundred and thirty cases have been disposed of and 19,712 cases are pending.

(o)—Under the Goalpara Tenancy Act, 1929 as amended in the permanently settled areas, and under the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886, in the temporarily settled areas.

Appointment of a Pharmacist in Dumnichowki State Dispensary

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldoi) asked :

732. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) When the Dumnichowki Public Health Dispensary of Mangaldai Subdivision was converted to State Dispensary ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Dumnichowki State Dispensary has been running without Pharmacist since long time ?

(c) If so, how long ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Public of Dumnichowki as well as the questioner submitted representations to the Government for providing Pharmacist in the said Dispensary ?

(e) If so, what action has been taken ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

732. (a)—It is a State Dispensary since its opening. The question of conversion does not arise.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The exact period is not known. Probably there was no Pharmacist at all.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Steps are being taken by Government to sanction the post of a Pharmacist without delay.

Re: The utilisation of Amguri H. E. School by the District Congress Committee

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

733. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government Aided Amguri H. E. School building was utilised by the Sibsagar District Congress Committee to hold Congress workers' meeting sometime in 1957-58 ?

- (b) If so, why it is not given to Janguri Exhibition Committee to accommodate the Government officials from 2nd to 7th February, 1961 ?
- (c) What unified policy or procedure is adopted by the Government in giving School buildings and fields for official or non-official purposes and since when it is enforced ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

733. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—It is primarily given for educational purposes.

Re: The missing of files where the orders of the then Chief Minister, Shri B. R. Medhi was incorporated

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

734. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Project be pleased to state—

(a) How many important files were stolen from the Community Project Directorate during the last three years ?

(b) What action has been taken against the Assistant concerned of those files ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the files relating to orders of the then Chief Minister, Shri B. R. Medhi regarding under qualified employees in the Community Project Department has been also missing ?

(d) Whether the following employees were reverted to District Offices as per orders of the then Chief Minister, Shri B. R. Medhi ?

(1) Shri R. Bisarad, an Under-matric

(2) Shri S. Deb, a Matriculate ; and

(3) Shri K. P. Bhattacharjee, a Matriculate ?

(e) If not, why ?

(f) Whether they acquired requisite qualifications now for the posts they are holding ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development, etc.) replied :

734. (a)—None.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—No.

(d) & (e)—(1) Shri R. Bisarad was sent to District Office as per orders of the then Chief Minister, Shri B. R. Medhi and was brought to Head Office under circumstances explained in reply to questions 96 (a) & (b).

(2) & (3)—Shri S. Deb and Shri K. P. Bhattacharjee was retained in the headquarter, according to the then Chief Minister's revised order and approval of the Appointment Department to allow them to appear in I.A. Examination.

(1)—Shri K. P. Bhattacharjee passed the I.A. and I. Com. Examination. Shri S. Deb has been retained as explained in reply to Question 735 (a) & (b).

Re: under-qualified Ministerial staff in the Community Project Directorate

Shri GHANASYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

735. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there are many under qualified Ministerial staff in the Directorate ?

(b) If so, why they are retained against the Appointment Department Circular ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that one person who is still under Matric was promoted to the post of Internal Auditor in that Department ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development, etc.) replied :

735. (a) & (b)—The minimum qualification for recruitment in the offices of Heads of Departments is I. A. or I. Sc. In the case of promotion to heads of departments offices of clerks of subordinate offices, merit alone is taken into consideration and the educational qualification is considered at the time of initial appointment only. No under qualified person has been recruited in the Community Project Directorate. The three persons, who are either Matric or Under-matric, came to Ministerial staff in the Directorate under circumstances explained hereafter.

(i) Shri Bisarad, who is an Under-matric joined the office of Assam Transport during War time in 1943. Under special order of the then Chief Minister, late Lokapriya G. N. Bordoloi, he was absorbed in 1948, in the Directorate of Supply as an Assistant from where he was transferred in 1953 as a Lower Division Assistant to the Directorate of Community Project. On his own merit he was promoted to the post of Accountant in 1955 and thereafter as Head Assistant, Ramkrishnanagar Community Blocks. Later on he was transferred to head office as Accountant. The post of Accountant and Head Assistant of Block are on the same scale.

(ii) Shri R. K. Datta, who is a Matric, entered service in 1954 in the Directorate of Supply as Accounts Assistant and was promoted as Accountant and then as Senior Accountant in the same Department. He was transferred to the Community Project Directorate in 1953 and given a similar post as he was holding in the Supply Department. He was transferred to Darrang Community Project establishment as Head Assistant on the same scale of pay and again brought back, after 3 years service in Darrang, in the Head Office as Upper Division Assistant on the same scale of pay.

(iii) Shri S. K. Deb, who is also a Matric, entered Government service in 5th March 1941 in the establishment of Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet as Lower Division Assistant. On partition he was transferred to the office of D. D. P., Silchar, where he was promoted as Accounts Assistant. In 1950 he was transferred to the office of Directorate of Supply as Accounts Assistant and then promoted as Upper Division Assistant in 1952. He was thereafter transferred to Community Project Directorate and given the same post as he held in the Supply Department.

(c) —Yes. As explained above the minimum educational qualification is considered at the time of initial appointment and not in case of promotion which is based on merit.

Re: Secretary, Industries Department

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked :

736. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) What was the total number of working days in the Industries Department (Secretariat) during the calendar year 1960 month-wise ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that for more than 50 per cent of the total working days in the said year, the Secretary of the Industries Department was not personally available at the Head Quarters ?

(c) What is the exact number of days month-wise in 1960 when the Secretary of the Industries Department was available at the Head Quarters ?

(d) What is the total number of Bills, showing amounts of T. A./D. A. drawn by the said officer during the calendar year 1960 ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Industries Department) replied :

736. (a)—There are no separate working days for the Industries Department (Secretariat) which is one of the Departments of the Assam Secretariat (Civil). The total number of working days of the Assam Secretariat during the last calendar year was 257 days. Month-wise break-up is given as per statement (I) below.

(b)—No. Secretary Industries Department was out of station on tour for 108 days including his tour to Japan which works out to 42 per cent and not 50 per cent.

(c)—Secretary, Industries Department was available in the Head Quarters 149 days out of 257 working days during the calendar year 1960. Month-wise break-up is given as per statement (II) below.

(d) — The total number of T. A. bills submitted by the Secretary, Industries Department, was 20. The amount of T. A. and D. A. drawn by him during the calendar year 1960 including his Japan tour was Rs.14,305.07 nP.

STATEMENT I

[Referred to in reply to Unstarred Question No.736(a)]

MONTH-WISE BREAK-UP OF WORKING DAYS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1960

January	...	1960	...	...	...	...	19 days,
February	..	1960	...	...	...	...	21 days.
March	...	1960	...	...	...	...	22 days.
April	...	1960	...	...	...	...	19 days.
May	...	1960	...	...	...	...	23 days.
June	..	1960	...	...	...	...	23 days.
July	...	1960	...	...	...	...	22 days.
August	...	1960	...	...	...	...	23 days.
September	...	1960	..	...	...	...	18 days.
October	...	1960	...	...	...	...	20 days.
November	...	1960	...	...	...	...	23 days.
December	...	1960	...	...	...	...	24 days.
Total							..	257 days.

STATEMENT II

[Referred to in reply to Unstarred Question No.736(c)]

MONTH-WISE BREAK-UP OF SECRETARY'S PRESENCE IN THE HEAD QUARTERS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 1960

January	...	1960	...	...	...	...	12 days.
February	...	1960	...	...	...	...	9 days.
March	...	1960	...	...	...	...	6 days.
April	...	1960	...	...	...	...	14 days.
May	...	1960	...	...	...	...	16 days.
June	...	1960	...	...	...	...	13 days.
July	..	1960	...	...	...	...	21 days.
August	..	1960	..	...	...	...	14 days.
September	...	1960	...	...	...	...	5 days.
October	...	1960	...	...	...	...	13 days.
November	..	1960	...	...	...	...	16 days.
December	...	1960	...	...	...	...	10 days.
Total							..	149 days.

Loans granted to Lalchand Tody of Nowgong

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked :

737. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total amount of loans granted by the Government to Mr. Lalchand Tody of Nowgong during the course of last 12 years and how much he has paid back and what amount remains as outstanding dues to the Government ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that Mr. Tody is a big speculator and the Government's money is utilised by him mainly in the jute trade ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that he mortgages same property for various loans ?
- (d) What are the reasons which prompted Government to bestow special favour to this particular person ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge of Industries) replied :

737. (a)—No Industrial loan was granted to Shri Lalchand Tody of Nowgong by the Industries Department.

(b), (c) & (d)—Does not arise.

Investment in Assam Electricity Board

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor) asked :

738. Will the Minister-in-charge of Electricity be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total capital invested up till now in the Assam Electricity Board ?
- (b) What may be the total capital of organisation by the end of the Third Five Year Plan ?
- (c) What is the number of total employees employed by this organisation ?
- (d) The numbers separately of the Engineers, Skilled, Semi-skilled and Unskilled labour ?
- (e) What is the shortage of technical personnel in different cadre in the organisation ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity)
replied :

738. (a)—Rupees 6,84,22,854.00.

(b)—Rupees 34,34,22,854.00.

(c)—Two thousand, one hundred and eighty-three.

(d)—(i) Number of Engineers 98

(ii) Number of Subordinate Engineering personnel
Grade I. 131

(iii) Number of Subordinate Engineering personnel
Grade II. 104

(iv) Number of Skilled labourers 51

(v) Number of Semi-Skilled labourers 26

(vi) Number of Unskilled labourers 263

(e)—(i) Engineering Graduates 62

(ii) Subordinate Engineering Personnel Grade I ... 149

(iii) Subordinate Engineering Personnel Grade II ... 36

(iv) Other technicians such as Electrician, Fitter,
Operator, Linemen, etc. 54

Regarding All-India Tour by High School and L.P. School Teachers

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor) asked :

739. Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the teachers of High English Schools and L. P. Schools are sent to all India tour ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this privilege is not extended to the M. V. School teachers ?

(c) Whether Government propose to extent the same to the all classes of teachers ?

740. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the teachers of M. V. Schools and Senior Basic Schools are entitled to get T. A. on their transfer ?

(b) If so, why the T. A. is not paid to the teachers on transfer ?

(c) Whether Government propose to take step so that the teachers get the T. A. on transfer ?

741. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) What is the amount allowed as contingency expenses in L. P., M. V. and Senior Basic Schools per month ?

(b) Whether there are different rates in different School Boards ?

(c) Whether Government propose to take steps for granting the contingency expenses according to the size of the Schools ?

742. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the M. V. School and Senior Basic School teachers who are Normal 3rd Year and Senior Basic passed are entitled to the same scale of pay which the Matriculate Normal 3rd year passed teachers are enjoying ?

(b) If so, when the Government took this decision ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that many of the 3rd year passed and Senior Basic passed teachers are deprived of this scale ?

(d) If so, whether Government propose to take step so that the teachers who are entitled to enjoy the Matric 3rd year teachers scale will get their arrear pay without any loss of their salary ?

743. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) What D. A. and C. A. is admissible to M. V. and Senior Basic School teachers ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

739. (a)—There is no scheme for sending High School teachers out on tour. They sometimes accompany the students in their excursion. There is however a scheme under which L. P. teachers are sent to various places within the country.

(b)—So far M. V. School teachers have not been included.

(c)—This will be examined.

740. (a)—Yes.

(b)—It has not been brought to the notice of the Government by any teacher that the T. A. due to him has not been paid.

(c)—Officer concerned will be instructed to see that the T. A. is paid.

741. (a)—Rupee 1 in the first month and Re.0.50 nP. in subsequent month per teacher in L.P. Schools. In M. V. and Senior Basic Schools there are no fixed rates and contingencies are sanctioned according to the requirements.

(b)—The rates are the same so far as the L. P. Schools are concerned.

(c)—It is proposed to increase the contingencies and improve the procedure of payment under the Third Plan. The rates will be fixed according to the size of the School and on the basis of requirements.

742. (a)—No. Normal Third Year who are also Senior Basic passed are not entitled to the scale of the Matriculate Normals.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

743. (a)—For the teachers employed in Board's School a fixed D. A. of Rs.5 per month. For the teachers of Government Schools at Government rates.

Re: The strength of clerical staff in offices of Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinsukia, Sibsagar, Jorhat, etc. and number of Schools under them

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

744. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the strength of the clerical staff in the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinsukia ?
- (b) The strength of clerical staff in the offices of Deputy Inspector of Schools at Jorhat, Sibsagar and Dibrugarh apart from the staff under the respective School Boards ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that no clerical staff has yet been appointed under the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinsukia to deal with matters relating to School Board and Schools under the School Board ?
- (d) The number of Government M. E., M. V. and L. P. Schools under each of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Dibrugarh and Tinsukia ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to increase the number of clerical staff in the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinsukia ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

744. (a)—Two.

(b)—Five in each office.

(c)—There is no School Board at Tinsukia so the question does not arise.

(d)—Middle English Schools	114	} Under Deputy Inspector of Schools, Dibrugarh.
Middle Vernacular School	29	
Lower Primary School	684	
Middle English School	47	} Under Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinsukia.
Middle Vernacular School	4	
Lower Primary School	420	

(e)—According to the yard stick laid down by Government the Office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Tinsukia is not entitled to Additional Staff.

Regarding Shri Bhadhreswar Neog, Head Clerk, Office of the Executive Engineer, United Khasi and Jaintia Hills Division, Shillong

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

745. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Bhadhreswar Neog at present working as a Head Clerk in the office of the Executive Engineer, United Khasi and Jaintia Hills Division brought his personal effects at the time of joining his duties at Shillong in the month of February, 1960 ?

(b) Whether he used any Private Carrier, Public Carrier, or booked the same through State Transport ?

(c) If he used any Private Carrier or any Public Carrier who is the owner of the vehicles and what is the number of the same ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI, [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads & Buildings)] replied :

745. (a)—There is no such person by the name of Shri Bhadhreswar Neog at present working in the office of the Executive Engineer, Khasi and Jaintia Hills Division.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Regarding acute scarcity of water in Kamrup district in 1960 and proposal for sanction of money by the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

746. Will the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that last year there was unprecedented drought in the district of Kamrup and there was no rain upto May, 1960 ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that there was acute scarcity of water in certain areas as ponds, tanks and streams were dried up ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup submitted a proposal to sanction some money for water supply in these affected areas ?
- (d) Whether any amount was sanctioned for the purpose ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Kamalpur area was badly affected and the scarcity of water was acute but no help was given by the Government ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Panchayats were unable to sanction water supply grants for paucity of funds and each Gaon Panchayat comprising of five or more villages could install only one Tube well from the fund at their disposal ?
- (g) What step Government propose to take to meet this emergent situation of water scarcity in future ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

746. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d) No.

(e)—Yes, Kamalpur was also one of such badly affected areas.

(f)—Government have no such information.

(g)—Government is sanctioning large sums of money for Rural Water Supply Scheme.

Regarding Ratabari Middle English School in Karimganj Subdivision

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

747. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) In which year Ratabari Middle English School under the Karimganj Subdivision was recognised and grant-in-aid was given ?

(b) What was the roll strength of the school at that time ?

(c) What amount was granted first as—

- (i) grant-in-aid ;
- (ii) Non-recurring grant ;
- (iii) Building grant ; and
- (iv) Grant for Crafts, etc. ?

(d) What was the total amount granted so far for that school under different heads stated in question (c) above ?

(e) What was the enrolment of that school in the year 1959-60 and 1960-61 ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Inspector of School found the following irregularities with regard to the said school—

- (i) Misappropriation of school fund by the Secretary ?
- (ii) Poor enrolment and attendance ; and
- (iii) Unqualified teaching staff ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that for these reasons he passed an order to abolish the school ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Schools, Silchar cancelled the order of the Deputy Inspector and allowed the school to function ?

(i) If so, under what circumstances he cancelled the order of Deputy Inspector and found it necessary to continue the school there ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

747. (a)—Ratabari Middle English School was recognised in the year 1953 and Grant-in-aid was granted in March, 1955.

(b)—Twenty-two pupils in March 1955.

(c)—(i) Grant-in-aid Rs.25 per mensem.
(ii) & (iii) Building Grant Rs.500 per mensem.

(iv) Craft Grant Rs.3,500 in 1956.

(d)—Total amount granted to the school so far under different heads—

(i) Grant-in-aid Rs.2,700 and Compensatory grant Rs.483.

(ii) Building grant Rs.1,650 (flood Rs.500 plus Rs.250 in 1954-55).

(iii) Craft grant Rs.3,375 plus Rs.750 (Craft contingency).

(e)—The enrolment in 1959-60—24.

The enrolment in 1960-61—9.

(f)—(i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) Only the Headmaster is underqualified.

(g)—As desired by the local public and the Old Managing Committee to shift the school to a suitable site an order to that effect was given from this office but it was stayed by the Inspector of Schools, S. A. C. by wire, dated 20th December, 1960.

(h) & (i)—Information is being collected.

Re: Installation of a Tube-well at Rangia Inspection Bungalow

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

748. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a contract was given for installation of a Tube-well at Rangia Inspection Bungalow compound under Lower Assam Division (now N. K. Division) during the year 1949-50 by tender number 42RS,49-50?

(b) Whether it is a fact that one supplementary tender has been accepted for trial boaring for the same work?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the work in question has been completed duly?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the contractor is making claim for payment of the work?

(e) Whether it is a fact that no final payment has been made to the contractor?

(f) If so, why?

(g) When the payment will be made?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.) Wing] replied :

748. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—Yes.
- (c)—The work was completed but no water could be supplied from the tube wells sunk at different places.
- (d)—Yes for Rs.300.
- (e)—The contractor has been paid for sinking the 1st tube well but he has not been paid for subsequent boarings under supplementary tender.
- (f) & (g)—Informations are being collected.

Re: High Schools in the State

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery) asked :

749. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—
- (a) How many High Schools are there in the State ?
- (b) What is the total number of students reading there ?
- (c) Whether the accommodation in the classes for the students are sufficient ?
- (d) If not, what step has been taken by the Government for expansion of School building ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that some of the school have no hostels ?
- (f) If so, whether Government propose to make any special provision for construction or expansion of hostels for those schools ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

- 749 (a)—Six hundred and eighty-one of which 447 are affiliated to the University, 57 departmentally recognised and 177 unrecognised Venture High Schools.
- (b)—Two lakhs, fifty-eight thousand and nine hundred and forty-eight of which 2,38,144 are in recognised High Schools and 20,804 in the unrecognised areas.
- (c)—Accommodation is not sufficient in many schools.
- (d)—Till this year non-recurring grants for construction and extension of buildings were given.
This year a loan provision has been made for the purpose.
- (e)—Yes. Most of the High Schools have no hostel provision.
- (f)—As in (d) above.

Re: Girls' High School at Mangaldoi

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery) asked :

750. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is a Girls' High School at Mangaldoi ?
- (b) If so, what is the number of students reading in the school ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the school building was damaged by storm ?
- (d) If so, whether any grant was given for this purpose ?
- (e) What was the total grant given to this institution from 1957 to 1960 ?
- (f) Whether the accommodation in the class for the students is sufficient ?
- (g) If not, whether Government has made any provision for expansion of accommodation ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister of Education) replied :

750. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Two hundred and sixty-seven.

(c)—Yes. According to the report of the Inspector of Schools, N. A. C. the building of the school was damaged in April, 1960.

(d)—No.

(e)—

	Recurring grant		Non-recurring grant
	Rs. nP.		Rs. nP.
1956-57	9,136.00	...	1,000.00
		...	1,500.00
		...	825.00
		...	205.00
1957-58	11,529.32	...	...
1958-59	9,996.09	...	...
1959-60	15,580.26	...	1,000.00
1960-61	...	...	2,000.00

(f)—No.

(g)—Yes, there is a provision of Rs.12.50 lakhs in this year budget for giving loan to the Education Institution. The case of the school will be considered out of that provision if any demand from the school is received.

Re: Number of High and M. E. Schools in Darrang District

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery) asked:

751. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of High and M.E. Schools in Darrang District ?

(b) What is the total number of students reading in these schools ?

(c) What is the number of students residing in the hostel of these schools ?

(d) Whether the hostel accommodation is sufficient ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that some of the schools are suffering badly for want of accommodation ?

(f) Whether Government has provided Girls common room in these institutions ?

(g) If not, whether Government is considering to provide the same ?

(h) Whether Government are aware that some of these institutions are holding classes in the open air for want of accommodation ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister of Education)
replied :

751. (a)—High School	...	...	...	...	54
M. E. School	...	...	..	..	58
					112
					112

(b)—Twenty thousand, five hundred and fifteen.

(c)—Information is being collected.

(d)—Accommodation is sufficient in the Hostels attached to the Government High School. As regards Aided Schools reports are being collected.

(e)—Yes, a few schools.

(f)—Yes, in some schools.

(g)—Yes, by granting loan out of the provision as mentioned in the reply to the question 750 (g) above.

(h)—No. Government have no information.

Re : the post of Secretary to the State Soldiers' Board

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

752. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the post of Secretary to the State Soldiers' Board is not filled up after Mr. Hareswar Bordoloi had left the job about 7 years back ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that due to the lack of a permanent man in the post the ex-servicemen are facing various difficulties ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Dr. Upananda Saikia, M.B.B.S., who is a private practitioner with a Medical clinic and pharmacy of his own and also in charge of T.B. ward in the Civil Hospital, Nowgong is also being maintained as Secretary of the Nowgong District Soldiers' Board with pay, D. A. and T.A. ?
- (d) While appointing Dr. Saikia, whether Government advertised the post ?
- (e) If so, whether any other candidate except Dr. Saikia applied for the post ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

752. (a)—No
- (b)—Government have no information.
- (c)—Yes.
- (d)—No, it is the Secretary, State S.S. & A. Board, Assam who is the appointing authority and not the Government.
- (e)—Does not arise.

Settlement of Sal coupe at Salbori in Barpeta Subdivision in 1960

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

753. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there had been settlement of Sal Coupe at Salbori in Barpeta Subdivision during 1960-61 ?
- (b) If so, to whom and how many Sal trees were sold ?
- (c) Who sold these trees and when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

753. (a)—Yes.

(b)—127 sal trees have been sold to one Shri Girish Ch. Das on a competitive basis after calling tenders.

(c)—The Divisional Forest Officer, North Kamrup Division has sold the trees this year (1960-61).

Establishment of a Police out-post in between Doom-Dooma and Saikhowaghat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

754. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Superintendent, Assam Frontier Tea Coy. Ltd., Talap Division, P.O. Talap wrote a letter on 12th February, 1960 to the Inspector General of Police, Shillong requesting to station a regular Police Post in Talap area ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that a copy of this letter was sent to some of the Ministers as well as to the Superintendent of Police, Dibrugarh ?

(c) Whether Government have decided to station one Police out-post at Bali Bazar area of Talap in Saikhowa Mauza ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that the distance between Doom-Dooma and Saikhowa ghat is about 15 miles and a Police Out-Post is badly needed in the midway of these two places ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

754. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, a proposal to the effect is under consideration of Government.

(d)—Yes.

Re: Public Health Dispensary at Nutan Ramnagar in Silchar Subdivision

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai) asked :

755. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical and Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) When the Public Health Dispensary at Nutan Ramnagar in Silchar Subdivision was sanctioned ?

(b) When the tenders were called for construction of the building ?

- (c) Whether the tenders have been finalised and the contract given to any body ?
- (d) If so, to whom ?
- (e) Why the work has not been started yet ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

755. (a)—On 13th May, 1960.

(b)—On 22nd July, 1960.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Shri Surendra Kumar Dhar.

(e)—The works could not be started for acute scarcity of cement and C.I. sheet, etc.

Regarding the visit of Barnagar Girls' High School by the Chief Minister

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

756. Will the Minister-in-charge of education be pleased to state—

- (a) When the Chief Minister visited the Barnagar Girls' High School ?
- (b) What was his report ?
- (c) Why this School has not yet been inspected by the Inspector of Schools, Lower Assam Division ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

756. (a)—Would be 17th May 1960.

(b)—No formal report was submitted.

(c)—The High School Classes were started and conducted without permission or knowledge of the Inspector of Schools. The matter was brought to the notice of the I/S, L. A. C. only recently. The Inspector of Schools has since recommended the School for departmental recognition which has already been granted by the D. P. I.

Regarding Venture M. E. Schools situated in Backward areas within the Tinsukia Education Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

757. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of venture M. E. School situated in backward areas within the Tinsukia Education Subdivision ?

- (b) Whether he would lay on the table a list of such venture M.E. schools showing the number of students against each ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to sanction recurring aid to these M. E. Schools situated in backward areas having an enrolment of 40 or over ?

758. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that Tangana M. E. School within Tinsukia Education Subdivision was established more than 7 (seven) years ago and the present enrolment is over 73 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that no recurring aid was sanctioned by the Government since 1957 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the school authority also had been representing this case to the Deputy Inspector of Schools; Dibrugarh, Inspector of Schools as well as to the D. P. I. for recurring aid to this institution ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the recommendations of the Deputy Inspector of Schools for recurring aid in the year 1959-60 was not forwarded by the Inspector of Schools, Jorhat to the D. P. I. in time ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that 33 per cent of the students belonged to tribal communities and others belonged to other Backward Classes ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that there is no M. E. or H. E. Schools within a radius of more than 5 miles ?
- (g) Whether any non-recurring grants under Article 275 has been granted to this institution ?
- (h) If so, the amount so granted year by year during last 5 years?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education)

replied:

757. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected.

(c)—No. The minimum enrolment required is 60. But it may be considered for *ad-hoc* grant if the school is recognised.

758. (a)—Tangana M. E. School was recognised with effect from 1st January, 1958. Date of establishment is not known. Further informations are being collected. Enrolment—73.

(b)—Recurring grant under deficit system has been sanctioned to the school with effect from 1st March, 1960.

(c), (d), (e) & (f)—Information is being collected.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—Rs.500 has been sanctioned during 1960-61 for building and equipments. No amount has been sanctioned during the previous 4 years.

Regarding Revised Scale of Pay of the field staff of the Relief and Rehabilitation Department

Shri BISWANATH UPADHAYYA (Patharkandi) asked:

759. Will the Minister-in-charge, Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Field Staff under the Relief and Rehabilitation Department has been deprived of the revised scale of pay ?

(b)—If so, what is the reason of the same ?

(c) What about their absorption after the Department is wound up?

Shri SAI SAI TERANG (Parliamentary Secretary, Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

759. (a)—All the field staff of the Relief and Rehabilitation Department except the following have been given the benefit of the revised scale of pay :—

(i) Relief and Rehabilitation Officer.

(ii) Non-graduate Inspectors.

(iii) Overseers on contract service.

(b)—The scale of pay of the three categories of posts stated above was not revised on the following grounds :—

(1) The scale of pay of the Relief and Rehabilitation Officer (Rs.250—650) is already higher than the revised scale of pay (Rs.200—600) granted to comparable posts like the Rural Development Officers and the Project Executive Officers in other Departments.

(2) The scale of the non-graduate Inspector (Rs.100—200) is almost similar to the revised scale of pay (Rs.100—250) granted to non-graduate Inspectors of some other Departments like Agriculture Department. As the posts of Inspectors have already been abolished, raising of the maximum is not necessary.

(3) The Overseers on contract basis who were appointed for a specified period with higher initial pay as agreed to by the parties concerned.

(c)—The Heads of Departments as well as the appointing authorities in other Government offices have been instructed to absorb the temporary employees of the Relief and Rehabilitation Department as far as possible with the result that a good number of them have already been appointed in alternative jobs and the others are also being gradually absorbed.

Besides, some of the Relief and Rehabilitation Officers and the Assistant Relief and Rehabilitation Officers have already been taken in A. C. S. II cadre and some cases for encadrement of Relief and Rehabilitation Officers and Assistant Relief and Rehabilitation Officers are under consideration of the Government.

Re: Shri Kartar Singh Bhoraj, Overseer under S. D. O. (B), Shillong placed under suspension

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

760. Will the Minister, P. W. D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Kartar Singh Bhoraj, Overseer under S. D. O. (B), Shillong was suspended and proceedings were drawn up against him a few months back ?

(b) If so, when and whether he is still under suspension ?

(c) What were the reasons of his suspension and what were the charges against him ?

(d) Whether he was in regular service or on contract basis ?

(e) If on contract basis, when his term was over ?

(f) Whether the contract was renewed ?

(g) Whether the said Overseer requested the Department to relieve him ?

(h) If so, whether he was relieved ?

(i) If not, why not ?

(j) Whether the suspension order was issued by the Assistant Secretary for Additional Chief Engineer, P.W.D. (R. & B.) ?

(k) Who is the competent authority to issue the suspension order ?

(l) What action Government have taken on his representation dated the 30th May, 1960, 8th June, 1960 and 25th July 1960 ?

(m) Whether it is a fact that increment of the said Overseer was granted for the year in the month of March 1960 ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing)] replied :

760. (a)—Yes.

(b)—He is still under suspension with effect from 16th May, 1960.

(c)—He was suspended on account of disobedience of orders and indiscipline and also various allegations against him. Proceedings have been drawn up against him on the following charges :—

(1) Insubordination, disobedience and indiscipline.

(2) Communication of distorted version of official information and submission of malicious report to unauthorised persons.

(3) Fabrication and manipulation of official records.

(4) Criticism of and insinuation against superior officers and colleague.

(5) Private trade.

(d)—On contract basis.

(e)—The last term was over on 6th February, 1960.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Yes, after suspension.

(h)—No.

(i)—He was under suspension and proceedings are pending against him.

(j)—The order was signed by the Special Officer for Additional Chief Engineer.

(k)—Additional Chief Engineer.

(l)—Enquiries revealed that the allegations are maliciously false.

(m)—Yes.

Re: Registered contractors in the State and those in Sibsagar Subdivision in particular

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

761. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) The list of Registered contractors of the State Subdivision-wise and also the lists of such contractors belonging to the other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Subdivision-wise ?

- (b) The names of contractors who were allotted contracts during the years 1957-58, 1958-59 1959-60 and 1960-61 in the Sibsagar Subdivision stating against the name of each whether he belongs to other Backward classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes along with the amount of works allotted to each case ?
- (c) The names of contractors of Sibsagar Subdivision whose tenders were accepted at Scheduled rates during those years stating the amount of contract given each case ?
- (d) The names of contractors of the same Subdivision during the same period whose tenders were accepted at a lower rate than the Scheduled rate along with the amount of contract given in each case ?
- (e) The name of contractors who have been regularly given contracts during these years in the Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (f) The names of contractors who took contracts 20 per cent below the Scheduled rates during these years in Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (g) Whether the contractors who accepted contracts at a rate below 20 per cent of the Scheduled rates could fulfil the work as per plan and specification and to the entire satisfaction of the concerning department ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied :

761. (a) to (g)—Information is being collected.

The question received only on 13th March, 1961.

Regarding grant of educational concessions in the form of Scholarships and in grants towards the Children of *ex*-Military Personnel

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked:

762. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government's principle was to grant educational concessions in the form of Scholarships and grants towards the children of the *Ex*-military personnel ?
- (b) If so, whether Government has given such concessions to the children of the *Ex*-service-men ?
- (c) If the reply to (b) above is in the affirmative, how many and who are enjoying it ?

- (d) Whether Government is aware that one *Ex-military* personnel namely Sri J. N. Bhagawati has filed before Minister, Education and D. P. I., not less than 17 applications through the Head Masters, but to no avail ?
- (e) What is the reason for not considering them ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

762. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Yes. Some applications were received from Shri J. N. Bhagawati of Nowgong during 1957-59.

(e)—The applications were considered along with others on their merit ; but no preferential treatment could be given to the applicant as it was not admissible under the rules.

Regarding Higher Secondary Schools in the State

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

763. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—
- (a) How many Higher Secondary Schools are there in the State ?
- (b) What are the approved subjects for Higher Secondary Course in those Schools ?
- (c) Whether teachers with requisite qualifications have been appointed in those Higher Secondary Schools ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that majority of such schools are suffering for want of requisite staff ?
- (e) What steps are being taken by the Government to solve the problem of providing requisite staff to those Secondary Schools ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that some Text Books of the Higher Secondary Course are not available or have not been printed ?
- (g) What are the reasons for not removing these difficulties by the Government after so much time of introducing the system of education ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to realise the difficulties suffered by the students and take immediate steps to remove the difficulties of the students on this score ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

763. (a)—There are 44 Higher Secondary Schools out of which 22 are Multi-purpose Schools. The schools are up-graded in stages. In the first stage buildings are constructed; in the second stage they are furnished with equipment and furniture and in the third stage teachers are provided and instruction starts. Instruction in the new courses has started in 16 Multi-purpose Schools and 9 Higher Secondary Schools.

(b)—In the Higher Secondary Schools two elective courses are offered, namely, Humanity and Science. In the Multi-purpose Schools practical courses like Fine Arts, Home Science, Commerce has been offered in addition. Provision has also been made for offering courses in Engineering and Agriculture in some Multi-purpose Schools but owing to dearth of qualified teachers instruction in these courses has not yet started.

(c)—Owing to the dearth of teachers with Master Degree and Honour's qualification, the schools have been allowed to appoint experienced graduate teachers specially in Science subjects to teach the Higher Secondary courses, for the practical courses teachers with a degree or diploma in the subject concerned have been appointed. Although the position regarding the staff of the Higher Secondary is not yet satisfactory most of the schools have been successful in getting the minimum staff required to handle the subjects.

(d)—As stated in (c).

(e)—Government have taken the following steps to ensure the steady supply of teachers for the up-graded schools—

- (a) Deputation of experienced graduate science teachers for a further course of training in science subject for one year in Cotton College. The course of further education has been specially designed to meet the needs of the Higher Secondary Schools.
- (b) Deputation of experienced arts graduates teachers for one year to the Gauhati University to do the Final year of M. A. course in order to enable them to sit for the M.A. Examination as regular candidates.
- (c) Awarding 30 Post-graduate scholarship every year under the development scheme to intending teachers for Post-graduate seats in Arts and Science.

- (d) Awarding stipends to intending teachers for Degree course in Agriculture, Music and Diploma in Fine Arts and Home Science.

(f)—Text Books in all the Subjects except Commerce and Biology are now available in the market. Books on Commerce and Biology are expected to be in the market during the academic session.

(g) & (h)—All possible steps have been taken to remove the difficulties experienced by the teachers and the pupils. It is however to be noted that there is an acute shortage of suitable personnel in every field. Really qualified teachers are not available in sufficient number even for Primary and Ordinary Secondary Schools. Seeing on that background the staff position in the Higher Secondary Schools does not seem to be very bad. In fact, the main reason for going slow in the matter of up-grading High Schools into Higher Secondary Schools in low rate of supply of teachers specially for the Science subjects.

Regarding Upper Division and Lower Division Assistants in the Office of the Deputy Inspector and Assistant Deputy Inspector of Schools, Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

764. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No.372 asked by Questioner in the Budget Session, 1959 on 6th April, 1959 on the subject of Upper and Lower Division Assistants in the office of the Deputy Inspector and Assistant Deputy Inspector of Schools Dibrugarh and to state—

- (a) Whether one of the 5 office Assistants in the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Dibrugarh has been up-graded as Upper Division Assistant ?
- (b) If so, since when he was up-graded ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that in each of the offices of Deputy Inspector of Schools, Sibsagar and Jorhat, there is one Upper Division Assistant ?
- (d) If so, why the staff of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Dibrugarh could not be considered simultaneously with that of Sibsagar or Jorhat ?
- (e) Since when the matter of up-grading one post to Upper Division in the Deputy Inspector's office, Dibrugarh was under consideration and whether any decision has since been made ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

764. (a)—No. But recently Government have sanctioned conversion of 26 Lower Division Posts to Upper Division Posts in the offices of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools, Head Masters and Head Mistresses of Government High Schools and Superintendents of Normal Schools. The posts will be filled up, *i.e.*, promotion of Lower Division Assistants to Upper Division posts will be made, on the basis of the seniority and efficiency. The Inspectors of Schools have been instructed to fill up the posts. The Assistants of the Deputy Inspector's office, Dibrugarh will receive consideration for promotion according to the procedure mentioned above.

(b)—Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—It could not be considered simultaneously as the office has only 4 permanent Lower Division posts (two of which were created after 1st April, 1948), whereas the offices at Sibsagar and Jorhat had 5 permanent Lower Division posts each at that time.

(e)—Since 1955, but the latest decision has generally been arrived as at (a) above.

Regarding New Roads taken up during 1957-60

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

765. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) The name, length and cost of each of the new roads taken up during the year 1957-58, 1959-60 and up to February, 1961 Subdivision-wise ?
- (b) The names of roads taken up out of the Second Five Year Plan provision ?
- (c) The names of roads taken up outside the Second Five Year Plan provision ?
- (d) The names of roads taken up out of saving and Central Grants which were not provided in the Second Plan ?
- (e) The names of roads taken up out of the funds under the Article 275 of the Constitution and their locations during the period from 1957 to February, 1961 ?
- (f) The total milage of new roads taken up during these years if the Sibsagar Subdivision, Silchar Subdivision, Jorhat Subdivision, Barpeta Subdivision and Mangaldai Subdivision ?
- (g) What is the total milage of new roads in the State during the period for 1957 to February, 1961 ?
- (h) The names with lengths of new road and amount spent on them in the following constituencies during the period from 1957 to February, 1961 year by year—
 1. Nazira Constituency,
 2. Amguri Constituency,
 3. Sibsagar Constituency,
 4. Jania Constituency,
 5. Badarpur Constituency,
 6. Hajoo Constituency,
 7. Borchala Constituency,
 8. Kaliabor Constituency,
 9. Rangia Constituency,
 10. Katanibari Constituency,
 11. Silchar East Constituency ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied :

765. (a) to (h)—Information are being collected.

Regarding Aided High Schools and Venture High Schools of Assam

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

766. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Aided High Schools of Assam Subdivision-wise and their enrolment as stood on 1st January, 1960 ?
- (b) The number of recognised but not fully aided or partially aided High Schools of the State ?
- (c) The number of Venture High Schools in the State Subdivision-wise with their enrolment ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to extend granting in aid to all these Venture High Schools in near future ?
- (e) What are the criteria to be strictly followed in deciding whether a particular Venture High School is eligible for Government grant or not ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to organise High Schools on regional basis ?
- (g) Whether Government will encourage public enterprise in respect of starting schools in future ?
- (h) Whether Government are aware that most of the existing M. E. Schools are being upgraded as High Schools ?
- (i) How Government propose to provide funds to cope with the situation ?
- (j) What principle Government will follow in regard to establishment of Girls' High Schools in the State ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

766. (a)—A list is placed on the Library table.

(b)—A list is placed on the Library table.

(c)—A list is placed on the Library table.

(d)—Yes, when they become eligible under the rules and if fund permits.

(e)—The rules laid down and published under Notification No 117 published in the *Assam Gazette* on 15th October, 1957 and also the Education Department Rules and Orders.

(f)—The question is not clear, High Schools are being encouraged wherever the necessity exists.

(g)—Yes, provided the rules are followed.

(h)—No.

(i)—Does not arise.

(j)—The same principles as quoted under (e) and (f) above

Grant-in-aid to the Schools of Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

767. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state whether Government propose sanction grants-in-aid to the following Schools of Sibsagar Subdivision—

- (i) Gelakey High School ;
- (ii) Mazenga High School ;
- (iii) Kharagarh High School ;
- (iv) Samaguri High School ;
- (v) Tengapukhuri High School ;
- (vi) Muttrapore-High School ;
- (vii) Dalbagua High School ;
- (viii) Suntak High School ;
- (ix) Chakimukh High School ;
- (x) Dhitaipukhuri High School ;
- (xi) Our Institution ; and
- (xii) Magarahat High School ; ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

767—Information are being collected.

Regarding realisation of Rs.79-12-0 from Shri Tirtheswar Dutta

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

768. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Sub-Deputy Collector, Naharkatia Circle realised Rs.79-12-0 from one Tirtheswar Dutta, a flood affected person, *vide* his receipt No.72, dated 21st May, 1956 (of book No 310) as land revenue for 15 bighas of requisitioned plot of land for 4 (four) years, *i. e.*, for 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 ?
- (b) Whether possession of the 15 bighas of land was given to this flood affected person ?
- (c) If so, when ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that he applied to the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh on 8th June, 1957, 8th May, 1958, 13th June, 1958, 26th July, 1958, 25th April, 1960 and on other date praying for giving possession of the land in question ?
- (e) Why the Sub-Deputy Collector, Naharkatia could not give possession to this person in 1956 or 1957 when land revenue was realised from him since 1952 to 1956 ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer, Naharkatia served notice on this person to be present at Wilton Grant on 7th October, 1958 and 15th February, 1959 but no Revenue Officer visited the place on those days ?
- (g) Why the Sub-Deputy Collector could not keep programme and could not give possession to this person upto 1960 ?
- (h) What is the number of persons from whom Revenue was realised but possession had not been given in requisitioned land in Wilton Grant in Tengakhat Mouza by the Subdivisional Officer, Naharkatia ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

768. (a)—Yes. This amount representing a part of the total requisition compensation of Rs.139-56 nP. for the years 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1955-56 in respect of 15 bighas of requisitioned land was realised.

(b) & (c)—An area of 330 bighas of land including the above 15 bighas out of the requisitioned area from Wilton Grant was allotted to 22 flood affected families of Bordoloni area and possession handed over on 28th January, 1956 to Shri T. Dutta and Shri L. Dutta on behalf of these allottees. No individual possession of 15 bighas was given to Shri T. Dutta.

(d) & (e)—Yes. But the question of giving individual possession does not arise when possession was taken over jointly block-wise by two persons on behalf of all the allottees.

(f) & (g)—It is not a fact. A general notice was issued to the allottees of the said land on 7th October, 1958 to be present on 10th October, 1958 for surveying the land and the requisitioned staff visited the area accordingly. Another notice was served on 15th February, 1959 to the allottees to be present on 20th February, 1959 and the requisitioned staff visited the area on that date also.

(h)—One hundred and eighteen persons have paid part compensation for the entire requisitioned land measuring 975B—2K—5I, and possession was taken over block-wise by the allottees jointly.

Regarding Rehabilitation Advance to the Refugees from East Bengal

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

769. Will the Minister-in-charge of Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

- What is the total amount that was advanced to the refugees from East Bengal for their Rehabilitation in Assam ?
- How many families obtained such loans in Assam ?
- What is the number of these families settled in each district of the State and wherefrom they obtained loans ?
- What is the number of families district-wise who have repaid the loans advanced in the State ?
- What is the number of families or loanees who have shifted from the State of Assam and whose whereabouts are not known ?
- What is the outstanding amount of loan yet to be recovered from the loanees who were advanced Rehabilitation loans in the State of Assam ?

Shri SAI SAI TERANG (Parliamentary Secretary, Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

769. (a)—About Rs.7,09,47,000.

(b)—Seventy-four thousand, four hundred and ten families.

(c)—					
1. Nowgong	..	..	..	..	10,329
2. Khasi and Jaintia Hills	..	..	..	..	2,647
3. Darrang	..	..	..	..	5,289
4. Lakhimpur	..	..	..	..	4,765
5. Cachar	..	..	..	..	26,502
6. Kamrup	..	..	..	..	10,005
7. Goalpara	..	..	..	..	13,019
8. Garo Hills	..	..	..	..	571
9. Mikir and North-Cachar Hills	..	..	..	..	164
10. Sibsagar	..	..	..	..	1,119
					74,410

These families received loans from the Deputy Commissioners/Sub-divisional Officers concerned.

(d)—

1. Nowgong ..	...	...	...	450 families.
2. Khasi and Jaintia Hills	..	...	...	147 "
3. Darrang ...	...	...	...	84 "
4. Lakhimpur	...	...	...	98 "
5. Cachar	...	—	...	1,033 "
6. Kamrup	...	...	...	366 "
7. Goalpara	...	...	...	118 "
8. Garo Hills	...	...	...	85 "
9. Mikir and North Cachar Hills			...	2 "
10. Sibsagar	...	...	...	485 "

(e) —Whereabouts of 2,729 families of loanees are not known.

(f) —Rupees 6,45,39,233·63 nP.

Regarding cold weather bridge over the Pakalaga ghat at Roha on the Roha-Bagulamari P.W.D. Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

770. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

- Why cold weather bridge has not been constructed over the Pakalaga ghat at Roha on the Roha-Bagulamari P.W.D. Road ?
- Whether tender had been called ?
- Whether Government is aware that cold weather bridges were constructed at this place in present year ?
- If so, what action has been taken against the contractor for not constructing this cold weather bridge this year ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D (R.&B.)] replied :

770. (a)—The necessity of cold weather bridge does not exist, as the stream is navigable for marboat and single boat for vehicular and pedestrian traffic respectively.

(b)—Yes. Executive Engineer has been enquired of as to why the tenders were called for.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise, as no work was allotted contractor.

Re: **Shri Kartar Singh Bharaj, Overseer under Subdivisional Officer (B) Shillong, transferred to Karimganj his outstanding dues, etc., if any**

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

771. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Kartar Singh Bharaj, Overseer under Subdivisional Officer (B), Shillong was transferred to Karimganj ?
- (b) If so, when ?
- (c) Whether there was any demand for Overseer at Karimganj ?
- (d) Whether the said Overseer requested the Department to grant him Travelling Allowance and pay in advance ?
- (e) If so, whether the advance was given to him ?
- (f) If not, why not ?
- (g) Whether this Overseer has been paid any pay and travelling allowance in advance during the tenure of his service ?
- (h) Whether there is any security deposited by the Overseer for lending cash, etc. ?
- (i) If so, what is the amount ?
- (j) Whether there is any pay due to the Overseer ?
- (k) If so, what is the amount ?
- (l) What is the amount of his contributory Provident Fund ?
- (n) Whether there is any other due such as claim for travelling allowance and dual charges allowance or any other arrears and if so, what is the amount ?
- (o) Whether the Executive Engineer, Karimganj Division, has been informed about the transfer of this Overseer ?
- (p) If so, when ?
- (q) Whether any subsistence allowance is given to the Overseer ?
- (r) If so, when it was ordered and at what rates ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied.

771. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Orders were issued on 14th May 1960.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—No.

(f)—It is not admissible under the rules in absence of surety being a temporary personnel.

(g)—Information not available at the moment. It is being collected

(h)—Information is being collected.

(i)—Does not arise in view of reply at (h) above.

(j)—No.

(k)—Does not arise.

(l)—Information is being collected from the A. G., Assam.

(n)—Information is being collected.

(o)—Yes.

(p)—14th May 1960.

(q)—Yes.

(r)—3rd June 1960 at the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ of his pay.

Re: Construction of an embankment on the Northern bank of Darika river and grant of compensation to villagers concerned

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

772. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (E.&D.) be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No.690, asked by the Questioner on 8th April, 1959 in the Budget Session of the Assembly, 1959 and state—

(a) Whether any embankment on the Northern bank of Darika river has yet been constructed ?

(b) Whether the Scheme of quicker drainage has since been taken up ?

773 Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E&D) be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 694, asked in the Budget Session of the Assembly 1959 on 8th April 1959 and state—

- (a) Whether the compensation to the people of the villages mentioned in sub-question (b) has since been paid ?
- (b) Since when the payment of compensation had been pending and when it was paid ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, P.W.D. Flood Control, etc.) replied.

772. (a)—No.

(b)—No. A scheme namely, 'Drainage of Darika Basin' may be taken up during 3rd Five Year Plan period if selected.

773. (a)—As no Land Acquisition estimate has been received from Revenue Department after payment of compensation up to 1959-60, there should be no compensation left to be paid so far Saikhowa Bund Phase I and II are concerned.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Incompletion of sluice gate in the Dihing Bund in Modorkhat Mouza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

774 Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Why sluice gate was left incomplete in the Dihing Bund in Modorkhat Mouza even in the middle of July last and there by allowed the people to suffer ?
- (b) Who was the contractor there and who were the S. D. O. and Overseer responsible for supervision ?
- (c) What action Government propose to take against them ?
- (d) Whether the sluice gate has since been completed ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge P.W. D., Flood Control, etc.) replied.

774 (a) to (d)—Information has been called for from the Divisional Officers. (N. B. the question was received on 30th March 1961 to be replied by 3rd April 1961.)

Regarding rehabilitation, etc., of erosion affected families of the
Dhansiri river Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bārpeta (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]
asked:

775. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that during the tremendous erosion of river Dhansiri on the Northern side of Rowta Railway Station (Mangaldai Subdivision) in 1959, many families lost their valuable gardens containing many valuable tree ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the affected families submitted representations to the Subdivisional Officer, Mangaldai, Deputy Commissioner, Darrang as well as to the Government praying for Relief, Land, Rehabilitation Loan, etc. ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that nothing has been given to them as yet ?
- (d) If so, why and who is responsible for this inordinate delay ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to take proper steps to find out the person or persons at fault with a view to give adequate punishment for their negligence to such matters which are of immediate nature ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the place in which the erosion was caused had not been visited by the Subdivisional Officer or the Deputy Commissioner or by any other responsible Officer ?
- (g) If so, why ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to sanction the Rehabilitation Loan prayed for by the affected families during this month ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware that the erosion was caused due to construction of some Bunds on the river (near the gardens of the affected families) by the Railway Authority to protect the Bridge over the Dhansiri river inspite of vehement protest by that people of that locality ?
- (j) Whether Government will take up the matter with the Railway Authority immediately and press the latter to pay adequate compensation to the affected families for the losses sustained by them due to the construction of the Bunds which caused this tremendous erosion ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

775. (a)--Twelve families were affected.

(b)—All the twelve families applied for lands but only three families applied for Rehabilitation Loans.

(c)—The affected families except one have sufficient lands elsewhere in a safer place and allotment of lands for all is not therefore considered necessary. The case of the deserving one will be considered at the time of settlement of land in Rowta Station Block.

The question of issuing loans to the three victims is still under examination.

(d) & (e)—The petitioners did not offer necessary security for the loans asked for. The matter has been referred back to the Subdivisional Officer to ascertain what security the applicants are prepared to offer against the loan applied for. The Subdivisional Officer's report is awaited.

(f)—The Sub-Deputy Collector concerned visited the place during the time of erosion.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—The loans will be issued when all the prescribed conditions are fulfilled.

(i) & (j)—One Sri Mohananda Pathak filed a petition to the Deputy Commissioner in which he stated that the local people protested to the Railway Authorities against this bund. The matter has been referred to the Embankment and Drainage Department to hold a joint enquiry with the railway authority, as to the damaging affect of the bund. The question of compensation will depend on the result of the joint enquiry held by the Embankment and Drainage and Railway Authority.

Re: Completion of Public Works Department Road from Maithon to Sitapani in Doom-Dooma Public Works Department Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

776. Will the Minister, P.W.D. (R&B) be pleased to state—

(a) When the earth work of Public Works Department Road from Maithong to Sitapani in Doom-Dooma Public Works Department Subdivision was started ?

(b) Whether the earth work has been completed ?

(c) Whether the bridges have been completed and arrangement for gravelling is being made ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [(Deputy Minister, P.W.D. (R&B)] replied.

776. (a)—In March, 1959.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Construction of culverts has been completed. The progress of gravelling on the whole road, i.e., Kokapathar Namsoi Road upto Sitapanighat *via* Maithong village is as follows :—

First 3 miles—Collection completed.

Next 5 miles—About 45 per cent in average completed.

Remaining 4 miles—Not yet done.

Re: Specific steps to be taken for the employment of Local People in private and public undertaking in Assam

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked :

777. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government of Assam is aware that the Government of Bihar has appointed an All-Parties Committee to enquire into the position of employment of Local People in private and public undertakings in the state with a view to raise the ratio of Local People's employment ?

(b) Whether Government of Assam propose to take similar steps ?

Shri K. P. TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied.

777. (a)—Government have no information. Government, however have already requested all the State Governments including Government of Bihar, to intimate the specific steps taken by them to tackle the problem of employment of Local personnel in public and private sector undertakings in their states.

(b)—Does not arise in view of the reply to (a) above.

Re: Construction of office building for Sibsagar N.E.S. Block Stage I

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-East) asked :

778. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Sibsagar Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat selected a site for office buildings for the Sibsagar N.E.S. Block Stage I at Darikanagar of Goinotha village of Mauza Silakuti in the Subdivision of Sibsagar?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that a period of three years since the beginning of the said N. E. S. Block has since passed but no office building has been constructed ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that a huge amount of money is being spent every year on account of house rents ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the allied organisation like Veterinary, Public Health Unit, Agricultural form, etc., have not yet been able to function for lack of accommodation and finalisation of sites ?
- (e) If the reply to question (a) above is in affirmative, why Government has not yet finalised the site ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar has not taken steps in this regard ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the president, Sibsagar Anchalik Panchayat sent wire to the Deputy Commissioner, Jorhat on 16th March 1961 informing him the opinion of the Government in regard to finalisation of site ?
- (h) Whether it is also a fact that representation was given to the Minister-in-charge while he went to Lakuwa-public meeting recently ?

(i) If so, what steps Government have taken in this regard ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Community Development etc.) replied.

778. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No, 3 years have not elapsed, since Stage I started on 1st October 1959 only. The matter is pending for selection of site which has not been finalised by the Anchalik Panchayat.

(c)—Information is being called for.

(d)—Excepting constructions, other programmes are being carried out as usual.

(e)—*Vide* (a) above.

(f)—No.

(g)—Government has asked for the informations from the Deputy Commissioner.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Government has called for the decision of the Anchalik Panchayat.

Re: Proposals for Test Relief Works in Batuhgilla, Khata and other Mauzas in July 1960.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

779. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Why the proposal made by the questioner on 16th September, 1960, and his subsequent proposals, dated 7th October, 1960, and 8th October, 1960 to the Government for grant of some projects on Test Relief basis and proposal of Test Relief in Paddy Husking Schemes of Khadi and Village Industries Board of Batuhgilla, Khata, Nalundehar, Dharmapur and Khetri Dharmapur Mauzas in July, 1960 were turned down by the Government ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Government did not sanction Test Relief grants on ground that the required report from Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup, could not be obtained even after frequent reminders ?
- (d) When the Sub-Deputy Collector, Nalbari submitted Test Relief proposals of Nalbari circle ?
- (e) What amount of flood relief grant was sanctioned for Hajo circle for the same floods ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Khadi and Village Industries in their letter M. K. B. (HB) 4179/606/1, dated 14th December 1960, informed the petitioner that paddy Husking proposals on Test Relief basis are to come through the Revenue Department ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Revenue Department in their No. R. G. R. 29/60/8(Pt), dated 10th January, 1961 asked the Deputy Commissioner again to submit such proposals, if any, still found suitable ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS, (Revenue Minister) replied :

779. (a)—The proposals submitted by questioner were not turned down.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The Sub-Deputy Collector, Nalbari submitted proposals for Test Relief Works to Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup on 12th December 1960. The Deputy Commissioner, sent these proposals along with other circles to Government on 2nd January, 1961.

(e)—Rs. 40,000 was sanctioned as Test Relief grant.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Yes

Regarding Relief measures given to the flood affected people of Nalbari and Rangiya Circles

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

780. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the villages under Nalbari and Rangiya Circles in Kamrup District that were worst affected by floods in 1959 flood and subsequently in 1960-floods ?
- (b) Whether Relief measures like Gratuitous Relief, Rehabilitation Relief and Rehabilitation Loans, Agricultural Loans, Cattle Loans had to be granted in the area in 1959 and subsequently in 1960 floods ?
- (c) What are the villages that were affected by breach of Pagladiya right embankment at Khanajan in 1960 ?
- (d) What are the Relief measures extended in the area affected by breach of Pagladiya embankment at Khanajan in 1960-floods and only Adhi Weaving, Paddy Husking, Test Relief measures suggested in the Assembly were not introduced ?
- (e) What action has been taken to grant remission of land revenue in Nalbari and Rangiya Circles ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

780. (a)—A statement showing the names of the villages under Nalbari and Rangiya Circles which were affected by floods in 1959 and 1960 is placed on the Library table.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—A statement showing the villages that were affected by the breach of Pagladiya right embankment at Khanajan in 1960 is placed on the Library table.

(d)—Relief measures were not considered to be necessary.

(e)—Proposal for remission of land revenue are under examination.

Regarding Tamulichinga Bridge

Shri HARI NARAYAN BARUAH (Teok) asked :

781. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R and B) be pleased to state—

(a) When the Tamulichinga Bridge on Janji River will be completed ?

(b) What progress has been made so far ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the contractor has not begun his work as yet ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.)] replied :

781. (a)—The bridge is expected to be completed in 1961-62 subject to availability of cement and rods.

(b)—Sinking of the four wells has since been completed.

(c)—Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Appointment of dealer for supply of coal

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) asked :

782. Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the State Government has given monopoly of supply of coal to the Assam Coal Company ?
- (b) If so, what were the terms and conditions ?
- (c) Who were the members of the Company ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that no tender was invited for this monopoly of supply of coal ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that there have been series of complaints against this Company ?
- (f) If so, what step has been taken by Government against this Company ?
- (g) What is the quarterly allotment made for soft coal and hard coal to this Company ?
- (h) What is the number of permit holders of coal in Assam ?
- (i) What is the total wagon of coal that has been sent by this Company against the quarterly allotment ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that this Company has not sent any hard coal for the period of September to November, 1960 and December, 1960 to February, 1961 ?
- (k) If so, what are the reasons ?
- (l) Whether Government propose contemplating to cancel the monopoly right of this Company ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

782. (a) to (l)—No Company of the name of Assam Coal Company has been given monopoly of coal supply to Assam. Government of Assam has not appointed any dealer for supply of coal. It is being dealt with by the Deputy Assistant Coal Controller, Government of India, Gauhati.

Regarding Bihampur-Beslar-Barnibari Road

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

783. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. & B) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that during the year 1956-57 'Bihampur-Beslar-Barnibari Road' under North Kamrup Division was constructed upto the village Barnibari and Dirowa even though the money was allotted for the first mile ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the portion of the road from village Belsar (Billeswa Temple) to Barnibari and Dirowa (already constructed) would be $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 miles in distance ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that maintenance work of this portion of road as referred to in (c) above has been abandoned since 1958 ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that for want of maintenance this portion of the road is under verge of gradual damage ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that for maintenance of this portion of the road people have been submitting representation to the Government ?
- (f) Whether Government will maintain this portion of the road ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, (P.W.D. (R&B)] replied :

783. (a)—Yes. Earth work was done upto Barnibari though Administrative approval was accorded for only one mile in 1956-57.

(b)—The length of the road from village Belsor to Barnibari and Dirowa is about 3 miles.

(c)—The remaining portion of the road has not been improved upto the P. W. D. standard and as such the question of maintenance by this Department does not arise.

(d)—It is natural that there will damage to the road for want of maintenance as this road has not yet taken charge of by any Department ?

(e)—Yes.

(f)—This will be maintained when it is improved upto the P.W.D. standard.

Re: Grant of loans instead of non-recurring grants to recognised H. E. and M. E. Schools

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

784. Will the Minister-in-charge, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to sanction non-recurring grants in future to the recognised High English Schools and Middle English Schools of the State and in lieu of it, loans will be advanced and extended?

(b) If so, whether it has been enforced and if so, when?

(c) If not, when it will be given effect to?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister of Education) replied:

784. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes from the year 1960-61 but payments will be made in 1961-62.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Stoppage of payment of cash allowance to school teachers

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH asked:

785. (a) Whether it is a fact that the cash allowance grant to the schools teachers is stopped and the teachers are asked to refund the sum already granted and drawn?

(b) When Government arrived at this decision?

(c) Why Government has decided to stop payment of cash allowance to teachers?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

785. (a)—Yes. Cash allowance (R. C. A.) has been stopped but no order for refund of the sum already drawn during 1959-60 has been issued?

(b)—In October, 1960.

(c)—While giving some scale of pay Government did not consider, to extend other concessions such as cash allowance, medical aid, etc.

Re: Removal of disparity existing between teachers of Government and Aided Schools, regarding pay scales, etc.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

786. What measure Government have taken to remove the disparity existing between the teachers of the Government and Aided Schools so far the pay scale and other facilities are concerned ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

786.—Disparity has been removed so far as pay and Dearness Allowance (Excluding cash allowance) are concerned. As regards other facilities, Government did not consider to extend other concessions. The question of giving gratuity to Aided Schools teachers is under examination.

Regarding Improving the condition of Sorbhog-Jaknapara P.W. D. Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

787. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Why the condition of Sorbhog-Jaknapara P. W. D. Road has not been improved ?

(b) When this road will be improved ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that this road is full of dust ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P.W.D. (R. and B.)] replied.

787. (a)—This is an existing P. W. D. Gravelled road and is being maintained properly.

(b)—There is no proposal for further improvement except black topping the portion within Sorbhog Town which has been included in the list for consideration and inclusion in the 3rd Five Year Plan.

(c)—This is a gravelled road so dust nuisance to a certain extent cannot be avoided.

Regarding Action taken by Government to save paddy lands from recurring flood in Moderkhat mauza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

788. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department, (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he would refer to Memo. No. GAQ.378/60/12, dated 10/12th January, 1961 issued by the Secretary to the Government of Assam, P.W.D. (R&B), Shillong to the questioner and state what action Government have taken to save the 1,138 bighas of paddy land from recurring flood in Moderkhat Mauza for want of adequate outlay of water in Ghagrajan Ali ?
- (b) Whether arrangement of a bridge or outlay would be made before the next rainy season ?
- (c) Why no action was taken by the Deputy Commissioner, last year ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P.W.D. (R. and B.)] replied.

788. (a) to (c)—Information are being collected.

Re: Non-payment of bill of Earth-work done by Contractor Shri Amulya Prasad Deka in 1954-55

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked :

789. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a contractor named Shri Amulya Prasad Das did earth work to the portion of Kumarikhate Konli P. W. D. road in 1954-55 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that his bill was presented to the S. D. O. of Rangai P.W. D. Subdivision ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that payment of the bill has not yet been made to the contractor ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that an earnest money of Rs. 200.00 (two hundred) deposited by the contractor ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. R. & B.] replied.

789. (a)—If the hon. Member means contractor Shri Amulya Prasad Deka the answer, is 'Yes'.

(b)—Yes, if it relates to the above contractor.

(c)—No.

(d)—It appears from our records the work was carried out by the flood affected people hence no earnest money is required to be deposited.

Re: Roads constructed in the State for 1958 to 1961 and improvement of 31 miles of road to the State Co-operative Sugar mills

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

790. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) How many roads have been constructed throughout the State from 1958 to 1961 out of State Revenue (Sub-division-wise) ?

(b) Whether Government have received proposal for improvement of 31 miles of road for procuring sugarcane to the State Co-operative Sugar Mills ?

(c) Whether Government propose to improve the said roads for helping the first Major Industry of the State undertaken on Co-operative basis and this give impetus to the sugarcane growers ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied.

790. (a)—(1) Shillong Subdivision	...	...	...	10
(2) Jowai Subdivision	...	...	..	1
(3) Mikir Hills Subdivision	..	...	...	1
(4) Aijal Subdivision	...	...	...	1
(5) Sibsagar Subdivision	...	...	...	1
(6) Barpeta Subdivision	...	...	..	1
(7) Silchar Subdivision	...	...	...	1

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Out of 58 miles proposed to be improved, 27 miles have already been taken up and an amount of Rs. 5,00,000 has been sanctioned for taking up a further length of 15.38 miles. The remaining length will be taken up when funds are made available.

Re: Construction of diversion Road of Assam Trunk Road between Dansora and Doom Dooma

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

791. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Road and Building) be pleased to state—

(a) When construction of the diversion Road of the Assam Trunk Road between Dansora and Doom Dooma was started?

(a) What is the progress of construction of this diversion Road and what amount of money so far spent by the Government?

(c) What is the length, breadth and the height of this portion of Road so far constructed and what was the length, breadth and height according to the specifications?

(d) Who were the contractors engaged in these works?

(e) Whether additional amount of money would be required to be spent by Government in bringing the earth work up to the standard provided in specifications?

(f) Whether all bills for earthwork have been paid?

(g) Whether any technical examination of the work and the payment was made?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Road and Building)] replied:

791. (a) & (g)—Information are being collected and will be furnished to the Hon'ble Member when these are received. The questions were received on 1st April, 1961.

X-Ray Plant for Assam Medical College Hospital

Shri MAHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

792. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state

(a) Whether Government is aware that there is only one X-Ray Plant purchased long ago for the Assam Medical College Hospital?

(b) Whether Government is aware that for repair of this old Plant and for annual repair of its dilapidated house where it is located, this Plant often remains out of order and unavoidable for which many patients are to wait there for weeks without any treatment?

(c) Whether Government propose to consider for installing one or two X-Ray Plants in permanent houses there so that X-Ray work can go on always and patients can be X-Rayed in time?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

792. (a)—No, there are six X-Ray Plants as detailed below :—

Two big Plant in X-Ray Building.

One Portable Plant in X-Ray Building.

One big Plant in Anatomy Department.

One big Plant in casualty and out patient Department.

One big Plant in T. B. Hospital.

(b)—It is not a fact that the X-Ray Plant often remains out of order for frequent repairs. The Plant is not old. It is however a fact that the Plant could not function for annual repairs of the house for sometime.

(c)—Does not arise.

Improvement of Nalbari Hospital

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

793. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether steps have been taken to implement the improvements in Nalbari Hospital as suggested in the inspection note of the Minister, dated 18th December 1960 ?

(b) If so, what are they and what are the improvements effected ?

(c) Whether there is a proposal regarding starting of a T. B. Clinic at Nalbari ?

(d) When the plan and estimate of T. B. Clinic at Nalbari was received by the Department ?

(e) Whether administrative approval has since been accorded ?

(f) If not, when administrative approval will be accorded and work executed ?

(g) Whether Government is aware that plan and estimate for water supply at Nalbari Hospital are still lying without execution ?

(h) When the work as per scheme of water supply at Nalbari Hospital is expected to be started and when it is expected to be completed ?

(i) What steps the Department has taken to acquire the adjacent lands of the Hospital, formerly belonging to Local Board and now lying vacant and required for immediate use of Nalbari Hospital ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

793. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Appointment of a ward boy and a female attendant is under consideration. One additional Auxiliary Nurse Midwife has been posted. Administrative approval for improvement of water supply at an estimated cost of Rs.11,400 has been accorded. Opening of a T.B. Clinic and a paying ward is being considered. The Civil Surgeon has been advised to take steps to arrange acquisition of the land contiguous to the Hospital compound.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—In October, 1960.

(e)—No.

(f) As soon as necessary funds are made available.

(g) Administrative approval has since been accorded.

(h) As early as possible.

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Conversion of Annual Patta Land into Periodic

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

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- (b) If so, why annual pattas are not converted into periodic pattas ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Plains Tribal people who became victim to eviction for the location of Oil Refinery had applied to be settled at Gauhati Town on the basis of permanent settlement ?
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- (e) Whether Government propose to give them settlement at Gauhati ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

794. (a)-Government always allow conversion of annual patta land into periodic on application whenever the lands are fit for conversion without any discrimination against any community. Government have not received any complaint that this was refused in any case. A representation was received in February, 1960 from tribal people for conversion of their annual patta lands in N.C. Kahilipara in Beltola Mauza into periodic.

The village was not cadastrally surveyed at the time. It has since been done and the conversion of annual lands into periodic in appropriate case of the village is being taken up by the Settlement Officer.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes. Application for settlement of waste land in Gauhati town and its suburbs have been received from some plains tribal people who have lost their land due to acquisition.

(d)—The people who had to vacate their lands consequent on acquisition of their land for the Oil Refinery were almost agriculturists. Land for their rehabilitation have been offered by dereservation of Borbila Reserve in Sonapur Mouza and Deosal Sindhisar area of Nowgong District.

(e)—There is no such specific proposal. But cases of these tribal applicants will be considered with sympathy along with other applicants for lands at Gauhati.

Number of Sipini Samabayas Organised in the State during the Second Five Year Plan

Mrs. USHA BARTHAKUR (Samaguri) asked :

795. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) What is the number of Sipini Samabayas organised in the State during the Second Five Year Plan ?

(b) What is the maximum and minimum subsidy Government has extended to such Societies ?

(c) What is the number of female Demonstrators posted in the rural areas of the State ?

(d) Whether there is any provision for stipend to send the female candidates to foreign countries to undertake training in various cottage industries ?

Shri M. N. HAZARIKA (Minister, Sericulture and Weaving) replied :

795. (a)—The number of Weavers Co-operative Societies registered during the Second Five Year Plan is 591.

(b)—Generally, Government do not grant cash subsidy to the Weavers Co-operative Societies. These Societies, are, however, given weaving accessories such as, sleys, reeds, healds, etc., on the basis of their requirement. Seventy-five per cent of the value of such accessories is given as grant and 25 per cent as loan to these Societies.

(c)—Thirty-four.

(d)—No.

Establishment of Dispensaries in the State

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

796. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) On what principle the dispensaries are sanctioned by the Government ?
- (b) How many dispensaries are there in Assam within a radius of three miles or less and what are their names and the distances from the nearest dispensaries of each of them ?
- (c) How many proposals are there submitted by the Subdivisional Development Boards for establishment of dispensaries at a distance of more than five miles from the nearest dispensaries ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical, Minister) replied :

796. (a)—As a general principle the question of establishment of a dispensary at a particular locality is primarily based on its own merit. Ordinarily, no additional dispensary is established within a radius of 5 miles.

(b)—A list of such dispensaries are placed on the Library Table.

(c)—A list of such Dispensaries are placed on the Library Table.

Precautionary measures taken by the then I. G. P., Assam before disturbances of 4th July, 1960

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

797. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What precautionary measures (in details) were taken by the then Inspector General of Police, Assam before disturbance of 4th July, 1960 to avert any widespread happenings ?
- (b) Whether any circulars were issued by the then Inspector General of Police in the above regard and what are they ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

797. (a)—The then I. G. P., divided Assam Valley into three zones and put a D. I. G. of Police in-charge of two districts each. He briefed the Deputy Inspectors General and Superintendents of Police about action to be taken and also had a number of meetings with the senior officers before the major disturbances started after 4th July, 1960.

Although all the Assam Police Battalion/Border Security Forces were committed on the Naga Hills/Pakistan borders, he withdrew forty-five regular platoons, in spite of protests from the Army authorities from those borders and deployed them in the districts. The Police Training College was virtually closed down and all available officers and men were similarly deployed. Even recruits under training were drafted for riot duties. Practically the whole of these additional forces was made available to the districts by 1st July, 1960.

(b)—Yes. As early as 1st June, 1960 the Inspector General of Police issued a very comprehensive and categorical circular marked 'Important and Immediate' circulated to all Police Officers down to the O. C. of a Police Station covering every imaginable aspect, preventive and operational measures to be taken to quell the disturbances. In that circular it was clearly mentioned that major trouble should be apprehended over the State Language agitation.

The Inspector General of Police also issued various other operational orders and directives over the 'phone and by W. T. to all Deputy Inspectors General/Superintendents of Police concerned before and during the disturbances.

Re: Bandarkhati M. E. School

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom-Dooma) asked:

798. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to refer to unstarred question No.510 asked by Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika on 8th April, regarding Bandarkhati Middle English School in Hapjan Mauza and state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that no recurring aid has yet been sanctioned to Bandarkhati Middle English School in Hapjan Mauza ?

(b) Whether he is aware that there is no other aided Middle English School in Hapjan Mauza with a population of about 60,000 and this is the only school within a radius of about 10 miles and the villagers inhabiting there belong to "most backward classes" such as Morans and Ex-Tea garden labourers ?

(c) Why Government failed to sanction recurring aid to this Middle English School during the period of last 12 years ?

(d) Who are the officials of Education Department responsible for this state of affairs ?

(e) Whether Government propose to take step against the officials at fault ?

Shri RADHIKARAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

798. (a)—No. An ad-hoc recurring grant of Rs.160 per mensem has been sanctioned to the school with effect from 1st April 1960.

(b)—Information is being collected.

(c)—The school is not eligible for deficit grant as the enrolment was only 50 in 1959. No particulars for sanction of deficit grant have been received during 1960-61.

(d)—Do not arise.

(e)—Do not arise.

Re: Dirak Middle English School

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom Dooma) asked:

799. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to refer to unstarred questions No.511, 512 and 513 asked by Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika on 8th April, 1959 in the Budget Session, 1959 and state—

(a) Why no recurring aids have been sanctioned to Dirak Middle English School, Tangana Middle English School and Panikhowa Middle English School now renamed at Samdong Middle English School in spite of repeated representations ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that these Schools are situated in most backward areas having no other such Schools within a radius of 7 miles or more and the students belong to backward classes ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that due to the neglect in the part of the officials of Education Department no recurring grants has yet been sanctioned to these Schools ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

799 (a)—Recurring grant under deficit system has been sanctioned to Tangana Middle English School with effect from 1st March 1960 at Rs. 147 per mensem. No particulars have been received from the other two Schools.

(b)—Information is being collected.

(c)—An enquiry is being made.

Brahmaputra Fisheries

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

800. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the numerous clashes between the public and the lessees of the various Brahmaputra Fisheries in Tezpur Subdivision for want of clear demarcation of boundaries of these fisheries ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the above clashes between the public and the lessees have led to several criminal proceedings in the court of the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the Tezpur Mahkuma Parishad adopted a resolution requesting the authority concerned to take steps to demarcate permanently the boundaries of these Fish Mohals so that the above clashes may be avoided ?
- (d) If so, what action Government has taken to demarcate the boundaries of these Fishery Mohals ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that some of these lessees fish in Tanks, Ponds, Beels, Paddy Fields and small Streams situated in the distant village about 7 to 8 miles away from the high bank of the Brahmaputra and far away from the fishery boundaries encroaching upon the private and public rights which has led to these clashes ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that public and some Gaon Panchayats made representations to the authority to exclude some Beels, specially those falling in the areas to the North of the Brahmaputra Dyke. From these Fish Mohals so that the people of the rural areas may do small Fishing for their own consumption ?
- (g) If so, what steps have been taken by Government to meet this public demand ?
- (h) Whether Government is aware that some of these lessees have sublet these Mohals to up-country men and have totally excluded the local poor Fishermen from earning their livelihood by fishing even with permit in these Mohals ?
- (i) If not, whether Government propose to enquired into the matter ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that some of the Mohals were settled with individuals although there were Fishermen's Co-operative Societies as bidders ?
- (k) Whether it is the Government principle to give preference to Co-operative Societies of actuals Fishermen over individuals in such settlement ?
- (l) If so, why there was deviation in the above cases and settlement was given to individuals ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

800. (a) —Yes, few clashes are reported to have occurred in respect of Charduar Brahmaputra fishery only.

(b) —Yes, only three criminal cases, were registered by Dhekiajuli police station, arising out of dispute between the lessee of Charduar Brahmaputra fishery and the villagers.

(c) —Yes.

(d) —Deputy Commissioner, Darrang is already taking action to demarcate the boundaries of the fisheries after proper survey showing the areas covered by each fishery. The matter will, of course, take sometime, in view of the volume of the work involved.

(e) —Government received no such complaint.

(f) —Yes.

(g) —Government have since kept reserved for public use all fisheries with annual value lower than Rs.1,000 but no beel or a part thereof included within a fishery under section 16 of the A. L. R. R. can be excluded during the pendency of the lease. Borchola beel has been excluded from the Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery and kept reserved for public fishing.

(h) —No specific complaint of sub-leasing of fisheries by the lessees has been received by Government.

(i) —Yes, Government would certainly enquire into such complaints if and when a specific instance are brought to their notice.

(j) —Yes.

(k) & (l) —Yes, provided a Co-operative Society formed by actual fishermen offer tender within 60 per cent of the highest tender, as provided for in the rules.

Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

801. Will the Minister-in-charge of revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Where Government is aware that the lessee of Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery got some tribal and Nepalese men and women of Bargaon Mouza arrested by Police for Fishing small fishes with Jakais and Polos in some village Beels for home consumption and detained upto dead of night and let off only after they had paid some fines or compensation and after their Fishing implements were taken away ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that this incident created great resentment among the public and the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang on representation by public promised an enquiry into the matter ?

(c) Whether any enquiry was held by Deputy Commissioner ?

(d) If so, with what result ?

(e) If not, whether Government propose to cause an enquiry into the matter ?

(f) Whether Government is aware that similar clashes took place between this lessees men and public for fishing in village Beels at Priakata, Pulesingri and several other places when the Deputy Commissioner had to intervene in some cases ?

(g) Whether Government is aware that this lessee does not allow even village cattle to drink water in the beels ?

(h) Whether Government is aware that men of this lessee forcibly encroach upon Paddy fields of Patthors and Fish therein thereby damaging paddy plants, claiming these fields to fall within the Fishery ?

(i) Whether Government has included Faddy fields of Patta Holders within this Fishery ?

(j) Whether the village people have been prohibited from Ponds etc., for their own consumption ?

(k) Whether there is any permanent demarcation of boundaries of this fish Mohal ?

(l) If so, what are the boundaries ?

(m) If not, whether Government will be pleased to demarcate the boundaries of this fishery permanently ?

(n) Whether Government would be pleased to exclude some village beels from this fishery for fishing by village people ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied.

801. (a)—No arrest of men or women of Borgaon Mouza or seizure of any fishing implements from them was made. But on a complaint under Rule 22 of the Fishery Rules from the lessee of the Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery the Police arrested six men of village Singri under Borchala Mouza for unauthorised fishing and sent them up for trial. The accused were arrested and released on police bail.

(b) to (d)—The Sador, S. D. O. made a local enquiry in the presence of the President, Gabhru Anchalik Panchayat on receipt of a complaint from the public. The S. D. O. found that the villagers from adjoining villages within a radius of 5/6 miles of the beel came in a body sometimes and forcibly fished driving away the men of the lessee illegally. No member of the public however, appeared before the S. D. O. to substantiate the allegation that their fishing implements were illegally seized by the police at the instance of this lessee.

(e)—Enquiry has already been made. Question of further enquiry does not arise.

(f)—No. But the D. C. made a local enquiry on receipt of a complaint from the President, Pub-Singri Gaon Panchayat in respect of commonly known Nalani beel and found that the same beel was a part and parcel of the Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery.

(g)—(h)—No such complaint has been received.

(i)—No.

(j)—No.

(k)—Yes.

(l)—The boundaries are defined as follows—

North—By the North Bank of the Brahmaputra River.

South—By the boundary of the Nowgong District.

East—By the Western Bank of Jiabharellie and this boundary continues in a straight line at right angle, to the Northern Bank of the Brahmaputra to the Bank of the river on Nowgong boundary and all portions of water on the West of this line are included in the fishery except prohibited area between the Bhomraguri and observatory hills.

West—The common boundary of Tezpur and Mangaldoi Subdivision at Panchnoimukh.

(m)—Does not arise.

(n)—No. Government have already ordered to keep all small fisheries which fetch bids less than Rs. 1,000 reserved for public fishing under management of Local Panchayat.

Settlement of Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

802. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Why Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery was settled with one Sri Ganga Ram Das, an individual when Tezpur Co-operative Fishery Society an organisation of actual fishermen had also bid for the same ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the lessee of the Charduar Brahmaputra Fishery has sublet the Mohals to up-country men, and do not allow even a permit to the actual local fishermen to fish in the said Mohal with a view to earn their livelihood ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that hundreds of local fishermen whose only means of livelihood was fishing, being thus ousted, have become economically ruined, as most of them are landless and have no other means of livelihood ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to assist these people to form co-operative of actual fishermen and give direct settlement only to these societies instead of settling with individuals so that these fishermen in general may be saved from economic ruin ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

802. (a)—The fishery of Charduar Brahmaputra was settled with **Shri Gangaram Das** as he was the highest tenderer and is a man of the Scheduled caste.

(b)&(c)—No such complaint has been received.

(d) Government have been giving preference in matter of settlement of fisheries to the co-operative societies formed of actual fishermen of the Scheduled Castes duly registered as provided under rule 46 of the Fishery Rules, but no direct settlement of fisheries is contemplated.

Requisition of T. D. A. Tractor by S. D. O., Subdivision of K. & J. Hills District

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

803 (a) Whether T. D. A. tractor was requisitioned by the S. D. O. (S) Subdivision, K. & J. Hills for construction of link villages Nangrim, Kash Rynjah, etc. ?

(b) When the indent was placed by the S. D. O., (S) for the above tractor ?

- (c) Who was the overseer-in-charge for the construction work of the said work ?
- (d) When did he receive tractor for the said work ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that this tractor was used for the same work during the period from 5th September, 1959 to 12th September 1959 ?
- (f) What was the consumption of the Diesel oil by the tractor during the period ?
- (g) What was the capacity of Diesel tank of the above tractor ?
- (h) What quantity of the Diesel oil was purchased by the driver on 5th September 1959.
- (i) Whether any complaint was lodged against the driver by the overseer to the S. D. O. (S), United K. & J. Divn. ?
- (j) If so, what action was taken by the S. D. O. against the driver ?
- (k) When the tractor was transferred from Shillong Subdivision ?
- (l) To whom it was transferred ?
- (m) Whether any other driver was employed during the pendency of the above work ?
- (n) What was the consumption of Diesel during his time ?
- (o) Whether tractor was examined by the Mechanic and if so, what was his report to the office as to the condition and working capacity of the tractor ?
- (p) Whether it is a fact that the Mechanical Overseer gave his opinion that maximum consumption of Diesel oil by the above tractor is maximum 1.5 gallon per hour ?
- (q) Whether the Mechanical Engineer have ever examined the tractor and submitted report to the Department and if so, what is the report of his report ?
- (r) What was the average daily consumption of Diesel oil of this tractor during these three years 1958-60 ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing)] replied:

803—Informations are being collected.

Settlement of displaced persons in Duhalia Hills

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

804. Will the Minister-in-charge, Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

(a) What is the area requisitioned by Government in the Duhalia Hills to settle the displaced persons there ?

(b) How many families have been settled there till now ?

(c) Whether any of these families has left the colony and if so, why ?

(d) Whether they have been resettled ?

(e) How many bighas of land have been allotted to each family ?

(f) Whether Government have received any complaints from the local people to the effect that more lands have been occupied by the displaced persons ?

(g) Whether the boundary of the area demarcated ?

(h) Whether owners of the lands have been paid their compensation ?

(i) If not, why not, when they are going to get it ?

(j) Whether the owners of the land have been regularly paying the land revenue for the lands requisitioned by the Government ?

(k) What is the amount collected so far as land revenue from these people since their lands were requisitioned ?

Shri SAI SAI TERANG (Parliamentary Secretary, Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

804. (a)—An area of 6634 bighas of land has been requisitioned in Duhalia Hills to settle the displaced persons there.

(b)—506 displaced families.

(c)—About 400 families have left the colony. The desertion is probably due to dearth of agricultural land for cultivation.

(d)—Most of the deserters left the colony without notice and their whereabouts are not known. Out of 6634 bighas of land 1454 bighas has been retained for those families who received part payment of loans and are returning and those unaided families residing in and around the Duhalia Hills.

(e)—Each agriculturist family has been allotted 10 bighas of mixed land (tilla and flat) while each non-agriculturist has been allotted 4 to 5 bighas of tilla land only for homestead.

(f)—A complaint was made by the local people of the neighbouring villages that displaced persons there had occupied more land outside the requisitioned area. But on enquiry it was found to be baseless.

(g)—The boundary of the requisitioned area has been demarcated from the other areas.

(h)—No.

(i)—The payment could not be made up till now as the L. A. papers could not be made ready due to various complications arising out of the nature of the title of the land which is included in permanently settled estates.

(j)—Yes.

(k)—It is not possible to find out at this stage the amount collected so far as land revenue from the people as the requisitioned lands along with other lands are included in the same estate (Taluk and the entire estate is assessed to a single amount as land revenue. After the acquisition proceedings is concluded, the amount payable for acquired part will be determined.

Black topping of P. W. D. Roads

Shri GHANASYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked:

805. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R & B) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the P. W. D. roads within the Towns of Assam will be black topped?

(b) What are the towns in Assam where the P. W. D. Roads are not black topped?

(c) Why the roads within those towns are not black topped?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied:

805. (a)—The proposal for black topping Town portions of P. W. D. roads were sent to the respective Mohkuma Parishads for initial consideration and allocation of priority. The proposals so far recommended by the Mohkuma Parishads have been included in the Agenda for the meeting of the A. R. C. B. for consideration and inclusion in the 3rd Five Year Plan. The works will be taken up when the proposal receive due consideration and funds are made available.

(b)—The towns having unsurfaced P. W. D. Roads are as follows—
Silchar, Hailakandi, Karimganj, Kokrajhar, Barpeta, Nalbari, North-Gauhati, Sarthebari, Rangiya, Tihu, Sorbhog, Nowgong, Jorhat, Golaghat, Dergaon, North Lakhimpur, Naharkatiya, Digboi and Kharupatia.

(c)—Please refer to reply to (a) above.

Tender for collection of stones from Kalapahar Stone Quarry

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked:

806. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the D. F. O. Kamrup invited by Public Sale Notice sealed tenders for monopoly right of collection of stones from the Kalapahar Stone Quarry for a period of one year with effect from 1st June 1960 to 1st May 1961 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the D. F. O. Kamrup did not give the work order to the successful bidder up to 6th September 1960 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that no agreement has yet been entered into by the Government on the one part and the lessee (successful bidder) on the other part inspite of a specific stipulation for such an agreement in the said public sale notice ?
- (d) How many free-permit holders were operating in the said Kalapahar Stone Quarry prior to 1st June 1960 ?
- (e) How many free-permit holders are operating in the said quarry now ?
- (f) Whether Government received complaints to the effect that the local Forest Department officials have been issuing indiscriminate free-permits after taking illegal gratifications ?
- (g) Whether the lessee also represented to the Government against the illegalities and irregularities committed by such officers ?
- (h) Whether Government will make an enquiry into the allegations ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

806. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Three free permits were issued.

(e)—One free permit-holder is operating now.

(f)—No.

(g)—No.

(h)—Government will cause an enquiry in view of the Hon'ble member's question.

Demand for a Seed Farm at Behali

Shri BISHNU LAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

807. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether he visited Behali with D. C., Darrang and Joint Director of Agriculture in the year 1958 ?
 - (b) Whether it is a fact that the public there demanded for a Seed Farm at the Jamuany V.G.R. for the benefit of the cultivators ?
 - (c) Whether it is not a fact that the A.P.O., Biswanath Development Block Stage I visited the site of the proposed Seed Farm when Behali Mouza was within the said Block and found it suitable for the farm ?
 - (d) Whether the Director of Agriculture informed the questioner on the 7th May, 1960 that a Seed Farm was proposed to be started at Behali and the D.A.O., Darrang was directed to take possession of the land in question ?
 - (e) Whether it is a fact that the D.A.O., submitted a proposal to D. C., Darrang for acquisition of land to start a Seed Farm at Jamuany (Behali) with a sketch map *vide* his letter No.OVIIP/II/6061/4884, dated 14th October, 1960 ?
 - (f) Whether the D. A. O. sought the help and co-operation of the questioner in acquiring the land to give a start of the Farm ?
 - (g) Whether the D. A. O. personally visited the site of the proposed land in the month of January, 1961 ?
 - (h) Whether there is any streamlet just near the said land which can supply as much water as and when necessary for the farm ?
 - (i) Whether Behali Irrigation Project proposed to be executed in the early part of the Third Five Year Plan period will be in a position to irrigate cultivable land extending upto Jamuany ?
 - (j) Whether Government proposed to establish a Seed Farm near a P. W. D. road and in the midst of cultivators as far as practicable ?
 - (k) Whether both the facilities exist in case of the proposed farm ?
 - (l) Whether it will be necessary to start a Seed Farm in each of the Anchalik Panchayat area when they are converted into Development Block ?
 - (m) Whether the land in question has been finally selected by the D. A. O. ?
 - (n) If so, whether Government will take steps to start the Farm in the current financial year on the said land ?
 - (o) If not, why ?
 - (p) Whether Government proposed to acquire other land or abandon the very scheme ?
 - (q) Who is the highest authority for testing the land for the Seed Farm where decision is considered final and binding ?
 - (r) How land for a Seed Farm is generally selected ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture)
replied :

807. (a) to (r)—Information are being called for,

Re: Budgets of Anchalik Panchayats

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

808. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development and Panchayats be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Anchalik Panchayats in Assam Subdivision-wise, who prepared and submitted their Budgets for financial year 1960-61 to their respective Mohkuma Parishads on or before 30th September 1960, i. e., during the first 6 months of the financial year showing the total number of Anchalik Panchayats in each Subdivision ?

(b) The number of Anchalik Panchayats in each Subdivision whose budgets for the year 1960-61 were approved by their respective Mohkuma Parishads on or before 31st October 1960 ?

(c) The number of Anchalik Panchayats in Assam who were in default in preparation of their respective budgets during the first 6 months of the financial year but prepared and submitted their budgets to their respective Mohkuma Parishads during the period from 1st October 1960 to 31st December 1960 ?

(d) The number of Anchalik Panchayats whose budgets were submitted during the period from 1st October to 31st December 1960 and approved by their respective Anchalik Panchayats before 1st January 1961 ?

(e) Whether there is any Anchalik Panchayats in Assam who could not or did not prepare and submit their budgets to their respective Mohkuma Parishads upto the end of 28th February 1961 ?

(f) The number of Anchalik Panchayats whose budgets for 1960-61 could not be approved by their respective Mohkuma Parishads upto the end of 28th February 1961 ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister of Panchayats)

replied: (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) —A Statement is placed on the Library

Table.
Further information is being collected.

Encroachment of Ruhinikash V. G. R.

Shri Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Delgaon) asked :

809. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is the fact that the Ruhinikash V. G. R. has been under encroachment since 1956 ?

(b) If so, by whom the said V. G. R. has been encroached (A list may kindly be supplied).

- (c) Whether it is a fact that some flood and erosion affected families were temporarily settled by the then D. C., Darrang in the said V. G. R. ?
- (d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a list of temporarily settled families their ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that a large number of landholders living in the V. G. R. ?
- (f) If so, whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a list of those cultivators ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to dereserve the said V. G. R. for the settlement of the deserving landless cultivators ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

809. (a)—Yes. The Ruhinikash V. G. R. is under encroachment since 1955.

(b)—A list of the encroachers is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—It is not a fact.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e) & (f)—Out of the encroachers 37 possess land elsewhere. A list of these encroachers is placed on the Library Table.

(g)—There is no such proposal.

Re: Grant of cycle advance and cycle allowances

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

810. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Mandols and Kanungos Sonmilan represented for cycle allowance for going through their lots and carrying official records ?
- (b) Whether Government have considered the proposal ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there is a provision for granting loan for purchasing cycle ?
- (d) How many petitions Government have received for such loan since 1956 till 1960, and how many were given such loans ?
- (e) What is the amount given to each of them ?
- (f) Whether Government will reconsider to sanction cycle allowances to them ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied .

810. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d), (e) & (f)—Information have been called for.

Re Compenion to the land owners of Basugaon village

Shri PROKRITISH CH. BARUA (Gauripur) asked :

811. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government acquired some land near Basugaon Railway Station for construction of a dam to save a Railway bridge over the river Champamati some time last years ?
 - (b) Whether the owners of the land received any compensation for their lands as as yet ?
 - (c) If not, the reason of the delay in making payment ?
 - (d) When Government propose to pay compensation and at what rate ?
812. (a) Whether the Basugaon dam has affected some neighbouring land ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to pay compensation for the lands so affected ?
 - (c) Whether the villagers submitted representation for digging canals to save lands so affected ?
 - (d) Whether any enquiry was made and whether any step was taken on the representation ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied.

811 (a) - In February 1960 land measuring 24B—2K—16L was notified for acquisition, for construction of Protection works of river Champamati at mile 161—162 between Chautaki and Basugaon, under the L. A Act of 1894.

(b)—No.

(c)—As some statutory formalities are required to be observed before the award is given, the compensation could not be paid yet.

(d)—As soon as the statutory formalities are completed.

812. (a)—Government have not received any such complaint.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

Mauzadar for Bogdung Mouza in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

813. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is no Mouzadar for Bogdung in Dibrugarh Sub-division for the last few years ?
- (b) If so, how long there is no Mouzadar for Bogdung Mouza and who have been collecting revenues there ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to bifurcate this Mouza ?
- (e) What are the difficulties of the Government in appointing new Mauzadar for this Mouza ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied.

813. (a) & (b)—There was always a Mouzadar for Bogdung Mouza except for the period from 13th March, 1958 to 15th May, 1959 and from 25th November 1960 onwards. The fact is that there was a Sarbarahkar who managed the Mouza affairs on behalf of the minor son of the deceased Mouzadar of Bogdung Mouza for a period from 10th March 1958 to 6th January 1959. There after S. D. C. took over charge of the Mouza from the Sarbarahkar and collected revenue during the period from 13th March 1958 till 15th May 1959, the date of handing over charge of the Mouza to another Sarbarahkar.

(c)—No. But there is a general proposal to limit the size of mouzas having demands of about Rs.45,000.

(d)—The minor son of the deceased Mouzadar was appointed Mouzadar and the Mouza was managed by his Sarbarahkar. The minor Mouzadar attained majority in the mean-time. Government asked him to take over charge of the Mouza but on his prayer Government allowed one Sarbarahkar to manage the Mouza affairs on the responsibility and security of the Mouzadar with effect from 15th May, 1959. This Sarbarahkar has committed certain irregularities during his period. D. C., Lakhimpur therefore suspended the Mouzadar and the Sarbarahkar as well, and ultimately the S.D.C. took over charge of the Mouza on 25th November 1960. Steps are being taken to settle this Mouza with a new Mouzadar immediately after finalising the liabilities of the Mouzadar.

Re : Number of I.C.S. and I.A.S. officers in Assam and their pay, allowances, etc.

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked :

814. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many I. A. S. Officers are there in Assam at present and how much money was paid by the Government for each of the I. A. S. officers on account of pay, D. A., T. A., house allowances, etc., in the year 1960 (Information to be given to each item month by month).
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Government propose to increase of the I. A. S. officers ?
- (c) If so, how many are proposed to be increased ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

814. (a)—The position of I. C. S./I. A. S. officers of this State at present and the scales of pay drawn by them are shown below :—

Sanctioned strength	...	...	...	80
Actual strength	...	...	...	74
1. No. of officer on deputation to Government of India including Oil Refinery.				11
2. No. of officers with State Electricity Board			...	2
3. No. of officers in the supertime scale of I.C.S., viz., Rs.3,000 per mensem.			...	4
4. No. of officers in the supertime scale of I.A.S., viz., Rs.2,250.			...	1
5. No. of officers in the senior scale, viz., Rs.800-1,800			...	38
6. No. of officers in junior scale, viz., Rs.350-950 including the four I.A.S. Probationers now undergoing training in the I.A.S. Training school.			...	18
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			Total	74

It is difficult to give details of T.A. and D.A. drawn by all I.A.S. officers drawn during 1960 as the information will have to be collected from the districts and subdivisions.

(b)&(c)—Government have proposed to increase the strength from 80 to 117 for the Third Plan requirements.

Res. Number of Gazetted Officers in the Assam Secretariat and the works of that Secretariat

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj) asked :

815. Will the Chief Minister, be pleased to state —

- (a) What is the total number of Gazetted Officers in the Assam Secretariat in 1947 and what is the number now Department-wise ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that there has been top-heavy administration in the Secretariat ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there has been no improvement of work in the Secretariat even by increasing the member of officers ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there is no regular supervision of work of the Assistant in the Secretariat now ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that formerly Secretariat Officers were not allowed to undertake tour in the interest of work ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that now a-days Secretariat Officers of all ranks are freely allowed to tour ?
- (g) If so, why ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister,) replied :

815. (a)—The hon'ble Member is referred to the Civil lists Nos. 117 and 128 to get a detailed idea about the position.

(b)—There has been very considerable increase in the Secretariat mainly because the scope of Governmental activities specially in the Development and Welfare spheres have increased very greatly after independence. At present strength, the Secretariat can hard be called top-heavy.

(c)—The increase in the number of officers and the quality and improvement of work in the Secretariat are not directly relatable. However, there is no doubt that there has been some improvement in the disposal of work in the Secretariat.

(d)—It is not a fact. The work of Assistants is supervised by Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent and other officers. There is a system of annual inspection to enforce better supervision.

(e)—No, it is not a fact but whenever exigencies of public service so demanded, Secretariat officers under took tours.

(f)—The same consideration as in (e) for undertaking the tours applies even now.

(g)—There are a number of All-India Conferences which are required to be attended by Secretariat Officers. Inside the State also sometimes it is necessary for them to tour and discuss problems with local officers with a view to settle them expeditiously.

Re: Promotion of Shri Parimal Dhar Choudhury from the Post of Lower Division Assistant to the post of Accountant in the Forest Department

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

816. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Parimal Dhar Choudhury was Lower Division Assistant in the Forest Department since 18th September, 1953 and was subsequently promoted to a post of Accountant in the month of June, 1959 superseding about 30 Assistants in the Department?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this gentleman was confirmed as Lower Division Assistant in the year 1955 superseding the cases of 30 other Assistants senior to him?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that some of the Assistants represented the case to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Assam on several occasions and no decision has yet been made?
- (d) What action has been taken on the representation and how long generally it takes by the Chief Conservator of Forests in attending to the grievances of the clerical staff seeking justice?
- (e) Whether the Minister is aware that this Parimal Dhar Choudhury was deputed for training in Jalukbari Forest School and got plucked several times during the periods from 1945 to 1953?
- (f) If so, on whose recommendation he has been allowed to supersede 30 other Assistants?
- (g) What were the difficulties in considering the cases of Upper Division Assistants in that Office for promotion to the post of Accountant instead of the Junior Lower Division Assistant?
- (h) What action Government propose to take to remove favouritism from this Department with a view to bring contentment amongst the staff?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

816. (a)—Yes.

(b), (c) and (d)—Yes. No action could be taken on the representation as the matter is under scrutiny. The period generally taken can not be stated as the time varies according to the nature of the cases. However, Chief Conservator of Forests has been asked to expedite.

(e)—He was only once deputed for training in a different capacity when he was an Assistant Forester and failed to obtain the certificate of successful completion of training on that occasion. But he was not deputed for training, while he was appointed as Lower Division Assistant.

(f)—Promotions are effected after scrutiny of Confidential reports submitted annually by the Divisional Forest Officers concerned under whom the Assistants serve.

(g)—As pointed out above the promotion is made on the basis of the Confidential reports. Moreover emoluments of Accountant are the same as Upper Division Assistants, so that no material advantage is gained by U. D. As. by their being appointed as Accountant.

(h)—There is no case of favouritism and Government are determined not to allow favouritism in any matter.

**Washing away of timbers from the Kahitoma Forest Village
by Hokwo and Naljora rivers**

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

817. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) How many tons of timbers have been washed away from the Kahitoma Forest Village by the Hokwo and Naljora rivers ?
- (b) Why no precautionary measures have been taken to stop these ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

817. (a) & (b)—There is no Kahitoma Forest Village but there are some graziers living at Kahitoma as graziers and not as Forest Villagers. There is no information available about any timber being washed away.

**Permit for Collecting sand to the A. R. T. Co. Ltd.
of Margherita**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

818. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the A. R. T. Co. Ltd. Margherita is allowed to collect sand on permits for purpose of sale ?
- (b) If so, whether Government will demarcate the area from where this company is allowed to collect sand ?
- (c) What is the basis of allowing this company such privilege ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that this company is no longer owner of any Railway ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to withdraw the special privilege granted to this A. R. T. Co. Ltd. when they were owner of Railway ?
- (f) Whether any sand Mahal has been created within the area from where this company have been collecting sand ?
- (g) If so, what would be the position of the Mahaldars of those Mahals ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to make a thorough enquiry ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

818. (a) & (b)—The Company is allowed to collect sand from the left bank of the Dehing river near Margherita and from the smaller subsidiary streams between Margherita and Ledo for their own requirements or other purposes.

(c)—It is as per not 3 under Rule 1 of Rules for quarrying stones, etc. of the Assam Forest Manual Vol. I, a copy of which is given below :

Note 3.—Royalty is leviable with effect from the 1st April 1939 at the rate of annas eight per 100 c.ft. on sand taken by the Railway Department for Railway or other purposes from the Dehing river near Naharkatia and on sand removed by the Assam Railways and Trading Company, Margherita, from the Dehing river near Margherita and from the smaller subsidiary streams between Margherita and Ledo in the Lakhimpur Division for the Company's own requirements or other purposes.

(d)—Yes, except for their own private Railway.

(e)—Government will examine the expediency of withdrawing this permission.

(f)—No.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—Yes.

Encroachment upto the Bogidara and Bhatoremari in Kamrup and Bogidara in Goalpara District by Forests Department

Shri GHANASYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

819. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Forest Department has encroached lands not belonging to the Department at Bogidara in Goalpara District and Bogidara and Bhatoremari in Kamrup District ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) When the Forest Department will be removed to its original boundary of 1947 ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

819. (a) & (b)—There is reason to believe that the Forest Department have extended plantations in about 600 bighas of Bogidara P. G. R. and Bhatoremari in Barpeta Subdivision to the extent of 600 bighas and 250 bighas respectively. However, the D. C. Goalpara and the S. D. O. Barpeta have been asked to make a joint enquiry with the Local Officer of the Forest Department regarding the encroachments referred to by the hon. Member in Bogidara of Goalpara District and Bhatoremari of Kamrup District. The position about the encroachment in Bogidara P.G.R. will be correctly know only when the inter-district boundary is demarcated for which the Assam Surveys are taking steps.

(c)—A decision on this question will be taken after the report of the enquiry and survey referred to above are completed.

**Encroachments upon the Bogidara P.G.R. in Kamrup District
by Forest Department**

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

820. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Why the Forest Department has encroached upon the Bogidara P.G.R. in Kamrup District ?
- (b) Why plantations have been done in this P.G.R. ?
- (c) When these encroachments will be removed ?
- (d) When final demarcation of boundary will be given of this, P.G.R. ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

820. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—There is reason to believe that the Forest Department might have extended plantation over about 600 bighas in the Bogidara P.G.R. of Kamrup District owing to confusion about the inter-district boundary. The Assam Surveys have taken steps to demarcate the boundary. The correct position will be known only after the demarcation and a final decision on the question of the encroachment, if any, committed by the Forest Department, will be taken thereafter. The Assam Surveys have been asked to take steps to demarcate the inter-district boundary as early as possible.

**Re : Lease of some Forests in Kachugaon and Haltagaon
Divisions of Goalpara District**

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked :

821. Will the Minister for Forests be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some forests were in Kachugaon and Haltagaon Divisions of Goalpara District leased out to Sri Jatin Das, *Ex-M.L.A.* and Sri Umaruddin *Ex-M.L.A.*, on a nominal royalty ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the D.F.O. Dhubri, (Kachugaon Division) paid huge bills of timber supply (in F.U.O. a/c) to Sri Umaruddin without realising previous outstanding dues of the Department, that consequently Government was put to heavy loss ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

821. (a)—No.

(b)—No. The previous outstanding of Rs.14,740 has been fully realised and hence the question of loss to Government does not arise.

Re: Number and confirmation of nurses throughout the State of Assam

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

822. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total number of nurses throughout the State of Assam ?
- (b) How many of them have been confirmed ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that many nurses serving upto a period of about 19 years continually have not been confirmed ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some nurses now serving in Shillong Civil Hospital for more than 3 years have not been confirmed ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that some nurses of Civil Hospital, Shillong gave representations many times for their confirmation ?
- (f) What steps have been taken so far by Government in this respect ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

822. (a)—Two hundred and sixty.
- (b)—8.
- (c)—It is not a fact.
- (d)—Yes.
- (e)—Yes.
- (f)—Steps are being taken to confirm those who have completed 5 years' continuous service.

Regarding purchase of tarpaulins in the month of March, 1960 in K. & J. Hills Division

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

823. Will the Minister-in-charge, P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing) be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the balance of the tarpaulins of the Department as per stock register on 30th March 1960 ?
- (b) How many tarpaulins were purchased in the month of March 1960 in K. and J. Hills Division ?
- (c) How many numbers of tarpaulins were destroyed or auctioned during the said year ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [(Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B. wing)] replied :

823. (a) to (c)—Informations are being collected.

The questions received only on 3rd April, 1961.

Regarding requisition of land of Shri Rup Ram Bin in Nunakhel Basty

Sri BISWANATH UPADHAYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

824. Will the Minister-in-charge, Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Shri Rup Ram Bin of Nunakhel Basty, a bonafied refugee under Index Card No. 7745, dated 19th March 1951—Hailakandi took settlement of 30 bighas of land for the purpose of cultivation ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the same land has been requisitioned by the local authorities ?
- (c) If so, for what purpose the lands were requisitioned and whether any alternative land has been settled with the above named person ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

Shri SAI-SAITERANG (Parliamentary Secretary-in-charge, Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

824. (a) to (d)—No such land under cultivation of Shri Rup Ram Bin was requisitioned in Nunakhel Grant

Regarding breaches and distance between the Trunk Road at Lahawal to the Mohanbari Air field

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

825 Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the distance between the Trunk Road at Lahuw to the Mohanbari Air Field ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware of the breaches of the road in several places ?
- (c) What steps Government have taken to repair the breaches ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied :

825. (a)—Two miles.
- (b)—There are no breaches on that Road.
- (c)—Does not arise in view of reply to question (b) above.

Regarding theft of one Commercial Truck Engine
belonging to the P. W. D.

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

826. (a) Whether it is a fact that one Commercial Truck Engine belonging to the P. W. D. under G. S. Road Subdivision, Shillong was reported to have been stolen and that Shri Ahmed, the then Superintending Engineer at Gauhati made an enquiry in this connection in the month of April, 1960 ?

(b) Whether Government propose to place on the table the finding of Shri Ahmed with full details ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.) Wing] replied :

826. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

Regarding payment of Compensation to land owners for the
Kakapathar-Maithong Road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

827. Will the Minister of P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether compensation to the land owners has been paid by now for the Kakapathar-Maithong Road ?

(b) If not, why there is such delay ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that revenue are being realised from the patta holders on whole land this road was constructed ?

(d) Why revenues are still realised when P. W. D. have taken over the land ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.)] replied :

827. (a) to (d)—The information have been called for.

The question was received to-day (3rd April, 1961).

Regarding the construction of Kukital-Balurbond Road in
Karimganj Subdivision (Civil)

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Schedule Castes)] } asked :

Shri PRAKRITESH CHANDRA BARUA (Gauripur) }

828. Will the P. W. D. (R. & B.) Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount allotted for the construction for Kukital-Balurbond Road in Karimganj Subdivision (Civil) ?

- (b) When the first Budget allocation was made for the said road ?
- (c) When the work was first started ?
- (d) What is the progress of the work regarding the construction of the road and the bridges ?
- (e) Whether any amount allotted for the same road has been surrendered ?
- (f) If so, for what reason?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.)] replied :

828. (a)—It is presumed, the hon. Members want to know the amount sanctioned (estimated cost) for the road and if so, the amount is Rs.1,16,000.

(b)—A sum of Rs.25,000 only was first made in the Budget for 1957-58.

(c)—In January, 1959.

(d)—1. Earth work—98 per cent.

2. Bridges—Completed.

3. Culverts—Out of 18 Nos., 70 per cent completed.

(e)—The question is not clear. It is presumed the hon. Members want to know if any amount out of the sanctioned amount (cost) has been surrendered and if so the reply is "No".

(f)—Does not arise.

Regarding establishment of the Monument at Rajdhakmal

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

829. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) When the Monument at Rajdhakmal in Barnagar Circle was established ?

(b) What was the total area of land in the name of these Monument in the years 1930, 1940 and 1950 ?

(c) Whether the Governor will preserve these lands for the maintenance of this Monument ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

829. (a)—The monument was erected during the reigns of the Ahom Kings. The exact date of establishment cannot be ascertained.

(b) —There is no record of land in the name of this Monument. But from available information, it appears that an area of 53 highas, 3 kathas and 5 lechas of land is covered by these Monument and its accessories.

(c) —This question will be examined by the proposed Department of Archaeology when it is set up.

Regarding resolution for a Ayurvedic State Dispensary at Barimakha in the Uttar Baska Mauza

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

830. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have received application or resolution for a Ayurvedic State Dispensary at Barimakha in the Uttar Baska Mauza ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge of Medical visited the place and gave the people assurance for necessary helps for the said purpose?

(c) If so, whether the said Dispensary will be opened during the financial year 1961-62 ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

830. (a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)—Government will give due consideration along with other places.

Regarding opening of Primary Health Unit at Baraigram

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA (Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]

831. Will the Minister be pleased to refer again to answer given to Starred question No. 238 asked by Shri Ghanasyam Talukder on the 8th April, 1959 on the subject of opening of Primary Health Units and state whether the proposal to establish a Public Health Unit at Baraigram along with Kachuadam was still there or not ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

831.—No, the original proposal to establish a Primary Health Unit at Baraigram was changed to Kachuadam owing to its close proximity to the Primary Health Unit at Patharkandi.

Subsidised Dispensaries in the State

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

832. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state

(a) What is the number of Subsidised Dispensaries in the State ?

(b) How many of them are without doctors ?

- (c) What steps have the Government taken to provide them with doctors ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Local Board now defunct used to give subsidies to these Dispensaries towards Doctors allowance and also for the maintenance of a Chowkidar ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that these subsidies have been withdrawn along with the abolition of the Local Boards ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that Doctors are not willing to work in these Dispensaries because of inadequate allowance and because of the withdrawal of the subsidies granted by the Local Boards ?
- (g) What is the amount of subsidy granted by Government for purchase of medicines ?
- (h) Whether Government consider this subsidy to be adequate for the purpose ?
- (i) Whether Government is aware that most of these Dispensaries have remained closed for years together for want of Doctors ?
- (j) How long Government will allow this dismal state of affairs to continue or whether there is any plan for taking them over ?
- (k) If so, what is the plan ?
- (l) When Government will execute the plan ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

832. (a)—One-hundred and nineteen.
 (b)—Twenty.
 (c)—All possible steps have been taken to provide Doctors by the Civil Surgeons concerned.
 (d)—Yes.
 (e)—Does not arise in view of the fact that such subsidises, if any, were not recommended by Government nor were allowed with the prior sanction of Government.
 (f)—Probably so.
 (g)—Rupees 650 (Rs. 500 for medicines and Rs. 150 for instruments and furniture) initially during the 1st year and at Rs. 40 for medicines and instruments each subsequent year.
 (h)—The question of increasing the subsidy is under consideration of Government.
 (i)—Yes, some of the subsidised Dispensaries.
 (j) (k) & (l)—Government have not been generally quite happy with the functioning of the subsidized Dispensaries. It is with a view to offer full benefit of medical aid to the public, the Government have a proposal under consideration to convert all subsidized Dispensaries into State Dispensaries in a phased Programme.

Proposed Subsidised Dispensary at Singarpara

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

833. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a Subsidised Dispensary was sanctioned at Singarpara in Karara Mauza of Gauhati Subdivision and the Medical Secretary conveyed the order to the Inspector General of Civil Hospitals by Government letter No.MMD.121/51/24 of 25th April, 1951 ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Public were asked to construct the necessary buildings for the Dispensary in pursuance of this order by Director of Public Health by letter No.VII-4B/51/14262 of 30th April, 1951 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon, Kamrup Gauhati was asked by letter No. M/9/A/6613-14 of 10th July, 1951 to the Secretary of Singarpara Dispensary Committee as to whether Public "can arrange temporary thatched houses now pending construction of permanent buildings for the purpose" in order to open the Dispensary ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the public constructed a C. I. sheet roofed Dispensary building and thus complied with the requirements of the Department ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that after completing the building several representations made and deputations waited upon the authorities to open the Dispensary from 1951 ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that an enquiry was made again by the Government through the Civil Surgeon, Kamrup about these facts as directed by letter No. 8286/XII-IM of 19th May, 1960 ?
- (g) Whether necessary orders have been passed by the Government to open the Dispensary immediately ?
- (h) What steps have the Government taken to open the Dispensary ?
- (i) Whether Government is aware that strong resentment is prevailing in the minds of the public for not opening the Dispensary from the year 1951 and the public have waited for these long 10 years ?
- (j) Why the Government have taken these long ten years to open the Dispensary though the building was completed by the public as asked by the Department and also land provided by the public ?
- (k) What information has been received by the Government as was called for as replied to Unstarred Question No.282 in the Assembly on 27th October, 1960 ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

833. (a)—No.
 (b)—No.
 (c) Yes, by way of an enquiry.
 (d)—Yes, of their own accord.
 (e)—Yes.
 (f)—Yes.
 (g), (h), (i), & (j)—Government have sanctioned establishment of a subsidised Dispensary after necessary enquiry was completed.
 (k)—Replies given above are on the basis of the information as given above.

**Assistant Surgeons attached to District headquarters—
 their private practice**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

834. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that two Assistant Surgeons are attached to each District Headquarters one for urban area (*i. e.*, the headquarter town) and the other for rural areas ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that both of them are a allowed private practice ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that last year the Director of Health Services submitted a memorandum to the Government recommending non-practicing allowances to 6 Assistant Surgeons on Public Health duties posted in the headquarters ?
- (d) What decision has been made by the Government on this memorandum ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that formerly Doctor of Public Health Department got extra allowances amounting to about 30 per cent to 60 per cent of their pay while they had to serve in Kala-Azar areas ?
- (f) Whether this type of allowances are still prevalent in the State.
- (g) Whether Government propose to consider the case of granting non-practising allowances to doctors serving in rural areas and stop their private practices as soon as possible ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical)

replied :

834. (a)—Yes, there is a Medical Officer, designated as Urban Health Officer in every district headquarters to look after the Public Health matters in urban area and there is another officer designated as Assistant Surgeon I on Public Health duty to look after Public Health work in the entire district. Besides looking after public health matters in rural areas he also does the same duty in urban areas.

There are also Assistant Surgeon I attached to every district headquarters hospital to attend in-door and out-door patients.

(b)—Yes, without detriment to their normal duties.

(c)—Yes, not for 6 doctors only but for many other doctors of various categories.

(d)—Matter is under active consideration of Government.

(e)—Before amalgamation of Medical and Public Health Departments, private practice was not allowed to doctors of Public Health Department and therefore, they were given higher scales of pay than their counterparts in the Medical Department scale of pay according to 1948 revised scale were as under :

Medical Assistant Surgeon II, 100—250 P. H., Assistant

Surgeon II, 120—270.

Medical Assistant Surgeon I, 200—500 P. H. Assistant

Surgeon I, 225—600.

No special pay or allowances was granted to doctor posted in Kala-Azar area but prior to revision of scales of pay in 1948 the doctor appointed in Public Health Department were in receipt of a special pay varying from Rs. 20—40 p. m.

(f)—No.

(g)—If and when non-practicing allowances are granted to doctors the privilege of private practice will automatically cease.

Subsidised and State Dispensaries Running without doctors

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked :

835. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) The names of State Subsidised and other Dispensaries in the State now going without doctors ?

(b) The date since when each of the Dispensaries is going without doctors ?

(c) Steps taken by Government to provide doctors in such dispensaries ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that many dispensaries are running without medicine ?

(e) If so, what are the reasons for shortages of Medicines ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

835. (a) & (b)—The following dispensaries are running without doctors from the date noted against each.

SUBSIDISED (ALLOPATHIC) DISPENSARIES

1. Balichang Subsidised Dispensary	...	25th April 1958
2. Rangapani do do	...	8th November 1960
3. Jogabari do do	...	27th December 1960
4. Kawarbhaha do do	...	1st October 1960
5. Akaya Subsidised Dispensary	...	16th February 1960
6. Baghmara do do	...	1st April 1960
7. Puthimari do do	...	9th October 1960
8. Cheki ... do do	...	19th October 1960
9. Bharimakha do do	...	7th November 1960
10. Lachi Bishnupur do do	...	20th June 1960
Barisatra.		
11. Adhalkatia do do	...	1st March 1960
12. Chaing do do	...	1st January 1960
13. Meleng do do	...	1st January 1960
14. Pirakata do do	...	1st February 1960
15. Ratanpur do do	...	1st June 1959
16. Chibitabichia do do	...	18th March 1959
17. Bazaricherra do do	...	1st June 1959
18. Fathepur do do	...	3rd February 1959
19. Kachua do do	...	24th May 1958
20. Noltali do do	...	1st October 1960

GENERAL DISPENSARIES

Garohills ...	1. Kalaichar Dispensary one doctor will be posted as soon as possible.	15th February 1961
Goalpara District	1. Bikali Dispensary one Doctor is now under orders of posting.	31st October 1960
Mizo District ...	1. Lungleh Development Block.	14th December 1959
	2. Kolosib "	6th October 1960
United Mikir and North Cachar Hills.	1. Kolonga Dispensary	Since 1956
	2. Umpanai Dispensary	Since 1955
United Khasi and Jaintia Hills.	1. Mawlong Dispensary	17th February 1961
	2. Borato Dispensary	7th May 1959
	3. Laskein Primary Health Unit.	25th April 1959

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| 4. Umden Dispensary | ... | Since 1959. One Doctor is under orders of posting. |
| 5. Pdengshakap Dispensary | ... | 1st March 1960 |
| 6. Mawkyrwat Dispensary | ... | 30th March 1960 |
| 7. Padu Dispensary | .. | } Since 1959. |
| 8. Pungtung Dispensary | | |
| 9. Lumshnong Dispensary | | |
| 10. Pariong Dispensary | ... | |
| Goalpa | | 1. Bodahapur Dispy.— Since early 1960. One doctor is under orders of posting. |
| | | 2. Dilmaja Khili Dispy.— Since 1960. |

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| Lakhimpur District | ... | 1. Katetung Dispensary | } Since 1960. Doctors are under orders of posting. |
| | | 2. Gorsiga Morigaon Dispensary | |
| | | 3. Laluk Dispensary | |
| | | 4. Baginadi Dispensary | |

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| Nowngng | ... | 1. Kahukati Dispensary, | ... | Since 1960. |
| | | 2. Bagora " | ... | 10th March 1961. One doctor under orders of posting. |

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| Sibsagar District | ... | 1. Dakhinpa Dispensary | ... | Since 1960. |
| Kamrup " | ... | 1. Dhupguri " | ... | 10th January 1961. One doctor under order of posting. |

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| Cachar District | ... | 1. Harinagar Dispensary | ... | Since 1960. One doctor is under orders of posting. |
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(c)—Every possible steps has been taken by the Civil Surgeon concerned to appoint doctors in the vacant Government Subsidised dispensaries but inspite of advertisement no candidate has been found. As regards other dispensaries necessary steps are taken to fill up the vacancies as early as possible.

(d)—No complaint has so far been received about shortage of medicine in these dispensaries.

(e)—Does not arise.

Outstanding arrears of the Estate of Umananda Temple

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked :

836. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- Whether any reply was furnished as was assured in reply to unstarred Question No.381, asked by Shri Baikunath Nath Das on 6th April, 1959 on the subject of outstanding arrears of the Estate of Umananda Temple ?
- When the Estate of Umananda Temple of Kamrup District was attached by the Government for non-payment of Government dues ?
- When the Revenue Agent was appointed ?

- (d) What amount was the outstanding arrear of the Temple in that year ?
- (e) What was the arrear of Government dues payable by the Dolai of Helecha Group ?
- (f) What was the arrear of the Dolai of the Chepeti Group ?
- (g) Whether the Estate of the defaulting Dolai was attached or the estates of both the dolais were attached ?
- (h) Whether there was any arrears of Government dues from the Dolai of Helecha Group and if not, why the estate of the Dolai of the Helecha Group was attached ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that the Revenue Agent has defaulted from the very year he was appointed and only the Government dues were paid and the remaining portion of the collected amount has been misappropriated by the Revenue Agent ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that the Revenue Agent had to deposit all the collected amounts of revenue realised from the tenants to the Treasury minus the Commission of collection ?
- (k) Whether it is fact that Bakajai proceeding and subsequently distress warrants and warrants of arrest were issued against the Revenue Agent for defaultation of the revenue and misappropriation of the realised amounts ?
- (l) When the Bakijai proceedings were started first ?
- (m) Whether it is a fact that all proceedings were ineffective and no steps were taken against the defaulting Revenue Agent ?
- (n) Whether it is a fact that Bakijai proceedings for the amount of above Rs. 70,000 is still pending against the Agent ?
- (o) What is the arrear outstanding to be realised from the Agents at present, *i. e.*, at the end of the financial year 1959-60 ?
- (p) What steps have been taken by the Government to realise the the amount and punish the defaulters of Government money ?
- (q) Who is the recognised Head of the said temple for conducting workshop of the Deity and other religious ceremonies and obeservances ?
- (r) Whether the Dolai can be appointed or removed by the Government or by the Bardeuries (Trustees) only ?
- (t) Whether it is a fact that the Estates of the Temples are attached for default of revenue payable to the Government and the Estates are to be released for noral management by the Dolai after the arrears have been realised ?
- (u) Whether the arrears of dues defaulted by the Dolai of the Chepti Group have been realised and hat was the amount defaulted ?
- (v) Whether any account has been submitted to the Dolai for the years the Estate was attached and whether Dolai is entitled for such accounts of the period the Mahal was attached ?
- (w) When Government proposes to release the atched mahal of the Umananda Temple to the Dolai ?
- (x) Whether Government has recognised that "Puja-Seva" of the deity is the right and duty of the treadingal "Pujaris" or Bardeories" of the temple ?

- (y) Whether on the representation of a so called "Sutwa Sangreksbini Sabha" headed by the defaulting revenue agent an amount of Rs 3,400 due to the Pujaries for "Puja-seva" of the Temple for the period 17th July 1957 to 3rd November 1958 has been with-held by the A. D. C., Kamrup ?
- (z) Whether the so-called "Satwa Sangrakshini Sabha" is a body registered under the Societies Act and recognised by the Government ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

836. (a)—Yes, Replies to the questions were sent to the Secretary, Legislative Assembly on 9th December 1959 for onward transmission to the M. L. A. concerned.

(b)—In 1948.

(c)—In 1949.

(d)—Rupees 17,388 4-0 annas.

(e) & (f)—The matter is still under investigation by the local officers as to the correct amounts of arrears.

(g)—Estates of both the Dolois were attached.

(h)—In this connection please refer to the reply to question (c) and (f) above.

(i)—It is a fact that the Agent defaulted from the very year he was appointed. He made part deposit for Government dues only out of the collection made by him, and retained in his hands a major portion of the balance which was not accounted for and consequently disciplinary action against him had to be taken.

(j)—Yes.

(k)—Yes.

(l)—On 6th August 1956.

(m)—It is nota fact. An amount of Rs.350 has since been realised.

(n)—It is not a fact. Bakijai proceedings for Rs.5,425-2-0 are still under execution against the Agent.

(o)—The matter is under further investigation by the local officers.

(p)—Execution of distress warrants is in progress and attempts are being made to realise the arrears from the Ex-Agent. Bakijai proceedings are still continuing.

(q)—According to the custom, the Dolai is the Head of the temple for conducting daily worship of the Deity and other religious ceremonies and observances.

(r)—The Dolai can be appointed or removed by the Bardeuries (Trustees) only.

(t)—Yes, the Estates of the Temples are attached for arrear revenue and local rate, but the question of future management of such land belonging to religious Institution is under consideration of Government.

(u)—The matter is still under investigation.

(v)—No.

(w)—Attachment shall continue until arrear in respect of the Estates so attached is fully realised.

(x)—Yes.

(y) & (z)—The matter is under enquiry by the local officers.

Re: Preparation and submission of Budgets by the Ad-hoc Gaon Panchayats

Shri DEBENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

837. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development and Panchayats be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Adhoc Gaon Panchayats who prepared their budget for the financial year 1959-60 and submitted to their respective Anchalik Panchayats within the State of Assam within that financial year (Subdivision-wise) ?
- (b) What were the reasons that many of the Adhoc Panchayats could not prepare their budgets for the year 1959-60 and got approved by their respective Anchalik Panchayats in time ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge of Panchayats) replied :

837. (a) & (b)—A statement is placed on the Library table.

Further information is being collected.

Surplus land in certain Tea Gardens in Assam

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

838. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether surplus lands are available in the following tea gardens of the Sibsagar Subdivision ?

- (I) Amgoorie and Tiphook ;
- (II) Barchillah ;
- (III) Gelakey ;
- (IV) Hatti-Patty ,
- (V) Lakhmijan ;
- (VI) Mackeypone ;
- (VII) Digiri Pukhuri ;
- (VIII) Suntak ;
- (IX) Cherideo Purbat ;
- (X) Muttra-pore and Nimanagarh ;
- (XI) Lakua ;
- (XII) Mahkjuti ;
- (XIII) Maranhand ;
- (XIV) Kanunbari.

(b) Whether Government propose to acquire the surplus lands from these tea gardens and settle the same with the landless people of the adjoining areas of the Subdivision ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

838. (a)—According to the return submitted by the Assam Branch, Indian Tea Association, the following tea gardens only have surplus lands.

1. Amgoorie and Tiphook Tea Estate.
2. Lakhmijan Tea Estate.
3. Mockcypone Tea Estate.
4. Suntak Tea Estate.
5. Cherideo Purbat Tea Estate.
6. Muttra-pore Tea Estate.
7. Mahkhuti Tea Estate.

As regards the other gardens mentioned by the Hon'ble Questioner, the information has been called for.

(b)—It is the policy of Government to acquire surplus land found fit for cultivation and lying waste wherever possible without detriment to Tea industry. So far as these gardens are concerned, the matter is under examination.

Re: Raising the maximum pay of the Inspector General of Police, Assam, for Rs.2,500 to Rs.3,000 p.m.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

839. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the maximum pay of the Inspector General of Police, Assam, has been raised from Rs.2,500 to Rs.3,000 per mensem.

(b) If so, from which date and for what reasons ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

839. (a)—Yes, in case the post is held by an Indian Police Officer.

(b)—From 1st October 1958. The revision of the scale of pay was made at the suggestion of the State Government. (1) in view of the increase in the duties and responsibilities of the post along with the increase in the Police Force in Assam and (2) with a view to fall in line with other major states where Indian Police Officers holding the post of Inspector General of Police are being remunerated in the same scale.

Re: 4th Grade Government Servants of Shillong Civil Hospital

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

840. Will the Minister in-charge of Medical and Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the names and number of the 4th Grade Government Servants working in the Shillong Civil Hospital ?
- (b) Dates of their joining the respective Services ?
- (c) Whether these workers are entitled to get sick leave, casual leave and earned leaves ?
- (d) If so, the number of days to which they are entitled to in each such leaves ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to grant them the usual leave and holidays admissible to other 4th Grade Government Servants ?

841. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the 4th Grade Government Servants of the Shillong Civil Hospital are in the permanent cadre ?
- (b) If not, whether they are Casual employees ?
- (c) If permanent, whether they are entitled to get all benefits including pension, etc., like other 4th Grade Government employees ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied.

840. (a) & (b)—Altogether 15 (fifteen) Grade IV Government Servants are working in the Civil Hospital of Shillong. Their names and dates of joining are furnished below—

Name		Date of joining
1.	Sri Siewpiar Ram Koiri	16th December 1939.
2.	Sri Ambika Sing	20th November 1944.
3.	Sri Kunta Bahadur	1st November 1945.
4.	Sri Puran Singh	1st June 1946.

Name	Date of joining
5. Srimati Prito	1st October 1947.
6. Ka Licy	1st January 1948.
7. Ka Liar	1st January 1948.
8. Sri Puran Bahadur	26th May 1948.
9. Sri Dewa Sing	7th June 1951.
10. Sri Mon Bahadur	4th September 1953.
11. Sri Kul Bahadur	1st June 1954.
12. Sri Dina Nath	13th January 1957.
13. Sri Gauza Tati	14th February 1957
14. Sri Kin Bahadur	1st March 1957.
15. Sri Baijonath...	28th April 1957.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—They are entitled to get leave as follows.

1. Earned leave :—At 1/22 of the period spent on duty for first year and 1/11 of the period spent on duty for the subsequent years.
2. Medical leave :—15 days on medical certificate for every completed year/years.
3. Casual leave :—15 days in one calendar year.

(e)—Yes. It is proposed to grant them usual leave as admissible under the rules. But holidays are not allowed to such employees as the Hospital remains open daily.

841 (a)—The Grade IV Government servants other than those paid from contingencies of permanent cadre. Necessary steps are also being taken to make permanent those employees paid from contingencies according to the merit of the case/cases.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Yes.

Re: Dispersal of some offices and establishments from Shillong to Gauhati

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked:

842. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to refer to his assurance given in connection with his reply to Governor's address in 1960 and state—

- (a) What steps Government has taken so far for dispersal of some of the offices and establishments of new offices on zonal basis?
- (b) What measures Government has taken to shift "a large number of offices" to develop Gauhati to a First-class city?
- (c) Whether Government has any proposal to shift all the Department and head offices to Gauhati in the greater interest of the public?
- (d) If so, when these schemes will be implemented?
- (e) If not, why?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

842. (a) to (c)—Government have felt the need of dispersal of offices from Shillong but no definite decision has so far been taken on the point except for decision of shifting the offices of the Commissioner of Plains Division and one Conservator of Forests to Gauhati. For provision of funds on this account we are going to place our views before the Third Finance Commission and if additional funds are ultimately made available the question of taking a definite programme will arise.

Re: Indenting two teachers for Assamese in some Schools in Sonai and Katigora Circle

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

843. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that two teachers for Assamese have been indented in some schools in Sonai and Katigora Circle?
- (b) If so, who made the request and to whom the request was made?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

843; (a) & (b)—Information are being collected.

Re: Reducing the scale of pay of Dr. Anadi Ranjan Das in January, 1958 after five years service in Gazetted rank

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

844. Will the Minister of Medical and Health Services be pleased to state—

(a) What was the reason of reducing the scale of pay of Dr. Anadi Ranjan Das in January, 1958 after five years of his service in the Gazetted rank ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

844. (a)—Information is being collected.

Re: Criminal cases pending on 28th February 1961 in Barpeta Subdivisional Officer's Court and allegations of non-availability of First and Second Class Magistrates to tryailable cases there

Mulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

845. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What is the number of cases (criminal) in Barpeta Subdivisional Officer's office pending on 28th February 1961 and how many of them are triable by Magistrate 1st class ?

(b) How long these cases are pending ?

(c) How many court of first class Magistrates are there in Barpeta Court and how many of them are actually working regularly ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that during the past year, there were some days when there were no first and second class Magistrates present and the Subdivision was left under the third class Magistrate ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that in many cases though the sections of the Penal Code areailable, third class Magistrates had no power to do so and the litigant public had to suffer much for want of bail ?

(f) Whether Government is aware that many litigant public of Barpeta Subdivision, had to come to the court again and again for months and years together and go back without getting any relief from the court as the Magistrates were absent ?

- (g) Whether it is a fact that for want of first class Magistrate in Barpeta Court cases are pending and the only First Class Magistrate cannot cope with the huge number of cases ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

845. (a) to (g)—The required information is being collected.

Re. Assam Civil Service Class II.—Increase in cadre by outside officers, promotion to Selection Grade and to Assam Civil Service Class I.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

846. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—
- (a) Whether the Government have encadred many outside officers in Assam Civil Service Class II and if so, what is the number of such officers encadred and from what departments they come from ?
 - (b) Whether this encadrement will affect the direct recruits of the Assam Civil Service Class II in any way ?
 - (c) What is the number of selection grade posts in the Assam Civil Service Class II ?
 - (d) Whether all these posts are filled up now ?
 - (e) If not, why not ?
 - (f) Since when these posts are lying vacant ?
 - (g) In view of huge enlargement of the cadre of Assam Civil Service II whether Government propose to increase the number of selection grade posts early ?
 - (h) Government propose to increase the percentage of promotion from Assam Civil Service II to Assam Civil Service I in view of enlargement of the Assam Civil Service II cadre ?
 - (i) Whether Government propose to consider promoting experienced Assam Civil Service II Officers to Assam Civil Service I for increasing the efficiency in the administration instead of recruiting a large number of direct recruits to Assam Civil Service I every year ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

846. (a)—Yes. 61 officers have so far been encadred from Relief and Rehabilitation and Development Departments.

(b)—No.

(c)—Five.

(d)—No.

(e)—Promotion to Selection Grade post is made on certain principles which, apart from the question of seniority, include the question of suitability and efficiency. The officers to be promoted must put in a certain minimum number of years of services to make them eligible for promotion to selection grade Government, after careful consideration of the records of service of officers concerned, decided not to make further promotion to this grade at this stage.

(f)—Of the five posts, four were actually filled up with effect from 1st October 1956 but one officer has since retired with effect from December, 1960 and another promoted to Class I with effect from November 1958.

(g)—There has been no enlargement of the cadre. This point will, however, be examined.

(h)—Under the new A.C.S. Class I Rules, the percentage of promotion has already been raised from 25 per cent to 30 per cent and further increase in the percentage is not contemplated.

(i)—The question of promotion from A.C.S. Class II to A.C.S. Class I is decided strictly according to A.C.S. Class I Rules and in consultation with the Assam Public Service Commission.

**Re : Gauripur Bell and Brass Metal Workers' Co-operatives Ltd.,
—their Resolution No.7 of 30th November 1959 for
exemption for Sale Tax, etc.**

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

847. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation, be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have received the Resolution No.7, dated 30th November 1959 adopted at the meeting of the Managing Committee of the Gauripur Bell and Brass Metal Workers' Co-operative Ltd.?

- (b) If so, what are the contents of the resolution ?
- (c) Whether the Government propose to consider the demand of the Society and give relief to the Society at the initial stage ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge of Co-operative) replied :

847 (a)—Yes. (The resolution was received on 26th February 1960).

(b)—A copy of the resolution is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—Co-operative Societies are already exempt from Professional Tax under the amended 5A of the Assam Professions, Trades, Callings and Employment Taxation Act. There appears no valid reason to grant exemption from Sales-tax to ordinary Trading Co-operatives. Exemption was, however, given to poteries when sold by Co-operative Societies, the goods being produced by labour of their own members without engaging any hired labourer.

Re: Encroachment on the Obiviacherra Bazar P. W. D. Road by some roadside shop owners.

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Prtharkandi) asked :

848. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that there has been encroachment on the P. W. D. Road at Obiviacherra Bazar by some of the road side shop owners ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the manager of the Obiviacherra Tea Estate lodged complaints to the local authorities in this connection more than once ?
- (c) If so, what action was taken by the local authorities in the matter ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) replied :

848. (a) to (c)—Information are being collected from the Divisions and will be furnished to the hon. Members, when these are received. The questions were received on 28th March 1961.

Re:—Electric plant installation by the Barpeta Mauza Consumers Co-operatives Store the financial help rendered to it and the reported unsatisfactory working of the saide Store

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

849. Will the Minister, Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) When the installation of electric plant was made by the Barpeta Mauza Consumers Co-operative Stores ?

(b) What is the financial help rendered by the State Government to this Store at difficult periods till the end of January 1960 ?

(c) Whether the accounts of the above co-operative have been ever audited for securing a report on the proper utilisation or otherwise of the Government as well as the public money ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the works were done without calling any tender ?

(e) Whether there is any proposal to give further financial aid to the above concern ?

(f) Whether Government are aware that this Co-operative Store has utterly failed to meet the Electric requirements of the citizens of the Barpeta Town ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that there is no properly qualified Electrician to run this Electric plant ?

(h) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps to enquire into this matter ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister in-charge of Co-operation Department, etc.) replied :

849. (a) to (h)—Information is being called for.

N.B.—The question was received on 30th March 1961 at 4-32 p.m. to be replied by 3rd April 1961.

Re: Reorganisation in the Police Department in Assam after the 1960 July Disturbances.

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

850. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware of the statement made on 7th July, 1948 by late Rohini Kumar Choudhury "the standard and morale of Assam Police was never so low as it is now.....it must be plainly said the Police in Assam,

have hopelessly failed to discharge their duties properly and in many cases they could not rise equal to the occasion and thereby tackle effectively the lawless elements, etc.?"

- (b) What action has been taken to reorganise the Police Departments after that statement was made ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

850. (a)—Unless a definite indication is given of the context and time of making the statement it is difficult to know whether and why the statement was made.

(b)—The strength of the force has been considerably increased after 1948 in all its branches. A Police Training College was established for training of all new recruits. The number of Police Stations has been increased from 104 in 1948 to 124 in 1961. The number of Circle Inspectors has also been increased. The posts of Deputy Inspector General of Police (Administration) and (Range), Deputy Inspector General of Police (Border) and Deputy Inspector General of Police (Training) has been created.

A further comprehensive scheme for reorganisation of the Police is now being prepared.

Re: Housing the Secretariat Branch of the Agriculture Department in the Agriculture Directorate Building and the amount of hired house-rent paid since 1955-56 for other branches of the Directorate

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

851. (a) Whether it is a fact that the Secretariat Branch of the Agriculture Department has been housed in the Agriculture Directorate building ?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Since the Secretariat branch of the Agriculture Department mainly deals with the administrative works in which relation with Finance Department is more important than the relation with the Directorate, what benefit Government will derive by housing the Secretariat branch with the Directorate ?

(d) Whether any branches of the Agricultural Directorate are accommodated in rented houses ?

(e) If so, what is the amount spent so far as house-rent for these branches since 1955-56 year-wise ?

(f) Why these branches are not accommodated in the same building of the Directorate ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the progress of works is hampered due to scattered housing of the different branches of the same Directorate ?

(h) Whether it is also a fact that the Veterinary Department of the Secretariat is also housed in the Agriculture Directorate building ?

(i) If so, why this branch is not housed in the same building with the Directorate of Veterinary on the same analogy as above ?

Shri BIMALA PARSAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

851. (a)—Yes.

(b)—For facility of work.

(c)—Necessity of consultation with Finance Department has been reduced by the appointment of attached Financial Adviser with delegation of Financial powers. As such physical integration of the Secretariat and Director of Agriculture will result in more expeditious transaction of business.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—From June 1956 to February 1961, a total amount of Rs.11,988·00 was spent as indicated below year-wise—

1956-57—Rs.2,250·00.

1957-58—Rs.3,000·00.

1958-59—Rs.3,000·00.

1959-60—Rs.3,000·00.

1960-61—Rs.738·00.

(f)—There is no accommodation for these offices in this building.

(g)—It may be so.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Because it is under the Secretary, Agriculture whose business with the Directorate of Agriculture is proportionately more.

*Re. Acute scarcity of good drinking water due to draught
in rural areas*

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMAH (Dergaon) asked:

852. Will the Minister of Public Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that rural areas of State are suffering from acute scarcity of good drinking water from the last year due to draught?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that some villages of Upper Assam are badly in need of source of drinking water and the people are clamouring for the same to the local authority for years together?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that one of the causes of the outbreak of Cholera in Nowgong District is due to paucity of source of good drinking water?
- (d) Whether the Government have received innumerable petitions from public and demands from Anchalik Panchayats for sanction of special grants to remove the water supply scarcity in their localities?
- (e) Whether Government is aware of the consequence of the last drought and suffering of people?
- (f) Whether Government have sanctioned any enhanced grants to Anchalik Panchayats for scarcity of water supply?
- (g) Whether Government propose to enquire into this vital problem of supplying good drinking water throughout the State and assess the actual requirement through the Anchalik Panchayats?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied.

852.(a)—Yes. In some rural areas.

(b)—Yes. Some petitions were received.

(c)—Government have no information.

(d)—Yes. Representations have been received from some Anchalik Panchayats.

(e), (f)—Yes. An amount of Rs.6,50,000 has been sanctioned from Panchayat Department in a subdivision-wise to the stage II Blocks and shadow Blocks of the Plains areas for water-supply work.

(g)—Yes.

Re: Grant of rehabilitation loan to the fire accident effected families of Amingaon Bazar

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

853. Will the Minister in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that 11 families were rendered homeless due to fire accident on 26th March 1960 at Amingaon bazar ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that these persons applied for rehabilitation loan in prescribed forms and pledged their landed properties as security for the loans ?
- (c) Whether any loans has been granted to any of them as yet ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that large number of persons of Amingaon have got loans and other advantages as disturbance affected persons and thus a sense of frustration has come to the Assamese people to the effect that their interests are not looked after ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that only on 2nd November 1960 their applications were forwarded to Shillong from the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup by letter No. SHXIII-41/60/11 after eight months of the burning of their houses ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to enquire why such undue delay has been caused in granting the loans and expedite early sanction ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied.

853. (a)—Thirteen families were [affected by fire on 26th March 1960 at Amingaon] Bazar.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Six families have since been granted rehabilitation loans and cases of others are under examination.

(d)—Only 17 persons of Amingaon received grants and loans being disturbance affected people. As the cases of all people are being looked after duly there appears to no grounds for any complaint.

(e) & (f)—Yes. The responsibility for this delay lay with the parties themselves as they could not produce non-encumbrance certificates for the properties pledged earlier.

Re: Taking over certain roads in Sibsagar Subdivision and receipt of proposals, plans, etc., thereof

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazia) asked:

854. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government had received proposals, plans and estimate, etc., from the concerning officers for taking over the following roads in Sibsagar Subdivision?

(i) Kharkatia Ali, (ii) Rajgarh, (iii) Ramani Ali, (iv) Nimona-gar, (v) Naga Ali of Nazira Mouza, (vi) Ladoigarh, (vii) Halonkhukan Ali, (viii) Kathkatia Borua Ali, (ix) Namtidoi, Kukumchowa Ali, (x) Remaining portion of Borphukan Ali and (xi) Somdar Ali, (xii) Rohdoi Ali?

(b) Whether Government propose to consider these proposals?

(c) Whether Government propose to take up the incomplete portions of the above roads (in those cases where the roads are incomplected) within this year?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R and B)] replied:

854. (a) & (b)—Except items (ii), (ix) and (xi) proposals have been received and sent to the Mohkuma Parishad for initial consideration and allocation of priority. Out of these items (i), (v) and (x) were recommended by the Mohkuma Parishad and the same have been included in agenda for the Assam Roads Communication Board meeting for consideration in drawing scheme for the Third Five Year Plan. Estimates and Plans for items (i) and (ii) only have been received.

(c)—There is no scope to take up these works within this current financial year as the proposals are proposed to be considered for inclusion in the Third Five Year Plan commencing from next year 1961-62.

Re: Private owned High Schools in the State and the teachers thereof

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

855. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) How many private-owned High Schools are there in the State?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the teachers of those schools have been deprived of the benefit of the Model scale of pay and the teachers compensatory allowances, etc.?

(c) If the answer to (b) above is in the affirmative, what are the reasons?

- (d) Whether Government propose to take early step to extend the benefit to all such teachers ?
- (e) Whether Government envisaged any scheme to take over such schools ?
- (f) Whether grievances of such teachers were placed before the D. P. I. and the Inspector of Schools by the Teachers of Sibsagar ?
- (g) What steps Government propose to take to remove their grievances ?
- (h) Whether Government lately received any representation from Shri Phani Bardoloi, Proprietor of Town High School, Golaghat ?
- (i) Whether Government had considered the representation for implementation of the prayers ?
- (j) If not, what are the reasons ?
- (k) Whether Government propose to take immediate step to maintain the standard of teaching in these private schools with other such institutions ?
- (l) Whether Government propose to formulate a scheme to convert all such private schools to Aided institutions and allow necessary facilities to the teachers within the current financial year ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

855. (a)—So far as information available in this office there are 4 privately owned High Schools.

These are—

1. Sankardeb Semminary, Jorhat.
2. Bezbarua High School, Jorhat.
3. Town High School, Golaghat.
4. Town High School, Sibsagar.

(b)—Yes, except the teachers of Town High School, Sibsagar.

(c)—Because the schools did not accept the conditions of grant-in-aid.

(d)—Yes, if the schools accept the conditions of grant-in-aid.

(e)—No proposal for taking over the the schools by Government is under consideration.

(f)—Yes, only the teachers of Town High School, Sibsagar represented their grievances and their case is under correspondence.

(g)—Necessary steps will be taken after due enquiry.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Yes. This also is under correspondence with the Inspector of Schools, U. A. C. and necessary steps will be taken on receipt of Inspector's report.

(j)—Does not arise.

(k)—This question does not arise because these schools are also subject to inspection by the Department same as other schools.

(l)—No such scheme was under consideration during the financial year, 1960-61. It is upto the proprietors of such schools to accept the conditions of grant-in-aid and convert the schools into Aided Schools.

Re: Gaon Panchayats in Assam and preparation and submission of their budget for 1960-61

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

856. Will the Minister in-charge of Community Development and Panchayat be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Gaon Panchayats in Assam Subdivision-wise who prepared and submitted their budgets for the financial year 1960-61 to their respective Anchalik Panchayats before 30th September, 1960 (*i. e.*, during the first 6 months of the financial year) showing the total number of Gaon Panchayats in each Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether Government will lay on the table a Subdivision-wise list of Gaon Panchayats in Assam who were in default in preparation of their budgets during the first 6 months of the financial year, 1960-61 but prepared and submitted their budgets to their respective Anchalik Panchayats during the period from 1st October 1960 to 31st December 1960 ?
- (c) Whether Government will lay on the table a Subdivision-wise list of Gaon Panchayats in Assam who could not prepare and submit to their respective Anchalik Panchayats their budgets for the year, 1960-61 upto the end of 28th February 1961 ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister in-charge, Panchayat) replied :

856. (a), (b) and (c)—A Statement is placed on the Library table, (Please see Library No.S.153).

Further information is being collected.

Re: Reported writing of a letter by Shrimati Shyama Devi of Ganghiya (Chamata) village, Dharmapur mauza, Nalbari Circle to the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Handloom Development Schemes, Shillong and her allegation of payment of cash prize on a 'Fullam Gamosha' woven by her to a third person

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldoi) asked :

857. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that with reference to a letter No.CHG. 103/59/41, dated 21st December 1960 from the office of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Handloom Development Schemes, Assam, Shillong, Shrimati Shyama Devi of village Ganghiya (Chamata) of mauza Dharmapur under Nalbari Circle in the district of Kamrup, wrote a letter to the Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies (Handloom Development Schemes) ?

(b) If so, what is purport of that letter ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that Shrimati Shyama Devi wrote a letter on 19th November 1960 to the Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies (Handloom Development Schemes) for improper sanction of a prize of cash of Rs.100 on a 'Fullam Gamosha' ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that Shrimati Shyama Devi claims that she wove the 'Fullam Gamosha' but the prize was given to a third person who in no case, can weave such a Gamosha ?

(e) If so, whether any enquiry has been made on this claim ?

(f) What steps Government have undertaken against the person responsible ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Co-operation) replied :

857. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The said Gamosha was collected by the then Weaving Demonstrator, Nalbari and was reported to have been woven by Shrimati Savitri Das, and accordingly the prize was awarded to Shrimati Savitri Das.

(f)—As the matter stands, it seems Shrimati Shyama Devi is not in a position to substantiate the allegation that the said Gamocha was not woven by Shrimati Savitri Das but by herself nor she could produce any evidence to show that the said Gamocha was handed over by her to the Weaving Demonstrator, Nalbari. Therefore the question of fixing responsibility does not arise.

Re: Deputy Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioners of Kamrup visiting flood area of North Kamrup in 1960 and increasing the strength of Magistrates, etc, of Kamrup District for coping with increased work

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

858. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) The time devoted by the Deputy Commissioner Kamrup and the two Additional Deputy Commissioners, Kamrup during 1960 in North Bank of Kamrup District which to run 5/6 part of Kamrup District ?
- (b) How much time the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup and the Additional Deputy Commissioners devoted in connection with flood in North Kamrup during 1960 stating the actual dates and places of visits ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the work of Kamrup District Office has gone fully out of control of Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to form a separate District for North Bank of Kamrup District for efficiency of work ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that the present arrangement of work at the district headquarters at Gauhati is extremely unsatisfactory ?
- (g) Whether Government propose for the present to appoint for Gauhati town and Suburb Presidency Magistrate of the status of Additional Deputy Commissioner with necessary Magisterial staff to enable Deputy Commissioner and other members of staff to devote more time for the vast area in the rest of Kamrup District ?
- (h) Whether Government propose for the present to appoint Assistant Commissioner of Police of the status of Assistant Superintendent of Police with necessary Police staff for Gauhati town and Suburb relieving Superintendent of Police and other Police Headquarters staff to devote more time for the vast area and population in the rest of Kamrup District ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

858. (a)—The duties of the Deputy Commissioner and the Additional Deputy Commissioners are so multifarious that it is neither possible nor practicable for them to maintain a detailed diary of different items of works done during the day for a particular place/area of the District and the time required on each item.

(b) The flood affected areas of North Bank visited by both the Deputy Commissioner and the Additional Deputy Commissioner (II) with actual dates are shown below :—

Deputy Commissioner

14th October 1960—Affected areas in and Paschim Barbhag, and

15th October 1960—Mauza Hajo and Mukhalma.

25th December 1960—Sahpur, Gandhia, Chamata and Belsor in Nalbari Circle.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (II)

18th September 1960—Rangia, Nalbari, Chamata, Soalkuchi and other adjoining interior villages.

19th September 1960—Nalbari, Chamata and the neighbouring flood-affected areas of Rangia and Nalbari Circles.

20th September 1960—Rangia Circle for and finalisation of relief.

23rd September 1960—Measures and instructions to Sub-Deputy Collector and Assistant Settlement Officer.

Besides the flood and relief measures, the officers did various other administrative works the detailed diary of which has not been kept. They also did lots of works connected with flood and relief measures from headquarters on other days.

(c)—No.

(d)—No.

(e)—Government have no such information.

(g)—No. But Government have already appointed an additional officer of the rank of Additional District Magistrate to assist the Deputy Commissioner.

(h)—No. But Government have decided to appoint an additional officer of the rank of Additional Superintendent of Police to assist the Superintendent of Police.

Re: Number of encroachment cases in Assam and when they began

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

859. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the number of encroachment case in Assam ?

(b) Since when these encroachments began ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

859. (a)—The number of encroachment cases pending upto 31st December, 1960 was 8,877.

(b)—The information is being collected. It will take some time.

Re: Serving with N. R. Notice to one Biren Das and 24 others of Namdongia Kumar Gaon Village, Sibsagar Subdivision and alleged issue of Patta No.385 to him

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

860. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Why Biren Das and 24 others of Namdongia Kumar Gaon, Morabazar Mauza, Sibsagar Subdivision is served with N. R. Notice 78 of 1960-61 on Dag No.461 (2 bighas) of Salaguri Mauza?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Patta No.385, was issued to him and revenue (Receipt No.6874) for 1959-60 was also realised from him on 2nd June 1960?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

860. (a)—N. R. Notice was issued to rectify some irregularities that crept in the settlement of land in the dereserved area of Jerenga,

(b)—It is not a fact. Patta No.385 does not stand in the name of Shri Biren Das.

Re: Reported settlement of waste land, sarkari land, etc., with Tea Planters within Tinsukia Circle from 1957 to 1959

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

861. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to lay on the table—

(a) A list of waste land, sarkari land or annual patta land that has been transferred to or settled with Tea Planters within the Tinsukia Circle during the period from 1957 to 1959 showing the settlement or transfer each year during the above period separately, and to state.

(b) What are the reasons of such transfer or settlement?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

861. (a)—No waste land has been settled with and no annual patta has been transferred to any Tea Planter within the Tinsukia Circle during the period in question.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Cases pending at the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Barpeta and their speedy disposal, etc.

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

862. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many cases are pending at the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Barpeta ?
- (b) Why they have not yet been disposed of ?
- (c) When they will be disposed of ?
- (d) Why the proceedings of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Barpeta have not been sent to the members of the Committee since 1957 ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge of Revenue) replied—

(a) Two cases, one for settlement of the dereserved area of Barbala P. G. R. and other for settlement of the dereserved area of Barpeta P. G. R.

(b) In case of Barbala for want of verification of the list of allottee prepared and in case of Barpeta P. G. R. for non-completion of the Survey and area calculation of the land.

(c) As early as possible.

(d) The Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta has been requested to sent copies of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee's proceedings hence forward to all members of the Committee.

Re: Reported vacation of Lands by the landless Tribal People of Satgaon, Bamunimaidam, etc., for the establishment of Oil Refinery at Gauhati

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked .

863. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that many landless Tribal People of Satgaon, Bamunimaidam and Narengi had to vacate their lands for the establishment of Oil Refinery at Gauhati ?
- (b) Whether steps are being taken by the Government for the rehabilitation with compensation to those landless tribal people ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied—

863.(a)—No land was acquired in villages Satgoan, Bamunimaidan and and Narengi for the Oil Refineries.

(b) and (c)—Do not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

Re: Number of Bighas of lands of Bhatarmari V. G. R. eroded by river and the reported encroachment by the Forest Department on the V. G. R.

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked:

864. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) How many bighas of lands of Bhatarmari V. G. R. have been eroded by river ?
- (b) Why the Forest Department has encroached up on this V. G. R. ?
- (c) When this encroachment will be removed ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Revenue) replied :

864.(a), (b) and (c)—The Hon'ble Member's attention is invited to the replies to question No.224 of this Session.

Re: Area of land granted on lease to an Indian Firm for tea cultivation out of the grants of Panitola Tea Estate

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

865. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to refer to starred question No.346 asked in the Budget Session of the Assembly, 1959 on 8th April, 1959 and state—

- (a) The area of land granted on lease out of the grants of Panitola Tea Estate to an Indian Firm for tea cultivation ?
- (b) Whether this area would be excluded from the formula of land under Tea in that Tea garden grant ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge of Revenue) replied :

865.(a) - 86 65 acres.

(b)—This area is considered as area under tea in the overall assessment of tea land of the garden.

Re: Dacoity and other crime Cases registered in Nazira Police Station

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

866. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many dacoity and other crime cases were registered within the Nazira Police Station during the year 1957-58, 1958-59.
- (b) The nature of each case so registered showing the date of occurrence and their final disposal ?
- (c) What is the percentage of conviction in those cases which were charge-sheeted during those years ?
- (d) What is the strength of thana including its outposts ?
- (e) Whether any conveyance is placed at the disposal of the officer-in-charge of the thana for quick mobility ?
- (f) Whether Namtiali Patrol post has served any useful purpose ?
- (g) Whether Namti Ali Patrol Post will be converted into an Outpost with full capacity to enable it to meet any eventuality ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

866. (a)—Number of dacoity and other crime cases registered in the Nazira Police Station during 1957, 1958-59 are as follows :

	1957	1958	1959
(1) All Crimes	211	275	273
(2) Burglary	37	32	48
(3) Theft	49	58	42
(4) Dacoity	4	5	5
(5) Robbery	1	4	1
(6) Under Section 411 I.P.C ...	5	2	Nil

(b)—A list is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—Percentage of conviction are as follows:

Dacoity	... ..	1957	... Nil
	... ..	1958	... 25 per cent.
	... ..	1959	... Nil.
Robbery	... ..	1957	... Nil.
	... ..	1958	... Nil.
	... ..	1959	... Nil.

Burglary	...	...	1957	..	36.36 per cent.
			1958	...	50 per cent.
			1959	...	50 per cent.
Theft	..	..	1957	...	39.28 per cent.
			1958	...	50 per cent.
			1959	...	40.72 per cent.
Offence under Section 411 I.P.C.			1957	...	90 per cent.
			1958	...	50 per cent.
			1959	...	Nil.
All crimes	..	...	1957	—	35.2 per cent.
			1958	...	42.94 per cent.
			1959	...	27.71 per cent.

(d)—Sanctioned strength of Nazira Police Station :

Three Sub-Inspectors, four Assistants Sub-Inspectors and twenty four constables and one Traffic Head constable and six constables for Nazira Town.

Sanctioned strength of Tangapukhuri Out-Post:
One Sub-Inspector, one Assistant Sub-Inspector and eight constables.

(e)—No.

(f)—Namti Ali is situated in the middle place between Nazira and Amguri Police Station. Thus it is the centre place to watch criminals of both the Police Stations elaka Nazira and Amguri. Due to the existence of Police Patrol post at Namti Ali crimes have decreased in that area.

(g)—Scheme is being taken up to reorganise Nazira Police Station.

Re: Purchase of Lantern, Petromax, etc., by Public Works Department

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

867. Will the Minister in-charge, Public Works Department (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

(a) What is the balance of the following articles as per stock register on 30th March 1960 of the Department ?

(i) Patromax (ii) Lantern (iii) Alladin lamp and (iv) Torch, etc.

(b) Whether 3 Nos. of Petromax were purchased on 31st March 1960 ?

(c) What are the prices of these Patromaxes ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.) Wing] replied :

867. Information is being collected. The question received on 3rd April 1961.

Re: Erosion by the Beki River

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

868. Will the Minister in-charge of Public Works Department (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

- (a) How many bighas of lands have been eroded by the Beki river from the Railway bridge to the Sarbhog Aerodrome?
- (b) Why the Government have not taken any step to protect these areas from the Beki erosion?
- (c) Whether Government propose to take any measure to stop further erosion?
- (d) If so, what measures will be taken?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, P.W.D. (Flood Control & Irrigation Wing) replied :

868. (a)—According to figures so far collected by this Department approximately 1839 bighas of land have been eroded.

(b)—The area is thinly populated and the nature of erosion too is not alarming. Moreover as the cost of adequate protective measures will not commensurate with the value of property threatened as such the Government have not taken any step to protect the areas.

(c)—There is no such proposal.

(d)—Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Re: A Bridge at Paltan Bazar, Cantonment Ward, Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

869. Will the Minister in-charge of Public Works Department (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Shri B. C. Changkakoti, Advocate, Dibrugarh applied to the Executive Engineer (E. & D.) on 17th January, 1961 to reconstruct a small bridge removed by the E. & D. Department at Paltan Bazar, Cantonment Ward, Dibrugarh?

(b) When this bridge was removed?

(c) Whether Government propose to reconstruct the bridge?

(d) If so, when?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P.W.D. (Flood Control & Irrigation Wing)] replied:

869. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No bridge was existing. As such question of removal does not arise.

(c) & (d)—A semi-permanent foot bridge has already been provided.

Re: The Channel of Bhulukadoba River

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked:

870. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

(a) What steps have been taken by the Government to close the channel from the Bhulukadoba river towards the east on the Northern side of the North Trunk Road?

(b) How many petitions have been submitted to the Subdivisional Officer (E. & D.), Barpeta and to the Government?

(c) When this channel will be closed?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, P. W. D. (Food Control & Irrigation Wing) replied:

870. (a)—No such scheme is contemplated by Government.

(b)—No petition has been received.

(c)—Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Re: Erosion by the Beki river

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER asked:

871. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (E. & D) be pleased to state—

(a) How many bighas of land have been eroded by the Beki river on the right bank from the Railway bridge to the aerodrome since 1942?

(b) What steps have been taken by the Government to stop erosion at these places?

(c) If the reply to (b) above is the negative what steps the Government propose to take to stop erosion?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P.W.D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

871. (a)—According to figures so far collected by this Department approximately 1839 bighas of land have been eroded since 1942.

(b)—There is no proposal to stop erosion at these places at present

(c)—As the area is thinly populated and probable cost of protection measure adequate for the purpose will not commensurate with value of property threatened, no protective measure is contemplated at present.

Re: Illegal trade in timber

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

872. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that illegal trade in timber was detected at Khatangpani under Digboi range in the year 1959-60 ?

(b) Who was the person or the company involved in that case ?

(c) Whether any decision has since been made ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forest) replied :

872. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The following persons were suspected to be involved :—

1. Shri Surajdew Singh of Digboi.
2. M/s. Cosmos and Midways (Private) Limited.
3. Shri P. R. Rai Tarat.
4. Shri Shripatmal.
5. Shrimati L. P. Bora.
6. Shri Chingwanong Duania
7. Shri Lathoila Duania.
8. Shri Tileswar Barua.

(c)—No. The case is still under investigation.

Re: Illegal trade in timber at Borhulung and Saruhulung Forests

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

873. Will the Minister of Forests be pleased to state—

(a) Whether illegal trade in timber was detected at Barhulung and Sarhulung Forests in Buridihing, mauza was detected in year 1959-60 ?

(b) If so, who was the party and what happened to the case ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied :

873. (a) --Yes.

(b)—Late Ram Bachan Singh. He was black-listed ; he is since dead. The question of realization of royalty due to Government is still under examination. Proceedings against the then Beat Officer, Kakopathar, a Deputy Ranger involved in this case have been instituted but not yet concluded.

Re: Irregularity in formation of Blocks in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA asked :

874. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development and Panchayat be pleased to refer to answers given to unstarred questioners No.395 and 396 asked by the questioner on 6th April 1959 in the Budget Session 1959 of the Assam Assembly and to state—

(a) Why certain blocks were suggested according to the Census figure of 1941 while the other blocks were suggested according to the Census figure of 1951 in case of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) Who was the Development Officer in 1953 who preferred to take the Census figure of 1941 in certain cases and the Census figure of 1951 in other cases ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development, etc). replied :

874. (a)—The matter is under investigation.

(b)—Shri Hara Nath Gohain was the Development Officer in Dibrugarh in 1953.

Re. Range Headquarters and Training Centres of Assam Rifles in Silchar Town

Shai **BISWANATH UPADHYAYA** (Patharkandi) asked:

875. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that Assam Rifles is proposing to establish its Range Headquarters and Training Centre within the limit of the Silchar Town?

(b) Whether Government have received any representation from the Silchar Municipal Board with a request to approach the Government of India to shift the proposed Headquarter and the Training Centre outside the town area?

(c) If so, what Government proposes to do in the matter?

Shri **GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI** (Deputy Minister L.S.G.) replied:

875. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The matter has been taken up with the Inspector General of Assam Rifles whose decision is awaited by Government.

Re: Umananda Temple Estate

Shri **SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI** (Kamalpur) asked:

876. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Who is the authority for settlement of waste lands or khas lands of Umananda Temple Estates, Dalai or the Settlement Officer, Kamrup?

(b) Who is the authority for settlement of waste or khas lands belonging to the different Temple Estates like Hajo Madhab, to Nilachal, Kamakhya, etc.?

(c) Whether it is a fact that large tracts of Beel lands belonging to different temple estates have become now cultivable?

(d) If so, whether Government propose to allot these lands only to the erosion and embankment affected people of the locality?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to stop all allotment of these temple estate waste lands pending decision of the this suggestion?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

876. (a)—Normally the Dolois of the temple. As these lands are now under attachment under section 69B of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, the Deputy Commissioner will be the competent officer so long as such attachment continues.

(b)—The Dolois of the respective temples.

(c)—Some low lying areas of temple lands are reported to have become fit for cultivation.

(d) and (e)—Government have no authority to settle waste or khas lands belonging to temple or stop allotment of temple lands until these are acquired under the Acquisition of Land Belonging to Religious or Charitable Institution of Public Nature Bill, 1959. The hon. member's suggestion will however be examined in respect of the lands under attachment.

Re: Quarters for Lady Doctor at Nalbari

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

877. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) When the plan and the estimate for construction of the quarters of Lady Doctor at Nalbari was received by the Department and what action the Department took for its sanction and administrative approval thereafter?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that for want of residential quarters the Lady Assistant Surgeon at Nalbari is finding difficulty?
- (c) Whether Government propose to expedite construction of residential quarters of the Lady Doctor?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

877. (a)—Plan and estimate for Lady Doctor's quarters at Nalbari were received in May 1959 but owing to paucity of fund the work could not be taken up.

(b)—No representation from her was received to the effect that she was facing difficulties for want of residential quarters. She is entitled to house-rent allowance in lieu of rent free quarters for which no proposal has been received from her.

(c)—Construction of quarters for the Lady Doctor will be taken up in the Third Five Year Plan.

Re: Assam Ayurvedic Mahasava (Nalbari Branch)

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

878. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Health be pleased to state--

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Assam Ayurvedic Mahasava (Nalbari Branch) have requested the Government of Assam to issue orders so that certificate issued by the Ayurvedic doctors might received equal status with those of certificates issued by the Allopathic doctors ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps to issue the necessary orders in this behalf ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

878. (a)—No representation from the Assam Ayurvedic Mahasava (Nalbari Branch) for issue of certificates by Ayurvedic Physicians appears to have received.

(b)—It will appear from the Note 3 under Subsidiary Rule 79 of the Fundamental Rules and Assam Subsidiary Rules as inserted by Correction slip No.403, the term "Approved Registered Medical Practitioner" includes "Approved Registered Ayurvedic Medical Practitioners" also. This being so, the medical certificates granted by the registered Ayurvedic Practitioners for the purpose of leave, etc., of Government servants are now-a-days accepted by the authorities. The authority sanctioning the leave is however competent under the above mentioned rule to call for a second medical certificate from the Civil Surgeon of the district if he considers necessary.

Re: Free Medical treatment for low paid Government Servants

Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

879. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a low paid Government servant is entitled to get free Medical treatment ?
- (b) If so, why Shri Maneswar Chayengia a low paid Government servant of Agriculture Department, North Lakhimpur Sub-division who was attacked by T.B. disease during his service could not get a free treatment for his T. B. disease since 18th September, 1960 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that, Shri Chayengia is to pay Rs.60 (Rupees sixty) only per month to the R.P. Chest Hospital, Shillong for his treatment ?
- (d) If so, why he is to pay the said amount to the Hospital in connection of his treatment ?

(c) Whether the amount paid by Shri Chayengia will be refunded to him in view of his low salary ?

(f) If not, why ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

879. (a) & (b)—Yes, provided the pay of the tubercular Government servant does not exceed Rs.100 p.m. under the existing rules.

It is not known to this office if Shri Maneswar Chayengia was drawing pay below or above Rs.100 p.m. at the time of his treatment in the Reid Provincial Chest Hospital. This point is being ascertained from the Reid of Agriculture who referred the case on 9th March, 1961. If Sri Chayengia's pay was below or upto Rs.100 p.m. at the time of his treatment in the R.P. Chest Hospital, he will get free treatment since 18th September, 1960 under the existing rules.

(c) & (d)—No, provided his pay did not exceed Rs.100 p.m. at the time of his treatment in the Reid Provincial Chest Hospital.

(e)—Yes, provided his pay was below or upto Rs.100 p.m. at the time of his treatment in the Reid Provincial Chest Hospital, Shillong.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re: The Ayurvedic College at Gauhati

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

880. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) How much money has been spent so far for the Ayurvedic College at Gauhati ?
- (b) How many Graduates have come out successful from the said College ?
- (c) What has been the *per capita* expenditure for a student so far ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

880. (a)—Rupees 16.69 lakhs. This figure includes expenditure of Rs.8.30 lakhs incurred by P.W.D. in construction of buildings of the Ayurvedic College at Jalukbari.

(b)—Sixty-eight students have come out successful and they have been awarded diploma.

(c)—Rupees eleven thousand eight hundred. This figure is based on the total number of admission of students which is 141.

Re: U.N.I.C.E.F Vehicles for Rural Health Services

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)

asked :

881. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state

- (a) Who are in-charge of U.N.I.C.E.F. Vehicles for Rural Health Services ?
- (b) Whether it is not a fact that these vehicles are used more in urban than in rural areas ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical)
replied :

881. (a)—The Civil Surgeons are in-charge of those U. N. I. C. E. F. Vehicles which are meant for strengthening District Health Organisation and Medical Officer in-charge Primary Health Units are in-charge of those U.N.I.C.E.F Vehicles meant for Primary Health Units. All the Vehicles are meant for the Rural Health Services and bear the mark "U.N.I.C.E.F. Rural Health Services".

(b)—No. The U.N.I.C.E.F. Vehicles which are in-charge of the Civil Surgeons are usually meant for supervision of Rural Health Services.

Re: Promotion of L. M. P. Doctors

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

882 Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there were arrangements for promotion of L. M. P. doctors to Assistant Surgeon Grade I. 12 from Medical and 5 from Public Health Departments, prior to amalgamation of both the Departments ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that after amalgamation of these two Departments provision for promotion of L. M. P. doctors has been fixed at 18 and this has been interpreted as large expansion of scope to L. M. Ps. ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that there are instances that L. M. P. doctors could not get promotion to Assistant Surgeon Grade I even after completion of 25 years or more service to the Government.

(d) Whether it is a fact that 15 L. M. P. doctors were promoted to Assistant Surgeon Grade I in the year 1959 ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that out of these 15 doctors 9 have already retired and another 5 are due to retire within a year or so ?
- (f) What is the number of L. M. P. doctors in Government service at present ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that Medical Licentiates having 10 years experience had already been recognised on par with Medical graduates by the Government of India, so far as the promotion to Assistant Surgeon Grade I was concerned ?
- (h) Whether Government is aware that certain State Government in India such as West Bengal and Madras have already accepted the principle of treating the medical licentiates having 10 years of experience on par with Medical graduates in so far as the promotion to Assistant Surgeon Grade I is concerned ?
- (i) Whether Government is aware that the President, All India Medical Licentiates Association at Puri (Orissa) was Communicated by the Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Health *vide* his letter No.16-25/59 M. I. dated 20th May 1960 regarding the recognition of Medical licentiates having 10 years experience on par with Medical graduates ?
- (j) Whether Government is considering the cases of L. M. P. doctors of the State for expansion of the scope of promotion to Assistant Surgeon Grade I ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied :

882.(a)—Seven from Medical Department and 2 from Public Health Department.

(b)—Yes. The scope of promotion has been doubled.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Twenty.

(e)—No five have retired and 2 are due to retire within a year or so.

(f)—467.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—In Madras the cadres of Assistant Surgeon I and Assistant Surgeon II have been unified to form a single cadre of Assistant Surgeon with effect from 1st April 1951 on the scale of Rs.150—25/2—400, medical graduates being allowed to start on Rs.200 in the scale,

In West Bengal, although the cadres of licentiate doctors are included in the "West Bengal Health Service", it appears that for the present the licentiates are excluded from the said service. It also appears that their posts are to be gradually filled up by medical graduates.

(i)—Yes so far as promotion to Assistant Surgeon I is concerned.

(j)—The case will be examined.

Re: Ad-hoc increments for Mandals and Kanungos

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

883. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that an *Ad-hoc* increment was sanctioned to Mandals and Kanungos in 1956 ?

(b) If so, what was the rate of that increment ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that not a single pie was paid to the Mandol and Kanungo of Dergaon circle and majority at Sibsagar, Nowgong, Kamrup, Lakhimpur Districts ?

(d) The reason for depriving such benefit to them ?

(e) Whether Government propose to take prompt action so that they may get this legitimate dues ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister Revenue) replied :

883. (a)—*Ad-hoc* increase in dearness allowance was sanctioned with effect from 1st April 1957.

(b)—*Ad-hoc* increase to the existing rates of dearness allowance of those employees whose total emoluments after increase (revision of pay in 1956) did not exceed Rs.100 per month, was issued in such a manner that the financial benefit already derived from the pay revision *plus* this *ad-hoc* increase in dearness allowance might make a total of Rs.12 per month the ceiling fixed by the Government of India as the total *Ad-hoc* increase in dearness allowance in each individual case.

(c), (d) & (e)—Information have been called for.

Re: Town allowance for Mandals

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA asked :

884. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the School Teachers and many of the employees (low paid) are getting special pay who have to live in the town and work in the town ?

- (b) Whether Mandols living and working in towns are getting such allowances ?
- (c) If not, what are the reasons ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to consider the proposal of town allowances to Mandals ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

884. (a)—Town allowance is at present being granted only to the Lower Primary School Teachers working under Basic Education Board. These teachers get Rs.5 only as dearness allowance while other Government Officers drawing salary at similar scale get a much higher rate of dearness allowance. No special pay has been given for such purpose.

(b)—No.

(c)—Because they get a much higher rate of dearness allowances and cash allowances.

(d) —No such proposal is under consideration now.

Re: Field allowance for Settlement Kanungos

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

885. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Settlement Kanungos are getting Field Allowances ?
- (b) If so, what is the amount per month per settlement Kanungo?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the temporary Kanungos are deprived of that ?
- (d) If so, why ?
- (e) Whether Government will consider to grant said allowance to temporary Settlement Kanungos ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

885. (a)—There is no Kanungo called "Settlement Kanungo". Kanungos are engaged for settlement as well as for normal land records works. Only the permanent Supervisor Kanungos whether working in re-settlement or not get field allowance according to the sanctioned quota of higher and lower grades of field allowance fixed for each district.

(b)—The higher grade of field allowance is at the rate of Rs.20 per month and lower grade field allowance is at the rate of Rs 15 per month

(c)—Yes. Only the permanent Supervisor Kanungos are getting filed allowance.

(d)—Because entertainment of temporary Kanungos was not envisaged at the time when the rules were framed.

(e)—This is already under consideration of Government now.

Re: Rehabilitation of Cultivators displaced and evicted for requisitioning land for Oil Refinery, Railway and proposed Medical College

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Gauhati) asked :

886. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of cultivators (including tenants, undertenants, adhiars, etc.) who have been evicted from their occupation of land as a consequence of the establishment of the Oil Refinery, Railway Marshalling Yard, proposed Medical College and other State industrial undertakings in and near about Gauhati ?

(b) How many of such displaced cultivators have actually been provided with alternative land by Government ?

(c) How many of the said evicted cultivators have been provided with jobs in the undertakings in the interest of which these cultivators were ousted ?

(d) Whether formal delivery of possession of any portion of the Barbilla Reserve has been given to any of the said evicted cultivators ?

(e) If so, when and to what extent ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

886. (a)—897 families.

(b)—Orders have been issued for submission of formal proposals for dereservation of 4487 bighas of land from Barbila P. G. R. and 800 bighas of land in Sindhisar area of Deosal P. G. R. in Nowgong District for the rehabilitation of these people.

Information has been called for about the number of families actually rehabilitated in these areas.

(c)—As 897 families are involved in the acquisition proceedings it will require some time to contact each one of them to find out if any member of their family has been employed in the Refineries and Railways. The affected cultivators were/and will be given adequate compensation under the law for their lands acquired. Provision of jobs to them by these undertakings is an independent issue and not linked with acquisition.

(d)—No, as they declined to accept this land.

(e)—Does not arise.

Re: Lands of Nagriguli T. E.

Shri PROBHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

887. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) When requisition of surplus lands of Nagriguli T. E. was first proposed and when proceedings finalised ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that by letter No.RQ.55/59 dated the 21st March 1959, Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup proposed settlement of lands with flood and embankment affected people of Nalbari as quickly as possible ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that settlement of land are pending with the hands of Sub-Deputy Collector, Tamolpur for a long time ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that flood and embankment affected people of Tamolpur who took shelter at Angurkata lands are rendered homeless and are wandering about for want of lands ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to take speedy steps for settlement of lands with landless people of Nalbari, who took shelter at Angurkata P. G. R. and who were ultimately evicted therefrom ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to take speedy steps for settlement of lands at Nagriguli with landless people of Nalbari ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

887. (a)—The proposal for requisition of surplus lands of Nagriguli T. E. was initiated in March, 1959 but has not been finalised yet.

(b)—Settlement of land was proposed only with the landless flood and embankment affected people who occupied lands in Angurkata P. G. R. and were eventually evicted ?

(c)—No, only preparation of list of allottees is pending with the Sub-Deputy Collector.

(d)—No family of Tamolpur was affected by flood and embankment. There is no embankment in that circle at all. Wandering about of such people of Tamolpur circle does not arise.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Yes. Government would settle lands at Nagrigali T. E. with landless people as has been mentioned in (e) above, as early as possible.

Pipes obtained from Government of India for Agricultural purposes

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

888. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government of Assam obtained Pipes from Government of India to use them for agricultural and other Government purposes in 1951 and 1952 or so ?
- (b) If so, by which Department ?
- (c) What was the quantity and value of these pipes and under what terms and conditions those pipes were obtained ?
- (d) Whether Government utilised them for any Government purposes ?
- (e) If not, what happened to these pipes ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that most of those pipes were given to some private parties and dealer at one fourth of the original book value without the permission of the Government of India ?
- (g) If the answer to question (f) above is in the affirmative, who were those parties, how much pipe each was given and for what purpose ?
- (h) What was the price paid by these parties and what was the value fixed by the Government of India ?
- (i) Who sponsored or recommended these parties to the Government of Assam (to be stated each case individually) ?
- (j) Whether there were any enquiries made in each case about the genuineness or otherwise of the purpose for which these pipes were obtained by these parties before allotments ?
- (k) Whether Government have any information that these allottees black-marketed the entire quantity of the pipes and made an unjustified profit of Rs.25 lakhs of rupees or so ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

888. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Supply Department.

(c)—Quantity—3,00,005 rft.

Value—Rs.2,69,069.

The pipes were issued by the Government of India to the State Government at 20 per cent of the book value of Rs.13, 45, 345 subject to the condition that these materials should be utilised in Government Schemes and were not resold or transferred to any private party for sale at a profit.

(d), (e) & (f)—As these pipes were not much in demand by the Government Departments, it was decided to dispose of them to Government Departments and to parties approved by Government Departments at economic rates for the purpose of Grow More Food Schemes.

As the materials were proposed to be utilised for the purpose of Grow More Food Schemes by the parties approved by the Government Departments and were not transferred to them for sale at a profit, no further reference to Government of India was considered necessary.

(g)—Does not arise in view of replies to (d), (e) and (f).

(h)—The Government Departments paid at the rate charged by Government of India plus incidental expenses and 6½ per cent *ad valorem* whereas the parties approved by Government Departments had to pay 10 per cent in addition.

(i)—The allottees were recommended by the Agriculture Department and they are as follows—

- (I) Greenland Farmers, Nowgong.
- (II) Associated Service Ltd., Nowgong.
- (III) Golak-Ch. Pathak, Chenga, Barpeta.
- (IV) Adhunik Krishi Pam, Malaibari, Gauhati.
- (V) Madan Chandra Saikia and Devaprosad Hazarika, Jamaguri, Darrang.
- (VI) Honooman Bux Agarwalla, Charali, Digboi.
- (VII) Bansbari Model Farm, Barpeta Road.
- (VIII) C. K. Phookan, Jakhalabandha, Nowgong.
- (IX) Baijnath and Sons, Shillong, Assam.
- (X) Palashbari United Agricultural Farm, Palasbari, Gauhati
- (XI) Jibeswar Goswami, Gauhati.
- (XII) Bimal Ch. Gogoi, Tinsukia.
- (XIII) United Agency, Tinsukia.

(j)—As the materials were released on the recommendation of a Government Department, no enquiry was considered necessary at the time of allotment.

(k)—Government have no information.

Re: Settlement of requisition land of Tangana Tea Estate

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

889. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to refer to Starred question No.209 asked in the Budget Session of the Assembly, 1959 on 8th April, 1959 and state—

- (a) The number of cultivators with whom the requisitioned land of Tangana Tea Estate have been settled ?
- (b) The date of requisition of the land and the date of settlement with cultivators ?
- (c) What happened to those cultivators who had been occupying a portion of the land in question since few years of the date of requisition ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

889. (a)—The land has not yet been settled with anybody. The land Settlement Advisory Board in its meeting on 22nd February 1960 decided how the allotment list should be prepared. The Sub-Deputy Collector is accordingly preparing the list.

(b)—The land was requisitioned on 2nd September 1953 and no settlement has yet been made as stated in (a) above.

(c)—Their cases will be considered on merit when the allotment list is prepared.

Re: Rehabilitation of landless cultivator of Bokel Mozgaon

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA asked :

890. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to refer to Memo No.RL.42/59, dated 21st October 1959 issued by the Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue Department and state—

- (a) Whether the additional Deputy Commissioner enquired to find out alternative land for landless cultivators of Bokel Mazgaon ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that there are surplus land in Bokel Tea Estate Grants according to the formula of land allowed in Tea Estates ?

- (c) What are the difficulties of the Revenue Officers of Dibrugarh in helping these landless local cultivators ?
- (d) How long this matter will remain pending with the Sub-Deputy Collector, Dibrugarh Eastern Circle or the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

890. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c) and (d)—The proposal for requisition of an area of 530 bighas and odd in Grant No.6 of Bokel Tea Estate was objected to by the Tea Estate Advisory Board meeting wherein it was decided to proceed with the proposal. The requisition proceedings will be finalised shortly.

Re: Requisition of land of Basmotia Tea Estate for landless cultivators of Moderkhat Mauza, Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

891. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have lately received a note forwarded by Shri J. N. Hazarika, Member of Parliament on 8th June, 1960 regarding requisition of 300 acres of land in Basmotia Tea Estate grant in Moderkhat Mauza, Dibrugarh for landless cultivators ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the questioner also forwarded applications from public of Naharhaku Village and other villagers of Moderkhat Mauza to the Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh in the year 1958 and 1959 requesting to take up a proposal to requisition surplus land of Basmotia Tea Estate for landless and flood affected people of Naharhaku village ?
- (c) What is the total area of land in grants of Basmotia Tea Estate and what is the area of land under Tea ?
- (d) What is the area of surplus land in this Tea Estate ?
- (e) Whether any Revenue Officer visited these grants with a view to find out low lying area which would be suitable for paddy cultivation ?

(f) What is the area of land under consideration of the Deputy Commissioner for requisition at present for landless cultivators ?

(g) Whether this proposal of requisition has been put up in any meeting of the Land Settlement Advisory Board, Dibrugarh ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

891. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The total area of the garden is 1009·04 acres out of which 393·71 acres are under Tea.

(d)—According to the agreed formula, the garden has no surplus land.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—201 bighas

(g)—Not yet.

Re: Rehabilitation of eroded and flood affected Scheduled Caste people of Bokakhat Mauza

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

892. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat received an application on 23rd September 1959 from sixty-one eroded and flood affected Scheduled Caste people of Chinakon village in Bokakhat Mouza for allocation of land to them at Goronga Grant of Morongi Mouza ?

(b) Whether the Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat got the condition of these people enquired into on 8th October 1959 ?

(c) Whether there are 1,092 bighas of land at Goronga Grant which can be made available after requisition for settlement ?

(d) Whether the Subdivisional Officer has sent any proposal to Government to requisition the land ?

(e) If not, whether Government propose to make an enquiry into the matter and requisition the land for this distressed Scheduled Caste people ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

892. (a) & (b)—Yes.

(c)—According to the authority of the garden which is now owned by an Indian Tea Planter, there is no surplus land available but the matter is being enquired into by the Subdivisional Officer.

(d)—Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

(e)—Yes.

Re: Requisition of land of Phukanbari T. E. for landless cultivators

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

893. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to refer to memo. No.RL.48/59/13, dated 6th October, 1959 issued by the Under Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue Department and state—

(a) Whether the one thousand bighas of land available for cultivators in grant of Phukanbari Tea Estate has since been requisitioned and formally allotted to the cultivators ?

(b) Whether he is aware that the question of requisition of land in Phukanbari Tea Estate was raised in several Session of the Assembly since the year 1959 and Government also agreed to re-requisition 1000 bighas of land for cultivators ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that a number of meeting of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee were held during the last few years but the Secretary of the Board failed to include this in the agenda upto the middle of the year 1960 ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that in last meeting of Land Settlement Advisory Board, a member of the Board had to point out the non-inclusion of this item in the agenda ?

(e) What action Government is taking to make the officers of Dibrugarh to be responsive to the need of indigenous cultivators ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

893. (a)—A requisition proposal for the land is under scrutiny of Government.

(b)—Yes.

(c) The Secretary of the Land Settlement Advisory Board could not include this in the earlier agendas as the proposal was not finalised for consideration of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee. It was put up in the Land Settlement Advisory Committee on 3rd June 1960 and the Board recommended requisition of 1000 bighas of land from Phukanbari Tea Estate.

(d)—Yes. The member was informed as stated in (c).

(e) No action is necessary as the officers are already responsive.

Re: Requisition of land of Kathanibari Tea Estate for flood affected and landless people

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

894. Will the Minister of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether some land from the Kathonibari Tea Estate in Jorhat Subdivision was requisitioned under the Assam Land Requisition and Acquisition Act, 1948 for giving settlement to Indigenous landless and flood affected people ?
- (b) If so, what was the area of land originally notified to be requisitioned and what was the area actually requisitioned ?
- (c) Who are the allottees and how much land each of them held in other area (please give the names of the allottees and the amount of land allotted to them and the amount of land they hold in other areas) ?
- (d) What are their occupations ?
- (e) Whether any compensation has been offered to them and if so, what is the amount ?
- (f) What was the claim made by Jorhat Tea Company for the land requisitioned from their Estate, viz., Kathonibari Tea Estate ?
- (g) What is the value of land per katha near Mission ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

894. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Originally 93B.—1K.—4L. was notified for requisition, but the Company voluntarily offered 70B.—2K. which area was then requisitioned in supersession of the previous requisition order for 93B.—1K.—4L.

(c)—The allottees are landless/flood affected people. A list of allottees has been placed on the Library Table. The quantity of land allotted to each of the 80 allottees is 4 kathas. The quantity of land held by each allottees will be supplied to the Hon'ble Member when received from the local Officer. 6B—2K. of land have been kept unallotted for utilisation for School and other public amenities in the interest of the allottees.

(d)—Some of them are tea garden employees of low income group, having no homestead land, and others are flood affected and landless cultivators.

(e)—The Tea Company has been offered a sum of Rs.528·60nP. as acquisition compensation at ten miles the annual land revenue under section 7 of Act XXV of 1948.

(f)—The Company did not claim any specific amount at the time of requisition but when the acquisition proceeding were started the Company claimed Rs.1,76,000 in a reference petition under section 8(1) of Assam Act XX of 1948. The reference petition is still sub-judice in the Court of District Judge, U. A. D., Jorhat.

(g)—The question is not clear.

Re: Non-recurring grants sanctioned under different heads to Educational Institutions of the State—Middle English and High School in particular

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Saikhowa) asked :

895. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have sanctioned non-recurring grants under different heads to the Educational Institutions, particularly to Middle English and High Schools ?
- (b) If so, what are those Institutions and what were the amounts granted to each of them for 1959-60 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that most of the grants were not distributed to the Institutions till last November, 1960 ?
- (d) If so, what are the reasons ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied.

895. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A list is placed on the Library Table.

(c)&(d)—In a few cases grants could not be paid to the Institutions due to certain technical difficulties such as correction of names etc.

Re: Lakshmijan River Project in Lahing Mauza, Jorhat Subdivision

Shri HARINARAYAN BARUA (Teok) asked :

396. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (E&D) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Lakshmijan River Project in Lahing Mouza in Jorhat Subdivision has been surveyed in the last year ?
- (b) If so, when ?
- (c) Whether this Project has been included in the Third Five Year Plan ?
- (d) If so, what will be the total cost ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied.

896. (a)—Yes.

(b)—During last year.

(c)—No.

(d)—Its cost will be Rs.4,00,000 approximately.

Re: Survey and investigation of rivers Mora Pagladiya, Laudingijan and Tihu

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

897. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (E&D) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the rivers Mora Pagladiya Laudingijan and Tihu have been surveyed ?
- (b) If so, what are the survey reports ?
- (c) Whether works will be started during the financial year 1961-62 ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control, etc.) replied.

897. (a)—This is under Survey and Investigation.

(b)—In view of reply to (a), above does not arise.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Re: Demand for embankment for Dehjhorajan in Bajali Circle

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS asked :

898. Will the Minister-in-charge P.W.D. (E&D) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the public demanded embankment for Dehjhorajan under the Bajali Circle ?
- (b) If so, what steps have been taken by the Government in this regard ?
- (c) If not, why not ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc) replied.

898. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A scheme was drawn up but could not be executed for want of funds.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Diversion of Gangia river under Kokrajhar Subdivision

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

899. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (F.C.) be pleased to state—
- Whether the Government have lately received petition from public for the diversion of Gangia River under Kokrajhar Subdivision ?
 - If so, what steps have been taken to divert the course of the said river ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc., etc.) replied :

899. (a)—Yes.
(b)—The matter is under investigation.

Regarding Proposal to strengthen the Na-Dihing bund by the Government

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : asked

900. Will the Minister of P.W.D. (E&D) be pleased to state—
- Whether Government have any proposal to strengthen the Na-Dihing bund in view of breaches last year ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) etc. replied.

900. (b)—Yes. A proposal is under investigation.

Regarding Steps taken by Government to protect villages near Dipteswar Dewalay due to erosion of Puthimari river

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA asked :

901. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (E&D) be pleased to state—
- Whether it is a fact that the Puthimari river is eroding towards the Dipteswar Dewalay in Pubkachari Mahal mauza in Rangiya Circle ?
 - What steps Government have taken to protect the villages near Dipteswar Dewalay ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P. W. D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

901. (a)—Yes.
(c)—Temporary protective measures by anchoring of Bushy trees and constructing palisading etc. have already been taken and completed. Besides, these 3 Nos. of timber *cum* bamboo spurs are going to be provided.

Regarding enquiry of scarcity and high price of Kerosene at Tinsukia and Doom-Dooma by Sub-Inspector of Supply Sri Gonesh Ch. Goswami

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

902. Will the Minister-in-charge of supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Sri Gonesh Ch. Goswami, Sub-Inspector of Supply, Tinsukia was deputed by the Superintendent of Supply to enquire about the scarcity and high price of Kerosene at Tinsukia and Doom-dooma in Makum area in the month of January 1959 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said Sub-Inspector of Supply deposed falsely before the Commission of enquiry set up by the State Government to enquire into the high prices and scarcity of kerosene oil ?
- (c) Whether the Sub-Inspector visited the Phillbari Tea Estate on 6th January 1959 to contact Messrs. Kishen Lal Radhesyam ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied.

902. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes.

Regarding security prisoners and Class I prisoners in the State and rates of ration and clothings admissible to different classes of prisoners

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgaon) asked :

903. Will the Minister-in-charge of Jails be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a number of security prisons and a few Class I prisoners were in Special Jails, Nowgong ?
- (b) Whether they are entitled to get all the facilities that are allowed in the case of prisoners of same Class belonging to Assam itself ?
- (c) Whether the Manipur prisoners were allowed those facilities ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

904. Will the Minister-in-charge of Jails be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the quantity of ration and clothings item by item, that is admissible under the Jail Manual to the different classes of

prisoners such as Class I and II convicts and under-trial and also security prisoners ?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that in many Jails the prisoners particularly the 'C' division prisoners do not get even the sanctioned quotas ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Jails) replied :

903. (a) —There were security prisoners but no Class I prisoner.

- (b)—Yes, facilities are common to all as per provision in the rules.
 (c)—Yes.
 (d)—Does not arise.

904. (a)—A list of quantity of ration and clothings, item by item, that are admissible under the Jail Manual and Assam Detention Order, 1950 to the different classes of prisoners, under-trial prisoners and security prisoners is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—Sanctioned quotas are given and Government have received no complaint from the 'C' division prisoners in the matter.

Functions and duties of Attendance Officers

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

905. Will the Minister-in charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the actual functions of the Attendant Officers under the School Boards ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that they confine to inspection of Schools and style as inspecting officer instead of taking measures to ensure regular attendance of students by contacting the guardians ?
- (c) What steps Government propose to take to make the Attendant Officers to work properly ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

905. (a)—Immediately after declaration of an area under compulsion the Attendance Officer shall make a thorough census of Schools going children of the area under his charge, to meet the guardians for sending their children to School, to serve notice on defaulting guardians, to check and improve attendance in Schools, etc. The functions and duties of the Attendance Officers have been clearly mentioned under Section 56 of the Rules under the Assam Basic Education Act, 1954, copy of which is placed in the Library Table.

- (b)—No.
 (c)—Does not arise.

Facility given to Refugees of the State of Assam

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar West) asked :

906. Will the Minister-in-charge, Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

- (a) How much money has been spent so far in the rehabilitation of of refugees in the State ?
- (b) How much money has been spent under the head of establishment of officers and staff ?
- (c) What amount has been given to educational institutions out of this ?
- (d) What amount has been spent for making markets and buildings ?
- (e) What amount has been spent for purchase of lands ?
- (f) What amount has been spent for house building loans ?
- (g) What amount has been spent for business and professional loans ?
- (h) What is the total number of refugees in State ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

906. (a)—Rs. 9,85,25,235 upto 30th November 1960.
- (b)—Rs.89,64,876 upto 30th November 1960.
- (c)—Rs.14,00,000 has actually been paid to the schools out of the total sanction of Rs.20,00,000. The remaining amount will be paid on completion of construction work of the schools.
- (d)—Rs.14,37,934.
- (e)—Rs.21,32,936 was spent on account of acquisition and requisition of land upto 30th November 1960.
- (f)—Rs.1,28,12,256 upto 30th November 1960.
- (g)—Rs.3,17,82,516 upto 30th November 1960.
- (h). -1,28,376 families.

Scholarships to Scheduled Tribes Students in Assam

Shri BIRENDRA NATH DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

907. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Scheduled Tribes Students of the Plains District of the State were deprived of the Scholarships granted under Article 275 of the Constitution from 1958 to 1960 as the Headmasters of the respective Schools either declined to send or did not send in time, the statements of students who applied for scholarships in the prescribed forms?
- (b) What are the names of the High English Schools from where no statement of Scheduled Tribes (Plains) students for scholarship under Art 275 were not received during the period from 1958 to 1960?
- (c) What steps have been taken to remove this anomaly

908. Will the Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What was total number of Scheduled Tribes students in the Lohit Dikrong Government Aided High English School, Bihpuria during each of the years 1957-58, 1958-59 and 1959-60.
- (b) What are the names of Scheduled Tribes Students who have been awarded scholarships under Art. 275 from the Lohit Dikrong Government Aided High English School during the year 1957 to 1960-61?
- (c) What are the names of Scheduled Tribes Students of the said School whose scholarships were not renewed for want of statement from the School although the students are duly promoted to the next higher classes?

Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Parliamentary Secy., T. A. D.) replied:

907. (a)—No. In some cases, the failure of the students and the Heads of the Schools concerned to submit the applications in time to the Director of Public Instruction might have resulted in depriving some of the eligible students of the scholarship during the last three years.

(b)—The information is not readily available. It is being collected. It may, however, be mentioned that so far no complaint has been received from any quarters either by Government or by Director of Public Instruction regarding non-receipt of scholarships by any eligible plains tribal students.

(c)—The Director of Public Instruction is being directed to impress upon all the Heads of Secondary Schools as well as the Inspecting Staff the need to ensure that the applications in the prescribed forms are submitted by all eligible plains tribals students in time. The Director of Public Instruction will also keep a check to ensure that applications from all schools having plains tribal enrolment are duly submitted to his office.

908. (a)—The enrolment of Scheduled Tribes Students in the Lohit Dikrong Government Aided High English Schools, Bihpuria for 1957-58 is not available. The enrolment in 1958-59 was 31, and in 1959-60—66.

(b)—The following are the names of the Scheduled Tribes Students from the above School who were awarded Scholarships under Art. 275 in 1957-58 were—

- (1) Rosheswar Boro—Class VI.
- (2) Ramendra Nath Saikia—Class VI.
- (3) Hali Ram Sonowal—Class V.

(b)—In 1958-59—

- (1) Miss Jaymati Sonowal—Class X.
- (2) Dimbeswar Sonowal—Class VII.
- (3) Ramakanta Kandong—Class VII.
- (4) Ganesh Chandra Hazarika—Class VII.
- (5) Rakhal Chandra Kaman—Class VII.
- (6) Rosheswar Bora—Class VII.
- (7) Hali Ram Sonowal—Class VI.

In 1959-60—

- (1) Dimbeswar Sonowal—Class VIII.
- (2) Ganesh Chandra Hazarika—Class VIII.
- (3) Rakhal Chandra Kaman—Class VIII.
- (4) Rosheswar Bora—Class VIII.

In 1960-61—

- (1) Dimbeswar Sonowal—Class IX.
- (2) Ganesh Chandra Hazarika—Class IX.
- (3) Rosheswar Bora—Class IX.

(e)—Government has no information but a report is being called for from the Headmaster of the School.

Settlement Operation in Assam

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

909. Will the Minister-in-charge, Revenue be pleased to state—
- When the present settlement operation will be completed ?
 - Whether the A S.O's have to go to each village for settlement and attestation ?
 - If so, on what dates the A.S.O's of the circle where settlement operations are going on, visited the villages for passing and attesting them ?
 - Whether the Settlement Officers have made on-the-spot verification of the settlement works ?
 - If not, whether this will be done ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister Revenue) replied :

909. (a)—The settlement operations now in progress in Kamrup and Sibsagar Districts and in temporarily settled areas of Goalpara District are likely to be over by the end of 1962. The resettlement operation in the temporarily settled areas of Karimganj Subdivision taken up last year will be concluded in 1963-64.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—It will require some time to collect the dates of such visits of the A.S.O.'s to the individual villages from the beginning of the resettlement operations now in progress in different districts of the State. The S.Os. have been asked to furnish the information.

(e)—Settlement Officers during survey and attestation make spot-verification of settlement works in the villages occasionally.

(f)—Does not arise.

Tagging of Mudiarpara with Gandhia of Dharampur Mauza

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

910. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—
- Whether it is a fact that the villagers of Mudiarpara, of village Chamata have been giving representations to the Government not to tag them with the proposed revenue village, Gandhia of Dharampur mouza ?
 - Whether Government is aware that the villagers of Mudiarpara are akin to the villagers of Chamata having their cultural, social, and religious ties with them ?

- (c) Whether Government is aware that the areas are in one compact block ?
- (d) If so, whether Government is going to keep Mudiarpara in tact with its original village Chamata ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

910. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, as much as they are akin to Gandhia.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No, Government have already decided to tag Mudiapar with Gandhia² for administrative convenience.

Re : Office building of Sub-Inspector of Schools at Nalbari

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-Weast) asked :

911. Will the Minister-in charge of Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a contract for extension of the Office building of the Sub-Inspector of Schools, Nalbari was given to one Labanya Chandra Choudhury of Niz-Pokawa during the year 1954-55 ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the work was complete long before but no measurement has yet been made ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that without making measurement of his work he was paid Rs. 2,502.00 nP.
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the said contractor is inslting payment of an additional amount of Rs. 1,500.00 nP. including the price of C.I. Sheets ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Shri D. Gogoi, Inspector of Schools L.A.C. agreed to pay the said amount of Rs. 1,500 while Shri Labanya Chandra Choudhury approached him at Nalbari Inspection Bungalow on 4th November 1958 in presence of Shri K. Deka, Sub-Inspector of Schools, Nalbari but no payment has actually been made as yet ?

- (f) Whether it is a fact that Shri Kanu Deka, the then Sub-Inspector of Schools, Nalbari obtained a permit for 5 bundles of C. I. sheets meant for the same building but it was not given to the contractor ?
- (g) Whether Government is aware that the roofs of the said extend portion of the building was covered by C. I. sheets borrowed by the contractors from his friends ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the contractor represented his case to Deputy Inspector of Schools, Inspector of Schools and Director of Public Instruction, Assam ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that the order of Additional Director of Public Instruction, Shri K. Dutta, M. A., contained in his letter No.58—1/58/5343-44 of 21st May, 1959 to the Inspector of Schools, L. A. C., Gauhati has not been complied with ?
- (j) What steps Government has proposed to take to settle the matter ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education)
replied :

911. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No measurement was taken as the contract was given for a lump sum amount on the basis of type and quality of work and not according to measurement of floor space.

(c)—Yes But only after the work was checked and found satisfactory by the Inspecting Officers.

(d)—No. But according to the available record, Shri Choudhury claimed for an additional amount of Rs.292.14nP. only to which he was not entitled to.

(e)—No.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—It is not known wherefrom the contractor got the C. I. sheets.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—No, when the contractor represented the case to the Director of Public Instruction, Assam and claimed for additional amount for doing extra work, the Inspector of Schools was requested to report the actual position of the matter and to settle the claim after enquiry and verification of the works. After verification, the Inspector of Schools reported that there was no question of any outstanding claim.

(j)—The contractor has been fully paid only to such an extent as was due to him. There is no question of any further action by Government

**Re: Establishment of a Primary Health Unit
at Baraigram**

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Caste)] asked :

912. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical, etc., be pleased to refer to the answers given to the Starred Question No.208 asked by the Questioner regarding establishment of a Primary Health Unit at Baraigram during the Budget Session of the Assembly on the 11th April, 1960 and state—

- (a) When the Government has decided that the Medical Department will no longer initiate the establishment of new Public Health Units in the State but only take over the units set up by the Community Project Department in collaboration with this Department ?
- (b) Whether it is not a fact that the Government took certain steps in the last part of the year 1956 and in early part of 1957 to establish a Public Health Unit at Baraigram ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the then Civil Surgeon, Cachar, Director of Health Services, and Minister Public Health, Assam visited Baraigram in the first part of 1957 and selected a site for the proposed of Public Health Unit ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the selected site was donated by the local public as desired by the Government ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that as desired by the S. D. O., Karimganj the draft deed of gift for that plot of land was examined by the Government Pleader, Karimganj and after that it was executed, possession was taken over by the S. D. C., Patharkandi and then it was handed over to the Subdivisional Medical Officer, Karimganj ?
- (f) Whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the representation submitted by the Questioner on the 23rd September, 1959 as per Starred Question No.208 of the 11th April, 1960 along with all the true copies of the Government letters attached to that representation ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

912. (a)—In 1958.

(b)—It is a fact that certain steps were taken in selecting site for the establishment of a Primay Health Unit at Baraigram.

(c)—The Minister did not visit Baraigram. There is no record to show that Civil Surgeon and Director of Health Services visited Baraigram in the first part of 1957. They might have visited during the course of their tour.

(d)—The Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj reported that a plot of land would be donated by a local man.

(e)—Subdivisional Medical Officer. Karimganj reported that the papers in connection with the gift of the plot of land were sent to Government Pleader by the Subdivisional Officer, Karimganj for legal scrutiny and there is no other record available to show that possession of land was taken over by the Sub-Deputy Collector, Patharkandi and then handed over to the Subdivisional Medical Officer, Karimganj.

Further information is however being collected.

(f) Copies are placed on the Library Table.

Local Board Dispensary at Baruajhar in West Dalgaon Mauza

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

913. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is a Local Board Dispensary at the village No.1/2 Baruajhar in the West Dalgaon Mauza ?

(b) If so, when the Dispensary was started ?

(c) Whether any medicine or any medical men have been provided there in the Dispensary till now ?

(d) If not, why not ?

(e) Whether any representation from the Public has been received by the Government in connection with the taking over of the said Dispensary by the Government ?

(f) If the answer is in the affirmative, what action has been taken in taking over the Dispensary by the State Government ?

(g) Whether Government is aware of the sufferings of the people in absence of the properly equipped Dispensary in that locality ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical) replied :

913. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No information is available as to when the dispensary was originally started by the Local Board.

(c) & (d)—The dispensary did not appear to have been functioning at the time of taking over by Government. There were two dilapidated buildings with one Chowkidar and some items of furniture, medicines and instruments. The buildings being not habitable, the dispensary could not yet be run properly with necessary staff and medicines. Government have already taken up the question of repairing and re-construction of all Local Board Dispensary buildings taken over by the Government. All Executive Engineers have already been asked to prepare plans and estimates. Necessary provision is made to this effect in the next years budget. The re-construction work of this dispensary will be taken up plans and estimates are prepared. The dispensary will function properly after its re-construction. Pending reconstruction of the buildings, it is proposed to repair the same as far as practicable departmentally as to run the dispensary by the Doctor of the nearest dispensary twice or thrice a week with necessary medicines. Necessary instructions to this effect has been issued to the Civil Surgeon, Darrang.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Government have already taken over this dispensary 1st April 1960.

(g)—There are now two dispensaries functioning in the area one at Bhokatpara (within five miles) and the other at Dalgaon (at about five miles.) Since steps are taken to run the dispensary *vide* (c) and (d) above the sufferings of the people, if any, will be done away.

Encroachment made by the Phukanbari Tea Estate on Sarkari Land of Tinsukia in Kheremia Mouza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

914. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the encroachment made by the Phukanbari Tea Estate on the Sarkari land at Dag No.53 the cattle Track on the boundary of Tinsukia village in Kheremia Mouza has been evicted?

(b) Whether the S. D. C. instructed this Tea Estate to fill up the drain made along the cattle tract of the size 8' x 6' which was risky for cattle as well as human beings?

(c) If so, when instruction was given by the S. D. C.

(d) Whether Government propose to ascertain if the unauthorised drain made by this planter causing difficulties to the local public had been filled up?

(e) If so, when it was filled up?

(f) If not, what action Government propose to take against this planter?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

914. (a)—The Phukanbari Tea Estate encroached gobat land covered by dag No.53 of Tinikuria village in Kheremia mouza. On this being pointed out, the garden authority vacated the encroachment.

(b)—No notice was issued to the garden authority instructing it to fill up the drain.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—The garden authority has now been asked to fill up the drain.

(e) & (f)—If the garden authority fails to fill up the drain, action as provided by law will be taken.

Land for Ramie Research Station, Sorbhog

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

915. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) How many bighas of lands have been taken by the Ramie Research Station, Sorbhog ?

(e) What is the total areas of the V. G. R. where the farm is established ?

(f) How many feet of land have been left on both sides of the P.W.D. road in width ?

(g) Why the whole of eastern portion of the P.W.D. road was not taken instead of giving lands on both sides of the P. W. D. road ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

915. (a)—455B-0K-18L of land.

(e)—635B-3K-0L of land.

(f)—Information is being collected.

(g)—The block on both sides of the road was selected on technical grounds.

Cancellation of Annual patta land near the Sauramari of Pachim Barigog mauza

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

916. Will the Minister-in-charge, Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner of Kamrup District cancelled annual pattas over a plot of about 219 bighas, 3 kathas, 11 lessas of land near the Sauramari Grazing Reserve at village Sauramari of Mouza Paschim Borigog, under Rangiya S. D. C. circle, Kamrup ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the S. D. C., Rangiya issued N. R. notice on 21st January 1956 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Shri J. Das, A. D. C., Kamrup personally visited the land in question on 6th October 1955 on a petition of local cultivators and finding the lot mandal in fault for annual pattas directed him to submit explanation and to show cause ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that the A. S. O., Rangiya made a vivid report to the Settlement Officer, Gauhati that the S. O. called Pattadars have no actual physical possession over the said plot of land ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that large number of representations and public petitions have been made to the Government to keep the lands for grazing purpose as the grazing Revenue at Sauramari is full of waters and have no grass of foods for cattle ?
- (f) If the reply to question (c) above is in affirmative, what steps have so far been undertaken against the lot mandal ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

916.(a)—This is not a fact.

(b)—Yes. But on receipt of an objection petition from the annual patta holders the proceedings were dropped.

(c)—This is not a fact that Shri S. J. Das, the then A. D. C., Kamrup personally visited the land on 6th October 1955. But an enquiry was conducted by the then Assistant Commissioner, Kamrup. On receipt of a report from the then Assistant Commissioner, the A. D. C. passed an order asking for explanation from the lot mandal.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes, on receipt of representations necessary steps were taken for extension of the V. G. G. But the proceedings were dropped subsequently, as the Land Settlement Advisory Committee in its meeting held on 8th December 1960 did not recommend the proposal in consideration of the fact that a good number of persons would become landless and also for the reason that the Mauza is constantly affected by flood and there is little cultivable land in the area.

(f)—The lot mandal was seriously warned by the S. O., Kamrup, as he misled the S. D. C.

Dereservation of Ulabari V. G. R.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari West) asked :

917 Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the orders have been passed to allot two bighas of lands at Ulabari V.G R. and Nakhete V. G. R. under Nalbari circle to each of the flood-affected and embankment affected people of village Nakhete and Ulabari ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that required areas of Ulabari V. G. R. have not been dereserved, and due to that people have not been given patta and mutation ?
- (c) Whether it is also a fact that the people have been pressing hard; and submitting representations to the Government for dereservation of whole of the lands of Ulabari V. G. R., so that allotment can be made at the rate of two bighas to each of the deserving families ?
- (d) If so, what measures Government is going to undertake ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

917. (a) and (b)—Government sanctioned dereservation of 85B.1K. 14L. of land from Ulabari V. G. G. in 1956. The Land Settlement Advisory Committee recommended allotment at the rate of 2K. 1L. to each of the families who were affected by Pagladia and Baralia embankments.

(c)—No such representation has been received.

(d)—Does not arise.

Acquisition of Kopati Tea Estate for Settlement with the Displaced Persons

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

918. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that excess land in the Kopati Tea Estate was to be acquisitioned ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that survey work has already been made ?

(c) If so, when the survey was completed and what is the survey report ? (The Survey report may be laid on the Library Table).

(d) Whether it is a fact that some cultivators are in the possession of land in the said Tea Estate since 10 to 12 years back ?

(e) If so, whether Government will be pleased to lay on the Table a list of those persons with the amount of land under their possessions ?

(f) Whether Government propose to expedite the acquisition work of land in the said Tea Estate so that the excess land may immediately be settled with the deserving landless cultivators ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

918. (a)—On 11th January 1960 the Land Settlement Advisory Committee advised requisition of surplus land of the Kopati Tea Estate for settlement with the displaced persons who are encroachers of the Naorasisha and Bagishakash V.G.Gs. and for other landless deserving cultivators.

(b) to (e)—Survey of the land in question has not been done as the Land Record staff was engaged in the last census operation and other important works. As such, it is not possible to furnish the information unless the survey is made.

(f)—Yes.

Encroachment upon Bakidera P.G.R.

Shri GHANASYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked:

919. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Forest Department have encroached upon Bagidera P.G.R. ?

(b) If so, what is the reason ?

(c) Why boundary of the Bogidera P.G.R. has been demarcated ?

(d) When final demarcation will be made ?

(e) How many bighas of land of the Bagidera P.G.R. have been eroded ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

919. (a) and (b)—It appears that there is a possibility of the Forest Department having done plantations in about 600 bighas of the Bogidera P.G.R. owing to confusion about the actual location of the inter-district boundary. The encroachment appears to have taken place in the Kahitama non-cadastral village which forms part of the Bogidera P.G.R.

(c) and (d)—The boundary of the Bagidera P.G.R. has been demarcated except for the boundary of Kahitama non-cadastral village. As this boundary coincides with the inter-district boundary it shall have to be demarcated by the Assam Surveys.

(e)—About 450 bighas were eroded out of the total are of 5,324 bighas, 1 katha and 15 lessas.

Eviction of persons from Reserves, Grants, etc.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUA (Amguri) asked :

920. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The number of persons evicted from the Reserves, Grants, Grazing and Sarkari lands, this year till 1st February 1961 in the whole State of Assam ?

(b) The number of persons evicted, this year till 1st February 1961 from each land ?

(c) The number of person evicted in Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(d) The number of landless persons or families in Sibsagar Subdivision in particular and in the State of Assam in general ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

920. (a)—Five thousand and fifty-seven excepting Dibrugarh Subdivision in respect of which informations have been called for.

(b)—Reserved land other than Grazing	316
Grazing land	2,742
Sarkari waste land	1,999
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			5,057

(c)—319.

(d)—The information will be available after the counting of the current census figure are over.

Settlement of Annual Patta Land with Tea Planters within the Dibrugarh Eastern Circle

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

921. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to lay on the table—

(a) (i) A list of plots of sarkari land, waste land and annual patta land that have been settled with Tea Planters within the Dibrugarh Eastern Circle during the years 1957, 1958, 1959 ?

(ii) A list of periodic patta land that has been transferred to Tea Planters within Dibrugarh Eastern Circle during the years 1957, 1958 and 1959 ?

(b) What are the circumstances under which these transfers have been given effect to ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

921. (a)—(i) A list of Sarkari lands which have been settled with Tea Planters within the Dibrugarh East Circle during the period in question is placed on the library table.

(ii)—A list is placed on the library table.

(b) By right of purchase.

Issue of Patta to Shri Jogesh Chandra Das and Shri Harekrishna Das

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabary) asked :

922. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Jogesh Chandra Das and Harekrishna Das of Howli have managed to get patta of a plot of land on the 4th mile of Barpeta, Barpeta Road P.W.D. Road from Barpeta side ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that more than one bigha of this plot of land is very low which is under the P. W. D. Bridge and unfit for any agricultural cultivation and is public fishing place for the nearby villagers ?

(c) Whether it is also a fact that the rest of the land above the floods level is the graveyard and Idgah of the Muslims residing in Dabailapara, Datta Kuchi, Dhakaliapara, Kadamguri and Bogaijanpan and that this plot of land was the patta land of Osimuddin, son of Siraj, Yusuf Ali of Dabailapara which was gifted for Idgah and graveyard ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that Shri Jogesh Chandra Das and Harekrishna Das who are the businessmen of Howli have secured patta of this plot of land for fishery purpose ?

(e) For the interest of the public of that place whether Government propose to cancel those pattas ?

(f) If not, why ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

922. (a)—Yes.

(b)—It is not a fact.

(c)—The matter is being enquired into by the Settlement Officer, Kamrup.

(d)—It is no a fact.

(e)—This will be considered when Government is in possession of the full facts from the Settlement Officer.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re : Suntak M.E. School in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

923. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) The number of the enrolment in the Suntak M. E. School in Sibsagar Subdivision which is being upgraded into a High School this year ?

(b) The area of land in possession and the kind of School building constructed and equipments of the School ?

(c) The name of the Head Master of the High School with his qualification ?

(d) Whether he belongs to the Tea Garden community ?

(e) The amount of monthly recurring grant sanctioned by the Suntak T. E. to this School ?

(f) The amount so far collected by the Labour Union of Suntak T. E. for the High School ?

(g) What other help are given or promised to be given by the Suntak T. E. for this School ?

(h) What is the distance from this School to other neighbouring ideda High Schools ?

(i) Whether Government are aware that Suntak is a business place and also a gateway of the Naga Hills, Tuensang Unit into the Plains ?

(j) Whether the *Ad-hoc* Managing Committee of this High School and the Managing Committee of the Suntak M. E. School have submitted any proposal to Government for granting of recognition and grant-in-aid to the Suntak High School through proper channel ?

- (k) Whether Government have taken any decision in the matter?
- (l) Whether Government propose to grant recognition and grant-in-aid to the Suntak High School with effect from the current financial year ?
- (m) Whether Government are aware that this is the only instance in the State where labourers of Tea Gardens have organised a High School ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

923. (a) to (m)—The informations are being collected.

Re: Loss of two Government cameras from custody of S. I. of Police Shri Sudhir Kumar Nandi and his promotion to Inspector of Police

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldoi) asked :

924. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that on 14th November, 1959 two Govt. Cameras belonging to the Deputy Inspector General of Police, C. I. D., valued at Rs.1,470 and Rs.2,250 were missing due to the negligence of Photo Branch (C. I. D.) Sub-Inspector, Shri Sudhir Kumar Nandi from a third class compartment of train in between Panikhati and Chaparmukh ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he travelled by third class in spite of the fact that he was entitled to 2nd class travelling allowance ?
- (c) If so, what action Government has taken against him for his gross negligence of duty and attempt to cheat the Government by drawing travelling allowance at a rate higher than the actual class in which he travelled ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the then Special Superintendent of Police, C. I. D., Shri Nani Gopal Banik recommended that there was no negligence of duty on the part of the Sub-Inspector ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that though he was all along in the Photo Branch and without any experience of police job, he has recently been promoted to the rank of Inspector superseding many experienced Sub-Inspectors ?
- (f) If the answer to (e) above be in the affirmative, whether Government propose to take necessary steps against the officers concerned and thoroughly enquire into the matter ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

924. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—For negligence of duty a departmental proceedings was drawn up against him and he was severely reprimanded. His promotion was also differed for 6 months. He drew travelling allowance of the class in which he travelled.

(d)—The Special Superintendent of Police, C. I. D. agreed with the findings of the Enquiry Officer who held that there was no negligence of duty.

(e)—He was selected by the State Selection Board for promotion after due consideration of his past record of serving along with others. He has already passed 24 years of active service in the Police force.

(f) Does not arise.

Re: Grants-in-aid to Anglo-Indian or European Schools of the State

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

925. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether grants-in-aid are extended to Anglo-Indian or European Schools of the State like, St. Edmund's School, etc. ?

(b) How many such schools receive Government grants-in-aid ?

(c) What are the names of such schools and what is the amount of grants-in-aid extended to each of these schools ?

(d) Whether the rules and regulations of grants-in-aid are also extended to these schools ?

(e) Whether the Education Department of the Government can exercise any disciplinary control over these schools as is done in other schools of the State ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that these Schools realise too many types of fees and at very high rates from the students ?

(g) Whether these schools require previous approval of the Government as regards fee rates [as is necessary in other schools ?

(h) Whether it is a fact that many guardians have complained to the Education Department about excessive rates and too many types of fees levied on the students by the St. Edmund's School of Shillong ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

925. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Three.

(c)—1. St. Edmund's School, Shillong—Rs.10,000 per annum.

2. Loreto Convent, Shillong—Rs.400 per month.

3. St. Agnes' High School, Haflong—Rs.3,600 per annum.

(d)—The grants-in-aid rules and regulation have not yet been applied to these institutions. The grants were absolutely unconditional upto 1951. Since 1951 only the condition of removing the accounts irregularities as pointed out by the auditor has been imposed. Government have decided to lay down the following condition :—

1. That instructions, directions, orders, etc., issued by the Director of Public Instruction, Assam are duly followed.

2. That all information and returns called for by the Director of Public Instruction are promptly furnished.

3. That the rates of fees are got approved by the Director of Public Instruction.

(e)—There has been no provision as yet in this regard.

(f)—Yes. The rates of fees are higher than those in any other institution of its kind in the State.

(g)—No. But when the new conditions are imposed these schools will require previous approval of the Director of Public Instruction regarding fee-rates.

(h)—No. Formal complaint has yet been received.

Re: Sorbhog Police Station

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

926. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Why the staff of Sorbhog Police Station has not yet been increased ?

(b) How many cases of dacoity, theft and other crimes have been reported since 1957 year-wise ?

(c) How many cases were detected ?

(d) Why sufficient staff quarters have not been provided ?

(e) Whether the Inspector General of Police ever visited this Police Station ?

(f) If not, why not and when he will do so ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

926. (a)—Sorbhog Police Station is a two-unit Police Station consisting of two Sub-Inspectors, 4 Assistant Sub-Inspectors and 24 Constables. In view of the fact that Titapani Mouza has been excluded from this Police Station and tagged to Baghor Police Station and as a result the area and incidence of serious crime have decreased, it is not considered necessary to increase the staff of Sorbhog Police Station.

(b) & (c)—The crime statistics of Sorbhog Police Station during the last 5 years are recorded below :—

(1) Theft—

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961 (upto March)
(a) Cases reported	27	32	20	32	5
(b) Cases charge sheeted	8	10	7	15	2
(c) Cases convicted	1	4	4	..	..
(d) Cases acquitted	6	2	..	1	..
(e) Cases finally reported	11	16	13	14	2
(f) Cases false	8	6	..	3	..
(g) Cases pending trial	1	4	3	14	2
(h) Cases pending investigation ..	..	..	..	..	1

(2) Burglary—

(a) Cases reported	64	65	69	45	11
(b) Cases charge sheeted	19	12	16	9	2
(c) Cases convicted	4	2	3	1	..
(d) Cases acquitted	8	7	3	..	..
(e) Cases finally reported	36	46	51	36	5
(f) Cases false	9	7	2	..	..
(g) Cases pending trial	7	3	10	8	..
(h) Cases pending investigation ..	..	..	..	..	4

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961 (upto March).
(3) Robbery—					
(a) Cases reported	1	..	2	..	2
(b) Cases charge sheeted .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..
(c) Cases convicted.. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
(d) Cases acquitted .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
(e) Cases finally reported .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
(f) Cases false	1	..	1	..	..
(g) Cases pending trial .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..
(h) Cases pending investigation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2

(4) Dacoity—					
(a) Cases reported	2	5	5	4	1
(b) Cases charge sheeted	1	1	1	2	..
(c) Cases convicted .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
(d) Cases acquitted	1	..	..	..	..
(e) Cases finally reported	2	4	4	1	..
(f) Cases false .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..
(g) Cases pending trial .. .. .	..	1	1	2	..
(h) Cases pending investigation .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1

(d)—Staff quarters all over the State are inadequate. Action is being taken to construct quarters for subordinate staff under the Police Housing Scheme according to a phased programme and in this regard priority is to be given to where staff quarters are non-existent. The accommodation position at Sorbhog is comparatively better than in many other Police Stations.

(e)—Sorbhog Police Station was last inspected by the Inspector General of Police on 17th March, 1949 and by Deputy Inspector General of Police (Range) on 22nd September, 1956.

(f) —The Police Station will be inspected by the Inspector General of Police shortly.

Regarding Food adulteration in Assam cases detected in 1959 and 1960, and steps taken by Government thereof

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

927. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What are the articles of foodstuff of which amples were analysed to detect adulteration ?

- (b) What is the percentage of adulteration found in these samples of food stuff in examination ?
- (c) Who are the dealers who are found to be trading in adulterated food ?
- (d) At what end these foodstuffs are adulterated ?
- (e) What steps Government have taken to stop food adulteration ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that burnt mobile is mixed with mustard seeds before the seeds are pressed for oil in some mills ?

928. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many of the 317 cases of detected food adulteration in the year 1957 and how many of the 354 cases of food adulteration detected in the year 1958 have been punished ?
- (b) How many cases of food adulteration have been detected in the year 1959 and in 1960 ?
- (c) How many cases of food adulteration detected in 1959 and 1960 have been punished ?
- (d) What is the nature of punishment prescribed by law to these anti-social criminal activities ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Medical)

replied :

927. (a)—Almost all articles of food-stuff were analysed to detect adulteration. The majority of cases included the edible oils, cereals, pulses, ghee, butter, cream, milk and milk products, condiments and spices, tea, coloured foods, confectionery and backerry products and vanaspati.

(b)—The percentage of adulteration of some of the more commonly adulterated food-stuffs in 1960 are as follows :—

Milk—70 per cent.

Edible oils including Mustard oil—22.7 per cent.

Tea—53.8 per cent.

Ghee—43.2 per cent.

Sweets—80 per cent.

Coloured Panmasalla—73.1 per cent.

Atta—25 per cent.

(c)—Adulteration is detected in samples drawn from all types of dealers

(d)—Food-stuffs are liable to be adulterated or sophisticated by all types of traders, whether manufacturer, wholesale sellers or retail-sellers.

(e)—The following measures have and are being taken by Government to end the evil of food adulteration, namely :—

(1) Appointment of a large number of Food Inspectors. A proposal is also under the consideration of Government to appoint a few whole-time Inspectors in some of the important towns.

(2) Necessary instructions are periodically issued to all the Food Inspectors and particularly to the Local Bodies to exercise more vigil towards the problem, to concentrate more on the manufacturing and wholesale-selling centres, and to subject representative samples of food-stuff for chemical analysis.

(3) Appointment of a Public Analyst to carry out the functions entrusted upon him under the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and the Rules framed thereunder.

(4) The Analytical Laboratory is being modernised and expanded according to needs.

(5) District and Subdivisional Health Advisory Boards have or, are in the process of being set up in all District and Subdivisional Headquarters to advise Government on matters of Food Adulteration.

(6) Intensive anti-Adulteration Drives. One such drive has already been held in Gauhati Town and a programme is being drawn up to hold similar drives in other towns.

(7) Propaganda against food adulteration through [the aegis of the Publicity Department.

(8) Enforcement of the Assam Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules.

(f)—Mobil oil is a mineral oil. The Government Public Health Laboratory had detected a number of cases of adulteration of mustard oil with mineral oil. These samples were collected from retail shops. It is unlikely that mineral oil is added to the mustard seeds, before crushing. Mineral oil or other adulterants of mustard oil are generally added to the oil itself.

928. (a)—Information are being collected.

(b)—1959—301, 1960—452.

(c)—Information are being collected.

(d)—Under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act 1954, following punishments are meted out for contravention of the laws.

(i) For the first offence, imprisonment for a term which not extend to one year, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both.

(ii) for a second offence with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and with fine.

Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such imprisonment shall not be less than one year and such fine shall not be less than two thousand rupees.

(iii) For a third and subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which may extend to four years and with fine.

Provided that in the absence of special and adequate reasons to the contrary to be mentioned in the judgment of the court, such imprisonment shall not be less than two years and such fine shall not be less than three thousand rupees.

Re : Construction of an embankment and irrigation project at the Burisuta river in Panbari Forest Reserve

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

929. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (E.&D.) be pleased to state—

(a) Why an embankment and irrigation project have not been taken at the Burisuta river within Panbari Forest Reserve for the benefit of the people residing in the south of the Reserve ?

(b) When this project will be taken up ?

930. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. be pleased to state—

(a) How many acres of lands where crops are grown were damaged at the Sorbhog Beel area due to flood for not having sufficient drainage of flood water due to old railway line from Sorbhog to the Beki since 1950 ?

(b) When proper drainage will be given for taking out water from the Sorbhog Beel area ?

(c) Why this matter has been delayed ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister-in-charge, P.W.D. (Flood Control, etc.)] replied :

929. (a) to (b) & 930. (a) to (c)—Information called for from the District Officers are still awaited.

(N.B.—the question was received on 28th March 1961 to be replied by 3rd April 1961.)

Re: Number of paid holidays to Road Mohurrirs and labourers in P. W. D.

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

931. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the number of paid holidays in a year allowed to the Road Mohurrirs under P. W. D. ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the number of such paid holidays are lesser in the case of the labourers engaged in maintenance and construction of Road ?
- (c) If so, what provision Government have made to supervise the work of the labourers when Mohurrirs avail holiday ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that due to this difference in the number of holidays, labourers lose salary for many days ?
- (e) If so, whether Government propose to increase the number of paid holidays to the labourers employed in road construction works and equate the same to the number of holidays enjoyed by the Mohurrirs ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.)) replied :

931. (a)—Fifteen days in respect of work-charged Mohurrirs. The Mohurrirs borne in the permanent establishment however, enjoy all holidays admissible to other State Government employees.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Sectional Officer of the area concerned makes necessary arrangements to supervise such work either, by deputing some Mohurrirs from nearby beat or by himself. If, however, work cannot be supervised for any particular day the labourers are not allowed to work and in such cases, they do not get their wages for those days.

(d)—Yes, there may be a few days only.

(e)—Not at present.

Re: Allegation of corruption against the Sub-Registrar, Barpeta

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabary) asked :

932. Will the Minister for Registration be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government has received any petition during the past 6 (six) months, against the Sub-Registrar, Barpeta, regarding corruption of this officer by realising illegal gratification from the persons coming to register the sale deed and other documents ?

(b) Whether Government propose to enquire into the matter from Barpeta Pleaders' Clerk Association and public regarding the corruption of this officer ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister-in-charge of Registration) replied :

932. (a)—No.

(b)—A report will be called for from District Registrar, Kamrup.

Re: Agriculture Farm at Kakilamukh, Jorhat

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

933. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) The name of the staff with their monthly salaries employed at the Agriculture Farm at Kakilamukh, Jorhat ?

(b) Annual expenditure for maintenance of the Farm (including payment to the staff) for the last three years ?

(c) What were the objectives of the Farm ?

(d) What are the annual out-turns of the said Farm for the last three years ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the said farm itself is a deficit one ?

(f) If so, what are the reason ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

933. (a)—One Field Assistant in the scale of pay of Rs.75—125.

One Peon in the scale of pay of Rs.28—40.

(b)—Annual expenditure for maintaining the Farm including payment to the staff for the last three years is shown below :—

1959-60	1958-59	1957-58
Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
10,144.20	8,873.00	8,217.58

(c)—The main objectives of the farm is to raise improved varieties of seed for distribution to the growers.

(d)—Annual out-turn of the farm for the last three years is given below :—

	1959-60	1958-59	1957-58
Ahu ..	106 mds. 15 srs. in 5 acres.	35 mds. in 6 acres	42 mds. 25 srs. in 4 acres.
Sali ...	355 mds. in 15 acres.	405 mds. in 15 acres.	329 mds. in 25 srs. in 13.75 acres.
Bao ...	39 mds. in 6 acres.	112 mds. 20 srs. in 5 acres.	16 mds. in 1.5 acres.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The main object of the farm is to raise good seeds and not necessarily to make profit. Steps have, however, been taken to make the farm economical as far as practicable.

Re: Settlement of drift wood Mahals at Beki and Hakua rivers in N. K. Division

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

934. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forest be pleased to state—

- When the drift wood Mahals at the Beki and Hakua river in N. K. Division was settled for the year 1960-61 ?
- Why these Mahals were not settled with the highest bidders ?
- With whom these were settled ?
- Whether there has been an appeal in the settlement of Drift woods at the Hakua river ?
- Whether the appeal has been finally disposed of ?
- If not, what is the position of the Hakua Drift Wood Mahal and what happened to the Forest product of that Mahal ?

- (g) Whether drift Simul trees of the Hakus river were allowed to be collected by some persons and whether these persons are defaulters ?
- (h) If so, what are their names and what is their defaulting amounts ?
- (i) Whether the Forest Department has collected any amount of defaulting money from the persons with whom the drift Simul permits were settled?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forest) replied.

934. (a)—The Beki drift wood mahal was settled in the first part of June, 1960 and Hakua drift-wood mahal was not settled for 1960-61.

(b)—The Beki mahal was not settled with the highest bidder as his bid was considered speculative.

(c)—The Beki drift timber mahal was settled with Shri Pradip Kumar Das of Barpeta.

(d)—Yes. From Shri Aftabuddin Ahmed of Barpeta Road.

(e) & (f)—The appeal could not be disposed of for non-receipt of certain documents in time. Hence the mahal was withdrawn from sale for 1960-61. To save Government revenue, the D. F. O. has issued instructions to the concerned officers that bonafide local people should be allowed to collect timber and fire-wood from the mahal area on payment of royalty plus monopoly at previous year's rate and sales tax.

(g) to (i)—The information is not readily available and is being collected.

Regarding acquisition of lands for the construction of Kukurmara Kandalpara Public Works Department Road in Boko Public Works Department Subdivision

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko) asked :

935. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Roads & Buildings) be pleased to state—

- (a) In which year the Public Works Department asked for acquisition of lands (advance possession) for the Kukurmara Kadalpara Public Works Department Road under the Boko Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether the lands to be acquired for the road are arable lands ?

- (c) Whether the public of Dakhin Saru Bongshar Mauza had submitted a representation to the Chief Minister in the month of last September or so for immediate acquisition (advance possession) of lands for construction of the said road ?
- (d) Whether the Chief Minister on receipt of the representation of the public passed any orders ?
- (e) If so, what were his orders ?
- (f) Whether any action has been taken as yet to implement the direction of the Chief Minister ?
- (g) If not, why not ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Work Department (Roads & Building) replied :

935. (a)—March, 1959.

(b)—Entire area is waste or arable except an area of 8 lessas in Amtola village ?

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Chief Minister ordered to take action for advance possession so that the road may be constructed within November 1960.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Does not arise.

Re: Supply of furniture to the S. D. O., P. W. D. (R & B), Shillong Subdivision by Shri Bakshis Singh of Bara-Pathar, Shillong

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA Patharkandi) asked:

936. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R & B) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that one Shri Bakshis Singh of Bara-Pathar, Shillong supplied some furniture to the Sub-divisional Officer, Public Works Department (R & B), Shillong Subdivision against his following work order :—

1. Order No.5676, dated 22nd July, 1958.
2. Order No.6355, dated 11th August, 1958.
3. Order No.8454, dated 17th October, 1958 ?

- (b) What is the total amount of bills submitted by the supplier with full details of each bill ?
- (c) Whether all the bills have been paid to the supplier ?
- (d) If not, what amount has been paid to him ?
- (e) Whether there is any balance to be paid ?
- (f) If so, what is the reason of such delay in making payment ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (R and B Wing) replied :

936. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The details of the Final Bills as accepted by the contractor are as follows :—

- (1) Order No.5676, dated 22nd July, 1958. Beside cup boards 4 Nos. at Rs.28—Rs.112.
- (2) Order No.6355, dated 11th August, 1958. Tea Poy 4 Nos. at Rs.15—Rs.60.
- (3) Order No.8454, dated 17th October, 1958. Meat Safe 2 Nos. at Rs.30—Rs.60.

(c)—Yes, the supplier has been paid in full to the extent he executed the supply.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—No.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re: Construction of Kendukona Changsari P. W. D. Road

Shri SARAT CH. GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

937. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R. & B) be pleased to state—

(a) When the work orders for construction of Kendukona Changsari P. W. D. Road was issued to Contractors ?

(b) What progress has been made in the construction of the road and how many contractors have been engaged in the work ?

(c) Whether the alignment of the road has been made according to the alignment as approved by the Government in the P. W. D.

(d) What amount is allotted for the road for the year 1960-61 ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B. Wing)] replied :

937. (a) As the work on Section I has already been completed, it is presumed that the Honourable Member refers to Section II of the project, and if so the work order of this section was issued on 12th January 1961.

(b)—Earth work completed in Section II. Five Contractors including Sramik Bahini have been engaged in the work.

(c)—Yes

(d)—Rs.5,000 has been allotted for expenditure during 1960-61.

Re: Nalbari-Bahjani Road extending upto Bagals P. W. D. Road

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

938. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R & B) pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that during the time of his last visit Shri G. N. Gogoi, Deputy Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. (R & B) to Nalbari asked the Executive Engineer, Nalbari verbally to submit an estimate over Nalbari-Bahjani Road up to Bagals P. W. D. Road, so that earth work can be completed during the current financial year ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer has submitted the estimate in time, but no allotment has been made nor work has been started up till now ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Nalbari-Bahjani Road Project was undertaken during the First Five Year Plan period, but during the period of 9 years, it has not exceeded a length of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that the local people and the questioner has made many representatives for completion of the road ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that a good number of people of Mauza Bahjani Pakhowa are to pass through this road to Nalbari and Gauhati and this is the only and main road for communication of those people ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Nalbari-Bahjani Road was originally known as 'Choudkuchi Road' linking Choudkuchi and Nalbari and main tained by the Gauhati Local Board ?

(g) Whether Government is aware that after this road project was taken by the Government P. W. D. (R & B) the maintenance work of the remaining portion from Ajra village to Choudkuchi has not been done ?

(h) Whether Government is aware that the remaining portion (from Ajara to Choudkuchi) is gradually deteriorated ?

(i) Whether top priority will be given to complete the road ?

(j) Whether earth work will be completed within this financial year ?

(k) If not, why not ?

(l) When the construction will be completed ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R & B)] replied :

938. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—One and half miles only was taken over for improvement during 1956-57 out of the total length of 4 miles.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—There are some other roads also for the people of Bahjani and Pakowa Mouza to go to Gauhati and Nalbari, namely, Bangaon-Jagra Road and Sanimandal Road.

(f)—Yes. Previously it was called Nalbari-Choudkuchi Road maintained by the Local Board.

(g)—We are not aware of that as this portion of the road has not been taken over by the P. W. D. as yet.

(h)—It may be, but this is not maintained by the P. W. D.

(i) & (j)—The proposal for taking up of the remaining length has been allocated priority 11 by the Mohkuma Parishad and the same has been included in the Agenda of business for the A. R. C. B. Meeting for consideration at the time of drawing up schemes for the 3rd Five Year Plan, commencing from 1961-62. Works will be taken up if the proposal receives due consideration and when funds are made available.

(k) & (l)—Do not arise in view of (i) & (j) above.

Re: Displaced persons allotted land at Bamunai Dhutaramari Plantation

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

939. Will the Minister-in-charge of Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

- (a) How many displaced persons have been allotted land at Bamunai Dhutaramari Plantation ?
- (b) What is the area of land given to the displaced persons there ?
- (c) What is the price of land per bigha which the displaced persons have paid at Bamunai Dhutaramari ?
- (d) Whether Government have received any loan petition from these displaced persons settled there ?
- (e) If so, what steps have been taken ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to give rehabilitation loans to these distressed displaced persons without delay ?

Shri SAI SAI TERANG (Parliamentary Secretary-in-charge, Relief and Rehabilitation) replied :

939. (a)—Eighty-nine Esat Pakistan displaced persons have been allotted land at Bamunai Dhutaramari Plantation.

(b)—The total area of land given is 593 (five hundred and ninety-three) bighas.

(c)—The land is a tea garden requisitioned land and premium per bigha is Rs.20 (rupees twenty) only.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Enquiry is being made into the petitions.

(f)—The matter relating to giving rehabilitation loans to these displaced persons is under examination of the Government.

Re: Correction of reply made on 4th March 1961 with regard to post-mortem report on Gauhati firing

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance):** Sir on a point of clarification I beg to state that on the 4th March last in reply to the cut motion on supplementary demand regarding Commission of Inquiry Gauhati firing where the hon. Members Shri Hareswar Goswami and Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya had raised the question of the Post Mortem Report. In that connection I said that the report was sent to the West Bengal Government by the Joint Secretary through mistake. It was not the Joint Secretary but Chief Secretary. That may be corrected.

Clarification of position with regard to answer to unstarred Question No. 645

***Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** Sir, the Leader of the Opposition in connection with unstarred question No. 645 laid on the table on 6th April 1961, said that some wrong information was supplied by the Government. Sir, I beg to clarify the position. The allotment of land is made by the local officers like D. C. and S. D. O. When the District Officer thinks that settlement of land with any party like P. S. P. or any other party desirable he sends the application to the Government for approval. No such application was received by the Government.

Notice of breach of privilege for alleged wrong reply given to a question by Minister, Community Project

Mr. SPEAKER: I have received notice from Shri Gopesh Namasudra under Rule 161 against the hon. Minister, Community Project for having given a reply to St. Q. No. 103 wherein he said that he had already passed transfer orders of the Project Executive Officer C. D. Block. Now the hon. Member complains that the people of the Patharkandi informed him that the Government has cancelled the transfer order. So he complains that by giving a wrong reply, the hon. Minister is guilty of the breach of privileges.

Now I want to know this point.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Project): Sir, I donot know how the hon. Member can raise the question of breach of previlleges under Rule 161. Sir, I have already passed that order of transfer and I donot know if that order has been changed now. It may be that for the administrative convenience the officer concerned has not been allowed to move. I donot think that will mean a cancellation of the orders. As the Members are aware that now a days for the block development persons are taken from the Civil Service and the Revenue Department has been closed. So I submit that no breach of privilege has been committed by me, as said by the hon. Member.

Mr. SPEAKER: I am sorry that the hon. Member has taken some-time unnecessarily of this House.

Calling attention under Assembly rule 54 relating to a statement made by Prof. Ajit Kumar Sarma, General Secretary All Assam College Teachers' Association

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): Sir, I beg to draw the attention of this House to the statement made by Shri Ajit Sarma, General Secretary of the College Teachers Association which appeared on 3rd April 1961. Sir, the Statement is very important and I therefore propose to read out the statement.

“এই বছৰৰ বাজেট বক্তৃতাত অসমৰ বিত্ত মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কৈছে যে নিৰিখত মৰগীয়া বানচ দিয়াৰ উপৰিও অসমৰ বে-চৰকাৰী কলেজৰ সকলক বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় অনুদান আয়োগৰ পৰামৰ্শ অনুসৰি দৰ্মহা দিয়া যোৱা বছৰৰ বাজেট বক্তৃতাতো তেওঁ কৈছিল যে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আয়োগৰ অনুমোদিত নিৰিখ মতে শিক্ষক সকলক দৰ্মহা দিবৰ বাবে সমূহক ধন দিয়া হৈছে। এই একে কথাৰে ১৯৫৯-৬০ চনৰ বক্তৃতাতো মন্ত্ৰী গৰাকীয়ে কৈছিল।

“কিন্তু একেৰাহে তিনি বছৰে বাজেট অধিবেশনত বিত্তমন্ত্ৰীয়ে এনেদৰে বিধান সভাত বিবৃতি দিয়াৰ পাচতো আজি পর্যন্ত কলেজৰ শিক্ষক সকলে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় অনুদান আয়োগৰ পৰামৰ্শমতে বান্ধি দিয়া দৰমহা নোপোৱাটোহে বৰ আচৰিত কথা। যোৱা দুবছৰৰ অধিক কাল ধৰি অসম কলেজ শিক্ষক সন্থাই চৰকাৰৰ লগত অহা আলোচনা আৰু চৰকাৰে প্ৰতি তিনি মাহে ছ মাহে বদলি কৰি সিদ্ধান্তলৈ চাই আমি এতিয়াও ধৰিব পৰা নাই বিত্তমন্ত্ৰীৰ বিবৃতিয়েই সচা চৰকাৰী বিভাগৰ কথাই সচা।

“বিত্তমন্ত্ৰীয়ে কৈছে বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় অনুদান আয়োগৰ মতে শিক্ষক সকলক দৰমহা দিয়া হলেই। অথচ সেই মতে দৰ্মহা কোনেও পোৱা নাই আৰু কেতিয়া কি নিৰিখত পাব এতিয়াও ঠিকানা নাই। অনুদান আয়োগে পৰামৰ্শ দিয়া মতে ১৯৫৭ চনৰ পৰা প্ৰত্যেক প্ৰিন্সিপালে ৬০০-৮০০, বিভাগীয় মূৰব্বীয়ে ৪০০-৭০০, জ নিয়ৰ শিক্ষকে ৩০০-৬০০ আৰু বাকী শিক্ষকে ২০০-৫০০ পাব লাগে আৰু দৰ্মহা নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰোতে ১৯৫৭ চনৰ ১ এপ্ৰিল তাৰিখে উচ্চতৰ পৰ্য্যায়ত বান্ধিব লাগে আৰু ১৯৫৭ চনৰ আগৰ চাকৰিৰ বাবে প্ৰতি তিনি বছৰত একোটাকৈ বছৰেকীয়া বৃদ্ধি দিব লাগে; কিন্তু এই সকলোবোৰ অসম চৰকাৰে নোৱাৰো বুলি কৈছে অসম কলেজ শিক্ষক সন্থাৰ লগত বছৰৰ আলোচনা কৰাৰ পিচত অনুদান আয়োগলৈ অসম চৰকাৰৰ এটা নতুন প্ৰস্তাৱ ১৯৫৯ চনত পঠায়। সেই প্ৰস্তাৱ মতে প্ৰিন্সিপালৰ দৰমহা অনুদান আয়োগে দিয়া মতেই থাকিব; শিক্ষক সকলৰ সকলোৰে বাবে ২০০-৬০০ টকাৰ একেটা মাত্ৰ নিৰিখ হব আৰু এই নিৰিখ বান্ধোতে উচ্চতৰ পৰ্য্যায়ত বন্ধা হব। কলেজ শিক্ষক সন্থায়ো শিক্ষাৰ সামূহিক স্বাৰ্থত নিজৰ উদাৰতাৰ পৰিচয় আৰু চৰকাৰৰ কথাত বিশ্বাস কৰি দি এই প্ৰস্তাৱত সন্মতি জনায়। ১৯৫৯ চনৰ নবেম্বৰত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় অনুদান আয়োগেও উক্ত প্ৰস্তাৱত সন্মতি দি অসম চৰকাৰক জনাই যে, দৰমহাৰ নতুন নিৰিখ ১৯৫৭ চনৰ ১ এপ্ৰিলৰ পৰা বলবৎ কৰিব লাগিব আৰু উচ্চতৰ পৰ্য্যায়ত দৰমহা বান্ধি সেই মতে স্থিৰ কৰিব লাগিব এই কথা কথাত আমাৰ সন্থাক চৰকাৰে যোৱা ২২ নভেম্বৰত জনাই আৰু সেই মতে চুবাস্ত সিদ্ধান্ত হব বুলি কয়। কিন্তু এতিয়া আমি শুনিছো যে, যোৱা ২৭ মাৰ্চত হেনো এনে এটা সিদ্ধান্ত লৈছে যাৰ দ্বাৰা শিক্ষক সকলে উন্নততৰ দৰমহাৰ নিৰিখ বা অনুদান আয়োগৰ নিৰিখ পোৱাটো দুবৰ কথা গাই পতি ৬০ টকাৰ পৰা ২৪০ টকালৈকে চৰকাৰক ঘুৰাইহে দিব লাগিব।

“গতিকে গোটেই কথাটোৱেই এটা সাধৰ হৈ পৰিছে। সেই চকুৰ আঁহৰ বাবে
লৈছে নিত নহীয়ে বিধান-সভাত নিজ কথা কোৱা নাই আৰু তেওঁ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
অনুদান আয়োগৰ নতেনে দৰমহা নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ কৰিব। তেওঁলৈ আমাৰ অনুৰোধ আছে
বিধান সভাৰ চলিত অধিবেশনৰ ভিতৰতে যেন তেওঁ এটি বিস্তাৰিত বিধান
শিক্ষকসকলক অনুদান আয়োগৰ পৰামৰ্শ নতেনে কৰিবৰ উনুতৰ দৰমহাৰ নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ
দিয়ে বা দিব বুজিছে তাক জনাই সকলোৰে মনত থকা সন্দেহ দূৰ কৰে।
বিধান সভাৰ সদস্য সকলোৱে দুটি এই বিষয়ে আকৰ্ষণ কৰিবলৈ।”

(নতুন অসমীয়া ৩ এপ্রিল, ১৯৬১)

Now, Sir, in this connection I also draw the attention of the Finance Minister to a paragraph at p/29 of the Budget speech wherein it is said that, “the Aided College teachers have been given the scales of pay according to the University Grants Commission, in addition to dearness allowance at the rate admissible to Government servants”. Therefore, there are two contradictory statements. One statement of the Finance Minister saying that the recommendations of the University Grants Commission have been implemented and another statement by the General Secretary, All Assam College Teachers’ Association saying that this has not been done. I want to know what are the scales definitely that have been implemented in terms of the recommendation of the University Grants Commission so far as the Aided College teachers are concerned. Is it a fact that it was agreed that higher initials would be given at? Thirdly, Sir, since when that has been implemented?

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance):** Sir, the hon. Member has been pleased to call attention to a matter which was published in the ‘Assamiya’ on the 3rd of this month and that was according to the statement issued by Shri Sarma where he has raised two points. One is that I have mentioned in my Budget Speeches for 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62 that Government had made provisions for giving the University Grants Commission’s scale of pay to the Aided College teachers and that in spite of that these teachers have not yet got that scale. The second point raised by him in this statement is that according to recent orders issued by the Government the Aided College teachers instead of getting more money they will have to refund certain amounts. Now Sir, I shall deal with both these points. But first of all I will refer to the speech which I made in the course of my Budget speech in the year 1959. There I said that, in view of the fact that the Aided College teachers have to be given higher scales of pay as recommended by the University Grants Commission, provision has been made in the next Budget for that and also for increased dearness allowance. But here I may point out to the House that the University Grants Commission had only made recommendations regarding the scales of pay and the Government had decided to give those teachers dearness allowance in addition to the increased scale of pay which was recommended by the University Grants Commission because such dearness allowance was given to the teachers in the Government Colleges. Now, as I have said, provision of Rs.3,49,748 was made in the Budget and that was on the recommendation of the Education Department in respect of three

*Speech not corrected

scales of pay. That Budget provision was made in November 1959. The Education Department on the representation made by the Aided College teachers revised the proposal for giving effect to the scales of pay recommended by the University Grants Commission from 1st April, 1959. But we could not agree to these proposals. These proposals are as follows. The scale of pay of the Principal from Rs.600 to Rs. 800 ; senior lecturers and Professors from Rs.325 to Rs 600 and Lecturers from Rs.200 to Rs.500. The Vice-Principals should be given charge allowance of Rs 75 per month on their own scale of pay and professors and senior lecturers in charge of Departments may not be given any charge allowance but that the College lecturers in charge of Departments be given charge allowance at Rs.50 per month. All these things were taken into consideration and after discussion with the Education Department and the representatives of the Aided College teachers a decision was arrived and provision made in the Budget for giving charge allowance of Rs.75 per month to the Vice-Principals and Rs.50 to the junior lecturers in charge of Department instead of the separate scale of Rs.400 to Rs 700 proposed by the University Grants Commission. That was done, as I have already stated, after discussion with the Education Department and the representatives of the Aided College teachers. But he did not agree to increment for every three years of completed service for want of resources and we said that would be given effect to from 1st April 1959. According to the agreement reached we thought that the amount will be made in the Budget. Meanwhile the representatives of the Aided College teachers met me on 22nd February, 1960 and submitted a Memorandum claiming increment for every three years of completed service with retrospective effect from 1957. These matters were discussed and considered by us together with the Education Department and the representatives of the Aided College teachers. In these discussions it was decided that instead of giving increment for every three years service, an integral rise of Rs. 200 to Rs. 600 will be given to the Aided College teachers in lieu of a separate scale of Rs. 200 to Rs.500 and Rs.300 to Rs.600 recommended by the University Grant Commission for Senior and Junior teachers respectively.

Now, this was according to the agreement arrived at with the representatives of the Aided College teachers, but as this amendment or modification was a modification of the University Grants Commission Scheme, a reference had to be made to the University Grants Commission which necessarily took some time and therefore this amount was not paid during the year 1960. Now, the University Grants Commission had given approval to the proposal with some conditions. Accordingly, the sanction has been issued. According to this latest sanction, the revised scale of Rs. 200-600 is to be allowed from 1st April, 1959. Increments are to be calculated from 1st April, 1959 and the original dates of increment are also included. Most teachers will gain by such fixation of pay. Increments will be taken as deemed to have given from 1st April, 1957, but it will be given effect to from 1st April, 1959. Most of the teachers will lose such fixation of pay though a few in the lower pay groups will lose temporarily in view of the merger. The loss will be made good by higher rates of dearness allowance granted by the Government. Any excess deemed under pay will be adjusted against dearness allowance. So, there is no question of teachers having to refund Rs. 60 to Rs. 250 as stated by Mr. Sarma in his statement. Therefore, it will be seen that though Government decided, and according to that decision, I made this statement in my budget speeches in 1959-60, 1960-61 and 1961-62 to introduce the

University Grants Commission's scheme, this could not be given effect to mainly because from time to time, the aided college teachers kept on giving representation and the matter had to be referred to the University Grants Commission. After the University Grants Commission's approval was taken now the final order has been issued. Government could not pass this order because of this difficulty. We feel that now that these difficulties have been removed, to the maximum extent possible under the principle of fixation of pay, the teachers would be able to draw their pay on the new scale and the amount has been provided for this.

Notice under Assembly Rule 301 seeking to apprise the House as to the Government's decision on the Reports of the Enquiry Commissions to enquire into Police firing at Gauhati and happenings at Goreswar.

Mr. SPEAKER: Item 2(a) Shri Gopesh Namasudra.

***Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]:** অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, গত জুলাই মাসের অশান্তির জন্য যে Commission সরকার গঠিত করেছিলেন, সেই Commission এর রিপোর্ট গত ডিচেম্বর মাসের শেষের দিকে submit করা হয়েছে। এখন সে রিপোর্ট সরকারের নিকটে। এই রিপোর্টর সঙ্গে জনসাধারণ জড়িত আছে এবং কনিষ্ঠান কি। রায় দিল সেইট জনসাধারণ জানা প্রয়োজন। সেই জন্য রিপোর্টই সরকারের তাতে দীর্ঘ দিন নারানিয়া জনসাধারণের জ্ঞাতার্থে publish করা সরকার।

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Finance Minister):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, on a point of clarification, may I just draw your attention to rule 301. Under rule 301, the matter is entirely at your discretion and you can allow such a matter to be raised, but I submit, Sir, that in using this discretion, you will also take into consideration whether this matter was previously raised in this House, whether the hon. Members had the opportunity of raising this matter through any other means, i.e., either through a discussion on grants for cut motions or through a short notice question. If neither of these procedures were taken resort to by my hon'ble friend, then, Sir, there would arise the question of such discretion to be exercised. I think you will remember, Sir, that this matter was raised in the course of supplementary questions with regard to this matter and also I think on general discussion on the budget and a statement was made by the Chief Minister that the matter is under consideration and whenever a decision will be taken, this House will be acquainted with this. After that, I do not know how can this matter which is not new can be the subject matter of such discretion in which the hon. Member would request you, Sir, to exercise such discretion to be used in this House.

***Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla)** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I most humbly submit that my interpretation, so far as rule 301 is concerned, relates purely to new matters, new things which could not be brought to the notice of the House by any other avenues and that only is admissible under this rule. Sir, in this particular case, as far as we can remember, this issue was raised during the debate on the Governor's address and also in the general discussion of the budget. Not only that, Sir, questions were also put on the floor of this House and the Chief Minister replied to them and also during the discussions on cut motions. Therefore, Sir, according to my humble interpretation, this rule 301 relates to entirely new thing which could not be brought to the notice of this House by any other avenues. Therefore, Sir, I submit that this particular case does not come within the purview of rule 301.

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance)** : Mr. Speaker, Sir; may I quote from a copy of starred question No.25 on the same subject, The Chief Minister replied on 13th March 1961 as follows "The report is still under consideration of the Government". On a supplementary question put by Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya, the Chief Minister replied that the matter was also under consideration. He further stated that he could not say how long Government will take to come to a decision. On the same subject, in reply to starred question No.31 put by Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda, the Chief Minister stated that the report would be placed before this House after the Government's decision on the findings of the Commission.

Mr. SPEAKER : Yes, it is a fact that this matter was discussed on more than one occasion on the floor of the House and every time, an assurance was given from the Government side that the report would be placed before the House after a decision on the findings of the Commissions is taken by the Government. I quite realise the anxiety of the hon. Members to know what these two reports contain. As today is the last day of the session, I appreciate why Shri Gopesh Namasudra is prompted to put this question for eliciting information from the Government side. But from the replies from the Government side it is clear that the Government have not come to a decision on these two reports and the reports will be made available only after a decision on these two reports is taken by the Government. Therefore, I do not consider that it is a fit case under rule 301, but at the same time, as it is the desire of the House, I like to convey to the Government that the decision on these two reports which was the subject matter of so much of public criticism and also of public discussion, may kindly be taken as early as possible.

Presentation of the Sixth Report of the Committee on Estimates

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Chairman, Committee on Estimates) : Sir, I as the Chairman of the Estimates Committee beg to present the Sixth Report of the Committee on Estimates relating to action taken by Government on the recommendations contained in its first Report (on Agriculture Department).

Presentation of Group Report of the Study Groups to assess Operation in State Trading

Shri RAM NATH SARMAH (Member, Study Group on operation of State Trading): Sir, I beg to present the Group Report of the Study Group to assess the operation in State Trading.

Annual Report of the Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board for the year 1959-60.

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Khadi and Village Industries Board): Sir, I beg to lay out copy of the Annual Report of the Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board for the year 1959-60 under Section 23 of the Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board Act, 1955 (Assam Act, XVI of 1955).

The Assam Taxation Laws Validation Bill, 1961

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Sir, as there is no amendment I beg to move that the Assam Taxation Laws Validation Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Taxation Laws Validation Bill, 1961 be passed.

(After a pause).

The question is that the Assam Taxation Laws Validation Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The question was adopted).

The Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1961

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister Finance): As there is no amendment I beg to move that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(After a pause)

The question is the that Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1961.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) : Here also there is no amendment. So I beg to move that the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(After pause)

The question is that the Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1961.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) : Sir, here also there is no amendment and so I beg to move that the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The motion was put as a question before the House and adopted)

the Assam Requisition and Control of Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 1961.

Shri BISWADEV SARMAH (Deputy Minister Transport) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, there is no amendment here. So I beg to move that the Assam Requisition and Control of Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Requisition and Control of Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(After a pause)

The question is that the Assam Requisition and Control of Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Secondary Education Bill, 1961

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) : Sir, I beg to move that under proviso to sub-rule (2) of Rule 234 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly the name of Shri Bishwanath Upadhyaya be added in the list of Members of the Select Committee on the Assam Secondary Education Bill 1961.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion move. That under proviso to sub-rule (2) of Rule 234 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly the name of Shri Biswanath Upadhyaya be added to the list of Members of the Select Committee on the Assam Secondary Education Bill, 1961.

(After a pause)

(The motion was put and adopted)

The Sylhet Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1961

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minster, Revenue) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Sylhet Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members.—

- (1) Shri Mohi Kanta Das,
- (2) Shri Dandeswar Hazarika,
- (3) Shri Gopesh Namasudra,
- (4) Shri Ghana Shyam Talukdar,
- (5) Shri Tajammul Ali Barlaskar,
- (6) Shri Radhika Ram Das (Deputy Minister, Revenue), and
- (7) Shri Hareswar Das (Minister, Revenue).

Four members will from the quorum and the Select Committee shall submit its report by the 15th June, 1961.

Mr. SPEAKER : But Shri Ghanashyam Talukdar's name is not in the list ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : In place of Dr. Srihari Das we have included the name of Shri Ghanashyam Talukdar. This is the suggestion of the Leader of the Opposition.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Syhlet Tenancy (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members.—

- (1) Shri Mohi Kanata Das,
- (2) Shri Dandeswar Hazarika,
- (3) Shri Gopesh Namasudra,
- (4) Shri Ghanashyam Talukdar,
- (5) Shri Tajamul Ali Borlaskar,
- (6) Shri Radhika Ram Das (Deputy Minister, Revenue) and,
- (7) Shri Hareswar Das (Minister, Revenue)

Four Members will form the quorum and the Select Committee shall submit its Report by the 15th June, 1961.

(After a pause)

(The motion was put and adopted)

The Assam Gramdan Bill, 1961

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Gramdan Bill, 1961 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members.

- (1) Shri Ram Nath Das,
- (2) Shri Mohananda Bora,
- (3) Shri Ram Nath Sarma,
- (4) Shri Hem Chandra Chakraborty,
- (5) Shri Birendra Kumar Das,
- (6) Shri Khogendra Nath Barbaruah,
- (7) Shri Pakhirai Deka,
- (8) Shri Baikuntha Nath Das,
- (9) Shri Kamala Prasad Agarwalla,
- (10) Shri Radhika Ram Das (Deputy Minister, Revenue) and
- (11) Shri Hareswar Das (Minister-in-charge).

Five Members will form the quorum and the Select Committee shall submit its Report by the 15 June, 1961.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Gramdan Bill, 1961 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members:—

- (1) Shri Ram Nath Das,
- (2) Shri Mohananda Bora,
- (3) Shri Ram Nath Sarma,
- (4) Shri Hem Chandra Chakraborty,
- (5) Shri Birendra Kumar Das,
- (6) Shri Khogendra Nath Barbaruah,
- (7) Shri Pakhirai Deka,
- (8) Shri Baikuntha Nath Das,
- (9) Shri Kamala Prasad Agarwala,
- (10) Shri Radhika Ram Das (Deputy Minister, Revenue) and
- (11) Shri Hareswar Das (Minister-in-charge).

Five Members will form the quorum and the Select Committee shall submit its Report by the 15th June, 1961.

(After a pause)

(The motion was put and adopted)

The Assam Tea Plantation Employees Welfare Fund Rules 1960

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour): I beg to move that the Assam Tea Plantation Employees Welfare Fund Rules, 1960 be adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Tea Plantation Employees Welfare Fund Rules, 1960 be adopted.

(The motion was put and adopted)

The Assam Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules, 1960

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): Mr Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules, 1960 be adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Rules 1960 be adopted.

(After a pause)

(The motion was put and adopted)

Budget of Assam State Electricity Board for 1961-62

Mr. SPEAKER: The next item of business is the discussion, if any, on the annual financial Statement of the Assam State Electricity Board, 1961

(After a pause)

As I find that no body is rising to discuss the subject. I come to the next business.

Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Appropriation Accounts for 1957-58 and Finance Accounts 1957-58.

Mr. SPEAKER: We now come to item No. 17 which is discussion, if any, of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Appropriation Accounts for 1957-58 and Audit Report, 1959 and Finance Accounts 1957-58 and Audit Report, 1958.

(After a pause)

As I find that no body is taking part, I come to the next item.

Report Nos. 5, 6 and 7 of the Privileges Committee.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Member, Committee of Privileges): Mr. Speaker, Sir, so far as these reports are concerned, no punishment has been proposed and the matter is again referred back to the Privileges Committee which will take time. As the case is that of a first offender I submit that the House recommends that the paper Young India be deprived of the privileges accorded by the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: Let me put the first two questions first. The question is that the Report No.5 of the Committee on Privileges be taken into consideration and be adopted.

(The motion was adopted)

Now the next question. The question is that Report No.6 of the Committee on Privileges be taken into consideration and be adopted.

(The motion was adopted)

Now question No.18(3)—*i.e.* Report of the Committee of Privilege in the Young India case.

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Member, Committee of Privileges):** Sir, so far as this case is concerned, it is a case of first offender. So I would humbly suggest that this House recommends that the paper Young India be deprived of all privileges accorded by the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it the desire of the House ?

(Voices—yes, yes)

The question is that Report No.7 of the Committee on Privileges be taken into consideration and adopted with the suggestion made by Shri Goswami.

(The Motion was adopted)

**Private Members' Business Further Discussion of
Motion to consider the Working of Panchayat in the State.**

Mr. SPEAKER: Item 18A. Further discussion on the following motion moved by Shri Hiralal Patwary on the 6th April 1961 that "This Assembly do now take into consideration the working of Panchayat"

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, this motion before the House is a very important one because we have embarked upon a new venture, if I may say so, and we want to decentralise power and as such the people of the villages should also feel that they have a hand in the shaping of the country and from that point of view the Village Panchayats are very important and have to review the working of the Panchayats during the last few months.

Sir, we have now reached a stage when we have found that there was something intrinsically wrong in the former Panchayats. The Rural Panchayats could not deliver the people as we expected. The Gaon Panchayat then the Primary Panchayats failed to inspire any confidence in the people or failed to make the people believe that they have also a hand in the development of the country. The idea of decentralisation is a very noble one and if our democracy is to succeed, if our socialism has got to go against totalitarian line, if socialism has to maintain all along its democratic content, then it is necessary that every one of us should be able to play his or her own part in developing the country and from that angle it has become very essential to see how we are developing the Panchayats and how the people are participating in the intergrities of Panchayats—whether these Panchayats have been able to fulfill our desire or the set objects. Let it be known to this House that when we decided to have three tier system, we decided also to delegate powers amongst three tiers, we were at first opposed to the three tier system because we considered that it would bring in more wheels between wheels. It will lead to more complication and therefore there was no necessity for the three tiers. I for myself wanted a tier at the base and another tier at the district or subdivisional level. The Anchalik tier with the shadow blocks was meaningless to me. But it was explained so me that when we have to develop the blocks,

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when we have to democratise the blocks, we have also to have something very near to the Panchayats; we agreed. Shri Ballavant Rai Mehta who submitted its report on Community Development projects came down to Gauhati and Shillong and met the members of the Select Committee and it felt that one tier is necessary between the Gaon Panchayat and the Mohakuma Parishad, i. e. the Anchalik Panchayat. It was made even clear before the Select Committee that the main organ and the basic organ will be the Gaon Panchayat. The Gaon Panchayat will implement the schemes, and it is the Gaon Panchayat which will immediately cater to the needs of the people and the Gaon Panchayat will be the principal organ for operation in the rural areas. Therefore when it was expected that the Gaon Panchayat will be the basic thing, we agreed to the suggestion that there may be some Anchalik panchayats. The Anchalik panchayat thus came into being, so far Mokhuma panchayat is concerned we made it very clear that the Makhuma Parishad is only a deliberative body without any executive power, the Makhuma panchayat is to meet occasionally, once in three months, discuss matters of common interest and approve the budget in almost a routine manner. But there is a tendency today inspite of the delegation of powers amongst the three tiers on the one hand to make the Mokhuma panchayat almost an executive body and also the Anchalik panchayat as if it is a controlling body over the Government. I have seen I have myself participated in the meetings of the Makhuma Parishad and that tendency is very unhelpful. Let us recapitulate our experience regarding the Gaon Panchayats or Primary Panchayats under to Rural Panchayats. The Rural Panchayats almost suck the blood from the Primary Panchayats and the Primary Panchayats suffered from anaemia. They were almost subordinate bodies.

Yesterday when the bill regarding introduction of the ballot system in the Panchayat was discussed, the Minister in charge felt that the Panchayats were functioning properly, that the election through the open voting system has not created any difficulty. I would request that in a matter like this we should not think on partisan lines. Let us admit, let us recognise the facts as they are. It is no use concealing facts. It is no use to say that the present system of election has functioned properly. If that be so all these political theories regarding secret voting and open voting have been written in vain.

Today, standing at the 20th Century and to say that open voting is better than the secret voting is to go against the current political philosophy and the wisdom that we have derived during these days. Therefore we insisted that so far as voting is concerned it should be embodied in the very body of the Act that the voting will be a secret voting. There was an Enquiry Commission appointed to go into the working of the Panchayats, and the Commission submitted its report which was overwhelmingly against the present type of voting by putting people together in group and making them to vote. I have come across many cases where even non-voters are huddled together and their votes are taken. I have come across cases where confusion was created and the whole voting was spoiled. It may be that today there may be some difficulty to introduce the secret voting immediately but I do not see any reason why Government should feel hasitant that voting so far as elections to Panchayats are concerned will be by secret voting. The question of cost has been brought in i.e., that it will involve a huge expenditure to the tune of 35 to 40 lakhs. But after all the democracy is

a luxury to all of us and if we want that luxury we must pay for it. If we must pay for it—if we want to have a totalitarian Government without any Assembly and all other things, then cost can be curtailed. But are we going to have that? No, because we know that something more than money is involved in democratic procedure and practice, and therefore, we have accepted it. So, cost should not be any consideration regarding voting. If we find theoretically and from our experience that secret voting is the best type, then no matter what may be the cost, we should go in for that and there is important, because the very constitution of the Panchayats are important from that point of view. Once the constitution is not properly done, as it is likely to be, if there are influences which can be exerted on the voters because of open voting, then there may be many difficulties. Therefore, let us start from the very base that is, panchayats are properly constituted and thereafter we can go to other things. Although yesterday the Motion for consideration of the Bill was defeated, I would again request the Finance Minister, with a spirit of co-operation, with a desire to develop these panchayats into proper organs of democracy, to review the whole thing and let us have secret voting in the panchayat so that there may be any complaint that people cannot vote freely and fairly. I can cite many cases regarding this. I have been engaged in many cases of panchayats election and in most of the cases the allegation is that non-voters were taken together, confusion was created and the voting was not free and fair. So let us not go by saying simply that the whole election was fair when these allegations are there.

Then coming to the Constitution, let us make it clear that if we have get anything in our heart, something different in our heart, let us tell to the people. If we really want that the main organ will be the Gaon Panchayat, the real repository of power, let us tell it frankly, so that nobody can have any doubt. It may be said that in the Act it is there. But even now the Assamese translation of the Act is not available to many that is the complaint, people do not know. Even I did not get an Assamese translation though I tried. Secondly, Sir, if we write all these things that this is the division of powers, these are the powers, yet unless we just repeat it all along, there may be difficulty and people may misunderstand. Thirdly, Sir, I have seen circulars and letters issued from Anchalik Panchayats calling meetings and in the agenda, things which should not have been there. I have with me certain reports that the Anchalik Panchayats usurp the whole powers of the Gaon Panchayats. They went to develop even the village road. I have also with me circulars where the Anchalik Panchayats have taken upon themselves the task of distributing money for water-supply, although in that Act there is no provision so far water-supply is concerned. It is wholly the function of the Gaon Panchayats. Recently some money was distributed to Mahakuma Parishad for water-supply and every Gaon Panchayat should not get less than this. Then Anchalik Panchayat not only distributed the money but also allotted places where tube-well or ring-wells should be placed and in one case the Anchalik Panchayat has called for an explanation from the Gaon Panchayat as to why the allotments made by them has not been carried on. So in these matters unless we give strict direction the matter will not improve. The other day I came to Mr. Ali Ahmed and submitted a petition to him from the Presidents of the Gaon Panchayats with some complaints that they have not been given any fund for water-supply and other things for which they have to go to Anchalik Panchayat although in the Act there is nothing to show that the Development funds should go to

the Anchalik Panchayat. At Gauhati we suggested that as soon as money is distributed by the Mahakuma Parishad, because that is the function of the Mahakuma Parishad, immediately the cheque should be sent to Gaon Panchayat, not through Anchalik Panchayat. After all Gaon Panchayat is a Body corporate, it has its President, etc. But now Anchalik Panchayat exercise the power of control.

Similarly, in the matter of roads, we have seen that the village roads come under the Gaon Panchayat under the Act and only when the road concerns more than one Gaon Panchayat, it will come under the Anchalik Panchayat. But in certain cases such roads have come under the Gaon Panchayat. But what can we do if the Act is not obeyed or respected. This is a very important function to be discharged by the Panchayat Department. But if the Panchayat Department, at the initial stage, do not demarcate the functions and powers of the different Panchayats namely, the Gaon Panchayat, the Mohkuma Parishad and the Anchalies Panchayat, then it becomes functus officio. If these things are not done, then we may experience the same thing as under the rural Panchayat. Therefore, what should be done? Again when we come to the funds, we find that a budget has to be prepared, it has to be submitted to the Gaon Panchayat. The Gaon Panchayat must know what is its revenue so far as local rate is concerned. But we have not informed them as to their share of the local rates and also of their share from other sources of revenue. They do not know what has happened. The Gaon Panchayat has no money. Of course, this idea of looking to the Government all the time for funds is not proper but at the same time we insist that the budget is to be prepared. The Gaon Panchayat or the Anchalik Panchayat must know the sources of its revenue so that it can prepare its budget.

Now, we come to another point, bazars and hats. We have stated that those minor hats which will fetch less than Rs.7,500 would belong to the Gaon Panchayat and those hats which fetch more than that will belong to the Anchalik Panchayat. But in many cases, the Anchalik Panchayat does not allow the auction of the hats by the Gaon Panchayat. I know of a particular case in Chaygaon where the hat is fixed at Rs.3,000 but it was not allowed to be auctioned. But immediately, the auction of the hat has been raised to Rs.8,000 that means it has crossed the limit of Rs.8,000 that means it has crossed the limit of Rs.7,500, the sale proceeds were kept under the Anchalik Panchayat. This unhealthy competition will develop further unless we demarcate the hats which belong to the Gaon Panchayat. Unless we do that these things will happen. Yesterday, my friend.....

*Shri MOHANANDA JORA (North-Lakhimpur): Sir, when the sale proceeds of the bazar are Rs.8,000, the amount due will be given to Gaon Panchayat.

*Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): So, I say, it is bad. If a hat that used to fetch only Rs.3,000 and when it fetched Rs. 8,000 there will be taxation on the people and they will blame Government for bringing that competition.

Now, Sir, so far as the fund is concerned, my friend, Shri Patwary yesterday said that so much will have to be spent for the Secretaries, for housing and other things. There is already a demand from some Anchalik Panchayats that the President of the Anchalik Panchayat should be given an allowance of Rs.200 and the Vice-President Rs.100. In that way, the

*Speech not corrected.

demand will go on. I do not blame them because we have taught them all these things. Instead of doing the real work, money is spent in this manner for allowances etc. and the administration is going to be top-heavy. If instead of a greater percentage of money is spent for development purposes more money is spent on overhead charges, then the clamour will come from the people that the Panchayats have failed. So, my request is that so far as the Act is concerned there should be clear definition of powers and functions of different Panchayats. There is an attempt on the part of Gaon Panchayat not to remain under the Anchalik Panchayat. Now all these things have to be made very clear. It is my duty as well as the duty of Mr. Ahmed to go to the people. But the greater duty lies with the Department to see that these irregularities are not committed. The Gaon Panchayat must know what are its functions and duties as well as the Anchalik Panchayat must know its duties and functions so that one must not cross over the jurisdiction of the other. If that is not done, a rivalry will start and instead of developing the country in a manner in which the people in general will be capable of participating in the work of development, and the Panchayats will go to bits. Therefore, this is a matter which has been placed before the House in a right moment and I request the Government to consider all these things. We are speaking not only to criticise Government of the things which we have seen with our eyes in the working of the Panchayats. So unless these things are removed, the Panchayats cannot grow as we expect them to be.

***Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding):** (Rising to speak.)

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Sarma, the House will be adjourned sine die at 11-30 A.M.

***Shri DEBESWAR SARMA (Jorhat):** May I submit, Sir? There was one very important subject i.e. the consideration of the Annual Financial Statement of the Assam Electricity Board for 1961-62. This is a semi or quasi autonomous institution and it is only meet and proper that the House should have an opportunity of discussing it.

Mr. SPEAKER: This item has been passed over.

***Shri RAMNATH SARMA:** পঞ্চায়ত আইনখন সংশোধন কৰিব লাগে বুলি বিৰোধী দলৰ পৰা সংশোধন বিল অনা হৈছে। ইমান ক্ষম সময়ৰ ভিতৰতে, এনে সংশোধনৰ প্ৰয়োজন নাই বুলি মই ভাবো। সময় আৰু অভিজ্ঞতাই সময়ত সংশোধনীৰ প্ৰয়োজনীয়তা নিশ্চয় আনিব। স্বীকাৰ কৰো। সেই বুলি ইমান সোনকালে নহয়। তাৰ পিচত নিশ্চয় গোপন ভোটৰ প্ৰয়োজন নাই। এই আইন মতে যি মুকলি ভোটৰ ব্যৱস্থা আছে সেয়েই ভাল হৈছে—যদিও, বিৰোধী দলৰ পক্ষৰ পৰা গোপন ভোটৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবলৈ কোৱা হৈছে। মুকলি ভোটৰ যি অস্থবিধা তেওঁলোকে দেখুৱাব খুজিছে— গোপন ভোটতো সেই অস্থবিধা দূৰ নহয়। তাৰ পিচত কওঁ—পঞ্চায়ত বিলাকৰ finance সম্পৰ্কত যিবিলাক অস্থবিধা আছে সেই বিলাক দূৰ কৰি এটা ভাল ব্যৱস্থা কৰিলে পঞ্চায়তবিলাকৰ development work ত বেচি কৃতকাৰ্য্যতাৰে কাম কৰিব পাৰিব। আমি অকল ইয়াৰ নজুতাৰ দ্বাৰাই পঞ্চায়তৰ বিকাশ কৰিব নোৱাৰিম। এই অৰ্থে—গাঁৱৰ মাজত পঞ্চায়তৰ কৰ্মীৰ সুবিধাৰ কাৰণে 'চেমিনাৰ' আদিৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগে। তাৰ

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ঘৰাই সমাজ সেৱীৰ উপকাৰ হব আৰু সমাজৰ উন্নতি হব। তাৰ লগতে আমাৰ সমবায় ক্ষেত্ৰতো উপকাৰ হব সেৱা সমবায় বিলাকৰ প্ৰকৃত কাম হব। মানুহে বুজি উঠিব। আজি সমাজৰ যি বান্ধন সেই বান্ধন দূৰতৈ উঠিব। কাৰণ, আজি শতকৰা ৮০ জন লোকেই গাঁৱত বাস কৰে আৰু তেওঁলোকেই দেশৰ মেৰুদণ্ড। এনে অৱস্থাত—গ্ৰামবাৰ্গী সকলৰ সৰ্ব প্ৰকাৰ মঙ্গল কামনা কৰাই আজিৰ চৰকাৰৰ কৰ্ত্তব্য আৰু এই অৰ্থে পঞ্চায়ত বাজৰ ব্যৱস্থাই চৰকাৰক বাইজৰ নিজৰ কৰি তুলিব পাৰিব।

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank Mr. Patwary for bringing this motion to give us chances to discuss about the working of Panchayat in the State. Sir, I find that we have some confused ideas about the working of Panchayat according to the Panchayat Act, 1959. It happened because the Local Boards were functioning since a long time and our people in villages, specially the leading people form some ideas. Again, Sir, the Rural Panchayats gave some impressions in the minds of the people. Again, we find that Block Development Committees and other non-official organisations also gave some impression to our people. Similarly, these bodies while functioning in the rural areas gave impressions to the officials and non-officials also. Here, the Leader of the Opposition has said that the Gaon Panchayats have more power than the Anchalik Panchayats. I could not agree with him that the power of Gaon Panchayats should be curtailed. Gaon Sabhas are basic unit of democracy. In Gaon Sabhas the villagers sit together and they are to decide their affairs. The Gaon Panchayats are executive committees of Gaon Sabhas. The Gram Sabhas were formed with a group of villages. The Anchalik Panchayats are to co-ordinate the Gaon Panchayats. They should give expert guidance to Gaon Sabhas. We find that that the Gram Sabhas are not functioning properly.

But my opinion is that ~~the~~ ~~functioning~~ it is not very easy to analyse. Development Committee gave the impression in the mind of the people. Sir, to wash away this impression from the mind of the people we are to educate the people in proper line.

Sir, in the Anchalik level, the Anchalik Panchayat has been entrusted with the duties of the Community Development project. I find that the understanding about the objective of community development are not properly clear amongst the officers also. I think I should quote the object of the Community Development Block which will function under the Anchalik Panchayat.

Sir, the objective of the programme is to promote all sided development of village community including economic, political, social, cultural and moral development in particular.

(a) To develop a spirit of community life among the people by promoting co-operation and mutual sharing leading ultimately to voluntary community ownership of the basic means of production, such as land and fulfilment by village community of responsibility for welfare, employment and livelihood of all the members.

(b) To make the village self sufficient in the primary needs of life such as food, clothing and shelter and to promote the development of each village along with the development of the local area of which it forms part and?

(c) To develop self reliance in the individual and initiative in the community so that the people are able to manage and run their affairs themselves and make the villages self governing units of the larger Indian democracy.

Sir, if this objective is to be fulfilled then we shall have to make the people understand the ideal and we will have to give responsibility in the village level.

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Jorhat) : Sir, shall we hear this melody from the Hon'ble member alone?

Mr. SPEAKER : The hon. Member is interested to speak.

Shri DABESWAR SARMAH (Jorhat) : But the proverb goes that the unheard melodies are sweeter.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Sir, Government have made arrangement of training of the members of the Anchalik Panchayats and it is financed by the Government of India. The pattern of Anchalik or Block Panchayats in other parts of India slightly differs. There the Presidents of Gram Panchayats are members of Block Panchayats whereas in our State representatives are elected from Gaon Sabhas to form Anchalik Panchayats. Present training programme according to the syllabus drawn up by Mehta Committee are excluding the Presidents of Gaon Panchayats. In my opinion they also should be trained alone with the members of Anchalik Panchayats as they are the key persons. Of course, there are training of members of Gaon Panchayats. I do not know the subjects discussed there. I do not think that they are trained according to the syllabus of Mehta Committee. Presidents, I do not think, are getting opportunity to equip mentally as required. While the Presidents should be trained with the members of Anchalik Panchayats, the members of Gaon Panchayats should also be trained. Definite syllabus should also be drawn up for their training. Without a syllabus if we allow to train them by the local officers, I am afraid, the purpose would not be served. Different officers in different places will give different impressions about the working of the Panchyat.

I have already told that many of these officers could not appreciate the decentralisation and did not have clear ideas of the working of the Panchayats as envisaged in the new Panchayat Act. We find that many of them could not guide and supervise the working of Gaon Panchayats and Gaon Sabhas. These officers should be trained properly and the philosophy of decentralised democracy should be made homely to them before they are entrusted with these works.

From the beginning we should try to make the Gaon Sabhas and Gaon Panchayats effective. Therefore, Sir, I suggest that just from the beginning we should make proper supervision and give proper guidance to the Gaon Sabha and Gaon Panchayats so that they can have confidence to run their own affairs.

Adjournment of the Session Sine die

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order, the House stands adjourned *sine die*.

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