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Proceedings of the Seventh Session of the Assam Legislative
Assembly assembled after the Second General Election
under the Sovereign Democratic Republican Constitu-
tion of India

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 9 A. M.
on Friday, the 18th December, 1959.

P R E S E N T

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury, B. L., Speaker in the Chair,
Eight Ministers, Three Deputy Ministers and Fifty-eight Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

(Starred Question No.120 standing in the name of Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury was not put and answered as the hon. Member was absent).

**Completion of the works of Kaithalkuchi-Rampur
Public Works Department Road**

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that Kaithalkuchi-Rampur Public Works Department Road, viz., Piplibari Mugali Lachimia is a very important road?
- (b) How many miles of this road have been left unconstructed up to this time and when the road will be completed?

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

121. (a)—It is an important road.

(b)—Out of 13 miles of the road, 7 miles from Kaithalkuchi end and 2 miles from Rampur end have been taken over by Public Works Department and works have been completed except a portion of about 6 furlongs in the 2nd mile of Kaithalkuchi-Chamata Road which could not be taken up due to strong obstruction from the villages of the locality. The proposal to take up the remaining 4 miles of the road will be sent to the Subdivisional Development Board for consideration and works will be taken up if and when it is recommended by them and funds are made available for the purpose.

(Starred Question No.122 standing in the name of Shri Tarun Sen Deka was not put and answered as the hon. Member was absent).

Schemes of Embankment and Drainage of Golaghat Embankment and Drainage Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

*123. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any Officer, Subdivisional Officer or Executive Engineer of Embankment and Drainage attended the meeting of Subdivisional Development Board of Golaghat for the last one year ?

(b) Whether the Development Board has requested the Executive Engineer of Embankment and Drainage to attend the meeting more than one time ?

(c) Whether it is a fact the people or the representative of the people meet the Officer of Embankment and Drainage at Golaghat after shifting headquarters of Embankment and Drainage from Jorhat to Sibsagar ?

(d) What are the schemes of Embankment and Drainage of Sibsagar District at Golaghat ?

(e) Whether the Department will receive any proposal from the Golaghat East Project, Golaghat Subdivision Irrigation Sub-Committee and examine the same ?

(f) Whether Government are aware that Golaghat Subdivision is always disturbed by flood and damage the entire cultivation ?

(g) Whether Government has lately received some proposals of bunds like extension of Kakodonga bund from Komerbandha to Bhalukmora the bund from Negheriting to Rongagora Ghat ?

(h) What are the reasons for not taking up the same yet ?

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

123. (a), (b) & (c)—Reply will be submitted to the Honourable Member when received from the Executive Engineer concerned.

(d)—Following are the Embankment and Drainage Schemes of Golaghat Embankment and Drainage Subdivision—

- (1) Dhansiri Bund from Moriahola to Dhansiri Bund (Work completed).
- (2) Extension of Dhansiri Bund from Bokakhat, Dhansiri Mukh Road to Kazironga Reserve (Work completed).
- (3) Dhansiri Bund from Assam Trunk Road to Moriahola (Work completed).
- (4) Marginal Embankment along Kakodonga on both banks (Work completed).
- (5) Marginal Embankment along Dhansiri river on the right bank from Panjan to Chowguri (Work completed).
- (6) Marginal Embankment along Dhansiri river on the right bank from Chowguri to Barpathar (Work completed).
- (7) Construction of Ghiladhari Bund along both banks from Borbarua-ali to Salikihat Public Works Department Road (Work completed except sluice culvert).

(e)—Yes. If the proposal is received it will gladly be examined.

(f)—Unprotected riverine areas of the Subdivision are occasionally visited by flood, as in the case with similar areas of the entire State.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—It has not been possible to undertake the Schemes so far due to their relatively and lower priority and inadequate fund allocation by India for Flood Control works in the State.

Shri RAJENDRA NATH BARUA (Golaghat-East): Sir, with regard to answer to (d) No. 7, it is stated that construction of Giladhari bund has been completed except sluice culvert, but our information is that this has not been completed because about a mile down, the bund is left incomplete and as a result a large area of paddy fields get submerged and paddy damaged. Will the Government please enquire whether this is incomplete and whether Government will take steps to complete it?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P. W. D. (Flood Control)]: From the reply it will be seen that the work has been completed, but it may be that the entire length has not been completed possibly due to the fact that it was not under the scheme. However, I shall enquire about it Sir.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon): Sir, whether the unprotected riverine areas of Golaghat Subdivision is the problem of the Government? And whether it is a fact that no protection measures have been made?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, P.W.D., etc.) : Sir, this is a problem not alone of the Government but of the people of the entire State. That is my answer to the first part of the question. With regard to the second part, I have said that not only in Golaghat subdivision but in the whole State a large part of the riverine areas are occasionally visited by floods, but we have not been able to meet the situation entirely as we would have desired due to the paucity of funds.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) : Sir, it has been said by the hon. Minister in reply to question (d) that the Dhansiri Bund from Panjan to Chowguri has been completed, are Government aware that this bund was very badly damaged during the last flood ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : I want notice to that question, Sir.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA : But Sir, it is a simple question which does not require any notice.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : The question is whether the bund was damaged by flood..... ?

Mr. SPEAKER : The Minister said that he wants notice.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA : May I request the hon. Minister to enquire into it ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : I will enquire, Sir.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA : May I know from the Government why the E. & D. Subdivisional office was shifted to Sibsagar ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : As a part of the reorganisation of the Department in the whole State. In the interest of better work this office was shifted. It will be seen that most of the works in this area has already been completed ; hence the office had to be shifted from there.

Landed properties of late Mafizuddin Sarkar of Barpeta Subdivision

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that one Mafizuddin Sarkar of Nijbarala, Mauza Paka of Barpeta Subdivision had some landed properties in his village and this property was taken by the Assam Evacuee Property Management Committee for administration when he left the place during riot of 1955 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that he claimed to get back his property in time ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Committee has ordered to release his property ?
- (d) If so, when ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the property has not yet been released to the said Shri Mafizuddin Sarkar or to his family up to this time ?
- (f) If so, why ?
- (g) Whether Government are aware that this Mafizuddin Sarkar has since died ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to restore his family of their property ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

124. (a)—Yes ; but the person concerned left the place during the disturbances of 1950 (not 1955).

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—On 30th March 1954.

(e)—Yes ; it is a fact.

(f)—The person to whom the land was allotted by the Assam Evacuee Property Management Committee when the property was under the management of the said Committee, did not vacate the land on its restoration to the returning evacuee. The allottee has been served with eviction order against which he has filed an appeal.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—On eviction of the encroacher the possession will go to the legal heir.

†**Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari)**: When was this eviction case started ?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA** : The exact date is not with me at the moment, I will enquire and shall let the hon. Member know about it.

†**Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED** : Is it a fact that the D. C has stayed the eviction order many times ?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA** : It is a fact that the present occupant has been trying to stay eviction by submitting appeals to the D. C, A. D. M. and the S. D. O. But whether D. C. has passed any stay order I cannot say at the moment. I want notice for that.

†**Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari)** : May I know whether the D.C. can stay eviction orders in case of evacuee property ?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)** : Deputy Commissioner has certain discretion.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED : Is it a fact that not a single family has been restored to their evacuee property in the Barpeta subdivision ?

Mr. SPEAKER : How does the question arise ?

Regarding establishment of the Seed Farm at Kahibari

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*125. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Seed Farm was given at Kahibari Village Grazing Reserve, this year, within Mouza Bijni, District Goalpara ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the villagers do not want that Seed Farm in this Village Grazing Reserve ?
- (c) Whether Government have lately received representation to change the site of this Seed Farm ?
- (d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to consider the same ?

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

125. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Only a few persons objected to the establishment of the Seed Farm but the public at large appreciated the decision to establish the Farm at Kahibari.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No. Government do not propose to consider it.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED : Is it not a fact that the local people are agitating against establishment of the farm at Kahibari and many people have already been arrested.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : I have no official information but the hon. Member informed me like this the other day.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED : Is it a fact that there is a reserve *viz.*, Bhatipara, where the people want the seed farm to be established ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture, etc): That land was not considered suitable.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : Whether the seed farm is for the people or for the Government ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : For the people.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED : Then why Government is going to thrust the seed farm at Kahibari at the point of bayonet ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : Because some people are inconsiderate, Government is not going to sacrifice the interest of the majority.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) : I may elucidate the matter, Sir. I went there and made an enquiry myself. I found that only one village objected but all other people wanted it. That is the position.

Allegations against a member of R. T. A., Gauhati

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*126. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any information regarding corruptions of some members of the R. T. A., Gauhati during the last meeting of the Board reached the Chairman of the R. T. A. Board and the Government ?
- (b) If so, whether any enquiry was made in respect of the allegations ?
- (c) In view of the observations made by the Chief Justice of Assam High Court in A. I. R. 1954, Assam 219 whether Government propose to dismiss any member of the said R. T. A. found to carry such ill repute ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

126. (a)—Yes, against one member.

(b)—The matter was enquired into by the Police who found the allegation to be baseless.

(c)—Does not arise.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED : May I know whether Government recently received telegrams for transfer of the Secretary, R.T.A., Gauhati ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA : Yes, we have received representations to that effect.

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED : Whether Government will transfer him from Gauhati for the present ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA : That will be considered, but I cannot at this stage assure that he will be transferred.

Amounts for Projects Building in the Autonomous Hill Districts

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked:

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

- (a) What was the amount provided for building projects in the current year, *i.e.*, 1959-60 under Article 275 of the Constitution for the Autonomous Hill Districts ?
- (b) How much has been spent out of it and how much has been or going to be surrendered ?
- (c) How many times either, the Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings) or both the Chief Engineer (Roads and Buildings) visited the headquarters or any other places of any of the Autonomous Hill Districts except Shillong, during this working seasons, say from July, 1958 to December 1958 ? (dates and places to be mentioned specifically).

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

127. (a), (b) & (c)—Informations are being collected.

The questions were received only on 12th December, 1959 at 1 P. M. and so it has not been possible to collect informations within such a short time.

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED: Will the Deputy Minister send the information when it is collected ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: Yes, Sir.

Shri RAMNATH DAS [Dergoan (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]: May I know from whom this information is being collected ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: From the Chief Engineer's office. As I said, that the questions were received on 12th December, 1959 at 1 P.M. and so the information could not be collected in time.

Shri RAMNATH DAS: May I know why it was not possible during these days to collect information from the Chief Engineer's office which is located here ?

Mr. SPEAKER: He says he could not collect the information.

Taking over of Technical Institution at Dibrugarh by Government

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government has decided to take over Technical Institution at Dibrugarh if a private party would construct the Building for the purpose ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that arrangement with the party was made that they would construct buildings on the specification provided by Government ?
- (c) Whether the specifications for the buildings has been prepared and lay out has been drawn up by Technical Department of the Government ?
- (d) If not, what are the difficulties of the Technical Experts of the Government ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education)
replied :

128. (a) There was an offer of help from Shri Murlidhar Jalan for expanding the Technical Institution at Dibrugarh. The offer has been accepted.

(b) The formal agreement has not yet been made.

(c) Preparation of the layout is under examination. The question of specification will be gone into after the scheme is finalised.

(d) The party has offered 25 bighas of land and is also willing to construct buildings worth Rs.2.5 lakhs. The question of additional fund for construction of additional buildings and purchase equipment is to be finalised for the comprehensive scheme

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** : Whether the Minister knows that this is a major district which is an industrial bet of the State was omitted from the Second Five Year Plan with regard to provision for technical institutions ?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH** : Yes, Sir.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** : Whether the Minister knows that the people have been agitating for some years now for a technical institution there ?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH** : Yes Sir.

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** : What is the difficulty for Government to accept the offer from this private party to construct the building ?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education)**: The offer has been accepted.

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikowa)**: When was the offer made?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH**: The offer was made, I suppose, nearly a year ago.

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA**: How long will it take to accept?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH**: I could not follow the question.

†**Shri RADHAKISHAN KHEMKA (Tinsukia)**: মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ক স্মৰিব খুজিছে যে টেকনিকেল স্কুলৰ কাৰণে মাটি পোৱা হৈছে কিন্তু সেই মাটি কম হোৱাৰ কাৰণে স্কুলৰ কাম কাৰ্য্যকৰী হোৱাত দেৱী হব?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH**: মেচাৰ্ছ জালানে ২৫ বিঘা মাটি দিছে — আমাৰ Director, Technical Education এ ভাৰিছিল ২৫ বিঘা মাটি যথেষ্ট নহয় কিন্তু পিছত বিশেষজ্ঞৰ মতে ২৫ বিঘাৰ ওপৰতে কৰিব পৰা যায় সেই অনুযায়ী দুই কৰিবলৈ দিয়া হৈছে। ইতি মধ্য ডিব্ৰুগড়ত এটা টেকনিকেল স্কুলৰ খুব প্ৰয়োজন হৈছে ইফালে শিলচৰতো এটা স্কুলৰ বাবে বাইজে দাবি জনাইছে এইবোৰ কাৰণত কিছু পলম ঘটিছে।

†**Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowa)**: ডিব্ৰুগড়ত মাটি আৰু টকা যোগাৰ হৈছে, তাৰ agreement কৰাও হৈছে, এই যে দেৱী হৈছে এই দেৱী চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা হৈছে নে জালানে কৰিছে?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH**: গোটেই কথাটো তিতি যুটিয়া হৈছে, অসম গবৰ্ণমেণ্ট, ইষ্টাৰ্ন বিজনেল কাউনচিল আৰু বাইজ। তিনিও ফালৰ পৰা সকলো কথা মিলিলেহে স্কুল খন গঢ়ি উঠিব। সেই কাৰণেই দেৱী হৈছে। ইয়াত একো দোষ গবৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ নাই।

†**Shri RAM NATH DAS [Dergaon (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]**: Eastern Regional Council এ কিবা আপত্তি কৰিছে নেকি?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH**: নাই কৰা যদিও এই কামত বহুতো আঁহকাল আছে।

Mr. SPEAKER: তেখেত সকলৰ মত লব লাগে।

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA**: এই বিষয়ত অসম চৰকাৰে কিয় ইষ্টাৰ্ন কাউনসিলৰ মত লব লাগে।

Mr. SPEAKER: টকাৰ কাৰণে।

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH**: ভাৰত চৰকাৰে আঁচনি আদিৰ হিচাব কৰি টকা ভাগ কৰি দিয়ে আৰু তেওঁলোকৰ পৰামৰ্শ যদি লোৱা নহয় তেন্তে ইয়াৰ প্ৰসৰ আৰু মঞ্জুৰী পোৱাত অসুবিধা হয়।

†**Shri RADHAKISHAN KHEMKA**: মাননীয় মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে কামত যথেষ্ট আগবাঢ়িছে বুলি কৈছে যদিও মই জানিব খুজিছো কিমান দিনত এই কাম আৰম্ভ হব?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH**: Drawing আদি কৰিছে যদিও এইবিলাক আৰ্কেতে আৰু মঞ্জুৰী পাওঁতে বহুতো সময় লাগে। আৰু মোৰ বিশ্বাস এই খবালিতে কাম আৰম্ভ হব। মূঠৰ ওপৰত এবছৰৰ ভিতৰত কাম আৰম্ভ হবই।

Construction of Gurubhasa-Hatisor P. W. D. Road in Goalpara

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the construction of the Gurubhasa-Hatisor P. W. D. Road in the district of Goalpara was taken up in 1958-59 ?
- (b) If so, whether Government is aware that an excess payment amounting to Rs.48,000 was made to the contractors for the said road ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Additional Chief Engineer visited the place after the final payment was made and whether he has submitted any report to this effect ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the question of the excess payment was brought to light on the face of an anonymous petition ?
- (e) When the excess payment was detected and by whom ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that a large number of false pits were shown in the Measurement Books and what check was done by the Supervising Officer ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the anomaly was not brought to the notice of the Minister concerned officially till the fact was verbally reported by some Congress workers in October last ?
- (h) Whether any steps have been taken by Government now in this matter and if so, what is the present position ?

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

129. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—As the matter is still under investigation the amount of excess payment actually made to the contractors is not finally ascertained.
- (c)—It is not a fact.
- (d)—It is not a fact.
- (e)—In the last part of May, 1959 by the Executive Engineer, Kokrajhar Division.

(f)—Yes, but no proper check was done by the Supervising Officer against whom departmental action is also being taken separately.

(g)—It is not a fact.

(h)—Yes. The case is under the progress of investigation.

†**Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)**: Sir, there is a printing mistake in (b). The excess payment referred to in the question should be Rs. 24,000 and not Rs.48,000 as shown in the question.

Mr.SPEAKER: So, the amount should be 24 thousand instead of Rs.48 thousand.

†**Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI**: Yes, Sir. The hon. Deputy Minister has stated that the amount of excess payment made to the contractors is not finally ascertained. May I know from the hon. Deputy Minister what is the rough estimate of excess payment Government has detected up till now?

†**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.)**: Near about Rs.4000.

†**Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI**: Regarding (d), may I know whether Government received any petition from the public regarding the excess payment?

†**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI**: Yes the petition was received on 2nd June 1959 but the detection was made in the last part of May, 1959 by the Executive Engineer, Kokrajhar Division.

†**Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI**: The reply to my question (c) is, "It is not a fact." But is it not a fact that the Additional Chief Engineer visited the place during May or June?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P. W. D.)**: Yes, after visiting of the place he gave this report.

†**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI**: The question of excess payment was detected by the Executive Engineer before the petition was received.

†**Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI**: Whether he submitted the report after his visit to the place? Hon. Minister has stated that he had visited the place.

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH**: Sir, the report was received to the effect that not much work was done but the S. D. O. paid near about Rs. 84 thousand to the various contractors I am speaking from my memory and am subject to correction—to about 22 contractors. Thereafter some anonymous letter came, and if I remember aright, Shri Sarat Sinha also told me that such a thing was happening. Then I sent for the Additional Chief Engineer who also told me that he had been hearing about such thing happening

there. Then he went to the place and on enquiry reported to me that a gross anomaly had taken place and that he had already taken steps, and that the S. D. O. was suspended. Subsequently I again received an anonymous letter when I asked the Additional Chief Engineer to make further enquiries and appoint a Government Pleader or, if a Government Pleader would be not available, an experienced lawyer to enable us to proceed on with the matter legally. In the meantime, quite a substantial sum was recovered from those who received payment without doing the work.

†**Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golaganj)**: Whether Sir, there is not some anomaly or discrepancy between the statements of the hon. Minister and the Deputy Minister when the Deputy Minister has stated that he did not receive any report whereas the Minister stated that he received it?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P. W. D.)**: Two things appear to have happened together. I got the report and then happened to meet Shri Sarat Chandra Sinha and asked the Additional Chief Engineer then about the matter and he told me that he had also learnt about it from some source. Therefore, there is no discrepancy.

†**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.)**: The Minister was reported of the matter in July, 1959.

Existence of Irrigation channel in Ambagaon mauza of Mangaldai Subdivision

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery) asked:

*131. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is an irrigation channel used by many cultivators in Ambagaon Mouza of Mangaldai Subdivision?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that the Railway authority has constructed a bridge No.97 over the channel between Rangiya and Rangapara line?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that there are 28 (twenty-eight) villages using this channel for cultivation purposes?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that the Railway authority has blocked the channel and obstructed the cultivation?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the then Civil S. D. O., has ordered some time in 1956 to remove the stones for facility of cultivation?

- (f) Whether Government are aware that the irrigation channel is most essential and that the Agriculture Director has written a letter to the Railway authority for reconstruction of the bridge ?
- (g) If so, what action has been taken so far ?
- (h) Whether Government are aware that there exists wider dissatisfaction among the cultivators concerned ?
- (i) Whether Government are willing to make this channel which is very small costing about Rs.2,000 ?
- (j) If so, whether Government will be pleased to execute the work during this season ?

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

131. (a) to (j)—Informations are being collected.

I am so sorry Sir the information could not be collected.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery): On a point of clarification, Sir, this is a very important question which relates to about 28 villages and this matter was brought to the notice of the Government long before, about three years ago. The cost involved in the matter is also not big enough, about Rs.2,000 and it is the railway authority which have obstructed our channel. So, will the Government be pleased to keep in mind that this work is executed during the current session ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: I am sorry, Sir, that the Department could not be ready to reply to this question. But facts raised in this question will be enquired into and I shall look into the matter personally.

Regarding Fisheries in Assam

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

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

- (a) How many fisheries have been established in Assam and the amount of fisheries grant and loans distributed in the districts of Assam during the last three years ?
- (b) Whether there is any fishery project in Golaghat Subdivision ?
- (c) If the answer in the affirmative, what are the names of these fisheries ?

- (d) Whether Government are aware that there are sufficient scope to establish natural fisheries at Golaghat Subdivision specially at Bokakhat, Khumtai, Morongi, Missamara and Rangamati Mauza ?
- (e) Whether Government have examined the above mentioned places for establishing fisheries ?

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

132. (a)—52 Fisheries have been established in Assam. Loans issued during the last three years are shown below district-wise—

		District				Amount	No. of Party
					Rs.		
1956-57	...	Nowgong	...	...	4,000	1
		Kamrup	..	...	17,000	3
		Sibsagar	...	...	22,000	2
		Cachar	..	...	4,500	1
					47,500	7	
1957-58	...	Kamrup	...	...	34,000	4
		Sibsagar	...	...	6,000	1
		Goalpara	...	...	2,000	1
					42,000	6	
1958-59	...	Sibsagar	...	...	11,500	2
		Nowgong	...	...	3,500	1
		Kamrup	...	...	18,700	5
		Garo Hills	...	...	7,000	1
		Darrang	...	...	8,800	1
					49,500	10	

Grant amounting to Rs.30,000 was issued during 1958 59 to the border people of the following districts—

	Rs.	
(1) Garo Hills	15,000	16
(2) United Khasi and Jaintia Hills	15,000	17

(b) —Yes.

(c) (i)—One tank known Ware House tank has been taken up this year as fishery distribution centre for this Sub-division.

(ii)—Jamaguri Beel has been selected for opening a fish farm and steps are being taken to take over this fishery from the Revenue Department.

(iii)—Maridhansiri Beel has been selected under reclamation scheme and the Revenue Department have been requested to give possession to Fishery Department.

(iv)—Abhangdubi fishery belonging to Forest Department has been reclaimed under the Development of Forest Fisheries Scheme.

(d) & (e)—No survey has yet been made. The fisheries situated in the areas as mentioned will be surveyed to examine the possibility of establishing natural fisheries by reclamation.

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj): Whether Government is aware of the fact that there is enough scope for fisheries and were many applications for loans from Goalpara District and what is the reason for issuing loans to only one party?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary): Sir, there might be many petitions but possibly only one case was found suitable for giving loan because many conditions are to be satisfied before getting loan. The scheme must be a feasible one and the man must be able to offer security. All these questions are involved in deciding loan petitions.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakhimpur): Was there any petition from Lakhimpur District?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: I want notice for that.

Completion of the Chaygaon-Gomi Road

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

(a) Whether the Chaygaon-Gomi Road has been completed?

(b) What amount of money was sanctioned for the construction of this road?

(c) How much money has been spent on it up-till now?

(d) Whether it is proposed to complete the work this year?

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

133. (a)—No.

(b)—Rupees 60,000 only.

(c)—Rupees 52,072.

(d)—Yes, the length taken up by Public Works Department is expected to be completed during the current financial year.

Regarding pay-scales of Secretaries of Primary Panchayats

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*134. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that pay of Secretaries of Primary Panchayats appointed after 1956 was fixed at Rs.50 per mensem ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the Secretaries of Primary Panchayats of Dibrugarh Sub-division have been paid at Rs.25 per mensem ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that provisions made by different Rural Panchayats in their Budgets to pay the Primary Secretaries at Rs.50 per mensem were cancelled in the Rural Development office, Dibrugarh without assigning any reason ?

(d) If so, why this discrimination has been made in the case of Secretaries of Dibrugarh Sub-division ?

†**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

134. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—All the Panchayats did not make provision in their Budget for pay of the Primary Panchayats at Rs.50 per mensem. Those who made provision were advised the Deputy Commissioner not to pay at enhanced rate as their receipts did not cover such enhancement. But with a view to enable the Primary Panchayats to meet the extra expenditure, Government sanctioned Rs.5,000 for payment to the Secretaries at enhanced rate. But Government have no information whether Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur has paid at that rate.

†English translation of Ministers' reply in Assamese.

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) :—

(ক) হয়, সচা।

(খ) হয়, জানে।

(গ) আৰু (ঘ) সকলো পঞ্চায়তে তেওঁলোকৰ বাজেটত প্ৰাথমিক পঞ্চায়ত সম্পাদকৰ মাহিলি বেতন ৫০ টকা হাবে ধৰা নাছিল। যিবিলাক পঞ্চায়তে মাহিলি ৫০ টকাকৈ ধৰিছিল সেই সকল প্ৰাথমিক সম্পাদকক বৃদ্ধিত হাবে বেতন নিদিবলৈ ডেপুটিকমিছনাৰে পৰামৰ্শ দিছে। তেওঁলোকৰ কাৰণে বৃদ্ধিত হাবৰ টকা ধৰা হোৱা নাই। কিন্তু যিসকল প্ৰাথমিক সম্পাদকৰ বেতন ৫০ টকাকৈ ধৰা হোৱা নাছিল, সেই সকলৰ বাকী দিবলগীয়া বৃদ্ধিত হাবৰ টকাৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে ৫,০০০ টকা মঞ্জুৰ কৰিছিল। কিন্তু সেই টকা লক্ষীমপুৰৰ ডেপুটিকমিছনাৰে দিলেনে নাই এই সংবাদ চৰকাৰলৈ অহা নাই।

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) :**

অসমৰ আনবোৰ জিলাত প্ৰাথমিক সম্পাদকৰ দৰমহা ৫০ টকা, সেই সময়ত ডিব্ৰুগড় মহকমাৰ প্ৰাথমিক সম্পাদকৰ দৰমহা ২৫ টকা আৰু বৃদ্ধিত হাবৰ দৰমহা দিবলৈ যেতিয়া নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হয় সেই খবৰ গাওঁ উন্নয়ন বিভাগে পঞ্চায়তক জনোৱা নাছিল। এই কথা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জানেনে?

†**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA :** তেওঁলোকে ২৫ টকা পাইছে। আৰু যে ২৫ টকা দিয়া হব সেই সংবাদ দিয়া হৈছে।

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA :** অসমৰ অন্য ঠাইৰ প্ৰাথমিক সম্পাদকক যেতিয়া ৫০ টকা দিয়ে তেতিয়া ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ প্ৰাথমিক সম্পাদকক ২৫ টকা দিয়ে। মোৰ কথা হৈছে যে ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ প্ৰাথমিক সম্পাদকক ৫০ টকা দিব নেলাগেনেকি?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) :** সেইটো কথা নহয়। যেতিয়া প্ৰথমতে পঞ্চায়ত গঠন কৰা হয় তেতিয়া গোটেই অসমতে পঞ্চায়ত সম্পাদকক মাহিলি ২৫ টকা নিৰ্ধাৰিত বেতন ধাৰ্য কৰা হৈছিল। কিন্তু নতুন পঞ্চায়তৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত ৫০ টকা ধৰা হৈছিল। স্বভাৱিকতে সেইটো উচিত হোৱা নাছিল। তথাপি ৫০ টকা কৰা হ'ল এটা নিৰ্দিষ্ট তাৰিখৰ পৰা আৰু আটাইবোৰ জিলাতে এই হাবে বেতন পাইছে। ডিব্ৰুগড়ত যদি গাওঁ উন্নয়ন বিভাগে দিয়া নাই সেইটো চৰকাৰে নেজানে।

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA :** মোৰ প্ৰশ্ন হৈছে ১৯৫৬ চনৰ পিচৰ পঞ্চায়ত সম্পাদকক সকলো ঠাইতে ৫০ টকা দিছে অকল ডিব্ৰুগড়ত ২৫ টকা ৰাখিলে কিয়? এইটো অনুসন্ধান কৰিবনে?

†**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA :** অনুসন্ধান কৰা হ'ব।

†**Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla) :** এই ভুলটো ১৯৫৬ চনৰ পৰা ১৯৫৯ চনলৈকে কিয় ধৰা পৰা নাই আৰু কিয় অনুসন্ধান কৰা হোৱা নাই? ১৯৫৬ চনৰ পিচৰ বিলাকে ৫০ টকা পাইছে আৰু আগৰবিলাকৰ ২৫ টকাই চলি আছে। মই মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰীক স্মৃতিৰ খুজিছো দায়িত্ব বহন কৰা এজনক ৫০ টকা আৰু আন এজনক ২৫ টকা কিয় দিয়া হৈছে?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA :** ডিব্ৰুগড়ত ৫০ টকা নিদি ২৫ টকাতে ৰখাত মই তেওঁলোকক ধন্যবাদহে দিছো আৰু সেইটো তেওঁলোকক ভাল কামহে কৰিছে বুলি কৈছো।

†**Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla)**: মোৰ প্রশ্ন হৈছে ১৯৫৬ চনৰ কোনো এক নিৰ্দিষ্ট তাৰিখৰ পৰা ৫০ টকা কৰা হৈছে আৰু আগৰ বিলাকে ২৫ টকাকৈ পাই আছে। পাৰ্থক্য দুৰ কৰি গোট্টেই অসমতে ৫০ টকা দিয়া হবনে নহয় ?

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)**: মাননীয় সদস্যই গোট্টেই কথাটো ভালকৈ ধৰিব পাৰিছেনে নাই কব নোৱাৰো। যেতিয়া প্ৰথমতে পঞ্চায়ত গঠন কৰা হয় তেতিয়া সম্পাদকক ২৫ টক নিৰিখলৈকে বেতন দিয়া স্থিৰ কৰা হয়। কিন্তু পিচত স্থিৰ কৰা হয় ৫০ টকা নিৰিখলৈকে দিবৰ নিমিত্তে। ফলত এক কাম কৰা কৰ্মচাৰীক দুঠাইত দুটা দৰমহা দিয়া হৈছে। এইটো ভাল কথা হোৱা নাই। ইতিমধ্যে চৰকাৰেও ধাৰ্য কৰিছে যে সকলোৱে ৫০ টকা নিৰিখলৈকে পাব। এতিয়া প্রশ্ন হৈছে ডিব্ৰুগড়ত কিয় দিয়া হোৱা নাই ? যেহেতু বাকীবোৰ ঠাইত দিয়া হৈছে।

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**: মোৰ প্রশ্ন হৈছে নতুন বিলাকে যেতিয়া ৫০ টকাকৈ পাইছে পুৰণি বিলাকক ২৫ টকাতৈ কিয় বাৰ্খিছে ?

†**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** : ১৯৫৬ চনৰ পিচৰ বিলাকক ৫০ টকাকৈ বেতন দিয়া হৈছে। যিবিলাকে ২৫ টকাকৈ পাইছিল তেওঁলোকক বাকী ২৫ টকা দিবৰ নিমিত্তে জনোৱা হৈছে। কিন্তু ডিব্ৰুগড়ত কি কাৰণে দিয়া নাই সেইটো খবৰ আমি পোৱা নাই।

†**Shri MOHIKANTA DAS**: ১৯৫৯ চনৰ এটা নিৰ্দিষ্ট তাৰিখৰ পৰা ৫০ টকাকৈ দিয়া হৈছে নতুন সকলক। পুৰণি সকলৰ ২৫ টকাই থাকিল নই সুধিব খুজিছো এই অসামঞ্জস্যতা কিয় ? পুৰণি সকলে একে দায়িত্ব বহন কৰি একে কামকে কৰি ২৫ টকাই পাই থাকিব নেকি ?

†**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** : সেইটো পঞ্চায়তে কৰি দিছে এই টো গবৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ কথা নহয়।

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** : ডিব্ৰুগড়ত গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তে বাজেটত ৫০ টকাকৈ ধৰি দিয়া স্বত্বেও গাওঁ উন্নয়ন বিষয়াই ইটো কাটি ২৫ টকা কৰাটো হয়নে ?

†**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** : ডিব্ৰুগড়ত এইটো হৈছিল।

†**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA** : এইটোৰ বাবে গাওঁ উন্নয়নৰ দোষ নাই। পঞ্চায়তক ৫০ টকাকৈ দিব লাগে বুলি চৰকাৰে নিৰ্দেশ দিছিল। চৰকাৰে সেই কথাটো জানে আগতে ১৫ টকা আছিল গতিকে গাওঁ উন্নয়নৰ দোষ নাই।

†**Shri MOHIKANTA DAS** : পঞ্চায়ত চেফ্ৰেটাৰী সকলে সন্মিলন কৰি আপত্তি কৰা স্বত্বেও নুশুনিলে কিয়।

†**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA** : এতিয়া ৫০ টকাকৈ পায়।

Establishment of Technical Institutions at Golaghat and Dergaon

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government have lately received any representation for establishing Technical Institutions at Golaghat and Dergaon ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to consider the claim to establishing Technical Schools at Dergaon which is rural and industrial area of Assam ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to establish some Technical Schools in the rural centre of Assam ?

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education)
replied:

135 (a) Yes.

(b)—The possibilities of starting a Technical School (I.T.I.) at Dergaon can be considered along with other suitable places.

(c)—A Technical School needs certain facilities indispensable which are generally available in or the outskirts of town. There is no bar against a rural area being selected provided the facilities required are available.

Government have already decided to increase the intake capacity for Craftsmen training to 2,400 approximately, and these facilities have been divided as follows.

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1.	Introduction of D. G.R. & E. course in Assam Engineering College.			128
2.	Do	Do	Do	Do Assam Ingg. Instt. 144
3.	Do	Do	Do	P. O. W. Instt. Jorhat 348
4.	Do	Do	Do	Tech. School, Nowgong 232
5.	Do	Do	Do	Tech. School, Tezpur 232
6.	Taking over Gauhati Polytechnic and Introduction of E. G. R. & E. course.			200
7.	Taking over Bongaingon Polytechnic and Introduction of E. G. R. & E. course.			140

This will involve an expenditure of Rs. 15.00 lakhs in the current year and Rs. 32.00 lakhs during 1960-61.

Another such Institute has already been proposed to be set up at Dibrugarh with the help of donation.

†**Shri RAM NATH DAS** [Dergaon (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]: In reply to (b), it is said "The possibilities of starting a Technical (I. T. I.) at Dergaon can be considered along with other suitable places". Now, may I know from the Minister what are the other suitable places to be considered along with Dergaon?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH** (Minister, Education): Sir, this leads us to the question of how many Institutions we are going to have, Sir, now, on a previous occasion I remember to have stated on the floor of the House that during the next Third Five Year Plan we contemplated to set up one such Institution (Craftsmen Training Institute) at each Subdivision. Sir, with very great regret I have to restate that that does not appear to be a probability, nor has a possibility. When we are discussing and are trying to draw up the Plan for the next Third Five Year Plan we find that if the State could be allotted Rs.32 crores for Education then we can have 8 more Craftsmen Training Institutes. Now we have got 5 Institutions and with 8 more, we shall have 13 and we have about 23 Subdivisions. Now, even if that amount i.e., Rs. 32 crores for Education alone is available it does not seem to be feasible to have one such Institution in each Subdivision. We may hope to get 10 crores of rupees for Education during the Third Five Year Plan and out of that amount we have to meet the expenditure in connection with compulsory primary education for the age group of 6-11 years which will cost about Rs. 7 crores and we will be left with about Rs. 6 crores for Technical Education; 6½ crores for General Education including University, Colleges, expansion of Secondary Education and all other different wings of the Education Department such as N.C.C., Cultural activities, Social Education which are about 21 in number and also including Sangit Natak Academy, Lalit Kala Academy etc.

†**Shri RAM NATH DAS**: Sir, may I interrupt? The Hon'ble Minister is making a statement which has got no relevance to my question.

Mr. SPEAKER: He is explaining the position.

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMA**: Now, Sir, if we go down to rupees 20 crores, we will have only 7 Craftsman Institutes at the maximum and with that amount we cannot cover every subdivision. Therefore, the proposed 7 Institutes will be distributed all over Assam and at that time the places will be fixed, and Dergaon will come along with other places while considering the question of selecting the places.

†**Shri HIRALAL PATWARY** (Panery): দৰং জিলাৰ অনুন্নত আৰু জনজাতীয় অঞ্চলবিলাকত কোনো Techhical Institute কৰাৰ উল্লেখ নাই। যেহেতু এই জনজাতীয় উন্নতিৰ কাৰণে এনেধৰণৰ Institute ৰ দৰ্কাৰ, গতিকে চৰকাৰে সেই মন্ত্ৰে বিবেচনা কৰিবনে?

†**Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH**: হয়, যথা সময়ত বিবেচনা কৰা হ'ব।

†**Shri MOHIKANTA DAS** (Barchalla): মঙ্গলদৈৰ কথাও বিবেচনা কৰিবনে?

(No reply)

Deplorable condition of the Chaygaon-Gomi Road

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware of the deplorable condition of the Chaygaon-Gomi Road ?
- (b) Whether this road was completed during the last winter ?
- (c) Who was the contractor engaged for this work ?
- (d) What steps have been taken to repair the road so extensively damaged by flood ?

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

136. (a)—The condition of the road is not deplorable but as it is a fair weather road it becomes muddy during rainy season. Some damages have also been done by the recent flood

(b)—No.

(c)—Name of contractors are given below—

Earth work

1. Shri Dambarudhar Deka.
2. Shri Keshab Chandra Das.
3. Shri Gaurikanta Das.
4. Shri Pratapchandra Das.
5. Shri Bipinchandra Kalita.

Bridge and Culverts

1. Shri Sibaram Kalita.
2. Shri Hayram Das.
3. Shri Bisweswar Sarma.
4. Shri Phanindranath Thakuria.
5. Shri Ramcharan Choudhury.

(d)—Estimates for permanent restoration are under scrutiny and work will be taken up shortly.

Expenditures incurred on Muster Roll and other repair works on both the approaches to the Dikrong Bridge

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that large sums of money are spent on Muster Roll and other repair contracts in both the approaches to the Dikrong bridge ?
- (b) What was the amount spent during the last two years and in the current year up-till now (1) on Muster Roll and (2) on contract system on these two portions (figures to be given year by year separately) ?
- (c) How many timber bridges and culverts are there in these two approaches and how many times each bridge and culvert was repaired in the last three years and also before the opening of the same for traffic this year ?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to hold an enquiry about the expenditure already incurred in these two approaches ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to take immediate steps to open the Dikrong bridge which was completed in May last but could not be opened due to non-completion of the approaches ?

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

137. (a)—Amounts have been spent through Muster Roll in maintaining the roads during construction to facilitate collection of gravels and metals in the completed portions. No repair work has been done through contract.

(b)—The amount spent during the last two years and the current year up-till now is--

On Muster Roll—Maintenance works during execution—

1957-58...	...	23,311·00
1958-59...	...	16,350·00
1959-60...	...	9,552·00

(Upto August 1959.)

49,213·00

On contract system—Original works—

1957-58...	...	1,44,248·00
1958-59...	...	3,10,740·00
1959-60...	...	12,451·00

(August 1959.)

4,67,439·00

(c)—There are 26 Nos. of timber bridges and 21 Nos. of R. C. C. Culverts on both the approaches. No repair work has been taken up as yet on any of the bridges and culverts.

(d)—Government do not consider any enquiry necessary in such cases.

(e)—The bridge has already been opened to traffic on 20th September 1959.

Decision to increase Bazar buses for Nalbari Centre to serve all the neighbouring Bazars

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

*138. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he is aware of the difficulties experienced by people for want of Bazar buses to come from Barpeta to attend Bazar in North Kamrup, namely, Nadale, Nalbari, Bhutan Mela?
- (b) What is the total number of Bazar buses in Barpeta Subdivision?
- (c) Whether the Minister has received any representation from the contract carriage corporation on this matter?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to increase the number of Bazar buses so that people can conveniently come to the above-mentioned Bazars?

Shri WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

138. (a)—A representation has been received from the Public in this respect.

(b)—Thirteen.

(c)—No. The Regional Transport Authority, Gauhati, however, is receiving repeated representations from the Barpeta Contract Carriage Corporation for extension of their area of operation to include the entire region of North Kamrup including Bhutan Mela at Darranga.

(d)—The Regional Transport Authority, Gauhati has already decided to increase two more Bazar buses for Nalbari Centre to serve all the neighbouring Bazars.

(Starred Question Nos. 139 and 140 standing in the name of Shri Tarun Sen Deka were not put and answered as the hon. Member was absent).

Self-help Grant to Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*141. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Government sanctioned Self-help Grant to Sibsagar Subdivision in 1957-58 and if so, what was the amount ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that approval was given after a year ?
- (c) Whether the said amount was distributed entirely ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

***Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development)** replied :

141. (a)—Government allotted a sum of Rs.12,000 to the Sibsagar Subdivision during 1957-58.

(b)—Yes. Government approval was given after a year which was due to the series of correspondences made with Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar as most of the projects recommended were individual concerns which is against the policy of the Government and in this connection instructions to modify the proposal was issued.

(c)—No. A sum of Rs.8,125 (Rupees eight thousand, one hundred and twenty-five) has so far been distributed out of the amount of Rs.12,000.

(d)—The reason for non-payment of the amount were that the proposals lacked certain essential information which had to be clarified from the local officers.

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development): (a) ১৯৫৭-৫৮ চনত চৰকাৰৰ পক্ষৰ পৰা, শিৱসাগৰ মহকুমাৰ কাৰণে ১২,০০০ টকা দিয়া হৈছিল।

(b) চৰকাৰী নীতিৰ বিৰুদ্ধে বহুতো ব্যক্তিগত কামত সাহায্য বিলাক দিয়াৰ কাৰণে শিৱসাগৰৰ D. C.ৰ লগত বহুত বাৰ লেখালেখি হয়। আৰু সেই প্ৰস্তাৱিত সাহায্য সমূহ সংশোধিত আকাৰে পঠাবলৈ কোৱা হয়। এই বিলাক পোৱাৰ পিচতহে মঞ্জুৰী দিয়াত এবছৰ পলম হৈছে।

(c) নহয়, এতিয়ালৈ ১২,০০০ টকাৰ ভিতৰত ৮,৯২৫ টকাহে বিতৰণ কৰা হৈছে।

(d) প্ৰতিটো কামৰ বিষয়ে কিছুমান অত্যাৱশ্যকীয় সংবাদ স্থানীয় কৰ্মচাৰীৰ জৰিয়তে তদন্ত হৈ নহাৰ ফলতেই টকা দিয়া হোৱা নাই।

†**Shri GAURISANKAR ROY (Katlicherra):** কি নীতিক ভিত্তি কৰি টকা বিলাক মহকুমা বিলাকত বিলি হয়।

†**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** লোক সংখ্যাৰ ভিত্তিত দিয়া হয়।

Relinquishment of land of Bordoibam Tea Estate by Jokai Tea Company

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that Jokai (Assam) Tea Company relinquished about 1,700 acres of land of Bordoibam Tea Estate in North Lakhimpur Subdivision in or about 1950?

(b) Whether it is a fact that certain portion of this land is under occupation of cultivators?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that certain portion of this land is under encroachment of an Indian Tea Planter ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that allegations were made by the public that the Sub-Deputy Collector of Subansiri Circle had been supporting the Tea Planter and standing in the way of the cultivators in getting land ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Subdivisional Officer, North Lakhimpur has not granted pattas to the cultivators who have been occupying the land since 1952 ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

142. (a)—Yes, about 1,770 acres were relinquished in 1952-53.

(b)—Yes, but the occupation is unauthorised.

(c)—It is not a fact.

(d)—It is not a fact.

(e)—Yes. The occupants do not deserve further settlement of land as they have already enough land elsewhere.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Sir, is it a fact that there is a proposal to settle a major portion of this relinquished Grant with an Indian Tea Planter ?

Shri HRESWAR DAS: There was no proposal. But an Indian Tea Planter purchased the land under tea and that being an uneconomic area, he wanted some land. The local people opposed to it and the matter is still in that position.

†**Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]**: সেই লোকসকলে কিমান মাটি বিচাৰিছে ?

†**Shri HARESWAR DAS**: প্ৰায় গোটেই মাটি খণ্ডই বিচাৰিছে। ইয়াৰ ভিতৰত ভাগ নম্বৰ ৪০, ভাগ নম্বৰ ৪৪ আৰু ২১ নম্বৰ ভাগবো এটা অংশ আছে।

†**Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY**: কিমান বিঘা হ'ব ?

†**Shri HARESWAR DAS**: সৰ্বমোট ৪২৫ বিঘা হ'ব।

Reservation of Santal Colony Mauza of Goalpara in Santal Tribe

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Santal Colony Mauza, in the district of Goalpara has been kept reserved for protection of Santal Tribe from the exploitations of the more advanced people ?
- (b) If so, from what year ?

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

143. (a)—Yes.
(b)—1880 A. D.

Taking over of State Trading of Sugar by Government

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government contemplate to take State Trading of Sugar entirely or propose to continue the present system by giving some unnecessary profit to some middlemen of outside Assam ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact the Thappa Brothers are receiving commission of annas three per maund and Government also deposited some lakhs to this agency ?
- (c) Whether in respect of other Trades Government grant less commission ?
- (d) Whether Government is not able to procure sugar without the help of third party or middlemen ?
- (e) Whether there is any dealer eager to deal with sugar at a rate of two annas or less per maund ?
- (f) If so, whether Government will be prepared to alter the Thappa Brothers ?

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

144. (a)—State Trading in sugar has been introduced with effect from the October, 1959 quota of sugar and the Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Limited, have been appointed by the State Government as their Sole Agents for procurement of the entire State monthly quota of sugar from the mills outside Assam. There is no middleman at present. The Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Limited, are functioning satisfactorily and no other change is contemplated at the moment.

(b)—Government did not deposit any amount with them or paid any commission to them.

(c)—It is not possible to reply unless the Hon'ble Member specifies such trades.

(d)—The present policy of the Government is to entrust the Co-operative Organisation with the procurement and distribution of consumers goods as far as possible. As stated in reply to question (a), there is no middleman now and the entire State monthly quota of sugar is procured and supplied through the Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Limited, only.

(e)—Government have no such information.

(f)—Does not arise.

Uncongenial location of Bus stand at Dhubri ; smoking inside buses and decrease in Income of the State Transport Buses

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked:

*145. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the public bus stand at Dhubri Town has not been yet removed from its present site ?

(b) Whether Government will be pleased to take immediate action in the matter in view of its location in uncongenial surrounding ?

*146. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware or received reports to the effect that smoking in the State and Public buses are still going on in spite of its making illegal ?

- (b) Whether Government are aware that nobody remain in-charge of the State bus when it stops at a station and the passenger begin to smoke in the bus ?
- (c) How many cases of smoking in the State buses have been sent up for trial ? Specially on the Gauhati-Shillong Road during the course of last three years ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that the Shillong-Gauhati State Transport buses do not keep complain book with them ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware of a complain made by the Questioner to the State Transport Superintendent in the year 1958 about the non-production of complain book by the driver and conductor of Shillong-Gauhati route ?
- (f) What action the State Transport Superintendent took in the matter ?
- (g) Whether the driver and conductors now keep the complain book with them regularly ?

*147. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the income of the State Transport has fallen very much in the Dhubri Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that fall of income is due to abolition of the posts of ticket sellers in the Subdivision ?
- (c) Whether Government consider the question of reposting of ticket sellers again in view of the above facts ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that the distance between Chapar and Bhalpur State Transport Station is only three and half miles ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the passengers are charged annas five for Upper Class and annas four for Lower Class for these three and half miles of road ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to reduce the rate to fit in according to mileage or the distance of the two stations ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

145. (a)—Yes. But the present public bus stand has been improved.

(b)—Removal of the said bus stand to a more suitable place is being considered.

146. (a)—No. Government have received no such reports.

(b)—No. The conductors remain in-charge of the buses. Sign-boards are also affixed in the buses prohibiting smoking.

(c) No case of smoking in the State Transport bus was sent up for trial during the course of last three years especially on the Gauhati-Shillong route.

(d) It has been ascertained that stray instances of such irregularity were sometimes reported in the past. The conductors concerned were duly warned.

(e)—Records are not available about any complaints.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—Yes.

147. (a)—Yes, in comparison with the last year's figure. But the income is more in comparison with figures for previous years.

(b)—No. The income in the last year went up due to the diversion of Railway passengers through Dhubri due to extensive Railway breach while such diversion only to such extent was affected *via* Bongaigaon during this year for a short period. Further with the establishment of Subdivisional Headquarters and Court at Kokrajhar the normal flow of passengers to Dhubri and back have been proportionately diverted to Kokrajhar.

(c)—No.

(d), (e) & (f)—Although the distance between Chapar Station and Bahalpur stoppage is $3\frac{5}{8}$ miles at the inception of operation of the route for want of fixation of exact place for stations permanently distance between them was counted from the two outer ends of both the places which runs more than 4 miles as per P. W. D. mile posts and fares were charged accordingly for 5 miles, *i.e.*, annas 5 for Upper Class and annas 4 for Lower Class in the past.

This has however since been rectified and the distance for charge of fare has been counted as 4 miles with effect from 22nd September 1959 and rates of fare reduced accordingly to annas 4 for Upper Class and annas 3 for Lower Class

(At this Stage the Question hour was over and all the Starred Questions which remained unanswered printed in the proceedings under Assembly Rule 47).

Appointment in the Assam Oil Refinery

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

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

- (a) Whether he is aware as to how many officers and other categories of staff have been appointed in the Assam Oil Refinery?
- (b) If so, how many of them belong to Assam in each grade?
- (c) How many of them belong to States other than Assam in each grade of service?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied:

148. (a) to (c)—Information is being collected.

Regarding Tinsukia Municipality Election

Shri TARUNSEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the programme for the next General Election to the Tinsukia Municipal Board started on and from 18th May 1959 but the order was signed by the Magistrate-in-charge on 24th June 1959 under Memo. No.7538-46G?

(b) If so, why such irregularity was committed in this respect?

(c) Whether Government is aware that due to the action of the Magistrate-in-charge, a large number of deserving persons of the Tinsukia have been denied enlistment as Municipal voters?

(d) Whether it is a fact that Shri Barun Chandra Ghose, Assistant Secretary, Tinsukia Branch Communist Party, sent telegram to the District Magistrate, Lakhimpur informing him of some of the irregularities committed by the Magistrate-in-charge?

(e) Whether it is also a fact that the said Shri Barun Chandra Ghose informed the Minister-in-charge, Local Self-Government, Assam on 3rd July 1959 for intervention?

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

149. (a)—It is not a fact. The Election programme was duly drawn up and signed by the Magistrate, it was published under Memo. No.7538-46G, dated 24th June 1959 only for information of the general public.

(b)—This was not irregular.

(c)—It is not a fact. Persons who were not entitled to be voters under section 14 of the Assam Municipal Act, 1956, as they were not resident within the Municipality during the qualifying period, etc., were only disallowed.

(d)—It is a fact that Shri Barun Ghose, Assistant Secretary, Tinsukia Communist Party sent a telegram to the District Magistrate alleging some irregularities which were found on verification to be baseless.

(e)—Yes.

Criminal cases in Pub-Samaria and Pachim-Samaria Mauzas in 1958-59

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

- (a) How many cases of murder, dacoity and arson had taken place in the Pub-Samaria and Pachim-Samaria Mauzas in 1958-59 ?
- (b) How many cases were reported to the Police and how many were investigated ?
- (c) How many were sent up for trial and what are the result of the trial ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that recently a dacoit was caught redhanded by the public and he was produced before the police at Chayagaon with a confessional statement stating his associates before the Panchayats ?
- (e) If so, what action has been taken on the statement and how many of them have been arrested or interrogated ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

150. (a)—Five cases of murder, 2 cases of dacoity and 5 cases of arson took place in both the Mouzas during 1958 and 1959 (up-to-date).

(b)—The cases referred to in (a) above, were reported to the Police and were investigated.

(c)—Five cases were sent up for trial the result of those cases are as follows—

Murder (4 cases)—Two cases ended in conviction and 2 cases are subjudice.

Arson (1 case)—The case is subjudice.

(d) & (e)—One suspicious person was caught by the people and made over to Chayagaon Police. The persons who caught the suspect stated before the Police that this suspect when questioned verbally by them admitted his guilt before them. No confessional statement was made by the suspect before the Police. When produced before the Magistrate, the person also did not make any confessional statement.

The Police has, however, arrested eleven suspects so far.

Charging of high rate of Revenue by Land owners of Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the land owners of Bogdung Mauza and Chabua area of Dibrugarh Subdivision have been charging rupees twenty to rupees twenty-five per bigha of land against Government revenue of rupee one or so ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the land owners are realising 8 to 10 maunds of paddy per 'pura' (4 bighas) of land against production of 25 to 30 maunds of paddy although they are not Adhiars ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that a public meeting held at Chabua on 27th January 1959 made allegations that land owners of Chabua and Bogdung areas are charging Rs.80 to Rs.100 per "pura" (4 bighas) of land or realising 8 to 10 maunds paddy per "pura" of lands ?
- (d) Whether necessary enquiry has been made in this regard ?
- (e) If so, what is the result of the enquiry ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

151. (a)—No specific instance of cash rent being realised at the rate of Rs.20 to Rs.25 per bigha has come to notice. If it is produce rent, then whether the rent is in excess or not will depend on the actual yield per bigha of a particular plot or plots. Under sub-section (17) of section 3 of the Assam (T.S.D.) Tenancy Act, 1935 as amended, maximum produce rent means one-fourth of the actual produce. Redress against any excess realisation of rent lies in the proper court.

(b)—Some landlords are realising at 8 to 10 maunds per pura. But whether that is in excess of statutory limit will depend on the yield of the land. As such, without specific cases being mentioned, it is not possible to find out if the landlords are charging excess.

(c)—No allegations to this effect was received in pursuance of discussion in any meeting held at Chabua on 27th January 1959. But this question generally came to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner after these and allied matters were discussed in the meeting held sometime in August 1958 when the extracts of the resolutions were forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Already stated against (a) and (b) above. In absence of any regular complaint before the Adhi Conciliation Board from the aggrieved persons, only a general enquiry could be held.

Settlement of landless people in Khas land of Bhagnamari Professional Grazing Reserve

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the villages (1) Nos.1, 2, 3 Bagnapura, (2) Nos.1, 2, 3 Bhelengimari, (3) Lautali, (4) Balarchar N. C., (5) Bhelakhati, (6) Khagrakhati under Hajo Circle have been completely eroded by river ?

(b) If so, how many settlement holders of these villages have been eroded and rendered landless ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that land of these villages have been raised on the other bank of the river adding with the Bhagnamari P. G. R. area?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that these river eroded people are filing petitions before the Minister, Revenue to get settlement of land in the Khas area of Bhagnamari P. G. R. and that this Khas area has been raised after eroding their villages?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to settle these Khas lands of Bhagnamari P. G. R. with those river eroded people?
- (f) If so, when?

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

152. (a) to (f)—Information is being collected.

Balizan Grazing Reserve in North Lakhimpur Subdivision

Shri TARUNSEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government have lately received representation from about 38 Miri families of Ejar-guri-Mothokurigaon of Telahi Mauza under North Lakhimpur police station of North Lakhimpur Subdivision requesting the Government to keep 353 bighas of land of Balizan Grazing Reserve, as for the benefit and use of villagers of 14 neighbouring villages?

(b) If so, what steps Government are going to take on that representation?

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

153. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The matter was placed in the last meeting of the Land Settlement Advisory Board held on 30th October 1959 and the Board is of opinion that 300 bighas of land may be kept dereserved from the said Grazing for settlement with the landless and flood-affected people and to keep 353 bighas of the land as reserved for the benefit and use of the neighbouring villagers. The Subdivisional Officer is taking step in the matter accordingly.

Construction of Barpeta-Baghbar Public Works Department Road from Refugee Fund

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Barpeta-Baghbar Public Works Department Road was constructed from the refugee fund and if so, what is the amount spent for its construction from this refugee fund?
- (b) How many bridges on the said road are now in order and how many of them are not?
- (c) When the road and bridges will be completed?
- (d) What is the amount paid on muster roll on this road during the last ten months? (Answer to be given month by month).
- (e) Whether it is a fact that no person was engaged on muster roll during the above-mentioned time?
- (f) How many Iron Sheets were issued from the Public Works Department office to place the same on the bridge approaches on this road?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that not a single sheet was used on the site?

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

154. (a)—Yes, it is constructed from Refugee Fund. The total expenditure incurred is Rs.8,62,403.00 nP.

(b)—Out of total Nos. of 15 bridges of and the road 9 Nos. were already completed and the rest 6 (six) Nos. are completed up to bearing beam. But at present only one bridge out of 9 Nos. is in order and the approaches of the rest bridges are damaged by Flood and hence not trafficable.

(c)—The road and bridges are expected to be completed by 1960-61.

(d)—Total expenditure incurred against Muster Roll on this road during the last ten months for Annual repair and Flood Damage repair is as follows—

(From November 1958 to August 1959)

Months	Annual repair	F. D. R.
November 1958	313.25 nP.	Nil.
December 1958	354.25 ,,	,,
January 1959	323.75 ,,	,,
February 1959	833.00 ,,	,,
March 1959	1,028.25 ,,	,,
April 1959	306.25 ,,	,,
May 1959	550.25 ,,	,,
June 1959	1,693.75 ,,	,,
July 1959	699.50 ,,	338.00
August 1959	636.00 ,,	813.00
Total	6,738.25 ,,	1,151.00

(e)—This is not a fact.

(f)—26 Nos. of empty (bitumen) drums were issued during the period of 10 months.

(g)—No. All the empty drums were used.

Labour trouble at Badlapara Tea Estate

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery) asked:

*155. Will the Minister-in-charge for Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there was a labour trouble at Badlapara Tea Estate in Darrang District some time on 1st July last?

(b) If so, what sort of labour trouble it was?

(c) Whether it is a fact that there was rioting and as a result of which the window glasses and glasses of the office premises and that of Manager's car were broken and the Manager was assaulted?

(d) If so, whether the Manager has filed an ejarah to the police authorities?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that a police party was posted at Badlapara Tea Estate in connection with the labour trouble ?
- (f) If so, for how many days the police party remained on duty and what were the total expenditure incurred by the Government ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the police party has withdrawn ?
- (h) If so, when ?
- (i) Whether it is also a fact that no person was arrested in connection with the rioting during the stay of the police party ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that a show cause notice was served by the Management of the garden on six labourers of the garden ?
- (k) If so, what are the names of the labourers ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that the show cause notice has since been withdrawn ?
- (m) If so, when ?
- (n) Whether it is a fact that the police party has again been posted at Badlapara Tea Estate ?
- (o) If so, why ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

155. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—Strike and riot.
- (c)—Yes.
- (d)—Yes.
- (e)—Yes.
- (f)—The police party was at Badlapara Tea Estate from the 1st July 1959 (6-30 P.M.) to the 21st July 1959 and from the 23rd July 1959 to the 28th July 1959. Government had to incur an expenditure of Rs.1,545.28 nP.
- (g)—Yes.
- (h)—On the 29th July, 1959.
- (i)—Yes.
- (j)—Yes.
- (k)—The names of the labourers are—
- (1) Eto (F), (2) Birjinia (F), (3) Baleswar (M), (4) Ropna (M), (5) Domba (M), (6) Soma (M).
- (l)—Yes, when these labourers along with others accepted retrenchment.

(m)—On the 29th July 1959.

(n)—No.

(o)—Does not arise.

Strength of Tea Gardens in Assam

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

- (a) What is the total number of Tea Gardens in Assam and how many of them are under Indian Management and how many are European Managed ?
- (b) How many Managers and Assistant Managers in the European Managed Gardens are Indians ?
- (c) How many Managers and Assistant Managers of such Indian Managed Gardens are natives of Assam ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

156. (a), (b) & (c)—The information is being collected.

Slow progress of Black-topping work of the North Trunk Road

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakhimpur) asked :

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

- (a) Why the work of black-topping of the North Trunk road is progressing at a snail speed in its Mangaldai and North Lakhimpur portions ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that due to want of good road-roller the progress is so slow ?
- (c) If so, why good road-rollers are not provided in these portions of the road ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to expedite the work of black-topping of this road which is very important ?

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

157. (a)—The progress of work on the portion of North Trunk Road in Mangaldai is satisfactory. The works as per programme have been completed except 2nd coat of black-topping. The remaining works are expected to be completed within the next year.

The works on the portion in North Lakhimpur Division did not progress satisfactorily in the beginning of the Second Plan period due to difficulty in collection of boulders and metals from the river bed of Dikrong on account of the road (Diversion portion of North Trunk Road) being then under construction. Since these portions have been completed and opened to traffic, the collection work has been programmed to be completed for completion of the metalling and surfacing work during the plan period.

(b) & (c)—There is overall shortage of road-rollers to meet the demand of metalling and surfacing works in the State. Road-rollers have been distributed to the Divisions on an equitable basis. In all Divisions (where there is metalling and surfacing programme) there is shortage of rollers.

(d)—Yes.

Allotment of paddy to Subansiri Circle and State

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) asked:

*158. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to refer to the (unstarred) Question No.564 asked by the Questioner in the Assembly on the 8th April 1959 on the subject of allotment of paddy to Subansiri Circle and state—

(a) Whether Government has received any report from the cheap grain shop dealers and if so, what is the gist of that report?

(b) What are the names of villages of this riverine area where the 4,000 maunds of Sali paddy was distributed and whether it was continued till the harvesting of the next Aus paddy (i.e., till April 1959)?

(c) Whether Government will make a thorough enquiry as to whether the paddy was at all taken from Badati godown?

- (d) Why the whole quantity of paddy was taken from Badati Godown when there was enough Sali paddy available either at Ghilamora or Dhemaj or Bordoloni or Mashkhowa from where paddy is procured by the procurement branch of Dibrugarh side ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

158. (a)—The distribution registers maintained by cheap grain shop dealers were called for and checked. These registers revealed that paddy had actually been sold amongst the needy people of three Mauzas as given below—

(1) Dhakuakhana Mauza	..	1,700 maunds.
(2) Machkhowa	..	1,350 „
(3) Bardolani	..	950 „

Distribution registers of three dealers have been certified by the Presidents of the respective Rural Panchayats and other three registers of three dealers have been certified by Presidents of the Primary Panchayats.

(b)—Names of the villages are given here—

- (1) Matmara, (2) Baghasuk, (3) Brina, (4) Upper Dangdhara, (5) Kalabari, (6) Janji, (7) Arkep, (8) Charansuk, (9) Modarguri, (10) Bali, (11) Alimur, (12) Bakulguri, (13) Bakulsa- pari, (14) Lepong, (15) Kumbang, (16) Patirgaon, (17) Akon Digholi, (18) Bandhana, (19) Barbil, (20) Kapson, (21) Lutasur, (22) Bhomjai, (23) Jugisuti, (24) Abor Miri, (25) Gerjai, (26) Bhalukaguri, (27) Dumkata, (28) Kuraimari, (29) Jorkata Bangali, (30) Jorkata, (31) Sissi Bangali, (32) Sissi- ghat, (33) Tapit, (34) Dumkata Koroimari, (35) Bagbhita Miri, (36) Sisikoiborita, (37) Janmisuk, (38) Kathalguri, (39) Ming- mang, (40) Dirpai.

Distribution continued up to the end of February

1959.

(c) & (d)—Enquiry had been made and it has been found that only 1,500 maunds of paddy were taken from Badati Government Godown. As no more stock of paddy was available at the time the balance of 2,500 maunds of paddy were purchased locally by inviting tenders. Except Dhemaji all other places mentioned in question (d) are deficit areas since the great

Earthquake of 1950. As the purchase was made through Contractor by inviting tenders no direct purchase was made by local Officer and hence the question of purchasing locally in these areas by Government direct does not arise.

Barpeta Cattle Farm

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

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

- (a) The amount of money received annually by selling buffaloe milk of Barpeta Cattle Farm, for the last 5 years (figures to be given year by year) ?
- (b) Who were the distributing contractor or agency for the said milk for the last 5 years and who is the contractor for the present year ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that one Shri Bhabesh Cihandra Das has been given contract for distributing the said milk at Rs.22 per lb. of milk which he offered through a petition although tenders were called for the said contract ?
- (d) When tender was called and why the contract was settled as a private settlement ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Deputy Director Live Stock, Gauhati asked the Uttar Barpeta Trading Co-operative Limited, whether if this Organisation could offer Rs.22 for over 80 lbs. of milk ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that this co-operative organisation agreed at Rs.22 per 80 lb. which was the highest rate ?
- (g) If so, why the contract was settled with an individual in preference to a co-operative society in violation of Government principle ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to look into the matter and revise the order ?

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

159. (a) to (h)—Information are being collected.

**Presidents of the Adhoc Anchalik Panchayats Barpeta
Subdivision**

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tabarari) asked :

*160. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Who are the Presidents of the Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat of Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that all the Members and Presidents of the Adhoc Anchalik Panchayats are of Congress Party alone ?
- (c) Why not a single member or President has been taken from other Political parties to other than Congress Party ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development Department) replied :

160. (a)—(1) Shri Biswanath Das, President, Gobardhana Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat Committee.
- (2) Mvi. Moslemuddin Ahmed (*Ex-President*, R. P.) President, Rupshi Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat Committee.
- (3) Mvi. Mukhtar Ali, B.A., LL.B., President, Bhawanipur Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat Committee.
- (4) Shri Pranjit Kr. Talukdar (*Ex-Member*, Local Board), President, Chenga Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat Committee.
- (5) Mvi. Ataur Rahman (*Ex-Chairman*, Local Board), President, Mondia Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat Committee.
- (6) Mvi. Azizul Rahman Choudhury, Bhella, President, Barpeta Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat Committee.
- (7) Dr. Keshab Ch. Das, (*Ex-President*, R. P.), President, Jalikhata (Bajali), Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat Committee.
- (8) Shri Ananta Mohan Das, Baghmara, President, Jalah Adhoc Anchalik Panchayat Committee.

(b) & (c)—Government have no information as to whether the Members or Presidents as nominated all belong to Congress Party alone.

Eviction of river eroded persons from the Khas lands of Baghbar Hill by the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta recently evicted those river eroded persons who had taken shelter in the Khas lands on the southern side of Baghbar Hill within Baghbarpathar without giving them alternate land and proper notice ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta has thereby violated the Government instruction No. 14 of the circular No. RSS.329/53, dated Shillong 6th March, 1959.
- (c) If so, why no notice was served upon the river eroded encroaches of this particular place ?

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

161. (a)—The encroachers were evicted recently under rule 18(2) of the Settlement Rules. The question of providing them alternative land does not arise as they occupied Khas lands without any authority, but the cases of deserving river eroded people among them will receive due consideration along with the other flood-affected and eroded people.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Illegal Collection of Chowkidary Tax

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

*162. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the *Ex-Collecting Member*, Shri Tikat Kisku, of Union No.6 of the Gossaigaon police station collected illegal Chawkidary Tax for the year 1363 B. S. ?

- (b) If so, what was the amount collected by him illegally during that year (*i.e.*, 1363 B. S.) ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Chowkidars and the Dafadars of the Union No.6 of the Gossaigaon police station have not been fully paid their salaries for that year (*i.e.*, 1363 B. S.) ?
- (d) If so, why ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development Department) replied :

162. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—The information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara.

Uprooted and eroded families caused by Brahmaputra Flood in Northern part of Lahoal Mauza, Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) The number of families uprooted by the erosion and flood of the Brahmaputra and flood in Northern part of Lahoal Mouza in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) How many of them have since been rehabilitated and how many of them are awaiting rehabilitation ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to rehabilitate the rest ?
- (d) If so, how and when ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

163. (a)—211 families.
 Bogibil area—81 families.
 Nagakhelia and Mohanaghat—77 families.
 Northern part of Lahoal mauza—53 families.

(b)—All the 130 families of Nagakhelia and Mohan-naghat and of Northern part of Lahoal mauza have already been rehabilitated. 81 families of Bogibil area are still awaiting rehabilitation.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Out of the 81 families, 43 are going to be rehabilitated in the Medela Forest Reserve. The rest are going to be rehabilitated in requisitioned area of Tea Gardens failing which either in Buridehing N. C. area or in Philobari area. Matter is under active consideration of Government.

Ayurvedic Dispensary in Bhagawatipara in Rampur

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

(a) Whether he has lately received a representation for opening of Ayurvedic Dispensary in Bhagawatipara in Rampur ?

(b) What steps have been taken on that representation ?

(c) What are the conditions precedent for sanctioning of Charitable Ayurvedic Dispensary ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

164. (a)—No such representation has been received as yet.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Up-till now Government have not sanctioned any Charitable Ayurvedic Dispensary in the State but Government have been sanctioning Ayurvedic subsidised dispensaries under certain rules according to which villagers are to provide the dispensary building themselves.

Death of people from Kala-azar in Jarabari Mauza, Raha police station, Nowgong District

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that the Jarabari Mauza under Raha police station in the District of Nowgong is a place where many people die out of *Kala-azar* attack, every year ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that six persons have died of *Kala-azar* this year only in one village known as Niz-Jarabari ?
- (c) Whether it is also a fact that the people of Niz-Jarabari, Dhemaji Pipira Goam and neighbouring villages have been giving representation to the Government for appointment of a doctor at Niz-Jarabari *Kala-azar* Centre ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that there is no doctor except a compounder at Niz-Jarabari ?
- (e) What is the total number of persons at present lying ill of *Kala-azar* at Niz-Jarabari village area ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to depute a doctor there in near future ?
- (g) If so, when, and if not, why not ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical)
replied :

165. (a), (b) & (c)—Government have no information.
 (d) & (e)—Information is being collected.
 (f) & (g)—Necessary steps will be taken after receipt of a report from the Civil Surgeon, Nowgong.

Small-pox in village Barnibari of Mauza Uttar Barkhetri, Kamrup District

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that many persons were attacked by Small-pox in village Barnibari of Mauza Uttar Barkhetri in the District of Kamrup this year ?
- (b) How many persons died of this disease this year ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that more than eleven persons have already died of small-pox this year only within the Municipal area of Nalbari ?
- (d) What preventive measures were undertaken by the Government and after how many days since the day of the 1st death ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical)
replied :

166. (a)—Yes.

(b)—9 persons.

(c)—No.

(d)—All possible measures both preventive and precautionary were taken to check the spread of the disease as soon as the report of small-pox cases was received by the Civil Surgeon.

Contents of Resolutions passed at Bhella by the Sub-divisional Labour Union

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

(a) Whether he has received some resolutions passed at Bhella by the Subdivisional Labour Union recently forwarded by Abulas Ali, Secretary of the Union ?

(b) If so, what are the contents of the said resolutions and whether Government will consider the same ?

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

167. (a)—Yes.

(b) (i)—The resolutions contain the following prayers so far as Government are concerned—

(i) Granting of holidays on Sundays with wage.

- (ii) Granting of same facilities to Public Works Department labourers as enjoyed by the 4th Grade Government Servants, in the matter of pay, leave and holiday with wages, permanency of service and proper arrangement for medical treatment.
- (iii) Fixation of monthly wage at Rs.75 till the prayer in (ii) above is given effect to.
- (iv) Government is requested to grant them holidays on Sundays with wage from the month from which the same has been allowed in other places like Rangiya, Nalbari, Patsala, etc. These facilities have since been given effect to. All Executive Engineers and Public Works Disbursers have been instructed to grant the Public Works Department labourers weekly holidays with wages as admissible under the Minimum Wages Act and the rules framed thereunder.

In addition, the Departmental labourers have also been allowed to enjoy holidays with full wage on the following occasions—

- (1) Independence Day.
- (2) Republic Day.
- (3) Bohag Bihu.
- (4) Magh Bihu.
- (5) Gandhiji's Birth Day.

(ii)—The Departmental labourers are 'Casual Employees' engaged on 'No Work', 'No Wage' basis.

They are employed according to necessity and demand for particular works, and when there is no other work immediately thereafter for them, they are discharged. In view of their nature of employment, they cannot be employed on permanent basis nor can they be granted the same benefits as admissible to Grade IV Government servants who are members of regular establishment. Facilities as admissible to them under the Minimum Wages Act and the Rules framed thereunder have been extended to them.

(iii)—All Superintending Engineers have been authorised to sanction higher rates of wages to the Departmental labourers if time and condition demand increased rate of wages.

Regarding Veterinary Dispensary at Mukalmua under Hajo Police Station

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

*168. Will the Minister, Veterinary be pleased to state—

(a) Whether one Veterinary Dispensary was granted at Mukalmua under Hajo P.S. ?

(b) If so, when the order was passed ?

(c) Whether the dispensary is in existence ?

(d) If not, why not ?

(e) Why Government is unable to fix the site of this Veterinary Dispensary ?

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

168. (a)—Government agreed to utilise the buildings at either place by opening a Veterinary Dispensary at Mukalmua and a Key Village Centre at Bortola.

(b)—The above orders were passed on 30th April 1958.

(c)—No. No dispensary has yet been opened due to the fact that the two rival parties cannot agree with regard to their location.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Government gave the parties unlimited opportunities to come to a compromise but they failed. Therefore, Government is not in a position to help them.

Location of liquor shops near Moderkhat and Kakapathar High School in Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a liquor shop is situated in the vicinity of Moderkhat High School, in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

- (b) If so, what is the distance of the liquor shop from the High School ?
- (c) When this liquor shop was shifted to this site near the High School ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the public have been complaining against the location of the liquor shop near the School and the Weekly Market ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Moderkhat Mauza Jurak Sangha adopted resolutions on several occasions requesting Government to remove the liquor shop from the site near the School ?

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a country liquor shop is situated within a radius of about 300 yards of Kakapathar Government Aided High School ?
- (b) If so, whether it is a fact that Government have been requested to remove this liquor shop from its present site to a place about 2 miles on the west of Kakapathar High School ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that a resolution was also adopted in a meeting of the guardians of the students of Kakapathar High School held on 30th October last requesting to remove the liquor shop from the place near the High School ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to shift this liquor shop from there ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise) replied:

169. (a) to (e)—The information is being collected.

170. (a) to (d)—The information is being collected.

Regarding taking over of the road from Barpeta road to Bashbari Bagan by the Public Works Department

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the Barpeta-Barpeta Road Bus line has been extended upto Bashbari Bagan ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this Road from Barpeta Road to Bashbari Bagan has not been taken over by the P. W. D. but left under the Bagan authority ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that the Bagan authority is not maintaining this Road properly ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that the buses are plying on this road with great risk ?

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

171. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The portion from Barpeta Road to Gobardhana, *i. e.*, 13th to 18th miles of Barpeta-Chapakamar Road is a P. W. D. Road and is being maintained properly. The portion of the road beyond 18th mile falls under the Fatemabad Tea Estate.

(c)—So far as the Garden portion is concerned, Government have no information.

(d)—So far as the portion of the road under P. W. D. is concerned; buses are plying safely. Government have no information regarding the portion beyond the length under P. W. D.

Number of corruption cases detected by the Government under the regime of the present I. G. P., Assam

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked:

*172. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the number of corruption cases detected by the Government under the regime of the present I. G. P. giving full details, specially of the Police Department ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied:

172.—During the tenure of the present Inspector-General of Police, Assam 304 enquiries have been taken up by the Anti-Corruption Branch from October 1958 to October 1959. Enquiries in 257 cases have been completed out of which 104 cases have been found to be baseless.

Out of the above 304 enquiries 76 cases relate to the Police Department. The position of these 76 cases are as follows:—

(i) No. of cases found baseless	..	...	27
(ii) No. of cases reported for action on completion of enquiry.			22
(iii) No. of cases pending enquiry	...	...	27
		Total	76

The details of the cases cannot be divulged as this may prejudice the smooth conduct of the cases.

Number of Social Education Officers in the State

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

(a) The number of Social Education Officers in the State and their Headquarters ?

(b) What is their actual designation ?

(c) Whether there are Subdivisional Officer in each Subdivision ?

(d) If the answer is in the negative, whether Government proposed to provide such officer in each Subdivision ?

- (e) What is the jurisdiction of each officer ?
- (f) What is the total provision for Social Education during the Second Five Year Plan ?

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

173. (a)—One in the State. Headquarter at Gauhati.

(b)—Social Education Officer, Assam.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—All over the State.

(f)—Rs.4,75,000.

Regarding taking over of Ahotguri Dispensary from the Local Board

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

*174. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government contemplate to take up Ahotguri Dispensary from the Local Board ?
- (b) Whether this Dispensary will be converted to State Dispensary ?
- (c) Whether the Minister assured the questioner twice in the Assembly that he will provide a doctor to this dispensary ?
- (d) Whether there is any compounder and any medicine in the said dispensary ?
- (e) Whether the Medical Department arranged any alternative for giving facilities by appointing a doctor to this dispensary ?
- (f) When Government are aware that the people there are flood and erosion effected ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

174. (a)—Ahotguri Local Board Dispensary has already been taken over by Government from 1st April, 1959.

(b)—Does not arise in view of reply to question No. (a) above.

(c)—An Assistant Surgeon I was under orders of posting to Ahotguri dispensary but unfortunately he has fallen sick and now on leave. Steps are now being taken to appoint another Assistant Surgeon I for the said dispensary.

(d)—Yes.

(e) & (f)—In view of reply to question No. (c) do not arise.

Complaint against Sales Tax Officer, Dhubri

Maulavi JAHAN UDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked :

Will the Minister, Finance be pleased to state—

*175 (a) Whether Government are aware that on 12th November 1959 one Sales Tax Officer went to Ranjan Pharmacy of Dhubri town at about 6 P.M. and wanted some costly medicine on credit ?

(b) Whether it is also a fact that on refusal the Sales Tax Officer behaved very rudely and wanted immediately to check the account of the Pharmacy ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire about the matter and report what is the actual state of things ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Finance Minister) replied :

175. (a) & (b)—Government have received a complaint to this effect from one Dr. Monoranjan De of the Ranjan Pharmacy, Dhubri.

(c)—The matter is already under investigation by the Commissioner of Taxes.

Strike in Radhakishan Rice and Oil Mill at Gauhati

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

*176. Will the Minister, Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Labour Department has any information of a strike in Radhakishan Rice and Oil Mill at Gauhati in the last part of October ?

(b) If so, what were the demands ?

(c) What action has been taken to settle the disputes ?

(d) How many workers have been arrested in connection with this strike ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the management terminated the services of the striking workmen by describing the strike as illegal ?

Shri Kamakhya Prasad TRIPATHI (Minister-in-Charge of Labour) replied:

176. (a)—Yes. A strike took place on 23rd October 1959 which was called off on the 21st November 1959.

(b)—The demands submitted by the Union were as follows—

(i) Re-instatement of Darlav, Gujadhar, Krishon Mistry Nathuni and Tara with full wages including house rent and ration concession for the date of their discharge.

(ii) Issue of leave book and service card to workmen.

(iii) Facilities to be allowed to the workmen in accordance with the Factories Act and the rules thereof.

(iv) Payment of annual leave with wages to the workers.

(v) Issue of ration or ration concession to the workmen during their sick period for May 1959.

(vi) Payment of house allowance to Drivers, Handmen, Casual and Badli Workers.

(vii) Payment of sick benefits to the workers for the period from 27th September 1958 to 27th June 1959.

(viii) Withdrawal of recognition of the Union.

(c)—The Conciliation Officer, Gauhati held conciliation on 25th, 28th and 29th, September 1959 with the parties on the demands raised by the Union. As no settlement could be brought about in the conciliation level, Government referred the disputes regarding the demands number I, V, VI and VII to the Industrial Tribunal for adjudication and the disputes over withdrawal of recognition of the Union has been referred to State Evaluation and Implementation Committee for necessary action. Demand No.II has been conceded to Demand No.III is being looked into under the Factories Act. Demand No.IV has been referred back to Labour Officer for clarification of certain points.

(d)—The number of workmen arrested was 21. They were taken into custody for obstructing willing workers and picketing in front of the Mill premises during the period of the strike.

(e)—The management have refused to allow 35 workmen to join their duties on the ground that they had participated in the illegal strike. No. formal dismissal letters have however been issued to the workmen. The matter has been taken up by Government and is now under consideration.

Construction of Bhoreli Bridge in Tezpur

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

*177. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) What is the estimate of expenditure for the construction of the Bhoreli Bridge in Tezpur ?

- (b) What works have been done and what expenditure has been incurred up till now ?
- (c) Whether the work would be completed within the Third Plan period ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the progress of work has been very slow ?

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

177. (a)—The estimated cost of the project as a whole is Rs.86,53,000 as detailed below:—

	Rs.
(i) Construction of a bridge over the Jia Bhorali river.	52,61,000
(ii) Construction of guide bunds in connection with the proposed Jia Bhorali bridge.	33,62,000
(iii) Carrying out detailed survey of a section of the Jia Bhorali river in connection with the proposed Jia Bhorali bridge.	29,900
Total	86,52,900
Say	Rs.86.53 lakhs

(b)—Main survey works were completed and collection of boulders required for guide bunds in progress and expenditure incurred upto September 1959, is Rs.2,92,728.

(c)—Yes, unless the work has to be held up unexpectedly due to non-availability of materials such as steel, which sometimes involve foreign exchange.

(d)—No. The scheme as a whole has been finalised only in September, 1958 and the bridge estimate has been approved by the Government of India in August, 1959.

Refusal of pay by Government Servants as a protest against non-fulfilment of their demands

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that about two thousand Ministerial officers of the Assam Government have abstained from taking their salary for the month of August, 1959 as a protest against non-fulfilment of their demands on Hill Allowance amounting 20 per cent of salary subject to a minimum of Rs.20 per mensem, increased dearness allowance, Medical aid and facilities and better Housing accommodation, etc. ?
- (b) Whether the Grade IV employees of the Government have submitted some such demands as had been put forth by the Ministerial officers ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to consider the demands of Ministerial officers and Grade IV employees ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

178. (a)—Yes. A majority of the Ministerial and Grade IV employees of the Government did not accept their salaries on 1st September 1959. This was done to protest against non-fulfilment of their demands.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Government have given careful consideration to all the demands. The Chief Minister has met the representative of the two associations and explained to them the various aspects of their demands and the proposals which have been accepted.

(d)—Does not arise.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Strength of Co-operative Weaving Societies and Individual member in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

251. Will the Minister, of Co-operation be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the number of Co-operative Weaving Societies and individual weavers in Golaghat Subdivision ?
- (b) What amount of Government loan or non-recurring grant was granted to these institutions during 1957-58 ?
- (c) Whether there are some tribal weavers specially Mirigin producers in Golaghat Subdivision ?
- (d) What is the basis of granting Government help to Co-operative weavers and individual weavers?
- (e) What is the amount surrendered by the Cottage Industries Department to Central Government during 1957-58 and 1958-59 ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to take immediate steps for granting adequate help to these weaving societies after due enquiry in the interest of Cottage Industries ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY, (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

(a)—There are 23 Weaving Co-operative Societies in the Golaghat Subdivision. The number of individual weavers are about 15,000.

(b)—No loans were issued to these weaving Co-operative Societies during the year 1957-58. But a sum of Rs.650 has been sanctioned by Government as non-recurring contribution for development of handloom weaving in Golaghat Subdivision, in 1957-58.

(c)—There are two tribal weavers co-operatives in Golaghat Subdivision but they do not produce Mirigin.

(d)—The basis for giving Government help to Co-operative weavers societies are as follows:

(i)—*Looms and accessories*.—Were supplied free up to the year 1958-59. From 1959-60 these are supplied on the basis of 75 per cent grant and 25 per cent loan.

(ii)—*Jacquard machines*.—Were supplied on the basis of 50 per cent grant and 50 per cent loan. Many societies could not utilise the Jacquard machines as they had to purchase many parts from their own fund by paying cash. But now the societies have been supplied with these parts on the basis of 50 per cent grant and 50 per cent loan out of the overall savings from the loans and grants given by the All-India Handloom Board. Shuttles and pirns could not be supplied free in the past. The Societies had to purchase these from the markets. But, this year these have been supplied on 75 per cent grant and 25 per cent loan basis out of the overall savings.

(iii)—*Share capital loans*.—The societies in this State fixed the share valued at Rs.10 for which the All-India Handloom Board give loans upto 75 per cent of the Share value to the members for taking shares in the societies. But now societies have been advised to amend their bye-laws to raise the share value in between Rs.20 —Rs.50 so that they may get the benefit of 87½ per cent loan for taking such shares and there has been good response from all quarters for this purpose.

(iv)—*Working capital loans*.—The societies used to get working capital loan at Rs.300 per loom upto the year 1956-57 from out of the Cess Fund at the disposal of the All-India Handloom Board. But as the Reserve Bank of India undertook to finance the weavers societies the All-India Handloom Board stopped issuing this working capital loan. Owing to various difficulties the Reserve Bank of India's loan has not been forthcoming and as an interim aid the All-India Handloom Board has been pleased to sanction Rs.2,00,000 for the year 1959-60 and Rs. 3,50,000 for the year 1960-61.

(v)—*Rebate*—The societies are encouraged by giving rebates on the sale of handloom cloth at 6 np. per rupee and special rebate at 12 np. per rupee above the sale of cloth worth Rs. 2 or above. The special rebate is allowed during special occasions such as Handloom Weeks, Pujas, Bihus, etc. Over and above, these societies are helped by marketing their finished products through sale Emporia and Dye House and Mobile vans from the side of the Cottage Industries Department.

The basis for Government help to individual weaver societies is given under the Act "Aid to Industries." As regards grant of non-recurring contribution, this is sanctioned in most deserving cases on the basis of reports, submitted by the local officers, after due enquiry. It was not possible to consider all the cases in a year due to inadequacy of funds for the purpose.

(e)—1957-58—Rs. 7,123 lakhs lapsed against Government of India sanctioned amount of Rs. 22.98 lakhs.

1958-59—Rs. 3,514 lakhs lapsed against Government of India sanctioned amount of Rs. 22.781 lakhs.

(f)—The reply to question (d) may be taken as a reply to this question also. The Apex Weavers Society for the State and the Central Weavers Societies in each subdivision will play a very important role for ameliorating the conditions of the weavers in the State.

Regarding State Emporium

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

252. Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the existing Emporium in the State have shown any profit considering establishment charges ?
- (b) Whether there is any provision for checking of stock of these Emporium except at the time of Audit ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that huge stock of damaged cloths, etc., have been maintained in each of these Emporium ?
- (d) Why these stocks are being carried for years together and thereby stocking the capital ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that some Managers of these Emporia consider their services as merely Government servants and do not like to behave as business men ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied:

252. (a)—The existing emporia in the State have not been able to show any profits so far, taking establishment charges into account.

(b)—The stock of each Emporium is verified at the end of March every year by the Departmental officers.

(c)—There is some stock of damaged and shop soiled stocks the details of which are being collected.

(d)—Steps are being taken to dispose of the damaged and shop soiled stocks by auction.

(e)—Government have no such information.

Regarding-Kharupatia-Karimganj-Udalguri Route

MD. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

253. Will the Minister-in-charge, Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the road from Kharupatia to Karimganj and thence to Udalguri does not belong to the Mangaldoi Local Board ?
- (b) If so, how long this road has been maintained by the Mangaldoi Local Board ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the said road has been blocked by constructing a tin shed near the P.W.D. Road at Kharupatia ?
- (d) How much money has been spent in repairing works on that road from the said Board ?
- (e) Whether this is the first time that the road has been blocked ?
- (f) Whether the said road is at present blocked ?
- (g) Whether there was or is any proposal for taking over the road by the P.W.D. ?
- (h) Whether Government is aware that the said road passes through the Patta lands ?
- (i) Is there any proposal for acquisition of those Patta lands on which the road passes ?
- (j) When was this proposal made ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L.S.-G.) replied :

253. (a) to (j)—The informations are being collected.

Lost of Provident Fund deposits due to Scheduled Banks failure

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

254. Will the Minister, L.S.-G. be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that a considerable amount of Provident Fund deposits of the employees of various local bodies throughout the State has been lost due to failure of Scheduled Banks ?
- (b) If so, whether Government will be pleased to state the names of those local bodies showing the number of employees who lost their deposit and the amount lost ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that these deposits in the Scheduled Banks were made on the approval of Government ?
- (d) Whether Government consider itself to be partly responsible for the loss of hard earned money of these poor employees ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to take steps to compensate their loss ?
- (f) Whether the loss amount can be paid to the employees from the security deposits of the Scheduled Banks ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L.S.-G.) replied :

254. (a)—Yes.

(b)—A statement is placed on the Library Table.
Please see Library Register No.S.149.

(c)—No.

(d)—No.

(e)—Matter is under consideration of Government.

(f)—The matter is under examination.

Conversion of Moran into a Town Committee

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Moran Development Committee lately submitted a Memorandum to the Chief Minister and the Departmental Minister for conversion of Moran into a Town Committee ?
- (b) Whether it is also a fact that in this connection Shri G. N. Gogoi, Deputy Minister, Shri P. Chetia, M. L. A. and the questioner also submitted a Memorandum for conversion of Moran, Sonari and Amguri into Town Committees ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that due to keeping it pending in different offices, the proposal could not be given effect to as yet ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that such inordinate delay hamper public interest ?
- (e) If so, what step Government propose to expedite the matter ?

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

255.(a) & (b)—Yes.

(c)—The proposals for constitution of Town Committees at Moran and Amguri could not be finalised due to non-receipt of the reports from the district officers. The report in respect of Sonari has, however, been received and preliminary notification as required under section 334, of the Assam Municipal Act, 1956 is being issued.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Government are taking drastic action against the officers at fault and have already impressed upon the local officers the necessity of expeditious disposals of such cases but as these matters required local inspection and examination in minute details of all factors some delay is inevitable.

Construction of roads in the Third Year Plan

Shri KHAGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

256. Will the Minister, Planning and Development be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of miles of roads to be taken by Government in the next Third Year Plan in Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (b) The names of roads proposed to be so taken ?
- (c) On what basis these roads are taken ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister of Planning and Development) replied:

256.(a)—It has not yet been decided as to what length of roads in each Subdivision will be taken up during the Third Plan. This question will be decided only after the ceiling for the Third Plan of the State is fixed by the Planning Commission. Meanwhile proposals for road schemes to be considered for inclusion in the State's Third Five Year Plan have already been called for by Government from the Subdivisions.

(b)—No list of roads has yet been drawn up and finalised.

(c)—Does not arise.

Regarding Land belonging to the Haroocharai Tea Estate

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

257. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many bighas of land belonging to the Haroocharai Tea Estate have been sold upto now ?
- (b) To how many persons the lands were sold ?
- (c) How many tenants have used these lands ?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to stop sale of garden land in this way in future ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

257. (a) to (d)—The required information has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar.

Regarding status of Housing Inspectors

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

258. Will the Minister, Town and Country Planning be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Housing Inspectors are gazetted (Class II) Officers ?
- (b) What Class of Travelling Allowance they are drawing and since when ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that their Travelling Allowance had been decreased ?
- (d) If so, what are the causes ?
- (e) What is the pay of Housing Inspectors ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that nothing had been done regarding the increment of their pay in the Last Pay Commission ?
- (g) If so, why ?
- (h) Whether any other similar Temporary Departments got the benefit of increment of pay by the last Pay Commission ?
- (i) Whether Government will consider their cases ?

Shri K. P. TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning) replied :

258. (a)—Housing Inspectors are Gazetted Class III Officers.

(b)—The Housing Inspectors are Grade III Government servants for the purpose of Travelling Allowance. They are so since their appointment. Their Travelling Allowance and Dearness Allowance are the same as Supply Inspectors, as most of them were taken from Supply Department in the same scale of pay as Supply Inspectors and with the same status.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—The existing pay scale of Housing Inspector is Rs.125—10—225.

(f)—The proposal for revision of the scale of pay of the Housing Inspectors is at present under consideration of Government.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—Except the Executive and Field staff of the temporary Departments like Supply, Relief and Rehabilitation, Housing and Textile Departments the ministerial and the Grade IV employees of these Departments have got the benefit of the revised scales of pay, 1956. Revision of the scales of pay of the Executive and Field staff of these temporary Departments is under consideration.

(i)—As stated at (f) above.

**Regarding Salaries of Shri Nityananda Saikia,
Engine Operator of Agriculture College**

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

259. Will the Minister-in-charge of Electricity be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government is aware that Shri Nityananda Saikia, Engine Operator of the Agriculture College, Power House who is now working at Dergaon Power House has not been paid his salaries of 10 months and 20 days ?
- (b) If so, why his dues are not paid yet after his reinstatement against his dismissal order ?
- (c) Why this payment is delayed from early 1958 to the end of 1959 ?
- (d) When this dues will be paid ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity) replied :

259. (a)—Shri Nityananda Saikia was discharged from service with effect from 7th August, 1957 due to misconduct but owing to certain irregularities in drawing up proceedings against him by the Executive Engineer, the discharge order became void and in-operative and he was subsequently reinstated in service with effect from 22nd May 1958.

(b)—Arrangement is being made to pay for the above period and the bill is under pre-audit.

(c)—See (a) and (b) above.

(d)—As soon as the pre-audit of the bill is completed by Accountant General, Assam.

Violation of the Minimum Wages Act by the Manager, Lakwa Tea Estate

Shri KHAGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

260. Will the Minister, Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Manager of Lakwa Tea Estate of Sibsagar Subdivision has at his own discretion, not yet paid the Minimum wages after full realisation of work to his Garden Labourers (1) Baya Tosa, (2) Reyapaharia, (3) Bagha Paharia (4) Dhaniram Kamar, (5) Loodra Kamar, (6) Lakheswar Ganju, (7) Sarbeswar Bhanih and others on 7th, 8th and 9th July, 1959 ?

(b) If so, what action has been taken against the Manager for violating the principles and provisions of the Minimum Wages Act ?

(c) If the reply to (b) is in the negative what are the reasons for not taking any action against the Manager ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

260. (a), (b) & (c)—The managements dismissed these workers on May 1959. The question of their working on 7th, 8th and 9th July and payment of Wages for these days does not arise.

Regarding Rice and Oil Mills Workmen of Assam

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery) asked :

261. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total daily, weekly and monthly wages paid to the different categories of workmen in Rice and Oil Mills of the State ?
- (b) What is the total number of Rice and Oil Mills in the State ?
- (c) What is the number of Rice and Oil Mills in Mangaldai Subdivision ?
- (d) What is the number of workmen employed by each Rice and Oil Mills at Tangla ?
- (e) What is the rate of pay of each category of workmen in Rice and Oil Mills at Tangla ?
- (f) Whether provisions of factories Act, Minimum Wages Act and Payment of Wages Act have been given effect to in the Rice and Oil Mills of Tangla ?
- (g) Whether any housing scheme for the workmen has been implemented by the Rice and Oil Mills at Tangla ?
- (h) If not, why not ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that no Cement or C. I. Sheets have been given to the Rice and Oil Mills for construction of such houses for the workmen at Tangla ?
- (j) Whether the Labour Commissioner has visited the Rice and Oil Mills at Tangla since 1947 ?
- (k) If so, how many times and when ?
- (l) Whether Government is aware that the Rice and Oil Mills at Tangla work even after 12 O'Clock at night ?
- (m) If so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?
- (n) Whether overtime payment is made to the workmen in Rice and Oil Mills at Tangla ?
- (o) If not, why not ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied :

261. (a)—Information on the total amount payable as daily, weekly and monthly wages to workmen in Rice and Oil Mills of the State are not available. Such amount will depend upon the number of workmen employed at a particular period and may not be the same at all times. Government have however fixed minimum wages under the Minimum Wages Act, 1952 for different categories of workers in Rice and Oil Mills and the rates are as below—

	Urban	Rural
(1) Skilled workers ...	Rs. 50	Rs. 45
(2) Unskilled workers ...	,, 45	,, 40
(3) Clerks ...	,, 65	,, 50

(b)—There are 203 Rice Mills and 41 Oil Mills registered under the Factories Act at present in the State.

(c)—12 Rice Mills and 4 Oil Mills registered under the Factories Act at present.

(d)—The number of workmen employed in a Mill may vary from day to day. A statement showing the daily average for 1958 and maximum No. for which licence is obtained by the following Mills at Tangla are given below—

NAME OF MILLS

Name	Average daily for 1958	Maximum No. for which licence is obtained
(1)	(2)	(3)
(1) P. P. Ajitsaria Rice Mill ...	10	50
(2) Mahabir Rice Mill ...	16	25
(3) Lakshminarayan Rice Mill ...	16	50
(4) Gopiprabha Oil Mill ...	8	20
(5) Laxmi Oil and Flour Mill ...	20	20

(e)—The rates of Minimum Wages fixed under the Minimum Wages Act for the entire State for different categories of workmen are given in reply to Q (a) above.

The rates in respect of the workers at Tangla should therefore conform to the rates payable under the Minimum Wages Act, if not more beneficial than these minimum rates. Informations regarding the actual rate of such payment so far as the workmen in the Mills of Tangla are concerned are not available.

(f)—Yes.

(g) & (h)—Informations are not immediately available, if any scheme for such housing has been undertaken and this is now being enquired into.

(i)—No. In fact, 844 bags of cement and 50 bundles of C. I. Sheets were issued to Millers of Tangla during the last 3 years for construction of houses for the workmen at Tangla.

(j)—No.

(k)—Does not arise.

(l)—On enquiry it has been found that only one Mill worked after 12 P.M. in shift arrangement.

(m)—Night shifts are permissible under that Factories Act provided the conditions laid down therein are complied with. The matter is however being looked into.

(n)—Payment for overtime is made. If any instance of violation is reported, it may be looked into.

(o)—Does not arise.

Taking over of Mandakata road by P. W. D.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

262. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) When the North Gauhati Mandakata Road was taken over by P. W. D. from Local Board for improvement and maintenance?

- (b) When the work for improvement of the road was started ?
- (c) What amount was estimated for the construction of the Road and what amount was allotted for the purpose ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Road which was motorable at the time of taking over from Local Board has been rendered unpassable even for pedestrians not to speak of any vehicular traffic in the portion beyond Rangmahal upto Mandakata-Barnadi Tea Estate ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the witnesses of earth work have not been removed for the last three years and thus the road has been rendered extremely narrow ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the stones which were unearthed during the earth work have not been removed from the road to road-side and thus the road has been kept blocked ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that all the bridges between Fulung and Mandakata and between Mandakata and Bezers have been rendered unsafe or non-existent during these years of P. W. D. maintenance ?
- (h) What amount was allotted for construction of this portion of the Road for the year 1958-59 and what amount has been allotted for the year 1959-60 ?
- (i) Whether the Minister will be pleased to inspect the Road and find for himself that nothing has been done during these years for the improvement of the road ?
- (j) Who constructed the temporary bridges in the last part of September, 1959 ?
- (k) What was the cost of these temporary bridges ?

(l) Whether it is a fact that the bridges constructed in September last have become unsafe to cross by now in November ?

(m) Whether it is a fact that the work was done departmentally by gang coolies and the bamboos and branches of trees used as materials were all supplied free by the Manager, Barnadi Tea Estate and no expenditure was made on materials ?

(n) Whether Government will be pleased to take immediate steps to complete the road within this year ?

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

262. (a) to (n)—Information are being collected from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Damage caused by Flood to the Jhanji-Tamulichinga Bund-cum-road

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

263. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Road and Building) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the bund-cum-road Jhanji-Tamulichinga of Jakaichuk mauza, Sibsagar Subdivision, has been breached near Moran Gaon, by the spate of Jhanji river consecutively for the last few years and this year too ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that a length of about two miles of this road from Brahmingaon to Tamulichinga, is also very low and narrow ?

(c) Why it is not widened and raised ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to take up the work at the earliest ?

(e) Whether Government is aware that the road is being affected by the erosion of the Jhanji river ?

(f) What measures have been taken by Government to protect this road and the property of the neighbouring people present and in future too from continued erosion ?

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

263. (a) to (f)—Information are being collected from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Sale of land of the Haroocharai Garden Grant of Jorhat

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that some land of the Haroocharai Garden Grant of Jorhat Subdivision have been sold by the management of the garden ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that these lands are cultivated by some persons from a long time ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that the new purchasers are evicting the tenants who used the lands for a long time ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to protect the interest of the tenants by cancelling the sale and by allowing the tenants to purchase the lands under the new Land Reforms Act ?

(e) If so, whether Government will be pleased to issue instructions to the District Administration to take immediate steps ?

(f) If not, why not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied.

264. (a) to (f)—The required information is not available with Government ; it has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar.

Application of Ceiling Act to Garden Grants

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

265. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the ceiling of land holding Act is also applicable to the garden grants ?

(b) If not, whether Government will be pleased to make this Act applicable in the case of the tea garden grants ?

(c) If the reply to (b) above is in the negative, the reason therefor ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

265. (a) and (b)—The Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 does not apply to lands held for special cultivation of tea purposes ancilliary thereto, but lands held by tenants, other than tea garden labourers, within estates settled for cultivation of tea shall not be deemed to be held for special cultivation or for purposes ancilliary thereto, under the Act.

(c)—Does not arise.

Road-side Stalls existing in Shillong

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

(a) How many road-side stalls are in existence within the Shillong Municipality ?

(b) What is the number of such licensed and unlicensed stalls ?

(c) How many stalls have been demolished uptil now ?

(d) How many of such demolished stalls were licensed and how many unlicensed ?

(e) How many criminal cases are filed against the stall keepers and how many have been disposed of ?

(f) What is the total amount of fine imposed on them and how many cases fines were imposed on daily basis ?

(g) Whether Government have given to the evicted stall keepers any alternative site for rehabilitation ?

(h) If so, when and how many stall keepers have been provided with alternative stalls or site for stalls ?

Shri F. A. AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government)

replied:

266. (a)—One hundred and thirty-two stalls are at present in existence within the Shillong Municipality.

and 78 (b)—Fifty-two licensed stalls, 2 licensed platforms and 78 unlicensed stalls.

(c)—Sixty-two stalls demolished.

(d)—Three licensed stalls and 59 unlicensed stalls.

(e)—One hundred and seven cases have been filed

out of which 28 cases have been disposed of with fine.

(f)—Total amount of fine imposed on them is Rs.350.

Fines on dailay basis have been imposed in 10 cases.

(g) and (h)—There is no obligation to provide

alternative sites to encroachers or those who constructed

the stalls without the authority and permission of the Municipality.

The questions of constructing stalls in suitable sites

and leasing them out are matter for decision and the responsibility of the Municipality, but Government will consider

for help by loan any suitable scheme submitted by the

Municipality for this purpose.

Shillong Municipal Notice for dismantling road-side stalls

Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Shillong Municipal Board has given notice to the road-side stalls owners to dismantle their stalls within the Shillong Municipal area ?
- (b) If so, whether Government have any scheme to rehabilitate the persons affected or to be affected by such action of the Shillong Municipal Board ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, L.S.-G.) replied :

267. (a)—Some of the persons, who have constructed stalls, have been given notice to remove the stalls.

(b)—There is no obligation to provide alternative sites to encroachers or those who constructed the stalls without the authority and permission of the Municipality. The questions of constructing stalls in suitable sites and leasing them out are matter for decision and the responsibility of the Municipality, but Government will consider for help by loan any suitable scheme submitted by the Municipality for this purpose.

Unreclaimed lands in Bokakhat and Kaziranga mouza of Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that there is some thousands of bighas of unreclaimed lands in Bokakhat and Kaziranga mauza of Golaghat Subdivision ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Irrigation Committee, Golaghat suggested reclamation of Rajabari, Methonihola, Kohora Beel and Rowdower Beel in Bokakhat and Kaziranga mauza ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer, (Embankment and Drainage), Jorhat and the Subdivisional Officer, Public Works Department (Embankment and Drainage) Golaghat failed to examine these reclamation projects and took no action to examine these reclamation projects and took no action what so ever ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that these projects when carried into effect would solved the land problem to a great extent, specially for the flood-affected and eroded people ?

(e) What is the reason for no-accepting these proposal by the authority concerned ?

(f) Whether it is the declared principle of Government to reclaim such areas and use for Grow More Food Campaign ?

(g) Whether there is any hope of taking up reclamation of these projects by Government ?

(h) Whether Government will be pleased to issue necessary instruction to the local authorities for immediate action ?

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

268. (a) to (h)—Information are called for and will be supplied to hon. Member when received.

Deplorable condition of the Labour quarters of the Dibrugarh Municipal Board

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware of the deplorable condition of the labour quarters of the Dibrugarh Municipal Board ?

- (b) If so, whether Government has made any arrangement for the reconstruction of the said quarters ?
- (c) If so, when ?
- (d) Whether Government has looked into the unhygienic condition of these quarters ?
- (e) If so, when and by whom ?
- (f) Whether Government is aware that the night soil depot at Teliapatty is only 50 yards away from the labour quarters ?
- (g) If so, whether Government has given any instructions to the Board to remove the depot to some suitable site, where it will not affect public health ?
- (h) If not, why not ?
- (i) Whether Government is aware that an *ad-hoc* increase in dearness allowance was granted for payment to menial workers of the Board ?
- (j) If so, what are the names of the recipients ?
- (k) Whether Government is aware that some of them have not received it ?
- (l) If so, why ?
- (m) Whether Government has received any application or memorandum from the Dibrugarh Municipal Harijan Banua Sangha to this effect ?
- (n) If so, what action has been taken on the same ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L.S.-G.) replied :

269. (a) to (n)—Information is being collected.

Abandonment of the proposal of establishing a Railway workshop at Bongaigaon

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

270. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he is aware that the Railway Department is going to abandon the proposal of establishing the big workshop at Bongaigaon on account of the alleged high price of the land ?

(b) If not, whether he will enquire and state how the matter stands now ?

Shri WILLIAMSON SANGMA (Transport Minister) replied:

270. (a)—No.

(b)—The matter has been enquired into and it is learnt that the proposal has not been abandoned. In fact, preliminary arrangements with regard to its construction is in progress.

Construction of Cold Weather Bridges over Hakua and Naljara Rivers on Sorbhog-Kahitoma P.W.D. Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) Whether Cold Weather Bridges will be constucted over the Hakua and Naljara Rivers on the Sorbhog-Kahitoma P.W.D. Road ?

(b) If so, when ?

(c) Weather the Deputy Minister, P. W. D. promised to sanction them on his last visit of this road on 27th August 1959 ?

(d) If so, whether that promise will be carried into effect ?

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

271. (a) & (b)—Order has been issued on 24th November 1959 to construct a Cold Weather Bridge at Burikamarghat over Naljara River and work has been allotted to the contractor. The question of constructing a Cold Weather Bridge over Hakua is under consideration.

(c)—No promise. I simply said the Hon'ble Questioner who accompanied me on 27th August 1959 that it will be looked into. I asked the Executive Engineer who also accompanied me to see if the fair weather bridge could be done from his end.

(d)—Does not arise in view of answers to (a) & (b) above.

Roads constructed in Rangiya, Nalbari, Hajo and Palasbari during the First and Second Five Year Plan

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

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

(a) How many miles of roads were taken by P.W.D. for construction during the First and Second Five Year Plan period in the Thanas:—

(i) Rangiya, (ii) Nalbari, (iii) Hajo and Palasbari.

(b) Whether it is a fact that Kamalpur Thana was neglected in the matter of allotting roads during the First and Second Five Year Plan period though the area is extremely backward in communication facilities ?

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

272. (a) & (b)—The information has been called for.

Black-topping to the Public Works Department Road from Assam Trunk Road near Hansora to Tingai

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom Dooma) asked:

273. Will the Minister, P.W.D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that he has received a representation in the month of September, 1959 requesting Government to black top the P.W.D. Road from A. T. Road near Hansora to Tingai about $8\frac{1}{2}$ miles ?

(b) Whether Government propose to take early action on the representation ?

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

273. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The proposal has been sent to the Subdivisional Development Board for initial consideration and allocation of priority for inclusion in the Third Five Year Plan.

Managers and Assistant Managers appointed under the Tea Industry of the State

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) asked:

274. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he is aware of the total number of Managers and Assistant Managers appointed under Tea Industry of the State ?

(b) If so, what are those numbers ?

(c) The total number of Indian Employees among them ?

(d) The total number of such officers in the Tea Industry from amongst the indigenous people and how many of them are tribals ?

(e) The total number of foreigners employed in the Tea Industry Administrative Services ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister-in-charge of Labour) replied :

274. (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e)—The figures are not immediately available and these are being collected from the various organisation.

Completion of the work of Tamarhat-Gossaigaon Road by the Public Works Department

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

275. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Tamarhat-Gossaigaon Road *via* Haraputa has been taken over by the Public Works Department ?

(b) If so, whether the work has been started there or not ?

(c) How far the work has been done and when the rest portion of the road will be completed ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (R. and B. Wing)) replied :

275. (a)—A length of 6.5 miles out of the total length of 13 miles has been taken up under Second Five Year Plan.

(b)—Work was started in January 1957.

(c)—Work as per (a) above has been completed. The work on the remaining portion will be taken up after finalisation of the estimate.

Completion of the work of Barak Bridge within Second Five Year Plan

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

276. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) What is the position of the Barak bridge in Silchar ?

(b) Whether it will be finished within the Second Five Year Plan ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [(Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (R. and B. Wing)] replied :

276. (a)—The work had to be suspended since April, 1958 due to the difficulty of obtaining the portion of the bridge ordered to be fabricated in West Germany, due to non-release of foreign exchange in time. As this has resulted in increase in foreign exchange demand and very heavy additional cost the matter is under examination by Government in all its facts, for taking a decision early on the course of further action to be taken on it.

(b)—There is no likelihood of the bridge being completed within the Second Plan period.

Delay in Completion of the Works of Shillong-Silchar Road

Shri H. M. HAPLANGBAR [North Cachar Hills (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

177. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Why a good number of road diversion in between Baga and Garampani in the Shillong-Silchar Road which were seem to have been started since 1957-58 are still remaining incomplete ?
- (b) When were the contracts for these works settled?
- (c) What was the period of time allowed for completion of those diversion works ?
- (d) Whether the contractors concerned or the Department concerned are responsible for such unusual delay in completion of the works ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to take any action against the contractors or departmental staff who are responsible for such unusual delay causing great inconveniences for vehicular traffic ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [(Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (R. and B.))] replied :

277. (a)—Two diversion works in mile 92nd and 93rd between Baga and Garampani on the Shillong-Silchar Road were provided in the estimate for improving a portion of the road under Second Five Year Plan. The works have since been completed. The Progress of work was however hampered due to exceedingly high rates quoted by contractors on account of which tenders had to be called for thrice and work could not be started earlier and also due to the area being rather inaccessible, difficulties of labourers, transport and also due to Naga disturbances, etc.

(b)—The contract for earth-work was settled in October, 1957 and for culvert work in December 1958.

(c)—3 (three) months.

(d)—No, in view of (a) above.

(e)—Does not arise.

Asphalting of North Trunk Road

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

278. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) How many miles of North Trunk Road have been asphalted up till now (mileage to be shown Division-wise) ?
- (b) What is the total mileage of North Trunk Road to be asphalted ?
- (c) When was the work commenced ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that progress of work in Tezpur and Mangaldai P.W.D. Divisions has been very slow ?
- (e) Whether the work would be completed within the Second Plan period ?
- (f) If, not, when ?

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

278. (a)—Mangaldai Division	..	8.00 miles.
Charali Division	..	40.00 miles.
North Kamrup Division	...	13.78 miles.
North Lakhimpur Division	...	11.50 miles.
Tezpur Division	... ..	21.09 miles.
Barpeta Division	... ..	1.75 miles.
		96.12 miles.
	Total	... ..

(b)—Asphalting of 60.75 miles out of 122.91 miles taken up under the current programmes are yet to be completed. After completion of the length of 60.75 miles, 151.13 miles between Beki and Chaldhwa will be remaining to be taken up of which about 14½ miles are proposed to be taken up under a Centrally Aided Programme.

(c)—Mangaldai Division	...	March 1957.
Charali Division	...	January 1957.
North Kamrup Division	...	March 1957.
North Lakhimpur Division	...	March 1957.
Tezpur Division	...	March 1957.
Barpeta Division	...	March 1957.

(d)—No. The lengths taken up in Mangaldoi and Tezpur Divisions under 2nd Five Year Plan have since been completed except 2nd coat surfacing of the length taken up in Mangaldai Division.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Does not arise.

Recruitment of outside labour at Nongpoh and Borduar areas

U JOR MANIK SYIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the local people in Nongpoh area are not being given work although labourers from outside are being engaged in jungle cutting and road works entrusted to the forest officers?

(b) Whether it is a fact that in forests of Borduar area also outside labour is being recruited while the local labour of Borduar and the Khasi villages are not getting any work at all.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forests) replied:

279. (a)—No. It is not a fact. But during sowing and harvesting seasons when the local people are not available. Stray Nepalis and Noonias are engaged.

(b)—No. In all works undertaken by the Department, local labourers are engaged. But in some particular works, like earth works which the local people refuse, the Noonias are engaged.

Regarding *ad-hoc* increment to the B Grade teachers of Government Middle Vernacular Schools

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

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

(a) Whether the training benefit has by now been extended to the untrained teachers of Schools Board managed Middle Vernacular Schools who were originally working in Lower Primary Schools and were transferred to Middle Vernacular Schools and have been in service continually for more than 15 years or have extended more than 40 years in age prior to 1st October 1956 as was assured to the questioner to examine and consider in reply to unstarred Question No. 570 on 8th April 1959, in continuation of my earlier questions on 1957 and 1958 with similar answers?

(b) Whether the *ad-hoc* increment benefit of Rs. 5 per mensem to the B Grade Teachers of Government Middle Vernacular Schools have been given by now as was provided under Circular No. FE/20/54/1, of 29th March 1954 to which attention of the Government has been drawn by representation, deputations and Assembly questions ?

(c) If the reply to (b) above is in the negative, whether Government will be pleased to take immediate steps to pay these legitimate dues to the teachers concerned within one month ?

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

280. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—Being given immediately.

Conversion of Tihu Local Board Dak Bungalow into an Inspection Bungalow

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

281. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Tihu Local Board Dak Bungalow will be converted into an Inspection Bungalow ?

(b) If so, when it will be converted ?

(c) If not, why not ?

(d) Whether Government is aware that Tihu is a growing place where there is a Railway Station, a Town Committee, a S. D. C's office, and several other Government offices and a Government Aided Girls' High School ?

(e) Whether Government feel the necessity of an Inspection Bungalow at Tihu ?

- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Ministers and the Deputy Ministers could not stay and take rest at the Tihu L. B. Dak Bungalow during their visit to flood affected area of Tihu?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the public of Tihu gave a memorandum to Chief Minister during his visit to flood affected area of Tihu for conversion of Tihu L. B. Dak Bungalow into a P. W. D. Inspection Bungalow?
- (h) If so, what measures Government have taken for conversion of the said Bungalow into P. W. D. Inspection Bungalow?
- (i) Whether the Chief Minister is aware that the public of Tihu had submitted an application with a deputation to the Deputy Minister, P. W. D. during his recent visit to Tihu for conversion of the L. B. Dak Bungalow into P.W.D. Inspection Bungalow?
- (j) If so, what steps have been taken for conversion of the existing L.B. Dak Bungalow into an Inspection Bungalow for the V.I.Ps who are visiting Tihu very frequently?

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

281 (a) & (b)—The proposal is under active consideration of the Government.

(c)—In view of the reply to (a) & (b) above, this does not arise.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Government have no information.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—In view of the reply to (a) & (b) above this does not arise.

(i)—Yes.

(j)—In view of reply to (a) & (b) above this also does not arise.

Wholesale trade in sugar in Assam

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) How many Marketing Co-operative Societies have been given permission to make wholesale trade in Sugar in Assam?

(b) Why individuals are also given the permission for wholesale trade in sugar?

(c) Why Government is not providing sufficient amount of money to those societies to take delivery of sugar wagons?

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

282. (a)—48.

(b)—Because all the areas in the State are not covered by Co-operatives and that many of them are unwilling to take up to this business. Apart from that, as most of the societies have not got sufficient funds private dealers had to be appointed even in areas covered by such Co-operative Societies.

(c)—Fund position of the State does not allow.

Increase of quotas of C. I. Sheets to Assam

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

283. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that the quotas of C. I. Sheets meant to be distributed through the different Supply Advisory Boards, Assam, are small one?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to increase the quotas?

(c) If not, whether Government propose to lift the control on C. I. Sheets?

(d) Whether Government are aware that C. I. Sheets are available in the market at much higher rate than controls?

(e) If so, how can it so happen?

(f) How C. I. Sheets can be available in black-market when it is controlled from the very source?

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

283. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Government of Assam had taken up the matter with Government of India.

(c)—No.

(d)—Government have no such information.

(e) & (f)—Does not arise.

Amount sanctioned to educational institutions damaged by last flood

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

284. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What amount has been sanctioned for restoration of the damages to the educational institutions caused by the last flood in the State ?

(b) Whether the Minister be pleased to lay on the Library table the list of such institutions receiving grants with sums allotted to them ?

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

284. (a).—The matter is under consideration of the Government.

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

127 Number of Fair Grain Shops in Gauhati Town

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)
asked :

285. Will the Minister Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of fair grain shops in Gauhati Town ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Supply there is irregular ?
- (c) What is the quantum of supply per week ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that the supply to consumers is not properly distributed ?
- (e) Whether it is also a fact that purchase of Atta from there is also made compulsory ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware or received report to the effect that the rationed rice issued from there is not fit for consumption ?
- (g) If so, why ?

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

285. (a)—One hundred.

(b)—No.

(c)—Two seers for each adult and half of that for each minor per week in the proportion of 75 per cent rice and 25 per cent Atta.

(d)—No.

(e)—Yes, as explained at (c) above.

(f)—Government have no information.

(g)—Does not arise.

Last visit of the Chief Engineer or Additional Chief Engineer to Silchar-Shillong Road

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked :

286. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) When the Chief Engineer or Additional Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department last visited Silchar-Shillong Road as well as Cachar ?

(b) What steps have been taken to accelerate the completion of incomplete works ?

Shri G. N. GOGOI [Deputy Minister P.W.D. (R. and B. Wing)] replied :

286. (a)—Additional Chief Engineer visited in the last week of November 1959.

(b)—Shillong-Silchar Road *via* Garampani-Haflong is already a fair weather road. There is no incomplete work. Some improvement works have been taken up out of funds under Second Five Year Plan and works are expected to be completed within the Plan period. Shillong-Jowai-Badarpur-Silchar Road—Some bridges including a few major bridges bone of which (Lubha) is on an wide gorge are yet to be completed. Due to difficulty in getting suitable contractors these could not be commenced so far. Now all steps including initiating and negotiating with suitable Firms, have been taken to start these and complete as early as possible.

Total Number of Registered Cycle Rickshaws in the State

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) asked :

287. Will the Minister-in-charge of L.S.-G. be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total number of cycle rickshaws registered in the State in each town and what are the fees realised for the same ?

- (b) What is the total number of unlicensed rickshaws in each town of the State ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there are many unlicensed rickshaws plying in the towns of Gauhati, Tinsukia, Jorhat, Tezpur and Nowgong ?
- (d) If so what is the total number of such rickshaws in those towns ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that licenses are issued to rickshaw pullers without any medical test ?
- (f) If so, whether Government will introduce medical checking of rickshaw pullers ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that licenses are issued to the rickshaw pullers without any prior test of driving which is the root cause of accidents in the town ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to remedy all these defects ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware that there is monopoly in most cases in Rickshaw Industry ?
- (j) If so, whether Government will encourage Co-operative system in Rickshaw Industry ?
- (k) Whether there is any proposal to abolish cycle rickshaws in the State ?
- (l) If so, from when and how ?
- (m) Whether Government has any alternative plan to give employments to Rickshaw Pullers as soon as rickshaw cycles are abolished ?
- (n) If so, what is the plan or programme ?

Shri G. N. GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L.S.-G.) replied :

287. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), & (n)—The information is being collected.

Payment of a sum of Rs. 5,000 by the *Ex-Secretary* of the District Congress Committee, Tezpur, to the State Transport Authority

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

288. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that One Shri Chandra Goswami, *Ex-Secretary* of the District Congress Committee, Tezpur is to pay a sum of Rs. 5,000 (Approx) to the State Transport Authority and to realise the amount a decree was issued long ago ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he is evading payment in spite of the decree issued against him ?
- (c) If so, what steps Government have taken to realise the public money from the said Shri Chandra Goswami ?

Capt. W. A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

288. (a)—Yes. Shri C. Goswami is to pay a sum of Rs. 47,523·69 nP. to the defunct Assam Transport Organisation and not to State Transport Authority, in respect of original dues of Rs. 42,404·31 nP. representing charges for hire of A. T. Vehicles during last War in 1943-44. As the party failed to pay the amount before closing of the Assam Transport operation in 1949, a civil suit was instituted against him and the Court decreed for the amount with cost and interest amounting to Rs. 5,119·38 nP. Thus the total amount payable by him comes to Rs. 45,523·69 nP.

(b)—Yes. He filed appeals and objections which were all rejected by Court. As such it was decided to take steps for sending him to Civil Jail. L. R. has taken up the matter with Deputy Commissioner and a report has already been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, which is being awaited.

(c)—Proceedings for execution by attachment of property was first filed and, at present, proceedings for his civil arrest is pending in the Court of the *Ex-Officio* Sub-Judge, Tezpur.

Culvert in the Barpeta-Junia Road

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

289. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any culvert in the Barpeta-Junia Road in the 1st two miles upto Bahmura ghat except a small bridge?

(b) Whether the cause of washing away of the bridge is due to huge discharge of water through the small outlet of the bridge?

(c) Whether Government are aware that spendings much money on repair over the bridge or bridge approach is a constant loss of money?

(d) Whether Government propose to construct at least 6 culverts upto Bahmura ghat 3 on either side of the bridge soon?

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

289. (a)—No. There is no culvert except a timber bridge of 104' ft. length.

(b)—Yes, but the bridge opening is not considered small as this stood the higher floods of previous years.

(c)—No. Much expenditure was not incurred for repairs to bridge and bridge approach except in abnormal cases.

(d)—This will be examined.

Trading Co-operative cases pending in Co-operative Department in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

290. Will the Minister, Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) How many Trading Co-operative cases are pending in the hands of Co-operative Department in Golaghat Subdivision?

- (b) What is the number of liquidated, inactive and closed down Co-operative Societies in Golaghat Subdivision? (Number should be furnished for each category).
- (c) Whether it is a fact that cases of such Co-operative Societies take years together to decide or to take action?
- (d) What is the position of the Industrial Co-operative Bank of Dergaon?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to take immediate steps for prompt action in respect of these Co-operative Societies?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operation) replied:

290. (a)—Question is not clear. The word 'cases' appearing in the question may mean misappropriation cases, Co-operative Demand Certificate cases, Appeal cases, etc. It is, therefore, not understood what is meant by 'Trading Co-operative Cases'.

(b)—Number of liquidated societies ...	...	37
Number of inactive societies ...	...	37
Number of closed societies ...	...	39

(c)—Question is not clear. The Question (c) seems to relate to question (a); but as already indicated, question (a) being not clear, no definite reply can be given.

(d)—The audit of the Bank is in progress and the Balance Sheet is being prepared. The actual position of the Bank will be known only on the completion of audit.

(e)—Question is not clear. With regard to this question, it may be pointed out that once the societies are closed, the question of taking action does not arise.

Management of the Cinema Houses in the State

Mrs. JYOTSNA CHANDA (Silchar-West) asked:

291. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state what actions have been taken against the management of the cinema houses in the State, who do not provide proper amenities to the cinema goers according to the provision of law?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

291.—Under Section 7 of the Assam Cinemas (Regulation) Act 1953 persons guilty of contravention of the provisions of the Act and the Rules can be punished with fine upto Rs.1000 and under section 8 of the same Act, the Licensing Authority can revoke a licence when a licensee is convicted under section 7. The Licensing Authority can also suspend the licence for any period whenever there is any contravention of any conditions or restrictions imposed under the Licence. Licence has been suspended or cancelled wherever proper amenities have not been provided or the law or conditions of licence had been infringed.

Resolution passed in the Conference of Indian Medical Association held at Dibrugarh.

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

292. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to State—

(a) Whether Government has received any copy of the resolution passed in the Conference of Indian Medical Association held at Dibrugarh relating to the unification of the cadres of Assistant Surgeon I and Assistant Surgeon II?

(b) Whether Government are aware that unification of Cadre has been given effect to by some of the States in India?

(c) Whether Government propose to consider about the unification of these two cadres of service in view of the fact that the Medical School is abolished long ago and the existing Assistant Surgeons II also have gained sufficient experiences by this time?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

292. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Not at present.

Transport Service connection from Jamuguri or Phulapanichiga to Sibsagar Town

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

293. Will the Minister, Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have lately received petitions from the public of Jamuguri Phulapanichiga of Sibsagar Subdivision to the effect that a direct and regular Transport Service connection from either Jamuguri or Phulapanichiga to Sibsagar Town (up and down—up at 8-30 a.m., down 4 p.m.) is needed by them ?

(b) If so, whether Government will be pleased to consider the prayer of the public ?

Capt. W. A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

293. (a)—Yes

(b)—Jamuguri and Phulapanichiga are situated near the Trunk Road at 12th and 14th Mile from Sibsagar on Sibsagar-Jorhat Route. At present there are recognised stoppages at Sibsagar both the places and passengers of these two places from and to Sibsagar are served by our normal services running between Jorhat and Sibsagar as well as Dibrugarh and Jorhat operating daily.

Taking over of the Gobaradal Kintnea Dispensary by the Government

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked :

294. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether representation were lately given by the public of Gobaradal to take up the Gobaradal Kintnea Dispensary by the Government ?

Whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Assam visited the place on 30th July, 1959 during flood havoc and saw the dispensary and its building ?

(c) Whether the Medical Minister is aware that the Chief Minister was pleased to assure the public of Gobaradal for favourable consideration of the matter ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to take up the said dispensary within 1960-61 ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

294. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

e(d)—The case of Gobaradal will be considered along with other deserving places when there will be provision for new rate Dipensaries.

Kamargaon-Kahitoma Public Works Department Ghat

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

295. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Why the Kamargaon-Kahitoma Public Works Department Ghat is not maintained properly ?

(b) Why this road has not been gravelled and the bridges are not yet constructed ?

(c) How many Public Works Department ghats are there on the Kamargaon-Kahitoma Public Works Department Road and what are their names ?

(d) Why no step has been taken to maintain them properly ?

(e) Whether any Engineer, Chief Engineer or the Public Works Department Minister went upto Kahitoma over this road to see the condition of this road ?

(f) If not, why not ?

(g) Why this road is not extended to Kahitoma although the road is called Kamargaon-Kahitoma Road ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [(Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (R. and B.))] replied:

295. (a)—The approaches to the ghats on the Kamargaon-Kahitoma Public Works Department Road are maintained departmentally with proper care and supervision.

(b)—There is no provision for gravelling in the present estimate. Works for construction of timber bridges have already been allotted to the contractors. The work has, however, been delayed due to transport difficulties.

(c)—There are two Public Works Department Ghats *viz.*, (i) Burikamar and (ii) Ultakhanda.

(d)—All possible steps have been taken to maintain these ghats properly.

(e) & (f)—Deputy Minister, Public Works Department visited upto Ultakhanda ghat on 27th August 1959. Prior Executive Engineer, Gauhati Circle and the gaon-Kahitoma Road on 24th August 1958 and Additional Chief Engineer went upto Burikamarghat on 21st July 1959.

(g)—The portion of the road beyond 4th mile could not be taken up due to paucity of funds.

Total amount proposed to be spent from the Stationery Fund for Boro cultivation

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)
asked:

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

(a) What is the total amount proposed to be spent or advanced from the Stationery Fund for Boro cultivation this year in the State and in which districts and what amount is proposed to be spent or advance in each district ?

(b) On what basis and principles or conditions the amount is proposed to be spent or advanced ?

(c) Till the 1st December, 1959 how much money has been spent or advanced ?

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

296.(a)—The word “stationery fund” is not clear. Presumably the hon. Member means “contingency fund”. A short term loan of Rs.7.45 lakhs from this fund has been sanctioned for Boro paddy cultivation in the State. The distribution list Subdivision-wise is given below:—

				Rs.
District	Goalpara—1.	Goalpara	... ..	40
		2.	Dhubri	40
		3.	Kokrajhar	20
„	Cachar ...1.	Silchar	... ..	16
		2.	Karimganj	16
		3.	Hailakandi	18
„	Kamrup ...1.	Barpeta	... ..	25
		2.	Gauhati	25
„	Darrang ...1.	Tezpur	... ..	50
		2.	Mangaldai	50
„	Nowgong...1.	Nowgong	... ..	1.15
„	Sibsagar ...1.	Sibsagar	... ..	80
		2.	Jorhat	80
		3.	Golaghat	90
„	Lakhimpur 1.	Dibrugarh	... ..	40
		2.	North Lakhimpur	40

(b)—1. *Basis*.—The loan is issued to individual adult cultivators for intensification of Boro paddy cultivation on a per acre basis in cash as well as in kind.

2. *Principle*.—The loan is given at the rate of Rs.50 per acre as per break up below:—

- (i) Purchase of 20 srs. of seeds—Rs.8 in cash or kind.
- (ii) Purchase of pesticides—Re. 1 in kind.
- (iii) Fencing for protection—Rs.30 in cash.
- (iv) Cash loan for labour, etc.,—Rs.11

Total ...	Rs.50	per acre.
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3. *Conditions*.—(A) The loan is issued to individual applicants on the personal security of a third party or under joint bond system.

(B) It is re-payable on the harvesting of the crops or within 12 months. It is realised and collected with interest in accordance with normal procedure of Revenue collection or in accordance with procedure of collection of Co-operative loans by the Co-operative Department as the case may be.

(C) The rate of interest chargeable on the loan is 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent in accordance with Agricultural Loans Act. If issue to the Central Bank the rate of interest chargeable is Rs.4 per annum.

(c)—Rupees 7.45 lakhs.

Total number of Local Board Employees throughout the State

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

297. Will the Minister-in-charge of L.S.-G. be pleased to state—

- (a) How the Local Boards employees will be absorbed after the abolishing of the Local Boards ?
- (b) What is the total number of Local Board employees throughout the State and how many of them are going to be absorbed after the abolition of Local Boards ?
- (c) When this will be given effected to ?

Shri G. N. GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L.S.-G.) replied :

297. (a)—Those employees of the Local Boards who were appointed before 1st April 1958 and are found suitable for employment under Government will be appointed under the Mahkuma Parishads or Anchalik Panchayats to posts, the cost of which will be borne by Government. The technical staff *e.g.*, Surveyors, Sub-surveyors etc., who are qualified will be taken over by the Public Works Department. The taking over of the Local Board dispensaries, Veterinary dispensaries and technical educational institutions with their staff is under consideration of the respective Government departments.

Those employees of Local Boards appointed prior to 1st April, 1958 who are educationally disqualified for the post held by them according to Government standard will be discharged with gratuity or other retrenchment benefit as may be admissible under the rules of Local Boards. But those of such employees who are educationally disqualified according to Government standard for the post held by them have been offered lower posts such as "Gram Sevak" under Government or posts under the Anchalik Panchayats and in case of acceptance of such lower posts, they will not be entitled to gratuity or their retrenchment benefit as mentioned above. Local Boards employees who are superannuated, have been served with notice of discharge and they will be given gratuity or other benefit which they are entitled to under the rules.

All employees of Local Boards who were appointed after 1st April, 1958 have been served with notice of discharge from their service with effect from 1st November 1959, giving them one clear calendar month's notice. Such of them as were made permanent will be given gratuity and other retrenchment benefits as may be admissible to them under the rules and conditions of service which they were subject to. Government have also taken a decision that until all such employees are absorbed the district offices under all Government Departments will give preference to them for employment in similar posts.

(b)—The total number of Local Board employees in the State is 668 and out of them 538 Local Board employees of various categories are proposed to be absorbed in different Government Departments *viz.*, Public Works Department, Medical, Public Health, Technical Education, Veterinary and in Anchalik Panchayats and Mahkuma Parishads, etc.

(c)—This is being given effect to already.

Total number of Field Management Committee

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)

asked :

298. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture, be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total number of Field Management Committees so far organised. (The figure may be given Subdivision-wise) ?
- (b) How many of them have so far been registered in each Subdivision ?
- (c) How many of these Committees are availing help and facilities in each Subdivision for Agricultural Development Fund ?

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

298. (a)—Total number of Field Management Committee so far organised is 3,262. Subdivision-wise figures are stated below—

1. Lakhimpur	...	(a) Dibrugarh	..	189
		(b) North Lakhimpur...		134
2. Sibsagar ...	...	(a) Sibsagar ...	...	288
		(b) Jorhat ...	...	288
		(c) Golaghat...	...	145
3. Nowgong	...	(a) Nowgong	...	350
5. Kamrup ...	...	(a) Gauhati ...	...	125
		(b) Barpeta ...	...	150
5. Darrang ...	...	(a) Mangaldai	...	130
		(b) Tezpur ...	...	134
6. Goalpara	...	(a) Goalpara...	...	150
		(b) Dhubri ...	...	11
		(c) Kokraihar	...	4

7.	Cachar	...	(a)	Silchar	...	228
			(b)	Hailakandi	...	91
			(c)	Karimganj	..	75
8.	Mikir Hills	...	(a)	Diphu	...	70
			(b)	Haflong	...	15
9.	United K. & J. Hills		(a)	Shillong	...	195
			(b)	Jowai	...	121
10.	Garo Hills	...	(a)	Garo Hills	..	195
11.	Mizo Hills	...				22
	Total	...			...	<u>3,262</u>

(b)—The following have so far been registered in each Subdivision—

Dibrugarh	..	35	Dhubri	...	98
North Lakhimpur		24	Kokrajhar	...	30
Sibsagar	...	57	Silchar	...	120
Jorhat	...	125	Hailakandi..	...	37
Golaghat	..	128	Karimganj...	..	40
Nowgong	...	83	Diphu	...	70
Mangaldai	..	130	Haflong	...	7
Tezpur	...	54	Shillong	..	4
Gayhati	...	72	Jowai	...	...
Barpeta	...	129	Garo Hills	..	92
Goalpara	...	40	Mizo Hills	...	...
Total	...	..	...	...	<u>1,384</u>

(c)—No help so far has been given to these Committees, but the following loans are being issued on their recommendations.

Short term loan	...	..	...	Rs.28.55 lakhs
Medium term loan	...	...	...	Rs.11.35 "

Training of Hajo river in Sadiya Transferred area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

299. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture, be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact-Hajo river in Sadiya Transferred area has been changing course very often and spoiling a large area of paddy fields almost every year since last few years ?

(b) What is the extent of damage done by this river in Sadiya Mauza ?

(c) What action Government propose to take to train this small rivulet ?

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

299. (a), (b) and (c)—The informations are being called for.

Opium Prohibition Campaign in the district of Lakhimpur

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) asked :

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

(a) What is the amount sanctioned this year for Opium Prohibition Campaign in the district of Lakhimpur ?

(b) Whether any amount has been paid to the Honorary Opium Prohibition Commissioner to conduct the campaign ?

(c) If so, what is the amount ?

(d) If not, why not ?

(e) Whether there is any Opium Prohibition Committee in Dibrugarh and in North Lakhimpur ?

(f) If so, when the Committees were formed ?

(g) If not, why not ?

(h) Whether Government will be pleased to enlighten the House with a comprehensive statement of the results of Prohibition achieved in the District of Lakhimpur ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise) replied :

300. (a)—No separate amount has been sanctioned for Lakhimpur district but a total amount of Rs.1,93,650 has been sanctioned this year for opium prohibition campaign for the whole state.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Because the financial control of the non-official Organisation is vested on the Excise Commissioner.

(e)—Yes, two in Dibrugarh Subdivision and one in North Lakhimpur Subdivision.

(f)—The Committees at Dibrugarh, Dhemaji and North Lakhimpur were formed on 16th October, 1957, 8th December, 1958 and 27th September, 1957 respectively.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—From the information available it is found that in 1949 the number of opium addicts was 6500, but according to the survey carried out recently it is found that number of addicts has come down to 3500. This decrease in number shows that the Opium Prohibition Campaign is successful. So far about 800 addicts have been treated in the 3 treatment centres in the district of Lakhimpur and the prohibition officers are looking after the movements of the cured addicts so as to ensure that they do not relapse to their habit.

Raising the bund between Nangalamara and Patsaku

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

301. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have examined the question of raising the portion between Nanglamara and Patsaku to save the whole of Bokota Mouza from damaged of crops every year ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Rural Panchayat, the Bokota Mandal Congress and the Questioner have been pressing for the raising of the above portion continuously since 1957 ?
- (c) Whether Government has sanctioned the said work ?
- (d) If so, whether Government will start the work during this year ?
- (e) If not, whether Government has dropped the idea and thereby leaving the people to their fate ?

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

301. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Not yet.

(d)—The proposal is under active consideration of the Government.

(e)—In view of the reply to (d) above the question does not arise.

Recurring Grant to Bandarkhati M. E. School in Hapjan Mauza (Dibrugarh)

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Bandarkhati Middle English School was established about 10 years back in Hapjan Mauza (Dibrugarh) and there is no other such school within a radius of about 8 miles ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the school is situated in a backward area and good results has been shown by the school since the last few years ?

(c) What were the difficulties of the Government in sanctioning recurring aid to this institution so long ?

(d) Whether Government proposed to sanction recurring aid to this institution with immediate effect ?

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

302. (a)—Bandarkhati Middle English School was established in 1953. There is no other such school within a radius of 5 miles.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Requisite conditions are not fulfilled.

(d)—Yes, when conditions are fulfilled.

Recurring Aid to Dirak Middle English School in Saikhowa Mauza (Dibrugarh)

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)

asked :

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that the Dirak Middle English School was established in Saikhowa Mauza (Dibrugarh) a few years back and that there is no such school within a radius of about 8 miles ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the school is situated in a backward area ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the school had been moving the authorities to sanction recurring aid ?

(d) Whether Government propose to sanction recurring aid to this school with immediate effect from this year ?

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

303. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, when conditions are fulfilled.

Non-recurring and Recurring Aid to Panikhowa Middle English School, Tingrai Mauza (Doom Dooma)

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that Panikhowa Middle English School was established in Tingrai Mauza (Doom Dooma) ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the school is situated in backward villages and there is no other such school within a radius of about 7 miles ?

(c) What amount of recurring or non-recurring aid has so far been granted to this school ?

(d) Whether Government proposed to help this institution by sanctioning non-recurring aid and recurring aid as early as possible ?

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

304. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Rupees 500.00 (Rupees five hundred only as non-recurring grant.

(d)—Yes, when necessary conditions are fulfilled.

**Recurring Aid to Middle English School at Pengeri
in Buridihing Mauza (Dibrugarh)**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)

asked :

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that there is a Middle English School at Pengeri in Buridihing Mauza (Dibrugarh) and there is no other such school within a radius of about 10 miles ?

(b) Whether any Government aid has yet been sanctioned to this Institutions ?

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

305. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Non-recurring grant of Rs. 2,650. (Rupees two thousand six hundred and fifty only) from different sources received by the school.

Completion of Burai Bridge

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that the Burai Bridge which was nearing completion could not be completed because of some exchange difficulty ?

(b) Whether the exchange difficulty has been removed ?

(c) When do Government proposed to complete the Bridge ?

Shri G. N. GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B. Wing)] replied :

306. (a)—Government are aware of the foreign exchange difficulty.

(b)—The foreign exchange difficulty has been solved only partly with the release of foreign exchange for Rs. 20,000 for import of Anchorage Cones. Foreign exchange is necessary for importing 67 tons of high tensile steel and 8 tons of M.S. Strips which the Government of India have promised us to supply from their bulk purchase but have not yet been received. Authorities concerned have been requested to expedite the process of supply.

(c)—It is difficult to indicate a definite date ; but it is expected to complete the bridge by the end of 1960-61.

Establishment of a Seed Farm at Kahibari of Bijni Thana

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

307. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is public objection for the establishment of a Seed Farm at Kahibari of Bijni Thana ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Revenue Minister recommended to the Agricultural Department for the establishment of the Seed Farm somewhere else and not at Kahibari ?
- (c) If so, what happened to it ?
- (d) How many persons have been arrested by the Police for opposing the Seed Farm at Kahibari ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to shift this Farm to some other place ?
- (f) If not, why not ?

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

307. (a)—Yes.

(b) and (c)—No record that such recommendation was made to the Agriculture Department is available.

(d)—5 persons have been arrested.

(e)—No. Government do not propose to shift the farm to some other place.

(f)—No other suitable land is available.

Construction of the Beki approach road on the Bank in the P.W.D. Ghat

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

308. Will the Minister, P.W.D., (R. & B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Beki approach road on the left bank of the P.W.D. Ghat was last constructed ?

(b) What was the amount spent on this approach road ?

(c) Whether the Beki River is changing its course towards this approach road by erosion ?

(d) How many feet remain yet to be eroded by the Beki river to reach this approach road near the ghat ?

(e) Why the P.W.D. is spending money in constructing approach roads near the Beki P.W.D. Ghat without proper survey and not taking into consideration the change of course of the Beki river ?

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

308. (a) to (e)—The informations have been collected from the Divisional Officer concerned.

Whole Seller for Fertiliser, etc. for the State of Assam

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

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

- (a) Whether there is any whole seller for fertiliser, etc., for the State of Assam ?
- (b) Whether Government have appointed Regional whole sellers in the districts of Assam ?
- (c) What is the basis of appointing such whole seller ?
- (d) What are the names of existing whole sellers appointed through the State by the Government ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that tea planters are getting these fertilizers at a low rate of price than the local people ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to take steps to sell these fertilizers to cultivators conveniently and at reduced rate ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister for Agriculture) replied :

309. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—On the basis of competitive tenders.

- (d)—1. Assam Manure and Tools Suppliers, Shillong.
2. Pioneer Fertilisers Ltd., Dibrugarh.
3. Dibrugarh Co-operative Marketing Society, Dibrugarh.

(e)—No. It is not a fact. The tea planters are to pay Rs. 422 per ton of Ammonium Sulphate and Rs. 377 only per ton. Tea industwhile Ammonsem Sulphate only.

(f)—As it will be seen from reply to (e) above, cultivators are getting Ammonium Sulphate at a reduced price 25 per cent subsidy is given to cultivators to enable them to purchase Super phosphate and Bonemeal. They are getting 50 per cent subsidy to purchase green manure seeds. Town compost is sold at a nominal price of 6 (six) naiye paise per maund. In order to reach the fertilisers conveniently to cultivators, the Agents have been asked to open depots at all important centres.

Agreement with the Political Organisation for which Government sanctioned a Scheme for growing Vegetables

Shri BISHWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi)

asked :

310. Will the Minister-in-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) What were the reasons for not entering into an agreement with that Political Organisation for which Government sanctioned a scheme in April, 1957 for growing vegetables at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,08,000 to meet the increased demand anticipated during January, 1958 in connection with the Annual Session of that Political Organisation ?
- (b) What precaution Government took to make this scheme successful and to avoid losses ?
- (c) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a list of the persons to whom subsidy were given under this scheme to grow vegetable in 300 acres of land ?
- (d) Whether these persons were actual cultivators ?
- (e) If so, whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement giving details of the area covered under this scheme in case of each cultivator ?
- (f) How Government calculated that 420 mds. of vegetable was standing in the field before collecting the same ?

- (g) Whether this 420 mds. of vegetables were collected and sold and if so, what was the sales proceeds of the same ?
- (h) Whether tools, implements and fencing materials costing Rs. 4,270 have been disposed of and if so, what was the sale proceeds of the same ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister for Agriculture) replied :

310. (a) to (h) Informations are being collected.

Scholarships for the students of Tea Garden, and Ex-Tea Garden Tribes of Assam

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

311. Will the Minister, Tribal Area Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether scholarships are reserved for the students belonging to the Tea garden and *Ex-tea* garden Tribes of Assam ?
- (b) If so, what are the numbers of such scholarships?
- (c) How many students belonging to the Tea garden and *Ex-tea* garden Tribes are getting such scholarships ?

Capt. W. A. SANGMA (Minister, Tribal Area Department) replied :

311. (a)—Yes.

(b)—23 Scholarships including 12 primary, 6 Middle English and 5 Middle Vernacular.

(c)—24 scholarships were awarded during 1956-57.
20 scholarships were awarded during 1957-58.
20 scholarships were awarded during 1958-59.

Public Works Department Road connecting Baghjan Area of Hapjan Mauza

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom Dooma) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is no Public Works Department Road connecting Baghjan Area of Hapjan Mauza ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that a road from Baghjan to Guijan will facilitate these villages to come out to main Public Works Department Road and Tinsukia ?

(c) Whether Government propose to take up construction of this road as early as possible ?

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

312.(a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—There is no such proposal yet. However, this proposal is being sent to Subdivisional Development Board for initial consideration and allocation of priority for consideration of the same for inclusion in the Third Five Year plan.

Completion of Tama-Dingdinga Irrigation Scheme in Gossaigaon Circle

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

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

(a) Whether the Tama-Dingdinga Irrigation Scheme in Gossaigaon Circle has been completed ?

(b) If so, why not ?

(c) When was the working on the scheme first started ?

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

313.(a), (b) & (c)—The informations are being called for.

Removal of Water-hyacinth entangled in the piles of Nakhanda Bridge

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

314. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R.&B.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that works for removal of water-hyacinth entangled in the piles of Nakhanda Bridge of Barpeta was given to contractor on verbal orders by the Subdivisional Officer, Public Works Department, Barpeta at the first instance ?
- (b) If so, who were the contractors and at what rate the works were given to them and what was the amount spent ?
- (c) How the rates were fixed ?
- (d) Who were the contractors for the second time ?
- (e) Whether the contractors could complete the works within the schedule time allowed as per notice ?
- (f) What was the form of tender ?
- (g) Whether contractors selected for the second time were given work on comparative basis ?
- (h) What were the differences in rates of works given on verbal order and comparative rate ?
- (i) Whether the rates on verbal order were higher than the comparative rates ?
- (j) If so, whether the extra amount for higher rates will be recovered from the officer responsible for giving higher rates ?
- (k) Why the lessee was not allowed to remove the water-hyacinth as per clause of the lease ?

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

314. (a)—Yes. To save the bridge from damage there was no other alternative but to allot the work at the first instance, without calling for tenders, as there was no time.

(b)—1. Sabananda Das at Rs. 15 per cent Sq. ft.

2. Paramananda Pathok at Rs.15 per cent Sq. ft.

(c)—The rate fixed on negotiation at site and work after due consideration given to the nature of allotted work.

(d)—1. Prasanna Kumar Das.

2. Basudev Das.

3. Parmananda Pathok.

(e)—No.

(f)—Form F-2.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—The difference on rates given on verbal orders and competitive basis is Rs.6 per cent Sq. ft.

(i)—Yes.

(j)—No.

(k)—Lessee engaged sufficient number of labour in removing the water-hyacinth. But there was such a sudden rush of water-hyacinth that it was beyond the control of the lessee and the work had to be taken up by the Department for safety of the bridge.

Progress of work done on the Rani Mairang Road

Shri JOR MANIK SYIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

(a) What progress has been made on the Rani Mairang Road since the last Budget Session of the Assembly ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the work on the Rani-Jirang Section of the Road is remaining untouched since the last cold weather ?

(c) Whether the Minister-in-charge is aware that with the hope that the above Road would be made jeepable this winter the local people have already constructed feeder Roads with their own efforts ?

(d) When the road may be expected to be motorable or jeepable ?

Shri G. N. GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (Roads and Buildings Wing.)] replied :

315. (a)—The Progress made on Section III (a) of the project since the last Budget Session is as follows:—

Progress of achievement

1. Earth work (formation, etc.) 8 per cent.
2. Collection of broken metal 20 per cent.
3. Bridges 33 per cent.
4. Culverts 18 per cent.

(b)—No. All works were in progress though mostly hampered due to excessive rainfall and scarcity of labourers in the locality.

(c)—Government have no such information.

(d)—Eight miles out of 10 miles and 4 furlongs length for construction is already made jeepable. The remaining length will also be made jeepable within this financial year.

Completion of the bridges in the Barphukanar Ali (P. W. D. Road) in Khowang-Moran area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

316. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

(a) When the bridges in the Barphukanar Ali (Public Works Department Road) in Khowang-Moran area were completed ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the contractors used very cheap and bad types of timber in these bridges ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that most of the bridges have been damaged by this time ?

(d) What is the normal life of bridges of specifications that was constructed in Barphukanar Ali ?

(e) Whether Government propose to take any steps on the contractors and officers who are responsible for execution of such inferior type of work ?

(f) If so, what action Government propose to take to prevent such recurrence elsewhere ?

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

316. (a) to (f)—The informations have been called.

Roads falling within the Kamalpur Thana constructed during the First and Second Five Year Plan

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

317. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) How many miles of roads falling within the Kamalpur Thana were taken for construction under the Second Five Year Plan period ?

- (b) How many miles of roads falling within the Kamalpur Thana were taken for construction during the First Five Year Plan period ?
- (c) What amount was spent for roads taken by Public Works Department during the First and Second Five Year Plan periods in Kamalpur Thana ?
- (d) What amount was spent for roads taken by Public Works Department in Kamalpur Thana during the year 1958-59 and during the year 1959-60 ?

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

317. (a) to (d) — The informations have been called for.

Permanent absorption of the Local Board Staff

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj)

asked:

318 Will the Minister L. S. G. be pleased to state—

- (a) What steps Government have taken to absorb the Local Board staff permanently after the abolition of the Local Board ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that Government have served with a notice of discharge to the Local Board employees who are not educationally qualified now ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that those under qualified staff served for a pretty long time and ran the local board administration efficiently ?
- (d) If so, why those staff should not be retained considering their long service and experience ?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that this action of discharge will put many families to starvation and difficulties ?

- (f) Whether Government are aware that those under qualified Local Board staff due to their experience will prove better than fresh recruits from schools and colleges ?
- (g) If so, whether Government will be pleased to reconsider their decision and retain the under-qualified staff and to confirm them in the interest of public service ?

Shri G. N. GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L. S. G.) replied:

318. (a)—Those employees of the Local Boards who were appointed before 1st April 1958 and are found suitable for employment under Government will be appointed under the Mahkuma Parishads or Anchalik Panchayats to posts, the cost of which will be borne by Government. The technical staff *e. g.* Surveyors, Sub-surveyors etc., who are qualified will be taken over by the Public Works Department. The taking over of the Local Board dispensaries, Veterinary dispensaries and technical educational institutions with their staff is under consideration of the respective Government departments.

Those employees of Local Boards appointed prior to 1st April 1958 who are educationally disqualified for the post held by them according to Government standard will be discharged with gratuity or other retrenchment benefit as may be admissible under the rules of Local Boards. But those of such employees who are educationally disqualified according to the Government standard for the post held by them have been offered lower posts such as "Gram Sevak" under Government or posts under the Anchalik Panchayats and in case of acceptance of such lower posts, they will not be entitled to gratuity or their retrenchment benefit as mentioned above. Local Boards employees who are superannuated, have been served with notice of discharge and they will be given gratuity or other benefit which they are entitled to under the rules.

All employees of Local Boards who were appointed after 1st April 1958 have been served with notice of discharge from their service with effect from 1st November 1959 giving them one clear calendar month's notice. Such of them as were made permanent will be given gratuity and other retrenchment benefits as may be admissible to them under the rules and conditions of service which they were subject to.

Government have also taken a decision that until all such employees are absorbed the district offices under all Government Departments will give preference to them for employment in similar posts.

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

(c)—Government are aware that those under-qualified staff of the Local Boards served for a long time. Government have no information about running the Local Boards efficiently or otherwise by such employees.

(d)—In view of reply at para. (a) this question does not arise.

(e)—In view of para. (a), this question does not arise. Government have taken all possible measures to help them.

(f)—In view of reply at para. (c) this question does not arise.

(g)—Does not arise.

Remission of Land Revenue to cultivators of Khowang, Moran, etc.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

- (a) Whether there is a proposal to grant remission of land revenue to the cultivators of Khowang, Moran and Sepon Mouzas in Dibrugarh Sub-division who could not cultivate their land due to flood that caused as a result of breaches of the embankment near Halodhibari?
- (b) If so, what is the amount that would be granted as remission and the period from which this remission is proposed to be granted?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

319. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Proposals for remission in respect of Khowang, Moran and Sepon Mouzas are as follows:—

- (i) Khowang—Rs.2,280·64 nP. for the year 1958-59.
(ii) Moran—Rs.6,575·53 nP. for the year 1958-59.
(iii) Sepon—Rs.5,001·53 nP. including T. B. revenue for the year 1958-59.

Remission for Khowang Mouza has already been sanctioned and the proposal for the other two Mouzas are being further scrutinised by the Deputy Commissioner.

Remission of Land Revenue to the flood-affected villages of Moderkhat Mouza

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there was a proposal to grant remission of land revenue to the flood affected villages in Moderkhat Mouza (Dibrugarh) for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 ?
- (b) If so, what was the actual proposal submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur ?
- (c) To what extent remission of land revenue was granted to the people of Moderkhat Mouza ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

320. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The amount proposed for remission of land revenue and local rate are as follows—

1952-53—Rs.1,540·92 nP. Land Revenue.
Rs. 118·25 nP. Local Rate.
Total—Rs.1,659·17 nP.

1953-54—Rs.1,429·81 nP. Land Revenue.
Rs. 111·20 nP. Local Rate.
Total—Rs.1,541·01 nP.

(c)—The entire amount proposed by Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur has been remitted.

Surrender of Government grants in Golaghat Subdivision by the P. W. D.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

321. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (R. & B.) be pleased to

state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a huge amount of Government grant is being surrendered in Golaghat Subdivision by the Public Works Department every year as requisitioned value ?

- (b) What is the amount of Government grant surrendered last year as above by Golaghat Public Works Department ?
- (c) What is the reason for failure of acquiring lands by Public Works Department and who is responsible for it ?
- (d) How many cases of acquisition submitted by Public Works Department at Golaghat are pending in the office of the Subdivisional Officer (Civil), Golaghat ?
- (e) How long they are pending ?
- (f) Who is responsible for such undue delay in settling the cases ?
- (g) What action is being taken against the person or persons at fault ?

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

321. (a)—Yes, there has been some surrender of Government grants due to non-finalisation of payments towards Lands Acquisitions.

(b)—The amount of Government grants surrendered during 1958-59 is Rs.85,925 due to non-finalisation of Lands Acquisition payment.

(c)—Actually the acquisition of land is done by the Civil Department on the proposals made by Public Works Department. There has been no delay or failure on the part of Public Works Department in Golaghat Division in sending the proposals for land acquisition to the Civil Authority in time. So the latter part of the question does not arise.

(d)—Thirty cases of acquisition of land are pending in the office of the Subdivisional Officer (Civil), Golaghat at various stages of Land Acquisition proceeding.

(e)—These 30 cases are pending as shown below.

5 cases since June, 1954.

4 cases since January, 1955.

2 cases since August, 1955.

1 case since December, 1955.

1 case since July, 1956.

15 cases since January, 1957.

2 cases since September, 1957.

(f)—The land acquisition is an elaborate and very complicated process commencing from proposals given by P. W. D., their survey on spot and other procedures to be adopted by the Revenue Department, draft notification and draft declaration in the official Gazette with the approval of the Revenue Department, which necessarily involves a long period of time.

(g)—Does not arise in view of explanation at (f).

Number of Refugees in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

322. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The number of refugees in Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) How many of them have been provided with land ?

(c) Whether all of them will be properly rehabilitated ?

and

(d) If so, when ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

322. (a)—Nine thousand four hundred and fifty-six families.

(b)—One thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight families.

(c) and (d)—A final plan has been drawn up. This is under scrutiny. The aim is to give aid to the families whose cases are hard and deserving. It is intended to complete the work of rehabilitation by the end of Second Five Year Plan Period.

Re : Housing loan to Refugees

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)
asked:

323. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government have lately received petitions from some refugees of Haibargaon, Nowgong District, against the notice of the Deputy Commissioner to the effect that the Housing Loan advanced to the refugees be refunded on 31st August, 1959 (*vide* Notice No.2574-95, dated the 8th August, 1959) ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that the financial condition of these refugees are still precarious ?

(c) Whether Government will either grant remission or move the Central Government for complete remission of this loan to the deserving loanees ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

323. (a) to (c)—Necessary particulars have been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): Mr. Speaker Sir, in the unstarred question No. 50(a) in the second line there is a mistake. Instead of the Chairman, Board of Basic Education, this should be Secretary, State Advisory Board for Basic Education.

Shri Hareswar Goswami's complaint for giving answers to less number of questions

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur):** Mr. Speaker Sir, on a point of Order. I have repeated this thing so many time and I am sorry I have to repeat again the same thing. This time we have been supplied huge starred question to-day. There are many questions which have not been replied. What will be the fate of those unreplied questions that were put in the last September Session. It was decided in a meeting that as far as possible the questions should be replied immediately. It was also decided that the reply of the questions which have been left over in the previous should be sent to the respective Members. This is really very difficult to satisfy our electorate; because we have to reply certain questions to our electorate. In that meeting it was decided that the replies of the questions which have been left over in the last session would be sent to the individual Members for the sake of maintaining the formalities in conformity with the rules of this House. Even then many questions have not been replied.

Mr. SPEAKER: This time we have received starred questions about 271 and out of these 178 have been replied. We have also received 482 unstarred questions and out of that 323 have been replied. I quite appreciate the Leader of the Opposition. It is a valuable privilege to question and elucidate certain facts from the Government. I do not like that the replies of these questions should be delayed unduly or withheld. I have noticed that at the present moment the matters are improved and whatever little is left behind I shall try to make it perfect. I also request the Leader of the House to advise his colleague to send their replies as early as possible so that the replies may be given in time and in proper form.

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** What will happen to those questions which are not replied this time?

Mr. SPEAKER: These questions will be carried over to the next session in accordance with the rule 147.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** This rule does not provide for carrying the questions of one session to other session, it has specifically says that the questions of to-day which are not disposed of may be taken up tomorrow.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Mr. Speaker Sir, I can assure all the hon. Members we have not the least intention of withholding or delaying any reply of the questions. In any case I am grateful for the observation that the matter has improved in the meantime. I can assure all the hon. Members that it will be our honest endeavour to improve thing further. With regard to the questions which could not be replied in this session, these replies will be sent to the hon. Members.

Calling Attention to matter of urgent Public Importance *Re*: Sudden fall in prices of paddy

Mr. SPEAKER : Item No.2 stands in the name Shri Tarun Sen Deka. Since he is absent this item has lapsed. Now there is another notice of calling attention moved jointly by Tarun Sen Deka and Phani Bora.

***Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong)** : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to call the attention of this Hon'ble House to a very urgent matter of public importance. Sir, the Sali paddy is now being harvested. It is the time when the cultivators, even the poorest of them have to sell some paddy to meet their various requirements. They are to clear their debts, buy clothes, books, for their children, pay the revenue, etc., and as a matter of fact all sections of peasants have offered their paddy in the market. But unfortunately there are no buyers. The co-operative Apex Marketing Society which was the monopoly purchaser in the district of Nowgong last year have refused to purchase paddy at the Government's controlled price, this year. Even if some of them express their willingness to buy, they say they are not in a position to pay the price in cash. The licensed dealers are of course reluctant to buy at the Government's fixed price. In short, the lot of exploited peasant humanity is left in the hands of black marketeers, profiteers, millers and hoarders by the Government.

Sir, as a result of this now the paddy price has suddenly fallen to Rs. 5.00 and Rs. 6.00 in the district of Nowgong, Mikir Hills, Kamrup, Darrang and many other places. I have received telegrams and letters from Hojai, Morajar, Dabaka of Nowgong, Howraghat of Mikir Hills district, Mangaldoi, Nalbari, etc. My information is that as a result of the conspiracy of the anti-social elements aided or abetted by the Government's pro-hoarder policy this sudden fall has brought untold sufferings and hardships, has caused restlessness and dissatisfaction amongst the vast masses of our peasantry.

Sir, I am told that the conspiratorial policy adopted by this inhuman anti-social forces in league with the Marketing Societies and Government machinery express itself when the peasants come with their paddy for sale in the market ; they refuse to buy on the pretext that paddy is bad, that it is not properly dried and swept. So they want to deduct 4 to 6 seers per maund as 'butta'. Naturally peasants are left with no alternative except to accept the terms dictated by the profiteers and hoarders. I am also told that when the peasants get disgusted with everybody and they also cannot go back without some cash in hand at night the hoarders and profiteers through some of their agents offer to buy the paddy at a much lower price and the peasants also finding no way out fall in their trap and sell their blood and sweat to these exploiters. Has not the Government any responsibility towards this problem, Sir? The Hon'ble Food Minister took pride of his so-called success in the matter of procurement in my district last year. The Minister made such a statement in Delhi in the month of September. By making such a claim he may register some success inside the State Cabinet and also buy a good name in the Delhi V.I.P. Circle but so far as we, the people of Nowgong are concerned, we know what kind of a success it was. The policy of last year's procurement did good neither to the peasants producers nor to the poor or middle class consumers. That policy exploited and deceived the peasantry on the one hand and the consumers on the other because by purchasing the paddy at a price say Rs 8 to Rs.9 from

*Speech not corrected.

the peasants they were deprived of a just price and by selling the rice at a price not below Rs.21.50 nP. in the Government shop to the consumers, the consumers also were exploited. Government also could not stop price rising up to Rs.30 per maund in many places in Assam. Sir, our Minister somehow managed to make a statement in this House the other day saying that the procurement price of paddy offered by the Government in Assam is the highest in India. I do not know about other places, but Sir, I know that in West Bengal the peasants have been demanding Rs.12 to Rs.14 per maund of paddy in order to make it an economic price. In this respect Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that to fix a price for paddy in this State Government must take into consideration the cost of living and the cost of production in the rural areas of Assam. Price policy towards the agricultural production is not to be determined by the merchants and traders as is being done now. I know that both the cost of production and cost of living of the Assam peasantry are higher than the peasantry in Andhra, Orissa, Madras or Behar. Under the circumstances demand for fixation of Rs.12 per maund of paddy is morally and economically justified.

Sir, generation after generation the peasantry is deprived of their due in relation to their produce. Payment to their production is much below the actual value of their labour. As a result the peasant masses are going to ruins. In a capitalist society like ours I am not surprised to see this kind of ruthless exploitation; but Sir, should not the Government come forward at least to do something, just to arrest the sudden fall in the price of paddy which is not due to anything else than a conspiracy by the anti-social elements in collaboration with the Government machinery?

So, Sir, I hope that the Government will take immediate steps to arrest the sudden crash in paddy price and ensure the just price of paddy to the peasants and take strong measures against the anti-social elements and adopt a realistic procurement policy helpful not to the black-marketeers, profiteers, hoarders and millers but helpful to the vast masses of peasant producers, the back-bone of our nation.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply): Sir, my friend has questioned the policy of the Government. He has said that State-trading has done no benefit to anybody. There is contradiction in his thinking. If State-trading is not to be taken resort to then how the minimum price is to be assured successfully, I do not know. The very basis of the State-trading is that there should be a minimum price below which nobody would be paid for and that Government would purchase at a particular price the paddy collected by its Agents. There should be a minimum and a maximum price. Accordingly the Government fixed Rs.9 as the minimum price and they fixed the maximum between Rs.10 to Rs.10.75 nP. These are the current procurement prices. In fact we have assured a fair price to the growers. In Nowgong last year the minimum price was fixed at Rs.9 per maund of paddy subject to a certain cut during December, January and February because of the moisture content in the paddy in this period. It is known to everybody that just after harvesting the paddy contains moisture and nobody can be compelled to pay for water. Now my friend was saying that this policy was not successful because it did not pay Rs.12 to the cultivators. I still re-iterate what I had said on the floor of this House on the same subject. Sir, nowhere in India the cultivators have been paid even Rs.9 which this Government has assured and is giving to the cultivators within the State of Assam. My friend was referring to a demand in West Bengal. But he has not said what has happened to

that. Sir, whenever an opportunity is found my Communist friends habitually play to the gallery and try to misguide the people by exploiting their sentiments.

Now coming to the point raised by my friend that the price of paddy has gone down to Rs.5 or Rs.6 in certain places in Nowgong and also in the districts of Kamrup, Goalpara and Darrang, I would like to say that this is not correct. On receipt of the notice of this motion, calling attention yesterday at about 1 P.M., I requested the Secretary, Supply to phone up all the District Authorities to collect informations about the paddy prices and I am just reading his report. "I have ascertained from the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup district by telephone today that the prices of paddy in Gauhati Subdivision is Rs.9 and Rs.11 in Barpeta Subdivision. Similarly, I have ascertained that the prices in Tezpur is Rs.9 to Rs.9.50 nP. per maund. I was unable to contact the Deputy Commissioner, Goalpara on the telephone but from the price return submitted by telegram on 10th December 1959 the price at Dhubri is between Rs.9 and Rs.9.75 per maund. Prices of paddy in other areas are: Jorhat—9.75 nP. per maund, Silchar—Rs.9.50 nP. per maund to Rs.10.50 nP. per maund, Goalpara—Rs.7.75 nP. per maund, Karimganj—Rs.9.50 nP. to Rs.10.50 nP. per maund and North Lakhimpur—Rs.10.25 nP. to Rs.10.50 nP. per maund. Procurement price of paddy at Nowgong is Rs.10.25 nP. per maund and the selling price is between Rs.9 to 9.50 nP. per maund." From this description it would be seen that except in Goalpara where for a small period the price was less than Rs.9 nowhere the price is less than the statutory one. But, Sir, informations have also been received from Goalpara that the prices are going up.

Now I would refer specifically to Nowgong. What happened is this, Sir. Certain anti-social elements in Nowgong with a view to make the State trading unsuccessful started a propaganda that the Apex Marketing Society would not be able to purchase the entire paddy because there had been a bumper crop this year. As a result, you will be surprised to hear, that there was an unusual flow of paddy in the market by the cultivators. My friend was telling that the Apex Marketing Society would not purchase paddy. He is repeating the same propaganda which was done by the anti-social elements there. I hope, my friend is not a party to it; he is under that impression being misinformed. In fact, I do not think it to be otherwise. In any case I bring before the House the fact that the Apex Marketing Society purchased more than 2 lakh maunds of paddy in the month of November worth Rs.20 lakhs. At no time in the past, Sir, 2 lakh maunds of paddy were sold by the cultivators of the Nowgong district in this part of the year. Upto 15th December another 2 lakh maunds of paddy had been purchased by the Apex Marketing Society. Some middlemen are creating various obstructions. They pose themselves as agriculturists as if in great difficulties due to the State trading. Some such deputation came to see me. The deputationists posed themselves as agriculturists but I verified and found that they were in fact middlemen themselves. I am quoting from a telegram which we had received from the Deputy Commissioner a few days back to the effect "the scheme of purchasing paddy direct from growers at local hats not working satisfactorily. About six thousand maunds paddy was purchased yesterday at Doboka hat by the Apex where mostly middlemen tendered paddy".

These middlemen have been doing all sort of propaganda. They created a psychology in Nowgong that as there was a bumper crop in the State the Apex Marketing Society would not be able to cope with the situation. Their anti-propaganda was successful in as much as large quantity of

paddy came to the market in an unusual manner and the Apex Marketing Society had to purchase 4 lakh maunds of paddy within 15th December. They purchased this 4 lakh maunds of paddy within a month and a half as I have said such a huge quantity of paddy was tendered for sale in an unusual manner.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery): On a point of clarification, যোৱা বছৰ Co-operative এ দহ লাখ নোণ কিনিবো বাকী দহ লাখ নোণ কি হ'ল?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply): These are all irrelevant matters for this debate. This psychology was created in the whole of Nowgong district and as such people were coming forward with large quantities of paddy for sale. Then, Sir, according to the newest scheme agricultural credit has been linked up with marketing. By this linking up of agricultural credit with marketing we reduced the overdues of the co-operative loans from Rs.27 lakhs to Rs.3 lakh in the last co-operative year. I cannot at the moment give you the exact figure but I think nearly a half a crore of rupees was issued as loan in Nowgong. It is suspected that some of the growers who have taken short term agricultural loan are raising hue and cry that there is no market for selling their paddy under the belief that by such agitation they may be able to compel the Government to do away with the monopoly of the Apex Marketing Society. If they are sell through the Marketing or the Service Co-operatives, their dues to the Primary Co-operative Banks are bound to be deducted from the price of paddy sold, which, even some of the growers, under the influence of anti-social elements, want to avoid. However I can assure my friends that all the paddy offered for sale in the Nowgong district shall be purchased by the Apex Co-operative Society. In a situation like this, Sir, I want the co-operation of all. I want to remind the House of what happened last year when introduced State trading. At that time the traders and others opposing State Trading created lot of confusion but ultimately they were isolated and they felt helpless. This year also such an attempt is bound to be made to create confusion. Already anti-social elements are at work so as to force the Government to give up State Trading. One of the principles of state-trading is, Sir, to assure minimum price to the cultivator and at the same time reasonable price to the consumers and thus stabilising the price of food grain. If we give up state trading, the prices will be ruled according to the whims of the traders and their middlemen. In that case the people will have to remain contented with whatever price they get. We cannot argue bothways. You can't say assure minimum price to the cultivators ; good price to the cultivators but do not do state trading ? In order to ensure good prices to the cultivators if there is state trading, there may be little difficulties here and there which we have to tolerate for achieving greater good.

I can assure the House that this is the position. Wherever there is a price crash, Government will enter the market through Co-operatives and purchase paddy at controlled rate and ensure the price which is above or about the minimum to the cultivators.

The Assam Board of Revenue Bill, 1959

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no amendment to Clauses 5, 6 and 7 of the Assam Board of Revenue Bill, 1959. The question is that clauses 5, 6, 7 of the Bill do form part of the Bill. (The question was adopted).
Clause 8, amendment No. 12, Shri Bhattacharyya.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** Sir, I beg to move delete the words, "the Assam High Court or" occurring in between the words, "before" and "the" in lines 1 and 2 of this clause.

Sir, the position is that the clause as it stands seeks to withdraw all cases pending before the Assam High Court as also in the authority referred to in sub-section (2) of section 4 to the Board as and when it is constituted. Sir, it is almost like an insult added to the injury. Already by this clause 4 the High Court has been deprived of the judicial function which it has been discharging up till now. Now, even pending cases before the High Court are sought to be withdrawn to an authority which is under the executive Government. Sir, all these cases may be part heard and in some cases it may be that the hearing is completed and only judgment is left; but there is no mention in the clause that only those cases which have been filed but have not been heard will be withdrawn. That is not said. On the contrary it is said that all proceedings pending before the Assam High Court would be deemed to have been instituted before the Board and shall be decided as if they were instituted before the Board. At least there ought to have been some consideration for the highest Judiciary Body in the State. I am surprised how this can be ignored. At any rate if there draws even a little belated wisdom for respecting the highest Judicial Tribunal in the land I shall be only grateful to these who sponsor the Bill.

With these words Sir, I move my amendment and commend it to the acceptance of the House.

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment moved is: Delete the words, "the Assam High Court or" occurring in between the words, "before" and "the" in lines 1 and 2 of this clause.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker Sir, I am sorry I am not in a position to accept this amendment. My friend said that no respect has been shown to the highest judicial body in the State. That is not correct. Sir, such things happen when some powers are to be transferred from one court to another. It will be recalled Sir, that after the establishment of the Assam High Court we have to bring so many pending cases from Calcutta because necessity has compelled us to do so. Here, cases where the hearing has been completed, such cases will not come to the Board but where hearing is not completed, only those cases will come over to the Board of Revenue. So, I would request my friend to withdraw his amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER: I will put the question. The question is: Delete the words "the Assam High Court or" occurring in between the words "before" and "the" in lines 1 and 2 of this clause.

(The question was negatived).

I put the main question. The question is that clauses 8 to 12 (inclusive) do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted).

Amendment No. 13.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morangi): Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that at the end of the Schedule 'A' the following new items be added 12, 13 and 14—I leave out No. 12, but I will move only for items 13 and 14—, i.e., the Assam Municipal Act, 1956 (Assam Act XV of 1957)—Appeal under section 322. And then No. 14—The Northern India Ferries Act, 1878 (Act XVII of 1878—Appeal) against the settlement of Ferries by the Deputy Commissioners and the Subdivisional Officer or by any local authority."

These Sir, are just to take away the power of appeal from the Government to the Board.

Mr. SPEAKER : The amendment is moved.

Shri RADHIKARAM DAS (Dy. Minister, Revenue) : I accept the amendment, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER : The question is: That at the end of the Scheduled "A" the following new items 12, 13 be added.—

12. The Assam Municipal Act, 1956 (Assam Act XV of 1953) Appeal under section 322.

13. The Northern India Ferries Act, 1878 (Act XVII of 1878). Appeals against the settlement of Ferries by the Deputy Commissioner and the Subdivisional Officers or by any local authority.

(The question was adopted).

Now the question is that Schedule "A" as amended do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted).

The question is that Schedule 'B' of the Bill do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted).

The question is that the Title and Preamble of the Bill do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted).

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Revenue) : Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Board of Revenue Bill, 1959, as amended be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that the Assam Board of Revenue Bill, 1959, as amended be passed.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA : Sir, ven at this stage I am trying to please with the Government but I do not know whether I am crying in the wilderness. Yet I am alive to the situation that in a party form of Government, in these parliamentary form of Government where parties rule, they do sometimes go ahead with the party whip and then they laterly or rather late, as the Deputy Minister has given assurance that in the provision of the Bill there is a scope for employing people not only qualified to be appointed as judge of the High Court or one who has wide judicial experience, but also one having wide administrative experience, I do hope that to start with at least the Government will confine its wisdom to appoint only such persons who are either qualified to be appointed as Judge of the High Court or who have wide judicial experience because Government is taking a very serious step, that step is taking from the High Court the highest judiciary Body in the country, certain powers to a Board which is under the executive authority. Apart from the point of principle in the matter of a good and efficient administration certain amount of checks and balances over the executive authority are necessary for the good of the executive itself because it is not only always that the executive commits certain wrongs but sometimes it so happen that in spite of the best intentions there are certain lapses, there are certain omissions, and due to these facts justice sometimes become either delayed or denied to the people, and the Judiciary in those respects plays not only as a brake but also as an instrument which pulls up the Government or the Executive authority from this sort of omission and commissions. It is in the interest of good Government that there should be this sort of brake checks and balances in the administration of the country. Therefore I hope that while the Government has taken upon itself in their strength and impatience and wisdom to such sweeping powers, I do hope that they will use it with moderation and with

utmost caution. On two particular points I should like to draw their special attention. One is with regard to the completion of the rules to be made under the Act, under Sec. 10 of the Act as also under Clauses 3 and 5 providing for making of rules. Let us hope that the Government be prompt enough to make these rules. Let us also hope that the attention of the Legislature and its Committee will be drawn to the rules as soon as they are framed by sending them to the Secretary of the Legislature for proper consideration by the Committee of Subordinate Legislation. Because up till now the unfortunate question in our State has been that these committees of legislature are respected by the executive Government more by ignoring them than by keeping them alive to the progress made in this respect. I am not at all happy to use these words, and yet I have to say that the experience up till now has not been very happy. Let me hope that the Minister who piloted this Bill will in particular be pleased to take the pain to advise his department to send a copy of the draft rules as soon as they are drafted to the Secretary of the Legislature for proper study and comment of the Committee of the Legislature.

My second point is that we have also seen that there is a Financial Memorandum which has made provision with regard to financial obligation that will be there. So, with regard to the appointment of the personnel of the Board, I think greatest stumbling block is already over. The Government it appears are already clear as to what would be amount spent for the members of the Board and therefore the hon. Minister did not agree to my proposal for time limit of 30 days within which this appoint would be made, let me hope that the phrase "as soon as" which was used by the Dy. Minister piloting the Bill will not mean a period longer but shorter than 30 days. Because when a proposal has been accepted and when a new experiment is sought to be made, it is better that it is started immediately. Moreover, because of this passing of the Bill there is bound to be some time of sitting on the bench on the part of the authorities who are up till now delaying this matter. If the time taken by the constitution of the Board be sufficiently long, then much of the worth of the Bill will be lost, or at least, diminished. Therefore, let me hope that the Government will take into consideration this aspect also.

Lastly, I beg to submit that let the Government in the matter of appointment be guided not by political consideration of simply by administrative convenience but by the highest motive of giving justice, even and equal justice, to the people concerned.

These are the few observations which I think proper for me to make at this stage of the Bill.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, we are really grateful to the Government for bringing in this Bill which has been passed to-day and we hope it will come into force very soon. As a matter of fact this Bill is long over-due because in almost in all States in India this Board has been formed excepting, of course, Bombay. So, we hope that the Board will be constituted very soon and will begin functioning as early as possible. As regards the apprehension of my friend, Shri Bhattacharyya I also like to point out that Government will give due consideration to see in appointing the members of the Board and hope that specially in the matter of consideration of the personnel constituting the Board, sufficient attention

will be given to their judicial experience in the line. Regarding the other functions of the Board, I do not want to mention anything further at this stage but I hope that all the cases that have been pending before the Hon. High Court and other authorities in the State will be transferred to the Board as soon as it is constituted. I also hope that through the Board the public will get fair justice and they will at the same time also be able to feel that fair and equal justice has been meted out to them by the Board.

With these few words, Sir, I take this opportunity to thank the Government again.

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, at long last we have been able to have a Bill regarding the constitution of the Board of Revenue. This was long felt need of the State and we find that for want of this Board or a Tribunal of this nature, people felt that justice was not done. It is not a question of justice being done but justice must appear to have been done, and in a democracy where we believe the rule of law that feeling is most important. If for one reason or another being to think that things are being done whimsically, arbitrarily or that settlements are being made not on the basis of merit but on certain other extraneous considerations, then it is indeed, very bad for democracy. Therefore, Sir, we were all the time labouring under a feeling that these powers should be transferred to a Board or Tribunal where there will be a judicious approach to all such matters and things will be decided on merit and not excruciatingly. Therefore this Board has met a long felt demand. But it is one thing to pass the Bill and it is quite a different thing to implement it. Now immediately two persons will have to be appointed—one as a Chairman and another as a Member. Now so far as the appointments are concerned, they are very important. My friend, Shri Bhattacharyya in his amendment wanted that in so far as the constitution of the Board is concerned the High Court should be consulted so that people may feel that these appointments are being made on merit and not because that the Government wants a particular man to be appointed. Now, Sir, this is one side. The other side is that immediately after the constitution of the Board, this Board will have to deal with not only cases which are now dealt with by the Ministers or by the Commissioner or by the appellate authorities but also cases which are still pending in the High Court. All these cases will come to the Board. Now, if in the course of dealing with the cases the people feel that the justice that they were getting in the hands of the High Court is the being meted out to them, then they will say that there has not been any progress. That point should be remembered all the time. Secondly, although the age limit has now been fixed at 60, I would like to say that so far as these appointments are concerned they should not be made just to favour some people. People who retired from services and were in good book of the Government should not be appointed as Chairman or member of the Board simply because they were in good book. We want people who are really meritorious and who can discharge their duties with judicious mind. People with integrity and character should be appointed. Therefore, Sir, this is a very onerous burden on our Government. If mistakes are committed now in the matter of recruitment and constitution of the Board then people will think that we have not brought this Board into existence for the

*Speech not corrected.

purpose of making improvement. Therefore, I would request the Minister to see that this Revenue Board, on which we are developing the responsibilities which are of the President and the High Court, is made an absolutely impartial one and of integrity. Now that the Bill has been passed, I would suggest that this Board should be constituted with persons who enjoy public confidence.

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am grateful to my friends, Shri Bhattacharyya and Shri Goswami for the suggestions they have given and I assure that all these suggestions that have been advanced by my friends will be remembered at the time of implementation of the Bill.

Mr. SPEAKER: Now, I put the question. The question is that the Assam Board of Revenue Bill, 1959 be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Ganja and Bhang Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1959

Mr. SPEAKER: Next item—No.4. There is no amendment to the Bill. Mr. Das, you may move.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Excise): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Ganja and Bhang Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved. I put the question. The question is that the Assam Ganja and Bhang Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Bill, 1959

Mr. SPEAKER: Item No. 5. There is no amendment to this Bill.

So it may be moved

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture for Minister, Town Planning): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Bill, 1959, as reported by the Select Committee, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved. I put the question. The question is that the Assam Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Bill, 1959, as reported by the Select Committee, be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam State Acquisition of Lands Belonging to Religious or Charitable Institution of Public Nature Bill, 1959

Mr. SPEAKER: All the amendments to this Bill are in the name of Shri Tarun Sen Deka and he is absent. So the amendments lapse. Mr. Das, you can move.

Shri HAREWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam State Acquisition of Lands Belonging to Religious or Charitable Institution of Public Nature Bill, 1959 as reported by the Select Committee, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that the Assam State Acquisition of Lands Belonging to Religious or Charitable Institution of Public Nature Bill, 1959, as reported by the Select Committee, be passed.

(The Motion was put as a question and adopted.)

The Assam Regulated and Licensed Ware House Bill, 1959

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Regulated and Licensed Ware House Bill, 1959, as reported by the Select Committee, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion is moved. I put the question. The question is that the Assam Regulated and Licensed Ware House Bill, 1959, as reported by the Select Committee, be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Acquisition of Land for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion (Validation) Bill, 1959.

Mr. SPEAKER: Now, item No.8. There is one amendment in the name of Shri Tarun Sen Deka who is absent. So, the motion may be moved. Mr. Das.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): I beg to move that the Assam Acquisition of Land for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion (Validation) Bill, 1959, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion is moved. I put the question. The question is that the Assam Acquisition of Land for Flood Control and Prevention of Erosion (Validation) Bill, 1959, be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Adhiars Protection and Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1959.

Mr. SPEAKER: Item No. 9. All the hon. Members who moved the amendments are absent. So the motion may be moved.

Shri HAREWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): I beg to move that the Assam Adhiars Protection and Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1959, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: The motion moved. I put the question. The question is that the Assam Adhiars Protection and Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1959, be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Bill 1959

Mr. SPEAKER: There is no amendment to Clause 1 and 2. I therefore put the question :

The question is that clauses 1 and 2 do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted)

Amendment No.1. Shri Tarun Sen Deka. He is absent. I put the question:

The question is that clauses 3 and 4 do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted)

Then Clauses 5 and 6. There is no amendment. The hon. Members are absent.

Then Maulavi Tajuddin Ahmed—amendment—12.

***Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move:

Substitute the words, "The State Government may nominate" occurring in line 1 of the contemplated section 164A (2) in this clause by the words, "Members of the *Ad-hoc* Mohkuma Parishad Committee shall elect".
Sir, this is an important amendment and I hope it will be accepted.

Substitute the words, "the State Government may nominate" occurring in first line of the contemplated section 164B(3) in this clause by the words, "The members of the *Ad-hoc* Anchalik Panchayat shall elect".

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendments are moved.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** Sir, I want to speak a few words in this connection. This is a very urgent matter, and therefore, this amendment moved by my friend Shri Tajuddin Ahmed deserves special consideration. As stated in the Statement of Objects and Reasons of the Bill it will come into force from the first of October, 1959 and the Bill has been before the Legislature and also at the disposal of the Government there was very very long time. The time taken by the Select Committee itself for consideration of the Bill was pretty long enough and many evidences were also taken and after a great deal of consideration, the Bill was passed. We are really surprised that by this amending Bill the very purpose with which the Bill was prepared and considered has been rather sought to be defeated. For an interim period certain *Ad-hoc* Anchalik Panchayat and Mohkuma Parishads are sought to be made and not only the Members of these *Ad-hoc* committees but even the Presidents are sought to be appointed or nominated by the Government. Supposing but not admitting the necessity

of appointing *Ad-hoc* committees, are the Members of the Committees not competent enough to elect their own President? Why should the Government itself take upon itself the responsibility of appointing also the Presidents of the *Ad-hoc* committee? What is the purpose? It is perhaps a very good test to go into the mind of a man but there are certain circumstances which we cannot ignore. Let me take one instance in this regard. There has not been uniformity in the steps taken by the Government. Even before the Bill has been passed by this House, steps are being taken and arrangements are being made, to my knowledge and to my information, which are not quite appropriate and in those arrangements no uniform policy has been followed. One of the arrangements is the co-operation or the proposed participation of the Members of this House in these *Ad-hoc* committees. There ought to have been a principle; either the Members of this House are made participants in the *Ad-hoc* committees or not there should, be one standard, but in the step that is being taken that standard has not been there. So as other districts are concerned I do not know, but I know about Kamrup district. From Kamrup district there are about 16 Members of this House elected. Of these 16 Members 8 belong to the Congress Party and 8 to the Opposition. Of these 8 who are returned on Congress tickets— one is a Minister and the other is a Deputy Minister. 3 have been left out and 5 remain. The number belonging to the Opposition is 8. Now, for the district of Kamrup a principle is being pushed which is different from any other districts. Here the Members who have been elected for this House they are not being accommodated in these *Ad-hoc* committees, unlike other districts. For example, Shri Tajuddin Ahmed an elected Member of the House who have been elected by the people of that area has not been accommodated. Now, who is being accommodated in his place? A gentleman who at one time was elected as a Member of this House but due to corrupt practices practised by him his election was set aside by the Election Tribunal which was confirmed by the High Court. That gentleman is being pushed by the Government in the place of Shri Tajuddin Ahmed. Why? Because that gentleman in the meantime has changed his party affiliation, since he considered it safer to do so and become a Congressman, after, the commission of the corrupt practices. Therefore Shri Ahmed is left out. Another man who was rejected three by the electorate once in the hands of Pahars, Khan, a P.S.P. candidate and at another time at the hands of Shri Ghanashyam Talukdar, he is being taken in. Shri Ghanashyam Talukdar who defeated him has been left out he is a legislator sitting on this side of the House. Then there are other legislator also. The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Goswami, is considered not fit to sit in an *Ad-hoc* committee and my humble self is also considered unfit to be a member of the *Ad-hoc* Committee. Shri Sarat Chandra Goswami, Shri Radha Charan Choudhury and other Congress M.L.As from the district of Kamrup have been considered unfit for being included in the *Ad-hoc* committee. When I represented the matter to the Minister-in-charge of Community Development, he said that these two Members have been taken because they happen to be tribal members. Then we asked him what about other districts and told him that in other districts you have not made that distinction. In the district of Lakhimpur you have taken Shri Nilmoney Barthakur. He then replied that because all M.L.As are being taken, it does not look nice if one Communist Member is left out. If in the district of Lakhimpur and in some other districts other members not belonging to the Congress Party are taken, why in the case of Kamrup district only it has been considered that the Members should be let out. Is it because the majority of them belong to the Opposition

and preference should be rather given to those who were either convicted for corrupt practices in election, not only once but thrice convicted and who were rejected by the people? In addition to them, one of the tribal members of the district of Kamrup also has been left out just because he sits on the Opposition side. Is this the spirit of co-operation with which the Government propose to move, not in the Panchayat Act, but even in the *Ad-hoc* period? If this attitude is shown at this stage, what can we expect from the Government in the future? This does not show a very good beginning.

Then, there is another thing. Some people thought it necessary to represent at any time to the Minister-in-charge of the Bill. Only yesterday, a spokesman on behalf of the Praja Socialist Party, accompanied by two Members of this House met the Minister-in-charge of Community Development and represented against this. They pleaded for their Party and said "why should our party be left out and why should we be left out?" He treated them as though they were beggars. Of course, beggars have no alternative. But when a deputation waited on him, the Minister had no necessity of making a fun by saying that "you are only a buffer between the Congress and the Communist Party" I do not take pride in belittling any party like that, even if a kind word is spoken about my party and because the people have elected their representatives, we should have respect for the people? We should not make any fun of their political affiliation in this way. So the attitude that has been shown is rather more objectionable than the action itself. If this attitude is shown even when the Panchayat Bill is not implemented, even when an *ad-interim Ad-hoc* arrangement is being done, what will happen next when we come to more important points. I also strongly support the amendment moved by my friend, Shri Tajuddin Ahmed, and I consider that there should be no provision for nomination and the members be left to elect their own Presidents.

*Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, when the Panchayat Bill was in the anvil of the Select Committee, we all wanted that Panchayat should be the basis of our democracy. There should be decentralisation of powers and the Panchayats should be allowed to function in a manner that will help the growth of the individual talent and also help the improvement of the villages. In course of our discussion in the Select Committee, we insisted that the election to the Panchayats must be by ballot. Then an assurance was given. They said that they have not incorporated it in the body of the Bill because it will be left to the rules and that will be done and it should be by ballot. You, Sir, may remember that a Panchayat Enquiry Committee was appointed and it went into these matters. There also the consensus of opinion was that the election to the Panchayat at various levels should be by ballot and not by raising hands or by grouping of people as if it is a market. But we see to-day that rules have been framed and that assurance has been forgotten, and there is a provision that the election to the Panchayats will not be by ballot but by collection of people. What is the attitude of the Government in the whole matter. They wanted co-operation from us and we went all the way out to extend out hand of co-operation to see that the Panchayats are really becoming important in real fields of democracy and that it may enable us

*Speech not corrected.

to develop into a better society. But, Sir, all our co-operation was wanted only for the passing of this Bill. It is very painful for me to say all these things, but I when find that Government is insisting on passing of the Bill and forgetting their promises and are trying to make these Panchayats a device to foist their own mind. I have no other alternative than to raise my voice against such a behaviour.

Sir, when the Panchayat Bill was passed immediately after it an Ordinance had to be issued. We were told during 1958 that this Panchayat Bill is a very important piece of legislation and that we should pass it hurriedly, and it was sought to be passed within one Session. We opposed to it. The Select Committee was appointed and it had to take evidence it had to go through various stages of discussion on 2nd October, 1958,, the D-Day for ushering in of Panchayats, the Select Committee passed the Bill. While it was pointed out that it may not be possible to form *Ad-hoc* Committee and all these things, the Minister-in-charge of Community Development was boastful at that time. I am sorry that I have to say these words in his absence. I am told that he has gone on tour. I wonder that while we are discussing a very important piece of legislation, I am told, that the Minister has done out on tour. However, I am sorry to say all these things in his absence, but I cannot help when these things were passed because all these matters are going to be part and parcel of Community Development.

This bill has been brought here after this Ordinance here. I find that a provision has been incorporated in the Ordinance to include some Members of the Assembly in the *Ad-hoc* committee. If we really want that the Panchayat should be controlled by the party, such as Congress, Praja Socialist Party or Communist from the constituency from which the candidate returns, then the preference must be given to the parties which has got the majority there. But I am sorry the Minister is trying to foist this. They donot like to support this. How can we extend our co-operation in such circumstances ? I really feel that the Government cannot expect to get co-operation if they donot make their policy clear. The Government will appoint the President and Vice President of the *Ad-hoc* Anchalik Panchayat. The arrangement should be made to see that the majority members should get preference whether they belong to the Congress or Praja Socialist Party or Communist. But I am sorry the Government has developed a very strange psychology. They do not like to protect the interest of the Praja Socialist Party or Communist Party even though sometime they have majority members. The Government think that their claims are not just and deserving. Sir, I assure that if such things are allowed to continue then the Government will never get co-operation from us. I give this warning that the Government must give the right of appointment to the majority who actually win the confidence of the people. Even after this about the appointment of Anchalik Panchayat nomination we have come to know that the persons nominated are their own. There are places in the State of Assam where 20 to 25 constituencies where the opposition members are elected, and yet because in those constituencies Congress men have been elected, he has been made the Chairman of the Anchalik Panchayat and also Mahakuma Panchayats but not the opposition members ; as in the case cited by my friend Shri Bhattacharyya. So far as Kamrup is concerned a strange logic has been incorporated perhaps because the opposition members are 8 and Congress also 8. So, in order to avoid the opposition we had three Congress men and two Congress men belonging to the tribal only

whereas one tribal belonging to opposition has not been given any place, and we know one Mr. Abdul Jalil who was a member of this Assembly whose election was set aside on the ground of corrupt practices and he has suffered disqualification, he also finds a place. But people who enjoy the confidence, who through General Election won was not elected. I have not seen the logic but it is a device I notice the other party will do in such a manner so that we cannot regain our lost position; that is the only motive that becomes apparent out of it. Therefore Sir, I am opposed to this and I support whole heartedly the motion of amendment of my friend Tajuddin Ahmed because once you have nominated these members why do you come away for the next step also of nominating the Chairman of *Ad-hoc* Committee of the Anchalik Panchayats? Is it necessary for you in having confidence on these members that they will be able to select their own Chairman, and secondly why you stated in the very body of the Act that the M.L.As. would be *ex-officio* members of the Anchalik Panchayats. What is the reason for leaving them out even in Kamrup for this short period? What is the reason? Sir, I say, we are all the time very apprehensive about the Community Development Blocks because actually we have seen how the whole thing has failed. Now a blood has sought to be injected by this Panchayat and when the Panchayat Bill was moved we opposed this Panchayat Bill, then Anchalik Panchayat and then Mahakuma Panchayat and then at the top the State Government. We do not like that. We wanted 2 tiers only—in the lower level the Gram Panchayat and in the top level the Mahakuma Parishad. The Anchalik Panchayat was sought to be avoided so that Blocks may function properly. Now the whole game is out; the cat is out of the bag. Mr. Ahmed, Minister-in-charge, not only wants the Community Projects to be injected with new blood but also that this Community Projects should be manned by his own party—should be manned by his own post so that he can do whatever he likes. Sir, I am sorry I cannot accept this position, and therefore I am opposing this. If this is the spirit, if this is the intention of the party in power that now there is a provision to nominate our people we do so mercilessly, we do not care what is the public opinion there but we only put up our own men, then Sir, we are also here to oppose it. We also see that these Panchayats, which are sought to be made their own instrument for a party purpose, can function properly; and with these words, Sir, I support the amendment moved by my friend Shri Tajuddin Ahmed.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned for lunch till 2 P. M.

After Lunch

***Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Panchayats)**: মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, বিবোবী দলৰ পৰা শ্ৰীযুত হৰেশ্বৰ গোস্বামী আৰু শ্ৰীযুত গৌৰীশঙ্কৰ ভট্টাচাৰ্য ডাঙৰীয়াই এই সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাবটো সমৰ্থন কৰিবলৈ গৈ যিখিনি কথা কৈছে সেই সম্বন্ধত মই ইয়াকে কব খোজো যে এই ধাৰা কিয় অনা হৈছে। 'এড্-হক কমিটি' কি কাৰণে কৰা হৈছে? আমাৰ পৰ্যায়ত আইন খন কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰিবলৈ ১৮ মাহৰ ভিতৰত নিৰ্বাচন সমাধা কৰাৰ কথা; কাৰণ

*Speech not corrected.

এতিয়াৰে পৰা এই মধ্যবৰ্তী কালছোৱাত পঞ্চায়ত সমূহ আৰু লোকেল বৰ্ডৰ কামবোৰ বন্ধ হৈ যাব আৰু সেই বিলাক যাতে অচল নহয় তাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবলৈকে এই কমিটি কৰা হৈছে। আনৰ আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তত এই সদনৰ সদস্য আৰু এম, পি, আৰু কবেল পঞ্চায়তৰ যি বিলাক সভাপতি তেওঁলোকক লৈ গঠিত হব আৰু দুই চাৰিজন সনাত্ত সেরকো তাত থাকিব। অৱশ্যে এতিয়াও আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়ত কমিটি গঠন কাৰ্য্য, চৰকাৰী গেজেটত প্ৰকাশ হোৱা নাই। ঠিক এই দৰে মহকুমা পৰিষদ পঞ্চায়তো সদনৰ সদস্য, এম, পি, আৰু টাউন কমিটি আৰু মিউনিচিপেল কমিটিৰ চেয়াৰমেন সকলক লৈ 'এড্-হক' কমিটি গঠন কৰা হৈছে। এওঁলোকৰ নাম গেজেটত প্ৰকাশিত হৈছে যদিও দুই এজনৰ নাম ভুলকৈ প্ৰকাশিত হৈছে। এই ভুলটোৰ বাবে দুঃখিত। এই ভুল সংশোধনৰ কাৰণে সংশোধনী তালিকা পঠোৱা হৈছে। মই আগতে কৈয়ে আহিছো যে আঞ্চলিক পঞ্চায়তৰ সদস্য তালিকা প্ৰকাশ হোৱা নাই যদিও তাৰ তালিকা প্ৰস্তুত কৰা হৈছে আৰু সকলোৰে প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব চৰকাৰে বক্ষা কৰিব। এই কথা মই সদনত নিবেদন কৰো যে কোনো বিশেষ পাৰ্টিক প্ৰাধান্য দি আনক বাদ দিয়া নহব আৰু পঞ্চায়তৰ কাম কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰিবৰ কাৰণে অহা ১৮ মাহৰ ভিতৰতে যতদূৰ সোনকালে কৰিব পাৰি নিবৰ্বাচন কাৰ্য্য শেষ কৰা হব।

শ্ৰীযুত গোস্বামীয়ে অভিযোগ কৰিছে যে নিবৰ্বাচনৰ ভোটাৰৰ তালিকাত মৃত ব্যক্তিবোৰ নাম প্ৰকাশ পাইছে। অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, সেই দোষ বা ত্ৰুটি চৰকাৰৰ চকুত পৰিছে আৰু তাৰ সংশোধনীৰ নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া হৈছে। কৰিমগঞ্জত মৌঃ জলিল আহমদ এম, এল, এ, বুলি ভুল এটা নাম ওলাইছে ইয়াৰো সংশোধনী দিয়া হৈছে। শ্ৰীযুত গৌৰীশঙ্কৰ ভট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই পৰাজিত প্ৰাৰ্থীৰ নাম দিয়াৰ কাৰণে আপত্তি কৰিছে। এবাৰ পৰাজিত হলেই যে কোনো প্ৰাৰ্থীৰ যোগ্যতা নাথাকে সেই কথা মই স্বীকাৰ কৰিব নোখোজো। কায়েই এই বিলাক কথাত ভয় পাব লগীয়া কথা নাই যেহেতু এই বিলাক অস্থায়ী ব্যৱস্থা আৰু নিবৰ্বাচনৰ পিচতেই সকলো স্থায়ী ভাবে গঠিত হব।

***Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) :** It is for information of the Minister that in Barpeta there is no other candidate except the Congress candidate.

Mr. SPEAKER : Order, order.

***Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Panchayats) :** অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মৌলবী তাজউদ্দিন চাহাবে যি কথাৰ অৱতাৰণা কৰিছে সেইটো গ্ৰহণ কৰাৰ কোনো যুক্তি নাই। ইয়াকে কৈ মই অনুৰোধ কৰো যেন এই সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱটো প্ৰত্যাহাৰ কৰে।

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I heard the speeches of the hon'ble Leader of the Opposition, hon'ble Shri Gaurishankar Bhattacharyya and also the remarks made by Shri Tajuddin Ahmed Sir, I am sorry that the Minister for Community Projects had left Shillong because of certain engagements for which notice was given long back, and he thought that the last minute cancellation of the programme would upset a lot of things. He actually requested me to convey to the House his apology for the same.

*Speech not corrected.

Now with regard to this particular Bill, it is true Sir, that almost immediately after the passing of the Panchayat Act it did not look well that an Ordinance had to be passed. I may say Sir, that the scheme which was proposed in the original Bill as was introduced in this House was subsequently substantially altered, at least for this interim stage, but the Select Committee thought it proper to make certain alterations for which there was a gap in the Bill to cover the interim period. Therefore, Government has no alternative but to pass an Ordinance and also to come before the House with this Bill. Sir, about the method of election it was discussed in the Select Committee.

Unfortunately I could not attend the House at that time on account of my illness, nor had I the opportunity of attending any of the meetings of the Select Committee and I do not know that assurance was given with regard to the method of election. But, Sir, on one occasion there was discussion at the Government level that ballot voting would be a very costly affair; it would cost about 40 lakhs of rupees. I think, Sir, that it is for this reason there was an opinion that instead of spending this money on election, if it could be diverted to the Block Panchayat for construction works that would be more useful. It is such consideration which has led Government to draft the rules in the way they appear now. But so far as my information goes the rules have not yet been finalised; only preliminary publication has been made. In view of the discussions today in this House, I think advantage will be taken of the views expressed by the hon. Members before rules are finalised. All these matters will be considered again.

With regard to nomination of members to these *Ad-hoc* Committees, I must say, Sir, that this nomination business is a very difficult one. So far as I know, it is not only in the case of Mahakuma Parishads, but wherever there is the question of nomination, we have not been able to satisfy all. As a matter of fact, we have not been able to satisfy, if I may say so, anybody except the man who is nominated. Therefore, I would request the House to appreciate the inherent difficulty in nomination. My colleague the Minister for Community Projects has been discussing these matters with M. L. As. and others also. All that I can say is that in view of the discussions today, the opinions expressed by the hon. Members, will be taken into consideration and whatever changes become necessary will I think, be made. Of course I cannot make any commitment with regard to that just now, but, as I said, these things will certainly be taken into consideration.

With these few observations, Sir, I would like to repeat the request made to the hon. Member by my colleague the Minister for Rural Development, Shri Hazarika, to withdraw the amendment.

***Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara):** On a point of information, Sir. According to the Act all the Members of this House will be members of the Anchalik Panchayats and also the Mahakma Parishads. Why then the question of nomination in their case should arise?

Mr. SPEAKER: The Chief Minister has said that these matters would be looked into.

What does the hon. Member propose to do with his amendment?

***Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari):** In view of the assurance given, I beg leave of the House, to withdraw my amendments.

(The amendments were, with the leave of the House, withdrawn).

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that clause 6 do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted)

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Title and Preamble of the Bill do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted).

***Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Panchayats):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1959, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1959 be passed.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery):** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিলৰ বিষয়ত মই দুটামান কথা কব লগীয়া আছিল; কিন্তু মাননীয় মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই যি আশ্বাস দিলে সেই কাৰণে মই বিশেষ একো কব নোখোজো মাত্ৰ এটা কথা কওঁ যে এই বিলখনৰ সংশোধনী আনিব লগা হোৱাতহে বৰ আচৰিত হৈছে। মোৰ বিশ্বাস ভাৱতৰ ভিতৰত এই খনেই প্ৰথম পঞ্চায়ত আইন। কিন্তু বিলখন প্ৰযোজ্য হোৱাৰ আগতেই সংশোধন কৰিব লগা হোৱাত মই নিজে নিজেই লাজ পোৱাৰ দৰে হৈছে। চৰকাৰৰ পক্ষৰ পৰা কৈছে যে সংশোধনীটো মাত্ৰ কিছুদিনৰ কাৰণেহে আৱশ্যক। যদি সেয়ে হয় তেনেহলে আগৰ গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তৰ দ্বাৰাই কাম চলাব পাৰিলেহেতেন। এই সংশোধন আনি তদন্ত (*Ad-hoc*) কমিটি গঠন কৰিবলৈ দিয়াত আন্তৰিকতা (*sincerity*) আছে বুলি মোৰ সন্দেহ হয়। বৰ্ত্তমানে থকা গাওঁ পঞ্চায়ত বোৰ বাদ দি তদন্ত কমিটি কৰাৰ কোনো আৱশ্যক নাই।

মই আটাইতকৈ বেচি চিন্তিত হৈছে যে অসমৰ গাঁৱলীয়া ৰাইজৰ কাৰণে যুগুত কৰা এই পঞ্চায়ত বিলখন আঞ্চলিক ভাষাত কিয় কৰা নহল? গাঁৱলীয়া মানুহৰ কাৰণে পুনৰায় কৰা আইনখন ইংৰাজী ভাষাত হোৱাত আচৰিত হৈছে। আনকি আইনখনৰ প্ৰসঙ্গত হোৱা আলোচনাও ইংৰাজীতে হৈছে। আঞ্চলিক ভাষাত হোৱা হলেহে ভাল আছিল। কাৰণ তেতিয়াহে গাঁৱলীয়া ৰাইজে ভালকৈ বুজিলেহেঁতেন আৰু উপলব্ধি কৰিব পাৰিলেহেঁতেন।

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** আঞ্চলিক ভাষা মানে কি বুলি কৈছে।

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery):** ইয়াৰ অৰ্থটো মাননীয় সদস্যই মোতকৈ বেচি বুজে। ইয়াৰ উত্তৰ দিয়াৰ কোনো আৱশ্যক নাই। (এটা মাত-অসমীয়া) ইয়াত অসমীয়া, বঙ্গালী, হিন্দি আৰু ইংৰাজী ভাষা প্ৰচলিত। গতিকে যি ভাষা গাঁৱলীয়া ৰাইজে সহজে বুজিব পাৰে সেই ভাষাত দাঙি ধৰা হলেহে তেওঁলোকে ভালকৈ উপলব্ধি কৰিব পাৰিলেহেঁতেন আৰু মৰ্যাদাও ৰক্ষা হ'লহেঁতেন।

দ্বিতীয় কথা গোটেই ভাৰতবৰ্ষত পঞ্চায়ত আগবঢ়ি গৈছে, কিন্তু আমি সেই অনুপাতে আগবঢ়িব পৰা নাই। ৫৬ চনৰ Election ৰ সময়ত পঞ্চায়তৰ কাম আৰম্ভ কৰিছিল। গতিকে বৰ্তমানৰ Election ৰ আগতে পঞ্চায়তৰ কাম হ'ব বুলি আশা কৰিব নোৱাৰি। সেই কাৰণে মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰীমহোদয়ৰ ওচৰত অনুৰোধ কৰিছোঁ যাতে সোনকালে পঞ্চায়ত গঠন কৰে। আজি সংবিধানে ৰাইজৰ যিখিনি সা-সুবিধা দিছে সেই খিনিক আমি দিব পৰা নাই এনে হলে ৰাইজ কেনেকৈ শান্তিৰে থাকিব ক'ব পৰা নাই। পঞ্চায়তৰ জৰিয়তে marketing কৰি দেশৰ গঠনমূলক কাম কৰিব পাৰি। পঞ্চায়ত কাৰ্যকৰী কৰি তুলিবলৈ পঞ্চায়ত আইনবোৰ আঞ্চলিক ভাষাত প্ৰকাশ কৰা একান্ত বাঞ্ছনীয়। মোৰ সময় নাই ক'বলৈ বহুত আছিল গতিকে ইয়াকৈ কৈ সামৰণি মাৰিলো।

***Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Panchayats):** মাননীয় সদস্য পাটোৱাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই কেইটা মান আসোঁৱাহ দাঙি ধৰিছে, মই সেই কেইটা দূৰ কৰিবৰ উদ্দেশ্যে ঠিয় হৈছোঁ। তেখেতে কৈছে অসমত পঞ্চায়ত ভাৰতৰ আন আন ঠাইৰ সন্মানে যাব পৰা নাই। মই এই কথা স্বীকাৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰোঁ। সংবিধানত পঞ্চায়তে স্থান পোৱাৰ আগতে অসমত পঞ্চায়ত ৰচনা কৰা হৈছে। পঞ্চায়তৰ কাম চলাবৰ বাবে এডুহক কমিটি গঠন কৰা হৈছে।

আৰু এটা কথা পাটোৱাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছে যে সৰ্বসাধাৰণৰ সুবিধাৰ কাৰণে পঞ্চায়ত আইনবোৰ স্থানীয় ভাষাত প্ৰকাশ কৰিলে ভাল হয়। এই কথাটো মই সম্পূৰ্ণৰূপে সমৰ্থন কৰিছোঁ। ইয়াৰ কাৰণে ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে। অসমীয়া আৰু বঙ্গালী ভাষাত পঞ্চায়ত আইনবোৰ তৰ্জমা কৰা হৈছে। গতিকে মই আশা কৰোঁ পাটোৱাৰী ডাঙৰীয়াই যি কেইটা আসোঁৱাহ তুলি ধৰিছিল তাৰ যথাযথ উত্তৰ দিব পাৰিছোঁ।

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Assam Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1959, be passed.

(The question was adopted).

Government Resolutions

Re: Approval of an expenditure of Rs.5,63,350 under the head "50.—Civil Works—State—(excluding Establishment and Tools and Plants)"

Shri DEBESWAR SARMA (Minister, P.W.D.): Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.5,63,350 under the head—"50.—Civil Works—State—(excluding Establishment and Tools and Plants)" for the item below. The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant.

"50.—Civil Works—State—(excluding Establishment and Tools and Plants)"—

	General	Sixth Schedule	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.	4,67,82,600	1,78,40,900	6,46,23,500
II.—Supplementary Grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	1,55,000	1,27,140	2,82,140
III.—Sub-head under which appropriation will be accounted for—			

NORMAL—

A.—Original Works—

(a)—Buildings—Voted.

Education	16,100	..	16,100
Public Health	15,000	..	15,000
Total—(a) Buildings ...	31,100	..	31,100

(b) Communications—
Ordinary Roads

Original Roads—Expenditure in connection with Border Areas.	..	35,850	35,850
Petrol Tax Project—Ordinary.	2,01,000	28,000	2,29,000
Petrol Tax Project—Reserve	..	2,00,000	2,00,000

Total—(b) Communications .. 2,06,700 2,77,550 4,84,250

	General	Sixth Schedule	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Development Scheme (2nd Five Year Plan—Article 275)—A—2—Original Works—			
(a)—Buildings—			
Education ... ..	...	5,000	5,000
Medical ... ..	...	5,000	5,000
Total—(a) Buildings, etc. ...	...	10,000	10,000
(b) Communications—			
Ordinary Roads	38,000	..	38,000
Total—(b) Communications— Development Schemes, etc.	38,000	..	38,000
GRAND TOTAL ...	2,75,800	2,87,550	5,63,350

EXPLANATORY NOTE

- (i) Necessity of each Scheme has been explained against each in Appendix "A".
- (ii) In the 'Normal Budget' there will be enough savings out of the provision made under the sub-head "(b) Communications—Construction of Roads of Economic or Inter-State Importance" in the current year's Public Works Department Budget due to less grant sanctioned by the Government of India. The savings thus accrued are proposed to be utilised on the works mentioned in Appendix "A" which had been passed.

APPENDIX 'A'

List of New Schemes proposed to be included in the Budget for 1959-60

Major, Minor and sub-heads under which the provision should be made	Name of Schemes	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimate of Expenditure for 1959-60		Remarks (Explanatory notes)		
		Nons recurring	Recurring	Total	Non- recurring		Recurring	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
		16,100	..	16,100	16,100	..	16,100	
450. Civil Works --State--A.O.W.-- (a)--Buildings-- Education-- Central--Voted.	1. Conversion of the existing service latrines attached to Additional Hostel of Cotton Col- lege into sanitary latrines and urinals.							The work is urgently required to re- move the long standing grievances of the Hostellers and for improvement of the sanitary condition of the lo- cality.
		..	..	..	16,100	..	16,100	
	Total--Education--General	..	..	..	16,100	..	16,100	

urgently necessary to meet the growing demand of the Public and to accommodate the increased staff.

21,300	..	21,300	15,000	..	15,000
..	..	..	15,000	..	15,000

50.—Civil Works—
State—A.O.W.—
(a) Buildings—
Public Health—
General—Voted.

Total—Public Health—General

5,700 Electric Installation to the Dak and I. B. and hutment is essentially necessary.

5,700	..	5,700	5,700	..	5,700
..	..	..	5,700	..	5,700

50.—Civil Works—
State—A.O.W.—
(b)—Communica-
tions—Ordinary
Roads—General—
Voted.

Total—Ordinary Roads—General

13,700 Carrying out detailed survey reconnaissance is necessary for the purpose of preparing estimate for construction of the proposed road to connect the villages in the Border of Pakistan with the existing Mawphlang-Balat Road.

13,700	..	13,700	13,700	..	13,700
..	..	..	13,700	..	13,700

50. Civil Works—
State—A.O.W.—
(b)—Communica-
tions—Ordinary
Roads—Sixth
Schedule (Part A)
Areas—Voted.

Total—Ordinary Roads—Sixth Schedule

APPENDIX 'A'—contd.

Major, Minor and Sub-heads under which the provision should be made	Name of Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost				Remarks (Explanatory notes)		
		Non-Recurring	Total	Non-Recurring	Total			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
50.—Civil Works—State—A.O.W.—(b) Communications—Ordinary Roads—Expenditure in connection with Border Areas—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas—Voted.	1. Carrying out detailed survey including reconnaissance for constructing a portion of road from Balat to Baghazar.	35,850	..	35,850	35,850	..	35,850	Due to emergencies arising out of Border disturbances this work had to be taken up urgently to carry out detailed survey for constructing the road for movement of Military traffic.
	Total—Ordinary Road—Expenditure in connection with Border Areas—Sixth Schedule.	..	..	..	35,850	..	35,850	
50.—Civil Works—State—A.O.W.—(b) Communications—Petrol Tax Projects—Ordinary—General—Voted.	1. Azad—Paniga on Road remaining length 2.10 miles. 2. Construction of bridges and culverts on the Pengri-Philobari Road with improvements culverts 264 ft. and bridges 99 ft.	83,900	..	83,900	2,000	..	2,000	These projects have been included in the Petrol Tax Programme. Approval of the Government of India has been received during the month of October last. These projects could not, therefore, be provided in the current years' budget.
	Total—Petrol Tax Projects—Ordinary—General—Voted.	..	..	1,00,000	5,000	..	5,000	
		

3. Road from Lahoal-Tengkhat Public Works Department Road (at point between 8th and 9th miles) upto Tingkhong-Tinali Public Works Department Road Via Belbari road, etc., Sections 1-2, 5 miles.	62,600	..	62,600	15,000	..	15,000
4. Extension of Auniati Approach road—1 mile.	33,000	..	33,000	5,000	..	5,000
5. Construction of a bridge on Bordoloi Barua Ali—from Assam Trunks Road-Engineering College.	60,000	..	66,000	10,000	..	10,000
6. Mahmora Ali,—Section II—1 mile.	25,000	..	25,000	5,000	..	5,000
7. Dubarani Ali—Section II—1 mile.	25,000	..	25,000	5,000	..	5,000
8. Khaloghogora-Daba Ali—Section II—2 miles.	45,100	..	45,100	6,000	..	6,000
9. Baruaogaon Ali Via abandoned Railway line from Golaghat-Silkarighat Road to Seoni Ali including the link road connecting the Kumargaon Ali—2.5 miles.	46,100	..	46,100	3,000	..	3,000

APPENDIX 'A'—contd.

Major, Minor and sub-heads under which the provision should be made

(1)	(2)	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimate of expenditure for 1959-60		(8)	(9)
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	Non-recurring			Recurring	Total
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
		25,000	..	25,000	5,000	..	5,000
		25,000	..	25,000	5,000	..	5,000
		50,000	..	50,000	10,000	..	10,000
		33,000	..	33,000	5,000	..	5,000
		1,13,900	..	1,13,900	15,000	..	15,000

10. Extension of Nahorani-Chokra Ali upto Dakhinhengera—1 mile.

11. Extension of Sensuwa Ali—1 mile.

12. Kampur-Chaparmukh road, Section III—2.25 miles

13. Charali-Braham pur road, via Haluagaon 3.6 miles.

14. Hojai-Tumpreng road —7 miles.

Remarks
(Explanatory notes)

15. Road connecting Sootea at Chaprai Section I—4 miles.	95,000	..	95,000	5,000	..	5,000
16. Remaining length of Binduguri Railway Station to Bandomari road—2 miles.	28,400	..	28,400	5,000	..	5,000
17. Bridges on Pancri-Odalguri Road 300 ft.	99,900	..	99,900	2,000	..	2,000
18. Barpeta-Patbausi road Section II—2 miles.	47,900	..	47,900	5,000	..	5,000
19. Jania-Lungla Road (remaining length and bridges) 0—20 miles with bridges.	30,000	..	30,000	5,000	..	5,000
20. Barpera-Baghor road completion of bridges).	38,000	..	38,000	5,000	..	5,000
21. Chaya gon-Gumi Road Section II—1.5 miles.	30,000	..	30,000	2,000	..	2,000
22. North Gauhati Dumnichowki Road (remaining works on Section I)—2 miles.	17,000	..	17,000	3,000	..	3,000
23. Ahtiabari, Bokia road from Ghograpara Damodarham Public Works Department road to village Bakia (3 furlongs with minor bridges).	20,000	..	20,000	4,000	..	4,000

APPENDIX 'A'—contd.

(1) Major, Minor and sub-heads under which the provision should be made	(2) Name of Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimate of expenditure for 1959-60		(8) Total	(9) Remarks (Explanatory notes)
		(3) Non-Recurring	(4) Recurring	(5) Total	(6) Non-Recurring			(7) Recurring
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	24. Birhampur—Bel s o r e Barnibari road. Section I—9 miles.	40,000	..	40,000	6,000	..	6,000
	25. Kendukona-Sangehari road, Section II—4.5 miles.	50,000	..	50,000	5,000	..	5,000
	26. Bhatkuchi on North Trunk Road to Bar-khata, Dhamdhama road, <i>via</i> Goriakoth Section II—3 miles.	50,200	..	50,200	5,000	..	5,000
	27. Sikamhat—Sarpara road in Bholagaon Mauza Section II—1 mile.	13,000	..	13,000	3,000	..	3,000
	28. Tamarhat-Haraputa-Gosaigaon road from Tamarhat end (remaining length) Section II—6 miles.	99,000	..	99,000	10,000	..	10,000

29. Sapatgram—Fakiragram road—6.17 miles.	1,00,000	..	1,00,000	2,000	..	2,000
30. Road leading to Bongaigaon Railway Station—1½ furlong.	13,000	..	13,000	5,000	..	5,000
31. Road from Lengtisinga-Langla road via Rongapani Section II—2 miles.	23,800	..	28,800	4,000	..	4,000
32. Extension of Manikpuri-Basbari road upto Srijingram—3 miles.	55,000	..	55,000	6,000	..	6,000
33. Kaliganj—Chandarpur Road via Monosagaon, Section II—3 miles.	75,400	..	75,400	5,000	..	5,000
34. Narayanpur-Chandripur Road—2 miles.	45,200	..	45,200	5,000	..	5,000
35. Barenga-Bagha dhar Road upto Arkatipur Ferry ghat—3 miles.	75,000	..	75,000	10,000	..	10,000
36. Lakhipur-Rangirjhat—Amjur Road, Section II—1.5 miles with minor bridges and culverts.	50,200	..	50,200	3,000	..	3,000
Total—Petrol Tax—General	..	..	2,01,000	..	..	2,01,000

APPENDIX 'A'—contd.

Major, Minor and Sub-head under which provision should be made	Nature of Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost				Estimate of expenditure in 1959-60		Remarks (Explanatory Notes)
		Non-Recur- ring	Recur- ring	Total	Non-Recur- ring	Recur- ring	Total	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
“50—Civil Works— State—A.O.W.— (b)—Communications—Petrol Tax Projects—Ordinary Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas— Voted”.	1. Graveling Patamati Jangrapara Road and Construction of culverts—11 miles.	70,000	..	70,000	5,000	..	5,000	Same as above.
	2. Construction of Rajabala-Bhajamora Mansing Road—4 miles.	88,300	..	88,300	2,000	..	2,000	
	3. Baithalangshu-Umbasusu Road—Section II—5 miles.	1,24,800	..	1,24,800	5,000	..	5,000	
	4. Mahur-Maibong-Kualadisa-Hajadisa Road, Section IV—2 miles.	50,600	..	50,600	5,000	..	5,000	

Items 1 to 9 :—

5. Construction of Selling-Tuivawl chhuah-Champhai Road, Section IV—3 miles.	1,44,400	..	1,44,400	1,000	..	1,000
6. Lungleh-Pukpui Raza-Tlawang Road, Section II—5 miles.	84,900	..	84,900	2,000	..	2,000
7. Mawngap-Mairang-Ranigodown Road, Section III (c)—4 miles.	1,31,700	..	1,31,700	2,000	..	2,000
8. Jakrem-Ranikor Road, Section II—2 miles.	65,000	..	65,000	3,000	..	3,000
9. Rymbai-Borghat Road, Section II—4 miles.	65,300	..	65,300	3,000	..	3,000

Total—Petrol Tax Projects—Ordinary—Sixth Schedule.

..	28,000	28,000
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This is a gravelled road. It is essentially necessary to surface the road to prevent dust and provide smooth driving and to minimise difficulty and cost of maintaining the unsurfaced road owing to the present day heavy vehicular traffic. 50% of the total cost will be borne by the Government of India.

“50.—Civil Works—State—A.O.W.—(b) Communications—Petrol Tax Projects—(i) Reserve—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas—Voted”.

1. Black-topping of the road from Shillong to Passi—Miles 4th to 48th in K. & J. Hills District (Job No.R/1955/AS).

14,00,000	..	14,00,000	2,00,000	2,00,000
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Total—Petrol Tax Project—Reserve—Sixth Schedule.

..	2,00,000	2,00,000
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APPENDIX 'A'—contd.

Major, Minor and Sub-head under which provision should be made	Nature of Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimate of expenditure in 1959-60		Remarks Explanatory Notes		
		Non-Recurring	Total	Non-recurring	Recurring		Total	
								(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
(1)	(2)	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
“50.—Civil Works State—Development Schemes (2nd Five Year Plan)—Art. 275)—A-2—C.W.—(a) Buildings—Education—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas—Voted”.	1. Construction of building for additional accommodation for Tribal Students in Kenetworth Government Tribal Hostels, Shillong.	20,000	..	20,000	5,000	..	5,000	In view of dearth of accommodation for Tribal students in Shillong construction of building for providing additional accommodation is considered to be of urgent necessity.
		..	..	..	5,000	..	5,000	(9)
	Total	..	..	..	5,000	..	5,000	

“56.—Civil Works—
State—Development Scheme (2nd Five Year Plan—Art. 275)—A-2—O. W.—
(a) Buildings—
Medical—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas—Voted”.

1. Construction of 8 bedded T. B. Ward at the R. P. Chest Hospital at Shillong.	20,100	..	20,100	5,000	..	5,000
Total—Medical, etc.	..	..	..	5,000	..	5,000

In view of dearth of accommodation for in-door patients, addition and alteration to the T. B. Ward at R. P. Chest Hospital at Shillong is essentially necessary.

Construction of the road is considered urgent and imperative for development of communication in the area. It has been decided to take up the work on Test Relief basis owing to extreme distress created in the Nalbari area during the last flood.

1. Construction of Bondhantoli-Bherbheri-Namati-Gosai-Kamal Road.	2,67,000	..	2,67,000	30,000	..	30,000
Total—(b) Communications—Ordinary Roads.	..	..	..	38,000	..	38,000

“80.—Civil Works—
State—Development Scheme (2nd Five Year Plan—Art. 275)—A-2.—O. W.—
(b) Communications—Ordinary Road—General—Voted”.

Acquisition of land is necessary for improvement of road.

2. Acquisition of land for Rangia-Goreswar Road at Village Goreswar.	8,000	..	8,000	3,000	..	3,000
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Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.5,63,350 under the head “50.—Civil Works—State—(excluding Establishment and Tools and Plants)”. The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant.

(The question was adopted).

Re: Approval of an Expenditure of Rs.3,62,118 under the head
 "81.—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue
 Account, etc."

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, P.W.D.):

That this Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.3,62,118 under the head "81.—Capital Account of Civil Works Outside the Revenue Account, etc." for items below. The amount will be met from the sanctioned grants:—

"81.—Capital Account of Civil Works Outside the Revenue Account, etc."—

	General	Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.	3,50,83,700	28,29,600	3,79,13,300
II.—Supplementary Grant voted by the Assembly during the year.	...	...	...
III.—Sub-heads under which the appropriation will be accounted for—			
A.—Original Works—			
(a)—Buildings—			
Land Revenue—	14,000	...	14,000
General Administration	67,118	...	67,118
Total (a)—Buildings	81,118	...	81,118
(b)—Communications—			
Ordinary Roads	1,25,000	56,000	1,81,000
Total (b)—Communications—Ordinary Roads	1,25,000	56,000	1,81,000

Development Schemes (Second
Five Year Plan—Central)—

A.-4.—Original Works—

(a) Buildings—

Education	...	1,00,000	...	1,00,000
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Total A.4. (a)—Buildings	...	1,00,000	...	1,00,000
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GRANT TOTAL	...	3,06,118	56,000	3,62,118
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EXPLANATORY NOTES

(i) Necessity of each work has been explained against each in Appendix 'A'.

(ii) There will be a considerable amount of saving out of the provision made in Public Works Department Budget for buildings of other Departments of Government. The reasons of such saving have been explained against each in the Remarks Column in Appendix 'A'. The amount required for the works mentioned in the Appendix 'A' are proposed to be met out of such savings.

APPENDIX 'A'—contd.

Schedule of New Schemes proposed to be included in the Budget for the year 1959-60

Major, Minor and Sub-head under which provision should be made	Nature of Scheme	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimate of expenditure for 1959-60		Remarks Explanatory Notes		
		Non-Recurring	Total	Non-Recurring	Total			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
“81.—Capital Accounts at Civil Works outside the Revenue Account—A.—Original Works—(a) Buildings—Land Revenue—General—Voted”.	1. Reconstruction of Kitchen and latrine of Principals' quarter and improvement of old residential quarter of staff at Jhalukbari.	18,500	..	18,500	14,000	..	14,000	The immediate reconstruction of Kitchen and latrine of Principal's quarter and improvement of old residential quarter of the staff at Jhalukbari is necessary as the same are at present in dilapidated condition.
								The amount involved will be met out of savings accrued from the provision made for Extension of Jhalukbari Survey School for accommodation of 59 more mandals which has not yet been administratively approved.
Total—Land Revenue—General		..	..	..	14,000	..	14,000	

As a part of expansion programme of the State Bank of India, the opening of a branch of the bank has become essential at Hailakandi. As the proposal dropped up after the preparation of current year's budget, the amount involved is proposed to be met out of the provision made for "Construction of three E. A. Cs. quarters at Tezpur". It will not be possible to utilise the whole amount provided for this work during current year as the administrative approval has been accorded very recently.

The amount is required during the current financial year for payment of compensation to the owner for resumption of Hayton property by the Government. The amount will be met out of savings accrued from the provision made in the current year's budget for construction of two E. A. C's. quarter at Mangaldai which has very recently been administratively approved, and as such it will not be possible to utilise the current year's provision in full.

Construction of temporary buildings in the Assam House Compound, Calcutta is very urgently required to accommodate staff of office of the Trade Adviser, as the existing building in which the office is now accommodated is in a very dilapidated condition and requires immediate dismantling.

38,000	..	38,000	10,000	..	10,000
23,918	..	23,918	23,918	..	23,918
33,200	..	33,200	33,200	..	33,200
..	67,118	..	67,118
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..	67,118	..	67,118

1. Construction of a building at Hailakandi for opening a branch of the State Bank of India.

2. Resumption of "Hayton" property at Shillong and payment of compensation thereof.

3. Construction of Temporary buildings in the Assam House Compound, Calcutta.

Total—General Administrations General—

"81.—Capital Accounts of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account A.—Original Works—(a) Buildings—General Administration—General—Voted".

APPENDIX 'A'—contd.

Major, Minor and Sub-head under which the provision should be made	Name of Schemes	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimate of expenditure for 1959-60		Remarks Explanatory Notes		
		Non-recurring	Recurring Total	Non-recurring	Recurring Total			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
81.—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account A.—Original Works—(b) Communication—Ordinary Roads—General—Voted	1. Construction of approach roads and improvement to ferry at Katakhal in connection with the proposed extension of the Katakhal Rail cum road bridges.	1,34,840	..	1,34,840	50,000	..	50,000	In connection with the proposed extension of the Katakhal Rail cum road bridge it will be essentially necessary to provide proper approaches to connect the new bridge when completed with our existing roads. When construction of the main bridge will commence the bridge will also be closed for vehicular traffic for which necessary diversion shall have to be made across the river Katakhal. Hence improvement of the existing ferry approach road and opening of ferry are essentially necessary to cope with the present day heavy traffic and to maintain communication in the area.

The work cropped up after preparation of current year's budget. Current year's requirement will be met from the savings accrued from the provision made under the sub-head stationery and printing.—Construction of building for accommodating the Government Branch Press at Gauhati which has recently been taken up for execution and as such the amount provided in current year's budget for this work cannot be spent in full. It is expected that there will be savings in the neighbourhood of Rs.1,00,000.

2. Reconstruction of Bridge No.12/1 over river Sessa on North Gauhati—Amingaon-Hajo Road.

58,500

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58,500

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10,000

Reconstruction of the bridge is essentially necessary owing to the fact that the bridge was constructed about 25 years back by the local board. The bridge has become worn out and considered unsafe to allow present day heavy traffic over it.

The work cropped up after the preparation of current year's budget. Current year's requirement will be made available from savings out of the provision mentioned against item 1 under (b) Communication Ordinary Road above.

APPENDIX 'A'—contd.

Major, Minor and Sub-heads under which the provision should be made	Name of Schemes	Estimate of ultimate cost		Estimate of expenditure for 1959-60		Remarks (Explanatory Notes)		
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Non-recurring	Recurring			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
“81—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account A.—Original—Works—(b) Communication—Ordinary Roads—General Voted”.	3. Improving the road from Kakodanga river at mile 8/6 F of Mohbondha Ali to mile 183/4 F of A.T. Road through Khongia and Dahetiagaon.	1,32,600	..	1,32,600	20,000	..	20,000	
	4. Improving the road from Mohbondha Ali through Tulia-Sonari Village of Missamora Mouza and Habial Haluagaon of Dhekial Mouza and crossing Golaghat Sikarighat road and through the Jagonia-gaon to Nahoroni Chokra Ali.	1,89,400	..	1,89,400	20,000	..	20,000	For bringing the supply of sugar cane from the growing area to sugarmill the importance of taking up these projects was felt extremely necessary. Decision to take up these roads during this year was taken up after the preparation of current year's Budget. The amount required for current year will be made available from savings mentioned against item 1 above under (b) Communication ordinary Road.

5. Extension of Bridge No. 103¹³ over Pagladiya at mile 103 on N. T. Road (West).

2,50,000 .. 2,50,000 25,000 .. 25,000

Owing to the construction of a new Railway Bridge by Railway authorities with a water way of 400' on the upstream side of the road Bridge, and as the road bridge has an water-way of 290' only extension of the Bridge is essentially necessary to enable the flood water to pass through the Bridge safely.

The work cropped up after the preparation of current year's Budget but since it needs immediate execution, the work is proposed to be taken up during this financial year. Current year's requirement will be made available from savings out of the provision made under General Administration for construction of an additional Court building at Gauhati for which site has not yet been selected.

Total—(b) Communications Ordinary Roads—General.

.. .. 1,25,000 .. 1,25,000

“81—Capital Account of Civil Works—Outside the Revenue Account A—Original Works—(b) Communication—Ordinary Roads—Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas—Voted”.

1. Construction of an approach road to the Myntang bridge in Khasi and Jaintia Hills District in Jowai Subdivision.

57,000 .. 57,000 20,000 .. 20,000

Construction of an approach motorable road prior to construction of the Myntang bridge is essentially necessary for carriage of materials, etc., to the Bridge site for the Bridge proper as the existing motorable road ends about 3½ F. away from the bridge site.

APPENDIX "A"—contd.

Major, Minor and Sub-head under which the provision should be made	Name of Schemes	Estimate of ultimate cost			Estimate of expenditure for 1958-59			Remarks (Explanatory Notes)
		Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	Non-recurring	Recurring	Total	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
	2. Construction of C.H. Trust bridge over Apha or Jowai-Badarpur road (Temporary construction).	41,000	..	41,000	30,000	—	30,000	Construction of a C. H. Truss bridge over the river Apha on the Jowai Badarpur Road on temporary basis is of special necessity to keep the vital communication open till the permanent bridge is constructed which is likely to take sometime.
	3. Improvement of the remaining portion of the road in Lower Nongthymmai, Shillong.	27,000	..	27,000	6,000	—	6,000	Items 1 and 2 :—The amount required for these works during the current financial year will be met out of savings accrued from the provision made for improvement of Bazar water supply at Jowai which has been recently taken up, and as such the amount for this work cannot be utilised in full during this year.
								Taking over of the road for improvement is essentially necessary for the convenience of the public of that area.

The amount required for this work during the current financial year is proposed to be met out of savings accrued from the provision made for construction of one set of Aluminium frameless house for border out—post in Khasi and Jantia Hills which has since been dropped.

Total—(b) Communications Ordinary Roads Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas.	..	56,000	..	56,000
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The land for the proposed Regional Research Laboratory at Jorhat is to be developed so that the Laboratory may come into being as early as possible. This laboratory is intended to help the State in solving such problems of research which were confronting the State at present and also to undertake, 'sometime after, long range problems which would help in the economic development and industrialisation of the State.

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1,00,000

1. Improvement of the site for establishment of a Regional research Laboratory at Jorhat.

*81—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account—Development Schemes (Second Five Year Plan — Central) A-4. Original Works—(a) Buildings—Education—General—Voted.

As there is no provision for the work in the current year's budget it is proposed to divert the provision of Rs. one lakh made in the current year's budget for the 'Polytechnic at Silchar' as the latter is not likely to be taken up for execution during the current year due to the site being not finally settled and land not handed over to this Department.

1,00,000

1,00,000

Total—Education—General—Development Scheme, etc.—General—

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Assembly do approve of an expenditure of Rs.3,62,118 under the head 81.—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account, etc. The amount will be met from the sanctioned grant.

(The question was adopted)

Re: APPROVAL OF AN EXPENDITURE OF Rs.10,000 UNDER THE HEAD "37.—I—EDUCATION"

Shri DEBESAWR SARMAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve an expenditure of Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand) only under the Head "37.—I—Education" for the item noted below. The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant:

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ..	5,00,99,700
II.—Supplementary Grant voted by the Assembly during the last Session.	12,89,300
III.—Sub-head under which the appropriation will be accounted for—	...

	General	Sixth Schedule	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Sixth Schedule (Part A areas— G—Direct Grant to Non-Government Schools.	..	10,000	10,000

EXPLANATORY NOTES

A sum of Rs. 10,000 was sanctioned as renewal of recurring grant in aid to St. Edmund's College (School Department) in the year 1958-59. But the amount could not be drawn from the Treasury. So the amount lapsed. It is therefore proposed to renew the lapsed amount this year. Necessary budget provision under the appropriate head could not be made in the current year's budget due to the unforeseen nature of the case.

The aforesaid sum of Rs. 10,000 is proposed to be re-appropriated from the anticipated savings out of the provision under the sub-head "Q.—Inspection-General" which includes the amount provided through schedule. Hence the Resolution. The savings is due to non-appointment of additional Inspecting staff.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Assembly to approve of an expenditure of Rs. 10,000 under the head "37—I—Education". The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant.

(The question was adopted)

Re. APPROVAL OF AN EXPENDITURE OF Rs. 6,000 UNDER THE HEAD "37.—I—EDUCATION"

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do approve to an expenditure of Rs. 6,000 (Rupees six thousand) only under head "37.—I—Education" for the item noted below. The amount involved will be met from the sanctioned grant.

	General	Sixth Schedule	Rs.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly.	4,52,13,300	48,86,400	5,00,99,700
II.—Supplementary grant voted by the Assembly during the July session.	.....	.....	12,59,300
Current Session ..	1,25,340	1,35,490	2,60,830
II.—Sub-head under which the appropriation will be accounted for—	.....	.....	.....
..37.—I—Education General Grants to non-Government Secondary schools Non recurring General Voted".	6,000	.....	6,000

EXPLANATOR NOTES

(a) A sum of Rs. 6,000 is required to meet the expenditure to be initially incurred from State Budget for sanction of the central grant to Patacharkuchi Vidyapith, Kamrup for reconstruction of Recreation Hall-cum-Auditorium. The amount will be reimbursed by the Government of India subsequently. Necessary budget provision under the appropriate head could not be made in the current year's budget due to its unforeseen nature.

(b) The aforesaid sum of Rs. 6,000 is proposed to be reappropriated from the savings out of the provision of Rs. 2,69,000 under the head "37—I—Education, Inspection-Pay of Officer-General Voted" which included a sum of Rs. 77,550 provided through the schedule. Hence the Resolution. The savings are due to vacancies remaining unfilled.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Assembly do approve of an expenditure of 6,000 under the head "37—I—Education" The amount involved will be met from the Sanctioned grant.

(The question was adopted)

Rectification of the Constitution Eighth Amendment Bill, 1959

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that this House ratifies the Amendments to Article 334 of the Constitution of India, proposed to be made in the Constitution (Eighth Amendment) Bill, 1959 as passed by the two Houses of Parliament.

Sir, in this connection I beg to submit that according to our Constitution under Article 334 there is provision for reservation of seats for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes for a period of ten years and nomination of Anglo-Indians for a period of ten years from the date of the Constitution. Now, this period is about to expire and the two Houses of Parliament have in the meantime passed the Constitution (Eighth Amendment) Bill, 1959 extending the period of reservation of seats from ten years to twenty years. Sir, you are aware that in order to give effect to this amendment it is necessary that at least half of the States of India ratify this decision and with that idea in view I am moving this motion and I hope the House will agree and pass this motion.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved. The question is that the House ratifies the amendments to article 334 of the Constitution of India proposed to be moved in the Constitution (Eighth Amendment) Bill, 1959 as passed by the two Houses of Parliament.

(The question was adopted)

Presentation of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriations Accounts, 1956-57 and the Audit Report 1958 and the Finance Accounts, 1956-57 and the Audit Report 1957

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi): Mr. Speaker Sir, I, Dandeswar Hazarika, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee having been authorised by the Committee to submit this Report on their behalf, present the same on the Appropriation Accounts, 1956-57 and Audit Report, as 1958 well as Finance Accounts 1956-57 and the Audit Report 1957.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মাননীয় শ্রীহাজৰীকা ডাঙৰীয়াই Public Accounts Committee ৰ Report তো আজি সদনত দাঙি ধৰি আমাক অলপ আলোচনাৰ সুযোগ দিয়াত মই তেখেতক ধন্যবাদ দিছো। ইয়াৰ পৰা আমি স্পষ্টকৈ ইয়াকেই দেখা পাওঁ চৰকাৰৰ শাসন যন্ত্ৰটোনো কি ধৰণে চলিছে। ইয়াৰ আগৰ Report ত আমি দেখিবলৈ পাইছিলো যে কেইটামান বেমেজালী ষটিছিল।

মই যোগান বিভাগৰ কথাকেই কওঁ। মোঠ ১,৩৫,০০০ মোনৰ ১৫ মোন ধান তিনিখন দোকানৰ পৰা উখাও হৈ গৈছে, সেই কাৰণে আজি ৬ বছৰে সেই বিভাগৰ কোনো এজন বিষয়াকো দোষী সাব্যস্ত কৰিছনে নাই আৰু নাজানো। এই বছৰো আমি Supply Secretary ৰে কোৱা শুনিছো যে গীলে গ্ৰাহকৰ পৰা শালি ধান লোৱা নাই। এইটো বৰ দুখৰ কথা।

*Speech not corrected.

কন্ট্রোল সম্বন্ধীয় কথাত মন্ত্রী মহোদয় আৰু বিভাগীয় চেফ্ৰেক্টৰীৰ উক্তি একো হোৱা নাই।

***M. MOINUL HUQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply):** তেখেতে কোন মন্ত্ৰীৰ কথা কৈছে? এই বিষয়টো মই মন্ত্ৰী হোৱাৰ আগৰ কথা।

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** মই মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ Assurance ৰ কথা কৈছো। বিয়েই মন্ত্ৰী হওক, জনসাধাৰণৰ ওচৰত সেই মন্ত্ৰীয়েই সেই বিভাগৰ কাৰণে দায়ী।

মই ইয়াকেই জানো যে ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা ৭ লাখ টকা আমাৰ ৰাজ্যিক চৰকাৰে ভৰিব লগা হৈছে। যদি নহয় তেন্তে আমাক জনাওক এই ৭ লাখ টকা কোনে ভৰিব?

(Voice:—এইটো কোন পৃষ্ঠাত আছে জনাওক)

Mr. SPEAKER: কোন Page ত পাইছে সেইটো জনালে ভাল আছিল।

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY:** মই নিজে দেখিছো বিহওক এনে ধৰণেই এইটো লেখা আছে। Supply বিভাগৰ Stocking ঠিকমতে নোহোৱাৰ কাৰণে সেই ধান লোকচান হৈছে। নিয়মমতে ধান ৬ মাহৰ কাৰণেহে শুক কৰিব লাগে; তাৰ ঠাইত যদি একে শুকতে তিনি বছৰৰ ওপৰ সময় বখা হয়, তেন্তে ইয়াৰ কাৰণে বিভাগীয় বিষয়া দোষী নহয় সেইটো Public Accounts Committee Report ত স্পষ্টকৈ দেখুওৱা হৈছে। বাক এইটো মই পঢ়ি শুনাও ইয়াৰ তিনি পৃষ্ঠাত আছে যে—

“On and from the 10th July 1954, the Government of India removed the control order on rice paddy and their products. At that time 5,97,480 maunds of rice and paddy were lying in the godowns of the State Government. As a result of decontrol there was a fall in the market price of these commodities. The Government of India at first proposed to take over the stocks from the Assam Government but subsequently, after inspection of the quality of rice and paddy in storage, decided that the State Government might sell the stock by auction, and that they (the Government of India) would bear any resultant loss in respect only of normal varieties of rice and paddy which conformed to certain standard specifications.

There was loss of Rs. 14,42,469 on the sale of 5,38,295 maunds of this stocks said to conform to specifications. Out of this the Government of India refused to bear the loss of Rs. 4,71,520 as it was attributable to high percentage of refractions. Similarly the sale of 59,185 maunds of discoloured stocks resulted in a loss of Rs. 2,28,563 which had to be met fully by the State Government. Thus the state Government suffered a loss of Rs. 7,00,083.”

৬ মাহৰ বখাৰ নিয়ম আছে—তাৰ ঠাইত ৩ বছৰ বেচি বখাদো নিশ্চয় বিভাগীয় কৰ্মচাৰীৰ দোষ। এই দোষটো Public Accounts Committee এ দাঙি ধৰিছে। মই পঢ়ি দিছো—Page 3—Supply Department.

“The Treasurer paid Rs. 200 on the day he received the amount from the Sub-Deputy Collector but left the balance of Rs. 7,800 with his wife to be paid latter, which was reported to be stolen.”

গতিকে এইটো হৈছে—এটা কথা। ঠিক এনেকুৱা ধৰণৰ দোষ বিলাক তনু তনু কৰি চোৱা দৰ্কাৰ। কাৰণ মোৰ বিশ্বাস এনেকুৱা ধৰণৰ ক্ষতিৰ পৰা ৰাজ্যৰ বিশেষ অপকাৰ হয়। এইটো যদিও ১৯৫৪ চনৰে কথা—আমি পৰিলৈছো—তেতিয়াৰ মিনিষ্টাৰ উপযুক্ত মানুহ নাছিল আৰু সেই কাৰণে নিৰ্বাচনত পৰাজয় বৰণ কৰিছে—সেই বুলি আমি বৰ্তমানৰ সৰ্ববহাৰ বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়া তেনে নাভাবো আৰু তেওঁৰ পৰা জানিব খুজিছো—তেখেতে এতিয়া তাৰ ওপৰত কি একচন লৈছে।

তাৰ পিচত—শিক্ষা বিভাগত আমি সকলোৱে জানো যে বহু লাখ টকা খৰচ কৰা হয়। এই টকা ঠিকমতে খৰচ হয়নে নহয় তাক চিৰাং কৰা টান। এই বিপৰ্টিত দেখাটোৱে—যে কোনো এখন হাইস্কুলৰ হেডমাষ্টাৰ আৰু চেফ্ৰেটাৰী দুয়োমিলি বহুটকা আত্মসাৎ কৰিছে আৰু চৰকাৰী অডিটৰে বিপৰ্টি দিছে। আনকি Sub-divisional Officer ক ৪০৯ খাবাত কেচ দিবলৈও কৈছে। তথাপিও কান হোৱা নাই। গোটেই বিপৰ্টি খন পঢ়ি ইয়াকে মই বুজিছো যে চৰকাৰী অডিটৰৰ বাহিৰেও ইয়াৰ কাৰণে কিছু বেচৰকাৰী অডিটৰৰ প্ৰয়োজন। বিশেষকৈ চাপুাই বিভাগৰ কাৰণে। তেতিয়াহলে চাপুাই মিনিষ্টাৰে বিভাগৰ হিচাব পত্ৰ ঠিক চাইছেনে নাই—অথবা লাখ লাখ টকাৰ খৰচ কি হিচাব আদি আমি জনাত সহায় হব। নহলে চৰকাৰৰ লাখ লাখ টকা যদি এইদৰে অপব্যয় হয় তেনেহলে আমি বাইজৰ প্ৰতিনিধিত্ব কৰি তেওঁলোকক কি বুজাম?

তাৰ পিচত Tribal Areas Department বিভাগৰ কথা কওঁ। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত চৰকাৰে বিচাৰিছে ট্ৰাইবেল চিদ্দিউলজ্ কাষ্টৰ মানুহ যাতে অন্যান্য উন্নত সম্প্ৰদায় সকলৰ লগত সমানে আগ বাঢ়ি যাব পাৰে। এই বিপৰ্টিত আমি দেখিছো এজন চৰকাৰী কৰ্মচাৰীয়ে ৮ হাজাৰ টকা নানান অজুহাত দেখুৱাই আত্মসাৎ কৰিছে।

***Shri DEBESWAR SARMA (Minister, Education):**

শ্ৰীযুত পাটোৱাৰীয়ে যে শিক্ষাৰ বিষয়ে উল্লেখ কৰিছে—বিপৰ্টিৰ কোন পিঠিত?

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** ৬০ পৃষ্ঠাত। Tribal

Areas Department এ এই ৮ হাজাৰ টকা দিছিল। তাৰে মাত্ৰ ২০০ টকা Sub-divisional Officer ক দি বাকী টকা ঘৰত যৈণীয়েকৰ হাতত থৈছিল আৰু সেই বাকী ৭৮০০ টকা ঘৰত চুৰী হৈছে বুলি উবি গল।

এই যে টকা খিনি চুৰী হল তাৰ বাবে নিশ্চয় Tribal Areas Department ক্ষতিগ্ৰস্ত হৈছে। এই টকা কিয় দিয়া হৈছিল—কিয় বিষয়াই নিজৰ হাতত

বাখিছিল—কেনেকৈ চুৰী হবলৈ পালে—তাৰ উদ্ধাৰ হলনে নাই আদি বিচাৰৰ তাৰ চৰকাৰৰ। এই বিলাক তনু তনুকৈ কৰা উচিত কাৰণ এনেধৰণৰ কাম বিলাক প্ৰায়ে

দেখা যায়। তাৰো পৰি—চৰকাৰে Sanction কৰা টকাৰ বহু পৰিমাণ

খৰচ কৰিব নোৱাৰিব হেতু Surrender কৰিব লগা হয়। এই বিলাকৰ হিচাব ঠিকমতে

ৰখা নহয় আৰু এই কাৰণে যি ব্যাখ্যা দিয়ে সিও মোটেই সন্তোষ জনক নহয়। এই

নোৱাৰে সেই টকাৰ আৰু উদ্ধাৰ নহয়। ই বৰ পৰিতাপৰ কথা। সেই কাৰণে মই

চৰকাৰক অনুৰোধ কৰো যেন এই বিলাক বিষয়ত যেন ভালকৈ চকু দিয়ে। নহলে এই

দুৰ্নীতিত লিপ্ত সকলে এনেভাৱে পাকচক্ৰত পেলাই যে অবশেষত গৈ চৰকাৰ

ক্ষতিগ্ৰস্ত হয়। দ্বিতীয় কথা—আজি এনে কিছুমান পৰিস্থিতিৰ উদ্ভৱ হৈছে যাৰ কাৰণে জন-সাধাৰণে suffer কৰিব লগা হৈছে। সেই কাৰণে মই মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ক বিশেষ চক্ৰ

দিবলৈ অনুৰোধ জনাইছো। চৰকাৰী হিচাপ পৰিষ্কাৰ (Public Accounts) কমিটিয়ে যাতে প্ৰত্যেকটো item ভালকৈ পৰীক্ষা কৰিব পাৰে তাৰ বাবে লক্ষ

বাখিব। ইয়াকে কৈ সামৰণি মাৰিলো।

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am replying on behalf of the Finance Minister as he is absent. My friend has referred to some of the objections raised by the Public Accounts Committee. I am thankful to the hon. Member Shri Patwari for his advice that the Supply Department should be a Commercial Department and that the Government should keep a strict vigilance over the merchants. I agree with him particularly when he cautions us against the merchants whom he described as too intelligent people against whom we should guard ourselves. He has also referred to certain losses said to have been sustained in 1954 as a result of sale of paddy. My friend has also referred to high percentage of refraction allowed by Government then. But he has confused with some of the statements made by me. It has nothing to do with the assurance given by the present Supply Minister to see that there should be as less refraction as possible. From the past experience I can say that nobody can make this Department full-proof. The recommendation of the Public Accounts Committee has always been valued by the Government and we would look into the question of fixing up responsibility, if possible. But I must say that at this stage that it is difficult to fix responsibility for a fault committed in the year 1954 particularly when the matter relates to the entire procurement of paddy all over the State. My friend has also raised certain objections about the loss suffered by the T. A. D. Government will look into this recommendation as well. Shri Patwari referred to certain remarks made by Public Accounts Committee about the utilisation of grants by the schools. I find from the report that the Secretary, Education has already clarified the position and pointed out the difficulties. Government is considering this question as to how best check can be imposed on the utilisation of funds by the non-official institutions. The recommendations of the Public Accounts Committee on this behalf would be looked into by the Government.

Presentation of the Report of the Privileges Committee (relating to the complaint made by Shrimati Padma Kumari Gohain against the Speech of Shri Nilmoney Borthakur

Shri RAJENDRA NATH BARUA (Deputy Speaker): Sir, I beg to move that the Third Report of the Privileges Committee relating to the complaint made by Srimati Padma Kumari Gohain against the speech of Shri Nilmoney Barthakur) to be taken into consideration.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move the following amendment to the motion moved by hon. Deputy Speaker and Chairman on, Privileges Committee Shri Rajendra Nath Barua.

"That the matter be referred back to the same Committee of Privileges for detailed and further investigation by taking evidence of the complaining Member Shrimati Padma Kumari Gohain, M. L. A., the Member complained against, *i.e.*, Shri Nilmoney Borthakur, M.L.A., the Press Reporters concerned and of any other hon. Members of the House as the Committee may think to enamine.

The Committee is requested to re-submit its final report by the end of March, 1960".

The amendment I think is self-expressive. The corrected speech of Nilmoney Barthakur and the news published in the Nutan Assamiya and the Assam Tribune appears to be different now. Therefore, I would request the House to accept my amendment and to give a chance to the Privileges Committee to re-submit a final report.

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment is moved. The question is that the matter be referred back to the same Committee of Privileges for detailed and further investigation by taking evidences of the complaining Member Srimati Padma Kumari Gohain, M. L. A., the Member complained

against *i.e.*, Shri Nilmony Borthakur, M. L. A., the Press Reporters concerned and of any other hon. Members of the House as the Committee may think to examine. The Committee is requested to re-submit its final Report by the end of March, 1960.

(The question was adopted).

Report of the Estimate Committee

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur)**: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I, Shri Hareswar Goswami, Chairman of the Estimates Committee, having been authorised by the Committee to submit the Third Report of the Estimates Committee do hereby present the Third Report of the Estimates Committee.

Mr. SPEAKER: The report is presented. The next item, Shri Mahendra Nath Hazarika.

Presentation of the Assam Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1960

***MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Panchayats)**: Sir, I beg to lay out copies of the Assam Panchayats (Constitution) Rules, 1959 in accordance with the provision of sub-section (3) of Section 160 of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1959. (Assam Act XXIV of 1959).

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)**: Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I with your permission correct the statement which I made some time ago in connection with the amendment of Panchayat Act. I remember to have said that the rules were preliminary published. But subsequently I understand that at the last day the fifteen days time had elapsed on the 15th December after preliminary publication. The rules have now been placed before the legislature. I am sorry, I did not give a correct picture. The rules will now be placed before the Committee on Subordinate Legislation for giving opportunity of discussing the matters which were raised in the earlier debate.

Prorogation

Mr. SPEAKER: I have got the prorogation order from the Governor of Assam. I read it out:

"In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 2(A) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, as amended up-to-date, I, S. M. Srinagesh, Governor of Assam, hereby prorogue the Assam Legislative Assembly at the conclusion of its sitting on Friday, the 18th December, 1959.

S. M. SRINAGESH,
Governor of Assam".

The Assembly was then prorogated.

R. N. BARUA,
Secretary, Assam Legislative Assembly.

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