



DEBATES OF THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1969

July-August Session
Volume II

No. 11

The 11th August, 1969

CONTENTS

	Page
1. Further Discussion on Starred Question No. 89 replied on 8th August, 1969 <i>Re: Industrial Loan.</i>	433—449 ✓
2. Starred Questions and Answers	449—452
3. Unstarred Questions and Answers	452—455
4. <i>Re: Miscellaneous Matters</i>	455
5. <i>Re: Laying of documents on the Table of the House-Point of Order.</i>	455—458
6. Ruling by the Speaker—Laying of documents on the Table of the House.	458—459
7. The Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1969.	459
8. The Assam Separation of Judicial and Executive Functions Bill, 1969.	459
9. Motion: Election of Members to the Public Accounts Committee.	460
10. Motion: Election of Members to the Committee on Estimates.	460
11. Voting on Supplementary Demand for Grants	460—464 ✓
12. Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1969	464—465
13. Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance	465

REPORTS OF THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1931

July Session 1931
Volume II

No. 11

The 11th August 1931

15 pages

133-140	1. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
141-143	2. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
144-145	3. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
146-147	4. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
148-149	5. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
150-151	6. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
152-153	7. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
154-155	8. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
156-157	9. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
158-159	10. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
160-161	11. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
162-163	12. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931
164-165	13. Report of the Commission on the State of the Province, 1931

Proceedings of the Seventh Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly assembled after the Fourth General Elections under the Sovereign Democratic Republican Constitution of India.

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 10 A.M. on Thursday, the 11th August, 1969.

PRESENT:

Shri Mohi Kanta Das, M.A., B.L., Speaker, in the Chair, Nine Ministers, Six Ministers of State, Three Deputy Ministers and Sixty Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Further Discussion on Starred Question No.89 replied on 8th August, 1969.

Re: Industrial Loans

Mr. Speaker: Now, questions.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: Mr. Speaker, Sir, before taking up the questions of to-day, I want to point out that the Starred Question No. 89 in the name of M. Shamul Huda which was taken up on last Friday, the 8th instant, was still pending. Sir, we have also discussed the rules. The rules simply say that those questions which have not been replied to, their replies are to be furnished by the Minister within three days or so, and you have also given your ruling on this accordingly. But this question was still pending. Therefore, before going into the questions of to-day, I want a clarification from the Government about the queries after queries that we have made on that day in respect of the police report in connection with the industrial loan and in connection with Shri Syed Abdul Malik.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): Sir, the rule is very clear. Under Sub-rule (5) of Rule 34, if any question placed on the list of questions for oral answer on any day is not called for answer within the time available for answering questions on that day, the Minister to whom the question is addressed shall circulate the reply to the question to the members within three days and, unless otherwise directed by the Speaker, no oral reply shall be required to such question.

The same rule is also applicable to unfinished questions. Sir, the instant question was discussed in the House on Friday last for more than one and a half hour, and as far as I understand from you that the supplementaries to that question were over. Therefore, that question cannot be put to-day because that question is closed. The only point about the point of order that was raised. On that matter, if you so desire, you may give your ruling. But regarding that question, the question is closed.

Shri Rothindra Nath Sen: Sir, my humble submission is this: We have gone through the rules as well and definitely this House is bound by the rules laid down by the committee of this House. But the fact remains, Sir, that the incident concerning that question on that day continued till the adjournment of the House at a quarter to twelve on the 8th instant. Therefore, that question no longer remained within the question hour itself and most unfortunately it became an extraordinary matter of the House. Sir, to-day, may I humbly submit—as every hon. Member desires the business of the House to function and as it is our desire also that there should not be any deadlock created in the House, that you give your ruling on this issue so that the business of the House may continue. Keeping that in view may I submit,

Sir, that since an extraordinary atmosphere has already been created in this House on the 8th instant and since the mischief has been done to that gentleman by publishing all these matters with broad headlines in the newspapers and that in order to vindicate his position such a stir was created in this House doing greater injury to that gentleman, may we expect such a ruling from you, Sir, as the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs has already pointed out that taking the case of the question as the point of order, the hon. Speaker can just dispose of that point of order, instead of disturbing the functions of the day. May we not get one such ruling from the Chair? We also expect that the hon. Minister for Industries has in advertently made certain remarks or mentioned that particular person was reported to be anti-national. This remark, I feel, Sir, in my humble opinion, may not be there in the Police report itself. Either it was due to the simplicity or haste of the hon. Minister for Industries that he might have uttered those remarks. Can he not regret for that? And as the Chief Minister has already assured the House that he will review the entire matter and see if a wrong is done to that gentleman, he will be vindicated. If it is found otherwise, action will be taken against the guilty officer. On this point we expect the Minister will clarify the position and vindicate that gentleman.

Shri Dulal Chandre Barua: Sir, I have attentively heard the argument.

Mr. Speaker: Please take your seat. The question is whether that

Re: Contribution to Educational Institution; from Oil India Ltd, Duliajan

Shri BHADRA KANTA GOGOI asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government receives any amount from Oil India Ltd., Duliajan in the shape of help to the local educational institutions?

Question No. 89 can be treated as outstanding for further supplementaries. Now, this was discussed threadbare on that day and the question hour was over. Even beyond question hour that question was also discussed. The only point which remains is the point of order, that is about the placing of the police report which was raised by the hon. Minister in his statement. That point remains. I am giving my ruling on that point after the question hour. After that there cannot be any question.

Shri Phani Bora: I rise only to help you, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: I am on my legs. Please sit down. When I have given my ruling there cannot be any criticism. Another thing is that about the point raised by Mr. Sen. on that I will give my ruling after the question hour.

Shri Phani Bora: After that ruling I want to make certain observation.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: You have rightly stated, Sir, the Speaker's ruling cannot be discussed and you have given your ruling and that ruling is binding on the House.

Mr. Speaker: I have already given my ruling on that specified point and that is final. As regards the other question, I am giving my ruling after the question hour.

Shri Phani Bora: Why then the House was adjourned that day?

Mr. Speaker: That is not relevant.

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State for Education) replied:

95. (a)—Yes.

(b) If so, since when and the total annual contribution ?

(c) Names of the Educational Institutions to whom such help has been given uptill now ?

(b)—Since 1965, Rs.5,000 annually.

(c)—Name of the Educational Institutions to whom such help has been given up-till now is given below—

1. Tipling Ghat High School.
2. Kathalguri High School.
3. G. N. Bordoloi High School.
4. Netaji Vidyamandir H. E.
5. Bordobi High School.
6. Madhyamik Hindi M. E.
7. Naharkatia H. S. School.
8. R. C. Agarwalla High School.
9. Government Aided High School, Moran.

(d) The amount of contribution received by the Department for the year 1969-70 from Oil India Ltd., Duliajan in this regard ?

(d)—Not yet received

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi :

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, যিবিলাক স্কুলত টকা দিছে বুলি কৈছে কোন কোন স্কুলত কিমান টকা দিছে ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali :

সাহায্য দিয়া স্কুলৰ নাম আৰু টকাৰ পৰিমাণ হৈছে

1. Tipling Government High School	Rs.550-00
2. Kathalguri High School	600 00
3. G. N. BnrDALOI High School	Rs.550-00
4. Netaji Vidyamandir High School	Rs.550 00
5. Bordobi High School	Rs.650-00
6. Maduymik Hindi High School	Rs.350-00
7. Naharkatia Higher Secondary School	Rs.350 00
8. R. C. Agarwalla High School	Rs.600 00

Shri Hiralal Patwary :

যিবিলাক স্কুলত টকা দিছে সেইবিলাক স্কুলত ওlanguage কৰিছেনে ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali :

যিবিলাক হিন্দি medium high school সেইবিলাকত Regional language compulsory.

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar :

May I know on what basis this grant is being made? Whether it is on lump sum basis or on the basis of students?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali :

Lump Sum grant দিয়া হয়।

Shri Pitsing Konwar :

১৯৬৫-৬৬ চনত যি কেইখন স্কুলক grant দিয়া হৈছিল ১৯৬৬-৬৭ চনত দিয়া হৈছেনেকি ?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali :

হয়।

Re: Librarian for North Lakhimpur Subdivisional Library

Shri GOVINDA CHANDRA BORA asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a Librarian has been appointed for North Lakhimpur Subdivisional Library and if not, why?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that books worth about Rupees ten thousand have been lying in an almira for about more than a year for want of a Librarian to manage the Library and the books are going to be damaged by white ants?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Advisory Committee for the management of the Library has not yet been approved although the Committee was formed long ago and sent for approval by the proper authority a year back?

Shri Govinda Chandra Bora: Is the Government aware of the fact that the library is still not functioning and no books are being issued?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali: I have already replied that from 1st July 1969, a Librarian is there and the library is functioning.

Shri Govinda Chandra Bora: I want a categorical answer whether any book has been issued to the readers from that library?

Shri SYED AHMED ALI (Minister of State for Education) replied:

96. (a)—A Librarian has been appointed for Subdivisional Library, North Lakhimpur and he joined on 1st July 1969.

(b)—No. The former Subdivisional Librarian joined the post on 6th March 1968 and left the post on 25th September 1968. The new Librarian joined on 1st July 1969. In the absence of the Subdivisional Librarian, the Assistant was in-charge of the Library. No book has been damaged by white ants.

(c)—The proposal for constituting the Advisory Committee was received by the Director of Public Instruction on 10th July 1969. The matter is under examination of the Department.

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali: I suppose so. When there is a librarian and there are books and the public are going to the library, the books are naturally being issued.

Shri Govinda Chandra Bora: If I say no books are being issued, will Government make an enquiry?

Shri Syed Ahmed Ali: I will do that.

Re: "Kaffain" Manufacture

শ্রীঅতুল চন্দ্র গৌপালীয়ে স্মিছে:

উদ্যোগ বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী শ্ৰীবিশ্বদেব শৰ্ম্মাট
উত্তৰ দিছে:

*৯৭। মাননীয় উদ্যোগ বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী
মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) অসমত "কাফেইন" তৈয়াৰ কৰা
কাৰখানা আছে নেকি আৰু যদি
আছে, ক'ত আছে আৰু উক্ত
কাৰখানাৰ মালিকজনৰ নাম আৰু
ঠিকনা কি?

৯৭। (ক)—আছে, ডিব্ৰুগড়ত।

নাম:—মেচাৰ্চ ইষ্টাৰ্ণ অসম কেমিকেল
ইণ্ডাষ্ট্ৰীজ।

ঠিকনা:—চৌকীডিম্ভি, ডিব্ৰুগড়।

(স্বাধিকাৰী—মেচাৰ্চ বেৰিয়া ব্ৰাদাৰ্ছ)

(খ) "কাফেইন" তৈয়াৰ কৰিবলৈ গুৰা
চাহপাতৰ প্ৰয়োজন হয় নেকি আৰু
অসমৰ "কাফেইন" তৈয়াৰ কৰা
মালিকজনে কিমান পৰিমাণৰ তেনে
চাহপাত সংগ্ৰহ কৰিছে?

(খ)—গুৰা চাহৰ পৰিবৰ্তে পেল-
নীয়া চাহৰহে প্ৰয়োজন। বছৰি সংগ্ৰহ কৰা
পেলনীয়া চাহৰ পৰিমাণ তলত দেখুওৱা
হ'ল—

১৯৬৪-৬৫ ... ১,০৯,৭৫৯ কিলোগ্ৰাম।

১৯৬৫-৬৬ ... ৮০,৫৭১ ,,

১৯৬৬-৬৭ .. ৬৭,৮৯৮ ,,

১৯৬৭-৬৮ ... ৩৪,৬৮৬ ,,

১৯৬৮-৬৯ ... নাই।

(গ) প্ৰতি কুইণ্টল গুৰা চাহপাতত কিমান
পৰিমাণৰ "কাফেইন" তৈয়াৰ হয়
আৰু "কাফেইন" কাৰখানাৰ মালিকে
কিমান পৰিমাণৰ "কাফেইন" উৎ-
পাদন কৰিছে?

(গ)—পেলনীয়া চাহৰ গুণাগুণ
আৰু প্ৰচলিত পদ্ধতিৰ ভিত্তিত প্ৰতি কুইণ্টল
পেলনীয়া চাহৰ পৰা ১-২ কিলোগ্ৰাম পৰ্য্যন্ত
"কাফেইন" উৎপাদন হয়। বছৰি উৎ-
পাদিত "কাফেইনৰ" পৰিমাণ তলত দিয়া
হ'ল—

১৯৬৪-৬৫ ... ১,৪৪৩ কিলোগ্ৰাম।

১৯৬৫-৬৬ ... ৮৩১ ,,

১৯৬৬-৬৭ ... ৯২২ ,,

১৯৬৭-৬৮ ... ৪৫০ ,,

১৯৬৮-৬৯ ... ২৫৬ ,,

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : এই যে পেন্সীয়া চাহৰ 'কাফেইন' তৈয়াৰ হয়, মানহে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰা চাহৰ লগত যদি কেনেবাকৈ মিহলি হয় তেনেহলে সেইবিলাক ধৰিবলৈ গভৰ্ণমেন্টে কিবা ব্যৱস্থা বা চিন্তা কৰিছে নেকি ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : এই চাহৰ Licence Tea Board এ দিয়ে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : অসম চৰকাৰে, জনসাধাৰণে খোৱা চাহৰ লগত যাতে মিহলি নহয় তাৰ কিবা ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব নে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : এনে অভিযোগ আহিলে নিশ্চয় কৰা হ'ব।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : এই যে উদ্যোগটো আছে, সেই উদ্যোগ প্ৰতিষ্ঠানত চৰকাৰে এতিয়ালৈকে কিমান টকা দিছে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : টকা কোনো দিয়া হোৱা নাই।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : এই যে Aspro আৰু Anacine তৈয়াৰ কৰে এনে উদ্যোগ আমাৰ ইয়াত আছে নেকি ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : উদ্যোগ নাই।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : যদি নাই এই কাফেইন কালৈ পঢ়িয়াই আক ব'লৈ পঢ়িয়াইছে তাৰ ঠিকনা নাই নেকি ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Sir প্ৰশ্নটোৰ লগত কোনো সম্বন্ধ নাই গতিকে কবলৈ অসুবিধা।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : এই কাফেইন তৈয়াৰ কৰা কামটো হাতত লৈ চৰকাৰে নিবনুৱা সমস্যা সমাধান কৰিবলৈ চিন্তা কৰিছেনে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : চৰকাৰে একো চিন্তা কৰা নাই।

Re: Crude Oil for Second Public Sector Oil Refinery

Shri PROMODE CHANDRA GOGOI asked :

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

- (a) Whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the report published in *Asom Bani*, June 27, 1969 that the O. N. G. C. has tried to under-estimate the availability of crude oil from its fields in Assam to frustrate the demand for a Second Public Sector Oil Refinery ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Minister, Industries) replied :

98. (a)—Yes.

(b) Whether the Government will make a statement before the House clarifying the issues raised in the said report ?

(b)—This is only a paper report. We have not received any fresh official communication regarding availability of crude from O. N. G. C. except the one received in 1966. The Government of India has appointed an Experts' Committee to assess the availability of crude in the State. The State Government has also moved the Government of India to give permission to assess the crude by the State independently by appointing Foreign Experts. The Government of India has declined to give necessary permission, but the matter is still being pursued.

The Government, however, do not consider it necessary to give any statement on the report at this stage.

Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi :

Whether it is a fact that the O.N.G.C. is very much opposed to a third-party assessment of crude in Assam ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : No, Sir, I have not received any reply.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : I have no information of that nature.

Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi : Mr. Speaker, Sir. Another supplementary. In reply to Question 98(b) the Minister said that they had no final information about the news. Now we want to know from the hon. Minister whether the Assam Government has taken up the matter with the Government of India so that correct assessment of the reserves of crude oil in Assam is made by the Committee appointed by the Government of India or by any other third-party definitely and for that we want to know from the Assam Government whether Government has taken up that matter seriously with the Government of India ?

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : May I know whether Government have received a reply to the letter written by the hon. Minister of Industries to the Petroleum Minister of the Government of India recently regarding extension of time for the Expert Committee ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Yes, the other day in reply to a question I said that the Union Minister had written a letter to the Chief Minister.

Shri Biswadev Sarma : Sir, I have already replied to that question in my reply to Question 98(b) that an Expert Committee has been appointed by the Government of India and they are going to assess the availability of crude oil.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : We know that he has written a letter to the Chief Minister. But I want to know whether the Minister, Industries, has received any reply to the strong letter which he had written to the Minister for Petroleum, Government of India ?

Shri Debeswar Sarmah :

গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে এইটো অনুসন্ধান কৰিছেনে যে কি সূত্ৰত অসমত দ্বিতীয় তেল শোধানাগাৰ বিচাৰিছে ? কাৰণ নাহৰকটীয়া আৰু অসমৰ আন আন ঠাইত O. N. G. C. য়ে কোৱামতে ৫/৭ মিলিয়ন টন তেল ওলাব বুলি খবৰ কাগজত ওলাইছিলে। এতিয়া সেই Report কেনেকৈ নাইকীয়া হ'ল ? এতিয়া গভৰ্ণমেণ্টে আগৰ Report মতে কৈছেনে, অনুসন্ধান কৰি তেল কম-বেছি হোৱাৰ অইন কিবা বেলেগ Report পাইছে ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma :

ছাৰ, আমি ১৯৬৬ চনতে O. N. G. C. ৰ পৰা যিটো Report পাইছো তাৰ বাহিৰে অন্য আৰু Report পোৱা নাই।

Shri Debeswar Sarmah :

মোৰ প্ৰশ্নটো হ'ল ইমান তেল অসমত ওলাব যেতিয়া অসমত দ্বিতীয় তেল শোধানাগাৰৰ দাবী হ'ল, তেতিয়া তেল কম-বেছি হ'ল বুলি ক'ব পৰা খবৰ পালে ? খবৰ লবলৈ বহুতো উপায় আছে যেনে Police C. I. D. ৰ দ্বাৰায়ো এই বিষয়টোৰ কিবা সন্ধান লৈছেনে ? আগেয়ে নাহৰকটীয়াত ৫/৭ নিযুত টন তেল ওলাব বুলি কৈছিল। তাৰ পাছত বাতৰি কাকতত আজি দ্বিতীয় শোধানাগাৰ বিচৰাত এই তেল ক'লৈ অন্তৰ্ধান হ'ল ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma :

ছাৰ, ভাৰতবৰ্ষত বহুতো খবৰ-কাগজ আছে। সেই বিলাকতো একে খবৰেই ওলাইছে।

Shri Hiralal Patwary :

ছাৰ, আমি মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিব পাবোনে যে অসমত দ্বিতীয় তেল শোধানাগাৰ হ'ব পাৰে, এইটোত আমাৰ চৰকাৰ Convince হৈছেনে কি ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma :

ছাৰ, এইটো প্ৰশ্ন ইয়াত নুঠে।

Shri M. A. Musawwir Choudhury : May I know from the hon. Minister of Industries whether the O. N. G. C.'s wells of Assam produce more crude oil than those of Abadan in Iran ? And another question is whether the Minister of Industries will be pleased to demand a reply from the O. N. G. C. regarding the comparative production of oil between Abadan and Assam ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : I could not follow the question.

Shri M. A. Musawwir Choudhury : My question is whether Assam's wells produce more crude oil than those situated in the Abadan in Iran and whether Minister will ascertain it from the report of the O. N. G. C. ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : I do not know how this question arises out of the present question.

Shri Sadhaa Ranjara Sarkar : May I know whether Government has contradicted the news item published in different newspapers which sought to minimise the quantity of crude oil found in the State ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : The Government is not competent to issue any such contradiction.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Whether Government is aware of that fact just to decry the demand of the people of Assam a great conspiracy is going on against the interest of Assam and that this agent of the Government of India compelled the O. N. G. C. not to associate with the Expert Committee to find out the availability of crude oil in this State ?

Shri Biswadev Sarma : I have no information about this.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Will Government keep an eye on this ?

Shri Hiralal Patwary: May I know, Sir

Mr. Speaker: Question No. 99

Shri Hiralal Patwary: But Sir, according to Rule 34 it is very clearly stated that one Member can ask three supplementary questions to a particular Question. I have not asked three questions, I have asked only one.

Mr. Speaker: The rule allows three supplementary questions from the Mover of the Question and three from other Members in general.

Shri Hiralal Patwary: It has been clearly stated under the rule that one member should not normally exceed 3 members.

Mr. Speaker: The position is that three questions may be asked by the Mover and the rest three will be asked by other Members. That indicates my ruling.

Shri Hiralal Patwary: Sir, in my question the hon. Minister asked how the question arose but my question is very clear. I do not know how the hon. Minister could not understand me.

Mr. Speaker: I have already given my ruling.

Shri Hiralal Patwary: Sir, your giving a ruling during the Question Hour is agitating the mind of the people as a whole as this ruling is against the rules and procedure of this House. (interruption from Mr. Speaker)

Mr. Speaker: I cannot allow a speech to be made during Question hour. No. 99.

Re : Revised Pay Scale to Veterinary Field Assistants

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA
asked:

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

(a) Whether the last Pay Committee recommended revision of the pay scale to the Veterinary Field Assistants ?

(b) If so, Whether Government finally approved the revised pay scale of these employees to give relief to their economic hardships ?

(c) If not, why ?

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Minister, Veterinary)
replied :

99. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Does not arise.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua:
May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that instead of implementing the recommendation Government has adopted a discriminatory policy, i.e., the revised pay scales have been raised only for the higher stages and not at the lower stages of the Government servants? If so, why?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami: No. Sir, this revised pay scale has been given to all qualified Veterinary Field Assistants.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua:
May I know when was this finalised and what is the date?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami: The exact date is not with me present.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua:
May I know why till today the decision has not been implemented?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami: Sir, I say this decision has been implemented. But if there is any case where this benefit has not been given to any person and if the hon. Member can give me the particulars I will enquire into the matter.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua:
What is the criterion that Government has adopted to determine that the persons are qualified Veterinary Field Assistants?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami: Sir, there is a training course. Those who got training in the training institution are treated as

qualified. I cannot exactly give the total number of persons who are not qualified. But we have arranged for this training under the condensed course and this training will be over by the year 1969-70. So those who are not yet qualified will be qualified with this Government assistance and Government take the responsibility of giving them training and therefore every one will be benefited.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua:
Whether it is a fact that apart from the revised scale the Pay Committee has recommended certain promotion at certain stages for these officers? Whether it is also a fact that certain officers who have been in this category for 19 to 20 years have not yet been promoted till today whether they are qualified or not?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami: The question is regarding revised pay scale. If the hon. Member put another new question I will be able to answer it.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: Sir, as it is a convention that we are to listen to the replies furnished by the different Ministers, may I know from the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary whether it is a fact that not a single case has so far been implemented in respect of giving revised pay scale as recommended by the Pay Committee and that all the cases are lying before the Das Commission?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami: Sir, my reply is based on the information I could collect and it is that all the qualified persons have been paid the revised pay scale

Re: Up-grading the posts of Inspectors of Excise

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA
asked:

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

- (a) Whether there is any proposal pending before the Government for up-grading the posts of Inspectors of Excise by converting these posts to the category of gazetted posts?

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Minister, Excise)
replied:

100. (a)—Yes. A proposal for granting gazetted status to the Inspectors of Excise is under active consideration to the Government.

(b) If so, what is the present position of the said proposal ?

(c) What steps have been taken by the Government to expedite the decision on the proposal with a view to mitigating the genuine grievances of those incumbents of Excise Department ?

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: Sir, may I know from the Minister since when the proposal is under the active consideration of the Government ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah: Sir, this question was taken up after a deputation of the Excise staff met us in the last part of 1968 or early part of 1969. Now the matter is with the Finance. They have sought some more clarification and that was done in the month of July last. I think the matter will be finalised after we give them the clarifications.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: By considering the nature of work performed by the Excise Inspectors do Government not consider it necessary to finalise the same immediately ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah: We think so.

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarker: Whether Government propose to upgrade the status of the Excise Inspector for increased consumption of alcohol in the prohibited area ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah: This is an ironical question. Should I reply, Sir ?

Mr. Speaker: No.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah: Sir, the reply to question (a) is "Yes. A proposal for granting gazetted status to the Inspectors of Excise is under active consideration of the Government"; and reply to (b) and (c) is "do not arise in view of reply given to (a) above". Sir, can we conceive of a more evasive answer ? I put it to the Speaker with the due respect.

Mr. Speaker: Here the question is (a) whether there is any proposal pending before the Government for up-grading the posts of Inspectors of Excise by converting these posts to the category of gazetted posts and the

(b & (c)—Do not arise in view of reply given to (a) above.

answer is "Yes. A proposal for granting gazetted status to the Inspectors of Excise is under active consideration of the Government". But in reply to (b) "If so what is the present position of the said proposal" and (c) "what steps have been taken by the Government to expedite the decision on the proposal with a view to mitigating the genuine grievances of those incumbents of Excise Department" ? it has been said "Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above". But the reply to (b) should have indicated the present stage of the proposal and the reply to (c) should have indicated whether considering the grievances of the incumbents whether Government would expedite its decision.

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah: Sir, there was no intention of evading the answer. The word 'active consideration' comprises everything and I have also told it in reply to supplementary.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah: Suppose there is supplementary.

M. Moinal Haque Choudhury: What is the present position ? That is the question ?

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah: I have already replied.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: What is the present position of the proposal in view of the reply given to (b) and (c).

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah: We think the words 'active consideration' will comprise everything and it would be expedited automatically.

M. Moinal Haque Choudhury: What sort of English ? Active consideration will comprise everything (!)

Re: Construction of Embankments in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri ATAUR RAHMAN asked

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOU DHURY (Minister, Flood Control etc.) replied :

*101. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (F. C. and I.) be pleased to state—

- (a) The prospects of taking up for implementation of the following schemes for construction of embankments in 1969-70
- (i) Morachaulkhowa right bank from Barpeta to Bahmuraghat and completing the incomplete portions downward, (ii) Patlikuchi-Govindapur embankment as a natural corollary to the Bhelengi embankment constructed, (iii) Lengtisinga Mererchar as a corollary to the embankment constructed upto Lengtisinga on the right bank of the Aie river and (iv) A protection bund to prevent erosion by Beki (right bank) nearabout Kakgachia headquarters of Rupasie Block, (v) Extension of Dabandia-Langla embankment to Hat-chara.

101. (a)—(i) No such scheme has been taken up yet. But preliminary data are being collected to examine the feasibility of providing an embankment on the right bank of Morachaulkhowa river. As regards downward portions, the area is low-lying and therefore serves to store flood water thereby reducing the flood heights in the river. The technical soundness of any scheme in such low-lying area needs thorough investigation, which is being done.

(ii) Regarding dyke in the reach Patlikuchi to Govindapur preliminary investigation has been done to determine feasibility or otherwise of such an embankment.

(iii) Survey and collection of data for extension of Aie embankment from Lengtisinga to Mererchar has already been taken up and on completion of survey, estimate will be drawn up provided technically found feasible.

(iv) This needs investigation.

(v) This scheme is under examination by Government at present.

Shri Ataur Rahman : Sir, I refer to the reply regarding downward portion of Marachaulkhowa as taking one mile of the embankment constructed by the Mandia A. P. and Segment of Barpeta-Kadong P. W. D. road, the left embankment has reached Kadong, will the Department try to reach the right Bank also upto the place ?

Shri Ataur Pahman : Sir, I wanted to be clear. As the left bank of the Marachaulkhowa embankment has already reached up to Kadong, will the Department make the embankment along the right bank also to reach the place ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : The matter will be taken into consideration during the survey.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, I have replied as regards down portion, the area is low-lying and therefore, serves to store flood water thereby reducing the flood heights in the river. The technical soundness of any scheme in such low lying area needs thorough investigation, which is being done".

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : Sir, about this question Class No. III, I beg to submit that it is not the Aie river, but it should be Manas river. There is already embankment on the right bank of Aie river. The embankment should be constructed along the western bank of the river Manas.

Shri Maheadra Mohan Choudhury: It is confluence of the Manas and Aie rivers. Therefore, both rivers are to be investigated.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya: When it will be taken up, Sir?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: It is very difficult to say at present. We shall do our best to expedite the work.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya: In the last Budget Session the Minister gave assurance in reply to a question, "this is being done", but

Re: Flood Loans from Central Government

শ্রীমনেশ্বৰ বড়োই সুধিছে:

*১০২। মাননীয় বাননিয়ন্ত্ৰণ বিভাগৰ মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাব নে—

(ক) অসম চৰকাৰে কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰৰ পৰা বাননিয়ন্ত্ৰণৰ বাবে ১৯৬৮-৬৯ চনৰ কাৰণে কিমান কোটি টকা ধৰে আনিছে?

(খ) উক্ত টকা শতকৰা কিমান হাৰ সূতত অনা হৈছে?

(গ) সেই টকা কিমানটা কিস্তিত পৰিশোধ কৰিব লাগিব?

(ঘ) কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰৰ পৰা বাননিয়ন্ত্ৰণৰ বাবে অনা টকা কোন কোন অঞ্চলত অসম চৰকাৰে খৰচ কৰিবলৈ বিচাৰিছে?

M. A. Musawwir Choudhury: অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই এইটো জানিব বিচাৰিছো যে, আমাৰ নগাৱ জিলাত বানপানী নিয়ন্ত্ৰণৰ কাৰণে কিমান টকা Allot কৰা হৈছে?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: নগাৱত E. & D. ৰ কাৰণে ৪৭ লাখ টকা দিয়া হৈছে।

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi: অসমৰ কোন কোন অঞ্চলত কিমান টকা দিয়া হৈছে সেইটোৰ বিতং বিৱৰণী দিব পাৰিবনে?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: এইটো মই Table ত দিম।

up till now nothing has been done in this respect. (M. Moinul Haque Choudhury: It is being done).

Shri Maheadra Mohan Choudhury: That question was for another thing. It was for the right bank of the river Aie. But this question is connected with the left bank only.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya: It is not a fact that due to absence of embankments the most fertile land along the bank of Manas river has been silted up?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: Therefore, it is under survey.

বাননিয়ন্ত্ৰণ মন্ত্রী শ্রীমহেন্দ্ৰ মোহন চৌধুৰীয়ে উত্তৰ দিছে:

১০২। (ক)—৩ (তিনি) কোটি টকা।

(খ)—শতকৰা বাৰ্ষিক ৫% টকা সূতত হাৰে।

(গ)—কুৰিটা বাৰ্ষিক কিস্তিত।

(ঘ) অসম ৰাজ্যৰ সকলো বানবিধ্বস্ত অঞ্চলতে।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, সেই টকাৰ ভিতৰত ককিলামুখ বান্ধৰ কাৰণে দিয়া টকা আছেনেকি?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: হয়, আছে।

Shri Hiralal Patwary: অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, চৰকাৰে যিটো নিৰ্দেশ দিয়ে আৰু বিষয়াসকলে তাক অবজ্ঞা কৰি তাৰওলোটাতে কৰে, চৰকাৰে এই কথা জানেনে? টংলা আৰু জালুকবাৰীৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত এইটো কথা হৈ আছে। আৰু টংলা টাউন উৰি যোৱাৰ অৱস্থা হোৱাৰ কাৰণে টংলাৰ মানুহে মন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়াটলৈ Telegram কৰিছিল আৰু তেখেতে message পঠাইছিল। কিন্তু এইবাৰ Deputy Minister এ তাত খোকা দি আহিছিল। মুঠতে মোৰ প্ৰশ্নটো হৈছে যে, জালুকবাৰীৰ বান্ধটোৰ কাৰণে কি ব্যৱস্থা কৰা হৈছে?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: টংলা আৰু জানু কবাৰীৰ যি পৰাঞ্চলীয়া হৈছে সেইটো প্ৰতিৰোধ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে Patwary এ মোৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিছিল। তাৰপিচত Superintending Engineer আৰু Executive Engineer গৈ Survey কৰিলে আৰু survey কৰাৰ পিচত টকাৰ পৰিমাণ ৫ লাখতকৈ বেছি হোৱাৰ ফলত এইটো বান নিয়ন্ত্ৰণৰ বৰ্ডৰ অনুমোদন নোহোৱাকৈ কৰিব নোৱাৰে। অৰু এই কামটো সোনকালে হাতত লোৱা হ'ব।

Shri Hiralal Patwary: অন্তিমপৰমে কৰিবলৈ লোৱা ব্যৱহাৰটো কি?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: মই কৈছোৱেই যে, এই কামতো বাননিয়ন্ত্ৰণ বৰ্ডৰ অনুমোদন নোহোৱাকৈ কৰিব নোৱাৰে। যদি ততালিকে কৰিবলগীয়া কিবা কাম আছে তাত আমি মান্তি আছে।

Shri Bhubaneswar Barman:
Shri Maneswar Boro ব (য) প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰত কৈছে কিন্তু স্পষ্টকৈ জানিব বিচাৰো

Re: Maijonga Tea Estate

Shri BENOY KRISHNA GHOSE
asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Hillman Tea and Trading Company took lease of some lands from Mechpara Acquired Estate for Tea and other cultivation and established the Maijonga Tea Estate?

(b) Whether the Government is aware of the fact that the said company settled the said garden lands with many tenants and since then these tenants have been occupying those lands for over 50 years?

(c) The area of land held by the Hillman Tea and Trading Company under the said lease and the area of lands under occupation of the tenants settled by the said company?

যে, কালদিয়া আৰু দিবিং নদীয়ে আজি 8 বছৰ ধৰি গোটেই বজালী অঞ্চলতে উপদ্ৰৱ কৰি আছে। ইয়াৰ কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰৰ টকাৰ কিবা অংশ ধৰিছেনে?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: চাৰ, এই দিবিং নদী যি খন পাঁপনাতিয়াত পৰিছে তাৰ জৰীপ কৰা হৈছে। কিন্তু সেই জৰীপৰ পৰা দেখা গ'ল যে এইটো বৰ সৰুজ সাধ্য নহয় আৰু ব্যয় সাধ্যৰ্ত্ত। এতিয়া এই কামটো কৰিব নে নকৰে সেইটো দৃষ্টি কৰা নোৱাৰে। যদি কামটো ততালিকে কৰিব লাগে তেতিয়াহলে অনুমোদন কৰিম।

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya: চাৰ, এই কথাটো সচানে ব, নখাউৰিৰ কাৰণে বিমান টকা খৰচ কৰা হয়, তাৰ ভিতৰত গোৱালপাৰাতে আটাইতকৈ কম খৰচ কৰা হয়?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury: চাৰ, সেই হিচাবটো এতিয়া মোৰ হাতত নাই।

Shri RANENDRA BASUMATARI
(Minister of State, Revenue) replied:

103. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, the company settled garden lands with tenants but the exact periods of occupation are not known to Government.

(c)—An area of 3029B—1K—12L stands in the name of the proprietor of the Maijonga T E. and 762B—3K—11L is reported to be under tenants.

(d) Whether the Government is aware that the said garden changed many hands and each garden authority accepted rents from the tenants and allowed mutation and transfer of lands held by said tenants by way of sale, inheritance, etc. ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that a case under the Ceiling Act has been pending against the present owners of the Majonga Tea Estate ? If so, the date on which it was instituted. Also please give the area of land which was under actual tea cultivation and the area of lands which was under occupation of the tenants on the said date ?

(f) Whether the Government is aware that the present owners have been trying to evict the said tenants and they filed 14 eviction suits against some of the tenants in the Court of Munsiff at Goalpara and got decrees against them ?

(g) In view of section 23 and section 24 of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 whether any suits by Landlords lie in the Civil Court to evict the tenants and if not, what steps the Government propose to take to protect those poor tenants against whom the decrees of eviction were passed by the Munsiff at Goalpara ?

(d)—Government are aware that the garden changed hands many times and the transferee accepted rents from tenants but Government have no information if mutations and transfers that took place in between the tenants were recognised as such by the management.

(e)—Yes, a proceeding under the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 was initiated on 30th October 1961. An area of 453B—3K—12L is reported to be under tea and an area of 762B—3K—11L is reported to be under tenant.

(f)—Government are only aware of the fact that the Garden authority filed 14 Title suits and obtained decrees from the Court of Munsiff at Goalpara.

(g)—Provisions under sections 23 and 24 of the Assam Fixation of Ceiling on Land Holdings Act, 1956 are attracted in cases of resumption of land from tenants for personal cultivation by the landlord and not in respect of Title suits.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I know from the Minister, whether these 14 tenants belong to bonafide Assamese community ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : Yes, they are bonafide Assamese belonging originally to that place.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : Who are these persons ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : Sir, names are not with me at present, can supply if required.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I know from the Minister why these people are evicted but not the outsiders (of Assam State) occupying Reserved land ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : Sir, I have not stated that these persons have been evicted. Government is not aware that these persons have been evicted.

Re : Fisheries in North Lakhimpur Subdivision

Shri GOVINDA CHANDRA BORA asked:

*104. Will the Minister-in-charge of Fishery be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that lessees of the Fisheries in North Lakhimpur Subdivision have been faced with obstruction from certain section of the people in fishing in those fisheries?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that lately there was a big hitch between the lessees and Miri villagers at Borun Ghooly in Bhoti Subonsiri Fishery necessitating Government to engage about four dozens of armed and Civil Police with a Magistrate for days together?

(c) Whether it is a fact that in spite of Police help the lessee of the said Fishery could not fish in the Fishery?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the lessee of the said fishery is demanding compensation of several thousand of rupees and if so, whether Government propose to compensate the lessee?

(a) হয়, ১৯৬৮-৬৯ চনত কিছুমান স্বীকৃতি নিদিয়া লোকে ওখ মীন মহলত, মহলদাৰ সকলক নিবিধৌ মাছ মাৰিবলৈ নিদিয়াত বাধা প্ৰাপ্তি হৈছিল।

(b) হয়, ভাতি সোৱণশিৰি মীনমহলৰ বৰুণঘুলী নামৰ এটা অংশলৈ বিবাদ লাগি ওচৰৰ অঞ্চলৰ বহুত সংখ্যক লোকে মহলদাৰক মাছ মাৰিবলৈ নিদি বাধা জনাইছিল।

বেয়া ধৰণৰ বাধাৰ অভিযোগ পায় উত্তৰ লক্ষীমপুৰৰ মহকমাৰিপতিয়ে নশত্ৰ পুৰিচ বাহিনী এটা সেই বিললৈ ২ বাৰ পঠাবলগীয়া হয়। শেষৰ বাবত আইন ও শৃঙ্খলা বন্ধাৰ কাৰণে এজন মেজিষ্ট্ৰেট যাব লগীয়া হয়।

(c) হয়।

(d) নহয়, চৰকাৰে এই বিষয়ে কোনো সংবাদ পোৱা নাই।

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Fisheries) replied:

104. (a)—Yes. Six Fisheries were under obstruction from unauthorised persons who did not allow the lessees to fish smoothly during the year 1968-69.

(b)—Yes, there arose a dispute between the lessee and a large section of people of neighbouring areas who obstructed the lessee from fishing in the Barunghuli which is a part of Bhati Subonsiri Fishery. On receipt of information as to the tense situation prevailing there by the Subdivisional Officer, North Lakhimpur one section of Armed Police was deputed to the Fishery site on two occasions and on the last occasion one Magistrate also was detailed for duty to maintain Law and Order.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No, Government have no information.

Shri Govinda Chandra

Bora : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এইটো মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জানেনেকি যে এই বিলখনৰ সম্পৰ্কত যি কাজিয়া পেচাল (Hitch) হৈছিল আৰু যাৰ কাৰণে Subdivisional Officer, Police Officer আহিবলগীয়া হৈছিল, সেই বিষয়টো বৰ্ত্তমান কি অৱস্থাত আছে?

Shri Mahendra Nath

Hazarika : এইটো এতিয়াও আদালতত বিচাৰাৰধীন হৈ আছে।

Shri Atul Chandra

Goswami : এইটো Revenue Fishery কেতিয়াৰ পৰা কৰা হ'ল? আগতেই কৰা আছিলনে বাইজে ফিচাৰী কৰাৰ পাচত এইটো Revenue Fishery কৰা হৈছে?

Shri Mahendra Nath

Hazarika : আগৰে পৰা আছিল।

Re : Water-hyacinth from Barpukhuri of Goalpara Town

Shri BENOY KRISHNA GHOSE
asked :

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Fisheries) replied :

105. Will the Minister-in-charge of Fisheries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether in reply to a Starred Question No 225 of the August-September Session, 1968 the Minister assured that immediate steps would be taken to clear off the water-hyacinth from the Barpukhuri of Goalpara Town ?

105. (a)—Yes.

(b) If so, whether the water-hyacinth was removed from the said Barpukhuri ?

(b)—Steps have been taken to clear off the water-hyacinth during the current flood season.

(ক) হয়, দিয়া হৈছিল।

(খ) চলিত বাৰিষাৰ সময়তে ব্যৱস্থাতে
সুগুত কৰা হৈছে।

STARRED QUESTION No.225, dated 10th September 1968

Re : Barpukhuri Tank of Goalpara Town

Shri BENOY KRISHNA GHOSE
asked :

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Fisheries) replied :

*225. Will the Minister-in-charge of Fisheries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Barpukhuri (Samsundar Tank) of Goalpara Town was taken over by the Fishery Department, if so, when ?

225. (a)—Yes, the tank in question was taken over by Fishery Department in the year 1956.

(b) Whether it is a fact that the said Barpukhuri has been full of water-hyacinth and has become breeding places of mosquitoes and snakes ?

(b)—Yes, the tank is covered with water-hyacinth.

(c) If so, whether Government will take immediate steps to clear off the water-hyacinth from the said Barpukhuri ?

(c)—Yes.

Re: Charigaon-Neamati Road in Jorhat Subdivision

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA asked:

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

- (a) Whether there is any proposal lying before the Government for the improvement of the Charigaon-Neamati Road in Jorhat Subdivision?
- (b) Whether Government is aware of the present deplorable condition of the said road which has completely become unfit for plying heavy vehicular traffic?
- (c) If so, why the road could not be improved so long?

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, this is a very important road—of course all the roads are very important—may I know from the hon. Minister about this only road leading to Neamati and linking Majuli, the greatest island of the world, that by considering the importance of the road whether the Government proposes to take up atleast certain portion of the road for development during the current financial year as, otherwise, the road will be completely destroyed.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, it is very important road no doubt and this road was constructed as long as 17 years back and surfacing of the road has been felt necessary but in spite of this important provide funds.

Shri ALTAF HOSSAIN MAZUMDER [Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied:

06. (a)—There was a proposal for remetalling and surfacing this road but owing to limited financial resources, the proposal could not be included in the Fourth Five-Year Plan.

(b)—Being an old Road, it has deteriorated due to constant use. The road is, however, being maintained for vehicular traffic by periodic resurfacing and proper regular maintenance.

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

will entirely depend on the availability of funds.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, as the Minister has already said that this road was constructed 17 years ago and needs surfacing. Unless it is reconstructed or revitalised the entire road will be completely unfit for vehicular traffic. By considering this do the Government not consider to make certain provision for this important road somehow?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : As I have already said, Sir, the Government is aware of the importance of the road and that it needs attention but unfortunately we could not provide fund and it will depend entirely on the availability of fund.

Re: Subdivisions under Barpeta Public Works Department Division

Shri ATATUR RAHMAN asked:

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

- (a) The number of Subdivisions under Barpeta Public Works Department Division with their respective areas of jurisdiction?

Shri ALTAF HOSSAIN MAZUMDER [Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied:

107. (a)—There are 4 (four) Subdivisions under Barpeta Public Works Department Division. The respective areas of jurisdiction of each Subdivision is indicated in the Map placed on the Table of the House,

(b) Whether Mouzas Tirapani, Rupasie and Baghbar tagged with the Barpeta West Subdivision are 30 to 50 miles away from headquarter intercepted by rivers ?

(c) Whether the mouzas so mentioned are inconvenienced in many a way in respect of contact with the Headquarters and maintenance of roads and bridges ?

(d) If so, whether Government proposes either to shift the Barpeta West Subdivision to or establish a new Subdivision at a place like Kalagachia, headquarters of the Rupasie Block ?

(b)—As regards Mouzas, this Department has no information. However, no point on the Public Works Department Roads under the Barpeta West Subdivision is more than 30 miles from the Headquarter (*i. e.*, Barpeta).

(c)—No.

(d)—No such proposal is under consideration of Government.

Shri Ataur Rahman : Sir, as the department appears to the ignorant about the revenue earning mauzas, ma I know if they are intervened by two rivers from the headquarters ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : May be, Sir, there may be rivers but all the roads are at a distance of 30 to 50 miles from the rivers.

Shri Ataur Rahman : Does it not follow that the public are inconvenienced and the P. W. D. also has occasion to give less attention to these roads because of the distance ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : I am sorry, Sir, I cannot agree with the hon. Member because the department is quite capable of looking into the roads from a distance of 30 miles.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Sir, I want one clarification from you on an important matter. When the hon. Deputy Speaker asks a question, how can a Minister address him as hon. Member ? A Deputy Speaker is above the Members, above even the Ministers. So, how a Minister can address him as hon. Member—it is my question and it is a very pertinent question.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury, (Minister Parliamentary Affairs) : Sir, all the hon. Members of this House, including the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker and the Ministers are Members of this House first. Therefore, Sir, my impression is that the Deputy Speaker should be addressed as Mr. Deputy Speaker when his questions are replied to.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : I disagree, Sir. When the hon. Deputy Speaker asks a question he asks it as an hon. Member of the House and not as the Deputy Speaker. Therefore, it is quite correct if he is addressed, in reply to his question, an hon. Member because he does not ask a question as Mr. Deputy Speaker but as an hon. Member of the House.

Mr. Speaker : As regards this point, when I was a Deputy Speaker. I also put questions and sometimes also made speeches not as a Deputy Speaker but as a Member of this House. Therefore, I think there is no show of any disrespect or anything against the Chair of the Deputy Speaker when his questions are replied by a Minister addressing him as hon. Member as has been done to-day.

Shri Gaurisaakar Bhattacharyya : But there will be a difference, Sir. Supposing you go out for some reason or other and the Deputy Speaker takes the Chair, at that time the Deputy Speaker cannot ask a question. Similarly, any Member who is in the panel of Chairman, and any time he occupies the Chair in absence of the Speaker or the Deputy Speaker then so long as he occupies the Chair he cannot ask a question.

(Voice from the Treasury Bench—
Yes, yes.)

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury : Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I know from the Minister, what is the criteria for creating a P. W. D. Sub-division and whether there is any norm ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, it depends of various factors, one of them is the work-load and the other the geographical position of a particular place, convenience of the working etc., All these have to be taken into consideration.

Shri Kandarpa Narayan Banikya : Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I know from the Minister whether there is any P.W.D. road which falls within Goalpara District but belongs to P.W.D. Barpeta ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, this does not come within the purview of this question.

UNSTARRED

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(To which answers were laid on the table).

Re: Flood at Bokota Mouza

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA
asked :

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control, etc.) replied :

33. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (F.C. and I.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Bokota Mouza in Sibsagar Subdivision is regularly flooded and thereby the people suffer to a great extent ?

(b) Whether it is also a fact that the questioner and the public prayed for construction of a bund from Patsaku to Nangalmora in order to link the vacant length of the Desang right bund ?

(c) Whether the said scheme was sanctioned ?

(d) If not, whether the scheme will be executed within this financial year ?

33. (a)—Yes, whenever Desang and Brahmaputra are simultaneously in spate.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Not yet. The scheme will further have to be examined in the light of this year's flood.

(d)—If the scheme is found technically feasible, economically desirable and approved by the Flood Control Board then only it can be taken up for execution.

Land under Ceiling Act

শ্রীভদ্রেশ্বৰ গগৈয়ে সোধিছে :

শ্রীমহেন্দ্ৰ মোহন চৌধুৰী (ৰাজহ মন্ত্ৰীয়ে)
উত্তৰ দিছে :

৩৪। মাননীয় ৰাজহ বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী-
মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে---

(ক) নামৰূপ চাহ বাগানৰ কিছুমান
মাটি চিলিংডত (Ceiling Act)
গৈছেনেকি ?

(খ) যদি গৈছে, কিমান একৰ মাটি
গৈছে ?

(গ) এই বাগানৰ অধীনত থকা
নামৰূপ দৈনিক বজাবত
কিছুমান পৰিয়াল আজি বহু
বছৰ ধৰি তাত বস-বাস কৰি
থকাটো চৰকাৰে জানেনে ?

(ঘ) এই পৰিয়াল বিলাকে কৰা
আবেদন অনুযায়ী সেই পৰিয়াল
বিলাকক মাটিৰ মালিকি স্বত্ত
দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছেনেকি ?

(ঙ) যদি কৰিছে, কিমানটা পৰিয়ালক
দিছে ?

(চ) যদি নাই দিয়া, অনুসন্ধান কৰি
বিহিত ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে ?

৩৪। (ক) আৰু (খ)—নামৰূপ বাগানখন
Amalgamated Tea Company ৰ
বাগান। ১:২ সূত্ৰমতে এই কোম্পানীৰ
মাটি অতিৰিক্ত নহয়। কিন্তু বাগানৰ
বনুৱাৰ বাহিৰে আন মানুহৰ দখলত
থকাৰ বাবে ৬৯১৩/৭ লেচা মাটি চিলিং
আইনত লৰলৈ আৱশ্যকীয় ব্যৱস্থা লোৱা
হৈছে। ইতিমধ্যে কাৰ্য্যবাহ আৰম্ভ
হৈছে। ওপৰোক্ত ৬৯১৩/৭ লেচাৰ
ভিতৰত প্ৰায় ৬০০ বিঘাৰ মান মাটি
নামৰূপ বাগানত পৰে।

(গ)—জানে।

(ঘ)—ওপৰত উল্লেখ কৰা কাৰ্য্যবাহ
আৰম্ভ কৰাৰ বাবে।

(ঙ)—বাগানৰ মালিকে আৰু মাটি
দখলকাৰী সকলে আৰু আপত্তি ও আবেদন
আদি কৰিছে। সেই বাবে।

(চ)—গোটেই বিষয়টো বৰ্ত্তমান
বিচাৰাধীন হৈ আছে।

(১) নামৰূপ বাগানৰ মাটি দখলকাৰীক
সংখ্যা ৯৭ জন পোৱা গৈছে।

(২) অহা ৮ আগষ্ট ১৯৬৯ তাৰিখে
কলেক্টৰে উভয় পক্ষৰ আপত্তি
শুনাৰ দিন ধাৰ্য্য কৰিছে।

Re: **Lumding State Dispensary**

Shri SARKAR **SADHAN RANJAN** asked:

Shri CHATRA SING TERON
(Minister, of Health) replied:

35. Will the Minister, Health be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that for a long time the State Dispensary, Lumding has remained without a doctor ?
- (b) If so, for how long and what is the reason for maintaining the dispensary at an important place like Lumding without a doctor ?

35. (a)—Yes. Lumding State Dispensary is running without a doctor since 1st February, 1969.

(b)—Since 1st February, 1969 due to non-availability of doctors. Orders posting one doctor has been issued. His joining report is not yet received.

Re: **Higher Secondary Schools**

শ্রীসোনেশ্বৰ বৰাই সুধিছে :

শ্রীচৈয়দ আহমদ আলি (ৰাজ্যিক শিক্ষা মন্ত্ৰীয়ে) উত্তৰ দিছে :

৩৬। মাননীয় শিক্ষা বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) অলপতে উচ্চমাধ্যমিক স্কুলৰ কাৰণে অসম চৰকাৰে গ্ৰহণ কৰা নতুন শিক্ষাৰ নীতি মতে ১৯৭০ আৰু ১৯৭১ চনৰ বাবে ইংৰাজী, অসমীয়া, হিন্দী আদি পাঠ্যপুথি পৰিবৰ্ত্তন কৰিবলৈ চৰকাৰে কিবা সিদ্ধান্ত লৈছেনেকি ?

৩৬। (ক)—কোনো সিদ্ধান্ত লোৱা হোৱা নাই।

(খ) অসমৰ উচ্চমাধ্যমিক আৰু উচ্চতৰ মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয় বিলাকত সপ্তম আৰু অষ্টম মান শ্ৰেণীত বৰ্ত্তমান পঢ়োৱাৰ বিশু বুবঞ্জীৰ ঠাইত অসম বুবঞ্জী আৰু নৱম দশম শ্ৰেণীত বৰ্ত্তমান পঢ়োৱাৰ ইংলণ্ডৰ বুবঞ্জীৰ ঠাইত বিশু বুবঞ্জী পঢ়োৱাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে বিবেচনা কৰিছেনেকি ?

(খ)—নাই কৰা।

(গ) মাধ্যমিক আৰু উচ্চমাধ্যমিক শ্ৰেণীৰ কাৰণে নতুন পাঠ্য বাচনিৰ কাৰণে নতুনকৈ কোনো পাঠ্যক্রমে নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণ আৰু পাঠ্যপুথিৰ বাচনি কমিটি গঠন কৰা হৈছেনেকি ?

(গ) —ই হোৱা।

(ঘ) নতুন পাঠ্য পুথি বিলাক চৰকাৰে নিজে প্ৰকাশ কৰিবনে নাইবা অন্য প্ৰকাশক সকলক এই সুবিধা দিব ?

(ঙ) উচ্চ উচ্চত্বৰ মাধ্যমিক স্কুল বিলাকত প্ৰত্যেক বিষয়ৰ পৰীক্ষাৰ প্ৰশ্ন ইংৰাজীত কৰাৰ কাৰণে কি আৰু প্ৰত্যেক বিষয়ৰ পৰীক্ষাৰ প্ৰশ্ন ছাত্ৰৰ নাতৃ ভাষাৰ দ্বাৰা কৰাত বাধা আছে নেকি ?

(চ) অনুমোদিত ভাষাত পৰীক্ষাৰ প্ৰশ্ন নিদি বিদেশী ইংৰাজী ভাষাত প্ৰশ্ন দিয়াৰ কাৰণে পৰীক্ষাৰ সময়ত বিমোহিত পৰি হেজাৰ ছাত্ৰ অকৃতকাৰ্য হোৱাৰ জটিল সমস্যাৰ প্ৰতিকাৰৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে কিবা ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছেনে?

(ঘ)—যিমানদূৰ পৰা যায় টেক্সটবুক প্ৰডাকচন বোডৰ জৰিয়তে প্ৰকাশ কৰা যাব।

(ঙ)—পৰীক্ষাৰ প্ৰশ্ন বিলাক বিভিন্ন ভাষাত অনুবাদ কৰিবলৈ গলে, পৰীক্ষাবিষয়ৰ গোপনীয়তা বন্ধ কৰাত বেমেজালি হোৱাৰ আশঙ্কাত ইমান দিনে প্ৰশ্ন বিলাক ইংৰাজীতে কৰা হৈছে। যোৱা বাজেট অধিবেশনত ৪০৭ নং প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰত কোৱা হয় যে যি ভাষাত পৰীক্ষাৰ্থীয়ে প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰ দিয়ে সেই ভাষাতে প্ৰশ্ন হোৱা উচিত। গতিকে এই বিষয়ে Board of Secondary Education ৰ লগত পৰামৰ্শ কৰি সিদ্ধান্ত লবৰ কাৰণে D.P.I.ক কোৱা হৈছে।

(চ)—উপবোক্ত 'ঙ' প্ৰশ্নোত্তৰৰ মতে ব্যৱস্থা লোৱা হৈছে।

Re: Miscellaneous matters

Mr. Speaker: For zero hour I have received one letter from Shri Kamini Sarma during question hour today. As I had no time to examine whether it is within the ambit of Rule 49 A. Therefore, it will be done tomorrow. so also in case of Shri Govinda Kalita. I have also given time till tomorrow

Re: Laying of Documents on the Table of the House : Point of order

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua:

Sir, with your permission I want to make certain observations in connection with the laying of certain papers on the table of the House-how far we can ask for clarifications and replies from the hon. Ministers

Mr. Speaker: Regarding the matter of Friday I have already heard all sides.....

Shri Gaurisankar Bhat-tacharyya: অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এটা point of order আছে। সেইটো হৈছে সিদিনা যেতিয়া উদ্যোগ মন্ত্ৰীয়ে এটা প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰ দিছিল সেই উত্তৰ প্ৰসঙ্গত তেখেতে এটা বিপটৰ কথা উল্লেখ কৰিছিল আৰু তাৰ সাৰ খিনি অৰ্থাৎ মূল কথা খিনি কৈছিল, যি সময়ত বিপটৰ কথা কয়, সেই সময়ত তেখেতে স্পষ্ট ভাবে দাবী কৰা নাছিল যে কথা বোৰ কলো যদিও মই বিপটটো সদনত দিব নোৱাৰো কাৰণ ই গভৰ্ণমেন্টৰ Secret document. তেখেতে বিবৃতি দিয়া সময়ত কোনো specific demand কৰা নাছিল। তেখেতৰ বক্তৃতাৰ uncorrected version টো চালেই পাব যে তেখেতে claim কৰা নাছিল। চাব, আপুনি যদি tape record চাই, মই অৱশ্যে চোৱা নাই, বোধকৰো তাতো নাপাব।

এতিয়া মোৰ point of order টো হৈছে যে যদিও চৰকাৰৰ দায়িত্ব সমূহীয়া,

যেতিয়া এগৰাকী মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কোনো এটা তথ্যপত্ৰে সেই সময়ত তেখেতে যদি কোনো এখন বিপট সম্বন্ধে উল্লেখ কৰে আৰু সেই বিপটখন যদি সদনত সদৰী কৰিব নোখোজে তেনেহলে সেই বক্তৃতা দিয়াৰ লগে লগে specific দাবী কৰিব লাগিব যে সেই খন secret document যদি তেখেতে দাবী নকৰে অন্য কোনোবাইহে কৰে তেনেহলে সেইটো নোখাটে। যদি লাগে Authority quote কৰি দিব পাৰে। সেইবাবে Ruling দৰকাৰ হৈছে যাতে চৰকাৰে বিপৰীত নীতি লব নোৱাৰে। আকৌ police verification বাধ্যতামূলক নহয় বয়োবৃদ্ধ শীশৰ্মা ডাক্তৰীয়াই কৰিব দৰে চৰকাৰে “খনোক দেখি বান্ধা বাঢ়া খনোক দেখি দুৱাৰ বন্ধা” নীতি লৈছে। সেইটো সন্দত হব নোৱাৰে। এজন মন্ত্ৰীৰ পুতেকে যেতিয়া ১০ হেজাৰ টকা ধণ বিচাৰিলে অৱশ্যে এতিয়া মন্ত্ৰী নহয়, Ex-মন্ত্ৰীহে, সেই ধণ চৰকাৰৰ চিঠি নং CI/154/84/1 dated 19th November, 1968 বোৰ্গে সেই টকা sanction কৰিলে। সেই ক্ষেত্ৰত কোনো পুলিচ বিপট খোজা নাই আৰু পুলিচ বিপট নোহোৱাকৈয়ে sanction কৰিলে আৰু ৩০।১১।৬৮ তাৰিখে টকাও withdraw কৰি নিলে। পুলিচ বিপটৰ কথা উল্লেখ নকৰিলেও হ'লহেতেন। সেইটো বাধ্যতামূলক নহয়।

মই যেতিয়া মন্ত্ৰীক স্মৰিছিলো, “এই চৈয়দ আবদুল মালিক কোন?” তেতিয়া তেখেতে কলে যে প্রশ্নকৰ্ত্তাক শোধক। তাতো মন্ত্ৰীয়ে সত্য এটা suppress কৰিলে। আনহাতে এই মন্ত্ৰীয়ে চৈয়দ আবদুল মালিকলৈ চিঠি লিখিছে “My dear Shri Syed Abdul Malik, I am in receipt of your letter dated 21st. I shall do my best in your case for loan for a Printing Press. Hope this finds you in good health and spirit.” ইমান my dear লোক এজন যালৈ মিনিষ্টাৰ হিচাপে চিঠি লিখিছে সেই মানুহ জনক বাইজৰ আগত চান নোপোৱা হৈছে। এই দৰে ভাওধৰা ভাল কথা নহয়। সেই কাৰণে মই ভণ্ডামী

শব্দটো ব্যৱহাৰ নকৰো কাৰণ তেখেত ডেকা মানুহ বেয়া পাৰও পাবে; কিও যিকৈইজন বুঢ়া মানুহ চিনজীৱন ইয়াকৈই কৰি আহিছে তেখেত সকলে পুলিচ বিপটৰ প্ৰয়োজন নোহোৱাটো ভালকৈ জানে। যি জন মানুহে Chinese Aggression ৰ সময়ত “হিউয়েন চাঙৰ ফাটী” পাকিস্তান আক্ৰমণৰ সময়ত “কনা ঘোৰাৰ দৌৰ” আদি লিখনীৰে গোটেই অসমক জাগ্ৰত কৰিছিল (সেই বিলাক তেখেত সকলেও পঢ়িছিল) তেনেকুৱা এজন সব জন স্বীকৃত লোকক ধণ দিবলৈ পুলিচ কনিষ্টবলৰ বিপটৰ ওপৰত নিৰ্ভৰ কৰি দিব নোৱাৰা হ'ল। ইয়াত যে কিবা specific কাৰণ থাকিব পাৰে কব নোৱাৰো। সেই কাৰণে পুলিচ বিপটটো দিব লাগিব। সিহেতু specific claim কৰা নাই। সেইটো জানিবৰ কাৰণে এই সদনৰ অধিকাৰ আছে। সেই কাৰণে আপুনি Ruling দিব লাগে।

***Shri Dulal Chandra Barua :**

Mr. Speaker, Sir, in support of the Point of Order raised by our Leader I like to say something, about how we got the right to claim the records stated here in the book Practice and Procedure of Parliament by Kaul and Shakhder, page 797. It has been clearly stated that if a Minister quotes in the House a despatch or other State paper which has not been laid on the Table, he is required on demand to lay the relevant paper on the Table (b) Even when a document is partly quoted by him, the entire document has to be laid on the Table (c).

The above rule does not apply to a document which is stated by the Minister to be of such a nature that its disclosure would be inconsistent with public interest (d). As to what constitutes public interest is a matter entirely for the Government to decide (e). The privilege of refusal to lay on the Table a document on the ground of public interest should be claimed specifically by the Minister himself who quotes the document (f)

Where a Minister gives in his own words a summary or gist of such despatch or State paper and does not actually quote from it, it is not necessary for him to lay the relevant paper on the Table (g). Similarly, if a document is referred to casually, it need not be so laid. But if it is pressed that the document should come on the record of the House, the Minister lays the document on the Table (a) Sometime documents, even though read in full, have been laid on the Table (b).

Sir, simply he has mentioned about it, he has not given gist of the report. The situation now prevailing through the State is very bad.

Mr. Speaker: I am discussing the point of order. What you are saying now has already been discussed the other day.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: The President of the Sahitya Sabha has claimed it.

Mr. Speaker: I cannot say anything about that. I am speaking strictly on the point of order.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: We are representing the feeling of the people. We are here to voice the feelings of the people of the State. Therefore we demand that the entire report should be placed on the table of the House and the claim is very justified. I say that we must have it. This is not my personal demand—this is the demand of the people. No individual is demanding it; the representatives of the people are demanding it that it must be placed on the Table of the House.

***Shri Biswadev Sarma:** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ ভূট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই যি দুটা কথা বৈছে চমুকৈ এই দুটা কথা মই কব খুজিছো যে মই কেতিয়াও কাৰো প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰৰ প্ৰসঙ্গত এই পুলিচৰ এই Report পেশ কৰিছো বুলি স্বীকাৰ কৰা নাই।

দই নম্বৰ কথা হৈছে যে যোৱা শুকুৰবাৰে 293 rule মতে quote কৰা হৈছিল। In the interest of the Public the report should be placed. কিন্তু সেইটো rule ইয়াত নপৰে। শ্ৰীদুলাল বৰুৱা ডাঙৰীয়াই কোৱাৰ মতে মই কোনো Report Quote কৰা নাই। সেই দিনাৰ Proceeding আনিলে আপুনি হয়তো দেখা পাব। আৰু এটা কথা হৈছে যে Bhattacharyya ডাঙৰীয়াই নোক যি বুলি কৈছে সেইটো মই তেখেতৰ নিজৰ ওপৰত প্ৰযোজ্য বুলি ভাৱো। মই কেতিয়াও Report place কৰিবলৈ স্বীকাৰ কৰা নাই। Bhattacharyya ডাঙৰীয়াই হে ভণ্ডামি কৰিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিছে কিন্তু মই ভণ্ডামি কৰিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰা নাই।

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua: He must withdraw it. Why should he behave with our Leader this way?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মাননীয় সদস্য ভূট্টাচাৰ্য্য ডাঙৰীয়াই এইটো কৈছে

(গণ্ডগোল)

***Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya:** অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই অইন কিবা claim কৰিব নোৱাৰিলেও এইটো claim কৰিব পাৰিম যে, মই শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়াতকৈ বয়সত অলপ ডাঙৰ বুলি claim কৰিব পাৰো, কিন্তু মই ইমান সহজে কেতিয়াও উত্তেজিত নহওঁ। মই ডেকা মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ক ব্যক্তিগত ভাৱে কব নোখোজো। তেখেত ডেকা মানুহ, তণ্ডামি কথাষাৰত তেখেতে উত্তেজিত হৈ গৈছে। তেখেতে সেইটো এইদৰে লব বুলি ভৱা নাছিলো। মই সেইটো সবল ভাৱেই লৈছিলো। এইটোৰ complaint মই তেখেতক দিব বিচৰা নাই। ডেকা মানুহ বিলাকৰ চাল পাতল থাকে কিন্তু যেতিয়া তেখেতসকলে চৰকাৰৰ গাৰ্দ্দীত বহি দেশখনৰ দায়িত্ব লোৱাৰ পাচত, যদি চৰকাৰে কোনো ক্ৰতি কৰে আৰু যিসকল চৰকাৰৰ গাৰ্দ্দীত বহি থাকে তেখেত সকলকেই জগৰীয়া কৰা হয়। যদিওবা তেখেত সকল মহাপুৰুষেই হওক বা ভাল মানুহেই হওক

গতিকে মই শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়াক সেইটো ব্যক্তিগত ভাৱে জনাবলৈ অনুৰোধ কৰিলে। কিন্তু চৰকাৰৰ পক্ষৰ এগৰাকী মন্ত্ৰীয়ে যদি কোনোৱা গন্যমান্য লোক বা সাহিত্য জগতৰ মুখা ফুটা নেতা যি গৰাকীৰ কাৰণে চীন আক্ৰমণৰ সময়ত All India Radio ৰ পৰা বাবে বাবে quote কৰি জনসাধাৰণক উদ্বৃগ কৰিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিছিল আৰু যি গৰাকী মানুহক সমগ্ৰ ভাৰতবৰ্ষ তথা বিশ্বত সন্মান পাইছে, যি জনে বিশ্বসন্মিলনত মন্থোৱা গৈছিল, সেই জন মানুহৰ Activity পুলিচৰ Report ৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি Anti-National বুলি কোৱাতো অসত্য আৰু যুক্তিহীন, সেই কাৰণে এই সকলৰ প্ৰত্যেক জন সদস্যই দাবী কৰিব পাৰে যে মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে সেই পুলিচ Report ৰ ওপৰত ভিত্তি কৰি তেখেতক Anti-National বুলি কৈ Printing Press Loan নিৰ্দি নিজৰ হাতৰ লিখা চিঠি খন ...

(In the midst of uproar and shouting from the Opposition Members, Mr. Speaker read out the following ruling)

Mr SPEAKER: On 8th August 1969 while replying to Starred question No. 89 put by Md. Shamsul Huda, M. L. A., Shri Biswadev Sarma, Minister, Industries stated that the application for industrial loan submitted by Prof. Md. Syed Abdul Malik was rejected due to adverse police report. In reply to a supplementary about the nature of the report, the Minister stated that it was about anti-national activities. To this remark some objections were raised by some hon. Members and demanded the Minister to lay the police report on the Table of the House. After some discussions that followed, the Chief Minister stated that police reports are not placed on the Library Table in the public interest. The Chief Minister also said that what he could do now was to re-examine the matter. The Minister, Industries also raised the same objections. The members were not satisfied with this and the demand

for placing the police report on the table of the House continued to be made. In support of the contention of the members for laying the police report on the Table of the House rule 295 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly was cited. The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs referred to clause 19 of Rule 37 and Shri Nakul Chandra Das referred to Rule 293. The rule 295 states—

“If, in answer to a question or during debate, a Minister discloses the advice or opinion given to him by any officer of the Government or by any other person or authority, he shall ordinarily lay the relevant document or parts of document containing that opinion or advice, or a summary thereof on the Table.”

The expression “shall ordinarily lay” is indicative of a duty which is *exercisable generally* not always which means that on reasonable grounds the Minister may also decline to lay any such document on the Table of the House.

In this connection I may be permitted to quote the following from Kaul’s “Practice and Procedure of Parliament at page 798”:

“If in answer to a question or debate a Minister disclose the advice or opinion given to him by any officer or by any other person or authority the relevant document or part of the document containing that opinion or a summary thereof is ordinarily laid on the Table. It is however open to a Minister to claim privilege that it would not be in public interest to lay the document containing that advice or opinion even though its source is disclosed.”

As to what constitutes public interest is a matter entirely for the Government to decide. Later Sir Abdur Rahim, the then President of the Central Legislative Assembly held as follow —

“The Chair understands public interest is an well known phrase whether a particular matter is or is not in public interest, it is entirely for the Government to judge.”

Legislative Assembly Debates dated 3-4-37 page—2631.

Some hon. Members have referred the Rule 293 of our Assembly Rule which is quoted below.

“If a Minister quotes in the House a despatch or other State paper which has not been presented to the House, he shall lay the relevant paper in the Table:

Provided that this rule shall not apply to any documents which are stated by the Minister to be of such a nature that their production would be inconsistent with public interest:

Provided further that where a Minister gives in his own words a summary or gist of such despatch or State paper it shall not be necessary to lay the relevant papers on the Table.”

Here also the first proviso to the rule states that this rule shall not apply if the Minister states that the production of the document would be inconsistent with public interest.

As already stated above, whether a matter is or is not in public interest, it is entirely for the Government to decide.

In view of the above discussion and in view of the fact that the Minister claims the privilege not to lay the police report on the table of the House in public interest, I have no jurisdiction to compel the Minister to lay the document on the table of the House.”

The Assam Amusement and Betting Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1969.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance): Sir I beg leave to introduce the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1969

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that leave be granted to introduce the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1969.

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi: I beg to move that the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1969 be introduced.

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved, The question is that the Assam Amusement and Betting Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1969 be introduced.

(The motion was adopted)

The Assam Separation of Judicial and Executive Functions Bill, 1969.

Shri Abdul Matlib Mazumdar (Minister, Law): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Assam Separation of Judicial and Executive Functions Bill, 1959.

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that leave be granted to introduce the Assam Separation of Judicial and Executive Functions Bill, 1969.

(The motion was adopted)

Abdul Matlib Mazumdar: Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Separation of Judicial and Executive Functions Bill, 1969 be introduced.

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that the Assam Separation of Judicial and Executive Functions Bill, 1969 be introduced.

(The motion was adopted)

Election of Members to the Public Accounts Committee

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister Parliamentary Affairs): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do elect two Members from among the Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Rule 242 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly to the Committee on Public Accounts for the remainder of the term of the present Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that this Assembly do elect two Members from among the Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Rule 242 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly to the Committee on Public Accounts for the remainder of the term of the present Committee.

The Secretary will notify the date, time and place for holding the election, if necessary.

(The motion was adopted)

Election of Members to the Committee on Estimates.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do elect one Member from among the Members of the Assam Legislative Assembly in accordance with the provisions of Rule 244 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly to the Committee on Estimates for the remainder of the term of the present Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that this Assembly do elect one Member from among the Members of the Assam Legislative

Assembly in accordance with the provision of Rule 244 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly to the Committee on Estimates for the remainder of the term of the present Committee.

The Secretary will notify the date, time and place for holding the election, if necessary.

(The motion was adopted)

Voting on Supplementary Demand for Grants for 1969-70.

No.1

Shri Abdul Matlib Mazumdar (Minister, Law): Mr. Speaker, Sir. On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.4,003, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "2—Administration of Justice".

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 4,003, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "2—Administration of Justice".

(The motion was adopted)

No.2

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Sir. On the recommendation of Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.50,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1970 for the administration of the head "23—Police".

Mr. Speaker : Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 50,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "23.—Police".

(The motion was adopted)

No.3

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 25,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "26.—Miscellaneous Department—Other Miscellaneous Organisation—IV—Directorate of Municipal Administration".

Mr. Speaker : Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.25,000, be granted to the Minister-in charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "26.—Miscellaneous Department—Other Miscellaneous Organisation—IV—Directorate of Municipal Administration".

(The motion was adopted)

No.4

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.5,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "26.—Miscellaneous Department—V—Directorate of State Lotteries".

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.5,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "26.—Miscellaneous Department—V—Directorate of State Lotteries".

(The motion was adopted)

No.5

Shri Chatrasing Teroa (Minister, Health): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.4,25,712, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "29—Medical".

Mr. Speaker : Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.4,25,712, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "29.—Medical".

(The motion was adopted).

No.6

Shri Chatrasing Teroa (Minister, Health): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.12,23,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "30.—Public Health—1—Public Health".

Mr. Speaker : Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.12,23,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "30.—Public Health—1—Public Health".

(The motion was adopted)

No 7

9

Shri Charasing Teron (Minister, Health): Mr Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs 2,33,500, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "30.—Public Health.—11—Public Health Engineering".

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs 2,33,500, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "30.—Public Health—11—Public Health Engineering".

(The motion was adopted)

No 8

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami Minister, Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.4,35,30, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "33—Animal Husbandry".

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs 4,35,30, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "33.—Animal Husbandry".

(The motion was adopted)

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister, Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 14,60,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "37.—I—Community Development Projects, etc."

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 14,60,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "37.—I—Community Development Projects, etc."

(The motion was adopted).

No. 10

Shri Abdul Matlib Mazumdar (Minister, Law): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.2,89,064, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous Social and Developmental Organisations—Other Miscellaneous Organisations—VI—Directorate of Social Welfare".

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 2,89,064, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous, Social and Development Organisations—Other Miscellaneous Organisations—VI—Directorate of Social Welfare".

(The motion was adopted).

No. 11

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 2,90,840, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "50.—Public Works etc., (excluding Establishment, Tools and Plant)".

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 2,90,840, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "50.—Public Works etc., (excluding Establishment, Tools and Plant)".

(The motion was adopted).

No. 12

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 7,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "53.—Ports and Pilotage".

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 7,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "53.—Ports and Pilotage".

(The motion was adopted).

No. 13

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 6,41,090, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "57.—Road and Water Transport Scheme—A—Road—I—Working Expenses".

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 6,41,090 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "57.—Road and Water Transport Scheme—A—Road Transport—I—Working Expenses".

(The motion was adopted)

No. 14

Shri Chatrasing Teron (Minister, Health): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 2,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "64.—Famine Relief".

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 2,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "64.—Famine Relief".

(The motion was adopted).

No.15.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Forests, Revenue) Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs 2,86,395.39 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "70.—Forests."

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.2,86,395.39 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "70.—Forests".

[The motion was adopted]

No. 16

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.58,382.47 paise be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970 for the administration of head "71.—Miscellaneous—(II—Donations for Charitable Purposes, etc.)".

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.58,382.47 paise be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "71.—Miscellaneous—(II—Donations for Charitable purposes, etc.)".

(The motion was adopted)

No. 17

Shri Ramesh Chandra Barooah (Minister, Supply): Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.6,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970 for the administration of the head "124.—Capital outlay on Schemes of Government Trading."

Mr. Speaker: Motion moved. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.6,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1970, for the administration of the head "124.—Capital outlay on Schemes of Government Trading".

(The motion was adopted)

The Assam Appropriation (No IV) Bill, 1969

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi (Minister, Finance): Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1969 (Disturbances).

Mr. Speaker: The question is that leave be granted to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1969.

Leave to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill is granted.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi: I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, be introduced (Disturbances).

Mr. Speaker: The motion is moved

The question is that the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1969, be introduced. (The motion adopted.) The Bill is introduced.

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi: I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1969, be taken into consideration.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is moved. (Disturbances) The question is that the Assam Appropriation (No. V) Bill, 1969 be taken into consideration.

(The question was adopted).

Shri Kamakhya Prasad Tripathi: I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1969, be passed.

Mr Speaker: (Disturbances) The motion is moved. The question is that the Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1969 be passed.

(The motion was adopted).

The motion is adopted. The Assam Appropriation (No. IV) Bill, 1969 is passed.

Adjournment

The House then adjourned for lunch till 2 p. m.

(After Lunch)

Calling Attention to matter of urgent Public Importance

Mr. Speaker: There is a Calling Attention motion in the name of Shri Bhadreswar Gogoi. He is absent from the House. There is no other business of the House.

Adjournment

The Assembly then adjourned till 10 a. m. on Tuesday, the 12th August, 1969.

SHOLTGNE:
11th January 1972.

U. TAHBILDAR,
Secretary,
Legislative Assembly, Assam.