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

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 10 A.M. on

Saturday, the 7th October 1961

PRESENT

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

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Causes of Students' demonstration at Gauhati on 14th August 1961

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sarbhog) asked :

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

(a) What were the causes of the students' demonstration at Gauhati on 14th August 1961 and on 16th August at the Gauhati University ?

(b) Whether those causes have been enquired into ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

71. (a)—The students' demonstration on the 14th August 1961 was to express resentment over the Chief Minister's statement refusing sanction of prosecution of former Superintendent of Police, Kamrup on materials available before the Government. With regard to the demonstration of the 16th August in the Gauhati University, it appears that the students had an impression that the Vice-Chancellor of the Gauhati University was submitting resignation as a result of want of co-operation from some of the employees of the University holding responsible positions and the demonstration was to express resentment in that regard.

(b)—With regard to the demonstration of 14th August 1961, no special enquiry seems to be necessary to know the causes of the demonstration. With regard to the demonstration of the 16th August 1961 the Gauhati University Court has since made a recommendation to the Chancellor to institute an enquiry with regard to various matters of the University which include the question of students' discipline also. This proposal is under the consideration of the Chancellor.

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur):** Have the Government kept the mind open regarding the prosecution of Mr. Pabbi, the then Superintendent of Kamrup, if materials are available after the enquiry now being conducted ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** That is a hypothetical question and so I cannot anticipate what these enquiries under the C. P. Code would disclose.

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** My question was that if supposing in the enquiry materials are available, whether Government have kept the mind open or it has closed the mind ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** That is a hypothetical question.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** Sir, in view of the fact that an enquiry is being conducted with regard to this particular incident by a Magistrate, will the Government sanction prosecution of Mr. Pabbi on the findings of that Magistrate ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** That is also a hypothetical question.

***Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog):** How many students were arrested in connection with the demonstration ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA :** I want notice.

***Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla):** Is it a fact that a deputation of students waited upon the Chief Minister in the Circuit House and placed their demands before him and the Chief Minister explained the whole situation to the deputationists ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** Not only one deputation ; as a matter of fact I met more than one deputation and tried to place before them the Government point of view in the matter.

***Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West):** What was the statement of the Chief Minister over which resentment was expressed ?

Mr. SPEAKER: It is already there in reply to (a) viz., "Chief Minister's statement refusing sanction of prosecution of former Superintendent of Police Kamrup on materials available before the Government.

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI:** Is it a fact that Government decision is not to prosecute Mr. Pabbi on the materials available with the Government ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA.** That is correct, Sir.

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur):** If fresh materials are available, will the Government change the decision ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) :** Unfortunately, that again also is a hypothetical question.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): Why the cases against the students have not been withdrawn when they expressed their regret ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** Cases have not come to the Government. It was on account of certain incidents perhaps the police carried on investigation and started some cases. If the matters come before the Government we will certainly consider.

Amount spent from State Fund for defence against Naga rebels

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUA (Amguri) asked :

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

- (a) Whether any amount has been spent from the consolidated fund of the State of Assam for defence from the attack of the Naga rebels since the creation of the Naga Hills as a separate Unit under the Central Administration ?
- (b) If so, what is that amount ?
- (c) Whether the Central Government is being pressed to bear the entire cost ?
- (d) If so, what is the result ?
- (e) If not, why ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

72. (a)—Yes, for maintenance of law and order on the border area and protection of lives and properties of border population of Assam from the activities of Naga hostiles.

(b)—Actual figures not readily available. The figure of total expenditure so far available comes to Rs.54,11,370 approximately.

(c)—Yes, on certain items of expenditure only such as construction of roads and Border Out Posts and the cost of Police Battalions. Other items of expenditure are liabilities of the State Government.

(d) & (e)—So far Rs. 9.81 lakhs have been sanctioned.

Number of Students admitted in different Medical Colleges of the State in 1961-62

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

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

- (a) What is the total number of students admitted in 1961-62 to the (i) Assam Medical College at Dibrugarh, (ii) Gauhati Medical College and (iii) Silchar Medical College ?
- (b) What was the total number of applicants ?
- (c) What was the criterion for admission ?
- (d) Whether there are any seats vacant now ?
- (e) What was the total number of applicants from other Backward Classes ?
- (f) What was the number of other Backward Classes students admitted in the three colleges ?
- (g) Whether any special consideration was made regarding admission of other Backward Classes candidates ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

73. (a)—Admission was allowed by Government to—

(i) One hundred and ten including admission against 12 reserved seats for different Union Territories and Government of India.

(ii) and (iii) One hundred in two colleges including admission against 6 reserved seats for Tripura and Manipur Administration.

(b)—Two hundred and forty-nine in Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh and 112 in Gauhati-Silchar College.

(c)—Admission was restricted to 1st and 2nd Division I. Sc. students of all categories, subsequently Government relaxed this restriction or this year only as a very special case and allowed admission to 3rd Division students who passed I. Sc. with Biology as one of the subjects in order of merit.

In case of students from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Plains and Hills), Government further relaxed the order of merit and allowed admission to 3rd Division students belonging to these communities who passed I. Sc. with Biology, in order to fill up the reserved quota of seats in their favour, as far as practicable.

(d)—According to report of the Principal, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh 3 vacancies existed on 2nd October 1961. No information received from the Principal, Gauhati-Silchar College.

(e)—Not exactly known. They are treated at par with General students.

(f)—No Special classification has been made in respect of "other Backward classes." They are treated at par with the General students.

(g)—No.

***Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla):** The Hon'ble Minister has said that there are 3 vacancies in the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh. What is the reason for not filling up those seats from the waiting list?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical):** The report is that the 3 vacancies have not been filled up. These will be filled up according to merit of the students and who took biology. According to the list which we have prepared on merit, these seats will be filled up.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikho a):** বায়লজী থকা তৃতীয় বিভাগত পাছ কৰা কিমান ছাত্র-ছাত্রীয়ে দৰ্খাস্ত কৰিছিল কিন্তু 'চিট' নেপালে মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে ক'ব পাৰেনে?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical):** Sir, that is a separate question. I shall require time to find out the exact number.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** গভাৰ্নিং বডিয়ে বিকমাণ্ড কৰি দিয়ামতে এড্‌মিচন দিয়া হয় নে নহয়?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA:** গভাৰ্নিং বডিয়ে বিকমাণ্ড কৰি দিয়া মতেই আমি সাধাৰণতে কৰো কিন্তু তাৰ ভিতৰত কিছুমান বিষয়ত নানা কথাৰ চৰকাৰে বিবেচনা কৰিবলগীয়া হয়।

***Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong):** নানা কথাৰ ভিতৰত কি কি কথা পৰে?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA:** We have got certain reserve quota for certain classes of people viz., Schedule castes, schedule tribes etc.

Mr. SPEAKER: Order, order, চৰকাৰৰ যিটো নীতি সেইটো গভাৰ্নিং বডিক জনাই দিয়েনে নিদিয়?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA:** হয় দিয়ে।

***Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding):** Is it not a fact that the Government approved the list of candidates selected by the Governing Body?

*Speech not corrected.

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical):** Not in toto. Generally we accepted their selection with some deviations here and there.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** গভাৰ্ণিং বডিয়ে কিমানক বিক্ষাণ্ড কৰিছিল আৰু কিমানক চিট দিলে ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : সেইটো নতুন প্রশ্ন ।

***Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri):** Is it not a fact that sometimes the Governing Body takes interview of the candidates only to ask questions like "what is your name ? Where do you live ?" and to see their facial expression ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** That is done by the Public Service Commission also. At first the candidate will have to be put in a comfortable position, so difficult questions are not put in the beginning.

***Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla):** Are Government aware that the State Advisory Board for the Welfare of Other Backward Classes by a resolution recommended that in case of other backward classes some liberal consideration should be given so far as admssion to medical college and engineering college is concerned ?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA** That is generally borne in mind at the time of admission.

Mr. SPEAKER: His question was whether a representation to that effect has been received by Government ?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA:** I do not know whether that recommendation was sent to this Department, I will have to look into it. But I may state, Sir, that in order to maintain the standard and efficiency we decided not only in the case of other backward classes but also of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes that no student who did not pass in the first and second divisions would be allowed admission. But subsequently taking into special consideration the cases of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes Government relaxed this decision.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** So far as I remember, the recommendation of the Board for Welfare of Other Beckward Classes was to reserve seats for students belonging to other beckward classes. We considered this matter but could not agree to any reservation except in the case of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes, This relaxation, which my colleague has mantioned, had to be made because we found that after absorbing all the first and second division candidates there remained a vacancy of about 37 seats in both the medical colleges. In order to fill up that vacancy this relaxation was made.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY :** যিবিলাক দৰ্খাস্ত চৰকাৰে বিবেচনা কৰিছিল সেই বিলাক গভাৰ্ণিং বডিৰ জৰিয়তে অহিছিল নে পোনপটীয়াকৈ আহিছিল ?

**Speech not corrected.*

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical, Minister)**: দখান্ত বিলাক প্ৰিন্সিপালে গভাৰ্ণিং বডিৰ আগত ভাঙি ধৰিছিল আৰু গভাৰ্ণিং বডিয়ে consider কৰি চৰকাৰলৈ পঠিয়াইছে।

***Shri KARKA CHANDRA DOLEY [North-Lakhimpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]**: পিছপৰা সম্প্ৰদায়ৰ ভিতৰত যিবিলাক আটাইতকৈ পিছপৰা তেওঁলোকৰ দখান্ত স্কিকিয়াকৈ consider কৰা হয় নেকি ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)**: Sir, so far as the hills tribals living in plains and the plains tribals living in hills are concerned, in the matter of educational facilities and other economic benefits they enjoy the same privileges as are enjoyed by the scheduled tribes. Miris are plains scheduled tribes.

***Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]**: Plains tribal hill ত থাকিলে আৰু Hills tribal plains ত থাকিলে কি সুবিধা পায় ?

***Shri LAHIT KUMAR DOLEY (Parliamentary Secretary)**: Save and except polical rights অন্যান্য সকলো সুবিধাকে তেওঁলোকক দিয়া হয়।

***Sari DWIJESH CHANDRA DEB SARMA (Digboi)**: Tea Garden Labourer আৰু Ex-teagarden Labourer ৰ Case কেনেকৈ বিবেচনা কৰে ?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA**: We must go by the decision of the Government. সেইটো according to their merit বিবেচনা কৰা হয়।

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA . I have information about a particular student who is holding the first place in the waiting list at the moment.

Re: The Assistant Political Officer, Sadiya

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the gun of the then Assistant Political Officer, Sadiya, was snatched away from his residence in the day time in his presence by an unknown man in the later part of the year 1960 ?
- (b) What was the actual incident and where the gun was found later ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that in the night of that day the Government Jeep under the charge of the Assistant Political Officer, Sadiya, was set on fire and it was burnt to ashes ?

- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Police Station was situated at a distance of about 6 (six) miles from the residence and court of the Assistant Political Officer ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

74. (a)—The gun was stolen from the residence of Assistant Political Officer at night time by one Shulikota Missini.

(b)—The gun was stolen while the Assistant Political Officer was working in his bedroom and the gun was found two days later near the residence of Assistant Political Officer.

(c)—On 18th December 1960, Government Jeep was burnt but not to ashes.

(d)—Yes.

***Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal):** এই পুলিশ ষ্টেশনত কেইজন ষ্টাফ আছে আৰু তেওঁলোকৰ কাৰণে গাড়ীৰ ব্যৱস্থা আছে নেকি ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** I want notice for that.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** Is it a fact that the jeep became unserviceable and useless due to this fire ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** It must have been unserviceable at least till it was repaired.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** Whether the cause of the fire was enquired into and has anybody been detected ?

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA :** I want notice.

(Starred Question No.75 standing in the name of Shrimati Komol Kumari Barua was not put and answered as the member was absent.)

Re : Sadiya Government High School

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that about Rupees five lakhs have been sanctioned for construction of the buildings of Sadiya Government High School ?

(b) If so, the amount sanctioned or allotted for School buildings, Hostels and teachers' quarters separately ?

- (c) Whether plans and estimates have since been finalised and administrative approval and technical sanction given for this work ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that at present classes are being held in the Court Building which is not suitable for a High School ?

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

76. (a)—Yes.

(b)—School building Rs.1,77,550 ; Hostels with kitchens and servant sheds for 52 boys Rs.1,08,500, for 32 girls Rs.82,300 ; teachers quarters Rs.1,08,500.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** Whether the Deputy Minister is aware of the fact that accommodation in the present court building is inadequate for the school and the progress of construction is also very slow ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Yes.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) : Sir, the reply to (d) is "Yes". Where then the Court sits ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : The Court is not there.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : Whether any action has been taken by the Education Department, to expedite construction of the school building ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : It has been taken up by the Public Works Department.

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal) : এই স্কুলঘরবিলাক মাজেতে ইমান পলম হোৱাৰ কাৰণ কি ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Various proceedings have to be gone through and so there was delay in construction of the school building. Two amounts of Rs.6,000 and Rs.1,742 were sanctioned for temporary accommodation.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : As there is no accommodation for further extension where the classes will be held in the next January when some sections will increase and when there is no provision for further extension ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : I have already stated that some money has been sanctioned for temporary accommodation.

Re: The Head Master of Karka Middle English School

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the case of Girish Nath, Head Master, Karka Middle English School in Batorhat was enquired into ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he impersonated as a Matriculate when he was not in fact a Matriculate and drew pay sanctioned of a Matriculate ?
- (c) What was the amount he had over-drawn in this manner ?
- (d) Whether his case has been reported to the Police for necessary action ?
- (e) If not, why not ?

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

77. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Rupees 480.

(d) and (e)—He has since been discharged. As the Managing Committee is the appointing authority, they have been asked to take legal action against the teacher concerned. Deputy Inspector is being asked to report what action has been taken.

Yes, the Managing Committee, who is the appointing authority, has been instructed to report the matter to the Police.

Re : Free distribution of Corrugated Iron Sheets to Lower Primary and Middle Vernacular Schools

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that free distribution of Corrugated Iron Sheets to Primary and Middle Vernacular Schools of Jorhat Subdivision has been stopped since last two years ?
- (b) Whether it is stopped in Jorhat Subdivision only or in other districts of Assam also ?
- (c) If so, why it has been discontinued ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to continue free distribution of Corrugated Iron Sheets as there is no provision of building grants to Lower Primary Schools ?

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

78. (a)—It was not stopped, but instructions were issued from the State Board Office to all Secretaries, School Boards to make free distribution of Corrugated Iron Sheets only in special cases and with prior approval of the State Board Office.

(b)—In the light of the answer above it does not arise.

(c) & (d)—Do not arise.

Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: এই বছৰ প্ৰাইমাৰী স্কুলবিলাকত অনুদান দিয়া বন্ধ কৰিছে নেকি ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : নাই কৰা।

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): In reply to (a) the Deputy Minister has said that 'it was not stopped, but instructions were issued from the State Board Office to all Secretaries, School Boards to make free distribution of Corrugated Iron-sheets only in special cases...' May I know what are the criteria for determining special cases ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : It is the School Board which recommends to the State Board and the State Board sanctions the cases.

Re: Basic Education

Shri HARI NARAYAN BARUA (Teok) asked :

*79. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state since which year the Basic Education was started in Assam ?

*80. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state from which year the Basic Education Act was implemented ?

*81. Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the services of the employees of Basic Education Department have been made permanent ?
- (b) If not, in what stage the matter is pending ?
- (c) When Government is going to take steps for making the employees of Basic Education Department permanent ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that the workers in the field are suffering from frustration for not having their future stabilised ?

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

79. Basic Education as an experimental scheme, was started as early as 1946 when steps were taken to start Basic Training Centres. In 1948-49 Basic Training Centres were started and Basic Schools were also started in compact areas concentrating round the Training Centres.

80. The Basic Education Act was passed in 1954 and the provisions of the Act were implemented from that year.

81. (a)—Not yet.

(b)—The matter is now under examination of Government.

(c)—The question of making the employees of the Basic Education Department permanent will be taken up as soon as the posts which are continuing more than five years are made permanent.

(d)—Yes.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North-Lakimpur): I reply to Starred question No.79 it is stated that the basic schools were started in 1948-49. Do the Government know that these basic schools have not yet turned into real basic schools?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : In most cases that is true because there is dearth of trained teachers and that is the main reason. Now we are starting some more training institutions where we expect to train some more teachers.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) : Sir, from 1948 some ordinary schools have been converted into basic schools. May I know whether the number of schools is static or increasing?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : It is increasing.

***Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI** (Kamalpur): এই স্কুলবিলাক Experimental অবস্থাত নোবাখি স্থায়ী কৰাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে চিন্তা কৰিছে নেকি?

***Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS** : হয়।

***Shri MOHANANDA BORA** : এই আদৰ্শ কামত খটাবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিবনে?

***Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS** : হয়। ট্ৰেইনিং কেন্দ্ৰ খোলা হৈছে। শিক্ষকৰ প্ৰশিক্ষণৰ কাৰণে আৰু স্কুলো আৰম্ভ কৰা হৈছে।

*Speech not corrected.

***Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor) :** এই বিভাগটো কেতিয়া পাবমেন্ট কৰিছে?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : The Basic Education Act itself is a permanent one since 1954.

***Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI :** ১৯৫৪ চনতেই বিভাগটো স্থায়ী কৰা হৈছে—তাৰ কৰ্মচাৰী বিলাক পাবমেন্ট কৰা হোৱা নাই কিয়?

Mr. SPEAKER : তেখেত জানিব খুজিছে, Basic Education Department নো Permanent কৰাৰ লগে লগে তাৰ কৰ্মচাৰী বিলাক Permanent কৰা হোৱা নাই কিয়?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : ইয়াৰ উত্তৰ, ৮১ নং প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰ আছে।

Shri MOHANANDA BORA : May I know from Government whether Government know that some Charkha, Spindle, Hee, and Daos were given to some of the Basic Schools and these are not being properly used and are lying idle for a long time? Whether Government will make an enquiry to see whether these have been misappropriated?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : We have enquired into it and there is no misappropriation. But in some schools these are lying idle for want of trained teachers.

***Shri MOHANANDA BORA :** This is regarding Starred Question No. 80 the Basic Education Act was passed in 1954. According to that Act there were some representatives from the then local Bodies, viz Local Boards, Municipalities, etc., in the Basic Education Board. Now that the Local Boards have been abolished whether representatives will be taken from the Mahkuma Parishad and Panchayat?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : The matter is under consideration and I have already stated that the representatives will be taken from Panchayat.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA : Whether Government will make necessary amendments in the Act early?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : We proposed to bring the Bill in this session but as the time was short we could not do so.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Whether Members will be elected or selected from the Gaon Panchayats or Anchalik Panchayats?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : There is provision in the Bill and it is under examination.

***Shri HARINARAYAN BARUA (Teok) :** ৮১ নং প্ৰশ্ন সন্দৰ্ভাত মই জানিব পাৰোনে বেচিক এড কেচন বিভাগটো স্থায়ীকৰা স্বত্বেও বিভাগৰ কৰ্মচাৰী সকলক স্থায়ী নকৰাৰ কাৰণ কি?

***Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS :** এই বিভাগৰ কাৰণে ডেভেলপমেন্ট বৰ্ডৰ পৰা টকা আহে আৰু এই টকা বছৰি বিনিউ কৰা হয়। সেই কাৰণে কৰিব পৰা নাই। কিন্তু যিবিলাকে ৫ বছৰ কাম কৰিলে তেওঁলোকক স্থায়ী কৰা হ'ব।

*Spence not corrected.

***Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor):** চাকৰি পাছ বছৰ পূৰা হোৱা কৰ্মচাৰী সকলক স্থায়ী কৰাৰ বিবেচনা চৰকাৰে কৰিছে। এই কাম এই বছৰৰ ভিতৰত কৰিবনে ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): খুবসম্ভৱ এই বছৰৰ ভিতৰতে কৰা হব।

***Shri HARINARAYAN BARUA (Teok):** ডেপুটি মিনিষ্টাৰে খুব সম্ভৱ বুলি কৈছে। এই 'খুব সম্ভৱ'টো বাদ দি পাঁচটাকৈ এই বছৰৰ ভিতৰতে কৰিবনে ?

***Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS:** পাঁচ বছৰ পূৰা হলেই কৰাহব।

(Stared Question No. 82 standing in the name of Shrimati Komol Kumari Barua was not put and answered as the member was absent).

Re: Purchase of Agricultural Tools and Implements

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked:

*83. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development Project be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Block Development Officers in Nowgong are instructed to purchase Agricultural tools and implements from one M/s. Qualitex and Company, Shillong ?
- (b) What is the value of Agricultural implements purchased from this Company in 1959-60 and 1960-61.
- (c) Whether Government would refer to their letter No.QCS/793/60/46, dated the 30th June 1960 and state whether the rates of other firms were examined and these rates were selected after comparison ?
- (d) What is the rate for Assam Plough, F. O. R. destination and what is the rate under the Director of Agriculture for the same plough ?
- (e) What is the reason for selecting this firm as against others ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat and Community Development) replied:

83. (a)—After calling for tenders the rates quoted by M/s. Qualitex and Company and other firms for certain items of Agricultural tools and implements were approved for one year up to August 1960 and this was circulated to all Blocks in the State for placing orders direct with the various firms, including M/s. Qualitex and Company.

(b)—Particulars are being collected.

(c)—This was not a Government letter but a letter from M/s. Qualitex and Company requesting that requirements of Agricultural implements should be communicated to them at the earliest to avoid heavy rush of orders later. This was circulated to all Blocks under Government letter No.PDDP.165/60/8, dated the 22nd July 1960 allowing them discretion for obtaining such equipment as were required urgently and in obtaining which immediately through the Director of Agriculture they found any difficulty. No fresh tenders were called for as the rates already approved were then in force.

(d).—The approved rates for Assam Ploughs for the period from 17th August 1959 to 16th August 1960, F. O. R. destination were Rs.37 with beam and Rs.25 without beam. The Director of Agriculture had no approved rates for this plough during this period but on 28th January 1961 the Director of Agriculture fixed the rate of Rs.32 for this type of plough.

(e).—This firm was selected after calling for tenders and in consultation with the Director of Agriculture.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur) : Regarding the price of the ploughs, it is seen that at first Government decided the price to be Rs.25 and again it was made Rs.32. Does not the Government consider that price of Rs.32 for a plough is too high for ordinary cultivator to purchase ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat and Communities Developments) : As I have pointed out in my reply, for the year from August, 1959 to 16th August, 1960, Rs. 37 was fixed for a plough with beam and Rs. 25 without beam. Later on for a specific scheme in 1961, the price was fixed at Rs.32 for this type of ploughs. As these are manufactured more and more the question of providing them at cheaper rates will have to be considered. The price for 1961 has not yet been fixed.

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) : Is it a fact that the Government specific price was Rs.22 for a plough whereas the Block Development offices purchase these ploughs from the Qualitex and Company at the cost of Rs.37 per plough, as a result of which, several lakhs of rupees were actually misused ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED : The Block Development offices could not purchase at prices higher than those fixed by Government for that specific year from August 1959 to August 1960. If my hon. friend has any specific case in mind and if he brings it to my notice I shall certainly enquire into it.

Shri PHANI BORA : Is it a fact that there were other companies who were agreeable to supply the ploughs at Rs.22 and these companies were not taken into confidence ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED : As I have already stated the tenders were invited. After consideration of all the tenders from the various companies and in consultation with the Director of Agriculture, these prices were fixed only for one year. The Blocks were left the option to place orders at such companies as they may select.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): Whether there was any quotation lower than the quotation made by the Qualitex and Company?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat and Community Development): As I have already pointed out no particular firm was selected. What was fixed by the Department in consultation with the Director of Agriculture was the rate at which they could place orders with the different firms. So far as my information goes, there were 8 or 9 firms who submitted their applications and out of these the rates quoted by this firm was found to be more suitable. Take for instance, Ladia Brothers quoted Rs.38 and India Export Rs.31 and Rs.25.25 without beam; Harang Brothers quoted Rs.75. There was a firm from Kampur which did not give any quotation also. Qualitex, whose rates were accepted, was selected.

***Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Balasipura):** The Hon'ble Minister replied that without beam each plough was Rs.32 and with beam Rs.37. The beam is not even 7 feet long. What is the reason for the beam to cost so much?

Mr. SPEAKER: What is Cft. of the beam?

***Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED:** It will be 2 or 3 cft., Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: No, it will be much more than that.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: What was the reason for not selecting the firm that quoted Rs.31?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: As I have already stated these tenders in consultation with the Director of Agriculture, were found to be more suitable.

Re: Apprenticeship Scheme

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

- (a) Whether the National Apprenticeship Scheme started during the Second Plan has been operating in this State?
- (b) If so, since when this Scheme is in operation in this State?
- (c) The number of persons already trained under this Scheme?
- (d) The number of persons under training at present under this Scheme?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries):
84 (a) to (d)—The information is being collected.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries):** I think the hon. Member in referring to what has been undertaken by the Government of India. In the last session of the Parliament, the Legislation for this purpose has been introduced this year only. So when this legislation is passed this scheme will be taken up.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** Then it will be taken up in our State also as soon as the Parliament passes the legislation ?

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** It will be taken as a national plan.

Re: Pilot Project

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the recommendations of the Misra Committee on Industries Pilot Projects appointed by the Government of India ?
- (b) If so, whether Government is taking action to organise proper training for rural artisans ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that 50 artisans from each Block will be trained during the Third Plan period ?
- (c) If so, where they will be trained and what will be the duration of the training ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

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

I think the hon. Member is confusing between Misra Committee and Rajna Committee. The question says whether Government are aware of the recommendation of the Misra Committee on Industries Pilot Projects appointed by Government of India. There is no such Committee as a Misra Committee. If it is the Rajna Committee, its recommendations are under consideration.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA:** Whether the rural artisan will be trained from each Block and whether a scheme will be undertaken by the State Government ?

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** We have a provision of Rs. 16 lakhs under the third Plan and I think we will be able to undertake six schemes covering 36 Blocks.

***Shri MOHANANDA BORA (North Lakhimpur):** Where these centres will be located ?

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** There will be a cluster of training centres that means for 6 Blocks there will be one training centre in which a series of crafts will be taught and for this purpose we are thinking that we will be able to take up 6 such training centres.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) :** Whether in each of the 6 Blocks there will be one training centre or whether there will be 6 training centres in Assam ?

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) :** There will be 6 training centres ; there will be one training centre in the midst of each Block.

Re: Loan for image making

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

- (a) Whether applications for loan was received by the department from one Thagiram Ojha of Jamuguri and Purna Hazarika of Gauhati, Ujanbazar for making images ?
- (b) What actions have been taken in these applications ?
- (c) Where were these applications received ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

86. (a)—No application was received from Shri Thagiram Ojha of Jamuguri either in the Directorate of Industries or in the District Office. The application of Shri Purna Hazarika of Gauhati was received in January 1956.

(b)—As no application from Shri Ojha was received, there was no question of taking any action. The land offered as security by Shri Purna Hazarika for his loan was found to be a disputed one. The party was asked to furnish clarifications and particulars, but he failed in spite of reminders, and hence the case was treated as closed.

(c)—The applications of Shri Purna Hazarika was received by the Cottage Industries Directorate at Shillong, on 25th January 1956.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI: Regarding (a) does the Minister remember whether that application was not submitted by Shri Thagiram Ojha here in Shillong along with me ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: There is no such record either here or in the District.

Re: Industrial loan for Ivory works

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

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

- (a) Whether one Shri Bhagaban Chandra Das (Ivory Mistri), proprietor of Assam Ivory Works got Industrial loan ?
- (b) If so, what is the amount and when it was sanctioned ?

- (c) Whether the whole amount of the loan was withdrawn ?
- (d) Whether the whole amount was utilised ?
- (e) If so, what are the different items or things for which the money was utilised ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware that the major part of the loan was spent in renovating the old house ?
- (g) If so, whether Government will immediately effect recovery ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries)
replied :

87. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Rs.2,000 was sanctioned in one instalment on 2nd March 1952 and Rs.10,000 (Rupees ten thousand) in two instalments of Rs.5,000 each sanctioned on 24th July 1959.

(c)—Yes, the 1st loan of Rs.2,000 was drawn by the loanee on 4th March 1953 and Rs.5,000 on account of the 1st instalment of the 2nd loan was paid to him on 27th April 1960. The 2nd instalment of Rs.5,000 has not yet been paid to the loanee.

(d)—Yes, the amount of the first loan of Rs.2,000 and the first instalment of the second loan, have been utilised properly.

(e)—The amounts were utilised as shown below—

1st Loan—				Rs.
Repairs of factory building...	...	...	...	1,000
Purchase of tools and equipments	...	...	...	1,000
Total	..	...	...	2,000
1st instalment of the 2nd Loan—				
(1) For construction of his working shed	...	...	...	2,000
(2) Purchase of furniture, etc.	...	...	...	500
(3) Purchase of Ivory, gold, paints, etc., necessary for manufacture of articles.	...	...	...	2,500
Total	..	...	...	5,000

(f)—No. The loanee was allowed to spend a total amount of Rs.3,000 only for repairs and construction of his factory building as shown against (e) above.

(g)—Does not arise.

***Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog):** Why this second instalment has not yet been paid ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries): It will be paid in due course.

(Starred Question No. 88 standing in the name of Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury was not put and answered as the Member was absent)

Re: Colony Irrigation Scheme of Tezpur Subdivision

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

*89. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

- (a) When was the Colony Irrigation Scheme in Tezpur Subdivision was completed ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that compensation to persons through whose land the Irrigation channel has passed, has not been paid although about 7 years have elapsed after the execution of the Scheme ?
- (c) If so, what is the cause for this delay in the payment of compensation ?
- (d) How long would the Government take to pay compensation to the effected persons ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the new extension of the Colony Irrigation Scheme has not worked well for defective alignment and the people have not been benefited thereby and the whole expenditure is going to be a waste ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the base water source is not sufficient to supply water to both the original and the extension channel ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to re-examine the entire scheme with a view to remove the defects of the Scheme ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, etc.) replied :

89. (a)—The Colony Irrigation Scheme was physically completed in the year 1955.

(b)—No. Compensation to the persons through whose land the irrigation channel has passed have already been paid.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—It is not a fact that the alignments of the canal is defective.

(f)—The minimum discharge at the source, viz., Colony river, is not adequate to maintain full supply level in the canal.

(g)—Yes, steps have been taken to augment supply from other rivers.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): When the final payment was made in reply to (b) ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister, (P.W.D. F. C. and I. W.)] : The last payment was made in March, 1961.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS: Are the Government aware that in the last rainy season water could not pass over the new extension of the Colony Irrigation Scheme because level of the channel was higher than the level of the river bed and no water came through that channel ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS: Yes. It is due to less water at the source. So another scheme has been undertaken to take water from Jorasa river and it is expected that when this scheme is completed within this financial year there will be full supply of water.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS: If there be an alternative alignment, whether the new scheme which is not working well will be abandoned ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS: The alignment is in addition to the original scheme.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lunding): The Minister says that the alignment is in order. May I know whether the Scheme is working properly or not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS: Reply is already there. There has been less supply of water. So another scheme will be taken to get water from another river. So both combined there will be full supply of water.

Re : Non-fare Notice Board of Tekeliphuta Ghat

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

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

- (a) What is the rate of fare for crossing Desangmukh-Dighalgorah (Tekeliphuta) ghat at present ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the non-fare notice board has been maintained on both the banks of the said ghat by the lessee for which the passengers from both directions find no means to know the rate of fare ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the lessee of the above ghat realises any amount of money he likes which goes upto Rs.3 per passenger without any rhyme and reason ?
- (d) Whether Government received any representation from the public regarding removal of such irregularity in collecting fare from passengers in the said ghat ?
- (e) If the answer to (a), (b), (c) and (d) above, be in the affirmative, what steps Government propose to take to stop such malpractice of a lessee ?

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

90. (a) to (e)—Information has been called for.

Re: Jonai-Ramdhan Road in Murkongsellek

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*91. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there is public demand that the Jonai-Ramdhan Road in Murkongsellek Transferred area should be extended up to Laimekuri Ghat ?
- (b) What is the distance from Ramdhan to Laimekuri Ghat and what will be the additional expenditure for this extension of the road ?
- (c) Whether certain amount of money will be saved in earthwork of Jonai-Ramdhan Road ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that Laimekuri Ghat is the nearest "Ghat" in Murkongsellek Transferred area from Dibrugarh Town ?
- (e) What would be the distance to Laimekuri Ghat from Dibrugarh Town and whether a Ferry Service would be possible there ?

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

91. (a) to (e)—Information have been called for.

(Starred Question No. 92 standing in the name of Shrimati Komol Kumari Barua was not put and answered as a member was absent.)

Re: Erosion of Dhansirimukh

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the havoc caused by erosion in Dhansirimukh in Golaghat Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether anything has been done to rehabilitate the affected people ?
- (c) If so, how ?

- (d) What is the number of village and people affected by this erosion ?
- (e) Whether the people have been given seedlings (Kathia) for the present season ?
- (f) Whether any land revenue remission has been granted ?
- (g) If not, whether Government propose to give remission ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

93. (a)—Yes. There was erosion at Dhansirimukh.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Fifty bighas of land at Durgapur Village and 121 bighas of land at Bogorijuri Village in Kaziranga Mouza, are being allotted for rehabilitation of the erosion affected people. Moreover, these people have been also offered low lying areas at Kohora Village in Kaziranga Mouza for Bao cultivation.

(d)—Thirty-four families in 5 villages.

(e)—Steps have been taken for disbursement of seed loan, amounting to Rs.2,000 to the erosion affected people of that locality for cultivation of Rabi crops.

(f)—Not yet.

(g)—Government will give remission as provided by Law.

Re: Export of Fish outside Assam

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that due to heavy export of fish outside Assam from Goalpara District the local people do not get fish for daily consumption ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that there is a provision in the fishery lease for reservation of 25 per cent of the caught for local consumption ?
- (c) If so, what steps Government have so far taken to enforce the said clause of the lease ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Fishery) replied :

94. (a)—Yes.

(b)—There is no such provision in the lease for fisheries under the Revenue Department for reservation of 25 per cent of the catch for local consumption.

(c)—Does not arise.

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj) : Is it a fact that fish coming from small fisheries are also exported to Cooch-Bihar ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI : May be.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla) : The Minister said that there is no provision for reservation of the catch for local consumption. Fish is an important food-stuff. Will the Government be pleased to see that all fish does not go out of the State to the deprivation of the local people ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI : Such a stage has not yet come. If fish is to be taken to long distance, refrigeration arrangement in the Railways are necessary. Such arrangements are not available in Assam. Therefore, that stage has hardly arrived. When all the fish goes out as a result of refrigeration wagons, then such a thing may be considered

Re: Acute scarcity of fish

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware of the acute scarcity of fish in all places of the State and that the price is prohibitive on the available fish ?
- (b) If so, what action Government have taken for arresting the high price of fish ?
- (c) What are the effective steps taken by Government for increasing the production of fish ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Fishery) replied :

95. (a)—Yes, sometimes the price is pretty high.

(b)—The main difficulty is that the production is much short of the requirement. That is why all possible steps are being taken for increasing production.

Attempts are also being made to get dry fish in large quantities from Gujrat for which there seems to be demand in certain areas of the State. If the supply of dried fish is increased there may be slight fall in the price of fresh fish.

(c)—Fishery Department has taken up the following steps for development of Fisheries and increased production of fish—

- (i) Producing fish seeds of selected varieties like Catla, Rohu, Mrigal, Calbasu and common Carp and distributing the same to private parties for pisciculture besides stocking in the Departmental Fish Farms.
- (ii) Providing financial assistance to the private pisciculturists by way of loan and subsidy.
- (iii) Providing financial assistance to the Fishermen Co-operative Societies by way of subsidy to help them in their effort to catch more fish from the natural fishery resources and also to start piscicultural farms.
- (iv) Organising Demonstration Fish Farms in the districts to show the public improved methods of pisciculture. These farms have been established by reclaiming derelict tanks and natural fisheries.
- (v) Fishery Department is undertaking survey of the Brahmaputra river system for its better exploitation in collaboration with Government of India. This survey work when completed will enable Government to find out better methods of exploitation and increased supply of fish.
- (vi) The reservoir covering 4 square miles in the Umiam Barapani Hydel Project will also be stocked with fish on its being completed.

***Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj):** Will the Government be pleased to state how many individuals have started such fisheries with the Government subsidy?

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister Fisheries):** Statistics can be compiled if a notice is given.

***Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong):** Sir may I know whether in the matter of fisheries and Pisciculture Government give priority to the Co-operatives than individuals?

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** It is the policy of the Government to give priority to the Co-operatives, but the individuals get assistance also.

Shi HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery): Sir, whether the case of the Tribal candidates are also considered for this purpose?

*Speech not corrected.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister Fishery):** The tribal candidates are as good as the other candidates.

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRODHANI (Golokganj): Sir, whether the Government is aware that in the district of Goalpara during the time of Zamindari a quantity of fish was kept for local consumption and the Deputy Commissioner who has been trying to maintain that provision has failed?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: I am not aware of it.

***Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** Sir, I want to clarify the position. Different conditions were given to the different Leases; in some case the Leases as had to keep some portion for sale viz. 1/4 of the fish will be sold in the local market and in some cases 2 maunds or 3 maunds, but it was not imposed.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** Sir, if the leasee cannot catch one maund or two maunds in a day will he purchase from the market to fulfil the condition?

***Shri HARESWAR DAS:** I had the opportunity to examine the conditions. These were never imposed.

***Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla):** In view of the fact that there are fisheries within the Gaon Panchayat and Anchalik Panchayat, will the Government be pleased to help financially these Panchayat just to start fisheries and Pisciculture in their respective areas?

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** This is one of our aims. So far as the Finance is capable, we are trying to help and in some cases it has already been helped.

(Stared Question No. 96 standing in the name of Shrimati Komol Kumari Barua was not put and answered as a member was absent).

Re: Primary Health Units

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

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

- (a) The number of Primary Health Units to be sanctioned in the State during the 3rd plan period?
- (b) The number of Dispensaries sanctioned in the 3rd Plan period in the State?
- (c) The number of proposed Primary Health Units in Sibsagar Subdivision with places of location in the 3rd Plan period?
- (d) The number of Dispensaries sanctioned in the Sibsagar Subdivision in the 3rd Plan period with their places of location?

*Speech not corrected.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

97. (a)—90.

(b)—11.

(c) & (d)—No sites have been selected yet.

***Shri GAURISANKAR ROY (Katlicherra)** : Sir, may I know how many dispensaries will be taken up during the current year throughout the State ?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical)** : Sir, the provision for taking up dispensary in the current year is very meagre. Only 4 dispensaries will be taken up during the current year. I am also discussing this matter with the T.A.D. if some amount can be had from that department for this purpose.

***Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahowal)** : এই চাবিখন যে Dispensary এই বছৰত লব পাৰে বুলিছে সেই কেইখন ক'ত ক'ত লব ?

***Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA** : এতিয়াও site ঠিক কৰা নাই।

***Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi)** : Sir, I want to raise a point of order. According to Rule 30(5) a member cannot ask more than 5 questions in a day. Shri Hazarika has already asked more than 5 questions.

Mr. SPEAKER : There is also some relaxation on the last day of the session. I am also referring to Rule 47.

(Stared Question No. 98 standing in the name of Shrimati Komol Kumari Barua was not put and answered as a member was absent).

Re : Timber Bridge on Jonai-Ramdhan Road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of Timber bridges remained incomplete in Jonai-Ramdhan Road and Murkongsellek Road (i.e., from Jonai to Timileghat) in Murkongsellek Transferred area ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the delay in construction of bridges there was due to the difficulties of the Public Works Department Contractors in getting timber from the Forest Department ?
- (c) If so, what were the difficulties ?
- (d) How many bridges are yet to be completed in both the roads there ?

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

99. (a), (b), (c) and (d) —Information is being collected.

Re : Sub-Post Office at Murkongselek Transferred Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that there is no Sub-Post Office in Murkongselek Transferred area which is about 400 square miles ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that there is the Court of Assistant Political Officer, Headquarter of the M. P. C. W. Block, Forest Range Office, Hospital, High School, etc., at Jonai and all of them are experiencing difficulties for want of a Sub-Post Office in this Transferred area ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that the nearest Sub-Post Office is at the distance of one day's journey by the available quickest communication ?
- (d) Whether the State Government moved the Union Government for raising the Jonai Branch Post Office to a Sub-Post Office ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that there is no Telegraph facilities also in that area ?

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that there are no facilities of a Sub-Post Office on the eastern part of Dibrugarh Sub-division beyond Doom Dooma and people of Dirak, Maithong, Kailashpur, Mesai and other places are required to come more than 20 miles to Doom Dooma to avail facilities of a Sub-Post Office such is opening of savings accounts, etc. ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the public of Kakapathar-Maithong area had been demanding a Sub-Post Office at Kakapathar with saving accounts and Telegraph facilities ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

100 & 101.—‘A report has been called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur. The subject matter of these questions is also being sent to the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Assam Circle for discussing at the next meeting of the Posts and Telegraphs Advisory Committee for Assam State (to be held by the end of October, 1961) the feasibility of providing the Postal and Telegraph facilities suggested in these questions.’

Re: Lohit Valley Road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Who is maintaining the Lohit Valley Road in Sadiya Transferred area ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this road upto Chunpura about 12 (twelve) miles are within the territorial jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur and the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Dibrugarh Division ?
- (c) If so, why this road upto the boundary of Lakhimpur District, i.e., Chunpura is not yet taken by our State Government ?

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

102.—(a), (b) & (c)—Information has been called for. The question was received on 28th September 1961.

Re: National Highway

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether there was a proposal to raise the National Highway from Talap to Saikhowaghat ?
- (b) If so, what is the estimated amount for the purpose ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that earthquake and flood also damaged a portion of this road ?
- (d) Whether the work is going to commence during this financial year ?

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

103. (a)—Yes, there was a proposal to raise the National Highway No.37 from Talap (mile 325/2F) to Dhalla (mile 331).

(b)—Rs.7,12,700 (Rupees seven lakhs, twelve thousand and seven hundred) only.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

Re: The Sakopara-Bhekelimukh Public Works Department Road

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

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

- (a) When the Sakopara-Bhakelimukh Public Works Department Road was constructed ?
- (b) What was the total amount sanctioned for gravelling the said road since it was constructed ?
- (c) What amount has so far been spent in gravelling the road ?

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

104. (a)—1st phase of the work was taken up during 1952-53 and was completed during 1953-54.

The work—2nd phase was taken up during 1954-55 and was completed during 1955-56.

(b)—The estimated provision for initial gravelling of the road was Rs.7,000.

(c)—Total amount so far spent for gravelling the Road is Rs.6,887.

Re: The Rajgar Ali Public Works Department Road

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

- (a) Whether the Rajgar Ali Public Works Department Road from Kundilghat to the Township of Sadiya has been gravelled and made an all weather road ?
- (b) What were the rates for gravelling and what amount so far spent for the purpose ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that enquiry was made on the allegation that gravelling was not done properly but payment was made to the contractors ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that the Deputy Minister, Public Works Department visited this road personally once ?

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

105. (a) to (d)—Information has been called for. The question was received on 23rd September 1961.

Re: Sluice gate at Buruk Bil

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

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

- (a) Whether Government received representations from the public during the last three years regarding construction of a sluice gate at the closing point of Buruk Bil in between 15th and 16th mile-posts of the P. G. J. H., Public Works Department Road in Majuli ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that accumulated water in the surrounding area of Buruk Bil submerges 19-20 villages every year, from May to September causing damage to the paddy fields and causing great inconvenience to the inhabitants for the last five years ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings), Sibsagar submitted plan and estimates for the proposed sluice gate to the Government for approval and sanction of necessary amount last year ?
- (d) If the answer to (a), (b) and (c) above be in the affirmative, what are the reasons for such delay in execution ?

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

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

Re: Ferry Service at Laikaghat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the ferry service from Laikaghat to three mile ghat in Murkongselek Transferred area could not be plied regularly during the last 6 months ?
- (b) What were the difficulties of this Service and why this service was not available daily ?
- (c) What were the minimum service it could give in a week during the last 6 months ?

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

107. (a) to (c)—Information has been called for.

Re: Bamboo spurs at Barghop in Jorhat Subdivision

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

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

- (a) When the bamboo spurs at Barghop in Jorhat Subdivision was constructed ?
- (b) What was the total cost in constructing the said spurs ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the aforesaid spurs protect neither erosion nor floods and have not brought any fruit to the public for whom it was meant ?
- (d) If so, whether any alternative means can be adopted by the Government which may bring the maximum result to the public reducing erosions and floods of the river ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the said spurs have not been constructed in proper places where diversion of current is quite possible ?

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

108. (a) to (e)—Information are being called for.

Re : Amingaon-Pandu Ferry

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golakganj) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the lessee of Amingaon-Pandu Ferry issues two tickets of 12 nP. each to each passenger crossing the river in the rainy season ?
- (b) Whether Public Works Department Ferry rate is uniform in the whole State for the entire season ?
- (c) Whether the same facility is allowed to all other ferries in the State ?
- (d) Whether Marboat has been stopped and single boat is plying without any restriction of load capacity ?

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

109. (a) to (d)—The informations have been called for.

Total Area under Community Development Programme

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*116. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development be pleased state—

- (a) The total area of the State to be covered under Community Development Programme.
- (b) The total area already covered.
- (c) Why Amguri Constituency has not yet been included ?
- (d) When it will be brought under that programme ?

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

110. (a)—47,098.45 sq. miles.

(b)—32,053.7 sq. miles.

(c) and (d)—Amuguri Constituency has been included in the Amguri and Mazira Shadow Blocks in the Sibsagar Subdivision. The conversion of these Shadow Blocks into pre-extension stage will be considered by Government on receipt of allotment of new Blocks from the Government of India along with Shadow Blocks in other Subdivisions on the basis of population coverage and other criteria laid down.

Re : Saikhowa Ferry Ghat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Saikhowa Ferry Ghat is within the jurisdiction of Subdivisional Officer, Public Works Department, Doom Dooma ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that a separate Public Works Department Subdivision has been created for Sadiya Transferred area and his headquarters is located at the new township at Chapakhowa ?

- (c) What are the difficulties of the Government in placing the Saikhowa Ferry Ghat under the control of Subdivisional Officer, Public Works Department for Sadiya area ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister; P.W.D. (Road and Buildings)] replied:

111. (a) to (d)—The information has been called for.

Re: Non receipt of Stipend by Scheduled Caste Students

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the students of Scheduled Castes did not receive the second instalment of stipend for 1960-61 ?
- (b) If so, what are the reasons ?
- (c) Whether they will get the arrear amount within this year ?

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

112. (a)—No, almost all the students of Scheduled Castes received their second instalment of Scholarship monies during 1960-61 except 18 students of Sibsagar College. The Principal, Sibsagar College has recently stated that 18 Scheduled Castes students bearing allot Nos.3871-3888 did not receive the second instalment of scholarship monies involving a sum of Rs.1,731.

(b)—The matter is being investigated to find out the reasons. It may be due to loss of bank draft. Correspondence is being carried out with the State Bank of India, Sibsagar and the State Bank of India, Shillong.

(c)—It is hoped that it would be possible to make payment to them by issuing a duplicate draft as soon as the non-encashment certificate is given by State Bank of India, Sibsagar. In any case the students will get their second instalment, whatever may be the reasons ; but this will naturally take time as no fresh draft can be issued without knowing the reasons or without non-encashment of the draft by the Principal, Sibsagar College.

Re: Veterinary Dispensary at Murkongsellek Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Veterinary Dispensary in Murkongsellek Transferred area has not yet been constructed although there is a Veterinary Assistant Surgeon or Veterinary Extension Officer there ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that there is provision for a dispensary out of Block Budget also ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

113. (a)—Information is being collected.

(b)—Information is being collected.

Re: Veterinary Dispensary in Sadiya Transferred Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Veterinary Dispensary in Sadiya Transferred Area is housed in a temporary or rented house ?

(b) If so, since when it is housed there ?

(c) Whether there is any proposal for construction of the dispensary building on permanent basis ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

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

(c)—There is no proposal at present. The matter will receive consideration when information to (a) above is received.

Re: Dibrugarh Municipal Board

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom Dooma) asked :

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

- (a) The loans and grants given to the Dibrugarh Municipal Board since it came into existence and purpose for which such loan or grant was given ?
- (b) Whether the loans or grants have been utilised for the purpose meant for ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that this Municipality is not doing anything to create Provident Fund for its employees inspite of Government Circular ?

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

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

Re: Trenching ground of Jorhat Municipal Board

Shrimati KOMAL KUMARI BARUA (Katanigoan) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the existing trenching ground of Jorhat Municipal Board is situated just on the main road to the Jorhat Engineering College ?

- (b) Whether Government is aware that the trenching ground is creating great inconvenience to the neighbouring areas and the Engineering College ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Government have been requested by questioner to take steps for shifting the same since 1957 ?
- (d) If so, whether Government have taken any steps so far and what are those steps ?
- (e) Whether Government have directed the Municipal Board to shift the trenching ground immediately ?

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

116. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c), (d) & (e)—Government sanctioned in 1958 a sum of Rs.27,548 for the shifting of the trenching ground to another site. The Jorhat Municipal Board has also bought a suitable land for shifting the trenching ground but it has not been possible to shift on account of opposition from Shrimati Komal Kumari Barua.

Re: Nationalisation of North Gauhati-Barpeta Route

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that in the Budget Speech of the Finance Minister, during the Budget Session, 1961, it was assured that the road leading from North Gauhati via Barama to Barpeta, would be nationalised within the 1st part of first year of the Third Five-Year Plan ?
- (b) Why this road has not been nationalised and why no State Bus has been placed there till now ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Transport) replied :

117. (a)—No such assurance appears to have been given.

(b)—Does not arise.

The road though programmed to be nationalised in the 1st year of the 3rd Plan, the same could not be done for non-allocation of Funds by the Planning Commission, pending a decision on the formation of a Road Transport Corporation.

Re : Police excess on women, old persons and children under Marigaon police station

Shri DHIRSING DEURI [Lahorighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Government received a Telegram on the 3rd August 1961 from one Hara Kumar Bora of village Jagibhakatgong, police station Marigaon, Nowgong, regarding the Police excess on women, old persons and children of Barkolai Village under Marigong police station in Nowgong District in connection with an alleged police assault case ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the women victims of the said indiscriminate assault by the police have filed a complaint petition before the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong and the Magistrate has personally inquired into the matter ?
- (c) What action if any, the Government have taken on the telegram sent by Shri Hara Kumar Bora ?
- (d) What are the findings of the local enquiry made by the Magistrate into the complaint filed by women victims ?
- (e) Whether Government proposed to take appropriate action into the matter by punishing police personnel who are at fault by committing such unlawful action against the women of the above mentioned village ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

118. (a)—No. A telegram dated 3rd August 1961 was received by the Government from the public of Nowgong about alleged Police excesses in village Barkolai under Marigong, police station (Nowgong).

(b)—One Lalit Barua of Borkolai complained before the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong, that the Armed Police roughly handled two girls, viz., (1) Bimala Deka and (2) Renu Deka. The matter was enquired into by Extra Assistant Commissioner Shri U. Gogoi locally on 24th August 1961 and he reported that he did not find corroborative evidence. Hence the matter was not pursued.

(c)—No telegram addressed by Hara Kumar Bora of Jagibhakatgong was received by Government.

(d) and (e)—Enquiry made revealed that on 30th July 1961, two police Constables of Marigaon police station were duputed by the Officer-in-charge to maintain peace in a football match, in pursuance of Court's Order, where the Constables were assaulted by the villagers of Borkolai the wrist watches, boots, belts and cycles of the Constables were forcibly snatched by the assailants. A case No.18(7)61 under sections 353/379/307/34,

I. P. C. was registered at the police station and during investigation 14 persons (villagers) were arrested by the Officer-in-charge, Marigaon police station and the C. I. (West). On 2nd August 1961 the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nowgong, visited Marigaon and supervised the investigation of the case and the Superintendent of Police, Nowgong, also visited Marigaon on 3rd August 1961 and looked into the case and met a deputation on behalf of the villagers of Borkolai and directed them to produce the remaining accused persons at Court. He found the allegations against police to be baseless.

Re: Raping of Woman by the Police Officer-in-charge of Marigaon Thana

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI [Lahorighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether he received a representation dated 25th June 1961 from the Questioner in connection with an incident in which it was alleged that one woman, Ghiladhari Patar of Sidharbarigaon of Marigaon Thana, came to lodge a complaint against her husband but instead of redressing her grievances, the Officer-in-charge of the Thana raped her in day time within his residence ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the people of the locality phoned to the Superintendent of Police, Nowgong who deputed some Officers to bring the said Officer to Nowgong ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the said woman, Ghiladhari Patar, made a statement before the Magistrate regarding the incident ?
- (d) Whether any departmental action was taken by the Government against the Officer complained against within this period ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the same Officer was involved in a raping case with another Namasudra woman Sashibala Das of Gunamara Village within Marigaon Thana ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the said Sashibala Das also made a statement before the Magistrate for alleged raping ?
- (g) Whether Government are aware that this Officer is a man of Sibs gar and acquired a big plot of land at Hojai and raised a big building, the value of which is very high ?
- (h) Whether this was shown by the Officer in his statement of assets and liabilities and if so, whether Government took any steps to enquire as to how could he manage to construct such a building with his salary ?

- (i) Whether any criminal case was filed or any departmental action was taken against this Officer, Sayid Hazarika during his period of services ?
- (j) How long he is serving as Officer-in-charge under the Police Department.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

119. (a)—Yes, a letter to that effect was received.

(b)—The local people rang up the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong, about this incident. Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nowgong, was deputed on the same day to enquire into the allegations and to withdraw the Police Officer concerned to Nowgong if the allegations were found true.

(c)—Yes, at the instance of the Investigating Officer.

(d)—The Officer concerned was arrested in connection with the case and placed under suspension and a departmental proceedings has been drawn up against him which is in progress. The case was also immediately reported by the Superintendent of Police, Nowgong, to the Inspector General of Police, Assam.

(e)—Yes, the Officer concerned was alleged to have been involved in another rape case on a Namasudra woman, Niharbala of Summara and not Sashibala who is her mother and in another case for molesting her sister, Dulali and a case was taken up in this connection by Morigaon Police vide case No.7(6)61 under sections 354/376/342, I. P. C.

(f)—Both Niharbala and Dulali made their statements before a Magistrate.

(g) and (h)—Yes, the Officer concerned belongs to Sibsagar District. He acquired a plot of land measuring 3 K., 5 L. at Hojai. According to the declaration of assets and liabilities submitted by him, the cost of construction of a house thereon was Rs.500 only although the house is stated to be fetching a monthly rent of Rs.80. Besides the above land the Officer concerned is reported to have acquired 29 bighas of Sarkari (Government) Paddy land at Golaghatia basti (near Hojai) on payment of premium of Rs.600.

The matter is under enquiry.

(i)—The Service sheets of the Sub-Inspector being with the Accountant General, Assam, in connection with fixation of his initial pay in the revised scale, the information is not available. This is being collected.

(j)—The Officer is serving as Sub-Inspector since 12th October 1949.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Re: Bridge on Jonai-Ramdhan Road in Murkongshellek area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether the local public lately represented the officials of P.W.D. in Murkongshellek Transferred area that a culvert or a bridge is necessary on the newly constructed Jonai-Ramdhan road over Gongoi Patu Nala pointing out that there would be flood over northern side of the roads in absence of it ?

(b) Whether a culvert will be sanctioned there ?

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

234. (a) and (b)—Information is being collected.

Number of persons arrested in the Brahmaputra Valley in connection with July disturbances of 1960

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

235. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The number of persons arrested in the Brahmaputra Valley Districts on different charges for participation in July disturbances of 1960 but charge sheets could not be framed by police ?

(b) Whether Government propose to instruct the Police to submit final report for those on whom charge sheets could not be framed ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

235. (a)—Charge sheet could not be framed against 3,529 persons who were arrested in connection with July, 1960 disturbances in the Brahmaputra Valley districts.

The above is exclusive of figures from Dibrugarh Subdivision.

(b)—Instructions already exist for the speedy disposal of cases arising out of the July, 1960 disturbances.

Re : Erosion affected people of Ahotguri

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMAH (Dergaon) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there are hundreds of flood and erosion affected people at Ahotguri suffering for the last seven to eight years ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that they have to shift their houses from one place to another within their area and two or three times yearly ?
- (c) Whether Government gave any loan or other relief to these people ?
- (d) Whether Government lately received a suggestion from the questioner for granting distress loan to these people ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Revenue Department asked the Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat to give proposal for granting distress loan ?
- (f) Whether Government received any proposal from the Subdivisional Officer, Golaghat ?
- (g) If not, why the Subdivisional Officer, is delaying the matter ?
- (h) Whether Government will take some steps to help the affected people by allotting distress loan ?

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

236. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes. As these persons refused to shift away from the side of the river.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—A suggestion for Rehabilitation loan for the affected people has been received.

(e)—No.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—Government have already sanctioned Rehabilitation loan of Rs.1,27,200 to 318 erosion affected families of Ahotguri Mouza at Rs.400 per family in the month of July, 1961.

Re: Jalbhari Beel

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

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

(a) The area of Jalbhari Beel of Deoghorla village Athakhel Mouza, Sibsagar Subdivision ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this Beel is full of water hyacinth and remains dry in dry season ?

(c) Why this beel has not yet been settled with any one when applicants are there to have settlement even on exchange basis ?

(d) Whether it is not a fact that the Government is losing revenue there by ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that Government will not settle this Beel with any individual ?

(f) If so, whether this policy is only in case of this Beel or generally for all other Beels in future ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

237. (a)—The area is 26B—0K—4L.

(b)—Yes, the Beel is full of water hyacinth, but it does not dry up completely in dry season.

(c)—This is a Registered Fishery and no application was received for its settlement.

(d)—Does not arise as it is not a Registered Fishery.

(e)—There is at present no proposal to settle this fishery.

(f)—Yes. This is the policy of Government in respect of all Beels which have not been declared as Fishery under Section 16 of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation.

Re: "Khaois" of Gaurisagar Tank

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

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

- (a) When with whom, how long and on what terms and conditions the surrounding "Khaois" of Gaurisagar Tank of Jokaichuk Mouza and Khaois (Jamuna) of Sibsagar Tank of Sibsagar Subdivision are settled?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

238. (a)—The Gaurisagar Tank (not in Jokaichuk but in Morabazar Mouza) was settled on 1st April 1954 with Shri Ratneswar Hazarika for a period of 10 (ten) years for the purpose of Pisciculture.

The Khaois (Jamuna) of Sibsagar Tank was settled in April, 1947 with Shri Sahajananda Bharali for a period of 25 years for Pisciculture by the Chairman, Sibsagar Municipality.

Re: Sorbhog State Dispensary

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked:

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

- (a) Why the condition of the Sorbhog State Dispensary has not yet been improved?
- (b) When the dispensary building and the Doctor's and Compounder's quarters will be reconstructed?
- (c) Why beds for Maternity wards have not been sanctioned up to now in spite of the fact that the Minister, visited the Dispensary on 21st April, 1958 and mentioned about the same in the Inspection Book?
- (d) When Child Welfare and Maternity Centre to the said dispensary will be sanctioned?
- (e) How many petitions have been submitted since 1957 to the Minister, Medical and Director of Health Services about the improvement of Sorbhog Dispensary beds and about Maternity and Child Welfare Centres at Sorbhog?
- (h) Why the inspection remarks of the Minister on 21st April, 1958 have not yet been carried out?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

239. (a)—The question of reconstruction or improvement of the dispensary is already under consideration.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c), (d), (e) & (h)—Necessary action is being taken to improve the same.

Re : Public Welfare Centre under the Gauhati Subdivision

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

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that order has been issued by the Government to give a stock of Medicine and a part time doctor to Medughat Public Welfare Centre under the Gauhati Subdivision ?
- (b) If so, whether it will be given effect to during the current financial year ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the public of Medughat recently applied to the Medical Department for a public Health Dispensary at Medughat ?
- (d) If so, whether the Government will consider to take up this as a State Dispensary under Article 275 ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

240. (a)—Not yet.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The establishment of a Dispensary at Medughat will be considered along with the others in due course.

Numbers of Medical Dispensaries and Health units in Rural Areas

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

241. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) The total number of Medical Dispensaries and Health Units in rural areas of Assam ?
- (b) How many of these Dispensaries and Health Units are under the charge of (i) Medical Graduates, (ii) Licenciates of recognised Government Schools, (iii) Licenciates of Unrecognised Schools but registered and (iv) unregistered doctors ?
- (c) How many of the dispensaries and Health Units are without doctors in Assam ?
- (d) Why a number of unregistered doctors have been appointed in the State Service ?

(e) Whether Government is aware that certain State Government such as West Bengal, Punjab, etc., are granting allowances for doctors serving in Rural Areas ?

(f) If so, why no such allowances are paid to our doctors in this State ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

241. (a)—607 dispensaries and 65 Primary Health Units (Total 672).

(b)—Of the 672 dispensaries and Primary Health Units, 32 are vacant. The remaining posts are held by—

Medical Graduates	...	...	...	...	221
Licentiates of Recognised Institution	...	...	...	...	354
Licentiate of unrecognised Institution but registered	...	...	...	...	62
Unregistered	...	...	...	...	3
Total ...					640

(c)—32.

(d)—No unqualified doctor has been appointed by this Department.

(e) & (f)—It is not known as to what steps have been taken by other States but in this State there is a proposal under consideration of Government to grant adequate compensatory allowance to Doctor posted in the Rural Areas.

Appointment of Shri Suresh Chandra Bhattacharyya as officer on Special Duty in C. M's. Secretariat

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) and Shri JAHAN-UDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked :

242. (a) When Shri Suresh Chandra Bhattacharyya has been appointed in this Government as a Special Officer in the Chief Minister's Secretariat ?

(b) What are his functions ?

(c) What are the terms of his appointment ?

(d) What is the pay and other allowances he is given by the Government ?

(e) What has he done since his appointment ?

- (f) What were the terms of his previous appointment a few years ago as the Director of Publicity ?
- (g) Why his service as the Director of Publicity terminated prematurely ?
- (h) Whether his previous records and other antecedents were taken into consideration when the present appointment under this Government was made ?
- (i) How many times has he toured throughout Assam since his present appointment as Special Officer ?
- (j) What are the places visited by him ?
- (k) What were the reasons of these tours ?
- (l) The amount he drew as travelling allowances for his tours inside the State since his present appointment ?
- (m) Why did he tour throughout India recently ?
- (n) What were the places visited by him ?
- (o) Whether he visited Allahabad also ?
- (p) What is the total amount drawn by him as travelling allowances for tour outside the State ?
- (q) When his period of contract will terminate ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

242. (a)—With effect from 31st October, 1960.

(b)—Mainly Public Relations work. He is Chief Minister's Publicity and Public Relations Officer. As such, his functions are primarily to keep in touch with the press and public leaders, contact individuals or groups of people and keep Chief Minister informed, take measures to keep public informed about Government policies and programmes. He may also write articles to promote the above objectives.

(c)—At first instance it was for six months ; it was extended by another six months.

(d)—A consolidated salary of Rs.1,150 per mensem with proportionate deduction of pensionary benefits and gratuity, if any ; no allowances.

(e)—As per reply to sub-question (b), he has been fulfilling the said tasks and assignments at the direction of the Chief Minister from time to time.

(f)—Contract service for five years with effect from 1st October, 1947 on a salary scale Rs.1,000—50—1,250 per month.

(g)—For paucity of funds Government had decided to abolish the post of Director of Publicity. Hence his services were terminated prematurely on three months, notice by Government.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Ten times up to 31st August, 1961.

(j)—He has toured in almost all the Plains and Hills Districts except the Mizo Hills District and visited most towns and many interior places in these Districts.

(k)—Mainly Public Relations Works (on behalf of the Chief Minister). To study views and trends on various public questions and to submit situation and observation reports to the Chief Minister.

(l)—Rupees 997.84 nP. up to 31st August, 1961 for tours within Assam.

(m)—In connection with Public Relations Works, to meet Press people and others informally and counter-act certain wrong impressions prevailing about Assam after the July, 1960 disturbances. Advantage was taken by the Officer to give a picture of the progress in this State during the last two Plan periods. Experts and technical personnel were also consulted at some places in connection with the proposed State Film Studio at Gauhati.

(n)—Delhi, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Bombay, Poona, Bangalore, Mysore, Madras and Calcutta.

(o)—Yes, he visited Allahabad once on Casual Leave.

(p)—Rupees 1,146.54 nP.

(q)—His present period is due to expire on 31st October, 1961.

Re: Section Office of P. W. D. at Sorbhog

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) Why there is no Section Office for P. W. D. at Sorbhog ?

(b) When the office building for this P. W. D. section at Sorbhog will be constructed ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P. W. D.) replied :

243. (a)—So long no separate section office has been provided to the sectional officers in the State. However, the matter for provision of separate office for Sectional Officers is under consideration of Government.

(b)—In view of reply at (a) above, the question does not arise now.

Re : Posts in A.C.S. Classes I & II and Assam Police Service and how they are filled up

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

244. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any Selection Grade post in the A. C. S. II Cadre ?
- (b) If so, what is the number of such posts ?
- (c) What is the percentage of such posts against the sanctioned strength of this cadre ?
- (d) How these posts are filled up, whether according to seniority or efficiency only ?
- (e) Whether some such posts are kept vacant ?
- (f) If so, on what ground ?
- (g) How long these posts will be kept vacant ?

245. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government appoint any officer of A. C. S. Class II to A. C. S. I ?
- (b) If so, whether this is considered as a new appointment or promotion ?
- (c) What principle is adopted in such appointments, seniority or efficiency ?
- (d) What minimum period of service is necessary for appointment to A. C. S. I from A. C. S. II ?
- (e) Whether there is any maximum period after which one is not considered for such promotion ?
- (f) Whether there is any difference as to the principle adopted for appointment to A. C. S. Class I and selection to Selection Grade Post in A. C. S. II ?
- (g) What rules govern the appointment as mentioned at (d) and (e) above ?

246. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether fresh recruitment to A. C. S. I, A. C. S. II and Assam Police Service is made on the result of A. C. S. Examination which is a standard examination?
- (b) Whether Government appointed some persons working as Project and Development Officers, Inspector and Officers in Relief and Rehabilitation Department to A. C. S. II, though these persons never qualified for appointment through A. C. S. Examination?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the seniority of A. C. S. Class II Officers appointed through examination are going to be affected by such appointment in so far as their promotion to A. C. S. Class I is concerned?
- (d) Whether any service rules have been framed for A. C. S. I and A. C. S. II?
- (e) Whether any such service rules have been violated by these appointments?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

244. (a)—Yes
- (b)—Five.
- (c)—1.6 per cent of the sanctioned strength of 300.
- (d)—According to seniority-cum-efficiency.
- (e)—Yes.
- (f) Some posts are kept vacant when suitable officers of requisite seniority are not available.
- (g)—All such vacant posts will soon be filled up provided suitable officers are available
245. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—If the officer is appointed to A. C. S. Class I from the A.C.S. Class II it is a promotion. If he is selected for the A. C. S. Class I by competition it becomes a direct appointment.
- (c)—Appointments are made in accordance with the principle laid down in Rules 6 and 8 of A. C. S. Class I Rules. [A copy of the Rules (A. C. S. Class I Rules, 1960) is laid on the Assembly Library Table].
(For Rules See Library No. S.153)
- (d)—Eight years.
- (e)—No.
- (f)—Yes.
- (g)—Rule 6(2) of A. C. S. Class I Rules, 1960.

246. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No. Seniority of existing officers in A. C. S. Class II will not be adversely affected as the encadred officers like Block Development Officers, Relief & Rehabilitation Officers, etc., will count their seniority in the A. C. S. Class II Cadre with effect from the date of their appointment.

(d)—Yes. A. C. S. Class I Rules have been framed and put into force with effect from 8th August, 1960. A. C. S. Class II Rules have also been framed but have not yet been finally approved.

(e)—No.

Governing Body of the Assam Medical College

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

247. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) The names of the members of the Governing Body of the Assam Medical College at Dibrugarh ?

(b) The basis of selection of the members of the Governing Body of this College ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that this year candidates for admission in the said College were directed to appear before the Governing Body on 26th July, 1961 ?

(d) On what basis the candidates are selected ?

(f) The names of the candidates for admission into the said College this year with their addresses, qualifications, divisions and marks secured by the candidates in the I. Sc. Examination indicating the names of candidates selected for admission ?

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

247. (a)—Life Member—Shri Murelidhar Jalan.

Ex-officio Members—

(1) The Principal, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh—Vice President

(2) Dr. M. N. Bhattacharjee, Professor of Medicine, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh—Secretary.

Members—

(1) Dr. J. K. Saikia, Retd. Director of Health Services, Assam—President.

(2) Dr. Ghanashyam Das, M. L. A.

(3) Dr. Apurba Ch. Dutta, M. B., Silchar.

(4) Haji Jalaluddin Ahmed—Dibrugarh.

(5) Shri Ramesh Ch. Borua, M. L. A., Dibrugarh.

(6) Mrs. Padma Kumari Gohain, M. L. A., Dibrugarh.

(7) Shri Manik Ch. Das, M. L. A., Dibrugarh.

(b)—The selection of the members of Governing body (consisting of 9 members excluding the life member) is made by Government in consultation with the Principal, Director of Health Services and the Deputy Commissioner concerned as below :—

(i) The President is a non-official, preferably a retired medical man or an eminent educationist.

(ii) The Principal of the College is an *Ex-officio* Vice-President.

(iii) The Secretary of the Governing body is elected by the College Council from among the professors.

(iv) Of the other six members one should preferably be a Lady, one M. L. A. and one member from the Gauhati University nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. The other three members are selected from among prominent citizens of the State from among the Muslims community, the Scheduled tribes and the Scheduled Castes provided none among the above belong to these communities.

(c) Yes.

(d)—The selection is made according to merit except in case of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled tribes.

(f)—A copy of the list of candidates for admission into Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh and a separate list of candidates selected for admission into Assam Medical College are laid on the Library Table.

(For List of Candidates See library No. S.154)

Regarding Medical officers of the State Dispensaries

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

248. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many State Dispensaries are lying vacant without any qualified Medical Officers in the District of Nowgong and what are the reasons for non-availability of Medical Officers?

(b) Whether there is any proposal to revise the pay scale, allowances and other amenities of life in rural areas as is done in other sister States like Bengal, Madras, etc. ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the Medical Officers (both Gazetted and non-Gazetted) are facing hardship for their housing accommodation in the District and Subdivisional Headquarters ?

- (d) Whether there is any provision for giving them house rent allowances ?
- (e) Whether there is any provision to give non-practising allowance to these categories of officers such as Assistant Surgeon I on Public Health duty attached to the offices of the Civil Surgeons, the Urban Health Officers, Medical officers of out-patient Department of Civil Hospitals and Resident Medical Officers of Civil Hospitals ?
- (f) What is the limit of the financial power delegated to the Civil Surgeons to meet the urgent needs of Hospitals and the like prior approval of the higher authority ?
- (g) How many dispensaries which have not yet been upgraded in the district of Nowgong and what are their names ?
- (h) Whether there is any provision to upgrade those dispensaries ?

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

218. (a)—Eight. Posting could not be made yet for non-availability of doctors as there is dearth of the same in the State.

(b)—There is no proposal to revise the scale of pay but a proposal to give adequate compensatory allowance to doctors posted in rural areas is under the consideration of Government.

(c) & (d)—Yes, some doctors expressed difficulties for housing accommodation. Non-gazetted Medical Officers are granted house rent allowance at the rates varying from Rs.30 to Rs.35 per mensem in lieu of rent free quarter but the gazetted Medical Officers are not entitled to such allowances under the rules. When they are provided with quarters they are required to pay rent at the rate of 10 per cent of their basic pay or the standard rent whichever is less.

(e)—The proposal to grant compensatory allowances to Assistant Surgeons I on Public Health duty, Urban Health Officers, is under the consideration of Government. There is no such proposal in respect of Medical Officers of out-patient Department and Resident Medical Officers of Civil Hospitals.

(f)—The Civil Surgeons are competent to incur an expenditure upto Rs.300 at the time to meet the urgent needs of hospitals, etc., without prior approval of higher authorities.

(g)—Names are given in the list below.

List of dispensaries in Nowgong District which have not yet been up-graded :—

	Dispensary.
1. Lonamati	
2. Jajari	"
3. Chapunala	"
4. Doboka	"
5. Singimari	"
6. Mikirbheta	"
7. Aibheti	"
8. Lanka	"
9. Ambagaon	"
10. Kuthuri	"
11. Kaki	"
12. Laopani	"
13. Lumding	"
14. Hatichung	"
15. Jamunamukh	"
16. Borjoha	"
17. Puranigudam	"
18. Juria	"
19. Silghat	"
20. Dharamtul	"
21. Bhuragaon	"
22. Dhing	"
23. Hojai.	"
24. Jagibhakatgaon	"
25. Bordua (Batardraba)	"
26. Barhampur	"
27. Kapahera	"
28. Laokhowa	"
29. Bagolajan	"
30. Fulaguri	"
31. Diholjhar	"
32. Charaibahi	"

(h)—No. Up-grading is done gradually according to the availability of Medical Graduates.

Re: inclusion of Rohmorla Mauza in Tinsukia Educational Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

249. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to refer to Unstarred question No.329 asked by the Questioner on 29th October, 1960 regarding inclusion of Rohmorla Mauza in Tinsukia Educational Subdivision and state—

(a) Why this Mauza was included there when it was separated by Begdung Mauza which is over 160 Square miles ?

(b) Whether this has since been rectified ?

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

249. (a)—The Rohmorla Mauza was included in the new educational Subdivision of Tinsukia to reduce the number of school in Dibrugarh educational Subdivision and to give the new subdivision a fair number of schools for administrative and financial reasons.

(b)—It is now proposed to detach this Mauza from Tinsukia and to include it in Dibrugarh with effect from the next financial year. Some other Mauza in its stead will be included in the Tinsukia educational Subdivision.

Expenditure incurred by Ministers as T.A. & H.A.

Md. SAHADAT ALI (South Salmara) asked :

250. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) The amount each Minister actually drawing now as salary.

(b) The total amount of money drawn by each Minister as Traveling and Halting allowances since the year 1959-60.

(c) The total amount of money paid—

(i) On account of Municipal Tax, if any for the Ministers' quarters in the year 1960-61 ?

(ii) Towards Electric bills for each Minister in 1960-61 ?

(iii) Paid as salaries of sweepers and gardeners serving in Ministers' quarters and as salaries of Chaprasis attending on the Ministers since the year 1958-60 to date ?

(iv) Paid in respect of furniture, crockeries, culteries and repair charges thereof ?

(v) Paid for the unkeep of cars used by the Minister since the 1959-60 to date ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)

250. (a)—Rs.1,000 p.m. plus Rs.200 only as conveyance.

(b)—Statement 'A' laid on the Library Table:

(For Statement 'A' See Library No. S.155)

(c)—(i) & (ii) Statement 'B' laid on the Library Table.

(iii) Statement 'C' and 'D' laid on the Library Table.

(iv) Statement 'E' laid on the Library Table. Only C. M. is entitled to crockeries, culteries. Expenditure on this account to date is Rs.545.50nP.

(v) Statements 'F', 'G' and 'H' laid on the Library Table.

T.A. drawn by the Minister between Shillong and Gauhati since 1947

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

251. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How much T.A. has been drawn by the Ministers between Shillong and Gauhati since 1947 ?

(b) What is the amount drawn by each of them ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

251. (a) & (b)—Two statements A and B showing T.A. drawn since 1st April, 1957 upto 30th September, 1961 is laid on the Library Table. Figures previous to 1957 cannot be given as these records have been destroyed, except for Chief Minister in which case the figures are from the year 1949-50 to date i.e., to 17th August, 1961.

(For Statement See Library No. S.156)

Shifting of Behali State Dispensary to a central place

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYA (Gohpur) asked :

252. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No.293 asked by the Questioner on 25th March, 1961 and state—

(a) Whether the plan and estimates for shifting of the Behali State Dispensary to the proposed new site have been received ?

(b) Whether Government will be pleased to sanction the estimated amount for shifting of the dispensary very soon ?

(c) Whether the microscope, order for which was placed before 25th March 1961, has arrived at the dispensary by this time ?

(d) If not, when it is expected to arrive ?

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

252. (a)—No plans and estimate for shifting has been received. Plans and estimate for improvement and reconstruction of the buildings at the existing site at a cost of Rs.43,200 were received from P. W. D. But as the dispensary itself is to be shifted to a central place where land has already been reserved for the purpose revised plans and estimates are being obtained from P. W. D. to expedite the matter.

(b)—This will be taken up when the matter of shifting is finalised and revised plans and estimates are obtained.

(c) & (d)—No information has yet been received. The Civil Surgeon is being reminded to expedite.

Re: Conversion of Baghmara Subsidised Dispensary into State Dispensary

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

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

(a) Whether it is a fact the Subdivisional Development Board, Barpeta has moved the Government to take up Baghmara Subsidised Dispensary and convert it into a State Dispensary ?

(b) If so, why it has not been taken up as yet ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

253. (a)—No such recommendation appears to have been received.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Conversion of Baramchari Subsidised Dispensary into State Dispensaries

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

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

(a) Whether the Government will be pleased to take up the Baramchari Subsidised Dispensary under the Barpeta Sub-division and convert it into a State Dispensary ?

(b) If so, whether it will be taken up during the current financial year ?

(c) If not, why not ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

254. (a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)—In view of the present financial stringency, it will not be possible to take over any Subsidised Dispensary for conversion into State Dispensary during the current year.

Regarding the settlement of occupied land by the families of Moran Tribe

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

255. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to refer to unstarred question No.653 asked by the Questioner on 8th April 1959 and state—

(a) Whether the 11 (eleven) families of Moran Tribe (who had been occupying land and cultivating therein F. S. Grant No.109 at Hilikhaguri in Tingrai Mauza since 5 years before requisition a portion of it), have been given settlement of their occupied land ?

(b) If so, when they were given settlement formally ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

255. (a)—No. These families did not occupy the land before it was requisitioned. They encroached into it after the land was requisitioned.

(b)—Does not arise.

Regarding complaints against Shri T. Bhuyan, the A.S.O. in Barnagar Circle

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that numerous public complaints have been made against Shri T. Bhuyan, the then A. S. O., Barnagar Circle ?

(b) If so, whether they have been properly inquired into ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Shri T. Bhuyan indiscriminately granted mutation of annual lands to the purchasers and also converted such lands where these were illegally transferred ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that annual lands covered by dag Nos.383 and 384 with an area of 22B.2K. in village Bidertari of Rupsi mouza were converted into periodic patta ones after illegal transfer although the purchaser in Petition No.1095 of 1959-60 prayed for mutation ?

(e) Whether the Superior Officers inspected and checked the records of that Circle ?

(f) If not whether Government propose to collect all records and check the irregularities thoroughly ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

256. (a)—Yes.

(b)—They are under proper enquiries.

(c)—It has come to the notice of Government that in some cases Assistant Settlement Officer, Sri T. Bhuyan allowed mutation of annual lands to the actual occupants but no cases of conversion of such annual lands into periodic have been brought to the notice of Government.

(d)—Annual Dag No.383 of village Bidertari in Ruposi Mouza was mutated in the field to one Abdul Gafur and nine others including the petitioner of petition No 1095/59-60. Annual Dags No.331 and not 384 of the same village was mutated in favour of one Kurpan Ali and 4 others. The areas of the said dags are 21B-3K-5Ls. and 3B.-9K.-5Ls. respectively. The patta-holders parted with their lands to the persons in whose favour the mutation was allowed. The mutation was apparently irregular. The Government are directing the Settlement Officer to make further enquiries into the matter and report early. It is not a fact that these annual dags have been converted into periodic.

(e)—Ycs.

(f)—Does not arise.

Allowance to the Doctors Serving in Backward Rural Areas

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [North Salmara Reserved for Scheduled Tribes] asked :

257. Will the Minister of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Government have decided to give adequate allowance to the doctors serving in most backward and rural areas ?

(b) If so, what is the amount fixed as monthly allowance ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that such allowances are given in West Bengal and other States ?

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

257. (a) and (b)—There is a proposal under active consideration of Government.

(c)—Information is being obtained from the West Bengal Government and other State Governments.

Construction of Primary Health Unit at Golagaon under Barpeta Subdivision

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkochi Reserved for Scheduled Tribes] asked :

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

(a) Why the buildings of the Primary Health Unit at Golagaon under the Barpeta Subdivision is not yet completed ?

(b) When it will be completed ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

258. (a)—Construction of main buildings of Golagaon Primary Health Unit has already been completed except some staff quarters.

(b)—Steps are being taken for speeding up.

Re: Head Mechanic and Head Turner of a P. W. D. Workshop

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor) asked :

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

(a) What qualification is required for holding the post of Head Mechanic of a P. W. D. Workshop ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Head Mechanic should naturally be a 1st Grade Mechanic ?

(c) Who is the 1st Grade Mechanic at Gauhati P. W. D. Workshop and what is his qualification ?

(d) When he was appointed to this post ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that Shri Ajit Ch. Talukder, a 1st Grade Mechanic was transferred to Tura and Shri Dwijen Talukder is working at present in his post ?

260. (a) Whether it is a fact that Shri S. N. Dutta, B. Das and H. Singha were three qualified turners working at the Gauhati P. W. D. Workshop ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that one Shri Basanta Deka, an unqualified and junior man has been appointed over the head of above three qualified artisans in the post of milling man in the same workshop ?

261. (a) Whether it is a fact that the post of a Head Turner and the post of a Fitter are lying vacant in Gauhati P. W. D. Workshop for a long time ?

(b) If so, why these two posts are not yet filled up ?

(c) Whether it is also a fact that many senior employees of the P. W. D. Workshop have applied for these posts ?

(d) If so, what action is taken on these applications ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that there is no such qualified candidate for the above posts in this Department ?

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

259. (a)—Passed Motor Mechanic Course from any recognised Institution. Preference will be given to one having experience in P. W. D. Mechaneries like Steam Roller, Diesel Roller, Motor Vehicle—Diesel and Petrol, Stone crusher, Gramatator, Bull Dozers, Motor Grader, Air compressor, Water pump, etc., and possessing experiences of more than 7 years in any recognised institution.

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

(c)—There is no such post in Gauhati P. W. D. Workshop.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—No, Shri Ajit Ch. Talukder, a Mechanic was transferred to Tura Division as Divisional Mechanic and there is no such man by name Shri Dwijen Talukder, working in the Workshop.

260. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No, the posts of Turner and Miller are of different category. Shri Basanta Deka was appointed as a Miller after due advertisement and in consideration of his long experience in operating the Milling Machine since its installation.

261. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The post of Head Turner could not be filled up for non-availability of suitable candidates even after advertisement. The information in respect of Fitter is being collected.

(c) to (e)—Only two applications for the post of Head Turner were received from the employees of P. W. D. Workshop, but none of them was found suitable for the job.

Re: The reconstitution of the Nowgong Regional Basic School Board

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI [Laharighat Reserved for Scheduled Tribes] asked:

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

(a) When the Nowgong Regional Basic School Board was reconstituted?

(b) How many of them were nominated by Government, who are they and what their are general educational qualifications?

(c) Whether there is any nominated Tribal member of the plains?

(d) If not, why not?

- (e) What are the principles laid down for the reconstitution of the said School Board ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that there are some members who are continually renominated more than one term ?
- (g) If so, what are the reasons ?
- (h) Whether those renominated members are more qualified and more expert than the Tribal ones of the dissolved Board ?

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

262. (a)—2nd June, 1961.

(b)—Four viz: (i) Shri Rupram Sut, B. A.

(ii) Md. Hafizuddin Ahmed, Matric standard.

(iii) Smti. Budheswari Hazarika, M. V. Hindi Training.

(iv) Shri Khira Kanta Sarma, Matric standard.

(c)—No.

(d)—There is no provision in the Act that a Tribal should be nominated.

(e)—Regional School Boards are constituted under the Assam Basic Education Act, 1954.

(f)—Yes, some members.

(g)—As they are doing good work.

(h)—This is a question of opinion as members are nominated not merely on the grounds of educational qualification alone.

Re: Lien granted to the officers of Assam Education Service and Assam School Service

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) The number of Officers of Assam Education Service and Assam School Service who were granted lien since 1956 till June 1961 to serve elsewhere or outside the department ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that Shri Jatindra Nath Goswami, M. A., B. T., of Assam School Service was not allowed lien to join a post under the Gauhati University ?

- (c) Whether he was refused lien for serving in a non-Government College also ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that a Professor of Cotton College was granted lien to serve in the Refinery ?
- (e) What is the procedure of granting lien to Officers of Education Service or School service ?

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

263. (a)—Assam Education Service—7.

Assam School Service 4.

(b)—Government did not receive any proposal for the purpose.

(c)—Yes, in this regard.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Lien to the officers of the Assam Educational Service and the Assam School Service is generally granted keeping in view the exigencies of public service in particular and in the greater interest of the State in general.

Re: The Training-cum-production centres in the State

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

264. Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state —

- a) The total number of Training-cum-production Centres within this State ?
- (b) The number of persons already trained properly in these Training-cum-Production Centres in the State ?
- (c) The number of persons under training at present in these training centres ?
- (d) The names of different trades and industries, which are trained and produced in these Training-cum-Production Centres ?
- (e) The number of posts of Instructors vacant at present ?
- (f) What are the scales of pay of these Instructors ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

264. (a) to (f)—The information is being collected.

Re: The realisation of Land Revenue from the villages of N. K. Chatihara and Arikatichar

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai) asked :

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

(a) Whether the Government is aware that the Mauzadar of Rangamati Mauza of Mangaldai Subdivision as well as Mauzadar of Pachim Bokani Mauza in Nowgong district realised Land Revenue from the villages of N. K. Chatihara and Arikatichar for the same plot of land ?

(b) If so, what steps Government has taken so far to remove this anomaly ?

(c) Whether Government has received any representation from the said villagers to this effect ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

266. (a)—Subdivisional Officer, Mangaldai received a representation from the villagers concerned alleging collection of Revenue from those villagers by both the Mauzadars of Rangamati (Mangaldai) and Bokani (Nowgong) Mauzas.

(b)—The Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong directed the Mauzadar of Bokani Mauza not to realise Land Revenue and Local Rate from the villagers of those villages.

(c)—As at (a) above.

Re: The position of the flood affected people of 1953

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

266. Will the Minister-in-charge of Revenue be pleased to refer to Unstarred question No.456 asked in the Budget Session of the Assembly, 1959 on 8th April, 1959 and state—

(a) The position of the flood affected people of 1953, who occupied 1500 bighas of requisitioned land in the Grants of Phukanbari Tea Estate which was derequisitioned subsequently ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

266. (a)—Seventy-six flood affected families are still occupying an area of 400 bighas of derequisitioned land in Phukanbari Tea Estate. An area of 1000 bighas of land in Grant No.196/198 of Phukanbari Tea Estate is now under orders of requisition to provide land to the flood affected people.

Re: The allotment of Land to the Cultivators

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

267. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 891 (f) asked by the Questioner in the last Budget Session on 7th April, 1961 and state—

- (a) Whether the 201 bighas of land are now available for distribution amongst the landless cultivators of Naharhaku village in Moderkhat Mouza in Dibrugarh ?
- (b) When the allotment to cultivators of that village can be expected ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

267. (a) & (b)—A proposal to requisition 201 bighas of land was put up in the last meeting of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee and the proposal was dropped on the recommendation of the Committee, on the ground that the garden had no surplus land.

Re: The Submission of a Memorandum by the All Assam Mauzadars Association

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the All Assam Mauzadars' Association lately submitted a memorandum of their grievances and hardships praying for increasing their rates of commission ?
- (b) If so, what action was taken by the Government on the Memorandum ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Mauzadars cannot run the whole show efficiently with the present rate of commission ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to examine the whole question with a view to revise the present rate of commission ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

268. (a)—Yes.

(b)—In 1958 Government considerably enhanced the rates of commission and allowed it at the rate of—

Fifteen per cent upto Rs.15,000,

Ten per cent from above Rs.15,000 to Rs.40,000,

Five per cent above Rs.40,000.

Government also allowed incidental charges to the low-income group Mauzadars so that the minimum increase over the previous income of a Mauzadar may not be less than Rs.500.

Government also recently decided that as a further measure of assistance, a subsidy of Rs.500 per annum should be given to each Mauzadar for establishment and other contingency charges.

(c)—It is not a fact. Government have enhanced the rates of commission to the Mauzadar and allowed other concessions which substantially increased their income.

(d)—It has already been done ; further enhancement is not in contemplation.

Re: Water Supply of Shillong Town

U JORMANIK SIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

(a) How far the water supply to the town area of Shillong has since been augmented ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the water brought to the reservoir near Bara bazar has been taken from an open stream which gets muddy during the rains ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the localities which get their water from the said reservoir have to use the muddy water and as a result of which many people have suffered from diarrhoea and other stomach troubles ?

(d) Whether Government propose to take steps to remove the muddy water in order to save the rate payers from the danger of falling ill ?

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

269. (a)—By 10 lakhs gallons per day from June to March and by 5 to 7 lakhs gallons per day during April and May.

(b)—Yes, only when there is continuous down pour of rains for several days.

(c)—No.

(d)—Yes.

Re: Evicted persons in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

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

(a) The number of persons evicted in Sibsagar Subdivision during the last financial year ?

(b) The number of encroachers of Mahmora P. G. R., Salaguri Mouza ?

(c) The number of encroachers evicted from Mahmora P. G. R. during the last financial year ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

270. (a)—377 persons.

(b)—105 encroachers.

(c)—105 encroachers have been evicted.

Re: Pending of Revenue appeals

Shri TAZUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

(a) How many Revenue appeals are pending before the Settlement Officer, Kamrup for the lands of Barpeta Subdivision and since when they are pending ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

271. (a)—355 Revenue appeal cases are pending from the year as shown below :—

122 cases since	...	...	...	1957-58.
12 " "	...	...	...	1958-59.
64 " "	...	...	..	1959-60.
113 " "	...	...	...	1960-61.
44 " "	...	...	...	1961-62.

Re: The deletion of the Rule 57 of the Rules under the Goalpara Tenancy Act

Shri JAHANUDDIN AHMED (Bilasipara) asked :

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

- (a) Why the Government deleted the Rule 57 of the Rules under the Goalpara Tenancy Act when the record of rights has begun to be prepared by the Government in the district of Goalpara specially in the Zamindari area ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that this is the first time that records of rights have begun to be prepared in the Zamindari area of the District ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that due to abolition of Rule 57 the aforesaid Rules the tenants are not given the opportunities to have their land demarcated and corrected ?
- (d) How many objection cases have been instituted in all in the District of Goalpara during the survey ?
- (e) Whether Government received any representations about the anomaly of these survey by inexperienced and unscrupulous Mandals and Kanangos ?
- (f) What action Government took to remove these anomalies ?
- (g) Whether Government will be pleased to enforce again Rule 57 of the Rules under the Goalpara Tenancy Act to remove the difficulties and anomalies which are very large number among the tenants ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

272. (a)—Rule 57 of the Rules under the Goalpara Tenancy Act has not been deleted. If the hon. Member refers to rule 67, it has not been deleted but amended. This has been done in order to avoid duplication of work.

(b)—This is the first time that a major district operation for preparation of records of rights has been taken up in the district, but preparation of record of rights in some Dihis took place before this.

(c)—If the hon. Member refers to rule 67, it is not a fact that the rule 67 has been abolished, but amended. There are opportunities for the tenants to have their Khatians corrected under rules 68, 99 and 103.

(d)—No objection cases are filed at the survey stage.

(e)—One representation was received in October, 1959.

(f)—The Director of Land Records, Revenue and Settlement Officer, Goalpara were instructed to remove anomaly if any according to prescribed procedure.

(g)—The question of enforcing rule 57 does not arise in view of reply to (a). If the hon. Member refers to rule 67, it is still in force in the amended form.

Re: Basic Training Centre at Chenga under Barpeta Subdivision

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government is proposing to give one Basic Training Centre at Chenga under Barpeta Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware at the assurance of the Government the Public of Chenga donated periodic patta land and they worked many days on the site to make it fit for the purpose ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Finance Minister laid down the foundation stone of this Basic Training Centre ?
- (d) Why the construction has not been started as yet ?
- (e) When it will be started ?

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

273. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, Public donated about 33 bighas [of periodic patta land and cleared some trees and Bamboos standing on the land.

(c)—Yes.

(d) & (e)—Plan and estimate are under examination and work will be started soon after finalisation.

Re: Managing Committee of the Lanka High School (Nowgong)

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) asked:

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

- (a) What are the charges against the managing Committee of the Lanka High School (Nowgong) for which the managing Committee was dissolved ?

- (b) Whether the Managing Committee was given a chance to reply to the charges framed against it ?
- (c) Whether the President and Secretary of the defunct Managing Committee of the said Lanka High School were nominated or elected one ?

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

274. (a)—There were no charge] against the Managing Committee of the Lanka High School. As both the President and the Secretary resigned an ad-hoc Managing Committee had to be formed with effect from 1st August 1961, temporarily till the final nomination of the above nominated members were made.

On 22nd August 1961, the Assistant Inspector of Schools and the Headmaster of the School were nominated as President and Secretary respectively and the original Managing Committee (with those two changes) was allowed to function.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Presidents and Secretaries of the Managing Committee of High Schools are nominated members and not elected.

Re: Numbers of Overseers in Grade III

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

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

- (a) What is the total number of Overseers in Grade III in the State ?
- (b) When were they appointed ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that they were given assurance by the then P.W.D. Minister that after completion of two years service they would be promoted to Grade II and after completion of four years service they would be promoted to Grade I ?
- (d) How many Overseers of Grade III have been promoted to Grade II and Grade I (Number to be given from the present service personnels) ?
- (e) How many Overseers now in service have been appointed from outside the State ?

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

275. (a)—119 in the P.W.D. (R. & B; Wing).

(b)—1955 and 1956.

(c)—No.

(d)—6 as Grade II and 2 as Grade I.

(e)—None as Grade III.

Re: Number of Overseers and Road Muharrirs under the Executive Engineer, J.B.R.C.

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM [Jowai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

(a) How many Overseers and Road Muharrirs are there under the Executive Engineer, J.B.R.C. ?

(b) How many are non-tribals and to what communities they belong to ?

(c) What are their qualifications ?

(d) Whether there are any Hills Tribal Overseers and Road Muharrirs in Silchar and Kamrup Districts ?

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

276. (a)—There are 16 (sixteen) Overseers and 57 (fifty-seven) Road Muharrirs.

(b)—(i) 12 Overseers and 18 Road Muharrirs.

(ii)—Hindus (Bengalees and Assamese).

(c)—(i) Overseers 6 (six) are Diploma holders in Civil Engineering, 5 (five) are Matriculates and four of them passed the Survey Training Courses and 5 (five) are non-Matric and two of them passed Muharrir's Training.

(ii)—Muharrirs 11 (eleven) are Matriculates (3 have passed the Muharrir's Training Class), 46 are non-matric (one has passed the Survey Training Class).

(d)—No.

Re: Bogus Shramik Bahini

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHAUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware of received information to the effect that many bogus Shramik Bahinis has sprung up in the State ?

(b) Whether Government propose to stop registration of such Bogus Shramik Bahinis ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI, (Deputy Minister) replied :

277. (a)—Government is neither aware nor has received any information that many bogus Shramik Bahinis have sprung up.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Grant of Financial Concession

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchella) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the financial concession of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent granted under Appointment (B) Department memo No.ABM. 18/56/14, dated the 4th August, 1956 is in addition to the Concession granted under Paragraph No.288 of the Public Works Department Code or supersedes the said para of the Public Works Department Code ?
- (b) What Financial Concession is granted to the Contractors of Scheduled Castes and Tribes and other Backward Classes in respect of the security deposit required to be deposited by the Registered contractors now introduced by the Department under para 292 of the P. W. D. Code ?

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

278. (a)—Financial concession of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent granted in respect of works upto Rs.35,000 to contractors belonging to the Scheduled Tribes and Castes and other Backward classes is not in addition to the concession mentioned in para 288 of the Assam P. W. D. Code. Though para 288 of the Assam P. W. D. Code has not yet been formally withdrawn for all practical purposes the provisions in this para are not effective. The Assam P. W. D. Code is under revision and the question whether this para needs revision or wholesale withdrawal in view of constitutional provisions is under consideration.

(b)—No Financial Concession is granted to contractors belonging to the Scheduled Tribes and Castes and other Backward Classes in respect of Security Deposit which is refundable. They are, however, allowed to deposit 50 per cent of the Earnest Money prescribed for different Classes of contractors at the time of registration as contractors.

Re: Road from Kharupatia to Udalguri via Karimganj

Mr. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgoan) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a Road from Kharupatia to Udalguri via Karimganj has been taken over by the P. W. D. very recently ?

- (b) If so, whether the said road has been surveyed by the P. W. D. and what is the length of the road ?
- (c) Whether the said road has once been blocked over at Kharupatia by some one ?
- (d) If so, where and by whom and why ?
- (e) Whether the said road is still blocked obstructing the traffic ?

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

279. (a), (b), (c), (d), & (e)—Information has been called for. The question was received on 23rd September, 1961.

Re: Inspection Bungalow between Doom Dooma and Sitpani

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware of the fact that there is no Inspection Bungalow between Doom Dooma and Sitpani or to the last boundary of the State which is about 30 miles from there ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that Kakapathar is a suitable place for an Inspection Bungalow ?
- (c) Whether Government will take up a proposal to construct an Inspection Bungalow either at Kakapathar or at Maithong ?

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

280. (a) to (c)—Information has been called for.

Re: Roads in Autonomous Districts

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

281. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the mileage of the following different categories of roads in each Subdivision of the Autonomous Districts and the Autonomous Region, namely:—(i) National Highway, (ii) State Highway, (iii) Major District Roads, (iv) Other District Roads, (v) Village Roads and (vi) Defence Roads ?

(b) What is the mileage of the above categories of roads in each Subdivision of Plains Districts ?

(c) Out of the total mileage of each category of roads what is the actual mileage which has already been handed over to the District Transport Authorities for regular vehicular service in the Autonomous Districts and in the Plains Districts of Assam ?

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

281. (a) to (c)—Information are being collected.

Re: Amingaon-Chariali-Dumnichowki Road

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

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

(a) What is the total amount allotted for widening and strengthening the Amingaon-Chariali-Dumnichowki Road falling within the jurisdiction of the North Kamrup P. W. D. Division ?

(b) What amount has been spent during the year 1960-61 on this portion of the road ?

(c) What amount has been allotted for the year 1961-62 for this portion of the road ?

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

282. (a) to (c)—Information has been called for.

Re: Improvement of the Bazar at Barpeta Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) Why the bazar at Barpeta Road has not yet been improved ?

(b) When this will be improved fully ?

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

283. (a)—For want of funds,

(b)—Government propose to grant the Town Committee an initial grant shortly to enable it to function and to transfer the sale proceeds of the sale of Barpeta Road Bazar to the personal ledger account of the Town Committee from the Subdivisional Rural Development Fund now being operated by the Subdivisional Officer. When this is done, the Town Committee will be able to take up the improvement of the Bazar for which plans and estimates have been prepared by the P. W. D. and made over to the Town Committee.

Re: Subsidiary drainage system within Dibrugarh Municipality

Shri RAMESH CHANDRA BAROOAH (Dibrugarh) asked :

284. Will the Minister of L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that at the time the main drain running through the Dibrugarh town was constructed there was a proposal by Government to prepare plans for subsidiary drains connecting the main drain and of submission of same to the Municipality for execution ?
- (b) If so, whether Government prepared such plans and submitted same to Municipality for execution ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that for want of proper drainage system within Dibrugarh Municipality, the major portion of the town remain logged during rains ?

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

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

Re: Constitution of Town Committee at Sorbhog

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

- (a) Why there is no Town Committee at Sorbhog ?
- (b) When the Town Committee at Sorbhog will be constituted ?
- (c) Why there is so much delay in constituting this Town Committee ?

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

285. (a) (b) & (c)—Appointment of members including Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Sorbhog Town Committee is under consideration. Since particulars of persons to be appointed to the Town Committee have to be obtained the matter has not been finalised as yet.

**Payment of Compensation for the land taken for Construction
of Public Health Unit at Laskein of Jowai Subdivision**

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM [Jowai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

286. Will the Minister, T. A. D. be pleased to state—

(d) Whether Government have received another representation from Synshar Kon and Tudiah Kon of Laskein, dated 18th February 1961 regarding the non-payment of compensation for the land taken for the construction of Public Health Unit at Laskein of Jowai Subdivision ?

(e) When his land was taken possession of by the Department ?

(f) Why payment is delayed ?

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

286. (d)—No representation in question appears to have been received in this Medical Department.

(c)—Information is being collected.

(f)—Necessary papers in connection with acquisition of land could not yet be obtained from the United Khasi Jaintia Hills District Council, Secretary, Executive Committee of the District Council was again reminded on 9th September 1961 by the Director of Health Services, Assam.

Guns seized by the Assistant Political Officer, Jonai

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

287. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many guns were were seized by the Assistant Political Officer, Jonai during the months of July and August last within Murkongselek Transferred area ?

(b) From whom the guns were seized and what were the allegations ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

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

Re: Revised pay scale of Veterinary Field Assistants

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Veterinary Field Assistants were given revised pay with effect from April, 1948?
- (b) If so, whether they were allowed to draw the arrear pay and since when?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that Veterinary Field Assistants are not getting the arrears uptil now?
- (d) If not, why?
- (e) Whether Government will arrange to make payment of their arrears without further delay?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Veterinary) replied:

288. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The Veterinary Field Assistants were allowed to draw their arrear pay from April, 1948.

(c)—Yes. Some of the Veterinary Field Assistants are not getting their arrear pay uptil now.

(d)—The arrear pay bills of some of the Veterinary Field Assistants had been submitted to Accountant General, Assam for pre-audit and the bills are still under correspondence with Accountant General, Assam.

(e)—Yes. All possible steps have been taken.

Re: Selection of site for the Bongaigoan Veterinary Dispensary

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

289. Will the Minister, Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government lately received several representations by the public bodies as to the selection of site for the Bongaigoan Veterinary Dispensary?
- (b) If so, what steps have been taken to finally select the site?

- (c) What are the difficulties of selecting the site pointed out by the public ?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to make further enquiry to select the site of the dispensary ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Veterinary) replied:

289. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The District Veterinary Officer, Dhubri has been asked to examine the site and to submit a final report so as to arrive at a final decision.

(c) & (d)—The matter is under examination of the Department.

Re: Animals of the Panitola Development Block

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

290. Will the Minister of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the animals castrated during the period of C. D. Block activities of Panitola Development Block since its inauguration on 1st April, 1957 to date ?
- (b) The number of animals vaccinated with effect from 1st April, 1957 upto now within the area of Panitola Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (c) The number of animals treated during the aforesaid period within the area of Panitola Anchalik Panchayat ?
- (d) What is the cattle population of this Anchalik Panchayat?
- (e) The number of birds vaccinated within Panitola Development Block since 1st April, 1957 up till now ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Veterinary) replied:

290. (a)—Information is being collected.

(b)—Information is being collected.

(c)—Information is being collected.

(d)—Information is being collected.

(e)—Information is being collected.

Re: Outbreak of cattle disease in Goalpara Subdivision

Shri SAHADAT ALI (South-Salmara) asked :

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

- (a) Whether there was any outbreak of cattle disease in Goalpara Subdivision during the current year ?
- (b) If so, how many cattle died within the Lakhipur thana area (to be shown Union-wise ?
- (c) Whether proper treatment was made ?
- (d) If not, what is the reason ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to establish a full-fledged Veterinary Dispensary at Chunari under Lakhipur Police Station in the District of Goalpara ?
- (f) If so, when ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

291. (a)—Yes, there was outbreak of Anthrax and Haemorrhagic Septicaemia, in Dudhnoi, Simlitola, Lakhipur areas.

(b)—Twenty-one Cattle died in 10 villages within Lakhipur thana area.

(c)—Yes, both curative and prophylactic treatment were undertaken.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—As there is a Veterinary dispensary at Lakhipur a second dispensary at Chunari is not considered necessary as Veterinary aid is being given by the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Lakhipur within the radius of 7 or 8 miles.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re: Electrification of Sorbhog and Barpeta Road Towns

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sorbhog) asked :

292. Will the Minister, Electricity be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Sorbhog and Barpeta Road Towns will be electrified ?
- (b) If so, when ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity) replied :

292. (a) --There is no such proposal until the completion of installation of Sub-transmission lines to the areas from the Gauhati Grid Sub-station of Borapani Power Project in 1964-65.

(b)—As at above.

Plantation of Cashewnut in Assam

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

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

(a) What acreages of Cashewnut plantations have been raised from 1954-55 to 1960-61 and what is the total expenditure incurred from the beginning until the end of 1960-61 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the average production of cashewnuts from 6 year old plantation has come to 5 units per tree against the normal yield of about 500 nuts per tree from the 5 year old cashewnut plantations in other parts of India ?

(c) In view of this, whether Government propose to examine the economic aspect of this project before any further plantation of this species is undertaken in order to save lakhs of rupees now being spent on such apparently unremunerative plantations ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

293. (a), (b) and (c)—Informations are being collected.

Re: Terracing hill slopes in the Sixth Schedule

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

294. Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state —

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Soil Conservation Department has recently undertaken a project of terracing hill slopes in the Sixth Schedule District at a cost of Rs.2,800 an acre against the All India average cost of Rs. 500 in acre ?

- (b) Whether Government will enquire into such lavish expenditure incurred without any control from the Director of Soil Conservation and fix responsibility in this regard ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister of Agriculture) replied :

294. (a)—No. The total cost on creation of 598.50 acres of terraces is Rs. 4,07,455.00Np the average of which come to Rs. 679.00 per acre and this includes cost of provision of irrigation also in terraced areas.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Field Management Committees of Assam

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) The number of Field Management Committees in each Sub-division of Assam which could not hold any sitting since its formation and registration ?
- (b) The number of Field Management Committees in each Sub-division of Assam which could hold only one meeting since their formation and registration in the year 1960 or before ?
- (c) The number of Field Management Committees in each Sub-division of Assam which could hold a meeting at an average interval of 3 months or more ?
- (d) The number of Field Management Committees in each Sub-division of Assam which could hold a meeting regularly in a month ?

296. Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of Field Management Committees in each of the Anchalik Panchayats of Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) The number of Field Management Committees in each of the Anchalik Panchayats of Dibrugarh Subdivision which could hold meetings regularly every month ?
- (c) The number of Field Management Committees in each of the Anchalik Panchayats within Dibrugarh Subdivision which could hold a meeting at the interval of 3 months in the average ?

- (d) The number of Field Management Committees in each of the Anchalik Panchayats in Dibrugarh Subdivision which could hold only one meeting since its formation and registration ?
- (e) The number of Field Management Committees in each of the Anchalik Panchayats of Dibrugarh Subdivision which could not hold any meeting since its formation ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Agriculture) replied:

295. (a) to (d)—Informations are being collected.

296. (a) to (c)—Informations are being collected.

Re: Sale of annual Patta Land

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) How many lessees have sold their annual patta lands in Assam circle-wise since 1957 ?

(b) Whether such sale of annual patta lands are allowed ?

(c) If not, why such sales are allowed ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

297. (a)—The information is furnished in a statement placed on the library table.

For Statement See Library No. S. 157

(b) — Sale of annual patta land is not recognised.

(c)—Does not arise.

Regarding the Annual Session of North Kamrup Public Works Department Mazdoor Sangha

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that the Annual Session of North Kamrup Public Works Department Mazdoor Sangha, with Head Office at Nalbari held its Annual Conference at Nalbari, this year, and has passed a series of resolutions asking the Government of Assam to fulfil some of their demands ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Conference urged upon the Government to immediately appoint a Committee to examine the said condition of Public Works Department Labourers and to fix up a salary, pending which, daily wage to be fix at Rs.2.50 nP. ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Conference asked the Government to make the posts of casual workers permanent, who have served for a period of three years in the Department ?
- (d) Whether it is fact that the Conference urged upon the Government to extend the holidays benefits to all the labourers like that of Muhurris ?
- (e) If so, whether and what decision Government has taken on it ?
- (f) If not, why ?

Shri G. N. GOGOI, [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (R & B Wing)] replied:

298. (a)—Yes.

(b).—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Labour Department has already appointed a Committee to examine and advise the Government in the matter of fixation of minimum wages as provided for in the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. Superintending Engineers have been authorised to sanction higher rates of wages than the minimum fixed by the Government for the Departmental labourers if time and condition demand increased rate of wages. Accordingly a copy of the resolution regarding fixation of daily wages at Rs.2.50 n.P. has been forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for taking action in the light of orders referred to above.

The Departmental labourers are 'Casual Employees' engaged in "No work, No wages 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.

The Muhurris are borne either on regular establishment or on works charged establishment. The Muhurris borne on regular establishment get more holidays than the Muhurris borne on work-charged establishment. As the Muster roll labourers are engaged on day to day basis and are paid on day to day basis, all holidays enjoyed by the Muhurris are not allowed to the Muster Roll labourers.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re: Construction of Gram-Sevak quarters

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

299. Will the Minister of Community Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that certain Gram-Sevak quarters, Medical Sub-Centres and Veterinary Sub Centres within Panitola Anchalik Panchayat could not be constructed due to non-availability of lands ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that local public are willing to part with Grazing Reserves and also there are Sarkari lands in certain cases but the Revenue staff is not taking action or, slow in taking action to give possession of there available lands to the Block Development Officers ?
- (c) What are the schemes that have not yet been executed within Panitola Block for want of land ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Stage I of this Block is going to be over by 31st March, 1961 and those schemes are to be executed during this year ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister in-charge of Development (Panchayat and C. D.)] replied:

299.—Information is being collected.

Re: Present position of the State Veterinary dispensary at Barpeta

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

300. Will the Ministers Veterinary be pleased to state about the present position of the State Veterinary dispensary at Barpeta Town and the progress towards its establishment ?

Shri K. P. TRIPATHI (Minister, Veterinary) replied:

300.—The Veterinary dispensary at Barpeta Town was under the local Board and it was provincialised in October, 1959. Necessary steps are being taken to repair the dispensary buildings.

Re: The accommodation of Police Outpost at Jonai**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

301. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Since when the Police Outpost at Jonai in Murkongsellek transferred area are accommodated in a rented house ?
- (b) What is the monthly rent and what is the total amount paid so far ?
- (c) Whether Government is proposing to construct accommodation for the Police Outposts and quarters for police personnel there ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that this is the only Police Outpost within Murkongsellek transferred area and situated at a distance of more than 35 miles from the Police Station ?
- (e) What is the strength of this Police Outpost ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

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

(b)—Information has been called for.

(c)—Information has been called for.

(d)—Information has been called for.

(e)—Information has been called for.

Re: The grant of Industrial Loans**Md. SAHADAT ALI (South Salmara)** asked :

302. Will the Minister in-charge of Industry will be pleased to state—

- (a) How many people have been granted industrial loans in Goalpara District, since 1959 up-to-date (to be shown Subdivision wise) ?
- (b) Who are the recipients of the said loans in Goalpara District (Showing the amount received by each of them) ?

302(A). Will the Minister-in-charge, Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) How many applications for Small and Cottage Industries grant were received from Goalpara and Dhubri Subdivisions since 1954 till date ?

(b) How many of them were sanctioned and who were the applicants ?

302(B). Will the Minister-in-charge, Small and Cottage Industries be pleased to state—

(a) How many applications for Small and Cottage Industries loan were received from Goalpara and Dhubri Subdivisions since 1954 till date ?

(b) How many of them were sanctioned and who were the applicants (the amount of loan applied for by each and the amount sanctioned to be shown) ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

302. (a) & (b) —The information is being collected.

302(A). (a) & (b) —The information is being collected.

302(B). (a) & (b) —The information is being collected.

Re: The Loan recommended by the Cottage Industries Loan Board

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

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

(a) What was the amount of loan recommended by the last Cottage Industries Loan Board to Political Sufferers ?

(b) What was the amount sanctioned and paid so far ?

(c) What is the number of recommended cases awaiting sanctioned and payment ?

(d) When Government propose to finalise payment in those cases ?

(e) What is the date on which the Board sat last ?

(f) What is the number of new loan applications from Political Sufferers at present pending with the Government ?

(g) When these new cases will be taken up by the Board ?

(h) What is the total amount involved in these new cases ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) replied :

303. (a) to (h) —The information is being collected.

Re: President of Chabua Pulunga Gaon Sabha**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the President of Chabua Pulunga Gaon Sabha within Panitola Anchalik Panchayat expired on 3rd April, 1961 and no bye-election has yet been made ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the representative to Panitola Anchalik Panchayat from this Chabua Pulunga Gaon Sabha also expired in the month of March last and no bye-election has yet been made ?
- (c) What is the minimum period within which a bye election should be held in a Panchayat when vacancy occurs due to expiry of members ?
- (d) Why there is delay of more than 6 months in holding the bye-elections of this Gaon Sabha ?
- (e) When the bye-election will take place ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister in-charge, Development (Panchayat and C.D.)] replied :

304—Information is being collected.

Re: Cases of Anchalik Panchayats**Sbri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

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

- (a) In how many cases the 1961-62 budgets of Anchalik Panchayats were passed automatically as their respective Mahakuma Parishads did not take steps to scrutinise and pass within a month ?
- (b) The name of Mahakuma Parishad under whose jurisdiction the largest number of Anchalik Panchayat budgets passed automatically this year, i.e., 1961-62?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister in-charge of Development (Panchayat & C. D.)] replied.

305. Information is being collected.

Re: The Velocity of Current of Nadlajan under S. D. O., Nalbari

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the velocity of current of Nadlajan under S. D. O., Nalbari in the District of Kamrup is now much more havier and bigger than it was before ?
- (b) Whether the Government is aware that this Jan caused damage to hundred of acres of paddy field in the year 1959-1960 and its embankments are yet to be completed ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there is no provision to raise regular and systematic embankments on either side of the Jan ?
- (d) Considering the extent of damage and extensity of volumes of water whether Government is considering to raise regular and permanent embankments on either side of the Jan ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister-in-charge, P.W.D. (F. C.&I. Wing) etc.] replied:

306. (a)—There is no such development.

(b)&(c)—When the Nadlajan was excavated for improving the drainage of the area the spoils thrown on the banks formed short stretches of embankments of irregular formation in a length of about 3 miles down stream from the Railway line. No regular embankments were constructed along the banks of the Jan. Hence there are no embankments to be completed. The flood problems of the area is interconnected with that of a much greater area which falls in the grip of flood of two or more rivers. For relieving flood congestion of the entire area, investigation and collection of data for preparing a comprehensive scheme as advised by Government of India, as under progress.

(d) In view of reply above, it does nor arise.

Re: The treatment of Srimati Maykon in the Marigoan State Dispensary

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

307. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact a woman (named Srimati Maykon) sister of one Suren Kakati of Barargabari goan under Marigoan Police State in the district of Nowgong was admitted as an outdoor patient on the 23rd August 1961, and treated in Marigoan State Dispensary ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that she has been treated for gun-shot injury ?
- (c) If not, for what ailment she has been treated ?
- (d) If the reply to (b) above is in the affirmative whether the Marigoan police have investigated the matter ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

307. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—According to the entry made in the outdoor register of Marigoan health unit, Maykon was treated for Pellet injury but according to statement of the injured woman she sustained a slight injury due to a fall.

(d)—No Police investigation was made as Maykon and he husband Tuleswar Kakati did not file any case.

Re: The misfired and injury causing to Srimati Maykon

Shri DHIRSINGH DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

308. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Which period of a year is prohibited for shooting wild animals and birds in the State ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that one constable by name Moffij of Marigoan Police Station using the gun belonging to the present Officer in-charge of Marigoan Police Station while shooting wild birds on 23rd August 1961, misfired and injured Shrimati Maykon, sister of one Suren Kakaty ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Marigoan Police refused to enter the information and complaint submitted by Shri Suren Kakati in this regard ?
- (d) Whether Government be pleased to make an enquiry in this regard through higher Agency ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

308. (a)—According to the condition of the respective licenses the shooting of wild animals and birds are prohibited during the close seasons. Different close seasons have been prescribed for different kinds of animals and birds. Generally close seasons have been prescribed from 1st March to 30th September of the each year.

(b)—No. The Officer-in-charge, Marigoan Police Station Sub-Inspector Umarali Khan used his own gun when shooting a Cobra on 23rd August 1961. It cannot be definitely stated whether a stray pellet hit the woman. Both the Officer-in-Charge and the woman denied the allegation.

(c)—Though Suren Kakati stated that he lodged a complaint in this connection at Morigaon Police Station, there is no corroborative evidence in support.

(d)—Local enquiry was made by Deputy Superintendent of Police, Head Quarter, Nowgong, into this matter. The injured woman and her husband were examined. They denied the allegation completely and are not prepared to proceed with the matter.

Re: the Establishment of Public Health Dispensaries at Diroi Reserve

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the questioner has been moving for establishment of Public Health Dispensaries at Diroi Reserve, Borpathar, Sepon, Kakotibari, Palengi or Thowdole, Nitai, Akhoiphutia, Chengelibari and Kanubari, since last 4 years ?

(b) If so, whether the said proposals were included in the 3rd Five Year Plan ?

(c) If not, what are the reasons ?

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

309. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—For want of provision.

Re: Agriculture Demonstrator of Dingdinga Bazar

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

310. Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) Who is the Agriculture Demonstrator at Dingdinga Bazar ?

(b) For how many years he has been working as Agriculture Demonstrator at this place ?

(c) What are the duties of an Agriculture Demonstrator ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that this particular Demonstrator is issuing seeds and fertilizers only ?

(e) Whether Government is aware that the public has been very much dissatisfied with him?

(f) If so, what steps Government propose to take to remove the grievances of the public?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Agriculture)
replied :

310. (a)—Shri Arun Chandra Borkakati.

(b)—Since 1st September 1959.

(c)—(i) To give technical guidance to the cultivators.

(ii) To supply Seed, Manures, Implements, Pesticides, Equipments and such other things which are necessary to take up improved cultivation by the cultivators as per departmental scheme.

(iii) To carry out extension work amongst the cultivators by way of demonstration, etc.

(iv) To give all possible help to the Field Management Committees to prepare their field plans correctly.

(d)—No. He is entrusted with all works as mentioned in reply to question (c) above.

(e)—Government have no such information.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re: Veterinary Dispensary at Nemuguri

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

(a) Whether the public as well as the questioner moved since last four years for establishment of a Veterinary Dispensary at Nemuguri in Sibsagar Subdivision?

(b) If so, whether Government have finalised the proposal for the same?

(c) What are the names of the dispensaries proposed to be opened during 3rd Five Year Plan in Sibsagar Subdivision?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Veterinary)
replied :

311. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The proposal is under examination.

(c)—Bokota, Marabazar, Nemuguri and Lakwa.

Re: Loan issued through Land Mortgage Bank

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked:

312. Will the Minister, Veterinary be pleased to refer to the reply to unstarred question No.166 asked by the questioner on 23rd March, 1961 on the subject of sanction of Livestock Loan and state—

(a) What steps have so far been taken by Government to sanction livestock loan to petitioners through the Land Mortgage Bank ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that a branch of Land Mortgage Bank has been opened at Tezpur ?

(c) Whether the power and fund and connected papers have been placed at the disposal of the said Bank to issue loan ?

(d) When the said loan will be made available ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Veterinary)

312. (a)—Government have decided to issue livestock loan through the Central Land Mortgage Bank and the Bank has already been authorised to issue livestock loan through their agencies with effect from 1960-61. The applications were forwarded to Land Mortgage Bank who in turn have sent the applications to Primary Land Mortgage Bank for causing enquiry, etc.

(b)—Yes, there is a Primary Land Mortgage Bank at Tezpur.

(c)—Yes, as mentioned at (a) above.

(d)—It is expected that the Central Land Mortgage Bank, Gauhati after observing all the formalities as provided under Land Mortgage Bank rules will shortly issue the loan.

**Appointment of Road Muharrer under Dhamdhama and Goreswar
Public Works Department Subdivision**

Shri BAIKUNTHA NATH DAS [Rangiya (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) How many Road Muharrirs were appointed under Dhamdhama and Goreswar Public Works Department Subdivisions since the establishment of the same ?
- (b) How many of them are Tribals ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to lay on the Library Table a list containing the names and addresses of the Muharrir with their qualifications ?

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

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

**Re: Accident of late Jaliram Dutta, ex-Road Muharrir serving
under Subdivisional Officer, Nalbari**

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Jaliram Dutta a road Muharrir serving under Subdivisional Officer, Nalbari in the N. K. Division, died of motor accident on 26th March 1959 just near the office compound at Nalbari while he was on official duty ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he has left his widowed wife and a few minor children ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that just after the accident some important papers including a letter addressed to him by the Subdivisional Officer, and his bicycle were seized by the Nalbari Police ?
- (d) Whether Government is aware that Shrimati Giribala Dutta, the widow of the deceased Road Muharrir wrote letters to the Executive Engineer on 19th July 1961 asking him about the position of the case and also to make necessary arrangements to return the bicycle ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Executive Engineer by his Memo. No.G.S./8/68/11/12389, dated 13th September 1961 informed Shrimati Giribala Dutta that his office has not received any information of the case from the police thana ?
- (f) Whether any police case has been registered in the Nalbari thana against the driver and the owner of the Bus No.ASK—3698 for the accident and killing of Shri Jaliram Dutta ?
- (g) Whether any compensation has been asked for by Shrimati Giribala Dutta ?
- (h) If so, what steps have been taken by the authorities concerned ?

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

314.—The information is not readily available and is being collected.

Re : The Leprosy dispensary at Joema

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

315. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is a Leprosy dispensary at Joema near Gossaigaon ?
- (b) If so, when it has been established ?
- (c) Whether the dispensary is functioning ?
- (d) Who is Doctor there ?
- (e) How many patients have been treated there since its establishment ?

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

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

Re: The residential quarter for Compounder of the Kalabari State Dispensary

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

316. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any residential quarter for compounder of the Kalabari State Dispensary ?
- (b) If not since when it has not been in existence ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that such a quarter is most essential there for want of which the compounder and his family are in great hardship at present ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that there is already a proposal for construction of compounder's quarter there and that it is expected to be executed during this year ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

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

(d)—Yes and in according Administrative Approval action is being taken. Pending this a sum of Rs.1,730·46 nP. has already been sanctioned to Civil Surgeon, Darrang for carrying out essential repairs to the buildings this year.

Re : The quarters for the Staff of the Kachugaon Public Health Unit

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked :

317. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the quarters for the staff for the Kachugaon Public Health Unit are not sufficient ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that some of the staff members have been serving from Gossaigaon living in rented house ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to build quarters for all the staff members for smooth running of the Unit ?

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

317. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Information is being collected.

(c)—Yes.

Re: The conversion of Neamati Subsidised Dispensary into a State Dispensary

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

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge, Medical lately visited Neamati Subsidised Dispensary in the Gauhati Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the public demanded the said Dispensary to be converted into a State Dispensary ?
- (c) If so, why it has not been converted as yet ?
- (d) Whether Government will be pleased to take up this Dispensary and convert into a State Dispensary during the current financial year ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

318. (a)—Yes, the Minister-in-charge, Medical visited sometime back the Nij-namati. No such dispensary named after 'Neamati' however exists in the Gauhati Subdivision.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—In view of present financial stringency, it will not be possible for Government to take over any Subsidised Dispensary during the current year.

Re: The present position of the Barpeta Sub-jail

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

319. Will the Minister, Jails be pleased to state about the present position of the Barpeta Sub-jail and the progress towards its establishments ?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Jails) replied :

319.—The revised scheme of the project is still under preparation by the P.W.D. The scheme will be considered as soon as it is received by Government.

Re: the Raha-Jagi Kollong-Kapilli Bund

Shri DHIRSING DEURI [Laharighat (Reserved [for Scheduled Tribes])] asked :

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

- (a) Whether the village of Ghulisuba and a part of Jagi-Bhakatgaon falls outside the Raha-Jagi Kollong-Kapilli Bund in the District of Nowgong ?
- (b) If so, whether Government is aware that these two villages are to face the intensity of flood water annually and remain submerged and at the mercy of Kollong and Kapilli River ?
- (c) Whether the said bund is high enough to protect the paddy fields north of it ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that this bund suffers from breaches every year causing untold damages to crops ?
- (e) Whether the Chief Engineer P. W. D. (E. & D.) personally visited the locality on the 18th March, 1961 together with the questioner and Shri D. Bharali and other public ?
- (f) If so, what steps Government have taken in the meantime ?
- (g) Whether the Government in view of the hardship to these villages will be pleased to consider to divert the bund including the area of these two villages ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS [Minister-in-charge, P. W. D. (E. & D.)] replied :

320. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—It gives protection to the paddy fields to the extent meant for.

(d)—Due to extraordinary flood which visited the area last year, the bund breached in places from 32nd to 34th mile by over-topping and as a result there was inundation and over-topping of the P. W. D. Road to which it is butting. Some damages were caused due to this but the paddy crops in most portions survived after the flood subsided. There was no breach of the bund this year.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—A rough estimate amounting to Rs.31,900 for construction of a ring bund has been framed but after considering the merits and de-merits of such construction, it was found that the proposal was not technically and economically sound due to active erosion in the reach proposed to be constructed and also due to very small area to be benefited. Moreover, no fund was made available from Mayang Development Block, from which it was proposed to be taken up.

(g)—In view of reply to (f) above, this does not arise.

Re: The Chechajan Channel in Thowra Mouza**Shri DURGES VAR SAIKIA (Thowra)** asked:

321. Will the Minister in-charge of Embankment and Drainage be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government is aware that due to the Chechajan channel in Thowra Mouza of Sibsagar Subdivision, entire western parts of the said mouza have been affected by floods, for which cultivators have been deprived of harvest?

(b) Whether the proposal for digging a channel to Dimow river and closing of the Chechajan Channel was considered by Government?

(c) If not, what steps Government propose to take?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister in-charge, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing etc., etc.) replied:

321. (a) —Yes, to some extent.

(b) —It is under investigation.

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

Re: The conversion of Thumna Dispensary into State Dispensary

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

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

(a) Whether Government will be pleased to convert Thumna Subsidised Dispensary under the Gauhati Subdivision into a State Dispensary during the current financial year?

(b) If not, why not?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied:

322. (a) —No.

(b) —In view of the present financial stringency, it will not be possible for Government to take over any subsidised dispensary during the current year.

Assam Medical College Hospital

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

323. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state--

(a) Whether Government is aware that there is a constant complaint from the patients of the Hospital of the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh ?

(b) Whether Government will be pleased to give the current year's rate of the undernoted dietary articles supplied by the Contractors to the Assam Medical College Hospital, Dibrugarh and also the current year's market rates at Dibrugarh Town ?

1. Meat,

2. Fish,

3. Milk and

4. Vegetables.

(d) The quality of washing soda required monthly by the Medical College Hospital for washing the hospital linens ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that certain Contractor was supplying washing soda mixed with common salt and was detected in November, 1958 ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that samples of this adulterated washing soda was sent for analysis in the Chemistry and Pharmacological laboratories of the Assam Medical College and was found to contain 80 per cent of common salt (sodium chloride) ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that no action was taken against this Contractor and he is still a regular supply Contractor of both dietary and miscellaneous articles of the Assam Medical College and of the Hospital ?

(h) How and on what consideration the Contractor for supply to the Hospital are allowed by the authorities ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA, (Medical Minister) replied :

323. (a)—Government are not aware of constant complaints from the patients of the Assam Medical College Hospital, Dibrugarh. In April 1961 an ex-patient and some patients sent an anonymous complaint regarding supply of dietary articles in the Hospital and, on enquiry, the complaints were found to be baseless.

(b)—The rate are:—

Article	Contract rate	Market rate as per supply Department
	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
1. Meat (He-goat) ...	3.62 per seer ...	3.50 to 4.00 per seer.
2. Fish (Medium and Big).	2.12 per seer ..	Rahu 4.50 to 5.00 per seer.
		Bahu 4.50 to 5.00 per seer.
		Pulthia 4.50 to 5.00 per seer.
		Sital 4.50 to 5.00 per seer.
		Kurhi 2.50 to 3.00 per seer.
		Mali 2.50 to 3.50 per seer.
		Pabha 2.00 to 3.00 per seer.
		Bhagon 2.00 to 3.00 per seer.
		Cheni 1.50 to 2.00 per seer.
		Sol 1.50 to 2.00 per seer.
3. Milk ...	15.50 per maund	Cows 0.75 to 2.00 per seer.
		Buffalow 1.00 per seer.
4. Vegetable (Seasonal)	9.75 per maund	Cabages 0.75 to 1.25 per seer.
		Cauliflower 2.00 to 1.50 per seer.
		Turmeries 1.50 to 1.50 per seer.
		Tomato 2.00 to 2.50 per seer.
		Papaya 0.12 to 0.50 per seer.
		Jhika 0.37 to 0.50 per seer.
		Bhendi 0.75 to 1.00 per seer.

(d)—The requirement of washing soda is about 320 lb. per month.

(e)—Yes, one contractor was supplying adulterated washing soda and this was detected in April 1959 and in November 1958.

(f)—The test in the Pharmacological Department revealed sufficient amount of chloride with very low percentage of carbonates.

(g)—The Contractor was severely warned and supply of washing soda by him was refused after the detection and he has not since then been given the contract for supply of washing soda.

(h)—Lowest rate is the main consideration coupled with satisfactory supply in past years.

Re: The Project of taming the small tributary 'Solengi'

Shri BISHNU LAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked:

324. Will the Minister in-charge of Public Works Department (Em-bankment and Drainage) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether in view of the reply to Unstarred Question No.259(e) asked by the Questioner on 24th March 1961 Government propose to take up the project of taming the small tributary 'Solengi' in the first part of the 3rd 5-Year Plan period?

(b) What is the estimated cost of the project?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied:

324. (a)—No.

(b)—The estimated cost of the project is Rs.4,45,000.

Re: Murder of Poali Singh Thakur

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked:

325. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) When Poali Singh Thakur was murdered?

(b) What is the value of his property?

(c) Whether the case has been properly inquired into?

(d) If so, whether any clue to the murder has been obtained?

(e) If not, whether Government propose to make a thorough enquiry?

(f) Why the case has not been finally disposed of?

(g) Why there has been inordinate delay in investigating this case?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

325. (a)—Poali Singh Thakur was murdered on 20th January 1961 at about 7 P. M.

(b)—Approximate value of his joint properties both in Assam and Bihar would be about Rupees one lakh and fifty thousand.

(c)—The case has been under proper investigation, conducted under the direct supervision of the Subdivisional Police Officer and C. I., Barpeta.

(d)—No clue has been obtained yet.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The Deputy Inspector General of Police (Range), Assam also supervised the investigation and deputed one C. I. D., Inspector to Bihar, the native place of the deceased to clarify some important points but was not successful there.

(g) There has been some delay in investigating the case as it is to be investigated both in Assam and Bihar.

Regarding Seizure of a Gun

Miri. TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

326. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Officer-in-charge, Barpeta Police Station seized one S. B. B. L. gun No. 7090 with the licence No. 28 in the name of and from the possession of Hazrat Ali Sarkar of Khablarvitha in the year 1948, with the strength of Deputy Commissioners order, dated 11th September 1948 and the same was kept in the safe custody ?

(b) Why the Gun was seized ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that all other guns seized at that time with strength of that order have been returned to the owners later ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that this gun has not been returned to the owner as yet ?

(e) Why the matter is pending for such a long time ?

(f) Whether the gun will be returned to the owner ?

(g) If so, when ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

326. (a) to (g)—Information has been called for.

Re: Social Education Organiser of Murkongsellek Sadiya M. P. C. D. Block

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

327. Will the Minister of Development be pleased to state—

- (a) When the Social Education Organiser of Murkongsellek Sadiya M. P. C. D. Block was transferred from there ?
- (b) Why a new S. E. O. has not yet been posted to this block so long ?
- (c) Who is looking after the duties of the S. E. O. of the M.P.C.D. Block which is over 1,121 square miles ?

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

327. (a)—On 28th December, 1959.

(b)—The S. E. O. of Kapili Development Block was transferred and posted to Murkongsellek Sadiya M. P. C. D. Block on 28th December, 1959 but as he was engaged in census work, he could not be relieved by the B. D. O. of Kapili Development Block. Then, another S. E. O. was transferred and posted to Murkongsellek M. P. C. D. Block but he went on leave. So, for some time there was no S. E. O. in Murkongsellek Sadiya M. P. C. D. Block. The Officer has, however, since joined the Block.

(c)—When there was no S. E. O. in the Block, the B. D. O. with the help of the V. L. Ws. looked after the Social Education Programme, as far as possible. The question, however, does not arise now, as the S. E. O. has joined the Block.

Re: Number of Scholarships awarded to Tea Garden Students

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom-Dooma) asked :

328. Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to state the total number of scholarships awarded to tea garden and ex-tea garden students of all categories during 1960 and till 31st August, 1961 ?

Shri MAHAM SINGH (Minister, T.A.D.) replied :

328. The students belonging to tea garden and ex-tea garden tribes, as communities belonging to the Other Backward Classes, are eligible to both post-matric scholarships as well as special scholarships under the Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme and the Special Scholarship Scheme for other Backward Classes. No separate accounts are maintained in Director of Public Instruction's Office community-wise, and hence it is not possible to give the exact number of scholarships under each of these schemes, awarded to the students belonging to tea garden and ex-tea garden tribes. In respect of post-matric scholarships, last year all

eligible students belonging to these tribes were awarded scholarships irrespective of the divisions in which they were placed. This year it has been decided to renew the post-matric scholarships awarded last year subject to a student passing the annual examination, but in respect of fresh scholarships it is still under consideration of Government whether the principle adopted last year will be followed this year also.

In respect of special scholarships for Middle English and High School stages under the scheme of special scholarships to other Backward Classes the award is subject to merit-*cum*-means test. But certain preference is given to students belonging to these tribes.

In addition to the above scholarships 22 Middle English scholarships and 20 Primary scholarships are awarded under the normal provision of the Education Department Rules and Orders. Some Basic School scholarships are also awarded annually to students belonging to these tribes from out of the Basic Education Budget.

Regarding Number of Dispensaries and Hospitals for the Autonomous Districts and Autonomous Regions during Second Plan.

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

329. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What was the total number of Dispensaries and Hospitals sanctioned by the Planning Commission under Art. 275 of the Constitution for the Autonomous Districts and the Autonomous Regions during the Second Plan period ?
- (b) Out of these what was the actual total number of Dispensaries and Hospitals completely established by the end of the Second Plan Period ?
- (c) Where are these Dispensaries and Hospitals located ?
- (d) Whether these Dispensaries and Hospitals have been equipped and necessary medical personnel provided ?
- (e) What was the total number of Dispensaries and Hospitals sanctioned by the State Government in the general sector of the Plan Programme for the Autonomous districts and the Autonomous Regions during the Second Plan period ?
- (f) Out of these what was the actual number of Dispensaries and Hospitals established by the end of the Second Plan Period ?
- (g) What was the total number of Dispensaries and Hospitals established under normal budget in the Autonomous Districts and the Autonomous Regions during the Second Plan period ?

Shri MAHAM SINGH, (Minister, Tribal Areas & Welfare of Backward Classes Department) replied:

329. (a)—Physical target, including the spill over projects and reconstruction of a Dispensary—65.

(b)—Twelve.

- (c)—1. Diphu (Mikir Hills)
 2. Jowai (United Khasi-Jaintia Hills).
 3. Umden (United Khasi-Jaintia Hills).
 4. Selsella (Garro Hill).
 5. Sibbari (Garro Hills).
 6. Kherapara (Garro Hills).
 7. Kawrthah (Mizo District).
 8. Howraghat (Mikir Hills).
 9. Harangajao (North Cachar Hills).
 10. Dillaj (Mikir Hills)
 11. Mohendijua (Mikir Hills).
 12. Borgaon (Mikir Hills).

(d)—Yes, except the dispensaries at Umden (United Khasi-Jaintia Hills), Dillai (Mikir Hills), Kherapara (Garro Hills), Kawrthah (Mizo district), and Borgaon (Mikir Hills) which are being run by compounders to dearth of Doctors.

(e) & (f)—Shifting of the Shillong Civil Hospital was the only scheme taken up in the Autonomous Districts under the General Sector of the Second Plan.

(g)—The following projects were sanctioned during the Second Plan from the normal budget of the State in the Autonomous Districts :—

1. Bhoi Area dispensaries (United Khasi-Jaintia Hills).
2. Barapani dispensary (United Khasi-Jaintia Hills).
3. Medical Treatment Centre at Marngar (United Khasi-Jaintia Hills).
4. Dalu C. D. Block—10 bedded Hospital with one sub-centre at Sisengapara (Garro Hills).
5. Bokajan six bedded indoor ward (Mikir Hills).
6. Howraghat C. D. Block six bedden hospital with Maternity and Child Welfare Centre and two sub-centres at Lahing and Rajapathar, (Mikir Hills.)

Re: A Dispensary for North Bihali near Kulaguri**Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur)** asked :

330. Will the Medical Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there has been a public demand of a dispensary under Art. 275 to the North of Bihali near Kulaguri ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the District Public Health Officer on direction of the Government visited this area in July, 1959 and selected a site near the diversion of the North Trunk Road from which the extension of Old Behali Road leads to Bihmari, Mikirgaon for this purpose ?
- (c) Whether the Plains Tribal people of the villages Sialmari, Bihmari, Bagijuli, etc., have any facility for medical treatment?
- (d) What is the distance to Bihali State Dispensary from these villages ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to establish a dispensary at the above place under Art. 275 next year ?
- (f) If not, why ?

Shri MAHAM SINGH (Minister, T. A. D.) replied :

330 (a)—Yes.

(b) —Yes.

(c)&(d)—Information has been called from the Civil Surgeon, Tezpur, whose report is awaited.

(e)&(f) As the next year's programme is yet to be finalised this case will be taken up for consideration at that time.

Regarding Submission of schemes by Anchalik Panchayats for removal of untouchability, etc.

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

331. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayats (Community Development) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a circular from Deputy Commissioner, Darrang under Memo DTA.L. 4/60/10, dated 8th March, 1961, was issued to all Anchalik Panchayats for submission of Schemes within the amount allotted to them under Removal of Untouchability and Centrally Sponsored Programme for 1960-61 ?

- (b) Whether Chayduar Anchalik Panchayat submitted the schemes to Deputy Commissioner on 6th February, 1961 and got his approval?
- (c) Whether the progress-report, completion-report utilisation certificates, duplicate vouchers had been submitted to him by the said Panchayat in time?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the entire grant of the Tezpur Sub-division under the above head lapsed and the Chayduar Anchalik Panchayat is now in a very awkward position being not in a position to pay the bills against the approved Schemes?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Water Supply Schemes under the head other Backward Classes people for 1960-61 had been properly executed by the Chayduar Anchalik Panchayat and it is now not in a position to pay the bills against the approved schemes the Subdivisional grant being lapsed?

(f) If so, what would be the remedy of these Lapses?

Shri MAHAM SINGH (Minister, T. A. D.) replied:

331. (a)—Government has not received information to the effect, but a report has already been called for from Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, which is still awaited. Government will inform the hon. Member the exact position on receipt of Deputy Commissioner's report.

(b) and (c)—Covered by reply to (a).

(d)—Last year the allotments for Rural Water Supply were made as given below to the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, for Tezpur Sub-division with instructions to submit schemes for formal sanction, and also to submit at the same time the utilisation certificates for the grants released in the preceding year.

(1) Removal of Untouchability Programme ... Rs.3,751

(2) Centrally Sponsored Programme for Welfare of Scheduled Castes. Rs.1,275

As the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang could not furnish the utilisation certificates, for the grants of the preceding year before the close of the last financial year, the above grants could not be released and hence they lapsed. Government will however consider how last year's committed expenditure can be accommodated from out of the current year's provision.

(e)—Government has not received information to the effect. The hon. Member will, however, be informed as soon as the report from Deputy Commissioner, as called for, is received. Last year an allotment of Rs 2,827 was made to the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang, for Tezpur Sub-division under the Rural Water Supply Programme for Other Backward Classes. But for the similar reasons explained in reply to (d) above the amount could not be released. Hence the amount lapsed.

(f)—Government will try as far as possible to accommodate the committed liabilities of last year from current year's provision for Rural Water Supply.

Regarding recurring, non-recurring, building grants, etc., sanctioned for the Middle English, Middle Vernacular, Lower Primary, High English and other educational institutions within West-Nalbari Assembly Constituency

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari West) asked :

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

- (a) What is the total amount of grant recurring, non-recurring, building grants, etc., sanctioned for the Middle English, Middle Vernacular, Lower Primary, High English and other educational institutions falling within the West-Nalbari Assembly Constituency since 31st March, 1957 to 31st August, 1961 ?
- (b) What is the amount so allotted for different types of Lower Primary Basic and Middle Vernacular Schools of the above area during the aforesaid period ?
- (c) What is the amount allotted to Middle English, Middle Vernacular and Junior Madrasas and Senior Madrasas of the above area during the said period ?
- (d) What is the basis of allotment of these grants ?
- (e) Whether this basis has been applied to all such schools in different parts of Assam.
- (f) If not, why ?

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

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

(c) to (f)—Information is being collected.

Re: Number of High, Middle English and Middle Vernacular and Senior Basic Schools in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) The number of High Schools within the area of each of the Anchalik Panchayats in Dibrugarh Subdivision showing the number of Government aided and Venture High Schools separately ?
- (b) The number of Middle English Schools within the area of each of the Anchalik Panchayats within Dibrugarh Subdivision showing the number of Venture and Aided Middle English Schools separately ?
- (c) The number of Middle Vernacular and Senior Basic Schools in each of the Anchalik Panchayats within Dibrugarh Subdivision showing the number managed by Government School Board and still Venture separately ?

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

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

Number of Gaon Panchayats with production sub-Committees of the Anchalik Panchayats within Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

334. Will the Minister Panchayats be pleased to state—

(a) The number of Panchayats which formed their production sub-Committees in each of the Anchalik Panchayats within Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) How many of these production sub-Committees received guidance from the Agricultural Officials ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat and C.D.) replied :

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

Re: Admission of students belonging to other Backward classes in the Engineering College of Assam

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

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

(a) What is the number of students belonging to other Backward Classes admitted in 1961-62 to the (i) Gauhati Engineering College (ii) Jorhat Engineering College ?

(b) Whether any special consideration was made regarding admission of Other Backward Classes candidates ?

(c) What is the total number of student admitted in 1961-62 in the two Engineering Colleges ?

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

335. (a)—Twenty-four Backward candidates admitted at the Assam Engineering College, Gauhati during 1961-62.

Eleven Backward candidates admitted at the Jorhat Engineering College, Jorhat during 1961-62.

(b)—No special consideration or privilege is given to Backward classes.

(c)—At the Assam Engineering College, Gauhati 120 students admitted this year—C. E. 65, M. E. 26 and E. E. 29.

At the Jorhat Engineering College, Jorhat, 60 students admitted this year in C. E.

Re: Replacement of the Medical Officer of the Murkongsellek-Sadiya M.P.C.D. Block

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

336. Will the Minister of Development be pleased to state—

- (a) When the Medical Officer of Murkongsellek-Sadiya M.P.C.D. Block resigned ?
- (b) Why a replacement was not yet been made ?
- (c) Who is responsible for the Medical Schemes of the Block now ?

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

336 (a) to (c)—Information have been called for.

Re: Delay in issuing Mark-sheets to the candidates under the Gauhati University

Shri KHOGENDEA NATH BARBARUAH (Anguri) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Gauhati University makes unnecessary delay in issuing the Mark-list of the candidates though the required sum is deposited by them ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that this inordinate delay puts the candidates in great trouble and hardships ?

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

337.(a)&(b)—Information are being collected.

Re: The number of L.P. Schools and Junior Basic Schools

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) The number of L.P. Schools and Junior Basic Schools both Government and under School Board in different areas of Anchalik Panchayat in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) The number of Venture L.P. Schools in each of the Anchalik Panchayats in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (c) The number of L.P. Schools under School Board Mauza-wise in respect of Kakapathar, Panitola, Hapjan, Lohual and Barbaruah Anchalik Panchayats in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

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

338 (a)—Number of L.P. and Junior Basic Schools maintained by the School Board and Government in different Anchalik Panchayat in Dibrugarh Subdivision—

Name of Anchalik Panchayat			School Board	Government
1. Tenggakhat Anchalik Panchayat	..	..	106	4
2. Joypore	..	..	140	1
3. Morkong Chelek	..	..	..	58
4. Dhemaji	..	..	152	..
5. Panitola	..	..	62	..
6. Khowang	..	..	104	6
7. Borborooah	..	..	31	5
8. Lohowal	..	..	63	..
9. Kakapathar	..	..	104	1
10. Hapjan	..	..	48	..
11. Margherita	..	..	43	4

(b)—Number of Venture L.P. Schools in each Anchalik Panchayat—

1. Tenggakhat Anchalik Panchayat	..	..	..	..	5
2. Joypore	..	..	..	..	10
3. Dhemaji	..	..	..	..	12
4. Panitola	..	..	..	..	1
5. Khowang	..	..	..	..	4
6. Borborooah	..	..	..	..	2
7. Lahool	..	..	..	..	4
8. Kekopathar	..	..	..	..	11
9. Hapjan	..	..	..	..	9
10. Margherita	..	..	..	..	7

(c)—Mauza-wise number of L.P. Schools of the following—

Anchalik Panchayat	Mouzas	No. of Schools
1. Panitola Anchalik Panchayat	.. (a) Ghorhandi ..	30
	(b) Bogdung ..	27
	(c) Pulunga ..	5
2. Borborooah „ „	.. (a) Laruah ..	17
	(b) Jamirah ..	17
	(c) Mancota ..	24
3. Lahowal „ „	... (a) Rohmorla ..	12
	(b) Lahowal ..	30
	(c) Moderkhat ..	21
4. Kakopathar „ „	.. (a) Saikhowa ..	61
	(b) Buridhinbing ..	28
	(c) Doom_Dooma ..	15
5. Hapjan „ „	... (a) Hapjan ..	18
	(b) Tingrai ..	17
	(c) Rongagora ..	17
	(d) Tinsukia ..	6

Re: Freeships for the Backward Students

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

339. Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

- Whether the amount of money, viz., one lakh and odd sanctioned as freeships (fresh) in 1960-61 for the student of other Backward classes reading in different recognised High and M. E. Schools of the State was distributed ?
- What was the allotment Subdivision-wise ?
- How was the distribution made in each Subdivision and whether any Committee was formed for the purpose ?
- Whether it is a fact that money allotted has not been distributed up till now in some subdivisions ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that some schools were deprived of the benefit because no intimation was given to them to send applications from the students ?
- (f) What was the procedure adopted for intimating the school authorities about the Grant ?
- (g) Whether Government propose to take necessary steps so that all school authorities receive timely information about such grants ?

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

339. (a)—The amount of Rs.1,03,320 sanctioned as free-studentships to the students of other Backward classes reading in recognised Secondary schools during 1960-61 was distributed to the Deputy Inspector of Schools concerned during April-May, 1961 for disbursement to the deserving students. (The progress of action has not yet been received from most of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools.)

(b)—A copy of the Subdivisionwise distribution is placed on the Library table.

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(c)—The distribution was made on the basis of student population of other Backward Classes Subdivision-wise and Subdivisional Committees were constituted for this purpose.

(d)—Confirmation has been received from some of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools about the distribution of the grant in some Subdivisions while reports are awaited from the remaining ones. Instructions are being issued to expedite the report from them.

(e)—We have no information.

(f)—The Deputy Inspectors of Schools were advised to call for applications from all intending students belonging to Other Backward Classes reading in High and M. E. Schools as directed by Government.

(g)—Yes, through advertisement and circulars as far as practicable.

Re: Rupahi Union Co-operative Fishery and Farming Society, Ltd.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

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

- (a) Who are the Chairman and Secretary of the Rupahi Union Co-operative Fishery and Farming Society, Limited in the District of Nowgong for 1960-61 ?

- (b) What is the total members of the said Society ?
- (c) What is the paid up share capital of the Society ?
- (d) What are the total liabilities of the Society (i) loan and (ii) arrears of Revenue for Fishery ?
- (e) How many fisheries are settled with the Society ?
- (f) Whether any Government land has been settled with the society from the Forest Reserve for cultivation ?
- (g) If so, what is the total area allotted to the society ?
- (h) Whether the soccety is engaged in Farming ?
- (i) If so, whether it is managed as a joint Farming system with the holdings of members bringing to a pool to the Society or Co-operative Farming with the common land belonging to the Society ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that that the D. F. O., Nowgong has detected that the society have encroached upon a big area in Lawkhowa Forest Reserve ?
- (k) If so, what area has been encroached upon ?
- (l) What steps Government has proposed to take in this regard ?
- (m) Whether it is a fact that the Department had decided for cancellation of registration of the society or to allow the society to continue on condition that the present Secretary be changed ?
- (n) If so, whether the society has acted on the direction of the Government ?
- (o) In which year the Society was audited ?
- (p) Whether the balance sheets were placed before the Society and the objections were replied or met ?
- (q) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the Society have submitted many representations of the appropriate Authorities including the Minister pointing out certain irregularities committed by the Secretary ?
- (r) If so, what steps were taken in this regard ?
- (s) How many cases are pending in the Criminal Court against the Society ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister) replied :

340. (a), (b) (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p), (q), (r) & (s)—Information is being collected.

Re: Nowgong Jute Baling Co-operative Society Ltd.

Shri RAM NATH SARMA (Lumding) asked :

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

- (a) Who is the Chairman of the Nowgong Jute Baling Co-operative Society Ltd. ?
- (b) What is the paid up capital of the Society ?
- (c) What is the total amount of subsidy given by Government to the Society ?
- (d) What is the total amount of land given by Government to this Society ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the auditor failed to audit the accounts of the Society, as the accounts were not kept properly and in order ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Assam directed the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Nowgong to suspend the Committee of the Society and take over charge, as it failed to produce the proper accounts and also for the complaints against it by its share-holders ?
- (g) Whether the Assistant Registrar acted upon according to the above direction ?
- (h) If not, why not ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that this society has not yet started its works in the line for which the society was formed ?
- (j) What are the total liabilities of this Society at present ?
- (k) Whether it a fact that several dealers of paddy procurement in 1959, have submitted their claims for arrears payment for paddy from the society, to the Registrar ?
- (l) If so, what actions were taken by the Registrar ?
- (m) Who was the Secretary to the society in 1959 ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister) replied :

341. (a)—Shri Ram Nath Sarma, was the Chairman of the Society when it was registered. He resigned and his resignation was accepted on 27th December 1956, and after this Shri Golok Chandra Baruah, who was the Vice-Chairman has been against as Chairman of the Society

(b)—Rupees 19,395 of which Government contribution is Rs.10,000.

(c)—Total amount of subsidy (for maintenance of Staff) given to the Society by Government was Rs.5,000 (in 3 years).

(d)—No land was given to the Society by Government.

(e)—No. The auditor audited the accounts of the Society.

(f)—No.

(g)—Does not arise in view of (f) above.

(h)—Does not arise in view of what has been stated in (g) above.

(i)—Yes, it is a fact that the society has not yet started the work of baling jute and exporting the same for which it was registered.

(j)—Total liabilities of the society as on 30th June, 1960 were Rs. 1,21,658.27 nP.

(k)—Yes, some paddy suppliers did submit petition to Registrar and Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Nowgong complaining against the society for non-payment of their claims.

(l)—The genuineness of these claims are being enquired into.

(m)—Shri Haram Das was secretary of the Society in 1959

Re: The Position of an unqualified Compounder in Barpeta Civil Hospital

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

349. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 453 asked by the Questioner on 30th March, 1961 regarding the posting of an unqualified compounder in Barpeta Civil Hospital and state—

- (a) Whether Sri Kamala Kanta Roy Choudhury is a passed Compounder and if so, from which institution ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that the services of Sri Kamala Kanta Roy Choudhury were discontinued from the Civil Hospital, Barpeta with the taking over of the Hospital from the Local Board by the Government and he had to move to and from for job more than 1½ year (one and a half year) ?
- (c) Whether by now Government had got information from the Civil Surgeon, Kamrup that intimation was sent by the questioner to the Civil Surgeon, Kamrup in writing just before the appointment of Shri Kamala Kanta Roy Choudhury to the said Hospital ?

- (d) Why an unqualified and unpassed Compounder like Shri Kamala Kanta Roy Choudhury was appointed in a hospital of the Subdivisional rank when dozens of passed compounders are available ?
- (e) What is the principle of the Government regarding appointment of Compounders in public hospital, i.e., whether passed ones or unpassed ones ?
- (g) Whether by non-passed Compounder will be posted in the Barpeta Civil Hospital in place of Shri Kamala Kanta Roy Choudhury ?
- (h) Whether Government is aware that a representation was given by the Questioner in the last Budget Session on 30th March 1961 that unpassed Compounder Shri Kamala Kanta Roy Choudhury be removed from the Barpeta Civil Hospital and passed Compounder should be placed in his place ?
- (i) What are the steps the Government is taking in that regard ?

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

342. (a) to (i)—Information being collected.

Re : Charge Allowance of the Head Pandits, Middle Vernacular Schools

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamarpur) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Head Pandits of Government Middle Vernacular Schools have not been allowed to draw the charge allowance that was recommended by the Pay Committee from October, 1956 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Head Masters of Government Middle English Schools have been paid a personal pay of Rs. 20 per month as charge allowance with effect from 1st October 1956 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Head Masters of Middle English Schools are to manage three classes whereas the Head Pandits of Middle Vernacular Schools are to manage eight classes ?
- (d) Whether the Head Pandits of Middle Vernacular Schools have been paid the charge allowance at Rs. 20 per month by now ?

(e) Whether it is a fact the deputationists on behalf of the Teachers of Middle Vernacular Schools were assured by the Deputy Minister, Education and by the Finance Minister on 20th February 1961 to extend the charge allowance to the Head Pandits of Middle Vernacular Schools has been given to the Head Masters of Middle English Schools ?

(f) Why the charge allowance has not been paid to the Head Pandits of Government Middle Vernacular Schools as yet ?

(g) Whether the charge allowance will be paid with retrospective effect from 1st October 1956 as was allowed to the Headmaster of Government Middle English Schools ?

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

343. (a)—No. According to the recommendations of the Pay Committee, 1956 the Head Pandits of Government Middle Vernacular Schools are entitled to a charge allowance at Rs. 10 per month with effect from 1st October 1956. This charge allowance is not however, automatically admissible to those existing incumbents (on 30th September 1956 and 1st October 1956) who did not elect the revised (1956) scales of pay.

(b)—The Headmasters of Government Middle English Schools are entitled to a special pay of Rs. 20 per month with effect from 1st October 1956 as recommended by the Pay Committee, 1956.

(c)—Head Pandits Middle Vernacular of Schools also are to manage only three classes, viz., Class IV to Class VI. But where there are Primary Classes also, they are to manage eight classes.

(d)—No. The charge allowance has not been raised to Rs.20

(e)—No such assurance was given.

(f) - As stated in (a) above, the charge allowance at Rs. 10 per month with effect from 1st October 1956 is not admissible to those existing incumbents who did not elect the revised (1956) scales of pay.

(g)—Provided they elected the revised scales of pay with effect from 1st October 1956 but there is no question of giving the charge allowance to Head Pandits of Middle Vernacular Schools at Rs 20 as allowed to Headmaster of Government Middle English Schools.

Regarding Middle Vernacular School in Dibrugarh Subdivision and Normal Schools of Assam

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

(a) The names of Government Middle Vernacular Schools within Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) The number of Middle Vernacular Schools under School Board in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(c) The number of Venture Middle Vernacular Schools in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

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

(a) The names of Normal Schools in Assam with the name of the district where each is situated ?

(b) The names of the districts in the plains of Assam where there is no Normal School ?

(c) Whether there is any proposal to establish Normal Schools in the District of Goalpara on the West and Lakhimpur on the East ?

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

344. (a)—Naharkatia Government Middle Vernacular School.

(b)—33 Middle Vernacular Schools under the School Board ?

(c)—5 Venture Middle Vernacular Schools on December, 1960.

345. (a)—Name of the—

Normal School	District
1. Jorhat Government Normal School	... Sibsagar.
2. Nowgong Government Normal School	... Nowgong
3. Sootea Government Normal School	... Darrang.
4. Howli Government Normal School	... Kamrup.
5. Silchar Government Normal School	... Cachar.

(b)—1. Lakhimpur district.

2. Goalpara district.

(c)—There is no proposal at present.

Regarding damage of Katra Lower Primary School Building

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

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

(a) Whether the Department obtained a full report of the total damage of Katra Lower Primary School Building affected by Pagladiya embankment ?

- (b) If so, what is the total estimates of damage ?
- (c) Whether Government received two copies and photograph to show the dilapidated condition of the School, one copy from the school another from the questioner ?
- (d) Why Government did not consider to sanction sufficient grant to the school from savings, to enable to make the school building fit for use, except the general grant of Rs. 3,000 for flood damage grant of 1959 ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to grant sufficient non-recurring building grant to the said school to make it fit for use ?
- (f) If not, whether Government proposed to close down the School altogether ?

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

346. (a)—An application from the public forwarded by the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Nalbari, was received by this office regarding sanction of Rs. 4,000 for the school due to flood damage.

(b)—As per list submitted by the Secretary, School Board, Gauhati the amount recommended was Rs. 1,800 only.

(c)—Yes, one copy only was received from the public along with one application.

(d) and (e)—It is under consideration.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re: Construction of the Balijan Dispensary Buildings

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

347. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Balijan Dispensary Buildings were constructed by the Tezpur Local Board in 1955 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that a qualified doctor was appointed there by the Local Board who of course did not join his post for some unavoidable reasons ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that this Dispensary was opened by the Tezpur Local Board as per resolution No.3 of the Board's meeting held on 13th December, 1955 ?

(d) Whether the Chairman, Tezpur Local Board requested Government to up grade this Dispensary into a State Dispensary and equip it with necessary medicines and other medical accessories ?

- (e) Whether a representation was given to the Minister at Shillong by Shri S. Gohain, President of the Chayduar Anchalik Panchayat along with Shri M. K. Das, M.L.A., Tezpur, District Congress President and the questioner on 30th January, 1961 and the Minister was kind enough to assure them of taking early step for its proper functioning?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Civil Surgeon, Darrang, on receipt of a proposal from the questioner, moved Government to allow him to appoint a qualified Pharmacist as interim measure at the said Dispensary?
- (g) What steps Government took in this regard?
- (h) Whether Government propose to appoint qualified staff and stock medicine there without further delay?

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

347.(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e)—Information is being collected.

(f), (g) & (h)—The matter is being enquired as and necessary action will be taken on receipt of enquiry report from the Civil Surgeon.

Re: Inconvenience in purchasing tickets by queue form

Shrimati USHA BORTHAKUR (Samaguri) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that it is a great inconvenience to the people of Assam in purchasing tickets by forming queue in front of the ticket counter?
- (b) Why this procedure has been adopted?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, Transport) replied

348.(a)—Queue system in such public places based on the principle of "First Come First Served" is the most up to-date, scientific, democratic and convenient system adopted by almost all the countries of the world.

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

Re: Workers of the Tezpur Mental Hospital**Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :**

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

(a) Whether Government lately received demands of the workers of the Tezpur Mental Hospital for—

(i) special allowance to cover the hazards of services in the Hospital ;

(ii) house rent allowance in lieu of free quarters ?

(iii) increased staff so that one keeper has to take charge of not more than 4 to 5 mental patients and duties can be equitably distributed to enable them to enjoy full one day's off-duty every week and holidays ;

(iv) separate main gate for the female keepers and female sweepers ;

(v) full set of uniforms according to season for all workers ;

(vi) complete supply of medicines and permanent staff on the outdoor dispensary for the workers ; and

(vii) recognition of the Tezpur Mental Hospital Workers' Association ?

(b) What steps Government have taken to fulfil the demands repeated for the last five years ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Government have recently recognised an Association of Mental Hospital workers disregarding the claim of the old Association ?

(d) If so, when was this new Association formed and when its recognition was accorded ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

349. (a)—(i) to (vii) Yes.

(b)—(i) to (vi) All matters are under active consideration of Government.

(c)—The new Association prayed for recognition which was provisionally given by Director of Health Services subject to formal orders of Government. Government have since issued instructions to Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Tezpur to frame a fresh set of rules under which a new and regular Association can be established and to submit it to Government for consideration.

(d)—Does not arise at present.

Re: Barama State Dispensary

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS (Patacharkuchi) asked :

350. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Barama State Dispensary is an old dispensary in the State which was started in 1921 as Public Health Dispensary ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that there is no Compounder, Midwife and Peon as yet in the said Dispensary ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the dispensary building is in a dilapidated condition ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the doctor cannot place his table on the floor for prescribing medicine ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Minister, Medical visited the dispensary and saw the plight of the dispensary on 8th January, 1960 ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Minister expressed his good wish of developing the said dispensary with Medical ward and a Maternity section ?
- (g) If so, whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps to [re-construct the dispensary building along with Medical ward and posting Compounder, Peon, Chowkidar, etc. ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

350. (a)—Yes.

(b) to (d)—Information is being collected.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—The matter is under consideration.

Re: Classical Teacher, Maulavi Haidar Ali, Government High English School, Barpeta

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Maulavi Haidar Ali was the Classical Teacher of Government High School, Barpeta ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that he has become invalid due to his suffering from paralysis ?
- (c) If so, since when he is suffering and since when he is taking leave ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that this teacher is praying many times for having invalid pension to help his family ?
- (e) When his pension will be sanctioned ?

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

351. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—He has been suffering from March, 1958 and has been on leave since 23rd April 1958.

(d)—He first applied for invalid pension only on 4th August 1961 but his application was not supported by Medical Certificate from the Civil Surgeon.

(e)—Pension papers and other necessary things are yet to be prepared and therefore, it will take time.

Re: New Health Units

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

352. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) How many new Health Units were opened in 1960-61 and 1961-62 in Assam ?
- (b) What are the places where these Health Units have been opened ?

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

352. (a)—Ten in 1960-61 and 1 in 1961-62.

(b)—1960-61—

1. Uttarkanchanpur.
2. Patharkandi.
3. Lala.
4. Bikrampur.
5. Ballamguth.
6. North Jamuguri.
7. Morabazar.
8. Nakachari.
9. Bongaigaon.
10. Pathorighat.

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Jalalpur.

Re: Technical Institution at Sibsagar

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that M.L.As. from Sibsagar lately represented to the Government for establishment of a Technical Institute at Sibsagar ?

(b) If so, what steps Government have since taken in the matter ?

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

353. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Government have decided to establish a Junior Technical School at Sibsagar under 3rd Five Year Plan.

Re: The A. O. C. Employees Primary Trading Co-operative

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked:

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

- (a) Whether the A. O. C. Employees Primary Trading Co-operative in Dibrugarh Subdivision is still functioning?
- (b) If so, what are the trades this co-operative society has been dealing with and what was the percentage of profit declared last year?

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

354. (a)—No. The Society has already been sent into Liquidation on 19th July, 1960.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: The Digboi Primary Trading Co-operative

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked:

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

- (a) Whether Digboi Primary Trading Co-operative Society Ltd., has been functioning?
- (b) If so, what are the trades this Society has been dealing with?
- (c) If not, since when this society stopped functioning?

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

355. (a)—Yes, the Society has been functioning.

(b)—The Society is now dealing with the following trades—
(i) Drapery (ii) Rice, Atta, Flour, etc.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Barpathar Primary Trading Co-operative

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked:

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

(a) Whether Barpathar Primary Trading Co-operative Ltd. in Dibrugarh Subdivision is still functioning?

(b) If not, since when this society stopped functioning and what are the actions taken for its liquidation?

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

356. (a)—The Society has ceased functioning.

(b)—The Society has stopped functioning since 1959-60. Steps are being taken to send it into liquidation.

Re: The East Dibrugarh Primary Trading Co-operative

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the East-Dibrugarh Primary Trading Co-operative Ltd. stopped functioning since last few years ?

(b) If so, whether Government would take action to liquidate and to refund share monies ?

(c) If not, whether Government propose to help revival of the Society ?

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

357. (a)—The Society has been sent into Liquidation on 7th July, 1959.

(b)—As soon as the assets are realised the question of refund of share money will be taken up.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Moderkhat Mahalashmi Primary Trading Co-operative

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether Moderkhat Mahalashmi Primary Trading Co-operative Ltd. is still functioning in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) If not, what action Government is taking for its liquidation ?

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

358. (a)—No. The society has ceased functioning since 1957-58.

(b)—All attempts for revival having failed action has been taken to send it into liquidation.

Re: The Hezai Chariali Primary Trading Co-operative**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

359. (a) Whether Hezai Chariali Primary Trading Co-operative Ltd., in Dibrugarh Subdivision is still in the list of functioning Co-operative Societies ?

(b) If so, whether actually this Co-operative is functioning still ?

(c) If not, what action Government is taking to liquidate this society and to refund its share moneys to the share holders ?

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

359. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—The society has already been sent into liquidation on 20th March, 1959. As soon as its assets are realised the question of refund of share money will be taken up.

Re: Bohmorla Primary Trading Co-operative**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** asked :

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

(a) Whether the Bohmorla Primary Trading Co-operative Ltd., has stopped functioning since last few years although it is in the list of functioning Co-operative still ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to liquidate this society and to refund its share moneys ?

(c) What is the total capital of this society in deposit ?

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

360. (a) —The society has not been functioning since 1959-60.

(b)—For revival of the working of the society steps are being taken to change the committee of Management and to put it into working. Failing that steps will be taken to send it into liquidation.

(c)—It is not clear as to what is meant by "total capital of the society in deposit". The following is the financial position of the society.—

Assets—

					Rs. nP.
Building ...	...	...	...	...	1,349.06
Furniture ...	...	...	...	...	109.00
Share in C. T. C. (U/L) ...	...	...	...	...	250.00
Cash at Bank ...	...	...	...	...	24.00
Security deposit ...	...	...	...	...	50.00

Liabilities—

					Rs. nP.
Share money ...	...	...	...	...	4,065.00
Reserve fund ...	...	...	...	...	151.00
Audit Fee due ...	...	...	...	...	238.00

From this it will be seen that only Rs.24.09 nP. is in deposit. The rest of the share capital is locked up in Buildings and other assets and some amount is engaged in working capital.

Re: The West Tengkhath Primary Trading Co-operative

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

(a) Whether any action is taken to liquidate the West Tengkhath Primary Trading Co-operative Ltd., in Dibrugarh Subdivision?

(b) If not, whether this society will be revived?

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

361. (a)—The Society has not stopped functioning and hence no action is yet been taken to liquidate it.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: Construction of the Panchayat Buildings**Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur)** asked :

362. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayats (Community Development) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Rural Panchayats were directed to keep a balance of Rs. 10,000·00 nP. each separately for construction of Panchayat the buildings ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that they were directed to surrender the balance money including the said sum of Rs.10,000·00 to the Deputy Commissioners as soon as they were declared defunct ?
- (c) Whether the defunct Rural Panchayats of Tezpur Subdivision acted up to the direction of the Government ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that some Rural Panchayats spent the entire amount meant for buildings for other purposes and did not take the approval of the Deputy Commissioner ?
- (e) How many Rural Panchayats functioned in Tezpur Subdivision before the constitution of the Anchalik Panchayats ?
- (f) What is the amount surrendered by each of the Rural Panchayats (give the amount separately) to the Deputy Commissioner, Darrang as soon as they ceased to function ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the creation of Subdivisional Rural Development Fund is due to the accumulated amount surrendered by the Rural Panchayats ?
- (h) What is the present position of the Tezpur Subdivisional Rural Development Fund ?
- (i) Whether Government have received a proposal from the Behali Anchalik Panchayat passed at its meeting held on 20th July 1961 praying for Rs.30,000·00 from Tezpur Subdivisional Rural Development Fund out of the surrendered amount of Pub-Behali, Paschim Behali and Baghmora Rural Panchayats for construction of its buildings ?
- (j) Considering the difficulties of the Behali Anchalik Panchayat which is housed in a rented building whether Government will be pleased to accept the proposal and sanction the money from the said Fund and save it from unnecessary recurring expenditure of rent-paying ?
- (k) If not, why ?
- (l) Whether Government will be pleased to convert Behali Anchalik Panchayat Block into a Development Block in the current year ?
- (m) How the Subdivisional Rural Development Fund is utilised ?

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

362. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, some Rural Panchayat spent the building grants on other purposes but the action was not approved by the Deputy Commissioner.

(e)—Altogether 30 (thirty) Rural Panchayats functioned prior to the introduction of the Anchalik Panchayats in Tezpur Subdivision.

(f)—A list of Rural Panchayats of Tezpur Subdivision is given below showing the amounts surrendered at the time of abolition.

Serial No.	Name of Rural Panchayats			Fund position on 1st Oct., 1959	Liabilities on 1st Oct., 1959	Net amount in deposit
(1)	(2)			(3)	(4)	(5)
				Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
1	Phairabpad R. P....	..	...	9,672.70	661.50	9,011.20
2	Mahabhairab R. P.	...	...	5,553.72	..	5,553.72
3	Goroimari R. P. ..	..	..	14,880.25	...	14,880.23
4	Haleswar R. P. ..	...	..	2,262.55	..	2,262.55
5	Pachim Dhekiajuli R. P. ...	...	...	10,960.38	..	10,960.38
6	Missamari R. P. ...	...	...	17,672.56	..	17,672.56
7	Bihaguri R. P. ...	..	...	2,754.15	..	2,744.15
8	Charduar R. P. ...	..	..	10,381.52	668.75	9,712.77
9	Pub-Borchella R. P.	..	..	1,527.79	..	1,527.79
10	Balipara R. P. ...	..	...	14,167.47	..	14,167.47
11	Pachim Barchella R. P. ..	..	..	9,743.96	..	9,743.96
12	Bahbari R. P. [...	..	...	10,618.44	...	10,618.44
13	Bargaon R. P. ...	...	...	26,488.00	628.50	25,859.50
14	Naharbari R. P. ..	..	..	32,108.07	2,160.00	29,948.07
15	Pub-Dhekiajuli R. P.	...	...	7,014.71	..	7,014.71

Serial No.	Name of Rural Panchayat	Fund position on 1st Oct., 1959	Liabilities on 1st Oct., 1959	Net amount in deposit
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
16	Ghillabandha R. P.	389.61	505.00	...
17	Barbhagia R. P.	5,989.60	...	5,989.60
18	Brahmajan R. P.	3,087.63	...	3,087.63
19	Biswanath R. P.	4,113.21	...	4,113.21
20	Baghmora R. P.	13,723.56	..	13,723.56
21	Sootea R. P.	5,238.10	...	5,238.10
22	Nagsankar R. P.	12,629.85	..	12,629.85
23	Sak-motha R. P.	13,288.55	...	13,288.55
24	Gobpur R. P.	8,612.75	..	8,612.75
25	Kalabari R. P.	12,594.68	643.00	11,911.68
26	Halem R. P.	12,384.85	...	12,384.85
27	Kollongpur R. P.	11,868.04	...	11,868.04
28	Murhadol R. P.	7,358.75	250.00	7,101.75
29	Pub-Behali R. P.	11,025.24	..	11,025.24
30	Pachim Behali R. P.	16,508.90	320.00	16,188.90

(g)—No. The Subdivisional Rural Development Fund consists of—

1. Contributions from the Assam Rural Development fund ;
2. Contributions from any Local Authority or private individual ;

3. All other sums including revenues which may be assigned to it by the State Government.

(h)—The present fund position of the Tezpur Subdivisional Rural Development Fund is Rs.3,44,230.66 nP. upto 31st July, 1961.

(i)—No such proposal appears to have been received.

(j)—When in due course, the Anchalik Panchayat will have a C. D. Block, the Anchalik Panchayat will get its permanent office building constructed from C. D. Fund.

(k)—Does not arise.

(l)—Conversion of the Shadow Block in this Anchalik Panchayat into N.E.S.S. Block will be considered along with similar Shadow Blocks when the Subdivision will be entitled to a N. E. S. Block on receipt of allotment from Government of India.

(m)—The Subdivisional Rural Development Fund utilised according to the provision of Section 67 of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1959.

Re: The Local Board Ghats taken over by the Anchalik Panchayats

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sarbhog) asked :

363. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayats be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Local Board Ghats in Assam have been taken over by the Anchalik Panchayats and what are their names ?
- (b) What is the length of jurisdiction of each of these Ghats on the down stream and the up stream ?
- (c) What action has been taken by the Government to stop opening new Ghats within such a jurisdiction ?
- (d) Why the new Ghats near the Noontula Ghat and the Dawkmari Ghats under Ruposi Anchalik Panchayat have not yet been stopped ?
- (e) Whether the lessees of these ghats will be given compensation ?
- (f) If so, how much ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister, Development (Panchayat and C. D.)] replied :

363. (a)—115. A list showing the names of Local Board Ghats so far transferred to Anchalik Panchayats is placed on the Library Table.

(For list see Library No. S. 159)

(b)—Two miles from the limits of the public ferry.

(c)—Opening any new ghat within the jurisdiction of any public ferry without the sanction of appropriate authority is punishable by law.

(d)—Subdivisional Officer, Kokrajhar and President of Ruposi Anchalik Panchayat have been requested to stop the new ghats of Noontula and Dawkmari respectively.

(e)—The matter needs examination according to the provisions of law.

(f)—Does not arise.

Re: Political Sufferers

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDER (Sarbhog) asked :

364. (a) Who are the Political Sufferers who have been given relief ?

(d) How much money has been spent up till now on this account ?

(e) Whether the Political Sufferers have been satisfied, if not what is the reason ?

- (f) What principles have been adopted in giving scholarships to the children of Political Sufferers ?
- (g) How many petitions for Industrial loans to political sufferers are pending and how many political sufferers have been given Industrial loan ?
- (h) How many petitions for grants, pensions and other relief are pending at Shillong, and at the Political Sufferers' Advisory Committee in each Subdivision ?
- (i) When all the problems of the Political Sufferers will be solved ?

Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Deputy Minister, in-charge, Political Sufferers) replied :

364. (a)—Hon. Member's kind attention is invited to reply to Unstarred Question No. 152 (c) during the last Budget Session of the Assembly. The list sanctioned subsequently will be forwarded to the hon. Member.

(d)—Pension sanctioned Rs. 8,25,000 approximately annually, lump-sum grant sanctioned Rs. 5,26,790 up-to-date.

(e)—We are receiving complaints from time to time from the political sufferers on various grounds. We are trying to satisfy them as far as rules permit. It is not possible to satisfy all.

(f)—A copy of the rules for award of special scholarship is placed on the Library Table.

(g)—About 290 petitions are pending for want of funds. A list of Political Sufferers who have already been granted loan is placed on the Library Table.

(For Rule See Library No S. 160).

(h)—353 cases are under examination here. Regarding the pending petitions with the Political Sufferers' Advisory Boards, the information are being collected and will be sent to the hon. Member later on.

(i)—There is no end to human problems. Government can only give some relief to the needy Political Sufferers but cannot solve all their problems.

Re: Technical Institution at Jowai

Shri LARSINGH KHYRIEM [Jowai (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

- (a) Whether the site for the establishment of a Technical Institute at Jowai was selected ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to take early steps to construct the buildings ?

(c) What are the reasons for the delay in constructing the building of the Basic Training Centre at Thadlaskein in the Jowai Subdivision ?

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

365. (a)—No. But steps have been taken to select the site early.

(b)—Construction of building will be taken up after selection of the site.

(c)—The delay was caused as it took some time to take possession of the land. There were some pine groves and the amount of compensation to be paid to the owner took time to settle. Subsequently the owner felled and took away the trees and the question of giving compensation was dropped in August, 1961.

Re : Extension Officer of Panchayat and Industries

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

366. Will the Minister of Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Extension Officer of Panchayat and Extension Officer of Industries have yet been posted to Murkongsellek Sadiya M.P. C. D. Block ?

(b) When this Block was inaugurated and why these Extension Officers have not yet been posted there ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that the area of this Block is 1,121 square miles and the Panchayats (Gaon Panchayat) of these areas need guidance for effective functioning ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that a Panchayat Extension Officer is of urgent need in Murkongsellek and Sadiya Areas ?

(e) Why an Industries Extension Officer was not yet been posted in this Block although the periods of first stage of 5 years will be over during the next few months ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister, Development (Panchayat and C. D.)] replied :

366. (a)—One Extension Officer (Panchayat) has already been posted there. One Extension Officer (Industries) was also posted there but he did not join. Arrangements are being made to appoint another Extension Officer (Industries) for the said Block.

(b)—The Block was inaugurated on 2nd October, 1957. As regards the later part of the question, the position is stated at (a) above.

(c)—The area is 1,221 square miles. The reply is in the affirmative as regards the later part of the question.

(d) —Yes.

(e)—The position has been stated at (a) above. Even before, some other Industries Extension Officers were posted to this Block but they also did not join.

Re : The tolls raised by Lakhipur Anchalik Panchayat

Md. SAHADAT ALI (South-Salmara) asked:

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

(a) The total amount of money raised by the Panchayat under Lakhipur Anchalik Panchayat in the District of Goalpara for the year 1960-61 in respect of cart, tax, hat, bazar, tolls and other taxes (figure to be shown Panchayat-wise) ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that the *Ad hoc* Anchalik Panchayat, Lakhipur collected the aforesaid taxes specially tolls of Hat, Bazar for the year 1960-61 and did not account for to their respective Gaon Sabhas constituted under the Panchayat Act ?

(c) If so, what action has been taken for it ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the whole amount of Hat, Bazar auctioned money for the year 1960-61 were spent by the *Ad hoc* Anchalik Panchayat ?

(e) If so, when and from which fund it will be accounted in favour of respective Gaon Sabhas ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayat) replied :

367. (a) to (e)—Information has been called for.

Re : Provident Fund of the Mangaldoi Local Board Employees

Shri DANDI RAM DATTA (Mangaldai) asked:

368. Will the Minister-in-charge, L.S.-G. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the employees of the Mangaldoi Local Board have lost their Provident Fund money in the Tripura Modern Bank, Ltd ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that on 26th December 1960, the *ex-employees* of the Mangaldoi Local Board waited upon a deputation with the Finance Minister at Mangaldoi to pay a part of their lost Provident Fund money from the surplus fund of the Board at present ?
- (c) If so, what Government action has taken to this effect ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the employees of the Mangaldoi Local Board have not yet been paid their Provident Fund money in spite of their written requests to the authorities though they are entitled to get the same under rule 78 of the Model Provident Fund Rules ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Subdivisional Officer, Mangaldoi has issued notices to the *Ex-employees* of the Mangaldoi Local Board to receive the Provident Fund money after deduction of House Building advances from their deposits ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the employees of some Local Boards have been paid their Provident Fund money without deducting their House Building advances ?
- (g) Whether it is not obligatory to pay the entire Provident Fund money under rule 79 D of the Model Provident Fund Rules to the contributors ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED [Minister-in-charge of Development (Panchayat & C. D.)] replied :

368. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Government is not legally responsible for loss of Provident Fund money of *ex-Local Board* employees in this manner.

(d) to (f)—Information has been called for.

(g)—It is a matter of interpretation of rules wherein the Local Boards concerned and the employees are concerned.

Regarding the allotment and expenditure in regard to Rural Development Water Supply, Self-help, etc.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

369. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total amount allotted and expended by the Government of Assam in regard to Rural Development Water Supply, Self-help, etc., since 31st March, 1957 upto 31st August, 1961 in the West-Nalbari Legislative Assembly

Constituency comprising Dharmapur mauza, Pakowa mauza, Khatridharmapur mauza, Bahjani mauza and 4 villages of Utter Barkhetri mauza in the district of Kamrup ?

(b) What is the basis of distribution of these funds ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister-in-charge of Panchayat & C. D.) replied :

369. (a) (1)—Water Supply—Rs.57,811.

(2) Self-help enterprise grant—Rs.8,514. The figures are shown in a statement below :—

These were some other grants, details for which are being collected.

SELF-HELP ENTERPRISE GRANTS

Name of Mouza	Pas. Nalbari A. P.	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
		Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
1. Dharmapur	641.00	589.00	1,445.00	2,650.00
2. K/Dharmapur	287.00	417.00		
3. Bahjani	485.00	461.00		
4. Pakowa	600.00	606.00		
5. U/Borkhetri	194.00	139.00		

RURAL WATER SUPPLY GRANT

Name of Mouza	Pas. Nalbari A. P.	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60	1960-61
		Rs nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.	Rs. nP.
1. Dharmapur
2. K/Dharmapur
3. Bahjani
4. Pakowa	4,050.00	4,150.00	28,801.00	20,060.00
5. U/Borkhetri	750	..	..	..

(b)—The distribution was made thana-wise on area-cum-population basis before the formation of Anchalik Panchayats. After the formation of Anchalik Panchayats distribution was made Anchalik Panchayat-wise on area-cum-population basis.

Re: M. E. School, Baraguri

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhawa) asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Assistant Inspector of Schools Dibrugarh was requested to open Class VII in Baraguri M. E. School on 21st December 1958 by the Secretary, Baraguri High School by his letter No. S. L. 2/89, dated 21st December 1958 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that verbal permission to open Classes VII and VIII was given by the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Dibrugarh ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Assistant Inspector was requested, by the Secretary, Baraguri High School to give formal approval to the opening of these classes *vide* letter No.S,L./95, dated 18th January 1959 and letter No. BHSG.1/59/1, dated 13th February 1959 also ?
- (d) Whether the Assistant Inspector visited the School and recommended for permission for opening of Classes VII and VIII ?
- (e) If so, when he visited and when the recommendation was sent to the Inspector of Schools, Jorhat ?
- (f) Since when it is pending with the Inspector at Jorhat ?
- (g) Why the Inspectorate is hesitant to give formal permission to the opening of the High School, which is the only High School in Rangagora Mauza and serving a population of backward communities ?
- (h) Whether Government is wedded to the principle of encouraging education in backward areas and amongst backward population ?
- (i) If so, why no recurring or non-recurring aid has yet been sanctioned to this School ?

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

370. (a) to (f).—Information is being obtained from the Inspector of Schools, Jorhat and Assistant Inspector of Schools, Dibrugarh.

(g).—Permission for opening Classes VII and VIII has already been granted by the Inspector of Schools concerned with effect from January, 1961 as recommended by Assistant Inspector of Schools, Dibrugarh.

(h).—Yes.

(i).—The question of giving grant will be considered when the School obtains recognition and fulfils other conditions of grant-in-aid

Regarding eligibility of being appointed as teachers in L. P. Schools**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)** asked :

371. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there was a circular exempting the candidates who passed M. V. or M. E. School Leaving examinations in the First Division from appearing in the Teachers Test examination conducted by the Basic Education Department to be eligible for being appointed as teachers in L. P. Schools ?
- (b) Whether the circular is still in force ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Gauhati School Board has not been intimated of this circular ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that Gauhati School Board has not considered the candidates passing M. V. or M. E. Examinations in the First Division to be eligible to be appointed as teachers in permanent vacancies without passing the Teachers-Test examination ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that teachers who passed Teachers Test Examination in some years and serving in deputation vacancies for several terms without break from the year of passing the T. T. examination are not eligible for permanent vacancies because they have not passed the T. T. examination in the subsequent years though they have been serving as teachers in deputation vacancies and fresh candidates are absorbed in permanent posts in preference to these experienced teachers who also passed T. T. examination in the year they were appointed in deputation ?
- (f) Whether Government will be pleased to frame a set of rules regarding appointments of teachers to be uniformly followed by all School Boards ?

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

371. (a)—Not a fact, only the Female Teachers and the Male Teachers who passed the M. V. or M. E. Examination in 1st Division are exempted.
- (b)—Yes, the above circular is still in force.
- (c)—Gauhati School Board had been duly intimated of the above circular.
- (d)—It is a fact because on the strength of the circular all candidates are to appear in the Teachers' Test Examination.
- (e) Informations are being called for and will be submitted as soon as received.
- (f)—Under consideration of Government.

Regarding the pay scale of Hindi Teachers

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpuri) asked :

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

- (a) Whether the scale of pay has been finalised for the Hindi teachers serving in the Secondary schools ?
- (b) Whether the scale has been fixed according to educational qualifications of the teachers irrespective of the institution they serve ?
- (c) If the reply to (a) above is in the negative, whether Government will be pleased to expedite to formulate a uniform scale of pay for the Hindi teachers and other allowances admissible to them serving in different institutions imparting secondary education ?

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

372. (a)—No. These are under consideration. The Hindi teachers are now on the scales as noted below :—

(1) Senior Hindi Teachers (with Parangad or equivalent qualifications) is Rs.125-Rs.275 in the Shillong Government High Schools and the Normal Schools.

The Senior Hindi teachers in the Shillong Government High School is like a classical teacher having to teach Hindi upto the Matriculation standard as a subject in lieu of Sankrit.

The Normal school Hindi teachers have to teach Hindi at a higher standard than that in High Schools except the Shillong Government High School.

(2) Hindi Teachers in High and M. E. Schools—Rs.75-Rs.125.
Hindi Teachers in M. V. Schools—Rs.55-Rs.80.

Since the pay scale of Rs.75 to Rs.125 has since been revised to Rs.75-Rs.150, and the disparity among the other categories of teachers serving in High M. E. and M. V. schools has been removed the pay scales of Hindi Teachers serving in different types of secondary schools need revision. Director of Public Instruction has been asked to submit proposal accordingly.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer above.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: The representation for establishment of a Technical School

Shri DANDI RAM DATTA (Mangaldai) asked :

373. Will the Minister-in-charge, Education, be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the Government have lately received any representation from the questioner for establishment of a Technical School at Mangaldoi Subdivision ?

(b) If so, what action has been taken in this matter ?

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

373. (a)—Yes.

(b) Government have decided to establish an I. T. I. at Mangaldai under 3rd Five Year Plan.

Re: Bridge over Kundil in Sadiya Transferred Areas

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government will examine the possibility of a bridge over Kundil at 8th mile ghat in Sadiya Transferred Area ?

(b) Whether Government is aware that a bridge there can stabilize the communications between Tezo and Rowing, the Headquarters of Lohit Division and Subdivisional Headquarters of that Division of N.-E. F. A. respectively ?

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

374. (a) & (b)—Information has been called for. The question was received on 25th September 1961.

Re: The Rest House at Kalabari (Mornoi)

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the P. W. D. Rest House of Kalabari (Mornoi) has practically no utility due to lack of common amenities ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the building needs immediate improvement ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that Kalabari (Mornoi) is the central place from Hawajan to Dubia and the Officers halting at the Rest House there can easily contact public and various institutions located in that area ?

- (d) Whether Government have lately received various representations from the public and different organisations praying for improvement of the Rest House from time to time ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Government have given due consideration of this matter for financial sanction and execution of the work if possible during the current financial year ?

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

375. (a) to (e)—Informations are being collected.

Re: Electrification of Tangla Town

Shri PAKHI RAI DEKA [Panery (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

376. Will the Minister-in-charge of Electricity be pleased, state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Electricity Board has decided to supply electricity to Tangla from Mangaldoi ?
- (b) If so, when the decision was taken ?
- (c) What is the reason to keep the work pending so long ?
- (d) When the work will be started and completed ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge, Electricity) replied :

376. (a)—The Board has not yet approved such a scheme.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—The Electricity Board is taking up the preparation of a scheme for electrification of Kalaigaon and Tangla by drawing a transmission line from Mangaldoi Power Station. However, it will not be possible to electrify Tangla before two additional generating sets of 150 K. W. capacity are installed, which is not expected to be brought into commission before June, 1962.

Re: Confirmation of Shri Hareswar Barman, B. A., Assistant Teacher of Nalbari Gurdon H. S. School

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Hareswar Barman, B.A., an Assistant Teacher of Nalbari Gurdon Higher Secondary School in the district of Kamrup has given representation to the D. P. I. and Inspector of Schools, Gauhati stating that the Managing Committee of the School passed a resolution on 14th July 1961 violating Rule 4(2) (V), 7, and 9 of Assam Aided High and Higher Secondary Employees Rules, 1960 and has refused to confirm his service ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the said teacher has been serving in the above school for a period of two years continuously and during the period of two years no notice, written or verbal, in the shape of warning was given to him ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that he has demanded confirmation as a matter of right ?
- (d) Whether it is also a fact that Shri Barman has been posted against a permanent vacancy ?
- (e) Whether Government is aware that some teachers appointed after Shri Barman, have been confirmed by the same Managing Committee ?
- (f) If so, what are the decisions taken by Government in the case of Shri Barman ?

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

377. (a)—Information is being collected.

(b)—Information is being collected.

(c)—Information is being collected.

(d)—Information is being collected.

(e)—Information is being collected.

(f)—Information is being collected.

Re: Inspection Bungalow at Saikhowaghat

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government is aware that the eroded Inspection Bungalow at Saikhowaghat has not yet been reconstructed ?

(b) Whether any action Government are taking for construction of Inspection Bungalow at Saikhowa ?

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

378. (a)&(b)—Information has been called for and will be furnished to the hon'ble Member when these are received.

Re: Inspection Bungalow at Jonai

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the officials of both of the State and N. E. F. A. felt the need of an Inspection Bungalow at Jonai in Murkongselek Transferred area ?

(b) What would be the cost of an I. B. there ?

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

379. (a)&(b)—Information are being collected.

Re: Appointment of Chowkidar for the Inspection Bungalow at Subankhata

Shri BAIKUNTHA NATH DAS [Rangia (Reserved [for Scheduled Tribes])] asked :

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

(a) When the Subankhana Public Works Department Inspection Bungalow was completed and the Chowkidar was appointed ?

(b) Whether there were local candidate both from Tribal and Nepalis for the post of Chowkidar ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that Chowkidar appointed there is hailing from Balowa (Nalbari) side ?
- (d) How many applications from the Local Tribal People of the area were received ?
- (e) Whether the Minister-in-charge of the Department concerned have received representation from the President of Madhya Daska Mandal Congress Committee to appoint Local Tribal People in this post ?
- (f) If the answer is in the affirmative what action Government has taken in this matter ?

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

380. (a) to (f) — Information has been called for.

Re: Compensation for the damage of Marboat Engine of Sadiya-Saikhowa Ferry

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Marboat Engine of Sadiya-Saikhowa Ferry was damaged by the Lessee ?
- (b) Whether the cost of Rs.2,000 (Two thousand) as asked by the Executive Engineer, Dibrugarh Division *vide* his Memo. No.C-7 (H)/4188-89, dated the 10th February, 1961 has been paid by the Lessee ?

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

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

Re: Alignment of National Highway along with North Trunk Road

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

- (a) Whether alignment of National Highway within Pathsala Town along with the North Trunk Road has been given ?

- (b) If so, whether this alignment has been finalised ?
- (c) If not, whether Government propose to divert this alignment to the Northern side of the Town ?
- (d) If so, when ?
- (e) Whether Government has lately received any representation to this effect ?

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

382. (a) to (e)—Information is being collected from the Superintending Engineer, Gauhati Circle and S. D. O. Survey, Howly Subdivision.

Re: Claim of compensation along Gauhati-Shillong Road

U. JORMANIK SIEM [Nongpoh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether all claims for compensation along Gauhati-Shillong Road have settled ?
- (b) If so, how many cases are in the pending list ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that there are cases which the officers have enquired more than a year ago but nothing has been done ?

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

383. (a) to (c)—Information has been called for and replies will be furnished later.

Re: Construction of diversion road via Lafangkola

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

384. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (R & B) be pleased to refer to unstarred Question No.436 asked by the Questioner on 29th October 1960.

- (a) Whether construction of the diversion road via Lafangkola has since been taken up ?
- (b) If not, what are the difficulties in diverting at least the fair weather road of Saikhowa Dirakmukh P. W. D. road ?

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

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

Re: Marboat at the Bhalukadoba P. W. D. Ghat

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

385. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R & B) be pleased to refer to the answers given to unstarred question No. 660 asked by the questioner on 7th April, 1961 on the subject of Bhalukadoba P. W. D. Ghat and state—

- (a) When the 12 tons engined marboat which was under construction will be placed at the Bhalukadoba P. W. D. Ghat?
- (b) Why the approach roads on the right bank has not yet been improved?
- (c) When these will be improved?

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

385. (a)—The 12 ton marboat without engine is ready. But, the engine could not be procured as yet. Efforts are being made to place the engined marboat at the ferry as early as possible.

(b)—The approach road is quite sufficient for the present volume of traffic at the ferry. Hence, no further improvement to the same is necessary now.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Damages as a result of flood in 1960

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

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that flood waters through the breach on Kakilamukh-Kalabari road near Kakilamukh have been damaging all sorts of crops belonging to nearly 25 villages covered by an area of 22 sq. miles in between Kakilamukh-Kalabari road and Ouna Bund and thereby creating a great havoc to the people during this year and the last year also in addition to communication being cut off altogether?

- (b) Whether the P.W.D. Authority took adequate timely measure to repair the said breach ?
- (c) If so, what were the reasons for not getting complete repairing of the breach before the rainy season this year ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that P.W.D. authority engaged two engines to earth up the drainage due to breach very late after two or three visits of the flood this year, but could do nothing at all ?
- (e) If so, what was the total expenditure involved in this work ?
- (f) Whether the failure was due to non-technical and untimely venture ?

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

386. (a)—Yes. The breach was formed during the flood of 1960. Since then foot traffic was maintained during rainy season and vehicular traffic during winter.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes. But the breach was so formed that it was not considered safe to fill up the breach as it was. So an estimate for Rs.2,24,300 with the provision for one ring bund and one diversion by the side of the existing breach has been sanctioned. The possession of land had been handed over after acquisition on the 6th of May 1961 when the countryside was inundated by water due to early rains; so it was not possible to take up new earthwork.

(d)—As the labourers for earthwork were not available, two Bull Dozers were sent to build one 6' high bund in between two spurs to check up the current of flood water and encourage silting. This was completed and functioned well resulting in silting the breach and checking partly damages to the crops.

(e)—Rs.7,200.00.

(f)—The work was done purely on technical ground and could only be started when possession of land was received. The work done served the purpose as stated in (d). Non-completion of the work of the diversion and the ring bund was due to late acquisition of the land and not for any other technical ground.

Re: Programme to open the Tamadingdinga Irrigation Scheme

Shri MATHIAS TUDU (Gosaigoan) asked:

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

- (a) Whether there was any Programme to open the Tamadingdinga Irrigation Scheme on the 30th April, 1961 last ?

- (b) If so, whether it was opened ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) Whether the scheme is still incomplete ?
- (e) Whether it is going to be completed ?
- (f) If so, when ?
- (g) If not, whether it is going to be abandoned ?
- (h) If not, how many years does a scheme of this size need for its completion ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister-in-charge of Flood Control and Irrigation Wing, etc.) replied :

387. (a)—No. It was only expected to be completed before 30th April, 1961.

(b)—It was not opened.

(c)—Because it was not complete.

(d)—Yes, 40 per cent construction of head-works portion is incomplete.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—Within the current financial year.

(g) & (h)—Does not arise.

Re: Inspection Bungalow at Saikhowa

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

388. Will the Minister of P. W. D. (R.&B.) be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 435 asked by the Questioner on 29th October, 1960 regarding Inspection Bungalow at Saikhowa and state—

- (a) When reply from the Government of India was received ?
- (b) Whether Government of India approved it ?
- (c) When we can expect commencement of the work ?

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

388. (a)—Government of India's reply regarding a type plan has not been received yet.

(b) & (c)—Does not arise in view of above position.

Re: Closure of Dhamdhama-Nalbari P. W. D. Road

Shri BAIKUNTHA NATH DAS [Rangiya (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Dhamdhama-Nalbari Public Works Department Road is closed since March, 1961 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that due to the closure of this road the people of Dhamdhama side have to go to Nalbari via Barama paying more bus fare and thereby taking more time due to long distance ?
- (c) When the road will be opened for traffic ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the road is too high and the breadth of the top of the road is too narrow ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to widen the road in the interest of bus traffic as well as the public ?

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

389. (a)—Yes, due to heavy earthwork and rains the road was closed to vehicular traffic from 13th April 1961.

(b)—After 13th April, 1961, road was open to bullock carts, two wheeled traffics and pedestrians. Only buses and trucks could not ply over the bund due to incomplete width and great height.

(c)—The road will be opened to all vehicular traffic by December, 1961.

(d)—Yes, the present width of the road-cum-bund is 14' only and height is 8'-9'.

(e)—Yes, the top width of the bund will be 20' after completion.

Re: Representation to the A. E. E., Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the public of Sadiya represented to the Additional Executive Engineer, Dibrugarh on the 14th August, 1961 alleging insufficient number of boats, employment of unlicensed staff, dilapidated condition of the boats, etc. ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that copies of their representation were posted to the Deputy Minister, P. W. D. and the Chief Engineer, P. W. D. (R. & B.) ?
- (c) What were the allegations against the Lessee and what were the suggestions for improvement of the Sadiya-Saikhowa Ferry Service ?
- (d) What action is being taken up on this representation ?

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

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

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Washing away of the Kanaighat Bridge

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked :

1. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. & B.) be pleased to state—
 - (a) Whether it is a fact that the Kanaighat bridge on the 5th mile of N. D. Road (a National Highway) has been washed away by the flood water ?
 - (b) If so, when ?
 - (c) What is the length of the bridge ?
 - (d) What are the reasons for which the bridge was washed away ?
 - (e) How long traffic was closed on this road ?
 - (f) What arrangement has since been made for crossing of vehicular traffic and pedestrian ?

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

- (a)—Yes.
- (b)—In the midnight of 23rd September 1961.
- (c)—203 ft.
- (d)—Due to strong current of the flood water and heavy drift, wood, water hyacinth and roof of houses,

(e)—The road is closed to traffic since midnight of 23rd September 1961.

(f)—From the evening of 24th September 1961, single boat has been provided for pedestrian and a cold weather bridge is being arranged to be constructed as a temporary measure, for crossing of the vehicular traffic and the Executive Engineer has been instructed to place a mar-boat for vehicular traffic if at all possible.

Re: Allotment of Land at Mc. Cabe Road, Shillong

Maulavi TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

2. Will the Minister, Revenue be pleased to state—
 - (a) Whether it is a fact that some plots of land at Mc. Cabe Road, Shillong have been allotted to individuals this year.
 - (b) If so, to whom the plots has been allotted and what was the basis of their allotment ?
 - (c) Whether it is a fact that one of the plots has been allotted to an individuals, whose son, a Government servant died in motor accident ?
 - (d) Whether it is also a fact that the said individual has also been allotted a plot at Umpling, Shillong but the same has not been surrendered ?
 - (e) Whether Government received a petition praying for allotment of a plot of land at the Mc. Cabe Road for the family of a deceased Forest Officer who died on duty at the twenty-fifth year of his service in 1953 and whose family did not get any benefit of the New Pension Rules ?
 - (f) Whether it is a fact that Government passed some orders to settle a plot accordingly due to the miserable condition of the said Family ?
 - (g) If so, whether the plot has been allotted to them ?
 - (h) If not, will the Government be pleased to allot the same to them now ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

2. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Name of allottees.

- (1) Shri B. L. Sen, Commissioner of Plains Division.
- (2) „ Lalmawia, M. L. A.
- (3) „ B. Masser, E. A. C.
- (4) „ S. Sen Mazumdar.
- (5) „ Larsing Kyriem, M. L. A.
- (6) „ R. B. Bhattacharjee.

Land just sufficient for a reasonably good residential house was allotted.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—It is not a fact. He was allotted a plot of land in Umpling, Shillong by the Relief and Rehabilitation Department. But the said plot has been relinquished by him.

(e)—Government received a petition from Shri Moyezuddin Ahmed Choudhury whose father is reported to have died while in Government service.

(f)—There was direction to that effect.

(g)—Not yet.

(h)—It will be considered.

Re: The Brahmaputra Tea Co. Ltd.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked :

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

- (a) How many tea gardens consist the Brahmaputra Tea Co., Ltd. of Golaghat with their names ?
- (b) Who are the Shareholders of the Company now ?
- (c) Who are the managing Agents of the Company ?
- (d) What is the status of Shri R. G. Saharia in the Company ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court has passed orders for winding up the Company ?
- (f) If so, how and who run the Company now ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the present management of the Company have resorted to large scale discharge of its employees ?
- (h) If so, what is the total number of employees so far discharged ?
- (i) The reason of such discharge and whether any retiring benefit has been extended to them ?
- (j) If not, what action Government proposes to take against the Company ?
- (k) Whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps to reinstate the employees ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour)
replied:

3. (a)—The Company has three gardens, viz., Negheriting, Messamara and Rangamati. There are two out gardens as well, viz., Baliyan and Korunating.

(b) & (c)—It is a Public Limited Company with Shri H. D. Mundhra as the Managing Director.

(d)—Shri R. G. Saharia appears to be the Agent of the Receiver appointed by the Subordinate Judge, Upper Assam Districts in the Suit of Eastern Bank Ltd. *versus* Brahmaputra Tea Company (India) Ltd.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—On the application of M/S. Bengal Plywood Manufacturing Co., P.2, Mission Row Extension, the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court appointed on 5th December 1958 Shri K. K. Ghosh, Attorney-at-Law, Official Liquidator to wind up the Company. But prior to that on 7th September 1957 on the application of M/s. Eastern Bank Ltd., Calcutta, the Subordinate Judge, Upper Assam Districts, Jorhat appointed Mr. Finlaison, Agent, Chartered Bank, Calcutta as Receiver for the three Estates belonging to the Company. The Receiver is an Officer of the Court and is running the Estates through R. G. Saharia apparently as his Agent.

(g) & (h)—The management dismissed 21 members of the Labour force recently on the alleged ground of their having made defamatory statements and false allegations against the Superintendent of the Company. It appears, the management has also terminated the services of 15 members of the staff towards the later part of September on the ground of their having attained 60 years of age.

(i) It does not appear that any retiring benefit has been extended to the 15 employees whose services have recently been terminated.

(j)—A dispute regarding the dismissal of 21 members of the labour force has been raised before the Labour Officer, Jorhat by the newly formed Union which is yet to be registered. That question is being looked into according to law. Regarding termination of the services of 15 other employees, conciliation proceedings were started by Labour Inspector, Golaghat in which there was no participation from the side of the Managements. The failure of conciliation proceedings has been reported now to Government and appropriate action according to law is under consideration.

(k)—Does not arise at this stage in view of the reply to (j) above

Regarding the Head Master of the Aamguri Aided High School

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

4. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state :—

(a) When was the Ad-hoc Managing Committee of the Aamguri Aided High School appointed ?

(b) What was the reason for appointing this Ad-hoc Committee ?

(c) How many cases were instituted against Sri Sonaram Chutia then Head Master of the said school ? When was he put under suspension ?

(d) What are the results of these cases for the last two years ?

(e) Whether it is a fact Government preferred an appeal against his acquittal in the Hon. High Court and if so, what was the result ?

(f) When was the last case decided by the High Court ?

(g) Whether he has been reinstated and if not, why not ?

(h) Whether recently in a public meeting held on 10th September 1961 his reinstatement has been demanded by public ?

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

4. (a) On 1st June, 1954.

(b) The ad-hoc Committee was formed as the Department could not, even after repeated efforts, form a Committee according to the departmental type plan. During the term of the ad-hoc Committee the case against the Headmaster was instituted, and the adhoc Committee was allowed to continue till final disposal of the case. It may be noted that the adhoc Committee was formed in accordance with the type plan and there was nothing irregular in its composition.

(c) Two cases viz: case No. 370(a)/54 and case No. 370/54. He was put under suspension from January, 1954.

- (d) On 5th April 1960 the First Class Magistrate, Sibsagar sentenced Shri Sonaram Chutia to a fine of Rs. 500 in default 6 months R. I. under section 408 I. P. C. Also one day's R. I. till the rising of the court.

On 16th September 1960 the Session Judge U. A. D. dismissed the appeal filed by the accused appellant and upheld the conviction. The stay order of the fine was also vacated.

On 29nd May 1961 the hon'ble High Court allowed the revision and set aside the conviction.

(e) No.

(f) On 29th may 1961.

(g) No. His reinstatement is under consideration.

(h) Yes. His reinstatement is reported to have been demanded in a meeting of a section of the public.

Announcement of Results of Election to (i) The Gauhati University Court (ii) The Assam Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Advsiory Council and (iii) The Cottage Industry Advisory Board

Mr. SPEAKER : I have to announce the results of elections to (i) the University Court, (ii) the Assam Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Advisory Council and (iii) the Cottage Industry Advisory Board. The number of candtdates being equal to the number of seats Vacant, the following are declared elected unopposed.

(1) The Gauhati University Court :—

1. Shri Sarat Chandra Goswami, M. L. A.
2. Shri Tajamul Ali Barlaskar, M. L. A.
3. Shrimati Usha Borthakur, M. L. A.
4. Shri Bhaban Chandra Prodhani, M. L. A.
5. Hiralal Patwary, M. L. A.

(2) The Assam Slum Areas (Improvement and Clearance) Advisory Council:—

1. Shrimati Komol Kumari Barua, M. L. A.
2. Shri Mohi Kanta Das, M. L. A.
3. Shri Gaurishankar Bhattacharyya, M. L. A.

(3) The Cottage Industry Advisory Board :—

Shri Sahadat Ali in place of Shri Gopesh Namasudra who has since resigned his membership of the Assembly.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT
PUBLIC IMPORTANCE UNDER ASSEMBLY
RULE 54

Re: Break down of Gauhati Ferry Steamer Service.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur): Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department to the break-down of the North Gauhati Ferry known as the M. V. Gauhati. Since about a month this has caused great inconvenience to the travelling public. Sir, it is known to the House, that the ferry between Gauhati and North Gauhati is a vital link in the communications between this side of Gauhati and the other side of Gauhati. As a matter of fact this side of Assam and other side of Assam. This matter was raised several times in this House that the ferry is not working properly. It is a very risky ferry, rather a condemned ferry, and we have been demanding that a good ferry steamer should be placed there [so that there may not be any inconvenience to the travelling public. In spite of repeated assurance by the Government that a steamer will be placed, even now after about, say, four or five years the steamer has not been replaced. The old steamer M. V. Gauhati plies between Gauhati and North-Gauhati during the rainy season whenever the water level goes up, the ferry cannot ply and as a result it is impossible for people coming from the other side to cross over to Gauhati. Even people from North Gauhati who have to come and attend Courts at Gauhati, cannot come. Unfortunately this matter has not been attended to properly by the Government. I do not know why is this callous indifference for the people of this area.

Sir, this time during the rainy season, the ferry went out of order and mar-boats had to be used. On a particular day a mar-boat was swept away by the current and fortunately did not hit the pillars of the newly constructed Brahmaputra bridge. Had it done so, perhaps about several hundreds of people would have lost their lives. Even the ferry was so out of gear that when it was placed, it could not go against the current and this is continuing for days together, for months together, for years together and yet Government do not seem alive to the problem. I do not know, Sir, whether Government have taken proper action to purchase a steamer to be placed at Gauhati where thousands of people cross the river every day, from Tezpur to North

Lakhimpur. As the bus comes down to North-Gauhati they have to cross there. Then there are vehicles that have to be crossed, there are hundred and thousand maunds of goods that have to be ferried to this side. It is not possible to ferry them by the Pandu-Amingaon ghat. Therefore these are vital links and Government have not done anything to improve the state of affairs.

Now for about a month this ferry has gone out of order. It is true that machine-boats, mar-boats, have been placed but one cannot imagine the plight of the passengers in getting into the boat and out of the boat. In the rainy season it is simply a horrible affair; the people are packed inside the boats like sardines. Now this contract has been given to a Company because Government want to patronise this company. I am not opposed to the idea that the Government went to patronise a local company, but not at the cost of efficiency at the same time. The efficiency has gone down and sometimes I feel that it has been done not only just to harass the people, but the department is simply sleeping over the matter there. Now this ferry is out of order for more than a month and nothing has been done to replace it immediately by another steamer. I am told that there is some hanky panky business between the Company and the workers who are repairing the ferry. I am told that the ferry charge was 6 pies that come to about 8 nP. I think, per passenger. Now in the boat they charge 3 annas. They are getting double of the amount and out of it they are paying something to the workers so that they can go on with the repair business. I do not know how far this story is true but that I have come to know from some very important people. But the realisation is true. If they can realise 3 annas in place of 3 pies and this is going on under the very nose of the P.W.D. Executive Engineer, under our Minister, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries they take trips almost every week and they have also seen because they could get their vehicles crossed by special means and they have not to suffer the hardships of the travelling public, perhaps they consider that every thing is O. K. in the State of Denmark! That is not so. The people have felt that in spite of the fact that Government have spent lakhs and lakhs of rupees, even crores of rupees for improvement of communications, yet in the very important town like Gauhati where the people in large number have to cross to the other side and also from the other side, this facility is being ignored altogether. Therefore, Sir, I say it is a matter of very urgent necessity. It is necessary for the Government to have a determination that within this month, or at least within two months they will place a new steamer or give the matter to another company or another party so that the travelling public may not suffer any more. This hardship of the travelling public can not continue for long otherwise the resentment of the people will be very high.

I, therefore, call the attention of the Government and particularly of the Minister in charge to do something in the matter so that the people may feel that in the Third Plan this is also receiving attention of the Government.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the M. V. Gauhati, which is operating at the Gauhati-North Gauhati ferry, has been put out of commission with effect from 2th September 1961 for repairs and annual Survey by the Chief Ship Surveyor,

Speech not corrected.

Assam, Shillong. The Executive Engineer duly notified this to the public through papers. The term of the fitness certificate expired on 14th October 1961. The repairs and survey have not yet been completed. The Chief Ship Surveyor, Assam inspected the vessel on 4th October, 1961 also. It is expected that the steamer will be put to commission again on 6th October, 1961. During this period of suspension of the steamer—'M. V. Gauhati', the passengers, vehicles and goods are being crossed continuously by the two engined marboats and two engined single-boats and no inconvenience has been caused to the public. As a result of continuous plying of the mar and single-boats passengers have been able to cross quicker.

It has been reported by the Executive Engineer, Gauhati division that the engine of the steamer has not been functioning well since some time.

The Executive Engineer informed the case to the Chief Ship Surveyor, Assam Shillong and requested him to survey the steamer during the summer season. Accordingly the Chief Ship Surveyor wrote on 5th September, 1961 to the lessee to keep the steamer ready for his inspection. On receipt of the order from the Chief Ship Surveyor, Assam, the lessee started repairing and overhauling the engine. On the 18th September, 1961, the Chief Ship Surveyor inspected the steamer and gave further instruction to overhauling the engine. The lessee is making his best attempts to put the vessel in commission as early as possible. Sir, although the steamer is giving some trouble for a month or so, the Government could not take any steps due to the fact that they have got no steamer at their disposal to run the ferry. Moreover, there is no other party who can run the ferry satisfactorily by placing a suitable steamer of their own.

The State Government made their best attempts through all possible sources to procure a suitable vessel from within the country without involving any foreign exchange. But they did not meet with any success. Due to a dearth of foreign exchange the State Government could not make any headway so on as regards to purchase of new vessel also. As the Government of India have now agreed to release foreign exchange for construction of two twin Hulled Diesel boats like those of Jogighopa Goalpara ferry, the order for construction and supply of such boats has already been placed with Messrs. Garden Reach Workshops Ltd., Calcutta. It is proposed to place one of these two boats at Gauhati-North Gauhati Ferry. The other is proposed to be placed at Kakilamukh-Noamati-Kamalabari ferry. It has been intimated by the firm that construction of the boats will take 12 to 14 months from the date of placing the order. The order for construction of the boats was placed on the 4th May 1961.

Now Sir, I fully realise the difficulties that the travelling public are experiencing on account of the unsatisfactory ferry service at Gauhati for which I am really very sorry. The hon. Member will appreciate that in spite of our best efforts and also in spite of financial provisions in our budget in the last few years we could not get suitable steamers for this purpose. That is why all these difficulties have arisen. We had also similar difficulties in our Jogighopa-Goalpara ferry but somehow this problem has been solved after we could procure two Indian made steamers. Here also we have placed orders but for various reasons it takes time. However, I can assure the hon. Members that we will spare no efforts to look to the convenience

of the travelling public and I hope Sir, by the time manufacture of these ferries is completed also when the Brahmaputra bridge will be completed the pressure of this Ghat will be reduced considerably. Once again I assure the hon. Members that we will try our best to expedite matters.

ASSAM OFFICIAL LANGUAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA : Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Official Language (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Official Language (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I congratulate the Chief Minister for his belated realisation of the fact that the Official Language Bill of a particular State can not be kept out from another part of the State. Sir; this language controversy has been a slur on the people of Assam. Our prestige has gone down a lot because of this ugly controversy. We have suffered in men and material for our inability to solve this problem amicably at the proper time. I have faith Sir, that this Language Bill could have been passed in 1960 March without any difficulty; those who oppose the Bill would have opposed it perhaps in lesser number, but because of lack of timely realisation on the part of the Government about the feeling of the people of the land for having an Official Language of the State all this happened. Even now it appears that Government does not want to take all steps at a time. They do not want to understand the implications of the provisions of the Constitution in relation to this matter. It appears that unless there is a movement, unless there is a struggle, unless some lives are lost, some properties are lost they do not want to do anything and therefore the people felt that if we have to make this Government aware of anything and alert regarding anything, some lives must be sacrificed, some property must be lost and then only it will rise to the occasion. It is really unfortunate.

It is essential for a Government to take proper steps at proper time so that people's mind may not be agitated unnecessarily and so that we can devote our time and energy for the development of the country. Sir, in our that view, Government have failed to do the justice to the people. Today, the amending Bill has been placed before the House for consideration. Here, I find that Government is not clear about their own objective. Now, Sir, here in this Assembly last year I said at the time of passing of this Bill that this Bill was the most liberal one in India, so far as the Official Language is concerned. If you, Sir, go through the pages of the proceedings of the last Session of this Assembly, you will find, Sir, I tabled a resolution and moved an amendment regarding those clauses with words "Notwithstanding anything in Sections 3 to 5", and this was not accepted. Similarly, I pressed that we should be more liberal with the provision of the Constitution. Even today that has not been done. We have failed to impress upon the minds of people. Sir, Assam is a State where various people live. We cannot wound any body's sentiment. Language is not to be an instrument to do so. Through language we have to build up a State between various sections of people. When we demand that Assamese should be made the official language of the State, we are conscious that in our State there are various people who speak different languages. We have no right to injure their feeling and sentiment. Afterall, what is the official language? The

purpose of official language is very limited. Only for certain limited purposes a language is selected or more than one languages are selected so that Government may be more nearer to the people and there is no barrier between the Government and people. So, when we are embarking on some plans for developing our State, it is necessary to make the people realise that. But what we are doing? Let them show what we are going to do. With that view in our mind, we thought that time was ripe for making Assamese as the State Language. But that did not mean that we decried any other language for that. After all, Bengali is perhaps the first language in India to day so far the richness is concerned. Who can decried that? and who can destroy that language? In our House anybody and everybody can catch the official language. People may carry on their work with their own language. In the public meeting they speak any language they like. So far as the representation is concerned any man can submit the representation in any language and Government is bound to accept it. So far as the Primary Schools are concerned, constitution provides that education should be given in the mother tongue. So far as the Secondary Education is concerned, people are at liberty to take any language he likes. So far as our Assembly is concerned, we have recognised all these languages, and we have our own rules. So far as the High Court is concerned, the language is still English. So far as the University is concerned, there also English will remain. Therefore, the scope of the official language is very limited. So anyone may be mistaken that by adopting a particular language as official language, we are fighting against another. That is far from truth. Therefore, every community belonging to different languages should have no fear. In this Act we have provided that so far as the examination of the Government servants is concerned, they will be taken in certain languages. In sec. 7 of the Act, there is a provision which reads as follows:—

Subject to the provision of this Act, the State Government may by notification issued from time to time direct the use of the language as may be specified in the notification and in such parts of the State of Assam as may be specified therein.—

Provided that.—

- (a) the rights of the various linguistic groups in respect of medium of instruction in educational institutions as laid down in the Consitution of India shall not be affected.
- (b) the State shall not, in granting aid to educational and cultural institutions discriminate against any such institutions on grounds of language:
- (c) the rights to appointments in Assam Public Services and to contracts and other educations shall be maintained without discrimination on the ground of language, and
- (d) in regard to noting in the offices in the region or district if any member of the staff is unable to note in any of the district language, the use of English shall be permitted by the Heads of Department so long as they use thereof is permissible under Article 343 of the Constitution of India.

Therefore, Sir, even for the purpose of appointment and for the purpose of examination in the Public Service Commission, nobody will have any disadvantage. Therefore, Sir, I feel that the whole thing was misunderstood because of the wrong statements made in this connection. Now, Sir, so far as the community speaking other languages is concerned, they should have no fear at all. Now, coming to this amendment of the bill, we find that the amendment has been proposed in Sec. 5 of the Act. In Sec 5 of the main Act it was stated that "Notwithstanding anything in Section 3, the Bengali language shall be used for administrative and other official purposes upto and including the district level in the District of Cachar until the Mahkuma Parishads and Municipal Boards of the district in a joint meeting by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting decide in favour of adoption of the official language for use in the district for the aforesaid purposes." Now this clause is sought to be deleted and in place of it the clause that be inserted is, "without prejudice to the provisions contained in Section 3, the Bengali language shall be used for administrative and other official purposes upto and including the district level in the district of Cachar."

Now, Sir, so far as deletion of the Mahkuma clause is concerned, I believe there is no two opinions. Even at that time I thought that this was more safe-guard to the Bengali language than a trap to oust Bengali language and to introduce Assamese in Cachar, because what is that body that will do so? The body is Mahkuma Parishads, Municipalities, or together. So far as the population composition is concerned 2/3rd majority of the district will never vote for introduction of Assamese. Therefore, that was a wrong fear. So far as the people of Assam Valley are concerned, they should not also agitate over this issue because, if I may use the word, that is a sugar coated thing hung before the people that a day will come when this will happen. But that day will never come. Therefore, it is only proper that clause has been deleted, and after deletion what have the Government proposed to do? They say that "without Prejudice to the provisions contained in Section 3. Bengali Language shall be used for administrative and other official purposes." Sir, as I have said, in Cachar the majority of the people speaks Bengali. If 60 per cent of the population speak a particular language and if that language is made a regional language then no body should have any grudge about it, because in our Constitution the President has power that if a substantial section of the people speak a particular language, then he can make that language in addition to the Official Language, a language for that area. I may refer to Article 347 which runs as follows.---

"On a demand being made in that behalf, the President may, if he is satisfied that a substantial proportion of the population of a State desire the use of any language spoken by them to be recognised by that State, direct that such language shall also be officially recognised throughout that State or in a part thereof for such purposes as he may specify."

The whole purpose of this Article is that if the State Legislature does not legislate and if a substantial population of a particular area of the State make a representation to the President that their language should also be recognised either throughout the State or to particular region, then the President, in addition to the Official Language, may declare and make that language as regional language.

The word used in the Constitution is "also" which has a meaning. The word "also" does not mean that the Official Language declared by the Legislature will have no force there. The Official language will remain there as it must remain there, and over and above that, that particular language will be recognised as the regional language.

Now, Sir, here we have done a good thing. Why should they run to the President. We know that 60 per cent of the people of Cachar or of the Hill districts speak a language other than Assamese language. Therefore, it is only fit and proper that what could be done by the President should be done by us, and in that view, I accept that in Cachar Bengali should also be a regional language upto the district level.

But now the point is that I have not liked the wording in our Act. As you know Sir, I submitted a Bill for consideration of this House, and there, instead of going into all those things, I wanted to put in the following words:—

"without prejudice to the status and scope of the Official Language as contained in Article 345 and in conformity with Article 347, Bengali shall be the Official Language of Cachar district".

I have a definite purpose for this. Instead of arguing on this point I may say that after all the Constitution is a sacred Book. The Constitution is there and if it allows something else then that should be there. The provisions regarding the Official Language contain in Article 345, and under that Article "The official language must be for the whole State". I may, for the benefit of the Members, read Article 345:—

"Subject to the provisions of Articles 346 and 347 the Legislature of a State may, by law, adopt any one or more of the Languages in use in the State or Hindi as the Language or Languages to be used for all or any of the Official purposes of that State".

Here, there is no limitation regarding the use of the Official Language. Once an Official Language is declared, accepted one or two whatever that may be — that Official Language under Article 345 must be for the whole of the State. There is no provision for limitation on the scope of the Official Language. Therefore whether there is a limitation or not, instead of arguing all these points, if we put down that "without prejudice to the status and scope of the Official Language as in Article 345 and also in consonance with Article 347, because Article 347 says "also" which means that in addition to the Official Language Bengali may be recognised as a regional language. Then Sir, my feeling was that there is no scope for controversy. True, it is not necessary in the Body of the Act to write about Article 345 or 347 because if a piece of legislation is *ultra vires* the Constitution even without mentioning those Articles that will be so. And if it is *intra vires* then also it will be so even without mentioning those Articles. But the point is that we have been confronted with so many statements on Language. Our Prime Minister said that "if in any area a substantial section of the people speak a language, it has a right to be recognised as a language of that area, but this will not drive out the Official Language from that area." Then our Home Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri gave a different formula here, and that formula was accept-

ed without consulting any of the parties here or the people at large, and according to that formula we wanted to ban the use of Assamese Language in Cachar and in the Hill districts. Then in the Chief Ministers' Conference discussion was held and in that discussion the decision was taken by the Chief Ministers on 31st May and 1st June, 1961 and at page 16 of the Report we find that "where at least 60 per cent population of a district speak or use a language other than the Official Language of the State, this Language of the minority group should be recognised as an Official Language in the district, in addition to the State Official Language".

Sir, the word used here is not "also" but "in addition". Then again, 'recognition for this purpose may, however, be given only to the major languages in India specified in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution'. Exception may be made in regard to the Hill districts of Assam. Therefore, in the Chief Ministers' Conference all that it said is not that from the Hill districts Official Language will be ousted, but it said that "so far as the Hill districts are concerned, although their languages do not find place in the 8th Schedule, their languages may also be recognised". And therefore, it says that an exception may be made in the case of hill districts of Assam and Darjeeling district of West Bengal where the languages other than the languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution may be used. Therefore, the sum total of the Chief Ministers' Conference is that if 60 per cent of the people of a particular district speak a language then that language should be recognised, provided that language is one of the languages enumerated in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. But so far as the Hills districts are concerned it is stated that although their languages are not in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, their languages should be recognised. There also the Chief Ministers' Conference did not come to a decision that the Official Language accepted will be ousted from that place. This is the position. Now, recently the West Bengal—the West Bengal Assembly have passed an Act known as West Bengal Official Language Act. In that act also what they did is that in Darjeeling district and in its neighbouring district, viz. Kalimpong, they have recognised Nepali language in addition to the Official Language. I feel that is perfectly in conformity with Article 347 and the decision in the Chief Ministers' Conference. Now, what I am driving at is this that Government measures are half-hearted because it wants to undo the wrong it has committed in respect of Cachar, but so far as the hill districts are concerned, it has not yet undone its wrong. Now, in Section 4 of the Original Act it is stated "Notwithstanding anything in Section 3, only languages which are in use immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue to be used for administrative and other official purposes upto and including the level of the Autonomous Region or the Autonomous District, as the case may be, until the Regional Council or the District Council in respect of the Autonomous Region or the Autonomous District, as the case may be, by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting decide in favour of adoption of any other language for any of the administrative or official purposes within that region or district." This Section has not sought to be amended in the amending Act. I have, of course, no right to table any amendment relating to this but my Bill envisaged that point also for a particular purpose, not with a view to injure the sentiment or feeling of the hill people but to be consistent with the case of Cachar. I do not see any reason why in the case of hills we should not amend the Act. I do not say, by inserting this clause we will put Assamese as the Official Language in

the hill districts. So far as the implementation is concerned, anybody may use any language but in law we must be correct. In practice if anybody desires to use any particular language why should we prevent him from using it? We know in Cachar the majority of the people will not desire to use Assamese language at the present moment and in the hills also the majority will not desire to use Assamese language at the moment. Therefore, there is no harm in putting that provision and by doing so we will be doing a legal thing and it will not *ultra-vires* the Constitution. Secondly, Sir, by amending this Section relating to Cachar, I fear, we have committed a mistake and we have gone against the Constitution. I am afraid, we are discriminating between the Cachar people and the hill people. According to Article 15 of the Constitution we cannot discriminate against any citizen on the grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them.

Mr. SPEAKER: How long will you take Mr. Goswami?

***Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur):** Another ten or fifteen minutes. So, Sir, the State cannot discriminate against any citizen only on grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them. So, here if we undo the wrong committed in respect of Cachar and not undo the wrong committed in respect of Hills then there will be discrimination on the basis of place of birth and that will be bad. Secondly, because in Cachar there was movement against the Assamese language and then in support of the official language, we are going to amend the Act, and since in the hills there was nothing like that we are not going to amend the Act in respect of Hills. So, we are doing on pressure. We should not do anything on pressure. We should be consistent and we should do what is considered to be just and equitable. Therefore, so far as Article 345 is concerned, this Act will be *ultra-vires*, Dr. B. C. Roy, when he said that Act this *ultra-vires*, perhaps he hinted on that point.

There is another point to be considered. To whom are we going to give the power to adopt any language? In the old Act we have given the power to the Mahkuma Parishad and under the new Act it will be delegated to the District Council. Now, can we delegate this essential power of legislation to the District Council? Here the question is what will be the Official Language of the State or of a particular region? My feeling is that we cannot delegate this essential power to the District Council or the Mahkuma Parishad. Therefore, this Bill, so far as Section 4 is concerned, will be a stumbling block. As I have said, in this matter we want to go by the Constitution and by the decision of the Chief Ministers' Conference. I have stated here that we want to make the Assamese Language not the language of Assamese people only but the language of the whole State. Therefore, I advocated that as in the case of Hindi let us appoint a Commission from our side to pick up those words from Naga language, Khasi language, Lusai language and Mikir language which are similar and then we will find the similarity. Let us not bank on dissimilarity and let us bank on similarity and then we will be able to develop our language. I have also said in this House that it is necessary for everybody to learn more than one language. I for one want that over and above Assamese, Hindi and English let our people learn one hill language, either Khasi, Lusai, Naga or any other hill languages.

*Speech not corrected.

Whether the Khasi people learn or not, let the beginning be made in the plains districts where the people will learn this language. Let the barrier of languages brack down. Yesterday, the Prime Minister in the A.I.C.C. was speaking suggesting that there should be inter caste marriage. If we want national integration, there should be inter caste marriage. I fully support that today all these things should go away and the barrier should come down. We are not adopting the language with a view to coerce anybody, with a view to deprive anybody of the language but because we consider that this will be the most suitable language for the purpose of conducting official business. There is no linguistic chauvinism in India, there is no linguistic imperialism here. As a matter of fact, I would like that Devnagri should be a script of our language. And if we go more and more in that way, perhaps the integration will be complete. Let us think in those terms and let us proceed in those terms without any rancour against anybody, without bitterness against anybody. After all, we are brothers, we are here to develop the State and in developing the State we want a vehicle of expression and that vehicle will be Assamese and there will be no coercion. In that spirit if we go I feel we can do a lot. And therefore, I want that so far as this Bill is concerned let it be constant with the provisions of the Constitution. The Chief Ministers' Conference was a very valuable one and it has given some valuable decision. Let us follow this decision. Let not our Bill suffer from any defect, let it not be accused that it encourages discrimination, that it is unfit to legislate essential matters. If we go in that spirit I believe the bitterness will vanish and we will be able to come together nearer to each other and we shall be able to build a happier Assam.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I was glad to hear from the lips of my friend, Shri Goswami, that language is not an instrument of oppression but a vehicle of expression. If we take that spirit and if we move in that way then quite a lot of the turmoil and problems that exist in our State today will vanish. Sir, it is good that the Government of Assam has by now realised that Section 5 of the Official Language Act was a very defective thing. It is good that they are going to correct some of their mistakes. We said at the time of discussion of the Bill that the proviso which sought to drag in Mahkuma Parishad and Municipal Boards into the arean was an insult added to injury to the people of Cachar. We are glad, Sir, that the Government appears to have realised that by now. But should we not even now realise that this dawning of wisdom has come at the cost of 19 precious lives? Could we not have saved those 19 lives if that provocative clause would not have been there in the Official Language Act. I quite know Sir that an angry speech generated an angrier reaction and that was one of the reasons how this matter crept in. But even today, let us, when we speak, speak from the core of our heart so that there is no reservation at all in our minds or in our action. We must have a clear approach and a definite perspective in this matter. We must remember the composition of our State. It will not be wise and proper to compare Assam with Rajasthan or with Bengal. Assam is peculiarly situated and this peculiarly we must remember. Whether you like it or not, geographically the greater part of Assam constitutes an area which is not, Assamese speaking. I am no more an Assamese than

my friend Maham Singh is and yet the language I speak, *i.e.*, Assamese is not properly understood by my friend. Should I, because I happen to be stronger in number, go to impose my language on him as a vehicle of his expression? Definitely not. At the same time, simply because I am in a specially disadvantageous geographical position other neighbouring languages should not come and overwhelm my language. My language has every right to exist, to grow, to prosper as the language of any one of my friends. If that be the spirit, then we shall see that it is not a question of any particular language dominating over another language but the question is to bring Democracy home to every section of the people. As we have become now independent, as the Government activities have spread to the far corners of our country, if we want really to see the people participating in all aspects of public life, then all sections of the people, to whatever linguistic group they may belong, should be given the opportunity of receiving Government decisions and also making themselves heard to the Government in their own language. If that be done, then there will be no difficulty. So far as this State is concerned, as Assamese language happens to be the language of the majority of the people, that will have the primary position, the first position, but that does not mean that other languages will be or should be neglected or should be, in any way, looked askance with. Therefore, when this aspect is realised, when it is seen that the overwhelming majority of the people of Cachar should be given the status that is due to them, I think, Sir, that is a step, a move, in the right direction.

As has been stated in the Statement of Objects and Reasons, Government was confronted with two problems after the passing of the Official Language Act. These two problems are, firstly, there were some people among the Assamese speaking masses who thought that because Bengali will be used in Cachar, because the languages of the people of the Hills will be used in their own regions, therefore, it means that there is a ban to the Assamese language to some parts of Assam, rather to the greater part of Assam. My submission is that that apprehension is unfounded. The article of the Constitution of India is very clear. It is not necessary when we come to prepare a Bill that we should repeat what is written there in the Constitution. If we go on repeating it sometimes it does harm because it may bring apprehensions to those people who are susceptible to suspicions and who are susceptible to fear. Therefore, so far as the present Bill is concerned, Sir, I think the rider of the clause is not at necessary, it is rather a tautology because Article 347 of the Constitution of India is very clear in this matter. The point is, the people of Cachar could have moved the President and I know that the President would have guaranteed them the right as envisaged under Article 347 of the Constitution of India. Instead of the President's power being invoked if this Legislature goes to do its duty that is only fair and proper and for that there is no necessity of again repeating the Article or some provisions of the Article of the Constitution of India. Whether we repeat or not, the Constitution of India reigns supreme.

Sir, it has been said that this Government had realised that after passing of the Language Act certain section of the people of Cachar had agitated. Why did they do so? They agitated because they had certain apprehen-

sions. Are we going to remove those apprehensions or are we going to keep some remnants of those apprehensions? That should be considered very thoroughly and coolly. I do not say, Sir, that by this amending Bill we will solve all the problems. Let this Bill be at least a stepping stone towards greater integration because that constitutes to be the major plank of our National policy, of our country, today. We should not do or say anything which hampers the growth of national integration and we must remember and realise that linguism today constitutes the greatest danger to national integration. This is bound to be so, because as I said at the very outset, people want to know and express and their language being the vehicle for that, naturally that will be a big consideration.

I do not think it proper, Sir, to bring in discussion of the matters of section 4 of the Assam Official Language Act here not only because it is not within the scope of the present Amending Bill but because it will further complicate the already complicated situation in the Hill districts. It will be the height of my folly if I think that all is quiet and calm in the Hill districts. It will be a great mistake if I think the apparent calmness there is actual. Therefore, let us not disturb the linguistic *status quo* there. If according to the Constitution the Official language can have entry there, then the Official language will have its entry when the people there will like to use it. We need not impose it. We need not go to reiterate the Articles of the Constitution and out of contact. At the same time we should see that in order to bring in people for greater collaboration with the developmental and constructive efforts of the Government, we should see that all important legislative measures, decrees, all these things, are made available to all sections of the people in the State in their own languages. By this I mean the major sections; there are hundreds of languages or dialects in the State and it will not be possible to have all these languages and dialects so used. Let at least the major languages be used in this respect. There should have been provisions in the Bill in that direction and probably in some future course, we shall have to move in that way. For the time being, Sir, the measure which is suggested is right and proper. Let there be no apprehension in the minds of the people of Cachar that their language, namely the Bengali language, is going to be overwhelmed or going to be ousted from their sphere of activity. Nobody can oust that language. That is a language and literature which is so much developed. It will be only proper for us to mutually respect each other. I shall not consider myself to be adequately educated if I cannot read and understand the poems of Rabindra Tagore in the language in which he composed them. I shall not be able to appreciate the literary value of Sarat Chandra if I cannot read his novels and understand that in the language in which he wrote them. It is for my personal benefit that I should learn the Bengali language. Similarly, it will be for their own personal benefits that the Bengali speaking people living in Assam will learn, should learn, and shall learn the Official language, namely, the Assamese Language. If we take that spirit with regard to the Hills also, we shall be going forward to learn some of the languages of the Hills and the Hills people also out of necessity will come to learn the State Official Language. There should be no imposition nor any move or direction of imposition in any matter. So, Sir, I welcome this Bill so far as it goes because I believe that as time passes on, as the Constitution grows and as our efforts also develop, the Assamese language will grow to the full stature as the real Official language of the State of Assam and the "Sangram Parishad" and other people of Cachar

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who took to certain agitational methods on the line of making Bengali an alternative Official language for the whole State of Assam will, I hope, desist from that move because nobody in this State will accept that position. Assamese shall be the Official language of the State of Assam and those who move for making Bengali also an additional or alternate Official language for the whole State of Assam will not be moving in the right direction. Therefore, the "Sangram Parishad" people should even now, though it is rather late, withdraw all their agitational approaches in the matter and so far as the Assamese-speaking people are concerned, they should also go forward to meet the just and legitimate demands of the Bengalis and the Hill people in the matter of expression through their own languages. Let us take the present Bill in that spirit, Sir.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) :**
Mr. Speaker, Sir, I highly appreciate the spirit that has been expressed by the hon. Members in the other side with regard to the attitude which we should have on this language issue in our State. Although it may not be able to agree cent per cent with the hon. Leader of the Opposition, who, unfortunately is not in the House at the present moment, I should be very frank in my statement that I fully agree with the hon. Member, Shri Gauri Sankar Bhattacharjee, with regard to what we should do to this language issue. Sir, the hon. Leader of the Opposition has put a lot of blame on us and I am quite prepared to shoulder all these blames. At the same time, the hon. Members should appreciate that because of the diverse population in the State, this language issue was not an easy issue for us and it is not so even now. At the same time, the responsibility remains with the public leaders of Assam and the hon. Members here. Whatever may be the difficulty we must be able to find solutions to these problems and that must lead us not to destruction but it must lead us to progress, prosperity and advancement of our society. Therefore, Sir, this being a very important question, which was discussed at the highest level in New Delhi by the Prime Minister not only with the Chief Ministers of the States but as well as with the leaders of the political parties representing the various important parties of our country.

We have discussed this question in the Madurai Session of the All India Congress Committee. Similarly the other political organisations have discussed this subject in their forum. Sir, we know that it is not difficult to draft a bill. But what is our difficulty? Our difficulty is not drafting a new bill, but our difficulty is to carry other people together with us. That is our whole difficulty. That is why our whole object was that while the Assamese will be official language of the State, at the same time none of the Assamese speaking district shall be imposed this language. That was our policy and that was behind the Official Language Act so far we have followed. Therefore, under these circumstances we feel that we are doing our utmost that is possible keeping always in view the basic policy of our approach which is innunciated and at the same time removing the things which are not wanted by the people. Sir, these are the reasons for which it has become necessary for us to bring before this House this amending bill. We have discussed these things and issue more than once and various statements have been issued both in the press and Platform. Now I appeal to the hon. Members that the injury which has been brought to this

beautiful frontier state of India that we will be able to meet these the by spirit of understanding and tolerance and also by creating proper atmosphere. Sir, there may be many things, some defects might be pointed out both by the people of Brahmaputra Valley, Cachar and also by the people of Hill Districts. I shall appeal to all of them to keep our sacred object always in our fore-front that is to say Sir, the strong unity and progress of Assam. We should always keep this ideal in our mind in suggesting whatever we do or whatever we are asked to do whether in this matter or in anything else.

Sir, the hon. Leader of the Opposition was referring to the proceedings of the Chief Minister's Conference. Sir, I had the honour to attend this Conference and also know fully about the decisions which were arrived at. Sir this Conference dealt with a large number of subjects, of course language was one of the most important subjects of the Conference. Therefore, so far as I am concerned, I am a party to all these decisions. Whatever had been brought about by the subsequent discussions from time to time as had been done and subsequently decided in the National Integration Conference which was held with the leaders of all other Political Parties. Therefore a Standing Committee had also been formed. We have to implement not only one part of the decision, but I would like to tell the House that we shall have to implement all the decisions of this Conference. Therefore, this is not only the State of Assam perhaps all other States of India that they will have to bring a large number of amendment in language policy, in education for implementing the decisions. Sir we shall have to achieve this ideal. Sir, to achieve these objectives we shall have to proceed in a manner by which we can carry the people with us. Because in Democracy unless we can carry the people with us, we cannot progress. That is why I propose that the first thing that is necessary so far as the National Integration Conference's decisions are concerned, whether it is the Chief Minister's Conference, or other bigger Conference that has been held by the Prime Minister, what is the necessity for us. I feel it is our duty to educate the people about the importance of the decisions of the Conference. Therefore, I would like to submit that we have to organise about the decisions for the cause of national integration of the country. The hon. leader of the Opposition mentioned about his bill which was published and it was suggested that it would have been better if there had been mention of Article 345 and article 347 of the Constitution. Sir, I quite agree that perhaps there would have been no harm in making a reference to Article 345, but I see no point at all how can article 347 can be mentioned. Because that is power of the President and, therefore, I do not think that can find place at all, and perhaps similarly the mentioning of article 345 is also necessary; because this House has been granted certain authority to take up this bill under this article. So, Sir, with regard to section 4 of the Official Language Act, I agree with the hon. Member Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya in this regard.

Therefore, I would not like to say anything about it. I do not agree with the hon. Leader of the Opposition that by this provision which we are suggesting it will mean any discrimination against anybody. Sir, while I should like to thank the hon. Leader of the Opposition as well as to the hon. Member from Gauhati, I would request the House to support this Motion.

(The question was adopted.)

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that the Assam Official Language (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

(The question was adopted.)

There are no amendments to Clause 1 and 2. The question is that clause 1 and clause 2 of the Assam Official Language Bill, 1961 do form part of the Bill.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, I beg to move that in the proposed new Section 5 going to be substituted by clause 3 between the words "Language" and "shall", occurring in the Second line the word "also" shall be inserted.

মই এই সংশোধনীটো চৰকাৰৰ বিৰোধীতা কৰিবলৈ জনা নাই। এইটো সংলগ্ন কৰিলে বিলৰ উদ্দেশ্যটো স্পষ্ট হৈ উঠিব আৰু মূল বিষয়টো বেছি appropriate হ'ব।

এতিয়া দেখা যায় আৰু সংশোধনীতো এইটো স্পষ্ট আছে যে কাছাৰত বঙালী ভাষা কৰিবলৈ লৈছে।

এই বিষয়টো লৈ অসম উপত্যকা আৰু কাছাৰ দুয়োঠাইতে এটা গোলমালৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছে যে এতিয়া কোন ভাষাৰ কি অৱস্থা হ'ব। কোনেও নাজানে যে অসমীয়া ভাষা কাছাৰত প্ৰৱেশ কৰিব পাৰিব নে নোৱাৰিব। যদিও চৰকাৰে প্ৰকাশ কৰিবলৈ টান পাইছে তথাপি সকলোৱে জানে যে বৰ্তমান যিটো সংশোধনী অনিছে সেইটো Shastri Formula ৰ হৈ প্ৰতীক। এই বিষয়ে প্ৰত্যেক অসমীয়াৰে মনত ধৰা সন্দেহ যে সেই Formula মতে কাছাৰত অসমীয়া ভাষা থাকিব নোৱাৰে। যদি সেয়ে হয় তেন্তে অসমীয়া ৰাজ্যিক ভাষা হিচাবে গণ্য হ'ব নোৱাৰে। যিহওক কাছাৰত ভাষা সম্পৰ্কে দুটা মতামত আছে। শান্তি পৰিষদৰ মতে কাছাৰত অকল এটা ভাষাহে হ'ব লাগে আৰু সেইটো অসমীয়া ভাষা আৰু সংগ্ৰাম পৰিষদে সেইটোৰ বিৰোধীতা কৰে। শুনা যায় শান্তি পৰিষদ সংখ্যা গৰিষ্ট গতিকৈ আমি জনমতক শ্ৰদ্ধা কৰিব লাগে।

তাবিপচিত আমাৰ ভট্টাচাৰ্য ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছে যে ভাষাসম্পৰ্কীয় সংঘৰ্ষত কাছাৰত ১৯ জন মানুহ মৰিল আৰু এই সংশোধনী যদি কিছু আগতে আনিলেহে তেনে তেন্তে কথা অন্য বকৰ হ'লহেতেন।

আনফালে অসম ভেলীত ছাত্ৰ আদি সকলোৱে আন্দোলন কৰিবলৈ ধৰিছে যে শাস্ত্ৰীজী আহিছে, গতিকে ভাষাবিলৰ সংশোধন হ'ব গতিকে এইটো যেতিয়া এটা সমূহীয়া কথা, আমি তাক ঠিকমতে বিচাৰ কৰি সকলো কাম কৰিব লাগে। ***

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***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** The hon'ble member is bringing some allegations against some Ministers. I would submit that in bringing an allegation of such a nature, he should give it in writing to you so that you may pass it on to me for making a reply. If he brings an allegation just standing on his legs and without mentioning the name of the person alleged, I am afraid justice is not done.

*Speech not corrected

***Expunged from the proceedings by order of the Speaker.

The SPEAKER: I agree.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): এইটো মোৰ কথা নহয়। এইটো বাতৰি কাকতত প্ৰকাশ হৈ গৈছে। এতিয়া সেইটো মই পুনৰ উত্থাপন কৰিবলৈ নিবিচাৰো। কাছাৰ জিলাত ভালকৈ তদন্ত কৰি চালেই ওলাই পৰিব।

Mr. SPEAKER: I like to draw the attention of the Hon. Member to new Rule 279A—of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly.

“No allegation of a defamatory or incriminatory nature shall be made by a member against any person unless the member has given previous intimation to the Speaker and also to the Minister concerned so that the Minister may be able to make an investigation into the matter for the purpose of a reply.”

Therefore you are not entitled to make any allegation against any minister.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Sir, has he withdrawn his allegation?

Mr. SPEAKER: With regard to the Member's allegation against the Minister, it will be expunged from the proceedings.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY: সিদিনা আকৌ এটা আন্দোলন কৰিছে। মোৰ কথা হ'ল আমি যি বিল কৰোঁ সি নিখুট আৰু স্পষ্ট হ'ব লাগে। গতিকে ইয়াৰ যি সংশোধনী অনা হৈছে মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰীয়ে যদি তাক গ্ৰহণ কৰে বিলখন স্পষ্ট হ'ব। সেই কাৰণে মই অনুৰোধ কৰো যাতে মোৰ সংশোধনীটো গ্ৰহণ কৰে।

Mr. SPEAKER: The amendment moved is that in the proposed new Section 5 going to be substituted by clause 3 between the words “Language” and “shall” occurring in the Second line the word “also” shall be inserted.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): I am very sorry that I am not in a position to accept the amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER: Are you going to withdraw the amendment?

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY: I am not withdrawing.

Mr. SPEAKER: The question is that in the proposed new Sections 5 going to be substituted by Clause 3, between the words “Language” and “shall” occurring in the second line the word “also,” shall be inserted.

(The question was negatived)

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): Mr. Speaker Sir I beg to move that at the end of the proposed new Section 5 going to be inserted by clause 3, the “full stop” shall be deleted and the word “for fifteen years” shall be added therein.

Speech not corrected

Sir, the Indian Constitution has provided safeguards to every language and that is appreciated by all. I also like to see that every language blooms in the garden of languages. But Sir, so far as the Official language in Assam is concerned it is declared that the official language should have jurisdiction to every corner of the State

Mr. SPEAKER: Mr. Barbaruah, how long will you take, about two minutes ?

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): No Sir, I would take some time.

Mr. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned till 2 P. M. today.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned for lunch till 2 P.M.

After Lunch

(After lunch Deputy Speaker presided)

* **Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH:** Sir, when any language is declared to the official language, it is the duty and function of the Government to provide facilities to everyone who want to learn the language. Sir, a time will come when Assamese will be introduced in every schools of Assam. From another angle of view, Sir, that youths of Cachar, when they will have to serve any part of Assam in the District level or the State level, they will have to learn Assamese language for the purpose of his service. Because Assamese will be regarded as official language. Therefore, for qualify for any service in the State, he will have to learn the language. In this way, those boys who are now reading in the Primary schools, they will have to learn Assamese language for the purpose of service. Therefore the people of the Cachar District will have to learn Assamese in the coming generation. They cannot avoid Assamese. Therefore, I do not say that after a few years there will be no necessity to know other language. I do not mean the Bengali language. Say language X. I have no prejudice against the Bengali language. I know Bengali and I can speak in Bengali language. I have no prejudice against any language. What I mean is that necessity will force everyone to learn Assamese. Therefore, I say when Assamese will have to be learned in a year or two, I do not mean only this particular district or that district, I do not feel that any other language should play there, and in that case there will be duplication of work.

This will be an extra strain on the exchequer and this extra strain will aggravated the financial position of the State. This will never create good relationship amongst different sections of the State.

Sir, another point I do not like. I do not like that that there should not be any school which is named as Bengali Schools, Assamese Sch.ols, English Schools, Marwari Schools etc. If there is any demand for a particular language, than there must be provision of that language. These different schools in name is creating disturbance. This matter should be considered very favourably.

Sir, I have gone through the Papers of Cachar and nowhere I found that the people of Cachar demanded for Bengali language. They demanded for Bengali as Second State language. Considering all these, I think that some time be given so that the people of Cachar be able to wellversed in Assamese language. After ten years a boy who reads Bengali in Cachar will be bound to learn Assamese. Therefore, I hope, this amendment should receive consideration of all the Members of the House.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister,): I am sorry, Sir, I cannot accept this amendment.

(The amendment was put as a question from the Chair and the question was negatived).

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is that Clause 3 do form part of the Bill.

(The question was adopted.)

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: I beg to move that the Assam Official Language (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam official Language (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed

(The motion was put as question and was adopted.)

The Assam Urban Areas Rent Control Bill, 1961.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Urban Areas Rent Control Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Urban Areas Rent Control Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbasi-West): Sir, though the name of this Bill is a Rent Control Bill, here inside the Bill the very purpose of the Bill is not clear enough to safeguard the interest of the tenants in urban areas. So this Bill has been brought forward. Sir, I do not object the interest of anybody whether it is landlord or a owner of a house, if the preservation is proper. But, here, Sir, throughout the Bill, the Bill envisages that the preservation of the interest of the landlord is so improperly made that it deserves opposition.

This Bill not only wants to give rent on the cost of construction but also on the value of the land purchased by the landlord. I have never heard that in any such Bill the price of land purchased by the landlord is also taken into consideration in fixing rent. The rent may be charged on the basis of the cost of construction of the house but in this the price of the

land is also included for the purpose of calculating the standard rent. I think this is improper, improper in the sense that it gives a very long rope to the landlord to grasp the poor tenants who occupy houses on rent in urban areas. Sir, there are people in the urban areas like rickshaw-pullers, clerks, fourth-grade employees, etc whose earnings are very meagre and if this Bill is enacted into law as it is it will throw a greater burden on them in the shape of increased rent, which will destroy the economic foundation of these poorer classes of people in the urban areas. I could not understand if provision were made in this Bill to calculate rent on the basis of the cost of construction of the house along with the land, but it passes my understanding why rent is to be charged on the value of the land also. It will certainly bring more complications and more hardship to the poorer classes of the people. Sir, in the definition of the 'standard rent' it has been stated "standard rent" in relation to any house means the rent calculate on the basis of annual payment of an amount equal to seven and half per cent of the aggregate amount of the cost of construction and the market price of the land on the date of commencement of construction together with the total municipal taxes payable in respect of the house, and monthly rent shall be equal to one-twelfth of the annual payment so calculated."

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have tabled an amendment to this clause. It will be better if you now speak generally on the principles of the Bill.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari West): I was giving an illustration, Sir. Sir, this Bill, if passed in the its present form, will give a long rope to the landlords not only in respect of rent but also in respect of eviction of the tenants. Although clause 5 says that only on certain conditions the tenants can be evicted, those are so wide and broad that under the plea of any of these conditions the landlords will be able to evict the poor tenants at any time.

These are the two most important points to which I would like to draw the attention of the house. If this Bill is passed in its present form it will be an unjust and improper piece of legislation and will adversely affect the poorer sections of the people living in the urban areas.

Then, Sir, the percentage for the purpose of calculation of rent is very high. As soon as this Bill is passed, the persons who are occupying houses at lower rates of rent will be affected. The landlords will immediately ask them for increased rents and if the latter fail to pay the landlords can go to court and evict the tenants with the help of this act. Therefore, Sir, so far as I have understood this Bill, it wants to preserve the interest of the landlords at the expense of the poor tenants. I, therefore, oppose this bill.

***Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri):**

উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই বিলৰ দ্বাৰা চৰকাৰে ঘৰ ভাড়া নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ কৰিবৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে। ঘৰৰ মূল্য মাটিৰ মূল্যৰ লগত যোগ দিব। তাৰ লগত আকৌ মিউনিচিপালিটি টেক্স তিনিটা লগ কৰি শতকৰা ৭৫ ভাগ ধৰিব, এইটো হল বহুবি। তাৰ ১২ ভাগ কৰি এমাহৰ ভাড়া হব। এটা ঘৰ ১২ হাজাৰ খৰছ কৰি কৰিলে ৩ হাজাৰ মাটিৰ দাম তাৰ লগত ধৰক ১০০ টকা। মিউনিচিপালিটি টেক্স ১০০, হিচাব মতে সেই ঘৰৰ ভাড়া হব ১০০ টকা মাহে। কিন্তু ঘৰটোত ১২ হাজাৰেই খৰছ পৰিল নে কিমান

পৰিল কেনেকৈ জানিব ? কাৰণ কোনো ঘৰত চিমেণ্ট $\frac{3}{4}$ ভাগ হ'ব পাৰে $\frac{1}{4}$ ভাগও হ'ব পাৰে, সেই দৰে বেলেগ কাঠৰ ঘৰত বেলেগ বেলেগ খৰছ হ'ব। আমি জনাত কিছুমান গবৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ অফিচ ঘৰ বেয়া কাঠেৰে তৈয়াৰ কৰে সেইবোৰ একে বছৰতে নষ্ট হয়। গতিকে কোনটো ঘৰত কিমান মূল্য পৰিছে সেইটো কেনেকৈ উলিয়াব ? তাৰ কাৰণে যদি এখন কমিটি গঠন কৰি দিয়ে সেই কমিটিৰে পইছা উপাৰ্জনৰ বাস্তাৱ্য ওলাব।

দ্বিতীয় কথা হৈছে যে মাটিৰ মূল্য কেনেকৈ ঠিক কৰিব ? ছিলঙতে পুলিচ বজাৰৰ মাটিৰ দাম বেচি, দুবৰ কম। সেই দৰেই স্কুল-কলেজ বা হাস্পিতালৰ ওচৰৰ মাটিৰ দাম বেচি, আওঁহতীয়া ঠাইত কম।

আৰু এটা কথা মাটি বা ঘৰৰ মালিকক কেনেকৈ বাধ্য কৰাৰ আইনখন মানিবলৈ ? এই আইন অনাৰ পৰা বহুত চৰকাৰী অফিচ Private ঘৰৰ পৰা খেদিছে, কাৰণ ভাৰা কমিছে। এতিয়া এনে হ'ব যে আইন মতে এ শ টকা দিব আৰু ভিতৰি ডেৰ শ দিব। গতিকে দৰিদ্ৰৰ মৰণ হ'ব। কিছুমানে আকৌ এমাহ থাকি ওচি যাব ভাৰা নিদিয়াটকৈ। সেইজনক ক'ত বিচাৰি পাব ? আৰু এট কথা মালিকে মাজে সময়ে মেৰামতি কৰাৰ খৰছ কেনেকৈ access কৰিব ?

চৰকাৰে কিছুমান ঘৰ নেসাজে কিয় ? এতিয়া চৰকাৰী অফিচেই ভাৰা ঘৰত আছে। বিচাৰি উলিয়াব নোৱাৰি। দুটা পৰিকল্পনা হৈ গ'ল। চৰকাৰী ঘৰ থকা হলে বহুত সুবিধা হ'লহেতেন। মোৰ বোধেৰে এই আইন কোনেও মান্য নকৰে। গতিকে চৰকাৰে ঘৰ সজা আচনি কৰক।

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) :** উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এইবিল সম্পৰ্কে দুটামান কথা ক'ব খুজিছো, বিলখনৰ কেইটামান ধাৰাই একালে Land Lord ক protection দিছে আনফালে কৈছে যে সমাজবাদী সমাজ ব্যবস্থা কৰিব খুজিছে। এই দুটা ওলোটো কথা। এটা থাকিলে আনটো থাকিব নোৱাৰে। গুৱাহাটীত ঘৰত বাৰ কথা ভাবিলে নোম শিয়ৰি উঠে। কাঁচি বজাৰত এটা কোঠাৰ ভাৰা মাহে ১৫০ টকা। গতিকে কাৰবাৰী সকলে সেই টকা Consumer ৰ পৰা আদায় কৰে। গতিকে Land Lord ক ৰক্ষা কৰচ দিলে আৰু বেচিহে শোষণ কৰিব।

দ্বিতীয় কথা হৈছে ঘৰ কম সজা হৈছে, কিন্তু ভাৰা লোৱা মানুহ সৰহ। ইফালে চৰকাৰেও ঘৰ সজা নাই। গতিকে private ঘৰবোৰকে যদি Extend নকৰে তেন্তে গুৱাহাটীৰ দৰে ঠাইত ১০০ টকাৰ কম দৰমহা পোৱা মানুহ থকাই টান হ'ব।

ঘৰভাড়া বিষয়টো প্ৰায় সকলো টাউনতে এটা ভয়ঙ্কৰ সমস্যা হৈ পৰিছে। এটা Reasonable Rent ত ভাড়া ঘৰ লোৱাৰ পিচত, যেতিয়ালৈকে সেই ভাড়া নিয়মিত ভাৱে মালিকে পাই থাকে তেতিয়ালৈকে সেই ঘৰৰ পৰা খেদাই দিয়াৰ কোনো কথা নাই। যদি হ'ঠাতে মানুহ জনক ঘৰৰ পৰা খেদি দিয়া হয় তেন্তে ভেঙু লৰা-ছোৱালী লৈ যাব কলৈ ?

বহু সময়ত ভাৰাতীয়াই ঘৰ মেৰামত নিজৰ টকাৰে কৰে, কিন্তু মালিকৰ পৰা টকা ফিৰাই নাপায়। এনে ধৰণৰ জুলুম মই জনাত কলিকতাত বৰ বেচি। কলিকতাত বুলিয়েই নহয় ইয়াতো Rent কম হলে নানা কৌশলকৰি ভাড়া বৃদ্ধি কৰে।

এতিয়া গুৱাহাটীত যদি ঘৰ ভাড়া লৈ নাপায় কিমান অসুবিধা হয়। আজি গুৱাহাটীৰ ফাছি বজাৰৰ একঠা মাটি ৫০,০০০ টকাত ত বিক্ৰি হয়। কিন্তু সেইটো চৰকাৰৰ মাটি, অথচ কেনেকৈ ইমান টকা দাম হয়? বৰ্তমান যিটো মাটিৰ দাম অনুসাৰে যিটো ঘৰভাড়া ঠিক কৰাৰ কথা উঠিছে সেইটো কৰিবলৈ মাটিৰো দাম এটা fix কৰিব লাগিব তেতিয়াহে সমন্বয় থাকিব।

***Shri HARESWAR DASS (Minister Revenue):** This is beyond the scope of the bill, Sir, rent is different thing and fixing of the price is a different thing.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** মই Sec. 5ৰ কথা কৈছো। গতিকে Rent fix কৰাৰ আগতে মাটিৰ দাম উঠাই দিয়ে, কেইদিনমান আগতে গুৱাহাটীৰ Flour Mill ৰ ওচৰত ৫০০০ টকাৰ একঠা মাটি বিক্ৰি হৈছে গতিকে আগতে মাটিৰ দাম বান্ধিব লাগিব। ইয়াত অফিচাৰ সকলৰো দুৰ্নীতি আছে। আইন বিলাকৰ উদ্দেশ্য ভালেই। কিন্তু আমাৰ Advocate সকলৰ মুখত পৰিলে অৰ্থ আন বকমে কৰি দিয়ে গতিকে Magistrate এ একো কৰিব নোৱাৰে। গতিকে ইয়াত যি আইন কৰা হয় তাৰ দ্বাৰা যেন Tenant বহে সুবিধা হয়, তেনে ধৰণে কৰিব লাগে। দৰ্কাৰ হলে কমিটি এটাকে কৰি গোটেই অসমৰ সমূহীয়া পৰামৰ্শ লব লাগে।

গুৱাহাটীৰ সমস্যা আৰু ডাঙৰ। সেই কাৰণে মই গভৰ্ণমেণ্টক এটা পৰামৰ্শ দিব খোজো যে আইনখন যাতে স্পষ্ট হয়। ঘৰ ভাৰা দিয়াৰ পিচত ভাড়া পাই থকালৈ যাতে কোনোও evict কৰিব নোৱাৰে। আৰু কম দৰমহা পোৱা কৰ্মচাৰীৰ যাতে সুবিধা হয় তেনেকৈহে আইন কৰিব লাগে।

***Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong):** এই বিষয়ত মই নকলোৱেই হেঁতেন, যদি এই বিলখনৰ ভিতৰত এটা অদ্ভুত ধৰণৰ ভাৰ দাঙি ধৰাৰ চেষ্টা চৰকাৰে নকৰি লৈ হেতেন। আজি এই কথা সকলোৰে জানে, অকল অসমতেই নহয়, ভাৰতৰ অন্যান্য ৰাজ্যতো অৱস্থা যে, আজি সাধাৰণ মানুহে নগৰত ঘৰ ভাড়া কৰি লৈ থকাটো অসম্ভৱ হৈ পৰিছে। অৱশ্যে যি ঘৰ ভাড়া দিব বা দিছে, তেওঁলোকৰ কোনো কথা নাই, মাত্ৰ যি সকলে ঘৰ ভাড়া লৈ থাকিব লগাত পৰিছে—তেওঁলোকৰ অৱস্থা শোচনীয়। সেই কাৰণে ভাবিছিলো, চৰকাৰে rent control আইনৰ দ্বাৰাই সিবিলাকৰ দুৰৱস্থা লাঘৱ কৰিব। কিন্তু বিলখন পঢ়ি পাও যে, ইয়াৰ উদ্দেশ্য বেলেগ। পীড়িত জন-সাধাৰণক তেওঁলোকৰ অসুবিধাৰ উপসম কৰা উদ্দেশ্য নহয়, উদ্দেশ্য হৈছে, মালিকৰ স্বার্থ অটুত ৰখা। ১৯৫৫ চনতে এই আইন কৰিছিল আৰু তেতিয়াৰে পৰা মালিক সকলৰ অসুবিধা হৈছে সেই বিলাক উপযুক্ত ভাবে বিবেচনা কৰি, তেওঁলোকৰ অসুবিধা দূৰ কৰিবলৈহে, আজি পুনৰ তাকেই নতুনকৈ আনিছে। আৰু ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰাই ৰাইজক—জনসাধাৰণক চকুত ধুলি দিয়াৰ চেষ্টা কৰিছে।

এই বিলৰ উদ্দেশ্যত কোৱা হৈছে: "The Urban Area Rent Control Act, 1955 has been found to be defective in that there is no provision made therein for giving a resonable return to the landlords on the capital invested by him in the land."

কিন্তু আচল বাস্তব সমস্যা কি আৰু তাৰ সমাধান কি হ'ব লাগে ইয়াৰ কোনো বিবেচনা নকৰাকৈ Rent control কৰিবলৈ যোৱাটো বিড়ম্বনা আৰু প্ৰকৃততে তাত Rent control ৰ কোনো কথা নাই। বৰং ক'ব লাগিব—No control. আজি অসম্ভব অসম্ভব বেটত ঘৰ ভাড়া চলিব লাগিছে। চৰকাৰেই, বহুতো বেছি বেটত ঘৰ ভাড়া দি আছে আৰু আনফালে, চৰকাৰৰ পৰা মাটি লৈ, ধাৰলৈ ঘৰ সাজি চৰকাৰলৈ বেচি ভাড়াত ঘৰ দি এক দল মানুহ আজি ধনী হ'ব লাগিছে। এইবিলাক কথা লৈ চৰকাৰৰ দৃষ্টি নাই। অথচ মালিকৰ সুবিধাৰ কাৰণে, ঘৰৰ মূল্য মাটিৰ মূল্য আদি ভাড়া ধাৰ্য কৰাত নানা ধৰণৰ কথা আহিছে। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত মাটিৰ মূল্য ধৰাৰ কোনো মূল্য নাই। সেই কাৰণে এই বিল ঠিক হোৱা নাই আৰু আনহাতে মধ্যবিত্ত শ্ৰেণীৰ লোকসকল আৰু জনসাধাৰণৰ ইয়াৰ পৰা কোনো উপকাৰ হোৱা নাই। আৰু Standard rent সম্বন্ধে কোৱা হৈছে যে:

“Standrd Rent in relation to any house means the rent calculated on the basis of annual payment of an amount equal to seven and a half percent of the aggregate amount of the cost of construction and the market price of the land on the date commencement of the construction together with the total of municipal taxes payable in respect of the house, and monthly rent shall be equal to one twelfth of the annual payment so calculated.”

এই বিলৰ পৰা মধ্যবিত্ত শ্ৰেণী লোকৰ কোনে উপকাৰ নহ'ব—বৰং মালিকৰ উপকাৰ হ'ব। সেই কাৰণে এই বিলৰ উদ্দেশ্য বেয়া আৰু সেই কাৰণেই এইখিনি কলো।

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, from the speeches of my friends it appears to me that there is a complete lack of understanding of the principles of rent law. Shri Tarun Sen Deka said, with regard to the Clause where the market value of land is taken into consideration, that is no law he found such a provision. How many laws on the subject he has read, I do not know. But that very provision has been taken from the Bengal Premises Tenancy Act. But Shri Deka said that he found this provision nowhere in any law. He need not travel verfar; but he can find this provision in the West Bengal Premises Tenancy Act and we have taken this provision from Section 8(d) of that Act.

One mistake he has committed. This is a fundamental right. Art.19 (f) of the Constitution provides this. By a stroke of pen you cannot take away a fundamental right. If there be any State Law which clashes with his fundamental right, then that State law will be void. This Art. 19 (f) provides acquisition of property, holding of property and transfer of property as fundamental rights. So, you cannot pass an Act whereby you can expropriate the landlord. You cannot do that. We took the higher legal advice, the advice of the Attorney General. Under that very Art.19 (f) there is a provision that reasonable restrictions may be put for the benefit of the Scheduled Tribe or for the general good of the community. Now, the legal advice is that reasonable restrictions may be put on the right of the owner but the right itself cannot be taken away. A few years back we wanted to confer occupancy right by twelve years' possession. That was considered as taking away the right itself hence illegal. What the Bill wants to provide is

to stop indiscriminate eviction and to stop indiscriminate enhancement of rent. These are the two objects of the Bill. These are reasonable restriction, on the right of the landlord ; but from the speeches of Shri Phani Bora and Shri Tarun Sen Deka, it appears that this Bill should aim at conferring occupancy right on the tenants. That is not possible under the Constitution. You can put reasonable restrictions. Now, what is the restrictions here put ? Indiscriminate enhancement of rent and indiscriminate eviction from the holdings. These are the two main objects aimed at here, other provisions are consequential. What Shri Bora means by saying that no return for the money invested on land should be provided, I fail to understand. According to him rent should be calculated on the cost of construction only. That is in our present Act. It is not working well and not equitable. Very pertinently Shri Patwary and Shri Barbarua pointed out the difference in rent according to the site of the house. Say a house, whose construction cost is Rs.30,000. If it is, as Shri Patwary said, in Fancy Bazar, it will bring one sort of rent and if it is six miles away from Gauhati, that house will bring a very different amount of rent. The land at Fancy Bazar will cost Rs.50,000 and the land in the other place Rs.2,000. In Fancy Bazar's house the investments will be Rs.80,000 whereas in the other house the investments will be Rs.32,000. But according to Shri Bora both will get the same rent. So, where is the reasonableness ? You are to give a fair return of the money invested. In urban areas site is most important. If you want to fix a reasonable rate of rent, site is to be taken into consideration. According to site, rent varies. Now, you can make provision for the site if you take the value of the land into account. I do not know what Shri Deka means—if he means what he says, then he has gone totally against himself. Because in the amendment he has tabled, he wants to eliminate the price of land. But in place $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent he has doubled it to 15 per cent.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA: It is a typing mistake. It is only 5 per cent.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): It is apparently a mistake. Now, at Nonthymmai you purchase a plot of land for Rs.2,000 and invest Rs.30,000 for the house. So you invest Rs.32,000. At Police Bazar for a similar plot of land you have to pay Rs.40,000 and invest Rs.30,000 for the house. So you invest Rs.70,000. According to Shri Deka, both the houses will fetch the same rent based on Rs.30,000. Now, where is the reasonableness ? It will not be a reasonable restriction and is inequitable. Shri Patwary mentioned about payment of salaries at Calcutta. It is not provided in the Act but the practice is there. This practice rather urges us to take a realistic view. In our present Act the cost of construction only is taken into consideration but what is the result ? Shri Phani Bora and Shri Patwary have said that it is impossible to get a house at Gauhati or even at Shillong. The Act is in the Book but the practice is otherwise. Why it is so ? Because that Act has not provided a reasonable return for the money invested. Therefore the rich people are not invest money on buildings. So there is dearth of houses. After all, the poorer people cannot construct houses for leasing out. The rich people should come forward to invest their money on buildings. If there be sufficient houses available at Gauhati to Shillong rent will fall down. So one should take a realistic view. Every body knows that what is in the present Act is not being followed. People generally do not go to court because they are afraid that they may lose the house altogether. So a need has arisen—our law provides one thing but in

actual practice another thing prevails. You must have a via-media and give a fair return to the landlord so that they may be persuaded to invest money. My Friends have committed another mistake. It is that every tenant is poor and every landlord is rich. This is not correct. This Government pays in Shillong and Gauhati thousands of rupees as rent. There is a house at Gauhati near Tribune's office where a contractor pays Rs.1,400 as monthly rent. Not only that, that contractor has advanced some money for the construction of the house. So the tenant is much more right than the owner. With the tenant's money the house has been constructed. So, it is wrong to say that every tenant is poor and every house-owner is rich. As a matter of fact in big towns the majority of the tenants are richer people.

We have taken all factors into consideration and we have fixed a via media so that justice is done to all. This is the position and I request the Hon. Member to withdraw his objection.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Deka are you prepared to withdraw your objections ?

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West): Yes, Sir.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is that the Assam Urban Areas Rent Control Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

(The question was adopted).

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The amendment in clause 1 shall not be moved. Mr. Deka will you move your amendment in clause 2 ?

***Shri TARUN SEN DEKA:** Yes Sir. I beg to move that in sub-clause (a) of clause 2 the words "in the area in which a house is situated which would be competent to pass a decree for the eviction of a tenant from that house" occurring after the word "Jurisdiction" in the second line shall be deleted.

Sir, in moving this amendment, I feel that this amendment is not necessary at all. If that portion is left out it will be read like this "Court means the Court of ordinary Civil Jurisdiction." Therefore I think if this portion is left out after amendment it will cover the whole meaning which is required by this law.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I cannot accept it. This is a verbatim definition of the existing Act. These Acts have been several time examined by the court of law.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Deka will you withdraw your amendment ?

***Shri TARUN SEN DEKA:** Yes, Sir.

(The amendment was by leave of the House withdrawn).

***Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbri-west) :** Sir, I shall move amendment No 5 and other amendments will not be moved. So, Sir, I beg to move that in sub-clause (e) of clause 2—(1) for the words “seven and half” occurring in the third line the word “fifteen” shall be substituted ; and (2) the words “and the market price of the land on the date of commencement of the construction” occurring in the fifth and sixth lines shall be deleted.

Sir, my main object of this amendment is that if $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent is left as stands in the bill, I feel that it will be hardhit to the tenants and if in place of $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent we put 5 per cent atleast some percentage of relief will be there. Here Sir, I know a number of High Officials who for their official status and position have taken some building advances and constructed big houses both at Gauhati and Shillong and a portion of their houses has been rented out. These house owner may evict the tenants at their sweet will because it may so happen that the tenants may not be able to clear the amount of rent within the stipulated time, then the house owner shall evict these people because this bill seeks to give that right to the landlords. So when the house rent be bigger one this poor tenants will not be able to pay it in time. From experience I may say that these poorer section of the officers and IV grade employees and also the school teachers do not get the pay in time and therefore these people living in the Urban areas may not be able to clear their dues regularly. As the time limit the landlord shall evict these people. Sometimes, Sir, the rent is also exorbitant. Sir besides by this bill the house included the gardens outhouse and all these things.

Whether the price of the land which is required only for the purpose of construction of the house in question will be taken into consideration at the time of fixing of the price by this Bill, or whether all the lands for the gardens or other purposes inside the compound will by taken into consideration. Here, Sir, this Bill is very much confusing. So when the very definition of the word ‘house’ includes gardens and all other things and if by that definition a landlord wants to make his house-rent 7 per cent the cost of construction of the house *plus* the percentage of the market price of the land, and if that area of land is not specifically referred to here, it may include the garden also. It may include the land of outhouses, gardens and other plots of land outside the actual Bhita of the house.

***Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue):** It is provided there.

***Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West):** Sir, I want to delete this portion and I think thereby after this deletion, the price of the land which is very cumbrous and also which will bring untold suffering to the tenants, will be helpful to the poor tenants. Of course I do not refer to the contractors because all the tenants are not contractors as referred to by the Revenue Minister. Such contractors may give advance to the poor tenants who have a little plot of land but the Revenue Minister also knows that all persons are not contractors, not big money-lenders, not big businessmen. So, there is a huge section of the people as I have already referred—they being low-paid Government servants, the Rickshawallas, Pandukaniwallas—all such people who constitute the bulk of the urban population.

***Speech not corrected.**

Therefore, Sir, I strongly feel that the price of the land should be deleted and by this deletion it should not violate the relevant portion of the Constitution. The Revenue Minister just now referred that we want to take away the right of landlord. Never, Sir. By our speeches we have never said that the reasonable right of the landlord should be taken over for the interest of the tenant. We do not say it. We want to preserve the right of the landlord also when it is reasonable. But reasonableness is absent here. So I recommend to the House to accept my amendment.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Amendment moved is that in Sub-clause (e) of clause 2 (1) for the words "Seven and half" occurring in the third line the word "fifteen" shall be substituted; and (2) the words "and the market price of the land on the date of commencement of the Construction" occurring in the fifth and sixth lines shall be deleted.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister): Sir, I cannot accept it, I have already explained the principles of law but Shri Deka said that he could not follow it. So I abandon the attempt. I understand that Shri Deka and Shri Bora are arguing on marginal cases. Whatever law is made, there will always be marginal cases and a Bill is never drafted on the basis of marginal cases. For instance a man dies—one of our Conservators died on the day of his retirement, leaving minor sons and an widow. They maintained themselves by the rent of the house. They let out the house in the urban area and went to the rural areas to live in and by the rent they received from the house, the widow educated sons and maintained herself. This is a marginal case of a landlord. There may be such marginal cases of tenants. There will always be marginal cases. No Bill is ever drafted on marginal cases.

Now, Shri Deka has referred to the definition of house, to gardens, outhouse and all these. He wants to omit them. Yes in a town that may happen, for instance, at Fancy Bazar—if a man constructs a house in an area over five or six bighas of land, maintains a tennis court and a flower garden, the person who will come to rent that house, will he be a poor clerk, as he cited? The value of such land will be Rs. 4 or 5 lakhs and over such land there may be a tennis court, flower garden, outhouses, etc. If somebody wants to take advantage of all these amenities he will have to pay for it. Only a rich, fashionable man will come to rent it. He must pay. According to our desire people will not construct their houses. They will construct their houses according to their choice and ability to spend money. So the provision is there. Everybody rents a house which is suitable to him.

Now, supposing that a man constructs a house with flower garden, tennis court and all that. He spends Rs. 15,000 or so for construction of the house and Rs. 20,000 for the land and its development. Say the house is in Shillong. During the season occasionally he comes to Shillong, stays here two months or so goes away. Now if anybody wants to rent out this house, according to my friend he will pay for the construction cost only, 5 per cent out of Rs. 15,000 or something like that. Now he will enjoy the flower garden, the tennis court and all this, because the owner cannot take away with him the outhouses, the flower garden or the tennis court. He will enjoy these amenities without making any payment.

Is that reasonable? Actually do anybody desires it? He will have to pay for it. This Bill is not for the poor people alone, it is for the poor, rich and everybody. All tenants are not poor. There are tenants richer than the owners. So we are to strike a via media leaving out the marginal cases.

If this amendment moved by Shri Deka is taken, it will serve one side only leaving the other side uncared for. That will violate the constitutional principle of equality of all in the eye of law. A legislator cannot do that

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you withdrawing your amendment, Mr. Deka.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA: (Nalbari-West) No, Sir.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then I put the question:

"That in Sub-clause (e) of clause 2 (1) for the words "seven and half" occurring in the third line the word "fifteen" shall be substituted; and (2) the words "and the market price of the land on the date of commencement of the construction" occurring in the fifth and sixth lines shall be deleted."

(The question was negatived).

Are you moving your amendment, Mr. Patwary?

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** I should like to move that the whole portion beginning from the proviso to sub-clause (1) and also sub-clause (2) and (3) of clause 5 shall be deleted and sub-clause (4) shall be renumbered as sub-clause (2).

Sir, I agree with the hon. Revenue Minister that we should not violate the fundamental right as laid down in Article 19 (a) of the Constitution of India. Now whenever a house is rented, the right of the landlord does not go to the tenant. According to Article 31 of the Constitution the landlord has a right to make his own property and according to that provision he can earn his money and he could construct the building and exchange the house which has been given on rent. Thus the right has been transferred to the tenant. So Sir, this right of the tenant so far

rent control is concerned should be the first consideration. If this provision is there, then the landlord will give lots of trouble to the tenants. To cite one instance Sir, in Gauhati I know some students reading in the Cotton College, they took one house on rent because they could not get seats in the College hostel—about 30 students rented a house at Rs. 375 per month but they complained to me that the landlord, the owner of that house wants to remove them from there. Sir, these boys are not the businessmen, they are not contractors but the landlord is giving them notice because he wants to eject them from his house. So for the safeguard of the tenants I think clause 5 is sufficient because if the tenant pays rent regularly the court will not give any decree to the landlord and if the landlord refuses to accept the rent the tenant, according to clause 4, can deposit the rent with the Treasury. Now, suppose the tenant does not pay rent, in that case there is a civil procedure that the landlord can file a suit for ejectment of the tenant and he can thereby recover back his property. But if the tenant pays his rent regularly the landlord cannot at any cost eject him from the house which is the fundamental right of the tenant as per article 19A of the Constitution. If we give the landlord the right or the power to eject the tenant where will the tenant go. That is why this portion with the words 'but' 'provided' and the like should not remain there. Sir, from my own personal experience I know many cases that such words like, 'but' 'provided', etc., are not good at all. The purpose of my amendment is Sir, to protect the tenants from the landlord. I think the hon. Minister will accept my amendment which is most justified and reasonable as it will go in favour of the poor people. As you know Sir, the poor people cannot fight with the big people, so my amendment is meant to help the poor people.

With these words Sir, I request the hon. Minister to accept my amendment.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue,) : Sir, I am sorry. I cannot accept this amendment. I shall explain why. First of all, I think my friend Shri Patwary has not properly examined the implication of his own amendment. By his amendment he wants to delete sub-clauses (2) and (3). Now, sub-clauses (2) and (3) are provisions for the benefit of the tenants. I am afraid Mr. Patwary did not pause to consider the consequence of his amendment. If his amendment is accepted then the tenant will lose his right which this provision, I mean, sub-clause (2) seek to give. Now, sub-clause (3) also gives protection to the tenant. Some provisions are there before sub-clause (3) providing the grounds under which the landlord can eject the tenant, these were mentioned in sub-clause (1) (a) and (b). These have accepted some of the provisions of section 108 of the Transfer of Property Act. This section 108 of the Transfer of Property Act provides rights and liabilities both of the lessor and the lessee. We also have provided rights and liabilities of both. In every rent law there are two sets of people—one, the tenant and the other, the landlord. So there must be also two sets of rights and liabilities of the tenant and also of the landlord. In other words, there must be rights and liabilities of the landlord and equally also there must be rights and liabilities of the tenant. The tenant will have to do certain things and abstain from certain things and so also the landlord will have to do certain things and abstain from certain things. These two sets of rights and liabilities must be there.

Now, Sir, in section 108 of the Transfer of Property Act if a man uses his holding derogatory to the purpose of his tenancy, that is to say, if he takes the house for the residence and then dig a big pit therein, so that when he goes away the landlord suffers heavy loss. Or if a tenant commits nuisance or an annoyance to the neighbours, in that case the landlord can eject the tenant. If Shri Patwary's amendment is accepted, the tenant will remain there irrespective of his mischievous activities. He may not even pay rent regularly that is once a tenant always a tenant. This will create serious complications. I think Shri Patwary also does not like it. That is why, at the beginning I said that Shri Patwary did not examined the implications of his amendment properly. So I request him to withdraw his amendment.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): Sir, I am withdrawing my amendment, with the assurance from the Minister that the tenant should be benefited.

(The amendment was by leave of the house withdrawn.)

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now clauses 1 to 10 do form a part of the Bill.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Urban Areas Rent Control Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Urban Areas Rent Control Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted)

The Assam Board of Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1961

Shri HARESWAR DAS: I beg to move that the Assam Board of Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Board of Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration, clause by clause.

(The motion was put as question and adopted)

Shri HARESWAR DAS: I beg to move that the Assam Board of Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is that the Assam Board of Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The question was adopted)

The Assam Excise (Extension to Mizo District) Bill, 1961

Shri MAHAM SINGH (Minister, Tribal affairs): I beg to move that the Assam Excise (Extension to Mizo District) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration, clause by clause.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Excise (Extension to Mizo District) Bill, 1961 be taken into consideration, clause by clause.

(The motion was put as question and adopted)

Shri MAHAM SINGH (Minister, Tribal Affairs): I beg to move that the Assam Excise (Extension to Mizo District) Bill, 1961 be passed.

Mr. Deputy SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Excise (Extension to Mizo District) Bill, 1961 be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted)

Laying out Copies of various Rules

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): I beg to lay out copy of the Assam Taxation (on goods carried by Road or Inland Water-ways) Rules, 1961.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) : Sir, I beg to move that the Rules as per item Nos. 15, 17-21 viz.

1. The Assam Taxation (on goods carried by Road or Inland Water-ways) Rules, 1961.
2. The Assam Ganja and Bhang Rules, 1960.
3. The Assam the Industrial Dispute Rules, 1958.
4. The Assam Speaker's (Allowance and Privileges) Rules, 1961.
5. The Assam Deputy Speaker's (Allowances and Privileges) Rules, 1961.
6. The Assam Ministers' and Deputy Ministers' (Allowances and Privileges Amendment) Rules 1958 be referred to the Subordinate Legislation Committee.

(The motion was put from the chair as question and adopted).

The Assam Sramik Bahini Rules, 1960.

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister): I beg to move the Assam Sramik Bahini Rules, 1960, be taken into consideration.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Sramik Bahini Rules, 1960 be taken into consideration.

***Shri TARUNSEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) :** I beg to move that in Rule 8 the word "not" occurring in the sixth line in between the word "shall" and "be" be deleted.

In Rule 8 for the words "The Committee shall not sit for more than twice a year", occurring in the tenth and eleventh lines, the words "The Committee shall sit at least once a year" be substituted.

In Rule 9 the word "not" occurring in the fifth line in between the words "shall" and "be" be deleted.

In Rule 9 for the words "The Committee shall not sit for more than twice a year provided.....more than twice a year", occurring in the seventh to tenth lines, the words "The Committee shall sit at least once a year" be substituted.

*Speech not corrected.

That in form 'A' of the Schedule, a comma (,) after the word "being" occurring before the words "post Office" be inserted and some space in between the words "being" and "post Office" be kept so that the name of the Registered Office can be written.

That in Form 'B' of Schedule the word "List" occurring in the first column viz: "List of members applying for registration" the words "Names" be substituted; and in between the figures "11" and "25" under the same column the figures "12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24" be inserted.

Sir, here in Rule 8, it states that the members of the Advisory Committee shall not be entitled to any travelling allowances while attending the meetings of Committee. Sir, it will be unjustified if the members have to pay from their own pocket, while attending the meetings of the Advisory Committee which is a Government concern. I suggest that while responsibility of attending the meetings of the Advisory Committee is given to the members, they should be allowed at least the D. A. and T. As. So, I want that the word "Not" should be deleted from this clause.

Again, Sir, in the last sentence of this Rule, it is stated that the Committee shall not sit for more than twice a year. Originally, not more than one sitting was allowed, but if some necessity arises, more than two sittings may be necessary. So, Sir, I want to delete the word "Not" from the sentence, so that at the time of emergency the Committee can sit more than twice a year.

By my other amendments in Rule 9 also regarding Dearness Allowance and Travelling Allowance the same explanations stand. And about the sitting of meeting I want to delete the word "not" Regarding schedule i.e. Form A, the form is very indistinctly made. So I think my suggestion by my amendment will help to make it clear and good; and in Form 'B' I have suggested substitution of the word "List" by the word "Names" because it will be more comprehensive and understandable. And also in between the figures "11" and "25" under the same column, the figures "12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24" to be substituted so as to make the form comprehensive and understandable.

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister P. W. D. R. & B) :— Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir in Rule 8 which the hon'ble Member seeks to amend by deleting the word "not" Sir, this Rule was sent to Subordinate Legislation Committee twice and after sufficient discussion in the Committee this has been recommended. Moreover, Sir, there will be financial difficulties if the amendment is accepted. So, I am unable to accept the amendment moved by my Hon'ble friend Shri Deka.

Secondly, in the same Rule, he wants to amend the words "The Committee shall not sit for more than twice a year" by saying that "The Committee shall sit at least once a year". Possibly he has an apprehension that this Committee may not sit at all. It would have been better if he wanted to amend it by saying that "the Committee shall not sit for more than twice a year but must sit at least once a year."

However, he has not done so, and if he has any apprehension that this Committee may not sit at all then he could have wanted to amend it as above. Therefore, Sir, I am not in a position to accept this amendment also

Again under Rule 9 he wants to delete the word "not" and so my arguments given above in Rule 8 also applies here. So I am not in a position to accept this. He also wants that the words "The Committee shall not sit for ... more than once a year" to be substituted by the words "The Committee shall sit at least once a year". So the same things come in. Sir, this is not a Money Bill. To pass a Money Bill sanction of the Governor is needed. Therefore, I am not in a position to accept this.

Regarding Schedule "A" I think his amendment is quite reasonable and so I accept it. But regarding Schedule "B" the amendment suggested by him is unnecessary. He says that by substituting the word "List" by the word "Names" the Form will be simplified. But in my opinion Sir, simply by this amendment the purpose of simplification of this Form will not serve.

The other thing he has suggested as to why after "11" it is written as "24". Sir, it is only abbreviation to make it simple. So I cannot accept this also, though I accept Schedule "A" as suggested.

So, I hope that in view of what I have stated above, the Hon. Member will not oppose the Motion.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: — I think No. 5 is accepted but not No. 6. Mr. Deba, do you like to withdraw.

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West): No, Sir.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then I put the question. The Question is that:

In Rule 8 the word "not" occurring in the sixth line in between the words "shall" and "be" be deleted.

In Rule 8 for the words "The Committee shall not sit for more than twice a year" occurring in the tenth and eleventh lines, the words "The Committee shall sit at least once a year" be substituted.

In Rule 9 the word "not" occurring in the fifth line in between the words "shall" and "be" be deleted.

In Rule 9 for the words "The Committee shall not sit for more than twice a year provided.....more than twice a year" occurring in the seventh to tenth lines, the words "The committee shall sit at least once a year be substituted.

(The question was negatived)

Motion is that in Form 'A' of the Schedule, a comma (,) after the word "being" is occurring before the words "post office" be inserted and some space in between the words "being" and "post office" be kept so that the name of the Registered Office can be written.

(The question was adopted)
The Question is:

That in Form 'B' of Schedule the word "List occurring in the first" column *niz*: "List of members applying for registration, the word "Names" be substituted; and in between the figures "11" and "25" under the same column the figures "12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24" be inserted.

(The question was negated)

So, I put the main question. The question is that the Rules as amended be adopted.

(Rules as amended were adopted)

Presentation of Reports of various Legislature Committees

Shri RAM NATH DAS (Chairman): Sir, I beg to present the Fifth Report of the Committee on Government Assurance.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Chairman): Sir, with your permission, in the absence of the Chairman, I beg to present the Seventh, Report of the Estimates Committee relating to action taken by the Government on the recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Estimates Committee on the Department of Excise.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Chairman): Sir, I beg to present the Sixth Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

Discussion on Commission Report Sinha

***Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]:** Sir, I beg to move that this Assembly do now take into consideration the Sinha Commission Report on the Gauhati firing on the 4th July, 1960.

বোৱা ১৯৬০ চনৰ ৪ জুলাই তাৰিখে গুৱাহাটীত পুলিচৰ দ্বাৰা গুলী চালনা হোৱাত হোষ্টেলতে এজন ছাত্ৰ নিহত হোৱাৰ উপৰিও ৬ জন আহত হয় আৰু তাৰ কাৰণে ৰাইজৰ তৰফৰ পৰা দাবী কৰা হয় যে সেই গুলী চালনাৰ তদন্ত হ'ব লাগে। সেই কাৰণেই অসম হাইকোৰ্টৰ মুখ্য ন্যায়াধীশৰ দ্বাৰা গঠিত আয়োগক তদন্ত কৰিবলৈ দিয়া হয় আৰু আয়োগেও তদন্ত কৰি তাৰ ৰিপৰ্টাচৰকাৰৰ ওচৰত দাখিল কৰে। এই ৰিপৰ্ট সম্বন্ধে আলোচনা কৰাৰ পূৰ্বে আয়োগৰ scope সম্বন্ধে আলোচনা কৰি খুজিছো। আয়োগৰ scope সীমাবদ্ধ আৰু findings যিটো দিবসেইটো binding হ'ব বুলি ক'ব নোৱাৰি।

(At this stage the Deputy Speaker Vacated the Chair and Shri Ram Nath Das Chairman Occupied it.)

*Speech not corrected

সেইটো এটা Judicial nature ৰ Commission নহয় গতিকে সেই যুক্তি য চৰকাৰে মানি লব লাগে তাৰ কোনো যুক্তি নাই। Commission ৰ Report সম্বন্ধে মই এইটো কথাকে কব খোজো যে Shri Sinha ই এই তদন্তৰ গোৰাৰে পৰা এটা Bias view এটা লোৱাৰ যথেষ্ট প্ৰমাণ আছে আৰু ৰায় দিওতেও সাক্ষী-প্ৰমাণৰ পিনে কোনো লক্ষ্য নকৰি তেওঁৰ অকল নিজৰহে মতামত এটা দিছে বুলি মোৰ বিশ্বাস। বাইজে যি মতামত প্ৰকাশ কৰিছে, তালৈ তেওঁ অকনো গ্ৰহ্য নকৰি নিজৰ ইচ্ছামতে এটা View দিছে। অসমীয়া মানুহে যি সাক্ষী দিছে সেইটো এটা Communal Prestige ৰক্ষা কৰা বুলিহে আখ্যা দিছে।

In page 3, paragraph 6 of the Report it is stated "Before I set out to answer the different questions mentioned in the said Government Notification, it is my painful duty to record that the result of enquiry was made a question of prestige for the people of Assam as such and in that spirit evidence was given and no non-Assamese has been examined by any of the private parties"

গতিকে অসমীয়া মানুহে জুলাইৰ ৪ তাৰিখে গুলি চালনা সম্পৰ্কে যি সাক্ষী দিছে, কমিশ্যনে সেইটো মনা নাই,। কমিশ্যনে কৈছে যে সেইটো মিছা যুক্তিহীন কথা—কিন্তু অসমীয়া মানুহে আৰু কৰ্মচাৰীসকলে যি সকলে সাক্ষীদান কৰিছে, সেই সকলে ঘটনাস্থলত চৰকাৰৰ কামেই কৰি আছিল।

গতিকে মোৰ মনেৰে Shri Sinha ই যিটো Report দিছে সেইটো Bias অকনমানো যুক্তিসঙ্গত হৈছে বুলি মই কব নোৱাৰো।

গুৱাহাটীত যি ঘটনা ঘটিছে, তেওঁ কৈছে যে এই ঘটনা বিলাক বিশেষকৈ তাৰ Circumstances ৰ ফালৰ পৰা হোৱা বুলি কৈছে।

কত এটা ধৰণ পুৰিছে, তাত গুৰুত্ব দিছে, কিন্তু প্ৰত্যক্ষদৰ্শী সাক্ষী সকলৰ কথাত গুৰুত্ব দিয়া নাই। কৈছে যে গুৱাহাটীত বিদ্দিনা Situation tense হোৱাত পুলিছে গুলি চলাবলৈ বাধ্য হৈছে। কিন্তু আমি যদি চাও, ২৭ জুনৰ পৰা ৪ জুলাইলৈ ঘটনা গুৱাহাটীৰ ঘটনা সম্পৰ্কে চৰকাৰৰ তৰফৰ পৰা যিবিলাক সাক্ষীদান কৰিছে—তাৰ পৰাও স্পষ্ট হয় যে তাত তেনে কোনো গুৰুত্বৰ কথাৰ উদ্ভব হোৱা নাই।

অসম প্ৰজা ছোটিলিষ্ট পাৰ্টৰ চেক্ৰেটাৰীয়ে কৈছে:—

"the measures taken by the authorities were quite adequate, but it appears that they were not properly implemented by the officers below the rank of the Superintendent of Police, and that is why, in spite of adequate measures having been taken, the situation went out of control"

সভাপতিয়ে কৈছিল যে ৩ জুলাইত গুৱাহাটীৰ অৱস্থা সম্পূৰ্ণ শান্তিজনক। তাৰ পিচত জিলা কংগ্ৰেছ সভাপতি আৰু গুৱাহাটীৰ শ্ৰীলক্ষী বড়া ডাঙৰীয়াই সেই কথা সমৰ্থন কৰিছে। কামৰূপৰ ডেপুটি কমিশ্যনাৰ শ্ৰীগনেশ চন্দ্ৰ ফুকন ৩ জুলাইত গুৱাহাটীলৈ আহিছিল। তেখেতৰ মতেও ৩ জুলাই আৰু ৪ জুলাইৰ দুপৰীয়ালৈকে গুৱাহাটীৰ অৱস্থা ভাল। কিন্তু সেইবিলাক শ্ৰীংসিহই সমৰ্থন নকৰে নিজৰ সুবিধা

মতেহে লৈছে—কাৰণ অসমীয়া মানুহৰ সাক্ষী কোনো ক্ষেত্ৰতে গ্ৰহণ কৰা নাই। His investigation is not based on circumstantial evidences it is only his Judgement of imagination তাত যিটো শাস্তিৰ কাৰণে ব্যৱস্থা লৈছে Superintendent ৰ তলৰ কৰ্মচাৰীবিলাকে সেই গুলি মৰা নাই।

গতিকে তেখেতে কৈছে যে S. P. ৰ তলৰ যেনে S. I. আদিয়ে অবস্থা control কৰিবলৈ কোনো ব্যৱস্থা লব পৰা নাই। বিশেষকৈ তলৰ কৰ্মচাৰীসকলক, দোষী সাব্যস্ত কৰিবলৈ গৈছে। কিন্তু statement ত কোনো প্ৰমাণ দিব পৰা নাই। যদি কোনো অফিচাৰে কৰ্তব্য কৰা নাই সেইটো তেওঁলোকে আঙুলিয়াই দিব লাগিছিল। গতিকে তলৰ অফিচাৰৰ ওপৰত যি মন্তব্য প্ৰকাশ কৰিছে সেইটো মই মানি লব নোৱাৰো।

৪ জুলাইত পুলিছে গুলি চালনা কৰে আৰু সেইকাৰণে শ্ৰীৰঞ্জিৎ বৰপুজাৰীৰ মৃত্যু হয়, কিন্তু ৫ তাৰিখেও কিয় সেইটো তদন্ত কৰা নাই? ৪ তাৰিখেই সেইটো এহাজাৰ পাই তদন্ত কৰা দৰ্কাৰ আছিল। সেই কাৰণে আচল কথাটো তেখেতে দেখিবলৈ পোৱা নাই যে বঞ্জিৎ বৰপুজাৰী গুলিত মৰিছে নে নাই সেইটো কোৱা নাই। গতিকে দেখা যায় যে বঞ্জিৎ বৰপুজাৰী গুলিত মৰিছে নে নাই সেইটো তেখেতৰ সন্দেহ। কিন্তু সেইটোহে তদন্ত কৰিবলৈ দিয়া হৈছিল অথচ সেইটোকে তদন্ত কৰা নাই।

গতিকে তেখেতে প্ৰকৃত কৰ্তব্য কৰা নাই। যিবিলাক সাক্ষী প্ৰমাণ দিছে, সেই সকলোবিলাক চৰকাৰে মানি লৈছে; ডেপুটি কমিশ্যনাৰে মানি লৈছে যি দিনা সেই সন্মুখে চৰকাৰে Press Note টো কৈছে যে বঞ্জিৎ বৰপুজাৰীক গুলিয়ে আঘাত কৰিছে। কিন্তু কমিশ্যনে, বঞ্জিৎ বৰপুজাৰী গুলিৰ আঘাতত মৰিছে নে নাই সেইটো কথা উল্লেখ কৰা নাই। গতিকে শ্ৰীসিংহই আচল কথা লকুৱাবলৈ গৈছে, গতিকে তেখেতৰ যি opinion সেইটো মই মানি লব নোৱাৰো।

যেতিয়া পুলিচৰ গুলি চালনা হৈছে, সেইটো Don Bosco ৰ ওচৰৰ পৰা হৈছিল। বহুত মানুহেই ঘৰত জুই লগাবলৈ গৈছিল কিন্তু Firing বাস্তৱ মানুহৰ ওপৰত হোৱা নাই Firing হৈছিল কটন কলেজৰ ছোষ্টেলত।

৬ বঞ্জিৎ বৰপুজাৰীৰ মৃত্যু কি কাৰণে হৈছিল ছাত্ৰ সকল আহত হৈছিল কিয়—এইবিলাক তদন্ত কৰাৰ কাম আছিল কমিচনৰ। কিন্তু দেখা যায় কমিচনে আচলতে সেইটো তদন্ত কৰা নাই, কিছুমান Biased ভাবলৈ, নিজৰ ইচ্ছা মতে যি ভাল দেখে কৰিছে আৰু ৬ বৰপুজাৰী গুলিৰ আঘাতত মৰিছেনে নাই—এই কথা বিপৰীত স্পষ্ট ভাবে নাই। আৰু এঠাইত কমিচনে কৈছে—৬ বৰপুজাৰী বন্দুকৰ গুলিত (Bullet) মৰিছে নে নাই সন্দেহ।

গতিকে ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰাই এইটোকে প্ৰমাণ কৰে যে, কমিচনে, তেওঁলোকৰ duty ভালকৈ কৰা নাই। বঞ্জিত বৰপুজাৰী যে, গুলিৰ আঘাতত মৰিছে, এই

কথা চৰকাৰৰ কথাত, D. C. বা চৰকাৰৰ প্ৰেচনোটত প্ৰমাণিত হৈছে—কিন্তু কমিছনে, এই কথা অস্বীকাৰ কৰিছে। D. C. এ ৪ তাৰিখে হোৱা ঘটনাৰ যি যি কথা কৈছে চৰকাৰেও কৈছে।

গতিকে চৰকাৰে মানি লৈছে যে, ৬ বৰপুজাৰী গুলিৰ আঘাতত মৰিছে আৰু প্ৰত্যক্ষ-দৰ্শী সকলেও তাকেই কৈছে অথচ কমিছনে সেইটো স্পষ্ট নকলে। ইয়াৰ পৰা এইটোৱেই আকৌ প্ৰমাণ হয় যে, কমিছনে, ঠিক মতে duty কৰা নাই আৰু সকলোবিলাক fact লুকুত কৰি, অন্য এটা fact প্ৰতিফলিত কৰিব খুজিছে। ইয়াৰ পিচত, ৰিপৰ্টত কেৱল হৈছে যে, এটা বিৰাট জনতাই জুই জ্বলাবলৈ লোৱাৰ ফলত দনবন্ধ বাস্তৱ ওপৰত গুলি চালনা হৈছিল। কিন্তু সাক্ষী-বিলাক যিবিলাক প্ৰত্যক্ষদৰ্শী আছিল, তেওঁবিলাকৰ evidence ত কটন কলেজ হোষ্টেলৰ ভিতৰলৈ গুলি মাৰিছে বুলি কৈছে আৰু তাৰ ফলত এজনৰ মৃত্যু আৰু আন চাৰিজন আহত হৈছে। যদি দনবন্ধ বাস্তৱ ওপৰত গুলি চালনা হলেহেতেন তেন্তে নিশ্চয় বাস্তৱ বিৰাট জনতাৰ আৰু বহুত মানুহ মাইল হলেহেতেন আৰু তেজৰ চিন থাকিল হেতেন। তেতিয়া বাস্তৱ তেনে কোনো তেজৰো চিন নাছিল আৰু কোনো বাহিৰা মানুহ আহত বা নিহত হোৱা নাছিল। এই কাৰ্য্যত কলেজ হোষ্টেলৰ ভিতৰলৈ লক্ষ্যকৰি গুলি চলোৱা হৈছিল। ছাত্ৰ লীডাৰ শ্ৰীদুলাল বৰুৱা প্ৰেস্তাৱ প্ৰসঙ্গত—পুলিচ চাহাব শ্ৰীপাৰ্বীয়ে কৈছিল—যদি প্ৰয়োজন হয় আৰু এটা ছাত্ৰক মই গুলি কৰিম। এনে অৱস্থাত এইটোৱেই সত্য যে শ্ৰীপাৰ্বীয়ে biased ভাৱ ধাৰাত ছাত্ৰ বিলাকক এই জুলুম কৰিছে আৰু হোষ্টেলৰ ভিতৰলৈ গুলি চলোৱা হৈছিল আৰু তাকেই প্ৰত্যক্ষদৰ্শী সকলেও কৈ গৈছে। এই সত্য কমিছনৰ ৰিপৰ্টত উদ্ঘাটন হোৱা নাই আৰু এই কাইনাল ৰিপৰ্ট আমি গ্ৰহণ কৰিব নোৱাৰো। এই প্ৰত্যক্ষদৰ্শী সকলৰ ভিতৰত চৰকাৰী চাকৰীয়ালো আছে আৰু তেওঁলোকেও শ্ৰীপাৰ্বীয়ে হোষ্টেলৰ ভিতৰলৈ গুলি চলাইছিল বুলি কৈছে তেওঁলোকৰ ভিতৰত এচ আই শ্ৰী ৰাজেন বৰা শ্ৰী টি, গগৈ আৰু শ্ৰী এম, বৰা আৰু ডি, চি, ব মটৰ ড্ৰাইভাৰ শ্ৰীনিবীন দাস এই বিলাক প্ৰত্যক্ষদৰ্শীৰ সাক্ষ্য সিনহা কামচনে গ্ৰহণ কৰা নাই আৰু এই সাক্ষীবিলাকৰ কথাৰ পৰা প্ৰমাণিত হয়, যে আনকি 'বাইকলত' আগতেই plan কৰি গুলি ভৰাই আনিছে। যদি পুলিচৰ গুলি চালনা নকৰি দমন কৰাই উদ্দেশ্য আছিল তেন্তে প্ৰথমতে লাঠি চালনাৰ হুকুম লব লাগিছিল। সেইটো কৰা নাই। তাৰ পিচত বিক্ষুব্ধ জনতাৰ ওপৰত বন্দুৱা পেছ ব হুকুম লব লাগিছিল। সিয়ো নহল। পোনে পোনে পুলিচৰ হাতত ক্ষমতা আছে কাৰণে গুলি চলাইছে। এইটো ভদ্ৰোচিত ব্যৱহাৰ নহয়। শ্ৰীপাৰ্বী চাহাবে ছাত্ৰ সমাজৰ ওপৰত প্ৰতিশোধ লবলৈ সুবিধা বিচাৰি হোষ্টেলৰ ভিতৰলৈ গুলি চলায় আৰু তাৰ ফলত এজন নিহত আৰু বাকী ৪ জন আহত হয় গতিকে এইটো সহজে প্ৰমাণ হয় যে ছাত্ৰৰ ওপৰত যে গুলি চলাব সেইটো preplanned আৰু পুলিচৰ গুলি চালনাটো সম্পূৰ্ণ unjustified কিন্তু সিনহা কমিছনে facts লুকুত কৰি, এটা biased ভাৱ ধাৰাৰে justify কৰিবলৈ ব্যথ চেষ্টা কৰিছে।

মহোদয়, নবহত্যাকাৰী শ্ৰীপাৰ্বী এ কটন কলেজৰ হোষ্টেলৰ ভিতৰত ৬ৰঙিত বৰপুজাৰীক হত্যা কৰিছে আৰু বহুত ছাত্ৰক আহত কৰিছে। এনে অৱস্থাত আজিলৈকে নবহত্যাকাৰী 'পৰাবীৰ' বিচাৰ নোহোৱাটো দুখৰ বিষয়। এই প্ৰসঙ্গত কটন কলেজ হোষ্টেলৰ চুপাৰিণ্টেণ্ডেণ্টে যি এজাহাৰ দাখিল কৰিছিল তাৰ ওপৰত কোনো বিচাৰ নহল। মাত্ৰ উত্তৰ দিলে যে বিচাৰৰ কোনো কাৰণ নাই। এইদৰে

সেই 'এজাহাব' অবজ্ঞা কৰিলে। তাৰপিচত ৫ তাৰিখে তেখেতে এখন case file কৰিছিল। তাৰো মূল্য নাই বুলি নষ্ট কৰিলে। গতিকে প্ৰত্যেক step তে নবহত্যাকাৰী 'পাবীক' বিনা বিচাৰে বচাই লৈ যাবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰাটো দুখৰ বিষয়।

কমিচনেও কৈছে যে পাবীকৰ বিপক্ষে এজাহাব দিয়াৰ পাচতো কোনো ব্যবস্থা নোলোৱাটো উচিত হোৱা নাই। কমিচনে এই দৰে কৈছে—

"I do not accept the explanation of Mr. Pabbi that because this first information also related to the case, which had been instituted at his instance, no further case should have been instituted and investigated. Where there were two first informations in regard to the same occurrence, the version of facts being different, the case should have been registered and investigated. In my view, therefore, whatever be the result of the investigation, it was very wrong on the part of the Police not to have registered and investigated the case disclosed by the letter of the Principal".

গতিকে মি: সিংহৰ মতেও এজাহাবৰ তদন্ত কৰিব লাগিছিল। গভৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ তবহকৰ পৰা কোনো তদন্ত নকৰাটো অন্যায় হৈছে। চৰকাৰে ১৩ তাৰিখে কৈছিল যে departmental proceeding লোৱা হ'ব কিন্তু তাৰ পিচতে মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কলে কোনো ধৰণৰ action লোৱা নহ'ব। তাৰ পাচত ছাত্ৰ সকলে বিক্ষোভ প্ৰদৰ্শন কৰে তাতে মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰীক বেয়া বকমে অপমান কৰা হয়। ছাত্ৰসকলে কিন্তু সেইদৰে অপমান কৰিব বুলি ভবা নাছিল—কিন্তু তেওঁলোকৰ grievance জনাবৰ কাৰণে সেই অবস্থাত উপনীত হয়। তাৰ কাৰণে ছাত্ৰসকলক দোষাবোপ কৰিব নোৱাৰি। কিন্তু তেওঁলোকক মুখ্য মন্ত্ৰীয়ে ক্ষমা নকৰাত পুলিচে গ্ৰেপ্তাৰ কৰিছে। মই অনুৰোধ কৰিছো যে তেওঁলোকক এবি দিব লাগে। সিংহ কমিচনৰ ৰিপোৰ্টৰ কোনো মূল্য নাই। আন এজন জাজৰ হাতত দিলে তেওঁ সিংহৰ ৰায় অগ্রাহ্য কৰি দিব। মানুহৰ এনে অবস্থাত আইনৰ ওপৰত কোনো বিশ্বাস নাইকিয়া হৈ যাব। আৰু যদি সেয়ে হয় তেন্তে গণতন্ত্ৰ জীয়াই থকা টান। গতিকে মই চৰকাৰক দাবি জনাইছো যে পাবীকৰ দোষৰ এটা স্বেচিচাৰ হ'ব লাগে।

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery): চেয়াৰমেন চাৰ C. P. Sinha ৰ report ৰ ওপৰত আমি যোৱা অভিযোগৰ আলোচনা কৰিব খুজিছিলো। কিন্তু আমাক সেই report ৰ copy দিব বুলি আশ্বাস দিছিল কিন্তু সেইবিলাক আমাৰ আজিলৈকে পোৱা নাই। দ্বিতীয় কথা সকলোৱে জানে যে বঞ্চিত বৰপুজাবীৰ গুলিত মাৰিছে। কিন্তু কি পৰিস্থিতি মৰিল সেইটো তথ্যৰ কথা। কিন্তু গুলিত যে মৰিছে সেইটো ঠিক। সেই কাৰণে মানুহৰ জাজ শ্ৰেণীৰ ওপৰত বিশ্বাস নাইকিয়া হৈ গৈছে। আগতে মানুহৰ বিচাৰকৰ ওপৰত আস্থা আছিল সেই কাৰণে মানুহে কমিচন বিচাৰিছিল। গতিকে এতিয়া মানুহৰ কমিচনৰ ওপৰতো আস্থা নাইকিয়া হ'ব। গতিকে চৰকাৰে বাইজৰ দাবী মতে কাম কৰা উচিত বুলি ময়ো পাবীকৰ তদন্তৰ বাবে দাবি জনাইছো।

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** Mr. Chairman, Sir, my friend, Shri Patwary, has requested me to speak in the matter about law. Shri C. P. Sinha, the Chief Justice of the Assam High Court, who was appointed the Commission of Enquiry, has also said about this matter in paragraph 70—"I also like to call attention to two other matters. The Commission of Enquiry, Act (Act No. LX of 1952) should be suitably amended so as to clothe the Commission

with the powers of a Court and should be given the same powers as the High Court for punishing contempt of this authority in view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court holding that such a Commission is not a court, also because of the fact that a ruling and decision of the present Commission on a certain point was sought to be publicly discussed and criticised in a public meeting before the Commission had concluded its deliberations and before its report was submitted and made public.

Sir, when my friend, Patwary was speaking on this subject, some hon. Members were injecting saying that Mr. Sinha was a judge. Not only he was a judge but he was a Chief Justice of the Assam High Court. Whatever may be his position, he was made the Commission of Enquiry; he did not sit as a court and therefore the Government is not bound by his findings nor are the public debarred from discussing or criticising his findings. If he would have been sitting in a Court of Justice as he has used to sit in the High Court, then irrespective of his findings one was bound to respect his authority. But even the very same person once sitting as the Chief Justice may sit in another capacity, his findings or his report may be criticized there will not only be contempt of court, but there will not be any impropriety. Because he sat as the Commission who was sometime carried away by extraneous consideration, even by sentiments or emotion or prejudice. Now whether this Commission was carried away by emotion or sentiment there is an inkling of doubt in the last paragraph of this Commission report. It is stated "In my opinion the state will be immensely benefited if a system were introduced by which officials on all levels of one State is sent to other States for a stated period, say two years or so, on exchanged basis as such a system is bound to broaden their mental horizon and infuse in them a sense of oneness throughout the country and it is bound to have a healthy repercussion and effect upon the general administration and the people at large in helping them to think in terms of India as a whole in juxtaposition to the present trend of narrow parochialism; such officials will have naturally to learn the language of other States and that by itself is not a meagre gain from the national point of view".

It will be noted here that he speaks in general. Not only he is speaking about the high officials he is speaking about the officials of all levels. That all men who are not wise should be sent to other State for training in administration for creating oneness. This matter is a very serious one, because if a street boy would have said so, we would have enjoyed it, but when a gentleman of the position of the Chief Justice of the Assam High Court speaks with all his seriousness for exchange of officers from other State to inculcate the spirit of oneness of India, we have to consider this matter with equal seriousness as if we are rub our eyes awaking from sleep and we do not know why this mental make up has been suggested I donot know. I also donot know whether any other State is considering this matter in this respect. Whether any other gentleman occupying such an exalted position has suggested such a sweeping recommendations; but our C.P. Sinha has suggested with all seriousness. Let us also discuss it with all seriousness. Here this gentleman was requested to the findings on certain specific matters for the guidance of the Government. One of the terms is to ascertain the causes and the nature of the disturbances in the town of Gauhati and its suburbs that took place from 27th June 1960 onwards upto the time when the firing incident took place. Now the findings of this learned gentleman

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in this respect is "In my opinion the language issue namely that Assamese should be the official language of the State the question of unemployment in the Central services, namely the Railways, Telegraphs and in particular the Oil Refinery at Gauhati was the main subject matter forming the causes of the disturbance. Together with this, the several incidents connected with the language issue at Mariani, Luminglado Shillong contributed greatly to aggravate the situation."

Now the Government also has accepted this findings. So far as this finding is concerned the Government has accepted the findings with regard to causes of the disturbances.

This is only a part of the thing. It does not speak only of the immediate causes, it speaks some of the remote causes also. But it does go to the root causes. Why this sort of issue does appear? What is the basic reason behind it? If there would have been a balanced economic development, regional development of India, if there would have been no unemployment problem, if appointments would have been made on merit, if there would have no favouritism, if there would have been a system where everybody who was capable of doing something would have had the scope or opportunity of doing so and those who needed help and sustenance by the society would have got it and if that society would have been there, then probably all these causes and such disturbances would not have been there. But so long as those basic causes remain, that is so long as people live in difficulty and there is imbalance in the national economy and there are the root causes of this feeling. So if he would not have rest content the immediate causes but would have stopped back to the root causes then.....

Mr. CHAIRMAN: It is 4.30 p.m. Is it the desire of the House to sit a little longer?

(Voices—No, No, No)

Then order, please. I am going to read a message from the Governor. The matter under discussion will remain pending.

Prorogation

Raj Bhavan,
Shillong,
The 7th October, 1961.

ORDER

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. Shrinagesh, Governor of Assam, hereby prorogue the Assam Legislative Assembly at the conclusion of its sitting on the 7th October, 1961.

S. M. SHRINAGESH,
Governor of Assam.

The Assembly was then prorogated.

R. N. BARUA,
Secretary,
Assam Legislative Assembly.

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