

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

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 9 A.M. on Friday, the 29th June, 1962.

PRESENT

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury, B.L., Speaker in the Chair, eight Ministers, two Ministers of State, two Deputy Ministers and sixty-four Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

(Starred Question No.55 standing in the name of Shri Khogendra Nath Barbaruah was not put and answered as the hon. member was absent).

Re: Constitution of Supply Advisory Board in each Subdivision

Shri AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar) asked:

*56. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government propose to constitute new Supply Advisory Boards in each Subdivision?
- (b) The life and duty of each Supply Advisory Board?
- (c) The principles in which the members to the above Boards are appointed?
- (d) If any quota of C. I. Sheets and Cement is allotted to areas on Thana basis or population basis by the above Boards?
- (e) Whether Government propose to lay down some definite principles for appointment of members of the Supply Advisory Board and the distribution of C. I. Sheets irrespective of colour, caste or creed?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied:

56. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The life of each Supply Advisory Board is generally one year. Its duty is to advise the Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers as the case may be, (1) in the matter of distribution of controlled categories of Iron and Steel materials in particular and (2) if they so desire, of all essential commodities in general.

(c)—Members of the Supply Advisory Boards are generally nominated by the Government on the basis of the recommendations of the Deputy Commissioners and the Subdivisional Officers so as to make the Boards as broad-based as possible.

(d)—No.

(e)—Does not arise in view of reply to (b) and (c) above.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla): What is the principle for distribution of C. I. Sheet by the Subdivisional Supply Advisory Boards? Has any direction been given in this regard?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply): The allotment is generally done on the basis of population and also the demand of the particular Subdivision is taken into consideration.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS: That is not my question. My question is, whether any direction has been issued by the Government for distribution of C. I. Sheets to the Subdivisional Boards?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: The Board is for the purpose of tendering advise to the respective Deputy Commissioners and Subdivisional Officers for distribution of C. I. Sheets.

Shri AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar): May I know whether Government purpose to constitute new Supply Advisory Boards soon?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: The new Boards are going to be constituted very soon.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): What is the basis on which nomination is made by Government for constitution of these Boards and whether nomination of commerce and merchantile communities are taken into consideration in the constitution of these Boards?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: Representatives of commerce and merchantile communities are also allowed to get into the Boards their representatives and also different recognised organisations. Recommendations of hon. Members of this House are also taken into consideration.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar): In reply to (b) it is stated,—The life of each Supply Advisory Board is generally one year. May I know, Sir, what the Minister meant by 'generally one year'?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: Life time of the Boards generally is for one year, but if necessity arises the life time can be extended for a short period, i.e., beyond one year.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS: Whether there is any direction given to the Advisory Boards for distribution of C. I. Sheets Anchalik Panchayat-wise?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) : In some places it is done ; the distribution is done Panchayat-wise.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri) : Regarding distribution whether the Boards are given specific functions and whether they can advise only for distribution to distribute C. I. Sheets and cements, etc., or they can whether advise about other essential commodities like food-stuff.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : If the Boards desire they can discuss about all the essential commodities.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchala) : It appears from the reply of the Hon'ble Minister distribution of C. I. Sheets are done Panchayat-wise in some places. May I know whether direction can be issued for distribution of C. I. Sheets Panchayat-wise ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA : If that would be the desire of the hon. Members certainly it will be examined.

Re : Equipments for L. P. Schools

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

*57. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Government equips the L. P. and M. V. Schools with furniture, Books (including teaching books, etc. ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that many such institutions are not yet equipped since a pretty long time ?
- (c) What step Government have taken to provide the institutions with necessities ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

57. (a)—Some grants are sanctioned for equipment and furniture of L. P. and Junior Basic Schools every year from the plan provision.

(b)—The provisions being not adequate all the schools cannot be equipped in a single year.

(c)—All the institutions are gradually being provided with the minimum requirements of equipments.

Re : Construction of Hostels for Tribal and Scheduled Caste Students

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

*58. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that there are provisions for construction of Hostel for tribal and scheduled caste students ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Dhemaji-Desangpani High School got an amount of Rs.2,000 for construction of a Plain Tribal Hostel in 1959 or so ?
- (c) If so, whether any more amount was paid thereafter to complete the buildings ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister of Education) replied:

58. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes, in the year 1958-59.

(c)—No.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): 58(a)—Although there is no specific provision in the current year's budget there is a small provision for non-recurring grants under Article 275 which meant for both schools and hostel buildings.

(b)—Yes, in the year 1958-59.

(c)—No.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): এই মঞ্জুরী বিলাক কি কি ভিত্তিত বিতৰণ কৰা হয় ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: If the percentage of tribals is 15 per cent or over in an area their cases are generally considered for such grants.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): এই স্কুল খনক আৰু বেছি মঞ্জুরী দিয়াৰ কিবা আশা আছেনে ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: It is my hon. Colleague, the Minister of T.A.D.'s function to distribute such grants, so he knows it.

Re: Chenga Basic Training Centre

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

*59. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) When the construction work of the Chenga Basic Training Centre will be started ?
- (b) What is the amount estimated ?
- (c) What is the amount sanctioned ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the work will have to be completed with the amount sanctioned ?
- (e) How long it will take to complete the formalities ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister of Education) replied :

59. (a)—The work is expected to be started as soon as formalities are completed.

(b) & (c)—Rs.2,13,000.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—It will take a month or so.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): When the foundation stone of the basic training centre was laid ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : It must have been in time past so far I know.

Mr. SPEAKER : I think, Hon'ble Finance Minister remembers it.

Re: Conversion of High Schools into Multi-purpose Schools

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

*60. Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state—

(a) How many High Schools are converted to Multi-purpose Schools in the State in 1959, 1960 and 1961 ?

(b) What are the High Schools proposed to be converted to Multi-purpose High Schools in 1962 ?

(c) Whether Government propose to introduce Multi-purpose scheme in Mohura, Kuralaguri and Dhekial High School in Golaghat Subdivision ?

(d) If so, when ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister of Education) replied :

60. (a)—Number of High Schools upgraded into Higher Secondary Multi-purpose Schools is as follows—

1958-59	...	...	...	3
1959-60	...	...	...	4
1960-61	...	...	...	Nil.

(b) —No schools will be converted into Multipurpose Schools this year.

(c) & (d)— Do not arise.

Shri NARENDRANATH SARMA (Bokakhat) : What is the principle on which schools are converted into Multi-purpose Schools ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : On suitability.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora): Why no schools were converted into multi-purpose schools in 1960-61?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): The Government of India has discouraged conversion of schools into multi-purpose schools as multi-purpose schools have not been shining schools and the Government of India has instead given emphasis on higher secondary schools.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE: Is it a fact that Government is not going to convert any more school into multi-purpose school?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: Yes, there will be no conversion of multi-purpose school. There will be no conversion of schools into multi-purpose schools, but they will be converted into higher secondary schools.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE: How many high schools will be converted into higher secondary schools?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: This year 12 high schools will be converted into higher secondary schools.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla): Has any list been prepared for the purpose?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: I think, it is being prepared.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla): Is it a fact that there are multi-purpose schools which are suffering for want of staff and buildings?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Not so much for buildings but for want of staff as I have said that we are short of staff.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE: How many schools will be converted into higher secondary schools during 1962-63.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: 12 will be taken in 1962-63.

Re: Dergaon Sugar Mills

Shri DEBENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked:

- *61. Will the Minister of Industries be pleased to state—
- Whether Government have purchased shares of and sanctioned loans to the Assam Co-operative Sugar Mills at Dergaon for production of Sugar in Assam?
 - If so, the amount of shares purchased and loans advanced up-to-date?
 - The present financial condition of Sugar Mill?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Co-operation) replied:

61. (a)—Yes.

- (b)—(i) Shares of Rs. 27 lakhs.
(ii) Loans advanced by Government Rs. 17,57,678.00.

(c)—The financial condition of the Mill as revealed from the estimated financial position as on 30th June 1961 is furnished in the Statement laid on the Table of hon. Members.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati): May I know from the Hon'ble Minister what steps have been taken to improve the financial condition of this sugar mill?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): The financial condition of the mill is dependent on its efficient working. As I had said on a previous occasion, we have taken steps on the recommendations of a Committee appointed by Government, the report of which was placed on the Table of the House.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA: In view of the fact that it is a Co-operative venture and if this venture fails it will be a great blow to the co-operative movement in our State, will the Minister take effective steps so that the mill functions efficiently?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: I quite agree with the hon. Member. On the success of this mill will depend, if I may say so, the success of the co-operative movement itself. I can assure the hon. Members that all measures will be taken to ensure that this mill works efficiently.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat): May I know whether Government will allow a further loans to the sugar mill for the construction of a sugar godown and fencing of the factory?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: I am negotiating as Minister for Co-operative with the Chairman of the Apex Bank, who is the Minister for Co-operative himself, for a further loan for this purpose.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): May I know what is the amount of the loan applied for?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: Speaking from memory, it will be to the order of about three lakhs.

Shri SABESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar): Is it not a fact that a portion of the loss due to export of sugar has to be borne by this mill?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): All mills have a share in the loss which accrues from the export of sugar.

Shri SRRBESWAR BORDOLOI: What is the amount of loss sustained during this year by the mill for export promotion?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: I want notice for that.

Shri MOHAANDA BORA (Bihpuria): Will Government institute an enquiry regarding the huge loss suffered by this sugar mill?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Yes, Sir.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): What about other towns which are also congested and going from bad to worse?

Mr. SPEAKER: Is it Dhubri?

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): Yes, Sir, Dhubri and Barpeta also.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning): Sir, it will be noticed that in the reply I have mentioned the reasons why we are giving certain priorities. When a town due to commercial and, mostly, industrial activity gets spoiled and disfigured for unplanned development, we give priority. We will naturally measure every town in terms of such "uglifications", if I may use the word, through industrial development and select it accordingly.

Shri RADHAKRISHN KHEMKHA (Tinsukia):
তিনসুকীয়াত যি Master Plan কৰিছে তাৰ কান এই বছৰত আবৃত্ত কৰা হবনে?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning): এই বছৰ আবৃত্ত কৰা হ'ব।

Shri RAMNATH DAS [Dergaon (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]: Which is the bigger town, Jorhat or Tezpur?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Jorhat is the bigger town.

Shri MAHADEV DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)]: May I know which is the most thickly populated town in Assam?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: From the point of view of congestion, I think Tinsukia right now is very congested.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur):
যিবিলাক টাউন এতিয়াও uglification হোৱা নাই, সেই বিলাক টাউনৰ beautification ৰ কাৰণে কিবা নতুন plan লৈছেনে?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture):
I take this information.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat): In view of the fact that Nowgong is centrally situated place and it is a well planned town through which people are going to Kaziranga and other places, may I know from the honourable Minister whether there is any plan to develop the town?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister Town and Country Planning): The hon. Member himself said that it is a well-planned town, so how does the question of developing the town arise? Only the Trunk Road which passes through the town requires development. We will see to it.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): শিবসাগৰ নগৰখন ইতিহাস প্ৰসিদ্ধ পুৰণি নগৰ, ইয়াৰ কাৰণেও মাটিৰ স্লেণ কৰা উচিত নহয়নে ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Town and Country Planning): Sibsagar is under the pressure of industrial development which justified immediate priority.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): In view of the strategic importance, will the Government take early steps to include Tezpur town within the plan ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Concentration of Military activities have focussed our attention to this town.

Shri ABDUL JALIL CHOWDHURY (Badarpur): চিলচৰ টাউন সম্পৰ্কে এই ব্যৱস্থা কৰা প্ৰয়োজন।

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Silchar is really a congested town and lot of expenditure will be involved for its development. When over bridge will be completed, it will improve—considerably.

Re: Expenditure by the Agriculture Department for increasing production

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*63. Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state—

- (a) The total amount spent by the Agriculture Department in the year 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?
- (b) The total amount spent directly by the Department for increasing of production in 1961-62 ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture) replied :

63. (a)—1960-61—Rs.1,67,58,628.00.
1961-62—Rs.1,17,58,615.00.
- (b)—Rs.49,97,997.00.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati): Sir, May I know what is the total outturn as a result of this expenditure ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): For that, Sir, I require notice.

Srimati LILI SEN GUPTA (Lohowal): মই জানিব পাৰোনে এই টকা বিলাক কি কি পৰ্যায়ত খৰচ কৰা হয় ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: There is a large number of heads. Sir, is there any necessity to read out all of them ?

Srimati LILY SEN GUPTA: মই জনিব খজিছো প্ৰডাকচনৰ কাৰণে টকা কি কি পৰ্যায়ত খৰচ কৰা হৈছে।

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY :

Mechanised cultivation scheme	3,52,945
Horticultural Development Scheme	2,75,701
Seed Multiplication Farm scheme	1,58,972
District Seed Farm scheme	3,73,506
Manure production and distribution scheme	39,028
Scheme for local manurial resources	98,333
Minor irrigation scheme	3,65,023
Power Pump Irrigation Scheme	1,10,130
Plant Protection Scheme	22,560
Fertiliser Distribution Scheme	39,985
Land Reclamation Scheme of Border area	64,806
Scheme for distribution of seeds and manures	29,633
Scheme for subsidy to growers for cultivation of cash crops.	48,984
Scheme for extension of wet paddy cultivation	58,811
Scheme for extension of high altitude paddy	23,097
Scheme for Boro paddy cultivation	5,023
Jute Development Scheme	1,63,994
Seed multiplication and distribution scheme	1,06,365
Minor irrigation scheme	5,00,026
Power Pulp irrigation scheme	4,62,543
Additional power pump Scheme ... ..	.....
Plant protection scheme	2,81,906
District Seed Farm Scheme	4,82,180
Manure production and distribution scheme	35,800
Mechanised cultivation scheme	2,09,595
Scheme for multiplication of cash crop ... ..	.....
Horticultural development scheme	1,78,686
Deep Tube Well irrigation scheme	72,025
Sugarcane Development Scheme	62,030
Scheme for extension Arecanut cultivation	78,847
Scheme for extension of cocoanut cultivation	60,739
Black-peper and cash nut Development scheme	43,913
Scheme for Development of Ginger	13,478
Scheme for increased production of oil seed	41,573
Scheme for intensification of Japanese method of paddy cultivation	84,832
Jute Seed Multiplication scheme	43,139

Total ... 49,97,997

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria): Sir, according to the reply the amount spent of agriculture is far less than what was included in the plan. Sir, I want to know whether the planned within this amount or it is a general amount.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): It is not much less.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): May I know whether the entire amount has been utilised ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: These are not the amount utilised ?

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar): Sir, what was the target of production for this expenditure ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: It is, more or less, achieved in the Second Five Year Plan.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur): Will the Minister be pleased to answer what is the amount under each head and what is the amount utilised ?

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the Agriculture Department has prepared a brochure and given to the hon. Members from which Sri Motiram Bora quoted certain figures.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): That will require a lot of time and I cannot promise to give it now.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla): Sir, the hon'ble Minister has given a long list of amount. Will he be able to place a long or short list showing the average yield and the target achieved during the years 1960-61 and 1961-62 ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: I am not prepared to give it now. I request the hon. Member to put a separate question.

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar): I have got the reply of my question. What was the target of production ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY: This is a separate question.

Shri RAMNATH DAS [Dergaon (Reserved for Scheduled castes)]: Will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to say what is the amount spent for the cultivation of Boro paddy in Dibrugarh Sub-Division ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): I cannot say off hand.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): Sir, is there any specific head in the Budget for the jute development schemes.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): It is under the Plan Sir, nowever it needs some examination.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): Sir, my question is a separate question. Sir, my question is, may I know from the Minister what target is achieved by spending the money in the schemes as read out by the hon'ble Minister. Will he be kind enough to give a long or short list of target achieved.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture): I am afraid Sir, the hon. Member has put a separate question. The question was about the expenditure, now it has gone to production. So I want notice for it.

Re: Barpeta Civil Hospital

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked:

*64. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state--

- (a) How many indoor patients seats are there in Barpeta Civil Hospital and how many patients are residing as indoor patients every month during the past six months?
- (b) How many Doctors, Nurses and other staff are there in Barpeta Civil Hospital?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that Doctors, Nurses and other staff of the Barpeta Civil Hospital are inadequate in comparison with the number of patients?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister-in-charge, Medical) replied:

64. (a)—There were 34 beds originally but recently 10 new General beds for T. B. patients in the Chest Clinic were added, so the total is 50 now.

Patients during the past six months

Months	Daily average			No. of New admission
November 1961	41.8	...	...	93
December 1961	44.2	..	...	88
January 1962 ..	48.1	...	..	101
February 1962	50.5	...	...	91
March 1962 ...	48.11	...	...	89
April 1962 ...	45.4	..	...	94
(b)—(1) Subdivisional Medical and Health Officer				.. 1
(2) Assistant Surgeon I ..				... 1
(3) Assistant Surgeon II ...				... 1
(4) Staff Nurse				... 3
(5) Midwife ...				.. 1
(6) Compounder				... 4
(7) Ward boy ...				... 2
(8) Ward girl ...				... 1
(8) Female attendant				.. 1
(10) Chowkidar ...				... 1
(11) Cook ...				... 2
(12) Mali ..				... 2
(13) Sweeper ...				... 3
(14) Office Assistant				... 1
(15) Hospital Peon				... 1
(16) Dresser ..				... 1
(17) X-Ray attendant ..				... 2
(18) T. B. Health visitor ...				... 1
(19) Radiographer ..				... 1
(20) Laboratory Assistant ...				... 1

(c)—Only Nursing staff requires strengthening and the matter is under consideration.

Shri RAM NATH DAS [Dergaon (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] : Sir, the hon'ble Minister could have placed the information on the Library Table.

Mr. SPEAKER : For the convenience of members ?

Shri RAM NATH DAS : It has inconvenienced us, Sir.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : Sir, is it not a fact that this staff was there since 20 years back ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) : Whether this staff is there since 20 years back, I am not in a position to say. But from my common sense I can say that this cannot be the case because in course of last 20 years there has been a great change and development.

Shri MAHADEV DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] : Sir, is it not a fact that only one nurse is serving in the Barpeta Civil Hospital in place of 3 staff nurse ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) : It may be so not on particular time. The total requirement is another 4 staff nurse and one sister. The Medical department has already sent proposals to the Finance Department for sanction. As soon as we get sanction, we will present them. But at present there are 3 nurses and not one.

Mr. SPEAKER : Is it not a fact that the new staff is from the extension scheme ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE : May be Sir, there are already 3 nurses at present.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED : Sir, my information is that only one nurse is working in the Civil Hospital, Barpeta; but the Minister said that actually 3 nurses are working. May I know what is the total sanctioned strength.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE : Sir the sanctioned strength is much more. It is I think 8 in all. We are trying to post them as early as we can. There is a dearth of nurse in our State.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : Sir, may I know whether the Barpeta Civil Hospital was extended after the British left India ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) : Yes Sir. It has been extended after the British left India.

Shri RAMNATH DAS [Dergaon (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] : In view of the fact that two hon. Members made statement to the effect that only 1 nurse is working in the Barpeta Civil Hospital as against the 3 sanctioned strength. Will the Minister enquire about it.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) : Sir, if the hon. Member desires it, I may make an inquiry. I have discussed this matter even this morning with the head of the department.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Whether it is a fact that the doctor working in the Barapeta Civil Hospital in the T. B. Clinic is a part time one ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): It may be, Sir.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED: Whether the doctor attached to the Chest Clinic is a qualified one ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: Yes he should be a qualified doctor. Otherwise, he could not have been employed.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED: Sir, the hon'ble Minister said 'may be', 'might be', I think these are not proper reply.

Mr. SPEAKER: May be that these are direct reply.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED: Is it a fact that the Doctor attached to the T. B. Clinic attend only 2 days in a week ?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: May be as he is a part time doctor.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED: What is the total number of T. B. patients?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): Only God knows, I cannot say, it varies from time to time both indoor and outdoor.

Mr. SPEAKER: You should not utter the name of God on the floor of the House.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): There is no harm, Sir.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamarpur): Sir, the Minister's reply is very evasive. 'May be', 'Might be' are not the definite reply and I hope the Minister concerned should come prepared to answer the question properly.

Re: Discovery of Copper in the Borduar Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked:

*65. Will the Minister of Mines and Minerals, etc., be pleased to state---

- (a) Whether it is a fact that copper has been found in Borduar area of Kamrup District ?
- (b) If so, whether necessary steps have been taken to harness the same property ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister-in-charge, Mines and Minerals, etc.) replied :

65. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : Whether survey has been made regarding this ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Mines and Minerals) : Sir the Geological Survey of India come to survey this area in 1961-62.

Shri MOHIKANTA DAS (Barchalla) : Sir, had it been brought to the notice for information of the hon'ble Minister or Government that a very good quality of gold has been found in the foothill just to the north of Dhekiajuli ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Mines and Minerals) : This is referred to Kamrup, Sir.

Re: Discovery of Petroleum and Dolomite in Subankhata Area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA asked :

*66. Will the Minister of Mines and Minerals, etc., be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Fuller's Earth which is used in Petroleum refining has been found near Subankhata in the district of Kamrup ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Dolomite has also been found in the above area ?

(c) If so, what steps have been taken to harness them ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Mines and Minerals) replied :

66. (a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : May I know from the hon'ble Minister whether the Geological Survey of India has made any survey regarding this and if not will any extensive survey be made ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Mines and Minerals) : I have already said that the total programme is 150 miles in Kamrup.

Re: Intensive search for mineral resources in the Foot-hills of Himalaya

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) asked :

*67. Will the Minister of Mines and Minerals, etc., be pleased to state whether the Government proposes to undertake intensive survey in Foot-hills of Himalaya more particularly northern border of Kamrup and Goalpara with a view to discover mineral resources ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister for Mines and Minerals) replied :

67. During the Third Five-Year Plan period, the Directorate of Geology and Mining proposes to investigate the reported occurrence of Fuller's Earth and Dolomite at Subankhata area in the Kamrup District. The Geological Survey of India will also undertake various surveys and investigation in Kamrup and Darrang Districts. During the year 1962-63, Geological Survey of India will survey only 150 miles of area in Kamrup District.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : Will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to assure this House that his Ministry will prevail upon Geological Survey of India for an extensive survey of the area ; so that some valuable minerals may be found out there ?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Mines and Minerals) : Sir, I find from the programme of the Geological Survey of India that they have already undertaken 150 miles in Kamrup District. I have no doubt that they will try to find out valuable mineral in Kamrup if it is there.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : Sir, in view of the fact that the best quality gold and oil have been perceived by the people; will the hon'ble Minister be pleased to ask the Government of India also to examine Darrang area in the foot of Himalaya.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Mines and Minerals) : Yes Sir, Darrang district is one of the districts in which the Government of India is going to undertake survey.

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) : Sir, whether investigation is being made on the basin of Subansiri as it is reported that gold is available there.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Mines and Minerals) : Sir, may I point out that the reconnaissance and geological mapping and mineral survey of parts of Subansiri Frontier Division, with a view to locate minerals copper, etc., carried out on expenditure basis. The target is about 2,500 to 3,000 square miles for survey. This is the programme.

Re: Public Sector Factory in the District of Goalpara**Shri AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar)** asked:***68.** Will the Minister, Industries be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government have any proposal under consideration for establishment of any Mill or Factory in public sector in the Goalpara District within the next five years?
- (b) If so, what are they and if not, why not?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that some foreign expert selected a spot near Kokrajhar for the site of the Oil Refinery?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister for Industries) replied:

68. (a)—No. Government have decided to set up Industrial Estates in all the three Sub-divisions affording facilities to private industrialist for development of Cottage and Small Scale Industries.

(b)—No Industries can be planned on the basis of present availability of power, as cheap power is an essential pre-requisite for Industries. Accordingly, no final decision about setting up of Major Industries or any industry can be taken unless the power programmes of the State Government fully materialise.

(c)—Yes, along with Gauhati and Silghat.

Shri AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar): Sir, may I know why Kokrajhar has been rejected?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry): With regard to Refinery the final selection was made at Gauhati and Silghat as well as Kokrajhar was rejected. At that time there was much controversy as to which will be more suitable site and we remember that Silghat was found most suitable site; but unfortunately, Government of India did not agree with us and ultimately they located Gauhati. With regard to Kokrajhar we were later on told that the river flowing by would not be adequate for the purpose of carrying affluent and if it is done all the fish there will die.

Shri AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar): What was the Experts' point of view?

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry): The Capacity of the river was not supposed to be adequate in winter.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table).

Re: Attendant Officers under Barpeta School Board

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Bhabanipur (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

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

- (a) How many Attendant officers are there under the Barpeta School Board ?
- (b) What are the actual functions of the Attendant officers under the School Board ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that they confine to inspection of Schools and style as inspecting officer instead of taking measures to ensure regular attendance of students by contacting the guardians ?
- (d) What steps Government propose to take to make the Attendant officers to work properly ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

134. (a)—Five.

(b)—The duties and functions of Attendant officer are laid down in Rule 56 of the Rules under the Assam Basic Education Act, 1954. Extract of Rule 56 and relevant Sections 41, 42, 43, 44 are placed on the Library table.

(c)—No.

(d)—Provision has been made in the Elementary Education Bill to associate the Gaon Panchayats with supervision of attendance of pupils and thus help the attendant officers.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) : এইটো গৱৰ্ণমেণ্টে তদন্ত কৰি চাবনে যে Inspector আৰু Attendant officer সকলৰ function ৰ বেবেজালী ৰটিছেনে নাই ।

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA : এতিয়াটো তেনেকুৱা কোনো Report পোৱা নাই, যদি পোৱা হয় তেতিয়া দেখা যাব ।

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তক যদি স্কুলৰ Attendance পৰীক্ষা কৰিবলৈ দিয়া হয় তেন্তে Attendant office ৰ কাম কি ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) : গাওঁ পঞ্চায়তে সহায়হে কৰিব ।

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) : এই ব্যৱস্থাৰ দ্বাৰা গাওঁ পঞ্চায়ত আৰু Attendent officerৰ মাজত সংঘৰ্ষ হ'ব বুলি নাভাবেনে ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA : ভবা নাই । বৰং সহায়হে হ'ব বুলি ভবা হৈছে ।

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) : আন স্কুলত নাই যেতিয়া সেই কেইখনৰ Attendent officer উঠাই দিয়াৰ দৰ্কাৰ নহয় নে ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA : সকলো স্কুলতে Attendent officer নাই—তাৰ দৰ্কাৰ বশতঃ দিয়া হৈছে—উঠাই দিয়াৰ বৰ্ত্তমান দৰ্কাৰ নকৰে ।

Shri DEVENDRA NATH SARMA (Gauhati) : যি বিলাক স্কুল মিউনিচিপালিটি আৰু পঞ্চায়ত বিলাকত তহাবধানত আছে—তাৰ এই Attendent officer ৰ কি দৰ্কাৰ বা এই Local Body বিলাকৰ কি দায়িত্ব হ'ব ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : It is proposed to be utilised as the Local Bodies which includes Municipality.

Re: Aided High School Headmaster

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

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

- (a) What is the total amount drawn by a Headmaster of an Aided High English as his emolument ?
- (b) Whether the Headmaster can take up other business such as Insurance agency, Forest coupe contract, tuition, etc., in his name or as a Benamdar ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to enquire the case of Narayanpur Government Aided High English School Headmaster as to how many business he has in his name and how many business he carries on as Benamdar ?
- (d) Whether Government propose along with granting deficit model pay scale to keep strict control on the employees of Aided institutions ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister of Education) replied :

135. (a)—The amount of total emolument varies according to qualifications and length of service. A qualified Headmaster (i.e., having a B.T. or Master's Degree in Arts, Science or Commerce and at least ten years' teaching experience) draws salary in the scale of pay of Rs. 200—20—300—25—400—E.B.—25—500 per month together with D.A. at Rs. 17½ per cent and C.A. at Rs. 13.50 nP. per month.

Underqualified Headmasters draw their pay in the following scales as have been prescribed according to qualifications *plus* a charge allowance of Rs.50 per month *plus* D.A. and C.A. at the above rates:—

(i) If Graduate—Rs. 125—7½—155—9—245—E.B.—10—275 per month.

(ii) If Graduate with Honours or distinction or an M.A., M.Sc., or M.Com. (without 10 years' teaching experience in case of an M.A., M.Sc., or M.Com.)—Rs.150—7½—180—9—270—E.B.—10—300 per month.

(b)—No.

(c)—Yes, the matter is being enquired into.

(d)—Yes.

Re: Livestock Loan

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHAYA (Gohpur) asked :

136. Will the Minister-in-charge of Livestock and Veterinary be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred questions No.166 and No.312 asked by the questioner on 23rd March, 1961 and 7th October, 1961 respectively and state—

(a) Whether the enquiry on the Livestock loan applications through the Primary Land Mortgage Bank at Tezpur is completed ?

(b) When the applications were first submitted to Government for consideration ?

(c) When the Director of Veterinary, submitted these to Government for issue of loan ?

(d) When the applications were sent to the Primary Land Mortgage Bank at Tezpur for enquiry ?

(e) When the said Primary Land Mortgage Bank was established ?

(f) When in view of the assurances given in question 312 (d) the loan will be issued to the applicant ?

(g) Whether issue of loan can be expected within this Financial Year ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

136. (a)—It is reported by Land Mortgage Bank that the enquiry has not yet been done because none of the applicants excepting one has so far enrolled as member of Primary Land Mortgage Bank.

(b) & (c)—Applications were first submitted to Government in December 1960.

(d)—9 applications were sent by Land Mortgage Bank on 9th September 1961 ; 4 on 25th September, 1961 and 1 on 20th March, 1962.

(e)—The Tezpur Primary Land Mortgage Bank was established on 28th March, 1961.

(f)—Except one applicant, others have not as yet enrolled themselves as members of the Tezpur Primary Land Mortgage Bank. After their becoming members and observing other formalities, the Central Land Mortgage Bank will consider issue of loan.

(g)—If condition mentioned in 'f' above is fulfilled the loan may be expected to be issued within the financial year, but it depends on Land Mortgage Bank and not on Government.

Re : Conversion of Moranhat Veterinary Dispensary into a hospital

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Mahkuma Parisad, Sibsagar recommended conversion of the Moranhat Veterinary dispensary into a Hospital ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the dispensary has sufficient land lying waste ?

(c) Whether Government propose to start Poultry Farm or establish an Artificial Insemination Centre there ?

(d) Whether Government propose to establish Government farm there ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

137. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes. The land measuring about 10 bighas is lying waste under the Moranhat Veterinary Dispensary.

(c)—There is no such proposal at present.

(d)—No.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) : এই ১০ বিঘা যে মাটি বাখিছে তাৰ পৰা কি কৰিব ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister Agriculture) : যাহ উৎপাদন কৰি গৰুক খুৱাব পাৰিব।

Re : Supply of C. I. Sheets to Barpeta Sub-division

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) asked :

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

- (a) How many bundles of C. I. Sheets have been supplied to Barpeta Sub-division during last two years and what was its quota for the last two years ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that C. I. Sheets scarcity is going on within Barpeta Sub-division for the last three years ?
- (c) Whether Government propose to supply C. I. Sheets to Barpeta to meet the requirement of the public ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied :

138. (a)—Against an allotment of 4,920 bundles in 1960-61 and 3,650 bundles in 1961-62, 1,715 bundles and 2,211 bundles respectively were supplied.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Endeavour is always made to meet the requirements of all Sub-divisions including Barpeta Sub-division. But in view of the insufficient supply of, and the relatively great demand for C. I. Sheets, it is not possible to meet the full requirements of the public.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Is it a fact that huge quantity of C. I. Sheets can be purchased at the rate of 200 rupees per bundle from local dealers at Barpeta Sub-division ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply): I have no such information.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Will the Government make an enquiry in this matter ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply): I will look into it.

Re : Price of C. I. Sheets

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked :

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

- (a) The price of per bundle of C. I. Sheet at present in the State ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the price has been increased by round about Rs.5 per bundle ?
- (c) If so, why ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply) replied:

139. (a)—The price of C.I. Sheet is fixed by Government of India on the basis of weight and not per bundle. As the weight of a bundle is not always the same, the price per bundle also varies. The present pool price F. O. R. at rail-head destinations is Rs.910.00 nP. per Metric Tonne. The retail sale price at a particular place includes the above pool price *plus* Central Sales Tax, Assam Administrative charge, Insurance Premium and Dealers' Commission.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Managing Committee of Deshabandhu Bidyapith

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding) asked:

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

- (a) Whether the Managing Committee of Deshabandhu Bidyapith, Hojai, has been reconstituted by the Inspector of Schools on 24th April, 1962 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the members of the Managing Committee requested the President of the previous managing committee to convene an emergent meeting to consider certain allegations against the Secretary ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Schools, Nowgong received the notice of the above meeting on 23rd April 1962 ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Education Department wrote many letters to the Secretary of the said School from March, 1961, and sought the opinion of the Managing Committee in regard to the formation of the future Managing Committee ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Inspector of School received no reply from the Secretary till Mr. N. Islam was in-charge of Nowgong Inspector's office ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that the Inspector of Schools at the instance of the Education Minister reconstituted the Managing Committee ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the Education Minister, made a reference on this subject in an Election Meeting held at Daccapatty Nowgong in connection with Municipal Election there at Nowgong, on 24th April 1962 ?
- (h) What was the relevancy of raising the matter before a public meeting at Nowgong ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister of Education) replied:

140. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes. Some letters were sent

(e)—No.

(f)—No.

(g)—No.

(h)—Does not arise.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): Sir, when the reply to (b) and (c) is yes, why Government helped the Secretary and dissolved the Managing Committee?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I am afraid the confusion begets the confusion. The hon'ble Member confused me as he has confused the House. If he puts proper questions I will give the proper answer.

Mr. SPEAKER: So far as I think the Secretary has been retained.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, the Secretary is appointed by the Inspector of School. So under rule he is not obliged to consult any body and everybody.

Mr. SPEAKER: Certain allegations were brought against the Secretary, but, instead of enquiring this the Managing Committee has been dissolved and the Secretary has been retained. This is his question, I think.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: Sir, whether any allegation is made, the allegation has to be enquired into and proved. Government can take action against anybody whether it is Secretary of Headmaster. But only bringing of an allegation is not a proof that the man is guilty. I have made an enquiry this morning and I have found that an enquiry has been ordered.

Mr. SPEAKER: Guilty has been punished or not?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: Sir, when allegation has been made that has been enquired into by the Inspector of School. But here unless we can prove the allegation made against the Secretary, we cannot take any action.

Mr. SPEAKER: What about the Managing Committee; has it been dissolved?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: The Managing Committee's terms expired.

Shri SANTI RANJAN DAS GUPTA (Lumding): The terms of the Managing Committee expired on 31st March, 1961. But because the previous Inspector of School liked this Secretary.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, on a point of order, this is not a question. As the hon'ble Member said that the terms of the Committee expired on one year ago, so it should have been dissolved earlier.

Re: Special Muslim Education

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

141. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the institutions for Special Muslim Education which receive grants from the Government?
- (b) What is the total number of the institutions of each type receiving grants from the Government?
- (c) What is the total annual expenditure involved in giving grants to these institutions for Special Muslim Education?
- (d) What is the total amount involved annually in giving scholarships in special schools for Muslim Education?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied:

141. (a)—Arabic College, Senior Madrassa, Title Madrassa, High Madrassa, M. E. Madrassa, M. V. Madrassa.

(b)—Arabic College	...	...	...	...	1
Senior Madrassa	...	...	...	...	7
Title Madrassa	...	...	...	...	1
High Madrassa	...	...	...	...	9
M. E. Madrassa	...	...	...	...	75
M. V. Madrassa	...	...	...	...	5

(c)—Rupees 4,79,316.

(d)—Rupees 7,864.

Re: Sanskrit Education

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI asked:

142. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What are the special schools for Sanskrit Education receiving grants from the Government?

- (b) What is the total number of the institutions of each type of special schools for Sanskrit Education receiving grants ?
- (c) What is the annual expenditure involved in giving grants to these institutions and what is the maximum and minimum grant received by these schools ?
- (d) What is the amount involved annually in giving scholarships to these schools ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

142. (a)—Sanskrit College and Tols.

(b)—Sanskrit College	..	...	...	...	1
Model Tols	...	...	...	...	3
Tols	...	...	...	...	85

(c)—Rupees 74,286.

Maximum—Rs.530 p. m. to Nalbari Sanskrit College.

Minimum—Rs.19 p. m. to Chhatrabas Tol, Dibrugarh.

(d)—Rupees 6,804.

Re: Venture L. P. Schools

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla) asked :

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

- (a) What is the number of Venture L. P. Schools yet to be taken by the State, the number to be shown Sub-division-wise ?
- (b) Whether there is any phased programme for taking them over ?
- (c) If so, what is that phased programme ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

143. (a)—A statement is placed on the Library table.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—During the 3rd Five Year Plan, there is a plan provision for 11,000 teachers, 2,200 teachers to be provided each year covering both Plains and Hills area. Due to financial difficulties, only 1,700 teachers could be provided in the 1st year of the 3rd Plan. There is a provision for 2,200 teachers during this year.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): মই জানিব খোজো বহুবি ২২০০ শিক্ষক নিযুক্ত কৰি কিমান Venture L. P. School ত লব পাৰিব ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA, Deputy Minister, Education: এইটো এতিয়া কোৱা টান। এই বছৰ মাত্ৰ ২২০ শিক্ষক লব পৰা হ'ব, ভৈয়াম আৰু পাহাৰ উভয়ৰে কাৰণে। তাৰোপৰি আমাৰ ভালেমান স্কুল এজনিয়া শিক্ষকৰ। সেইবোৰতো আৰু শিক্ষক দিব লাগিব। গতিকে নতুন স্কুল কিমান লব পৰা হ'ব আজিৰ তাৰিখত কোৱা সম্ভৱপৰ নহয়।

Re: Deficit grant-in-aid for High Schools of Gauhati Subdivision

Shri HALADHAR UZIR [Tamalpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

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

- (a) Whether all the High Schools of the Gauhati Subdivision have got the deficit grant-in-aid regularly ?
- (b) If not, what are the reasons ?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that teachers in several High Schools have not received their pay in new scale with other allowances regularly ?
- (d) If so, what are the reasons ?
- (e) Whether Government proposes to proceed against those schools who have not disbursed the pay to teachers at Government rates after receiving the deficit grant-in-aid ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied:

144. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Not to the knowledge of the Government.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—If any such instance is brought to the notice of Government necessary action will be taken.

Shri HALADHAR UZIR [Tamalpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)]: What necessary action Government is going to take to the fact that Tamalpur High School has not got Government Deficit grants-in-aid and also teachers are not getting the pay under new scales along with other Schools.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): Sir, I will look into this matter. If the High School is eligible for deficit grants it will certainly get it,

Re: Managing Committees of Aided High and Middle English Schools

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked:

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

- (a) What is the full term of Managing Committees of Aided High and Middle English Schools ?

- (b) Whether approval of newly formed Managing Committee is given immediately after constitution ?
- (c) What is the reason of such delay in the Inspectorate ?
- (d) Who remains in-charge during the interim period, whether the Secretary or the outgoing Managing Committee till constitution of new Managing Committee is approved by the Inspector of Schools ?
- (e) Whether the School Secretary without authorization from the Managing Committee may call Guardians' meeting to elect new members ?
- (f) If so, whether the School Secretaries act according to their own will ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister of Education) replied :

145. (a)—Three years.

(b)—As soon as the Inspector of Schools can manage.

(c)—Some times there may be delay on account of the Inspector of Schools being out on tour.

(d)—The old Managing Committee is allowed to function till the new one takes over.

(e)—No.

(f)—Does not arise.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) : Is it a fact that S.D.O. and other officers are made president of the Managing Committee ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : Yes, in many cases Deputy Commissioner and other Government officers are appointed as President of the Managing Committee.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) : It is not a fact that they cannot attend the meeting of the Committee regularly.

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : In many cases it is so.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) : Termশেষ হোৱাৰ কিমান দিন পিচত নতুন Managing Committee পতা হয় ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) : মহাশয়ে শুনিলেই নহয় এবছৰৰ পিচতহে এখন Managing Committee কৰা হ'ল ।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA : পৰণি মেনেজিং কমিটি ভাঙি নতুনকৈ কৰালৈকে যি সময় সেই সময়ত মেনেজিং কমিটিৰ কাম চেক্ৰেটাৰীয়েই কৰিবনেকি ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): সেই কাৰণেই সময় মতে মেনেজিং কমিটি পতা নিয়ম হ'ব লাগে ।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): Inspector গোটেই বছৰটো Tour ত থাকেনেকি ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH: মই পলম হোৱাৰ কাৰণ বিলাকহে কৈছো, সেইবোৰ সমৰ্থন কৰা নাই ।

Re: Appointment of Government Pleader

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) asked :

146. Will the Minister, Law be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the character, antecedents, Political activities, etc., of a Lawyer is verified before engaging him as a Government Pleader ?
- (b) If so, whether the same procedure was followed while appointing the Junior Government Pleader in Shillong ?
- (c) Whether it is fact that on many occasions the same Junior Government Pleader of Shillong was found to be engaged in anti-State and subversive activities ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Law) replied :

146. (a)—Yes.

(b)—There is no Junior Government Pleader. The Procedure however was followed before appointing the two Assistant Government Pleaders of Shillong.

(c)—It is not correct.

Re: Stipends for children of Political Sufferers

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that children of the Political Sufferers are getting special stipend ?
- (b) What is the procedure of awarding such stipends ?
- (c) Whether stipendaries are given stipends on merit or on promotion to next higher class ?
- (d) What was the number of children in Sibsagar Subdivision receiving such stipends in 1960-61 ?

(e) Whether some of the students were not given renewal in 1961-62 ?

(f) If so, what are the reasons ?

(g) Whether one Srimati Anu Prova Gogoi of Mogorahat M. E. School and two other pupils of Bahgarh High School have got renewal of stipend ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister of Education) replied :

147. (a)—Yes.

(b)—According to certain rules. A copy of the rules is placed on the Library table.

(c)—Till 1960-61, stipendaries were awarded stipends on the basis of promotion to the next higher class. But in 1961-62 fresh awards were made on the basis of merit for want of adequate fund to cover all cases.

(d)—One hundred and eighty-seven.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—For want of specific progress reports from the heads of the Institutions and for completion of course of studies at a particular stage.

(g)—These pupils were not awarded any special scholarships during 1960-61 and as such the question of renewal does not arise.

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA (Thowra): ১৯৬১-৬২ চনত টকা কম হ'ল বুলি Meritorious ল'ৰাক বৃত্তি দিলে। এই বছৰো টকা কম হ'লে আৰু বেচি Meritorious ল'ৰাকে দিব নেকি ?

Mr. SPEAKER: টকা কম হ'লে কম ল'ৰাক দিব।

Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA: টকা কম হ'লে এই বছৰো তেওঁ নিদিব নেকি ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education): এই কথাটো বাস্তবিক নিৰ্য্যতিত সকলৰ দায়ীত্ব বহন কৰা মন্ত্ৰীয়েহে কৰ পাৰিব। আমাৰ বিভাগে যি টকা পায় তাকে মাথোন বাঁতি দিয়ে।

Mr. SPEAKER: Political sufferer ব ল'ৰাক বৃত্তি দিবৰ বাবে বেলেগ fund নাই নেকি ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Revenue): বাজেটত এক লাখ টকা ধৰা আছিল। বৃত্তি দিব লগা ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী সংখ্যা বেচি হোৱাত সেই টকাই নুজুৰিলে আৰু Finance বিভাগক আৱশ্যকীয় টকা খোজা

হল, ৫০ হেক্টৰ টকা পোৱা হল। সেই টকাৰ অৰ্থে দৰখাস্ত কাৰী ছাত্ৰ ছাত্ৰীক দিবলৈ অৱদান হয়। সেই কাৰণে Mark sheet চাই অকল meritorious ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰীক দিয়াটো ঠিক কৰা হল। দৰখাস্ত কাৰীৰ ভিতৰত প্ৰায় ৪০০ মান ছাত্ৰ-ছাত্ৰী বৃত্তি দিব পৰা হোৱা নাই।

Re: Venture Schools in Gauhati Subdivision

Shri HALADHAR UZIR [Tamalpur (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

148. Will the Minister in-charge, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of venture L. P. schools now functioning in the Gauhati Subdivision?
- (b) Whether Government proposes to take over all these schools?
- (c) Whether Government issued instructions to establish new schools in localities where there is no school during the last enrolment drive?
- (d) If so, whether there is any proposal to take over those schools?
- (e) If not, why not?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

148. (a)—Eighty-nine.

(b)—Because of lack of sufficient financial provision all the above venture schools cannot be taken over during this financial year. Some of the most deserving L. P. Schools are proposed to be taken over towards the end of the financial year.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Fifty of the newly established schools were taken over.

(e)—As in (b) and (d) above.

Regarding Teachers Test Examination passed Candidates

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamarpur) asked:

149. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Teachers Test Examination passed candidates if not appointed in permanent vacancies within the year of passing the examination are required to pass again the Teachers Test Examination in next year and continually so on if he wants to be appointed as teacher in Lower Primary School under school Boards?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that Teacher Test passed candidates serving in Deputation vacancies even continually for several years are not appointed in permanent vacancies in Lower Primary Schools if they do not pass the Teacher Test Examination again in the current year ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that in preference to the teachers who passed the Teacher Test Examination and become experienced after serving continually for several terms in deputation vacancies, fresh Teachers Test passed candidates are appointed in permanent vacancies, and the experienced teachers are thrown out of employment in School Boards ?
- (d) Whether the appointment are made in order of merit of the Teachers Test Examinations ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to consider the hardships of the Teachers Test passed teachers serving in deputation vacancies for some years when thrown out of employment on principle for not passing the current years Teachers Test Examination and direct the Subdivisional School Boards to appoint these teachers in permanent vacancies and the fresh candidates in deputation vacancies to be absorbed in permanent vacancies in turns ?

Srimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister of Education) replied :

149. (a)—A teachers selection test is held for selecting candidates required against vacancies occurring in a particular year. Hence the cases of candidates not absorbed in a particular year, are not considered in a subsequent year.

(b)—There have not been any general instructions in this behalf.

(c)—The reply has been given in (a) and (b) above. Steps are however being taken to see that qualified and Teachers Test passed teachers with experience are retained.

(d)—A list of candidates passing the test is forwarded to the School Boards, and the School Boards made appointment from this list. Appointments are to be made in order of merit.

(e)—The matter is being examined.

Re : Financial Assistance to Middle Vernacular Schools

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government has sanctioned financial assistance to Middle Vernacular Schools of the State for introducing Science ?

- (b) If so, the amount of such assistance given Sub-division-wise ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs.35,000 was sanctioned at first for the Middle Vernacular Schools of Golaghat Sub-division and that afterwards the Department informed the School Board that the amount was given to Golaghat Sub-division ?
- (d) If so, what are the reasons for not sanctioning the amount ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to renew the financial assistance in this score to Golaghat Sub-division ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

150. (a)—Yes.

					Rs.
(b)—Jorhat	...	...	...	...	51,800
Sibsagar	...	...	...	...	41,200
Other Sub-divisions	...	...	...	...	Nil.

(c) & (d)—An amount of Rs.24,600 was allotted for Golaghat Sub-division. As the intention was to cover a small area under the direct supervision of the Science consultant whose headquarters are at Jorhat, the Golaghat Sub-division was ultimately excluded.

(e)—The matter is being examined.

Re : Constitution of Sub-divisional School Board

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria) asked :

151. Will the Minister-in-charge, Education be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the constitution of the Sub-divisional School Boards are still remaining incomplete as no representatives from rural local bodies has been taken in it ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the object with which these boards were constituted is neither fulfilled nor going to be fulfilled in near future ?
- (c) Whether Government has received any report to the effect that these boards have become more political than educational ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to decide either its abolition or its full constitution by amending the law early ?

Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

151. (a)—No.

(b)—No.

(c)—No.

(d)—The Assam Elementary Education Bill which has been introduced in this session envisages abolition of these School Boards.

Re: Loan to Govt. Aided H. E. Schools

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri) asked:

152 Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) The total amount of loans granted to the Government aided H. E. Schools of the State during 1961-62 ?

(b) The name of the schools to which such loan is granted and the amount ?

(c) Whether the loans have already been disbursed ?

(d) If not, why not ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied:

152. (a) & (b)—A list of High Schools showing amount of loans sanctioned during 1961-62 is placed on the Assembly library table.

(c)—Not yet.

(d)—Before final disbursement of the loans, certain formalities as provided in the rules are to be completed in consultation with the authorities of the schools applying for loans. As loans are being distributed to a large number of schools spreading throughout the entire State, naturally considerable time will be required to complete these formalities. Hence is the delay in disbursing the loans. Steps have, however, been taken to distribute the loans as quickly as possible.

Re: Loans for H. E. and M. E. Schools

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH asked:

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

(a) The names of the H. E. and M. E. Schools which applied for loans in 1962 in the State ?

(b) The names of such schools which have received loans ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister of Education) replied:

153. (a)—No applications have been called for during 1962.

(b)—Does not arise.

Re: High and Middle English Schools receiving Loans**Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla)** asked :

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

- (a) Which are the High and Middle English Schools that received loans during the year 1961-62 ?

(Please state the names Sub-division-wise and also the amount of loan received by each) ?

- (b) What is the total amount involved ?

- (c) What is the total number of Loan applications ?

- (d) When Government propose to sanction loans to those deserving schools which could not secure loans during 1961-62 though recommended by the Department ?

- (e) Whether there is any principle underlying grant of loan to schools ?

- (f) If so, what is the principle adopted in sanctioning loans ?

- (g) Whether there is any Sub-division-wise allotment of fund for this purpose on area-cum-population basis ?

- (h) Whether it is a fact that many deserving schools recommended for loans by the Inspector of Schools and the Department were not sanctioned loans for want of fund ?

- (i) Whether Government propose to sanction loans to these schools in the current financial year ?

Shri DEV KANT BOROOAH (Minister, Education) replied :

154. (a)—A list of such High and Middle English Schools is placed on the Assembly Library Table.

(b)—Rupees 12.50 lakhs.

(c)—Three hundred and fifty-eight.

(d)—There is no question of departmental recommendation. Loans are sanctioned under a set of rules and conditions duly approved by Government. Those schools which could not be sanctioned loans during the year 1961-62, will be considered for such loans subject to the availability of funds.

(e)—Yes, loans are sanctioned under a set of rules approved and notified by Government.

(f)—A set of rules governing sanction of loans is placed on the Assembly Library Table.

(g)—No.

(h)—Does not arise in view of reply to question (d) above.

(i)—The cases of these schools will be considered for loans according to the provisions of the rule and subject to the availability of fund.

Re: Erosion of Kaldia River

Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi) asked:

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that the erosion of Kaldia river on the Northern and Southern side of Patacharkuchi have caused great damages on both the banks?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the northern portion of the Patacharkuchi-Bhaluki Road has been totally eroded by the river and there is no alternative road for the students and public coming to High School, Dispensary, Thana, Circle office, Veterinary Dispensary, etc.?
- (c) Whether Government is aware that due to this erosion crops on both banks are being damaged every year?
- (d) Whether the Finance Minister visited the spot of erosion in 1961?
- (e) Whether the S. D. O., Barpeta visited the spot and submitted any proposal for the stoppage of erosion and improvement of the Patacharkuchi-Bhaluki road?
- (f) Whether the Government has taken any action on that proposal?
- (g) Whether the Government propose to take the matter in hand and take over the Panchayat Road and do needful to stop erosion of the river near Patacharkuchi immediately?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P. W. D. (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied:

155. (a)—River Kaldia is eroding its banks near village Patacharkuchi since last few years.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The banks of the river being high and the spills rare, crops are not damaged.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—S. D. O., Barpeta has submitted proposal only for stoppage of erosion.

(f)—No.

(g)—There is no such proposal.

Re: The havoc caused by the Aie River

Shri GHANASHYAM DAS [North-Salmara (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that the Aie river in the District of Goalpara causes flood and miseries almost every year ?
- (b) Whether Government had lately received representation from the local M. L. A. and the public in this regard ?
- (c) What permanent measures Government propose to take for protection of the villages and the cultivable lands ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister-in-charge, P. W. D. (F. C. & I. Wing, etc.)] replied :

156. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—A scheme namely 'Raising and strengthening existing Aie embankment near Srijangram' has been included in the Annual Plan, 1962-63 and will be executed as soon as the approval of Government of India is received.

There is strong public demand for construction of embankment on the left bank opposite the existing right bank embankment. Hence the scheme for extension of the right embankment from Borghola to Lengti-shinga may be considered with the proposal for construction of embankment on the left bank when funds for such new embankment schemes are available and priority attached.

Re: Nationalisation of Karimganj-Churaibari and Karimganj-Oliviacherra Routes

Shri RAMDEB MALAH [Patharkunda (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

157. Will the Transport Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether there is any proposal to nationalise Karimganj-Churaibari and Karimganj-Oliviacherra routes ?
- (b) If not, whether Government propose to consider nationalising these routes and place State Transport so as to remove public difficulties at an early date ?

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

157. (a)—No.

(b) The matter will be considered on merit in due course along with other proposals for nationalisation taking into account availability of funds, road condition, length of route and likely volume of passengers, etc.

Re: Jamuna Irrigation Scheme

Shrimati BEGUM AFIA AHMED (Jamunamukh) asked:

158. Will the Minister-in-charge of P. W. D. be pleased to state—

When Government is going to undertake the Jamuna Irrigation Scheme in the Jamunamukh Constituency, for the benefit of the people and cultivators of the adjacent areas?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied:

158.—The hon. Member is referred to Unstarred Question No. 99, put by Shri Santi Ranjan Das Gupta, M. L. A. during the current Session of the Assembly, and replied on 25th June, 1962.

Re: Irrigating Punai Nadi from Patidarang to Madanguri

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

159. Will the Agriculture Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government examined the feasibility of irrigating Punai Nadi from Patidarang to Madanguri?
- (b) Whether Government propose to survey the project?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that the Suklai irrigation scheme is a different one from the Punai Nadi Scheme?
- (d) When the Suklai scheme will be taken up for execution?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, P. W. D., Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied:

159. (a)—No.

(b) —There is no such proposal at present.

(c) & (d)—There is no scheme as Suklai Irrigation Scheme in the north of Kamrup District. Government however propose to undertake execution of a medium irrigation scheme known as Sukla Irrigation Scheme from next year in the Kamalpur Circle of North Kamrup. The area referred to at (a) is not covered by the Sukla Irrigation Scheme.

Re: Payment of bill to gunny bag supplier Shri Pokhraj Jain

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lohowal) asked:

160. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 360, dated 28th March 1961 and state—

- (a) Whether the gunny bag supplier, Shri Pokhraj Jain has been paid his bills?
- (b) If not, why?
- (c) What actions have been taken to expedite an early payment?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge, Flood Control and Irrigation Wing) replied :

160. (a)—Yes, Shri Pokhraj Jain has been paid for the actual supplies of gunny bags and bamboos made by him to the Department up-to-date.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

Re: Police Force in Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, etc.

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA asked :

161. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) What is the total strength of Police Force in the following Police Stations—

Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Doom Dooma, Dhola, Digboi, Margherita, Ledo, Tirap, Sibsagar, Jorhat, Nowgong, Gauhati Shilong, Goalpara, Dhubri, Mangaldai, Karimganj and Silchar?

- (b) How many light and medium vehicles have been placed at the disposal of the above Police Stations?
- (c) Whether Government propose to provide sufficient vehicles for convenience of the Police Force for speedy disposal of urgent works?
- (d) Whether all the Police personnel are well trained in handling modern arms and ammunitions?
- (e) If not, whether Government propose to get the untrained Police personnel trained in handling modern arms?

(f) Whether Government propose to organise a Women Police Force in the State ?

(g) If so, whether there is any scheme in this respect ?

(h) If not, why not ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

161. (a)—

Police Station					Total strength of Police Force
Dibrugarh	...	...	..	...	154
Tinsukia	...	...	...	...	62
Doom Dooma	...	...	...	...	30
Dhola ...	...	...	...	...	6
Digboi ...	...	...	...	...	36
Margherita	...	...	...	..	15
Ledo ...	...	...	...	...	7
Tirap (Lekhapani)	..	..	...	...	8
Sibsagar	..	...	...	...	70
Jorhat ...	...	...	...	...	151
Nowgong	...	...	...	...	58
Gauhati	...	..	...	...	291
Shillong	...	..	..	...	211
Goalpara	...	...	...	...	110
Dhubri ...	...	...	...	...	70
Mangaldai	...	...	...	...	48
Karimganj	...	...	...	...	80
Silchar ...	..	..	...	...	104

(b)—No vehicle has been placed at the disposal of the Police Stations mentioned above except Sibsaagar and Jorhat where 1½ tonner truck each has been allotted and Gauhati where one light vehicle has been allotted. All Police Stations are supplied with vehicles from the general pool when any emergency arises.

(c)—The question of providing vehicles to all important Police Stations will be taken up along with the Reorganisation Scheme which is under consideration of Government.

(d)—All Police personnel are well trained in handling the arms and ammunition of different classes depending on the branch to which they belong.

(e)—Does not arise

(f)—Not at present.

(g)—Does not arise.

(h)—The question of organising a Women Police Force can be considered after the Police Force is re-organised.

Re : State Veterinary Dispensary at Barama

Shri SURENDRA NATH DAS [Barama (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is a proposal for establishment of a State Veterinary Dispensary at Barama in Gauhati Subdivision ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that Plan and estimate for construction of the dispensary have been submitted by the department ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that there is provision of money for the Tribal Areas Department under Art. 275 ?

(d) If it is so, whether Government propose to take necessary step to construct the dispensary within this financial year ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

162. (a)—The hon. Member was already informed in this Department letter No. TAD/Vet/40/60/21, dated 23rd May 1962 that a Veterinary Dispensary will be established at Barama.

(b)—No. The Director of Veterinary has already been directed to submit plan and estimates.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Efforts will be made to establish it during the current year.

Mr. SPEAKER : Order, order. The question hour is over.

**Speaker's statement regarding allegation and remarks against
Director of Health Service**

Mr. Speaker. Now, I have one thing to place before the hon. Members. Shri B.N. Mookerjee, Minister of Medical Department, has been pleased to bring to my notice some uncharitable remarks and allegations against the Director of Health Services, Assam, made by hon. Member, Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami from Laharighat, during the course of his budget speech on the 11th June, 1962. The General Secretary of the Assam Medical Services Association also sent me a telegraphic intimation as follows:—

“Speaker Assam Assembly, Shillong,

Assam Medical Services Association deeply deplores the vindictive attitude and personal attack Censuring Direct Health on the Assembly floor and solicit redress.

General Secretary”

The Minister-in-charge of Medical Department requested me for expunging the words uttered by the hon. Member, Shri Goswami, casting adverse reflection upon the Director of Health Services. It behoves the dignity of the House and all concerned if the hon. Members be sparing in their utterances while bringing in adverse allegations against any person without verifying facts as much as possible. In the outgoing Assembly also, a few such instances occurred and as a result, Rule 279A in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly on the 14th March, 1961 had been adopted, which is in line with Lok Sabha procedural rules. It is as follows.—

“279A. Procedure regarding allegation against a person—

No allegation of a defamatory or incriminatory nature shall be made by 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.

Provided that the Speaker may at any time prohibit any member from making any such allegation if he is of opinion that such allegation is derogatory to the dignity of the House or that no public interest is served by making such allegation.”

In the British Parliament, they have got their standing orders and conventions of the House by which approbatory reflections cannot be cast in debate on sovereigns, rulers, government, dominions, their representatives, judges and such persons of high authority in order to guard all appearances of personality in debate. “Good temper and moderation are the characteristics of parliamentary language. Parliamentary language is never more desirable than when a member is canvassing an opinion and conduct of his opponents in debate”.—As very well stated by Sir Erskine May.

I have gone through the relevant proceedings of the House carefully and I find that some of the remarks are unhappy and verges on reflections on the personal conduct of the officer. Normally such remarks should not have been made in the House without a substantive motion on that subject. I hope hon. Members will refrain from making such remarks against high officials of the State in a manner as this.

I have also observed that during the course of debates, some hon. Members including the members of the Treasury Bench, at occasions had been making and giving high tribute and approbations to some Government officers in order to strengthen their arguments on the subject-matter under discussion. Sometimes such approbatory remarks create bickerings in the minds of other Government officers who are equally or more loyal and devoted in serving the Government. By such remarks also, no good purpose is served to the country if a co-operative climate in the administration is not geared up. I, therefore, request that in future the members of this august House may please refrain from such approbatory criticisms as well with regard to the Government officers unless it becomes very imperative in a debate.

Shri MAHAMMAD UMARUDDIN (Dhubri): What are the portions to be expunged, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER: I have already stated.

**Revenue Minister's further statement on the flood situation
in the State**

Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Revenue): Mr, Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I would like to make a further statement on the flood situation in the State.

In Lakhimpur district the Dihing has been in spate since the morning of 28th June and unless the water drains out quickly the damage in Dibrugarh Sub-division is likely to be much more extensive and serious. Fortunately the Brahmaputra has registered a fall of about one and a half feet and if the river subsides further the damage to crops due to the Dihing floods is not likely to increase. Till now, the Fakial mauza, part of Jaipur mauza and the Tipling area are reported to have been affected by floods. Damage to Ahu crops has taken place in low-lying areas. No details of the flood situation in North Lakhimpur Subdivision are available. However, the Sub-divisional Officer has reported that the Subdivision has been affected by floods and he is undertaking relief measures wherever necessary.

The position in Sibsagar district is very bad. Kamalabari itself has been affected by floods and the plinth of the I.B. is under two feet of water. The Doria bridge on the North Lakhimpur road and the Borjan and Gargari bridges on the Salmora road have been washed away. In the South Bank, the entire river ine area in Teok and Baligaon mauzas has been badly affected by floods and thousands of families have been hard hit. About 50 villages in Jakaichuk, Kowerpur and Panidihing mauzas and some villages in Thowra mouza have been very badly affected. The Dikhow and Mit-tang have overtopped the bunds. Also some interested persons cut the

embankment on the Dikhow at Baliaghat with the result that flood waters have rushed into the neighbouring areas. The Brahmaputra, Dikhow and Darika are still rising. About 3,000 families have been badly affected by floods till now in Sibsagar Subdivision and the Subdivisional Officer has rushed rice, powder milk and cattle fodder to the affected areas.

The position in Golaghat subdivision is very bad. Floods started from morning of 25th and about 273 square miles have been inundated by flood waters affecting 7,000 families. The entire northern portion of the Subdivision including parts of Dergaon, Misamari, Mohura, Rangamati, Bokakhat and Kaziranga mauzas and entire Ahatguri mouza has gone under water. Houses and properties have been damaged on a large scale and Ahu and Bao crops have been seriously damaged. The Subdivisional Officer had arranged for evacuation in badly affected areas and opened relief camps. The Medical and Veterinary Departments are taking necessary steps to prevent epidemic. There has been no loss of life or cattle reported till now.

In Nowgong district, a number of villages in Kaliabor circle, Samaguri circle and Dhing circle as well as the low-lying parts of Morigaon circle have been affected by floods. The damage in the Lahorighat, Alitangoni, Dhing and part of Bokoni mauzas appears to be very heavy. There has been erosion in Kaliabor circle where 12 families of Hatimura have lost their lands due to erosion. There are also reports of erosion in Lahorighat. The Deputy Commissioner has undertaken relief measures and rushed food supplies to the affected areas.

The situation in Darrang district is very bad. There has been disruption of communications on the North Trunk Road due to the washing away of the approach of the Gabharu river bridge. Railway communication also appears to have been disrupted due to damage to railway bridge over Gabharu river. In the Misamari area, 115 families have been badly affected due to submergence of some villages.

On 27th morning, 8 persons are reported to have been washed away by a strong current. Four of the dead bodies have been recovered till now. There has been large scale loss of cattle, particularly in Chapari areas. The Gataimora area under Naw-duar Circle has been very badly affected by floods. The Deputy Commissioner has intensified relief operations in the affected areas.

The picture in Mangaldoi Subdivision is brighter. The water appears to have started receding and the damage to crops is much less than what was originally feared. Ahu, Jute and Sali seedlings have been damaged in relatively low-lying areas in about 15 villages. Relief operations are not considered necessary till now.

The flood situation in Kamrup is very bad. The north bank has been very badly affected by floods, due to breaches in the embankments of the Nona, Borolia, Puthimari and Pagladia. The Pub-Barkhetri, Madhayam-Barkhetri, Paschim-Barkhetri, Paschim-Bangsar, Pub-Bonbhag, Pub-Kacheri Mahal, Panduri, Kaurbaha, Modartola, Batahghila, Natundehor and Khetri Dharmapur Mouzas have been badly affected by floods. The communications in the north bank have been completely disrupted. The Brahmaputra is still in high floods and normal ferry services remain suspended.

In Barpeta Subdivision⁴ the embankment on the Brahmaputra has been breached near Tarabari and flood waters have affected parts of Chenga Mouza and the fringe of Barpeta Mouza. About 80 bighas of land have been eroded in the Tarabari area and a ring-bund constructed on Test Relief basis has also been partly washed away. About 90 families have taken shelter on the Public Works Department road and Embankment. On 28th the Beki overflowed its bank and 1800 families in Damkachakabausi, Rupsi and Ghilajhari Mouzas have been affected by floods. The Sub-Divisional Officer has organised relief operation.

In Goalpara district, there has been no serious damage till now, except flooding of low-lying areas particularly in South Salmara and Mankachar. But with the rise in the Brahmaputra which is inevitable further damages are bound to take place. The erosion in South Salmara and two neighbouring villages continued. Relief operations have not been necessary till now.

In Cachar district, the floods have since subsided and a request from the Deputy Commissioner for issue of seeds to flood affected cultivators at subsidised rates is under consideration. Till now the expenditure incurred in the Cachar district on relief operations has exceeded Rs.2 lakhs.

Requests have come from the Deputy Commissioners and Sub-Divisional Officers of the affected districts for sanction of funds for gratuitous relief and these are under process. I may, however, inform the hon. Members that there are clear instructions to the local officers to go ahead with relief operations wherever necessary without waiting for formal sanction of funds from the Government. Sir, I have also collected certain other informations on the telephone just now.

There has been serious flood on Gabhru river causing damage to standing crops. All possible relief measures have been taken by sending responsible officers and establishing relief camps. Detailed statements regarding loss of life, cattle and damage to standing crops are being communicated to Government.

Regarding Gohpur side and other places, local officers are altered well ahead to take all possible steps.

The Deputy Commissioner requested the Revenue Secretary to sanction Rs.20,000 immediately to render relief to the flood victims. He has been requesting Government to expedite sanction of the amount immediately.

The Deputy Commissioner also requested the Indian Red Cross Society, Shillong, to render help to the flood victims of Tezpur in the shape of blanket and money.

Chief Minister's suggestion about adjournment of Assembly due to extensive flood in the State

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Sir, you were pleased to ask for our views regarding adjournment of the House in view of the very extensive flood all over the State. Sir, we considered this matter and we also find that the hon. Members of both sides of the House are very anxious to return to their respective constituencies, to do whatever service possible for them. Therefore, I would suggest that after the budget is passed and also the taxation measures are disposed of on the 30th June, the House may adjourn till such date as might be desirable. In our opinion, the House may re-assemble again in the first week of August.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat): Yes, Sir, provided we can adjust the business for tomorrow.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) : Sir, during the period of adjournment, what about our questions ?

Mr. SPEAKER : They will remain.

One thing I want to inform the hon. Members that we have got only 45 minutes today to pass the Demands for Grants. We are left with 16 Demands. Therefore, the time will be very very limited ; each Demand cannot take more than 3 minutes and as soon as the clock strikes 11, I shall guillotine all the Demands outstanding. Therefore, I hope the speakers taking part in the debate will limit their time accordingly.

GRANT No.31A.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) : Sir, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.75,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisation-Re-organisation of P. and D. Department."

Mr. SPEAKER :

The motion move is that a sum of Rs.75,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisation-Reorganisation of P and D Department."

(As there was no cut motion the motion was put as question and adopted.)

GRANT No.33.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industries) : Sir, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.9,82,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisations-I-II- Directorate of Statistics."

Mr. SPEAKER : Mr. Barua, I think you are not moving your cut motion.

I put the main question.

The question is that a sum of Rs.9,82,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisations-II-Directorate of Statistics."

(As there was no cut motion the motion was put as question and adopted.)

GRANT No. 34.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry) : Sir, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.9,90,300, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963, for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisation-III-Directorate of Housing."

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that a sum of Rs.9,90,300 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963, for the administration of the head "head 39.—Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisations-III-Directorate of Housing."

(As there was no cut motion the motion was put as question and adopted.)

GRANT No. 37.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry) : Sir, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.7,12,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March 1963, for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisations-VI-Town Planning Organisation."

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that a sum of Rs.7,12,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous Social and Developmental Organisations-VI-Town Planning Organisation."

(As there was no cut motion the motion was put as question and adopted.)

GRANT No. 61.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry) : Sir, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.40,16,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963, for the administration of the head "96.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development-I-Investment in other Commercial Concerns."

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that a sum of Rs.40,16,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "96.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development-I-Investment in other Commercial Concerns."

(As there was no cut motion the motion was put as question and adopted.)

GRANT No. 63.

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry): Sir, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.10,41,400 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "96.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development-III-Development of Sericulture and Weaving and Cottage Industries."

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved that a sum of Rs.10,41,400 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "96.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development-III-Development of Sericulture and Weaving and Cottage Industries."

(As there was no cut motion the motion was put as question and adopted.)

Grant No. 76

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry): Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 7,86,100, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "Q.—Loans and Advances, etc.,—VI—Industrial Loans".

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that a sum of Rs. 7,86,100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "Q.—Loans and Advances, etc.,—VI—Industrial Loans."

(As there was no cut motion the motion was put as question and adopted.)

Grant No. 80

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry): On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 18,80,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "Q.—Loans and Advances, etc.—'X'—Housing Loans."

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that a sum of Rs. 18,80,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "Q.—Loans and Advances etc.—'X'—Housing Loans."

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Grant No. 81

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry): On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 5,25,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "Q.—Loans and Advances, etc.,—XI—Loans to Major Industries."

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion is that a sum of Rs. 5,25,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "Q.—Loans and Advances, etc.,—XI—Loans to Major Industries."

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Grant No. 82

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Industry): On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 6,47,25,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "Q.—Loans and advances, etc.—XII—Loans to Electricity Board."

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that a sum of Rs. 6,47,25,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "Q.—Loans and Advances, etc.,—XII—Loans to Electricity Board."

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Grant No. 35

Shri CHATRASING TERON (Minister, T.A.D.): On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 14,24,700 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head—"39.—Miscellaneous Social and Developmental Organisations—IV—Directorate of Social Welfare, etc."

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved. is that a sum of Rs. 14,24,700 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous Social and Developmental Organisations—IV—Directorate of Social Welfare, etc."

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

Grant No. 38

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, P.W.D.): Sir, there is a printing mistake here. The sum Rs. 2,07,00 should be Rs. 2,20,78,700.

On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 2,20,78,700, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "44.—Irrigation and N.E.D. Works and 100.—Capital Outlay on Irrigation, Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works."

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that a sum of Rs. 2,20,78,700 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963, for the administration of the head "44.—Irrigation and Navigation Embankment and Drainage works 100.—Capital Outlay on Irrigation, Navigation Embankment and Drainage Works."

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): Sir, I beg to move that the total provision of Rs. 2,90,91,200 under Grant No. 38, Major head "44.—Irrigation and N.E.D. Works, etc.," at page 340 of the Budget, be reduced by Re. 1, i.e., the amount of the whole grant of Rs. 2,90,91,200 do stand reduced by Re. 1.

Mr. SPEAKER: How much time will you take? If you want to move cut motions on other grants then you must be very brief.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari): I shall be very brief.

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ ৰাজ্যত বৰ্তমানলৈ যিবিলাক মথাউৰি বন্ধা হৈছে, হয়তো বহুতো ভাবিব পাৰে যে তাৰ পৰা আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ একো উপকাৰ হোৱা নাই, কিন্তু মই ভাবো যে তাৰ পৰা নিশ্চয় উপকাৰ হৈছে। বৰপেটাত যিবিলাক মথাউৰি বান্ধিছে তাৰ পৰা বহু মানুহে উপকাৰ পাইছে।

অৱশ্যে আৰু বহু ঠাইত মথাউৰি বন্ধা দৰ্কাৰ কিন্তু চৰকাৰে বান্ধিব পৰা নাই। তথাপি পুই এটুকুৰা ঠাইত হয়তো কৰবাত এমাইল কৰবাত আধা মাইল ঠাই বান্ধি দিলে বহুতো ঠাই, খেতি পথাৰ বন্ধা পৰে। যেনে আমাৰ বৰপেটাৰ কাকবজানৰ প্ৰায় এমাইলমান ঠাই নবন্ধাৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ বহুত অপকাৰ হৈছে। বৰপেটা মহকুমাত এনে বহুত ঠাই আছে য'ত মথাউৰি বান্ধিলে বহু মানুহৰ উপকাৰ হ'ব কিন্তু চৰকাৰে বান্ধিব পৰা নাই। এই মথাউৰিবিলাক নবন্ধাৰকাৰণে আমাৰ খেতি পথাৰ নষ্ট হৈছে—বানপানীৰ প্ৰকোপ হৈছে—বহু মানুহ বছৰে বছৰে গৃহহীন, ভূমিহীন হৈছে। সবহ শস্য উৎপাদনত বাধা পৰিছে। বহুতো ব্যৱসায় ঠাই নষ্ট হৈছে। গতিকে চৰকাৰৰ এই আছকাল বিলাক আবস্ত হৈছে—আজি যদি নিয়মমতে আৰু দৰ্কাৰ অনুসাৰে মথাউৰি বন্ধাৰ আৰম্ভ কৰে তেন্তে এই সমস্যাবিলাকৰ বহুখিনি ওৰ পৰিব।

বৰ্ত্তমান বহুত ভাল ভাল ঠাইৰ ওপৰেদি পানীৰ সুতী পৰি ঠাইবিলাক নষ্ট হব ধৰিছে।

আজি নদীৰ গৰাখহনীয়াৰ প্ৰকোপত বহুতো মাটি নষ্ট হৈছে। একালে চৰকাৰে মাটিহীন মানহক মাটিদিয়াৰ প্ৰচেষ্টা চলাইছে, আনফালে মথাউৰীৰ ওচৰত পানীয়ে ভাল খেতিৰ মাটিবিলাক নষ্ট কৰি মাটিহীন সমস্যা বঢ়াব। ই বৰ ডাঙৰ কথা। এই মথাউৰি নিদিয়াৰ ফলত আমাৰ বহু পুৰণী অসমীয়া গাওঁ বালাপাৰা নষ্ট কৰি পেলাইছে। এসময়ত এই ঠাইখন অসমৰ ভিতৰত এখন ব্যৱসায়ৰ ঠাই আছিল। তাৰ লগতে বহু পুৰণী গাওঁ চকাবাউলী গাওঁ, চকাবাউলী পথাৰ, খকনবাৰী আতি, বৰবোকা আদি ঠাই ভাঙি গৈছে। নদীৰ শোত বদলী হৈছে। আজি পুৰণী অসমীয়া গাওঁ-বহৰি সত্ৰৰ নিচিনা ঠাই এখন ভাঙি গৈছে। এইবিলাক ঠাইৰ সংৰক্ষণৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে অকনো চিন্তা কৰা নাই। বালাপাৰাত যদি এটা দং কাটি দিয়া হয় তেন্তে বালাপাৰা আৰু নাভাঙে। এতিয়া ১ নম্বৰ মথাউৰীটো ভাঙি গল, তাৰ পিচত ২ নম্বৰ মথাউৰি ভাঙি গল। এই বকমে বছৰে বছৰে খেতি পথাৰ, ভাল ব্যৱসায়ৰ ঠাই ভাঙ গৈছে—এনেকৈ থাকিলে আমাৰ কোনো ঠায়েই বন্ধা নপৰিব।

সেই কাৰণে মই চৰকাৰৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰো যে আমাৰ মথাউৰীবিলাক বন্ধ কৰাৰ লগে লগে উপদ্ৰৱী নদীবিলাক নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ কৰিব লাগে। নহলে আমাৰ মাটিৰ সমস্যা বেচিহে হব। বালাপাৰাত আজি ৪।৫ বছৰৰ পৰা ভঙাৰ আৰম্ভ হৈছে। সেই নদীৰ গৰাখহনীয়া বন্ধ কৰি আমাৰ মাটিবিলাক বন্ধা কৰাৰ কাৰণে মই চৰকাৰক অনুৰোধ কৰিলো।

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamarpur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I support the grant and oppose the cut motion and while supporting the grant I want to draw the attention of the hon.ble Minister to certain anomalies in the construction of Puthimari embankment. It was constructed in the upper reach and lower reach in the year 1954, but the middle portion was not constructed, as a result of which two mauzas were constantly flooded. I am grateful to the Minister for taking up the construction in the middle portion of Puthimari embankment. But Sir, I regret to say that on the right side about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles were kept open and I was insisting upon the Government for taking up construction of that portion. I personally organised Shramik Bahini and I could somehow got the work done by the Shramik Bahini. But the work which has been done by the Shramik Bahini has been done in a haphazard way and therefore planned construction of this portion is necessary. This year the Department has invited tenders and I understand that the work order has already been given but the contractor did not start the work and so I was insisting upon the Minister, the Executive Engineer and the Chief Engineer to take timely action but no action was taken, as a result we have learnt yesterday, and this morning from the statement of the Revenue Minister that a large number of villages have been affected by the breach of the bund. I should say that this is due to the negligence of the department. I draw the attention of the hon.ble Minister to find out whether the breach was due to the faulty construction of the embankment and whether it is due to the fault of contractors as I have learnt from the local people that the contractors did not take up the work in time and they waited for rainy season to come. If it is so the contractors concerned should be blacklisted and no further contracts should be given to them in future, but if it is the fault of the department, I would request the Minister to take necessary measures to find out who are the officers responsible for this breach and proper action should be taken to punish them.

Shri MADHUSUDHAN DAS (Barpeta): — অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়,

আনার মহকুমাত E & D বিভাগে বন্ধা কেইটামান বান্ধৰ কথা কব খোজো। পহুমা নদীৰ উত্তৰ ফালে মথাউৰি বন্ধাৰ ফলত তাৰ গোটেই পানীখিনি দক্ষিণ, ফালে বাগৰি অহা হৈছে। দক্ষিণ ফালৰ যি অঞ্চললৈ এই মথাউৰিৰ দ্বাৰা বান-পানী আহি জমা হৈছে, সেই অঞ্চলটো তেনেই দ—তাত বাৰিঘা ৮।১০ ফট পানী হয়, গতিকে সেই অঞ্চললৈ আৰু বেচি পানী আনাৰ বন্দোবস্ত কৰাত, সেই অঞ্চলৰ মানুহৰ দৰ্গতীৰ সীমা নোহোৱা হৈছে; এই বান্ধ বা মথাউৰিটোৰ ফলত ভৱানীপুৰ, সুন্দৰীদিয়া, পাটবাউলী পৰ্য্যন্ত এই বিস্তৃত অঞ্চলটোৰ খেতিয়কসকলৰ খেতিৰ অনুবিধা হৈছে। উক্ত মথাউৰিটো সম্পূৰ্ণ কৰি পাটবাউলীলৈকে আনিবলৈহে, উক্ত অঞ্চলটো বন্ধা পৰিব। মথাউৰিটো আজি ৬।৭ বছৰেও সম্পূৰ্ণ কৰা নহল। যিবিলাক মানুহ ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত হৈছে তেওঁলোকক ক্ষতিপৰণ দিব লাগিব। নহলে মানুহবোৰ বাচি থকাই টান হ'ব। পানী য'ত বেচি হয়, মথাউৰি বান্ধি তাত পানী কম কৰা হয়; কিন্তু উক্ত মথাউৰিটোৰ দ্বাৰা পানী বেচি হোৱা অঞ্চলতহে আৰু বেচি পানী কৰিবৰ ব্যৱস্থা হৈছে—E & D বিভাগৰ ইয়াক এটি অস্ত্ৰ কাণ্ড বুলি ধৰিব লাগিব। সেইদৰেই কালদিয়া নদীৰো এফালে মথাউৰি বান্ধিছে, আনফালে বন্ধা নাই—সেই নদীটোৰ পশ্চিম ফালে মথাউৰি নাই কিন্তু পূব পাৰে বান্ধিছে। ফলত পশ্চিম পাৰৰ মানুহৰ বৰ অনুবিধা হৈছে আৰু অনিষ্টও হৈছে। ইয়াৰ উপৰিও কিছুমান সৰু সৰু নদী আছে, যেনে পহুমা, কালদিয়া, পাল্লা, সেই নদীবোৰৰ যোতৰ পৰিবৰ্ত্তন ঘটি, গাওঁ-ভঞাইৰ মাটি ভাঙি মানুহৰ বৰ অপকাৰ কৰে; কিন্তু যি ঠাইত ভাঙন ধৰে সেই ঠাইৰ ওচৰৰ মাটি কাটি পোলাই দিলে—ভাঙল বন্ধ হয় আৰু মানুহবোৰ বিপদৰ ওপৰে, তেনে কামৰ বাবে ২।৩ হেজাৰ টকা হলেই হয় আৰু একোখন গাওঁ বিপদৰ পৰা বাচি যায়। E & D বিভাগৰ মুখিয়াল এজনক শোধাত তেওঁ কৈছিল যে গাওঁলীয়া মানুহে দৰখাস্ত দিব লাগিব। এইবিলাক চৰকাৰৰ কাম—দৰখাস্ত দিয়াৰ কি আৱশ্যক বুজি নেপাওঁ। আশা কৰো চৰকাৰে এই কথাবোৰ মনোযোগেৰে লক্ষ্য কৰিব। ইয়াকে কৈ মই কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰিলোঁ।

Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Dhekiajuli): Mr. Speaker, Sir, while supporting the demand, I would like to point out a few things to the Minister-in-charge of Embankment. In Majbat area there is a river Pagla which has been causing damage to paddy fields in that area besides eroding its bank. This river is also called Fulguri. I have been in touch with the department to have an irrigation project there. The House may be aware that the bridge over the river on the North Trunk Road has been recently damaged with its approach being eroded. In this content I have approached the department for control of the river and also an irrigation project.

Another necessity for an irrigation project is in Misamari. The two streams Mezengjuli and Dighaljuli need to be harnessed for irrigation. Such a project is expected to serve two Mouzas of Maharbari and Misamari Mouzas in Tezpur Sub-division. These areas are inhabited mostly by tribal people and they are very much discontented because we have not been able to provide them with any irrigation project. The Agriculture Department has however constructed a minor irrigation project but this has not been sufficient. As such, I would request the Hon'ble Minister to consider these two cases for irrigation projects in those areas.

Thank you.

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): While supporting the cut motion of my friend, Mr. Tajuddin Ahmed, I want to draw the attention of the Minister about certain things. Yesterday also in course of my speech, I placed one matter that construction of irrigation bunds on rivers at present cannot stand the onslaught of flood water for want of proper investigation of the current of the rivers concerned. This is the main reason why the measures in this direction taken by the Government met with total failure. For instance, I want to state about a river, about which I also spoke to the Chief Minister. This river is in my constituency which goes through Hajari Mauza and Haligar Mauza and its flood water affect these Mauzas very badly. The areas in the south bank of the Brahmaputra river where there is the Jahazghat at Neamati, from time to time the flood waters affects those areas and go upto the town of Jorhat, and there is no embankment in this area. If proper protection is not given in this area and the river water is allowed to flow over the area every year then the whole of Fuleri Mouza will be affected by flood water.

Another important matter is about Bheketi and Rangguri. In this area on the river Brahmaputra spurs have been constructed but these are made in such an unscientific method that the overflowing water of the river has washed away the spurs.

Due to the negligence of the Department to take timely measures, we have heard that many of the spurs on the Brahmaputra river at Dibrugarh have been washed away. May I know from the Minister what arrangements have been taken to prevent such erosions which has been happening in Dibrugarh for sometime past?

Sir, when there is an Investigation Department of the P. W. D. Flood Control & Irrigation Department, I do not understand the reasons of the failure to implement the schemes properly. Before implementation of a project proper investigation should be made and data collected so that such spurs and bunds are not washed away or breached during the rainy season.

Now, as we have seen that in case of Brahmaputra erosion which has caused havoc in a very large size, I would request the Government to move the Central Government to give this Government special grants to meet the expenditure for giving proper embankments in those places.

Shri MOHI KANTA DAS (Barchalla): Sir, there is irrigation scheme namely Panchnai Irrigation Scheme for the Barsola Mouza. It is meant to cover the whole Barsola Mouza. But owing to weak water supply source it is unable to irrigate the whole of the Mouza and the department has submitted a proposal for construction of a bund across Sirajuli river for irrigation of the unirrigated area. I would request the Minister to consider and execute the scheme early.

Secondly, compensation has not been given to the people through whose Land the Koloni Irrigation channel has passed. I hope, the Hon'ble Minister will look into the matter for early payment of the compensation.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri): Sir, it is well known that Assam has been experiencing the heaviest rainfall especially for the last few years. Nature is not behaving properly and as a result Assam is facing heavy inundation, destruction and damages to crops. But the Government did not take up sufficient irrigation schemes to control the mighty Brahmaputra river and its tributaries while irrigation projects have been undertaken with a view to save many areas from flood and devastation.

but these are taken, it appears, from the point of view of giving concession to some important persons. This is why alignments are defective and works on the projects cannot be done in time and in a suitable manner. It has been our experience that the bunds that are constructed cannot bear the onslaught of the rising of the rivers and breaches occur in vulnerable points. In making such bunds the Government do not take into consideration the point of view of the local people. For instance, there is no necessity of one sluice gate at Parajan to protect Jerengapathar as the Namdang sluice gate is there. That is why I would request the Government that in spending such huge amount of money in such projects the Government should take into confidence the local people and consult them. This help in saving money.

Shrimati LILI SEN GUPTA (Lahowal): মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই মজবুতীটো মনখান কৰি, এই প্ৰশস্ত ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ প্ৰবাহহনীয়াই কৰা ক্ষতিলৈ মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰীভাণ্ডাৰীয়াৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিলো। ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ মোহনাঘাট এৰিয়াত ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰৰ পানীয়ে প্ৰবাহহাই আছে আৰু ইয়াৰ উপৰিও, মাইজান, নগাঁওলি আৰু অকলোণ্ড এৰিয়াত পৰা পৰাইছে। ইয়াৰ কলত, ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ নেভিবেল কলেজ আক্ৰান্ত হোৱাৰ আশংকা হৈছে আৰু কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰৰ যিটো স্পৰ আছে, সেইটোও আক্ৰান্ত হ'ব পাৰে। সেই কাৰণে মই বিভাগীয় মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ক ডিব্ৰুগড় নগৰ ৰক্ষা কৰিবৰ কাৰণে অৱশ্যকীয় বাবে প্ৰহণ কৰিবলৈ টানি অনুৰোধ জনাও। এই কানৰ কাৰণে অৱশ্যক অনুযায়ী ৰাজ্যিক পুঁজিৰ ওপৰিও, কেন্দ্ৰীয় চৰকাৰৰ সহায় ল'ব লাগে আৰু ডিব্ৰুগড় নগৰ ৰক্ষা কৰিব লাগে।

Shri MOHANANDA BORA (Bihpuria): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Embankment has practically done much more good in many areas, in comparison to the adverse effect done somewhere. In my Sub-division embankments are a boon, because vast areas have been brought under cultivation and production is rising. But since 1957 no work has been done in our area. Sir, in this connection, I beg to draw the attention of the Government to one point that embankments are done in one bank of a river and there is no embankment on the other side due to which areas on that side is overflooded.

Another thing Sir, I have been speaking in the floor of this House for last five years that river streams like Kakoi, Sessa, Dorpang, Gabhoru, etc., are causing havoc. But I am surprised to find that there is no mention in the Revenue Minister's statement about North Lakhimpur. Now, Sir, so far my information goes, flood had begun in North Lakhimpur on the 6th June and Sessa river has eroded eight families of Lakhimpur village. Dorpang has eroded 15 or 16 families and Sobansiri has eroded 50 or 60 families near Hilikhaguri before this flood. All these families have been rendered completely homeless and landless. Now, it is reported that flood is again rising throughout the Sub-division, details of which are, at present not available with me.

I, therefore, like to draw the attention of the Minister-in-charge of Irrigation that proper attention be given for the construction of embankments and training the hill rivers, in North Lakhimpur area.

Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora): Mr. Speaker, Sir. In supporting the Cut Motion I like to draw the attention of the House to the fact that though two plan periods have passed, no scheme on E. & D. has been taken up at Katigora which is badly affected by

floods. Some schemes have been formulated such as Kakrakhal scheme, Banai Mulla scheme or Kinar Khal scheme, but those schemes have not yet been taken up. I understand, Sir, that money has already been sanctioned for Banai Mulla Scheme. So, I request the Minister to take steps so that implementation of the scheme may be expedited. Sir, the scheme of Kinarkhal if implemented will bring thousands of Bighas of land under cultivation. Sir, an embankment by the bank of Surma river in Indian side from Haritkar Rajartilla to Natapur if constructed will serve many purposes. First of all it will save the entire area from devastating flood every year, secondly, it would bring about nine thousand bighas of land under cultivation and further, it would serve the defence purpose as people will be saved from Pakistan firing. Moreover, this bund will be used as road for the whole area.

Now, Sir, I come to another point. Due to erosion of Barak river our Silchar town is threatened in many places. Many Government buildings exist just near the river bank. So, Sir something should be done immediately to save the town as well as all the Government buildings. I hope, Sir our E. & D. Minister will look into these matters and take action accordingly.

***Shri AKSHOY KUMAR DAS (Sarbhog):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I like to draw the attention of the Government regarding the Barpeta Sub-division. The other day I raised the same point. The special feature is that population in this Sub-division rises leaps and bounds. If you compare the Census figures of 1961 with that of 1951 you will find that population rises up to 571 per square mile. Sir, vast area of this Sub-division is generally under the grip of floods and lot of agricultural land is eroded by Beki and other rivers. So, people are suffering immensely. So, Sir, I hope Government will pay greater attention in respect of providing irrigation facilities to this Sub-division.

Shri RAM PRASAD DAS (Bijni): — মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই প্রসঙ্গত মই, গোৱালপাৰাৰ আইনদীৰ ধ্বংসলীলাটলৈ আঙুলীয়াই কওঁ, যেন এই নদী নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ কৰি, এই বছৰত, বাইজক বন্ধা কৰে। ইয়াকে কৈ মই কৰ্ত্তন, প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰিলো।

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Irrigation and N.E.D. Works): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I sympathise with the hon. Members for the demands they have made. I hope they will also reciprocate the same towards me; for they know that this is a highly starved department. Honourable members may be aware that there is a provision for only rupees fifty lakhs for new embankments in the whole Third Five Year Plan. So, the money placed at our disposal is Rs. 50 lakhs. That money if we divide by five, it will come to rupees ten lakhs for each year. Again if this money is to be divided Sub-division wise the share of each will be a very small amount. So, Sir, it will be seen that with that amount possibly half a mile of new embankment can be done in each sub-division if we are to do the work area-wise. There are many demands. Everyday

I am getting, at least, 10 to 12 letters from the members of the public including our hon. Members, asking for new embankments and irrigation projects. Moreover, I am getting a large number of petitions daily from the public institutions. Thus I have been put to a very unfortunate position. Sir, with this 50 lakhs, at best, 50 miles of new embankments can be done. I find that most of the demands made by our hon. Members in the floor of this House is about either extension of an embankment or construction of new embankments.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Karnalpur): Sir, Puthimari embankment was a scheme sanctioned during the Second Five Year Period at a cost of Rs. 26 lakhs. This scheme is a spill over scheme from the Second Five Year Plan. Therefore, no fresh sanction is necessary.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Irrigation and N. E. D. Works): I am coming to that. At the moment I am taking up the question of new embankments. So, Sir, was saying that with the money at our disposal, it will be possible to construct about 40 or 50 miles of new embankments only in course of Third Five Year Plan. Then Sir, whenever there is flood, we start feeling about the necessity of embankments. As soon as floods are over we forget about it. While formulating our Plans we think more of Social Services than about productive Schemes. Sir, in this manner it serves the social work also.

Then there is another important point—viz., the Town protection and River Training about which some of the hon. Members had spoken. There is a provision of only 50 lakhs of rupees for the entire Third Five Year Plan both for Town Protection and River Training Works. So for each year we have only Rs. 10 lakhs. If ten projects are to be undertaken, we will get only one lakh per project. But, Sir, the cost of stone spars and revetment on the banks of Brahmaputra per mile generally comes to one crore of rupees. The cost of revetment in some places of Brahmaputra river, where it is very deep, may be more. So, with this money at our disposal, nothing very spectacular can be done. If the entire money is spent for town protection, there will be no money for river training, and if the money is spent for river training, there will be no money left for town protection work. The amount itself is so that you cannot take too many schemes.

In this connection, I like to inform the hon. Members that we have to allot some money for the maintenance of the existing protection work at Dibrugarh. We must maintain that work. But, now demands have been made for extending the protection work to stop the erosion of Brahmaputra both up stream and down stream of Dibrugarh. We are asked to take up protective measures by constructing a stone revetment at Nagakhelia where there is erosion.

If Nagakhelia is to be protected, which is a group of villages, the Dibrugarh protection work will have to be carried down for another 3 miles which will involve an expenditure of something like 4 to 5 crores of rupees. Frankly speaking it is beyond the means of this Government. It is not worth to undertake this work also. After all the public money is to be spent to protect some such property of the people, the value of which is at least equal to the cost of protection. But the value of the entire Nagakhelia area is not very much. I feel that there is no justification for spending such a huge money to save a property of such a small value. I am in constant touch with the Chief Engineer and the Officers stationed in that area. They had reported to me that there was no danger, so far as the main protection work at Dibrugarh was concerned. We have requested the

Government of India to send an expert to examine this problem. Therefore, Sir, I am afraid, I am not in a position to hold out a promise about anything too big as the demands are. However, the State Government has earmarked for the down stream of the present protection work Rs. 9 lakhs and with this limited resources we shall have to undertake 8 or 9 timber spurs at Mohanaghat and down stream.

When we have to undertake schemes with too limited resources, Sir, we have got to fix the priority. However critical the hon. members may be about the E.N.D. Department, I cannot redress all the grievances they have made out with the money at our disposal. We can possibly undertake 8 or 9 new embankments in the whole 3rd Five Year Plan. I can take the house into confidence and say that while fixing the priority for these schemes utmost considerations will be given to their suggestions. This is with regard to new embankment; with regard to town protection and river training.

Now coming to the irrigation projects, Sir, I could have explained about the position of each one of the suggestions or demands had I got some notice in the cut motions. However, I can assure the hon. members that we will look into this matter and try to do as best as we can. I may also tell the hon. Members that we have got provision over 2 crores of rupees for irrigation schemes in the 3rd plan. There is some money for the irrigation in the agriculture Department also which is spent through this department. Similarly the Embankment Navigation Drainage undertook irrigation projects out of the money provided by some of the Community Development Blocks. Sir, inspite of all the criticism I can tell the hon. members that uptill now this department had made 439 miles of drainage channels, 136 miles of irrigation channel besides 1,827 miles of embankment including 87 miles under the Community Development programme completed upto March 1961.

Shri HOMESWAR DEV CHOUDHURY : What about the Kaladia project ?

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister): I had gone through the papers relating to that questions only last night. Sir, the problem is there no doubt. But the value of the area to be protected do not commensurate with the cost of such a protection so we are unable to take up this scheme.

Then Sir, coming to Shri Goswami's question, there were some spill over schemes of the 2nd Five Year Plan of which this is one. The hon. Member discussed his complaints with me yesterday and immediately I asked the Chief Engineer to look into the same. In fact I discussed this matter with the Chief Engineer and I had asked him to go down to Gauhati and look into the problem. Unless he comes back from Gauhati and apprises of the position I cannot give a reply.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) : Sir, that is not my complaint. My complaint is why the scheme was not completed by the Contractor.

Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Irrigation) : Sir, this is a spill over Scheme. I cannot say off hand why the contractor could not complete the work without an enquiry. It may be that they could not get possession of the land or it may be that they did not get the technical sanction in time as these schemes require the specific sanction of the Government of India.

Mr. SPEAKER : Order, order. Mr. Ahmed, are you withdrawing your cut motion ?

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : Yes Sir.

(Cut motion with leave of the House was withdrawn).

Mr. SPEAKER : I put the main question. Question is that a sum of Rs.2,20,73,700 be granted to the Minister in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "44—Irrigation and Embankment and Navigation Drainage works and 100—Capital outlay on Irrigation, Navigation, Embankments and Drainage Works."

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

GRANT No.3

Shri BIADYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Excise) : Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.19,18,400, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "10—State Excise Duties."

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that a sum of Rs.19,18,400, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "10.—State Excise Duty". Are you going to move your cut motion, Mr. Barua ?

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) : No.

Mr. SPEAKER : I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs.19,18,400, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "10—State Excise Duty."

(The motion was put as question and adopted.)

GRANT No.19

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical) : Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.1,73,41,200 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "29—Medical."

Motion moved is that a sum of Rs.1,73,41,200, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "29.—Medical".

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) : Sir, I beg to move that the total provision of Rs.2,31,21,400, under Grant No.19, Major head "29—Medical", at page 142 of the Budget, be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole grant of Rs.2,31,21,400, do stand reduced by Re.1.

চাব, মই এইটো কথা কব খজিছো যে আমি ভাবিছিলো ডাক্তৰী বিভাগত দুৰ্নীতি নাই—কিন্তু চাব ঔষধ কিনা বোৰ্ডত (Purchasing Board) যিমান দুৰ্নীতি আছে সিমান হয়তো অন্য কতো নাই। মোৰ বেচি কথা কবৰ সময় নাই। সেই কাৰণে এই বোৰ্ডৰ দুৰ্নীতিৰ বিষয়ে চৰকাৰৰ দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিলো। যিখন ডাক্তৰখানাত যি ঔষধৰ দৰকাৰ নাই তাত সেই ঔষধে ভৰি আছে আৰু যত যি ঔষধৰ দৰকাৰ তাত হয়তো অকনমান ঔষধো নাই। নলগা ঔষধ এনে ধৰণে ভৰি আছে যে সেইবোৰ ধৰব ঠাই নাইকিয়া হৈছে। গতিকে বঙ এই দুৰ্নীতিৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ ৰাইজৰ টকা অৰাবত নষ্ট হৈছে। আকৌ আনহাতে ঔষধ নথকাৰ কাৰণে বেমাৰীয়ে চিকিৎসা পোৱা নাই।

মহোদয়, দুৰ্নীতিৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ দেশৰ টকা পইচা খৰচ হব নালাগে। কিছুমান ডাক্তৰখানাত আৱশ্যকীয় ঔষধৰ অভাৱত বেমাৰীয়ে ঔষধ নাপায়; অথচ অপৰ্কাৰী ঔষধবিলাকেৰে ভৰপূৰ। সেই কাৰণে মই কও যে গুৱাহাটীৰ নিচিনা কেন্দ্ৰীয় ঠাই এখনত সকলোবিলাক ঔষধ থাকিব লাগে আৰু তাৰ পৰা দৰ্কাৰ হিচাবে সকলো ডাক্তৰখানাক ঔষধ দিব লাগে। এইটো কৰিলে বৰ্তমান ঔষধ কিনা ব্যৱস্থাৰ ভিতৰত যি দুৰ্নীতি সোমাই আছে সেইটো বন্ধ হব।

আজি ভিতৰুৱা ঠাইবিলাকত ডাক্তৰখানা হোৱা নাই। বৰপেটা মহকুমাত আৰু গোৱালপাৰাৰ বহু অঞ্চলত ৩১৪ মাইলৰ ভিতৰতো এখন ডাক্তৰখানা নাই। বাগবৰ মৌজাত এখন ডাক্তৰখানাও নাই। সেই ঠাইত ডাক্তৰো নাই, ডাক্তৰখানাও নাই। গতিকে মই আশা কৰো এনেধৰণৰ ভিতৰুৱা ঠাইবিলাকত চৰকাৰে ডাক্তৰখানা দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা সোনকালে কৰিব।

ছিলঙৰ নিচিনা ঠাইত ডাক্তৰখানা, কেইবাখনো, কিন্তু ভিতৰত গাওঁ বিলাকত এখনো নাই। ইয়াৰ এটা ব্যৱস্থা সোনকালে কৰিব লাগে।

Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat): In supporting the Cut Motion moved by my esteemed Friend, Shri Tajuddin Ahmed, I want to observe a few points.

The Government have taken up the construction of two Medical Colleges in Assam one at Silchar and the other at Gauhati. On the other day, we have explained the difficulties that are being faced by the Medical College students at Gauhati. Therefore, my humble suggestion through you is that the Government should pay attention so that the construction work can be completed very shortly and proper facilities, such as, modern equipments and sufficient staff be given to the Medical College.

Sir, I am now coming to another point. The Hospital facilities are to be extended upto rural areas. Modern equipments, qualified doctors, nurses and other things are also to be provided.

Another important point, Sir, is that Government has already completed building of the Shillong and Jorhat Civil Hospitals. The Shillong Civil Hospital should shift to new Hospital building in view of the number of patients and other difficulties. Of course, we are having good faith on the Medical Department. I have observed that in the Medical College, some sort of discriminations are going on in regard to allotment of seats.

for treatment. Unfortunately or fortunately, I was at Dibrugarh with an uncle of mine, while the hon. Chief Minister was there, I wanted to put him there for treatment; but it was very astonishing to know that his case was not considered and one who came afterward was admitted for treatment. Sir, this sort of discriminations should not be there. I want to draw the attention of the Hon'ble. Minister-in-charge in this matter.

Sir, another most important point is about the Pasteur Institute. In the Pasteur Institute, people are suffering a lot and there is one qualified doctor. He is perhaps Mr. Barua. He has not got up-till-now, any promotion or any other benefit. Government should take serious consideration about that also. He has submitted memorandum to the Government but till-now there is no response from the Government side.

Shri OMEO KUMAR DAS (Dhekiajuli): Sir, in supporting this Demand, I like to point out to the Government the necessity of improving the Ayurvedic Department. The Ayurvedic College was established nearly 14 years ago, with the idea that research work on indigenous medicine would be conducted and those who believe in Ayurvedic system of treatment, would be given facilities for this treatment. This College was established after a Conference held somewhere in Poona or in Allahabad, I forget the exact place, by the All India Ayurvedic workers and the Government of India also felt the need of having an Ayurvedic College. As such, our Government also took the step to establish this Ayurvedic College and this College was on the process of development but with the commencement of the Gauhati Medical College this Ayurvedic College has been thrown into neglect and there is a feeling growing that this is being given step-motherly treatment and the Ayurvedic workers are also feeling a great deal of discontent. The Ayurvedic beds in the Civil Hospital have been pushed into a corner and the Ayurvedic out-door Dispensary has already been abandoned. The Ayurvedic beds have been removed to a congested room which is also used as a lumber room. That is why the patients are feeling discontented. Besides, I want to place before the Government that there is a great need for research work on indigenous medicine. It is true that because modern system has greatly advanced. But this is based on old ancient system of medicine. The house is aware that, Late Sir P. C. Roy conducted a great deal of research on Hindu Chemistry. His efforts added to our knowledge is therapeutics, a number of indigenous Indian medicines have been included in the Allopathic treatment. Besides, I want to place before the Government the necessity for improving the pay scale of the Ayurvedic workers.

Thank you.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat): Mr. Speaker. Sir, while making my submission on this Cut Motion, I want to draw the attention of the Government to the miserable condition of the Shillong Hospital. I do not know whether there is any Administration there. The main difficulty appears to be the want of accommodation. The doctors who work here are not available for emergency cases. They are spread over the town of Shillong and when the emergency case comes to the Hospital, the doctors are not available. There is an Eye Department there. But there is not even dark room provided for examination of Eye diseases. The newly constructed building is under the occupation of

Military officers It has not yet been completed. I do not know how long it will take for the completion. The Hospital of the Capital off Assam should be an ideal Hospital, so that the patients from outside and patients of this place can get better treatment.

Sir, as regards the Gauhati Hospital, we are surprised to know that since the Gauhati Civil Hospital was transferred to the Medical College, there is no co-ordination of work between the departments i. e. those who are appointed under the Medical College and the old staff and due to lack of co-ordination the patients are made to suffer. As regards Ayurved it is really surprising that "the udupa" Committee was formed as far back in 1958 and so far I remember Mr. Medhi who was the Chief Minister, agreed that the Ayurved Department should be separated from the Medical Department. There should be two separate departments. I do not know what has happened. Government has taken no step regarding the separation of these two departments. Sir, I do not find any reason for tagging the Director of Health Services with the Inspector General of Prisons. The number of Jails has increased in Assam; the number of Hospitals has also increased in Assam. So, I think these two departments should be separated and there should be two departments for management of both Jail and Medical.

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the first point raised by the hon. Mover of the Cut Motion was regarding corruption prevailing in the department at the time of purchasing medicine. Sir, for the information of the House, I think, it is my duty to take this question first and to deal with it rather elaborately. Sir, the bulk of medicine for use in most of the hospitals is obtained from Medical Stores Depot at Calcutta, through indents by the individual Civil Surgeons and Superintendents of Hospitals. As supplies are not made in full from the Depot and due to transport difficulties, stock of medicine is replenished by local purchases. The Civil Surgeons have power to make local purchase up to Rs. 300 at a time and they supply the medicines so purchased according to the requirements of different dispensaries. Sir, the Purchase Board consisting of Secretary, Medical Department as Chairman, Director of Health Services, Deputy Director of Health Services (Senior), Finance Secretary or his representative, Industries Secretary, or his representative and Financial Adviser of the Medical Department approve the drugs and equipments from manufacturing firms and Sale distributors of such firms approved by the Government.

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat): Sir, may I know whether there is any firm which fixes the rate of medicine or there is committee which fixes the rate?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE: Sir, Prices are quoted by the firms. The stock reports recently received from the Civil Surgeons show that the stock position of medicine is quite satisfactory. But in certain cases of emergency the extra requirements in the event of epidemic, etc., purchase is made locally.

Sir, as regards the complaint made, that there are some kinds of medicines in some hospitals, which would not be used in course of next few years, it might be the case in some places that there are some medicines which were purchased because there was necessity of that par-

ticular type of medicine at the time of indent, but subsequently this particular type of medicine was not necessary for use at the rate anticipated. However, as the matter has been brought to the notice of the Government, I shall look into the matter.

Mr. SPEAKER: Whether these individual officers have to give their requirements to this Medical Board?

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): They give their requirements to the Civil Surgeons and then the Civil Surgeons place their orders.

Now, Sir, as regards the Gauhati Medical College, the other day we discussed this matter fully on the floor of this House and I can assure the House, I shall do all that is humanly possible. Sir, one of my foremost desire is to see the establishment of this two medical colleges and as soon as possible I shall try to fulfill them.

Sir, as regards allotment of seats to the patients, sometimes it may so happen that some patients get earlier accommodation according to their health condition. Sir, I am not in a position to say about the day to-day administration of my department but if any particular point is brought to my notice, I shall take necessary steps after enquiring into the matter.

Now, Sir, regarding the Ayurvedic college my friend, Shri Omco Kumar Das, yesterday gave me a note. I have sent that note to my department to make necessary enquiries regarding his allegations and also to see that proper facilities are given to those patients who want to be treated under this system.

Now, Sir, regarding Shillong Civil Hospital, it is rather a difficult problem at present. The buildings have not been completed. Some portion of building has been completed but to meet the emergency situation some of the Army personnel had to be kept there and I hope that hon'ble Members should also consider that point that in case of emergency the accommodation of the Army personnel is also necessary and demands some priorities.

Sir, in the conclusion, I can say this much that the points that were raised have been replied by me. The points, if any, that I have not touched, I can assure the hon'ble members that I shall look into them and I shall do as far as practicable.

After hearing me Sir, I think the hon'ble Members will see his way to withdraw the Cut Motion.

(The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn)

Mr. SPEAKER: I put the main question. The question is that a sum of Rs. 1,73,41,100, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head "29.—Medical".

(The Motion was put as question and adopted.)

Grant No. 20

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Medical): Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs. 1,09,72,500, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for administration of the head—"30.—Public Health".

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that a sum of Rs. 1,09,72,500, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head—"30.—Public Health".

(The Motion was put as question and adopted)

GRANT No. 45

Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Printing and Stationery): Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that a sum of Rs.29,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head—"68.—Stationery and Printing".

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that a sum Rs.29,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to complete the sum necessary to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st day of March, 1963 for the administration of the head—"68.—Stationery and Printing".

(The Motion was put as question and adopted)

The Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1962

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1962.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1962, be introduced.

(The Motion was adopted)

There is a message from the Governor:

"Under the provision of Article 207 (I) of the Constitution of India, I, S. M. Shrinagesh, Governor of Assam, recommend the introduction in the Assam Legislative Assembly of the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1962".

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1962 and move that the bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration.

There is a message from the Governor :

“Under the provision of Article 207 (3) of the Constitution of India, I, S. M. Shrinagesh, Governor of Assam, recommend that the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration by the Assam Legislative Assembly”.

(The question was adopted)

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1962, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.II) Bill, 1962, be passed.

(The motion was put as question and adopted)

The Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962

There is a message from the Governor :

“Under the provision of Article 207 (I) of the Constitution of India, I, S. M. Shrinagesh, Governor of Assam, recommend the introduction in the Assam Legislative Assembly of the Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962, be introduced.

(Motion was adopted)

There is another message from the Governor :

“Under the provision of Article 207 (3) of the Constitution of India, I, S. M. Shrinagesh, Governor of Assam, recommend that the Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration by the Assam Legislative Assembly”.

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Finance Minister) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that leave be granted to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962.

(Motion was adopted)

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962 and move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration.
(Motion was adopted)

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED : (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Appropriation (No.III) Bill, 1962, be passed.

(Motion was put as question and adopted)

The Assam Finance (Amendment) Bill, 1962

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to move that the Assam Finance (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Finance (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration.
(Motion was adopted)

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Finance (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Finance (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.
(Motion was put as question and adopted)

The Assam Amusement and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration.

(Motion was adopted)

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER : Motion moved is that the Assam Amusements and Betting Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be passed.

(Motion was put as question and adopted)

The Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be taken into consideration.

(Motion was adopted)

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be passed.

(Motion was put as question and adopted)

The Assam Agricultural Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration.

(Motion was adopted)

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962 be passed.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Agricultural Income-tax (Amendment) Bill, 1962, be passed.

(Motion was put as question and adopted)

The Assam Passengers and Goods Taxation Bill, 1962

There is a message from the Governor :

"I recommend under Article 207(3) of the Constitution of India that Assam Passenger and Goods Taxation Bill, 1962, be taken into consideration by the Assam Legislative Assembly.

S. M. SHRINAGESH,
15th June 1962."

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Passengers and Goods Taxation Bill, be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: Motion moved is that the Assam Passengers and Goods Taxation Bill, be taken into consideration.

Shri TAJUDDIN AHMED (Tarabari) মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আজি চৰকাৰে যি খন 'আসাম পেচেন্জাৰ আৰু গুড্চ টেক্সেচন বিল' আনিছে, তাৰ দ্বাৰাই কৰ বঢ়োৱাৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছে। সচৰাচৰ আমি দেখা পাও যে চৰকাৰে এইদৰে কৰ লগাবই লাগিছে; আৰু ইয়াৰ ফলত চৰকাৰী আইনৰ আশ্ৰয়ত আদায়কাৰীসকলে এক পয়চাৰ ঠাইত দহ পয়চা আদায় হয়। ইয়াৰ এ নং ধাৰাত

কোৱা হৈছে যে, টেক্চ লগোৱা গাৰীৰ ওপৰত যোৱা সকলো যাত্ৰীৰ ভাৰা আৰু মাল-পত্ৰৰ ভাৰাৰ ওপৰত টকাত ১০ (দহ) নয়া পয়চা ৰাজ্যিক চৰকাৰক দিব লাগিব এইদৰে কৰোঁতে চৰকাৰে এক নয়া পয়চাৰ ঠাইত বহুত অসুবিধা যাত্ৰী আৰু জনসাধাৰণক দিব।

আৰু এটা কথা হৈছে ; ইতিমধ্যে অনেক চৰকাৰী কৰকাটলৰ বোজাত আমাৰ ৰাইজ জুকলা হৈ পৰিছে। দিনে-দিনে ইমান কৰকাটল আহি পৰিছে যে, তাৰ সীমা নোহোৱা হৈছে। যিবিলাক মানুহৰ নিজৰ গাৰী বা নাও আছে, তাৰে আহিব অথবা বস্তু আনিব তেওঁলোক চহকী কিন্তু যাব নাই, তেওঁলোকৰ ওপৰত এই কৰৰ হেচা পৰিব আৰু তেওঁলোক দুখীয়া। ইয়াৰ ফলত যিবিলাক নিম্নতৰপৰ লোক, তেওঁলোকেইহে ইয়াৰ বোজা বৰ লাগিব আৰু কষ্টৰ সীমা নোহোৱা হব। মই ভাবো যিবিলাক ঠাইত চৰকাৰে কৰ লগাব লাগিছিল, সেইবিলাকত লগাব পৰা নাই ; কেৱল দুখীয়া দৰিদ্ৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ ওপৰতেই কৰৰ বোজা দি আহিছে। যাত্ৰী বিলাক অহা-যোৱা কৰিব, সেই যাত্ৰীবিলাকৰ আৰু যি অলপ অচৰপ তেওঁলোকৰ মালপত্ৰ আছে তাৰ ওপৰত 'টেক্চ' দিব লাগিব। আনহাতে অৰ্থৰ মালিকসকলৰ ওপৰত কৰ লগোৱা কথা ইয়াত নাই। কাষেই, ই সাধাৰণ মানুহৰ ওপৰত লগাব খোজা কৰৰ বাহিৰে আন একো নহয়। ইয়াকে কৈ এই বিলৰ বিৰোধিতা কৰি মই এই বিলৰ বিৰোধিতা কৰিছো।

Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Laharighat) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to oppose this particular Bill. We did not oppose other Bills because, from the other Bills, we have seen that they will not affect the poorer section of the people, but this particular Bill will surely affect the poorer section of the people. My hon'ble colleague Shri Tajuddin Ahmed has already stated that it is not the rich people who travel by these buses or other taxable vehicles. It is always the poorer section of people who have to undertake journeys from one place to another in these vehicles. Moreover, Sir, we have seen that there are contract carriages which are popularly known as bazar buses. In bazar buses, the poor traders go to different weekly markets to earn their livelihood. They carry their marketable commodities in these buses and the owners charge them indiscriminately. There is no fixed charge for all these vehicles. There is no attempt on the side of the Government to control this exorbitant rate of fare charged by individual bus or vehicle owners. Sir, when there is this problem that the poor passengers are left at the mercy of the bus owners, the profit-makers, there is no provision to check them. On the other side, the Government has come forward with the proposal to tax those poor people who carry their luggage not only for small trade, but also for their daily necessities. So, we are very much against the principle of such taxes which would fall upon the poorer section of the people, unless we can make provision for better increment of their income.

Mr. SPEAKER : The House stands adjourned till 10 A.M. tomorrow. Shri Goswami will continue tomorrow.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A.M. on Saturday, the 30th June, 1962.

R. N. BARUA,

Secretary,

Legislative Assembly, Assam