

**Proceedings of the Twelfth Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly  
bly assembled after the Third General Elections under the  
Sovereign Democratic Republican Constitution of India**

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 10 A.M. on Saturday, the 19th March, 1966.

**PRESENT**

Shri MAHENDRA MOHAN CHOUDHURY, B.L., Speaker in the Chair, six Ministers, two Ministers of State, three Deputy Ministers and fifty-eight Members.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**STARRED QUESTIONS**

(To which oral answers were given)

**Re: Baby Rhino given to Alipore Zoo**

**Shri RAM PRASAD DAS (Bijni)** asked:

- \*72. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forests be pleased to state—
- Whether it is a fact that the baby rhino, born to the female rhino, while she was at Alipore Zoo on transshipment to Japan, has been given to the Alipore Zoo?
  - If so, what are the reasons for making this costly gift?
  - Whether this is in conformity with previous Government decision?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests)** replied:

72. (a) & (b)—Yes.

A female rhino was given to Tokyo Zoo as a gift from our late Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru. On the way at Calcutta it gave birth to a baby in the Alipore Zoo and the Zoo staff had to take a lot of trouble at the time of birth and also to save its life thereafter. The mother was subsequently sent to Japan and the baby was reared up at the Alipore Zoo. Subsequently, the Alipore Zoo reported that the cost of rearing the baby had exceeded the royalty value. Government of India requested that a free gift should be made of the baby rhino to the Alipore Zoo. Considering the special interest taken and the pleasure it is giving to the people of West Bengal and in view of the request made by the Government of India and also in view of the fact that the animal was under observation for scientific data of rearing in captivity by hand feeding, the baby rhino was given as gift as a special case.

(c)—Does not arise.



**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):** Sir, when this rhino was handed over to West Bengal Zoo ?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** Some time in 1961.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** When the mother was sent ?

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The baby rhino was not born when the female rhino was sent. So there is no question of handing over.

**Shri INDRESWAR KHAUND (Jaipur):** Sir, whether it was anticipated that the female might be giving birth to a baby on its way to Japan ?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** Sir, it is very difficult because first of all a rhino was captured not knowing whether it was male or female. The rhino was very fat but from that it could not be known that the rhino was pregnant. It is very difficult on our part to come to that conclusion. I would therefore say it was rather incidental.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Whether there was any medical check up made by any Veterinary Surgeon ?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** There was no such anticipation and therefore any check up by the Veterinary Surgeon was not considered necessary.

**Shri INDRESWAR KHAUND:** Sir, whether it is a fact that in a similar case, a rhino which was sent to America about 1½ years ago died after giving birth to a baby immediately after arrival ?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** Sir, I will require notice for that.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** Sir, may I know whether the Legal Remembrancer's opinion was taken before sending the rhino out ?

**Mr. SPEAKER:** How the L.R. comes in here ?

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** Yes, Sir, because there was a Government decision in this regard. Sir, may I know whether there was any Government decision in this regard, I mean regarding rhinos being sent out as gifts ?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** Sir, I think I have already covered that part of the question in my reply.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The question now is whether Government has had any decision prior to this for giving any rhino as gift ?

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Yes, Sir, there are. According to these decisions, we are to charge Rs.50,000 as royalty for a rhino supplied to zoos abroad. These decisions however do not prevent



the Government from giving a rhino as gift as a special case. We have supplied some rhinos free on the suggestion of particularly the Government of India.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEB (Kokrajhar):** Sir, will the Government be pleased to consider stopping export of female rhinos from Assam as this action is sure to reduce the number of rhinos in Assam in future?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** This is a matter to be examined.

### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table).

#### **Re: Utilisation of Rabi Crops by the Cultivators in the State**

**Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA (Lahool)** asked:

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

- (a) The total quantity of seeds for Rabi crops utilised by the cultivators during this season in the State?
- (b) The total quantity of fertiliser utilised by the cultivators in the State?

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture)** replied:

133. (a)—The Agricultural Department has distributed the following quantities of Rabi seeds/seedlings during this season.

(i) Wheat	...	...	...	23,797 kg.
(ii) Pulses	...	...	...	1,00,444 kg.
(iii) Mustard	...	...	...	60,061 kg.
(iv) Vegetable seeds	...	...	...	43,333 packets, 7,320 kg. seeds.
(v) Vegetable Seedlings	...	..	..	2,43,210 Nos.
(vi) Assorted	...	...	...	504 kg.

(b)—The total quantity of fertilisers (Nitrogenous, Phosphatic, etc.) distributed by the Department during the last 5 years is shown below:—

1961-62	...	...	..	...	2,086 tonnes.
1962-63	...	...	...	...	2,513 „
1963-64	..	...	...	...	3,876 „
1964-65	...	...	..	...	9,220 „
1965-66	..	...	...	...	16,000 „
					(estimated upto 31st Dec. 1965)



**Re: Poaching in the Wild Life Game Sanctuary at Kaziranga****Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Bokakhat)** asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that poaching in the Wild Life Game Sanctuary at Kaziranga are going on without any check in the Sanctuary ?

(b) The numbers of pits discovered by the officials of the Forest Department made by the poachers in the Sanctuary for catching Rhinos ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the northern side of the Sanctuary is the main centre of poaching ?

(d) Whether it is a fact some influential persons of the locality are engaging the poachers for killing Rhinos ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that some persons regularly catch fish inside the "Beels" of the Sanctuary with the help of the Forest Department officials and sell the fish to the public ?

(f) What steps Government have taken for protection of this Wild Life Sanctuary from the poachers ?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests)** replied :

134. (a)—It is not a fact. All possible steps have been taken to stop poaching in the Kaziranga Wild Life Sanctuary but occasionally there have been cases of poaching.

(b)—Seven pits during 1965-66 and 99 in the previous year.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Government are not aware of it.

(e)—It is not a fact.

(f)—Government have increased the number of temporary staff for patrolling of the Sanctuary and the northern side has been opened up by cutting tracks to facilitate proper patrolling. A comprehensive plan Development and intensification of protection is under active consideration of Government.



**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):** Sir, is it a fact that some persons were arrested at the Dum Dum airport in connection with taking away of a rhino horn from the Kaziranga Game Sanctuary?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** I want notice of that question.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** Is it not a fact that the poaching of rhinos are increasing year after year?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** It is not a fact.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** To the question (d) 'Whether it is a fact some influential persons of the locality are engaging the poachers for killing rhinos?', the reply is 'Government are not aware of it', may I know from the Deputy Minister whether in the year 1961-62 some such local influential persons were arrested for this reason?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** Some persons might have been arrested but I cannot say that there is any relation to this question.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The question is that some local influential persons were arrested in 1961-62 for poaching, whether it is a fact or not?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** I require a separate question for it, Sir.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** How many poachers have been arrested in the Kaziranga Game Sanctuary?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** I want notice of it.

**Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN (Karimganj-North):** Sir, in view of the reply in (b), that, 'Government are not aware of it', may I know from the Deputy Minister whether he has given this reply without making any enquiry to find out whether it is a fact or not?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** Sir, it is difficult to prove the truth of it and so the reply is, "Government are not aware of it".

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA:** Is it not a fact that the then D. F. O. of this Game Sanctuary reported to the Government that some local influential people were engaging poachers?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** I want notice of this question.

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Lahorighat):** Whether any person was arrested during 1962 of that locality?

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY:** The information is not available at the moment in my hand.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA:** Sir, reply to (c) is, "It is not a fact", may I know from the Deputy Minister whether it is a fact that some Foresters and Forest Guards were put under suspension in Kaziranga for such activities?



**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY :** I require notice for that.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA :** Sir, may I submit that in reply to supplementaries put on by the hon. Members, the Deputy Minister says, 'I require notice' or 'I am not aware of it' when the Deputy Minister should have been prepared with replies to such supplementaries.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** I cannot compel the Deputy Minister to give replies to the supplementaries put but it is expected that for such supplementaries he should have come prepared to the House.

*Re: Kakodanga Irrigation Project*

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabor)** asked:

135. Will the Minister In-charge of Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) Why the work of the sluice gate construction and the canal construction works of the Kakodanga Irrigation Project are going slow for the last few years ?

(b) Why the works remain half done for the last few years ?

(c) What was the total amount of money spent for the works already done ?

(d) What amount of money will be required to complete the project ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that a large area of land will be benefited if this irrigation project is completed ?

(f) If so, what is the area of land to be benefited from this project ?

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture)** replied :

135. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) —No project of the name and description of 'Kakodanga Irrigation Project' was taken up by the Agriculture Department at any stage.

On a reference the Embankment & Drainage Department had also informed that there was no such work under the name of Kakodanga Irrigation Project with them.

The hon. Member is requested to give the correct name and actual location of the scheme to enable a reply.

**Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI :** Is it not a fact that a sluice gate is under construction at Kakodanga River ?

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY :** It is already replied that there is no such project as Kakodanga Irrigation Project. If the hon. Member gives particulars about the location of this sluice gate certainly the reply will be given.



**Re: Petitions for settlement of land during the years 1963-64, 1964-65**

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Lahorikhat)** asked:

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

Number of petitions received for settlement of land during the years 1963-64, 1964-65 Subdivisionwise and number of petitions disposed of ?

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue)** replied:

136. The information is given in the statement placed on the Table of the House.

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI:** From the list placed on the table of the House it appears as follows:—

Year		No. of cases		No. disposed
Dibrugarh	1963-64	...	9,811	3,833
	1964-65	...	17,419	13
Nowgong	1963-64	...	3,995	2,169
	1964-65	...	2,169	423
Goalpara	1963-64	...	14,292	2,100
	1964-65	...	11,119	3,887

May I know the reason for such huge number of petitions lying pending for disposal ?

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS:** It may be that the petitions are in the stage of being disposed of or lying with the Land Settlement Advisory Committees, so it is difficult definitely to answer this question.

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI:** Whether Government will try to find out the reasons for such delay and issue instructions for early disposal ?

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS:** We have directed the Deputy Commissioners to dispose of these petitions as early as possible.

**Re: Number of posts of District Transport Officers in the State**

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI (Lahorighat)** asked:

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

(a) Number of posts of District Transport Officers in the State at present ?

(b) Since when these posts are lying vacant ?

(c) What are the reasons for not filling up these posts ?



**Shri SIDDHINATH SARMA (Minister, Transport)** replied :

137. (a)—There are 8 (eight) posts of District Transport Officers at present.

(b)—No post is lying vacant at present.

(c)—Does not arise.

**Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY (Boko)**: Sir, in reply to (b) it is stated, "No post is lying vacant at present", may I know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the post of the District Transport Officer at Shillong is lying vacant for some time?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE**: Sir, one A. C. S. officer is looking after the work.

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI**: It means that the post of District Transport Officer is lying vacant at Shillong?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE**: No, Sir, part time officer is working.

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI**: When the Minister replied that this post is being looked after by another officer of A. C. S., how is it that he stated that the post is not lying vacant?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE**: An A. C. S. officer is working as the District Transport Officer.

**Mr. SPEAKER**: Whether the present incumbent is working in addition to his other duties?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE**: So far as Shillong is concerned, he is a part time officer.

**Mr. SPEAKER**: Then the whole-time post is lying vacant?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE**: Yes, Sir.

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI**: Since when the whole-time post is lying vacant?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE**: It is about three months.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora)**: Is it a fact that a part-time officer has been engaged in Silchar also?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE**: Yes, Sir.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE**: Then how many posts are lying vacant?

**Mr. SPEAKER**: What is the distance from Shillong to Silchar?



**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** About 150 miles by Jowai-Badarpur Road.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** May I know how the work is carried on at Silchar in the absence of the D. T. O. ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** One part-time officer is working as D. T. O. after the D. T. O. concerned was suspended.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** How long are these posts lying vacant ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** In Shillong, it is nearly three months and in Silchar it is about 7 to 8 months.

**Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN (Karimganj-North):** May I know why D. T. Os. are not available in such an important branch of the administration ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** Government is considering the question whether it should be given to some of the employees by promotion or there should be direct recruitment. This is under the active consideration of the Government and a decision will be taken soon.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** What is the usual practice of filling up the vacancy ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** It was by direct recruitment.

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI:** May I then say that the answer to (b) is not correct.

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** It is perfectly correct. The post is not lying vacant.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The post is lying vacant but the duties are being performed.

**Shri PRABIN KUMAR CHOUDHURY:** When so many qualified M.V.Is. are available, why these posts should lie vacant ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** Officiating arrangements are already there.

**Shri LAKSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI:** Who are the officers working as D.T.Os ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** A.C.S. officers.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA:** Out of these 8 D. T. Os. may I know how many have been confirmed so far ?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** I want notice.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA:** May I know whether any service rules have been framed for this category of officers ?



**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** Not yet properly.

**Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN:** May I know what steps have Government so far taken to fill up these vacant posts by whole time officers through proper method?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** I have already stated, Sir, that the question whether these posts should be filled up by promotion or by direct recruitment by or both is under the active consideration of Government.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA:** How long will Government take to come to a decision?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** I cannot give any definite date, but it will be decided soon.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** Is it not a fact that many important papers are lying pending in the office of D.T.O., Silchar for the last six or seven months for want of a whole time D.T.O.?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** I cannot say either yes or no off-hand. Even in places where there are whole-time D.T.Os some works may remain pending for different reasons for months.

**Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN:** Will the hon. Minister admit that the D. T. Os. offices are big revenue-paying offices of the Government?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** It is a question of fact; there is no question of admitting or denying.

**Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN:** Will the hon. Minister take a little bit of pain to reorient these offices as soon as possible?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** That I have already replied to.

**Shri LAKHSHMI PRASAD GOSWAMI:** Sir, in regard to Unstarred Question No. 37, there is some mistake. My question was, the number of District Transport Officer's posts lying vacant in the State at present. That is question (a)

**Mr. SPEAKER:** You put that question. I do not know how that mistake has occurred. Anyway, I think the hon. Minister will be able to give that reply tomorrow.

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** Sir, the question is how many posts of District Transport Officers are lying vacant at the moment. Sir, the posts are not lying vacant, as I have replied. There are 8 posts of District Transport Officers.

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara):** Sir, may I know how many whole-time District Transport Officer's posts are lying vacant?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** Sir, at present only two; that is in Silchar and Shillong. At Tezpur there is one full-time A.C.S. Officer.

**Re: Selected roads for construction under the Scheduled Caste and Tribal Areas Development Schemes**

**Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN (Karimganj-North)** asked:

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

- (a) What are the roads selected by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Karimganj for construction under the Scheduled Caste and Tribal Areas Development Schemes?
- (b) Which are the roads receiving priority?
- (c) Whether the administrative approval has been accorded by the Government to commence the work?



(d) If not, why not ?

(e) By when the Government proposes to take up construction ?

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

138. (a)—There is no road selected by the Executive Engineer, P. W.D., Karimganj for construction under the Scheduled Caste and Tribal Areas Development Scheme.

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

**Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN**: Are Government aware that the southern sector of the Subdivision of Karimganj is inhabited by scheduled caste and plains tribal people ?

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI**: I want notice.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE** (Katigora): May I know whether any schemes for road construction have been taken up in those areas which are inhabited by scheduled caste and plains tribal people ?

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI**: I want notice.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA** (Jorhat): Should not some special steps be taken to develop road communications in those areas like similar other areas ?

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI**: It is a matter of opinion.

*Re: Bridge over the Dessang at Denangpani*

**Shri DURGESWAR SAIKIA** (Thawra) asked :

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

(a) Whether the P.W.D. has constructed a permanent bridge over the Dessang at Denangpani ?

(b) Whether the approach road on the right bank has caused hindrance to the inhabitants on both sides of the approach road for passing to the other side due to non-existence of a tunnel on the approach road ?

(c) Whether public have agitated on the issue ?

(d) What steps Government have taken so far ?

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

139. (a)—A. R. C. C. bridge over Dessang at Denangpani near Suffry is under construction.



(b)—The right bank approach road, on completion, will present some difficulty.

(c)—Public have represented the case to the local P. W. D. officers and the Additional Chief Engineer, Eastern Zone.

(d)—An access is proposed to be provided by putting a box culvert with 12 ft. wide opening on the approach road.

**Re: Sukla bridge on Charali-Ramgaon-Nagriji Road**

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)** asked:

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

(a) What amount of the total amount of Rs. 2,10,000 allotted for the construction of the Sukla bridge on Charali-Ramgaon-Nagriji road during the Third Five-Year Plan period has been utilised on the bridge so far?

(b) What is the progress of the construction of the bridge during the last five years?

(c) Whether the unutilised amount earmarked for the bridge by the Road Communication Board has been diverted to some other project and if so, to what project and what is the amount diverted?

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

140. (a)—No expenditure on the bridge has been incurred as yet.

(b)—The work has not yet been initiated.

(c)—The amount has not been diverted to any other project.

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI** :- May I know why this bridge was not attended to at all? Has any survey or other preliminary work been done?

**Mr. SPEAKER**: The reply is that the work has not yet been initiated.

**Shri HALADHAR UZIR (Tamalpur, Reserved for Schedule Tribes)**: May I know in which year this work will be initiated?

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI**: Administrative approval was accorded on 4th April, 1962.

**Mr. SPEAKER**: Then why do you say that the work was not initiated?



**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI:** I mean the actual construction Sir.

*Re: Functioning of P.W.D. Subdivision at Pathsala*

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi)** asked:

141. Will the Minister P.W.D. (R. & B.) be pleased to state—
- When the P.W.D. Subdivision at Pathsala was opened and started functioning?
  - Whether it is a fact that there is no quarter for the Subdivisional Officer, P.W.D., Pathsala?
  - Whether it is also a fact that for want of quarter the Subdivisional Officer is occupying the road Muhurris' Quarter there?
  - Why Government has allowed the Subdivisional Officer to occupy the Muhurris' quarter?
  - Whether the Subdivisional Officer gets any house allowances?
  - Whether the Government has any proposal to construct a quarter for the Subdivisional Officer?

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

141. (a)—The P.W.D. Subdivision at Pathsala was opened and started functioning with effect from 14th June 1956.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The Muhurris' quarter is meant for Station Muhurris but he is a local man and quarter is not occupied by him and lying vacant. As such the Subdivisional Officer occupied the same as there is no suitable rented quarter available in the locality.

(e)—No.

(f)—Yes, there was a proposal from the Executive Engineer, Barpeta Division and the same is under examination of Government construction of which will depend on availability of funds for this purpose.

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY:** With regard to reply to (c), do not Government think that it is derogatory to allow the S.D.O to stay in the Muhurris' quarters?

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI:** I don't think so, Sir.

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY:** With regard to (f), may I know since when the matter is under examination and when the work is expected to start?

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI:** For paucity of funds we have not been able to do it. It will all depend on the availability of funds.



**Re: Period of service of Shri N. C. Bordoloi, S. D. O. in Jowai Division**

**Shri ENOWELL POHSHNA [Jowai (Reserved for Schedule Tribes)]** asked :

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

- (a) For how many months Shri N. C. Bordoloi, S.D.O., P.W.D. was placed in the Jowai Division ?
- (b) Why he was transferred so soon ?
- (c) Whether Government have received a representation from the people praying for his retention in the Jowai Division ?

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

142. (a)—Shri N. C. Bordoloi, S.D.O. was in-charge of Shillong-Jowai Road Subdivision for 1 year 37 days.

(b)—He was transferred from Shillong-Jowai Road Subdivision in the interest of public service.

(c)—The prayer for retention has not been acceded to as the transfers are made purely in the interest of public service.

**Re: Kamalpur Primary Health Unit**

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)** asked :

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

- (a) What progress has been made in the construction of the buildings of the Kamalpur Primary Health Unit of Kamalpur Development Block ?
- (b) On which date the P.W.D. received the request from the Medical Department for preparing Plan and Estimates ?
- (c) On which date the Plan and Estimate were sent for approval to the Medical Department and when the approval was received ?
- (d) Whether administrative approval has been accorded and if so, on which date it was communicated to P.W.D. ?
- (e) When the Primary Health Unit Buildings are expected to be completed ?
- (f) What amount has been placed at the disposal of the P.W.D. by the Medical Department for the Primary Health Unit ?



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

143. (a)—Construction of the buildings has not been started.

(b)—On 6th April, 1960.

(c)—The plan and estimate were sent to the Medical Department on 13th July 1961 for arranging funds and for according administrative approval. The administrative approval has not, however, been received by P.W.D. as yet.

(d), (e) & (f)—Do not arise in view of replies to (a) and (c) above.

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI**: Sir, this was a project of the 2nd plan period. May I know why even in the 3rd plan period no work was done and even administrative approval was not received by the Public Works Department?

**Srri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI**: Sir, originally the Medical Department in their letter No.MMD.303/59/16, dated 23rd December 1959 enquired of the Public Works Department as to possibility or otherwise of bringing the buildings of 186 Local Board Dispensaries (inclusive of the Kamalpur building) to the Public Works Department books without bringing them to the Public Works Department standard. In reply, the Medical Department was informed that as the buildings were not constructed to any standard and were also in a dilapidated condition in most cases, Public Works Department would not be in a position to agree to the proposal. Subsequently the Medical Department in their letter, dated 5th April, 1960 submitted a formal proposal to Public Works Department to prepare plans and estimates for repairs and reconstruction, where necessary, of the dispensary buildings including the Kamalpur buildings. The Executive Engineers concerned were accordingly requested to prepare necessary plans and estimates. In so far as the Kamalpur dispensary buildings are concerned, plans and estimates amounting to Rs.45,400 were prepared and the same were sent to the Director, Health Services, Assam on 13th July 1961 with the request to arrange necessary funds and to accord administrative approval. On 4th February 1963 we wrote to the Medical Department.

**Mr. SPEAKER**: Which year?

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI**: In 1963, Sir.

**Mr SPEAKER** : Which month?

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI**: The date is 4th February 1963. On 4th February 1963 we wrote to the Medical Department to which we received no reply. However on 28th June 1963 the Medical Department intimated the Medical Minister desired to hold a discussion on the matter on 3rd July 1963 to which the Chief Engineer was also invited. In the discussion held on the above date, it was decided to take over five dispensaries each year at a cost of about 2.5 lakhs to the Public Works Department books.



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Consequently the Medical Department was requested to furnish the Public Works Department with a list of 5 dispensaries with full requirements, proposed to be taken over during 1963-64, so that plans and estimates might be asked for from the Divisions concerned. We have reminded the Health Department again on 18th July 1963 to submit the list of five dispensaries to be taken over in 1963-64 and onward, but the Health Department have not forwarded the list. In view of the above decisions it seems that the Kamalpur dispensary units have not yet been taken over to the Public Works Department books and it is not known as to when the Health Department would be prepared to take over.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** After you had written to the Health Department in 1963, you have not heard anything from that Department. ?

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI:** Yes, Sir.

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI:** Sir, my question was not with regard to Kamalpur dispensary but with regard to Kamalpur Primary Health Unit of Kamalpur Development Block for which a plot of land was handed over to the Public Works Department as back as in 1958.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Yes, the reply is clear, the administrative approval of the Department concerned has not been received by the Public Works Department. Therefore, if you like you may put a separate question to the Medical Minister.

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI:** Sir, the administrative approval was regarding repair and remodelling of the buildings of the Kamalpur State Dispensary.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** No, no, for Kamalpur Dispensary, plans and estimates have been sent to the Medical Department with a request to arrange necessary funds and accord administrative approval, to the Public Works Department which has not been received it as yet.

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI:** The reply is not very clear.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Why, the reply is there in the printed sheet.

**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI:** Then, Sir, I put this question whether there is any co-ordination between the Medical Department and the Public Works Department ?

**Mr. SPEAKER:** That is up to you.

(No reply)

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):** Sir, is it not a fact that the reply given by the hon. State Minister relates to another matter and not to this matter ?

**Mr. SPEAKER:** How can you hold that ?



**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** Sir, how long it will take to complete this project?

(No reply)

**Shri BISWADEV SARMA (Balipara):** Sir, may I know from the hon. Minister as he has stated already that plans and estimates were sent to the Medical Department which buildings the plan and estimates were sent?

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The question (a) was what progress has been made in the construction of the buildings of the Kamalpur Primary Health Unit of Kamalpur Development Block and the reply given is—construction of the buildings has not been started, and that is because administrative approval was not accorded, so the matter is understandable.

**Complaint Re: the number of Questions replied to by the Government**

**Dr. HOMESWAR DEB CHOUDHURY (Patacharkuchi):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have put many questions but the number of reply is very few and in some cases, we find, many questions are disallowed. Sir, it will be beneficial for us if the House can be apprised of the actual position.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** I think no reason can be assigned. When a question is disallowed, it is disallowed by the Speaker and it is disallowed according to Rules. So, if you please consult the Rules, you will be able to ascertain on what reason those questions have been disallowed.

Then regarding the question position, questions admitted. We received notice of 212 Starred Questions and 573 Unstarred Questions. Out of that we received replies from the Government in respect of Starred Questions only 68 and Unstarred Questions 127. I saw some improvement in the reply a few days back. But now the position has again deteriorated. I, therefore, request the hon. Ministers to see that the replies are expedited.

**Report of the Business Advisory Committee**

**Mr. SPEAKER:** I called another meeting of the Business Advisory Committee of the Assam Legislative Assembly at 3.30 p.m., on Friday the 18th March, 1966 to consider the time table for voting on Demand for Grants for 1966-67.

As the dates for voting on Demands for Grants for 1966-67 have already been fixed on Monday, the 21st March, Tuesday, the 22nd March, Thursday, the 24th March, Friday, the 25th March, Saturday, the 26th March, Monday, the 28th March, Tuesday, the 29th March, and Wednesday, the 30th March, 1966 upto 12.30 p.m., the House will have 27 hours exclusively for the purpose.

A timetable showing the allotment of time for the different Ministers, detailed by the Business Advisory Committee has already been circulated to the Members.

I hope this has the approval of the House.

(After a pause)

This is accepted with the approval of the House.



**Question re: Relief to the distressed non-Mizo people living in the Mizo Hills**

**\*Dr. RAM PRASAD CHOUBEY (Lakhipur):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I know, whether the Government have received any petition from the non-Mizos residing in Mizo Hills about their distress and sufferings because of the recent trouble there? If so, whether Government would consider their case accordingly?

**\*Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Sir, we have not received any petition. But we have this information.

**Discussion on the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure Charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for 1965-66**

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to make certain observations on the Statement of Expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State for 1965-66, which has been placed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister before this august House. Sir, every time we have seen that this sort of provision has been made by the Government. Now, it has been clearly proved that due to lack of foresight on the part of the Government at the time of preparing the budget, they came before this House from time to time with supplementary demand. Now, Sir, in the Explanatory Notes on the List of Supplementary Demands, at page 84, we find that "The amount was necessary to satisfy a Court Decree in Civil Rule 72 of 1964 filed by Shri Nur Mohammad Khan and others in the High Court of Judicature in Assam and Nagaland against the order of the Collector, Goalpara in Ceiling case No. 190 of 1959-60. As the amount was to be deposited to the Court immediately and as there was no provision in the Budget, advance from the Contingency Fund was obtained. Hence the Supplementary Demand to regularise the matter." Again in the explanatory note at page 91 we find "an amount of Rs.97,371.69 paise as compensation at Market value for 359 B. 3-K.—11 Ls. of acquired land belonging to Shri P. C. Goswami was already sanctioned and deposited into the Court as awarded by the Court. Now as Government is liable to pay the party a sum of Rs.4,209 as interest at 4 per cent per annum for the period from 21st September, 1964 to 20th October, 1965 on the decretal amount of Rs.97,371.69 paise into the Court. The amount was obtained as an advance from the Contingency fund. Hence the Supplementary Appropriation to regularise the advance." Sir, in this connection I would like to draw the attention of the House in the List of Supplementary Demands for 32, Grant No.2 we find "A total sum of Rs.27,371.69 paise is to be deposited in the Court for payment to the owner which is unforeseen."

**Mr. SPEAKER:** That sum was paid as compensation which was already sanctioned. Now it is the interest.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA:** Now, Sir, my point is that why at the time of placing this provision in the last session Government could not force this interest? That is my question, Sir. Again in the detailed explanatory note in respect of additional amount at page 87, we find an "Additional amount of Rs.2,12,194 is required for payment of interest on the market loan raised during 1965-66. As the terms and conditions of the loan



were finalised after finalisation of the budget for 1965-66, the actual requirement could not be provided for earlier. Hence the original provision proves inadequate." For that reason, Sir, I want to know from the Hon'ble Chief Minister why Government could not make the provision at the time of preparing the budget or foresee that in future such an interest will have to be paid? Sir, in respect of interest to be paid, I think, Government will have to follow certain specific Rules. According to that Rule, from time to time, there may be some changes in the rate of interest. I do not understand why Government could not make such kind of provision according to that Rule? Now, again, Sir, at page 88 (item 2) we find the requirement for adjustment of discount allowed on the market loan depends upon the terms and conditions of the loan and the total amount subscribed. As the terms and condition of the new loan were finalised after the finalisation of the current year's budget, the actual requirement could not be provided for earlier. Hence the additional requirement of Rs.1,63,525."

Now, Sir, here also practically there is overlapping. We do not know what are the terms and conditions of the loan. Sir, if terms and conditions are at all required why they could not be provided for earlier? My point is, Sir, that our financial position is not sound, and we have to take market loan for which terms and conditions are required. Why the Government could not make these terms and conditions earlier at the time of submitting the last year's budget.

Now, in item (3) Additional amount of Rs.13,63,147 is required to cover the expenditure on account of interest on ways and means advance granted by the Reserve Bank of India. Reserve Bank of India grants ways and means advance up to a certain limit when our cash balance falls short of the required minimum. Grants of ways and means advances and interest thereon depend upon the ways and means position which is always fluctuating and hence the actual amount could not be provided for earlier. The Reserve Bank of India have already recovered the above amount. Hence the supplementary appropriation to cover the expenditure. Sir, my submission is that at the time of taking loan from the Reserve Bank certain terms and conditions have to be adopted. Sir, as the Chief Minister has said that the amount has already been drawn, I want to know from the Chief Minister whether the terms and conditions or agreement have been made at the time of taking the loan from the Reserve Bank? If so, why the interest has not been taken into account at the time of preparing the budget?

"(4) Additional amount of Rs.5,880 is required for payment of certain charges in connection with management of our market loans by the Reserve Bank of India. Due to increase of market loans the original provision proves inadequate. Hence the supplementary appropriation."

Sir, I want to submit why the Government could not foresee that certain charges will be required due to increase of market loans from time to time, why did they not make provision for such charges at the time of making the budget?

Again, Sir, in item (6), we find—The State Government is required to pay certain charges to the Reserve Bank of India for raising the market loans on behalf of the State Government. The charges in connection with raising of the market loan in 1964-65 have been claimed by the Reserve Bank of India during the current financial year and hence the original provision proves inadequate. Hence the supplementary appropriation for Rs.9,943.



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Now, Sir, the same question of taking loans without terms and conditions from the Reserve Bank before the loan was taken back, arises here also. Sir, I fail to understand why the Government do not take these factors into consideration at the time of preparing the budget.

Again, Sir, an Additional amount of Rs.9,161 is required for payment of arrear interest on loans obtained from the Central Warehousing Corporation. Sir, in this connection, I want to know whether these loans have been realised from the Warehousing Corporation.

In item No.(7) we find—Additional amount of Rs.4 lakhs is required for payment of interest on the cash credit advance obtained from the State Bank of India. The interest for the months of February and March 1965 were paid during the current financial year and therefore the original provision proved inadequate. Hence the supplementary appropriation.

Here also the same thing happens. This is the case of overlapping. Sir, the other day, when I wanted to put it, you ruled it out saying that it is unparliamentary.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** You wanted to interfere, that is why I said so.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA:** Sir, in spite of so many financial experts, why at the time of making budgetary provision, they could not make it properly at the time of preparing the budget?

Then, in item (8)—Interest due during the last financial year could not be paid to the Life Insurance Corporation of India and had to be paid during the current financial year and therefore the original provision proved inadequate. Hence the supplementary appropriation for Rs.4,05,817. Now, Sir, in this connection, I would like to show some irregularities which will prove the inefficiency of our Government and how the Government is trying to hush up their defects. Here, I would like to draw your attention to the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Audit Report, 1963 the Appropriation Accounts 1961-62 and Finance Accounts 1961-62, published in 1965. Sir, this is a most important Committee formed by this august House. Here, is the Committee's recommendation—At page 26, paragraph 5. "The Committee notes with regret that in this case a loan of Rs.8 lakhs was drawn by the Government from the Life Insurance Corporation without any assessment of the actual requirements and without framing the rules in time which resulted in the avoidable payment of a very heavy amount of Rs.73,800 as interest charges on the loan.

"With regard to the question of proper assessment, the Secretary admitted in his reply that the loan was taken earlier than it was required and as a result this interest had to be paid.

"With regard to framing of rules the Committee is not satisfied with the reply of the Secretary wherein it was stated that 'finalisation of all rules involve delay because there is so much of reference between one Department and the other from Finance to Law from to another, etc.'. And in another place it was stated that 'normally where framing of rules is concerned the matter has to be referred about a dozen times'.

Sir, this Committee has made such a serious recommendation. But no effective steps have been taken by the Government and they have not rectified their defects at the time of preparing the budget. Sir, I find in this respect



that some sort of clumsy picture is shown—as if it is some sort of white plastering. We are interested to know whether the recommendation given by the P.A.C. is going to be implemented.

Now, Sir, in item 9, we find—The original provision is not sufficient to meet the actual requirement. Hence the Supplementary Appropriation for Rs.12,509. Sir, what is the original requirement? Why the original provision is not sufficient to meet the actual requirement? Why it should be charged again? All these things should be clearly stated. Then, again—original provision proved inadequate for meeting miscellaneous interest charges payable during the year due to increase of State's borrowing.

Sir, what are these miscellaneous charges? Under what head this interest is to be charged. Then again, Sir, it is said that additional amounts under this sub-head are required for payment of interest on various provident fund deposit. Interest charges on this account depend upon the total amount contributed by the persons concerned and as such actual requirement cannot be worked out before hand and hence the Supplementary Appropriation. Sir, it is not understood why the actual requirement cannot be worked out. Sir, this clearly shows how and for what way our Government is functioning. There is a specific amount which has been deposited by the employees against which the Government have to contribute to the provident fund of the employees and from which the Government should be able to know the amount of interest because the Government knows the strength of the employees under their management. Sir, I do not know why the Government could not foresee this. Sir, again our Government has become a Government of loan and interest. Sir, there is overlapping in the mathematics. Our hon. Chief Minister the other day said that this was a matter of mathematics. I know he is an expert in mathematics. We have simple idea in mathematics.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** This is not mathematics but this is simple arithmetic.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA :** Then, Sir, again an additional amount of Rs.1,35,22,112 is required for payment of interest on loans taken from the Central Government. Terms and conditions of some loans sanctioned in previous years were finalised during the current year and some loans were sanctioned after finalisation of the current year's budget and as such the original provision proved inadequate. Hence the Supplementary Appropriation. So, Sir, I want to know from the hon. Chief Minister why the terms and conditions could not be finalised by the Government. Sir, it appears to us that the Government never finalise anything before and no provision is made in the budget. This has become a chronic habit of the Government to extract public money in this way. So, Sir, I hope the hon. Chief Minister will kindly apprise this august House about all these implications explaining why the budget provision could not be made for meeting the loans and interest otherwise we are afraid the way the money is extracted from the public fund, the State will have to be declared as bankrupt. Although our Chief Minister has submitted a surplus budget we think these things were not taken into account, otherwise what is this about?

**Mr. SPEAKER :** These were taken into account.

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) :** Sir, these were taken into account. These are revised figures,



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**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):** Mr. Speaker, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Please do not repeat the same things.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** Yes, Sir, I shall not repeat. Mr. Speaker, Sir, in support of the cut motion moved by my friend Shri Dulal Chandra Barua I beg to draw your attention to page 95, Statement B, the supplementary statement of expenditure charged on the Consolidated Fund of the State during 1965-66. Sir, during the year the Government took Rs.1,47,637 and the amount now required is Rs. 49,66,51,072. Sir, for this amount this has been brought to this House.

Sir, according to the financial Rules there are certain limitations for charging money from the consolidated fund. Sir, here you will find that this rule has not been properly followed in making the budgetary provision. So, Sir, for the amount spent in the last year, the Government has come out for a very big amount which has been charged on the consolidated fund. Sir, this only shows that when the budget was framed it was framed without any foresight and without taking into account all these aspects. So I will say that the position of Assam's finance is going to be worse day by day.

**Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA (Dergaon, Reserved for Scheduled Castes):** During the discussion on the Budget Speech I raised some points but nothing I received from the hon. Chief Minister in reply.

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the point raised by the hon. Members may be summarised as follows. Why these expenditures could not be anticipated before and why Budget Provision was not made accordingly? Sir, you will find that in most of the cases the charged expenditures shown are either to satisfy the decrees of Courts or for the payment of interest and things like that to the Government of India, to the Reserve Bank or to the State Bank of India. The hon. Members know that the State Government does not go to the market for loan directly. They go to the market through the Government of India. The Government of India take some time to finalise the terms and conditions on which loan should be made available to the State Government. These figures are given by the Government of India or by the Auditor General. Our figures would not be acceptable to them. These figures are determined by the Auditor General or by the Accountant General on the basis of this terms and conditions as finally determined and issues debit note against the State Government. Therefore, in getting all these figures it takes time. It is not possible to anticipate what would be the actual amount and that is why we have to come before the House with the Supplementary Demand. Similarly, we cannot anticipate the decisions of a Court. There are thousands of land acquisition proceedings going on for various public purposes, roads, embankments, Government buildings and so on and so forth. Some of the owners of land are not prepared to accept the award given by the Officers and they prefer to go to the Court. Sometimes the Court sees reason in their representation and allow the appeals and give separate decrees. These have to be honoured. Therefore, as a matter of fact, Sir, this procedure for coming before the House seeking for supplementary grants is provided only to meet exigencies of the type I have mentioned above. Therefore, there is nothing irregular in coming



before the House seeking the sanction of the House for those additional amounts which are required. There are more than a lakh of people serving under the Government and it is not always possible to make an estimate of the interest on the provident funds. Sometimes what is estimated may be more and sometimes less. And when it is less we have to come before the House asking for supplementary demands. Sir, I feel that what we have been asking to-day from the House is quite in accordance to the Constitution and according to the Financial Rules and this practice is followed all over the country; there is no irregularity in this. The hon. Member has mentioned about some of the observations in the Public Accounts Committee's Report. True, Sir, we attach great importance on the observations. If the hon. Member is referring to the loan taken from the Life Insurance Corporation of India for payment to the Development Authorities of Tinsukia and Gauhati, I can inform him that the rules have already been finalised and I think the Development Authorities in the meanwhile have either drawn the amounts or are about to draw the amount. Sir, I only want to submit that this practice of coming before the House seeking for supplementary grants is a recognized practice. If this practice is given up we will have to have over-budgeting; that will also not be desirable. Over-budgeting is as bad as under-budgeting. That is why the practice of coming before the House seeking for supplementary grants is there and as I have already said this is a recognized practice. I think there is nothing irregular in coming up before the House for Supplementary grants.

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#### DEMAND No.1

#### "9.—Land Revenue"

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Minister of State, Revenue):** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs.19,37,013, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966, for the administration of the head "9.—Land Revenue".

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The motion moved.

**\*Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA (Dergaon, Reserved for Scheduled Castes):** Sir, I beg to move that the total provision of Rs.19,37,013, under Supplementary Demand No.1, Major head "9.—Land Revenue", at pages 1-2 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.19,37,013, do stand reduced by Re. 1.

মহোদয়, মই এই কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰি কব খুজিছো যে, আমি এই গ্ৰাণ্টত ইতিপৰ্যেই ৯৮,৮৯,৩০০ টকাৰ মঞ্জুৰী দিছো; বৰ্ত্তমানে আকৌ ১৯,৩৭,০১৩ টকা বিচৰা হৈছে।

\*Speech not corrected.



আমি যদি চাও ইয়াত ৩৬,০০০ টকা Management of Government Estates ও Contingencies ৰ কাৰণে বিচৰা হৈছে—তাত যি ব্যাখ্যা দিছে তাত কৈছে যে এই টকা বিচৰা হৈছে চৰকাৰৰ Estate ত বহা লোকসকলক তাৰ পৰা উচ্ছেদ কৰিবলৈ। এইটো কেনেকুৱা কথা ব'ত চৰকাৰী মাটি আছে, তাত বহা মানুহক তাৰ পৰা উচ্ছেদ কৰিব আৰু তাৰ কাৰণে ৩৬ হাজাৰ টকা বিচৰা হৈছে !

তাবিচিত, Tahsil and other establishment ৰ কাৰণে ৩ লাখ টকা বিচৰা হৈছে—অগৰ মঞ্চাৰীৰ সময়তে কিয় এই টকা ধৰা হোৱা নাছিল ? তেতিয়া অফিচৰ সকল চকু-মুদি আছিল নেকি ? যেতিয়া জমিদাৰী উচ্ছেদ কৰা হৈছিল তেতিয়া চৰকাৰৰ উদ্দেশ্য আছিল যে সেই মাটিবিলাক ঠিকমতে বিতৰণ কৰিব, সেই বিতৰণ নীতি নিয়মমতে প্ৰয়োগ কৰা হলে এই টকাৰ প্ৰয়োজন নাছিল। আজি ইমান দিনে চৰকাৰী মাটিত বহি থকা লোকসকল মাটিহীন লোক—বৰ আচৰিত কথা যে সেই লোকসকলক উচ্ছেদ কৰিব আৰু তাৰ কাৰণে সদনে টকা মঞ্চুৰ কৰিব লাগে।

৭ লাখ টকা বিচৰা হৈছে, নোজাদাৰ সকলক Commission দিবলৈ। খাজানা তোলাৰ কাৰণে পঞ্চায়তৰ সাহায্য লব লাগে। তেতিয়া হলে এই বৰ্দ্ধিত হাবত কমিছ্যন দিয়া কোনো প্ৰয়োজন নাথাকে। আজি খাজানা আদায় নকৰা কাৰণে নোজাদাৰক দাৱী কৰিব পৰা নাই কিয় ? তেওঁলোকৰ বেচি ভাগেই কংগ্ৰেছৰ মানুহ। বাইজৰ পৰা টকা উঠাই বহুতে চৰকাৰক দিয়া নাই—চৰকাৰে কিয় আদায় কৰিব পৰা নাই ? কাৰণ তেওঁলোক কংগ্ৰেছৰ নেতা। আদায় কৰাত অসমৰ্থ হৈছে কাৰণে ৭ লাখ টকা পুৰস্কাৰ দিব। সেই কাৰণে হয় পঞ্চায়তক খাজানা তোলাৰ ভাৰ দিব লাগে নহয় পঞ্চায়তক খাজানা তোলাত সাহায্য কৰিবলৈ কওক—তেতিয়া এই ৭ লাখ টকাৰ দৰকাৰ নহব। তাৰ কাৰণে S.D.C. আদিক T.A., তো D.A. ও দিব নালাগিব। মোটৰ ওপৰত, এই প্ৰকাৰে সংখ্যাগৰিষ্ট দল বুলি গুৰিখা লৈছে—মই সতৰ্ক কৰি দিছো—মই যি কৈছো সেইটো ভালকৈ বিবেচনা কৰি চাই তাৰ বৰ্ণাৰ্থ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব।

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Cut Motion moved.

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS :** (Minister of State, Revenue): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member has raised the objection saying that Rs.36,000 should not be granted for eviction purpose. Sir, I had stated the other day that some of our P. G. Rs and V. G. Rs are under heavy encroachments. These encroachers are not all landless persons. There are also persons who have got land, there are persons who have been instigated by some interested parties also, and as a result these persons entered into the land and we have to evict these persons. Sir, 2 15,000 bighas of land in P. G. Rs and V. G. Rs are under encroachment. We have released 43,000 bighas from encroachment by evicting the undeserving persons.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Sir, may we know who are the undeserving persons ?

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Underserving are those who are not entitled to get Government land.

**Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS :** Sir, we have already cleared 43,500 bighas and 11,136 persons were evicted as these persons are not deserving persons. Still there are about 44,594 persons who are in unauthorised occupation of land in P. G. Rs and V. G. Rs.

We sanctioned Rs.40,000 previously but that amount was not found sufficient. So we have asked for the additional amount of Rs.36,000 and this is not only for eviction but this is also for realisation of T. B. revenue. Those persons who are in unauthorised occupation of land are to pay



T. B. revenue and for realisation of this T. B. revenue and for evicting those undeserving persons the amount is sought for. Sir, in many cases the deserving persons are settled on the land in consultation with the Land Advisory Committee of which the hon. Member Shri Hazarika is also a member. On consultation with them we give settlement of land.

Sir, with regard to the additional amount of Rs.7 lakhs for commission to the Mauzadars, I am very grateful to the hon. Member because he has offered me an opportunity to place before the House the figures of land revenue realised. Sir, the original provision was Rs.9,73,500 as commission to the Mauzadars. Now we want an additional 7 lakhs of rupees. That shows that the realisation of land revenue has greatly increased. The total arrear of land revenue and local rate realised from 1st July 1965 to 28th February, 1966 is Rs.1,79,81,733. Then the total current revenue realised is Rs.44,57,748. Sir, due to the increased realisation of land revenue the commission of the Mauzadars has increased. Still, Sir, there is a balance of Rs.2,84,83,328 as arrear to be realised; from rupees 4 crores 70 lakhs and odds it has come down to Rs.2,84,83,328. The current demand is Rs.2,15,82,535. So for payment of commission to the Mauzadars now we require about rupees 7 lakhs.

Sir, the hon. Member has stated that all the Mauzadars are Congressmen. I differ with him. He has said that as all the Mauzadars are Congressmen we do not take any action against them. Sir, we have prosecuted many mauzadars who have defalcated money. I cannot give the exact figure, but as far as I remember about 36 Mauzadars have been suspended and some of the Mauzadars have been prosecuted. Sir, persons who are considered deserving and who are holding Mauzas for sometime past are given Mauza---there is no consideration whether he is a Congressman or not. I think the majority of the Mauzadars would be non-Congressmen. Sir, I have explained the circumstances under which the additional sum of rupees 7 lakhs is required for paying commission. The hon. Member ought to have praised the Mauzadars who have realised so much of arrear revenue. So I would request the Hon'ble Member to withdraw the Cut Motion.

**Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA:** Sir, I am not going to withdraw the Motion.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** I put the question. The question is: That the total provision of Rs.19,37,013, under Supplementary Demand No.1, Major head "9.—Land Revenue" at pages 1-2 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re 1, i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs 19,37,013, do stand reduced by Re.1.

(The question was lost)

Then I put the main question. The question is: That an additional amount of Rs.19,37,013, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966, for the administration of the head "9.—Land Revenue."

(The question was adopted)



## DEMAND No.2

## “11—Taxes on Vehicles”

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Health, Excise, etc.):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs 1,29,417, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head “II.—Taxes on Vehicles.”

The reason for which this amount is necessary has been fully explained in the Explanatory Notes.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved. Cut motion not moved. I put the main question. The question is “That an additional amount of Rs.1,29,417 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head “11—Taxes on Vehicles.”

(The question was adopted)

## DEMAND No.3

## “13—Other Taxes and Duties and 12—Sales Tax.”

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs.79,580, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1966, for the administration of the head “13.—Other Taxes and Duties and 12.—Sales Tax.”

The explanatory note shows the reason for the supplementary demand.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved. Any Cut Motion?

**\*Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA (Dergaon, Reserved for Scheduled Castes):** Yes, Sir. I would move my Cut Motion.

Sir, I beg to move that the total provision of Rs.79,580, under Supplementary Demand No.3 Major head “13.—Other Taxes and Duties and 12.—Sales Tax” at page 6 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.79,580, do stand reduced by Re.1.”

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমার Commissioner of Taxes office টোরে Sales Tax এই হওক বা অন্যান্য টেক্সেই হওক আদায় কৰাত ব্যৰ্থ হৈছে। সেই কাৰণে এই খাতিত যি টকা দাবি কৰিছে সেইটো সৰনে দিব নোখোজে। Electricity duty ৰ কাৰণে আৰু staff কিয় দিব লগা হল? কাৰণ Commissioner of Taxes বিভাগে কোনো কাম কৰিব পৰা নাই। আমাৰ বহুত টকাৰ টেক্স আদায় নোহোৱাকৈ পৰি আছে সেই কাৰণে আমি চৰকাৰে দাবি কৰা টকাটো দিয়াত মত দিব নোৱাৰো।

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Cut motion moved.



**\*Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, চৰকাৰক দুই কালৰ পৰা ধৰিলে কেনেকৈ হ'ব ? এই বিধান সভাত এখন আইন গ্ৰহণ কৰি দিছে । সেই আইন খন হল Assam Electricity Duty Act. এই আইন অনুসৰি এটা কৰ সদনে ধাৰ্য্য কৰি দিছে ; এই কৰ নুতুলিলে সদনেই ধৰিব আৰু মানুহ নহলে কৰ তুলিবও নোৱাৰি । এইটো এটা নতুন কৰ । বৰ্ত্তমানে অসমৰ পূবৰ পৰা পশ্চিমলৈ আৰু উত্তৰৰ পৰা দক্ষিণলৈ গোটেই খনতে Electricity আছে । মানুহ নহলে এই কৰ তোলা সম্ভৱ নহয় । সেই কাৰণে এই প্ৰস্তাৱ দিয়া হৈছে আৰু নতুন Pay Sca'e মতে দৰমহাও বৃদ্ধি হৈছে । সেইটোও ইয়াত ধৰা হৈছে । অৱশ্যে টেক্স আদায় নোহোৱাকৈ থাকিব নালাগে । মই আশা কৰো কৰ তোলা সম্পৰ্কে চৰকাৰৰ কালৰ পৰা ভাল হিচাপ দিব পৰা হ'ব ।

এই কথা কেইটা কৈ মাননীয় সদস্যক কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো তুলি লবলৈ অনুৰোধ কৰিলো ।

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Are you going to withdraw your cut motion?

**Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA:** Yes.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The cut motion stands withdrawn with the leave of the House. I now put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 79,580 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "13.—Other Taxes and Duties and 12.—Sales Tax."

(The question was adopted)

#### DEMAND No. 4

#### "14.—Stamps"

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply):** Sir, on recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 20,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "14.—Stamps". The reasons for this have been given in the explanatory note.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved. Will the hon. Members move their cut motions?

**Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA (Dergaon, Reserved for Scheduled Castes):** No.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Then I put the question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 20,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "14.—Stamps".

(The question was adopted)



## DEMAND No. 5

## “15.—Registration”

**Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Supply):** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.21,095 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head “15.—Registration”.

The reasons for this have been given in the explanatory note.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motioned moved. **Mr. Hazarika,** are you going to move your Cut Motion?

**Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA (Dergaon, Reserved for Scheduled Castes):** No, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** I put the main question. The question is that an amount of Rs. 21,095 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head “15.—Registration”.

(The question was adopted)

## DEMAND No. 6

## “18.—Parliament, State and Union Territory Legislature”

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 50,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head “18.—Parliament, State and Union Territory Legislature”. The explanatory note shows the purpose for which the amount has been sought.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved. There is no cut motion. I put the question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 50,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966, for the administration of the head “18.—Parliament, State and Union Territory Legislature”.

(The question was adopted)

## DEMAND No. 7

## “19.—General Administration”

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Sir, on recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs. 20,74,943 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment



during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "19—General Administration". There is an explanatory note which shows the purpose for which the amount is required.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Sir, I beg to move the following cut motion: "That the total provision of Rs. 20,74,943 under Supplementary Demand No. 7, Major head "19—General Administration", at pages 12-13 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re. 1, i.e., the amount of whole supplementary demand of Rs. 20,74,943 do stand reduced by Re. 1."

Sir, while moving the cut motion I want to make a few observations in respect of this demand. Sir, you have seen that on many occasions this House voted maximum amount under this head. Government has taken maximum amount on many occasions under this head to meet its expenditure. While on the one hand we find that the economic condition of the State is deplorable, on the other hand we see that the paraphernalia of the Government are increasing day by day. We are in the midst of heavy debt and I have already said that if this state of affairs continues, Government will have to declare bankruptcy. The State Government is not trying to bring about economy in respect of its expenditure. Every year supplementary demands are coming under this head. In this connection, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Chief Minister to one very important aspect of observation that has been made by the Public Accounts Committee in their Report on the Audit Report, 1962 and Appropriation Accounts, 1960-61. Here at page 3 it is stated "supplementary grants were taken under 43 grants. They proved entirely unnecessary in 15 cases as the expenditure did not even come up to the original grants. In 10 cases; the supplementary grants proved excessive and the saving ranged from 5 per cent to 38 per cent. There were four grants under which the supplementary grants were obtained and which proved inadequate and there were excesses over the final grants. The details of such cases are mentioned in Appendix II of the Audit Report 1962." Again in the recommendation it is stated "the Committee reiterates the recommendations contained in paragraph 6 of its report on the Appropriation Accounts, 1959-60 and Audit Report 1961 and Finance Accounts, 1959-60."

"As regards control over expenditure, the Committee finds that despite its past recommendations, cases are still occurring where reconciliation of departmental figures with those of the Audit Office was not made promptly and regularly. The Committee recommends that it should be the personal responsibility of the controlling officers to ensure prompt and regular reconciliation and departmental officials in this regard should be dealt with seriously."

"Again in para 2 the Committee had emphasised the need for settlement of outstanding Audit objections and Inspections reports. The Committee would like to reiterate the above recommendations..."

Then at (e); it has been stated, "A large number of cases have been reported by Audit in which utilisation certificates have not been submitted. Many of these items are very old and the relevant utilisation certificates should have been submitted long ago. The Committee recommends that the departments should immediately furnish all



the wanting utilisation certificates to Audit. Finance Department should watch progress of submission of these wanting certificates and submit a consolidated report to the Committee within 3 months from the date of placing this report before the House."

Now, Sir, in the recent Report of the Public Accounts Committee published in 1965, there it has also been mentioned, "During the year Supplementary provisions amounting to Rs. 5.28 crores was obtained under 37 Grants. The Supplementary provision proved entirely unnecessary in 10 cases as the expenditure did not even come up to the original grant. In 9 of these cases, the Supplementary provision had been obtained as late as in March, 1962 when the Department should have been in a position to frame a reasonably close estimate of their requirements." Sir, on it has been clearly mentioned, "The Committee therefore recommends that the Finance Department should take up important cases of lack of proper budgetary control pointed out in Audit Report, 1963 and fix responsibility on the person or persons at fault. Action taken against them should be reported to the Committee within three months from the date of presentation of this Report before the House."

Here, Sir, from page 8 upto 15, it has been clearly mentioned that there is no proper budgetary provision made in order to maintain economy properly and thus there was a huge expenditure of Government money.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Are you making general discussion on the budget?

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA:** Sir, I am speaking in respect of supplementary demands and the observations made on them by the Public Accounts Committee. That is why my submission is that every time Government is coming with this sort of supplementary demands under different heads, whereas in order to strictly adhere to economic measures, Government have set up a Economy Committee in order to advise to minimise expenditure as much as possible, but here we find that we are not following the same

Sir, in explanatory note of the present Grant it is stated, "Allowance and honoraria:—Out of this amount of Rs. 1,23,000 a sum of Rs. 3,000 is required to meet the expenditure on Travelling allowance of Chief Minister, Rs. 70,000 for Ministers, Ministers of State, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary and Rs. 20,000 for officers attached to the Chief Minister, other Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers, etc. The additional amount is required to meet the increased expenditure on Travelling allowance and Dearness allowance on account of increased tours undertaken specially during the period of emergency arising on account of the Pakistani aggression.

"Rs. 30,000 as Travelling allowance for the non-gazetted staff accompanying Ministers, etc., on tours for the reasons as stated above."

Sir, I remember that in the last Session and previous Sessions of this House huge amounts were passed in this House hurriedly in the shape of supplementary demands. Sir, I want that we should be given a detailed account and reasons necessitating these tours of Ministers and officers for the emergency involving such a huge sum of money. It is



very easy to blame people not adhering to the principles of economy, it is very easy to say to others to economise and it is very easy to make committees after committees for devising ways and means and effecting economy in Government expenditures, but how can all these reconcile with the fact that the Ministers themselves are not in a position to economise especially in respect of their Travelling allowance and Dearness allowance. What will our people say to this?

So far the year 1964-65 is concerned we find that a huge amount was spent on Travelling allowance and Dearness allowance of Ministers, my intention of raising this point is that I want to know the full details as to why this expenditure could not be foreseen. The number of Ministers, State Ministers and Deputy Ministers is limited and there is only one Parliamentary Secretary, so why no provision could be made at the time of preparing the budget? Therefore, Sir, the hon. Chief Minister should give details of this huge expenditure on Travelling allowance and Dearness allowance.

Then, Sir, in the explanatory note to this demand it is stated, "4-5. Contingency—This amount of Rs. 1,25,000 is required to meet the excess expenditure in maintenance of vehicles of Ministers, State Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary. Some of the cars allotted to Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary were old and went out of order very frequently. These had to be repaired at heavy cost."

Sir, it is surprising to know that such a huge amount was spent in repairs of the cars whereas our information is that some of the Ministers, Deputy Ministers were given new cars, besides, the State Transport workshops are there for repairing these cars and when this is so why such a large sum was spent for repairs of the cars? We want some clear-cut clarification from the Chief Minister.

Then, Sir, in the explanatory note, it is stated, "5. Pay of Establishment—This additional amount is required due to drawal of arrear pay in the revised scale of pay. This could not be included in the original budget as the Report of the Assam Pay Committee, 1964 as accepted by Government was published after submission of the estimate for 1965-66."

Now, Sir, this is a stage when the Government have presented to the House the budget for 1966-67 and after the Pay Committee gave its recommendation in 1964 and Government accepted the same, there were several sessions of this House, why the Government did not come in the earlier sessions with this demand? I want detailed information on this from the Chief Minister.

Then, Sir, it is stated in the explanatory note, "6. Allowance and Honoraria—Out of this amount, a sum of Rs. 90,000 and Rs. 10,000 is required to meet the increased expenditure on Travelling allowance of Officers and Establishment respectively on account of increased tours undertaken by officers and staff in connection with the affairs of the State."

Sir, this explanation appears to be vague. We must know specifically for which officers how much amount was spent and for what kind of tours. Sir, the question is that even at the time when this Session is going on you will find that many officers are not in the Head quarters. We are told by Government repeatedly that they were out



to economise in respect of Travelling allowance, Dearness allowance etc., but what do we find, the expenditures on these are increasing day by day. Therefore, it is a very serious matter and we should be enlightened with details by the Chief Minister.

Then, Sir, in the explanatory note, it is stated, "7. The additional amount is required for giving the benefit of revised pay scales according to the Pay Committee's Recommendation 1964 to the non-gazetted staff under the Local Audit Department". Sir, this should have been foreseen earlier.

Then, Sir, the explanation states "11.4. Contingencies—The excess is due to purchase of a Jeep for the newly created administrative unit at Nongstoin. And also due to purchase of iron safe, books and maps, type-writers, liveries and telephone charges, record room charges, payment to contingency menials." Sir, always we have found that in Supplementary budget Government are submitting certain provision under Contingency and this contingency amount for also purchasing a Jeep in a supplementary demand is not desirable at all.

Now here again under the Relief and Rehabilitation Department an "additional amount of Rs. 18,000 is required for meeting the pay of an Additional Deputy Secretary posted to the Department for expeditious disposal of R/R works." Sir, in this connection I want to know from the Hon. Chief Minister if the R/R Scheme is a Central Government Scheme. Sir, so far as I know, almost 75 per cent of the amount spent for relief and rehabilitation has been given by the Central Government. I want to know the reason, when the Central Government is giving such a huge amount for relief and rehabilitation, why our State Government is going to spend such a big amount of Rs.18,000 under this particular head. then against "The additional amount of Rs.17,900 is required to meet the expenditure for increase of pay of the staff of the D. L. R's establishment, due to revision of pay scales under Assam Services (Revision of pay) Rules 1964". Sir, in regard to increase in the establishment cost due to revised pay scales, it ought to have been foreseen earlier because the recommendations have been made much earlier and instead of making the expenditure and coming with supplementary demand, they ought to have come in with proper budgetary form in which case at least we could have understood the real position. But now most of the budget—we are to discuss from tomorrow—the general discussion on the budget having been already made—now in the midst of all this, I do not find any reason for this. Sir, again "The Dhemaji Administrative Unit has been newly set up" for which there is another demand of Rs. 19,000 which was taken and spent from the Contingency Fund for purchasing of new vehicle (jeep) for the Administrative Officer of Dhemaji. My question is why the Government did not make any provision in the last Budget for this? Sir, my only submission is that we are speaking about economising our expenditure with regard to administration. But actually we the speakers ourselves are not following it. We have set up an Economy Committee; we have suggested that our officers and staff should practise economy, and we are complaining that they are not doing that. But I want to say that we are encouraging such kind of activities ourselves, because although we speak about economy we do not practise ourselves. Therefore, I want to know from the hon. Chief Minister whether we should not be ideal examples of maintaining economy in our expenditure; our Ministers and particularly the



Heads of the Departments and if they do not become cautious about their own expenditure, they cannot expect other officers below them to be economic. I want to know from the hon. Chief Minister and have some explanation as to what are the reasons for these particular demands and why the Government have not tried to economise these expenditures. Keeping this in view, I move my Cut Motion for acceptance of the House, Sir.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, supporting the Cut Motion moved by my friend, Shri Dulal Barua, I want to make some observations. Sir, when Pakistani aggression took place over our land, so far my information goes, our Chief Minister then and there issued a circular to all Ministers and officers to minimise their tours. But we find now, from this demand for Travelling allowance and Dearness allowance, that it has increased like anything.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Have you got any copy of that circular with you now?

**Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN (Karimganj-North):** Sir, there was a press statement for practising austerity.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Sir, before that also, there was such circular issued for minimising tours.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** Sir, we took Rs. 1,41,21,500 under this head; then we have taken an additional grant of Rs. 30,000, and now we have to give Rs. 20,74,943. Sir, we find above Rs. 1,23,000, Rs. 70,000, has been required for Travelling allowance of the Ministers, and Rs. 20,000, for Travelling allowance of officers attached to the Chief Minister and other Ministers, Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers etc. My friend Shri Dulal Barua has already stated that we would like to know the details of expenditure incurred by each Minister by way of Travelling allowance and Dearness allowance in their tours. We have found, Sir, during even the emergency, in one month, four or five times same Ministers visited the place and in one month, I mean, so far as Cachar district is concerned, eleven Ministers went to visit the district, that is, including the Deputy Ministers. We have been glad that the Ministers took some interest for the district but at the same we must see also the financial condition of the State. Moreover, Sir, we find now-a-days whenever we come to the capital town, that the Ministers are out, we find that the officers are out; whenever we go to the offices, all times or for most of the time they are found absent, they are passing days in Bombay or in Calcutta or Delhi or some other places and thus the Ministers and officers are not found in the capital town of Shillong. Sir, my friend Shri Dulal Chandra Barua has already told that even during the Assembly session some officers are out of the capital, and when we came first to the Assembly, we used to find that the officers could not go out at that time when the Assembly session was on; but now-a-days even during the Assembly period they go out and they do not attend the offices during the session time. Regarding Rs. 1,25,000 that is required to meet the excess of expenditure in



maintenance of vehicles of Ministers, State Ministers, Deputy Ministers etc. Sir, during the last session, so far as I remember, we had voted certain amount for purchase of motor vehicles. Now we have to give more for repair work. We spent about Rs.1,25,000, and we are taking over-draft of Rs. 12 to 17 crores this year. Sir, when these cars are sent to workshop for repair, State Pool cars are used by the Ministers etc. Sir, in that way if you go through the detailed accounts, you will find that even on this account thousands of rupees have been spent for Pool cars only and again you will find that though there is a car allotted to each Minister, and there are cars for officers, even then they use Pool cars on many occasions. I cannot understand why in this last month Government has come up for voting of additional amounts due to payment of arrears as a result of revised pay scales. Sir, may I know from the Chief Minister whether the payment was made long before to the officers, and if so, what was the reason for not coming up with their demand during the last December session when we met here, why the demand has been placed during the closing of financial year, and whether the amount has already been paid or not? So far my information goes, the officers have not got their pay. Then how the Government now come up for this additional amount? Sir, the amount provided for in the current year's budget has been said to be inadequate owing to revision of pay scales. I cannot understand whether they could not find out how much amount would be required for payment to those officers. As far as my information goes, in the last April or May, this amount was calculated and every Department knew how much amount they would require for payment of arrear due to officers. Sir, under item 11(84) it has been shown that "the excess is due to purchase of a jeep for the newly created administrative unit at Nongstoin. And also due to purchase of iron safe, books and maps, typewriters, liveries and telephone charges" etc. etc.

I do not understand what is the function of this Administrative Unit at Nongstoin. Here also a jeep is required. But I want to draw the attention of the hon. Chief Minister on the fact that on many occasions we find some officers have got jeeps but when it is urgently required you will not get any jeep. Sir, all the Police Stations are not provided with jeeps. But in any urgent case they do not get any jeep. When any murder case takes place within five or six miles of a Police Station, we find Police Officer fails to go the spot for want of conveyance. Sir, though we provide jeeps, we do not get it in the actual field when it is required. Sir, regarding Relief and Rehabilitation we find an additional amount of Rs.18,000 is required for meeting the pay of an Additional Deputy Secretary posted to the Department for expeditious disposal of Relief and Rehabilitation Works. Sir, for the improvement of work this Officer has been posted. But I should like to know why this amount could not be met from the Relief and Rehabilitation Department and why this amount has come under the head of the General Administration Department? Sir, the additional amount of Rs.17,900 is required to meet the expenditure for increase of pay of the staff of D.L.R's establishment due to revision of pay scales under the Assam Services (Revision of pay) Rules 1964. Sir, I do not like to repeat the same thing. We find from the note here that the Dhemaji Administrative Unit has been newly set up. Considering the nature of its jurisdiction and lack of other means of communications it became necessary to provide the Officer of the unit with a



new Government vehicle (jeep) in the interest of public service and efficient administration in the area bordering North East Frontier Agency. Of course, here a jeep is required and I do not want to say anything. But, Sir, I have already stated when we are telling the people to take less, and when we are telling the people to observe austerity, how we can spend lots of money for the purchase of jeeps etc. This is my submission, Sir.

**\*Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA (Dergaon, Reserved for Scheduled Castes) :** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটোৰ সমৰ্থন কৰি কেইটামান কথা কওঁ যি কেইটা এতিয়াও কোনোৱে কোৱা নাই। আমাৰ মন্ত্ৰীসকলে হাজাৰে হাজাৰে লাখে লাখে টকা তেওঁলোকৰ ভ্ৰমণত ভ্ৰমণ, বানচ হিচাবে ব্যয় কৰিছে। ব্যয় কৰিছেহে কিন্তু সেই হিচাপে কাম হৈছেনে নাই চিন্তা কৰিব লগীয়া কথা। দুখৰ কথা যে চৰকাৰী কামৰ কাৰণে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিবলৈ পোৱা চৰকাৰী গাড়ী বিলাক, তেওঁলোকে নিজৰ পাৰিবাৰিক কামতো ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে। নিয়ম মতে মিনিষ্টাৰ সকলৰ ভ্ৰমণ তালিকা এম্ এল্ এ সকলক জনাব লাগে কিন্তু সেইটোও নকৰে। আন হাতে কোনো কোনো মিনিষ্টাৰে নিজৰ কাৰণেও ভ্ৰমণৰ সুবিধা পায়।

**Mr. SPEAKER :** মিনিষ্টাৰ সকলোৱে যি গাড়ী ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে তাৰ কাৰণে Statute আছে—নিজৰ কাৰণে ব্যৱহাৰ কৰিলে তাৰ পেট্ৰল আদি নিজে দিয়ে।

**Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA :** তাৰ পিচত দেখা যায়, মিনিষ্টাৰ সকলৰ চৰকাৰী গাড়ী বোৰ অতি সোনকালে বেয়া হয় আৰু ইমান দামৰ গাড়ীবিলাক এইদৰে নষ্ট হোৱাটো উচিত নহয়। মিনিষ্টাৰ সকলে চাব লাগে যাতে চৰকাৰী গাড়ীবিলাক নিজৰ ব্যক্তিগত কামত ব্যৱহাৰ নহয়। এই বিলাক বাজুৱা ধন আৰু সম্পদৰ অপব্যৱহাৰৰ কাৰণে ৰাইজে বেয়া পাইছে। আশা কৰো ভ্ৰমণৰ অজহাত দেখুৱাই তেওঁলোকে যেন বিয়া-সবাহ, মিটিং কুটম্বৰ কামত ভ্ৰমণ নকৰে আৰু এই বিলাকৰ কামত যেন ভ্ৰমণ বানচ নলয়। এই থিনিকে কৈ মই কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো সমৰ্থন কৰো।

**Shri DHANI RAM TALUKDAR (Barpeta) :** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মিনিষ্টাৰ সকলৰো society আছে। ভ্ৰমণ কালত বিয়া-সবাহ আদিও attend কৰাত কি আইন বিৰোধী কাম হ'ব পাৰে বুজি নাপাওঁ।

**\*Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) :** Sir, the observations of the hon. Members with regard to this grant relate to the travelling allowances of the Ministers and the Officers, maintenance expenses, misuse of Government vehicles and so on and so forth. Sir, the hon. Member may be aware of the fact that we have a statute which governs the facilities to the Ministers. According to that Statute Ministers are to be provided with a vehicle and, therefore, whatever cars Ministers are using are using as a matter of right which has been conferred on by a Statute passed by this August House. With regard to the travelling expenses, the hon. Member has mentioned about certain letters which I wrote to my colleagues to minimise the number of tours at the time of Pakistani aggression. I think it is not correct. The idea of writing a letter to my colleagues on this subject is not to stop the tour but to curtail the tour as far as possible so that it provides economy and at the same time tour becomes more effective. Sir, I agree with the advice of the hon. Member that the tour should be minimised



I also think that the same thing applies to the hon. Members. Sir, the hon. Members may not know since the emergency started the Ministers, Ministers of State, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretary were contributing regularly a substantial part of their salaries to the National Defence Fund not as investment but as donation. Now, of course from the month of February we have stopped it. Sir, as soon as the emergency started the Ministers had to contribute Rs.104 p.m. and Minister of State about Rs.75 and Deputy Ministers about Rs.50 or something like to.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) :** Sir, just to make up this thing they have taken this course.

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA :** Sir, I will say that it is a very bad taste from any hon. Member to impute such and, allegation.

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs) :** Sir, the hon. Member must not interfere.

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA :** Sir, the hon. Member wanted the details of the Ministers' movements. I am afraid, I cannot give the details. I submit, Sir, the officers, during the sessions of the Assembly remain in station, except on special occasions when they must go. We also think that we should permit them to go out to attend some urgent conferences or other important duties.

Sir, the hon. Member also referred to a Minister attending a ring ceremony. I am sure he is referring to me. Because I went to Golaghat in connection with the ring ceremony of my nephew. I can assure him that I have not drawn any allowance on that occasion. He may check from my Travelling Allowance Bill whether I have drawn any Travelling Allowance or not on that account. I have not drawn any allowance for the portion from the Trunk Road to Golaghat.

Sir, we are to make an additional amount which is required according to the revised pay scales of the Government employees. Sir, the Pay Committee in their recommendations have given certain rules on which the pay should be fixed for each and every government employee for which a huge amount is required. That is why supplementary demand is necessary, and I am afraid, we will have to come to the House again and again for sometimes more.

Sir, the hon. Member read out the Audit Report and Public Accounts Committee's observations. I am glad to inform the House that with regard to tightening up the financial control over the State's finances, a Committee was appointed with the Accountant General and others and that Committee has given a large number of recommendations which we have accepted and these are being enforced. I hope Sir, that as a result of these some improvement in the control of State finances can be expected.

Sir, the hon. Member wanted to know whether officers have been paid their revised pay. I suppose most of the officers are drawing their revised pay and that amount was found out from the contingency fund which has been required by the supplementary grant.

Now, the hon. Member has raised a point about the pay of the Deputy Secretary, Rehabilitation. He has asked why his pay was not paid by the Government of India. Sir, the Government of India is paying a part of the amount and the other part is paid by the State Government. Sir, even if the whole amount is borne by the Government of India, in that case also we will have to put it before the House, since this expenditure has to be channelised through the State budget for sanction. Sir, with this explanation, I hope the hon. Member will withdraw his cut motion.



**Mr. SPEAKER:** Now, I put the Cut Motion. The question is that the total provision of Rs.20,74,943 under Supplementary Demand No. 7 Major head "19—General Administration," at pages 12-13 of the list of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs. 20,74, 943 do stand reduced by Re.1.

(Division. The votes were then counted while the Members from each side stood up in their seats for the purpose).

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Order, Order-

Ayes— 5.

Nocs—52.

The Cut Motion is lost. I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.20,74,943 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "19—General Administration".

(The question was adopted).

#### **Demand No. 8**

#### **"21 Administration of Justice."**

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) :** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs.21,459 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "21—Administration of Justice".

Sir, there is also an explanatory note wherein the purpose has been mentioned.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Motion moved. I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.21,459, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "21—Administration of Justice".

(The question was adopted).

#### **Demand No. 9**

#### **"22—Jails "**

**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Jails) :** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, to move, that an additional amount of Rs.2,82,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain expenses which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "22—Jails."

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, Explanatory Note ত এই মঞ্জুরী কি উদ্দেশ্যে দাবকাৰ তাক উল্লেখ কৰা হৈছে।



**Mr. SPEAKER :** Motion moved. Are you going to move your Cut Motion, Mr. Bhattacharjee?

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) :** Yes, Sir. Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the total provision of Rs.2,82,000 under Supplementary Demand No. 9, Major head "22—Jails", at page 17 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re.1, i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.2,82,090 do stand reduced by Re.1.

এই ৩ লাখ টাকার খরচ করার বাধ্যতে বলা হয়েছে যে অতিরিক্ত ব্যয় বরাদ্দ করা প্রয়োজন কারণ জেলে কর্মচারীদের অতিরিক্ত বেতন দিতে হয়। জেলে কয়েদীর সংখ্যা বৃদ্ধি হওয়ার জন্য খাদ্য বস্ত্র আদির খরচ বৃদ্ধিত হওয়ার কারণে এই টাকার দরকার হয়েছে।

এখন আবার ২,৮২,০০০ টাকা ব্যয় বরাদ্দ করা হয়েছে—কারণ কর্মচারীদের জন্য খরচ হবে ২৫,০০০ হাজার, Contingency তে খরচ হবে ১,৮০,০০০, পুলিশের জন্য খরচ হবে ৩০,০০০ হাজার, National Emergency Operation এ ৭ হাজার, জেলের উৎপাদনে খরচ ৪০ হাজার। মোট ২৮২ হাজার টাকা খরচ করা হবে।

আমি জেল মন্ত্রী কাছ থেকে জানতে চাই যে ডিসেম্বর মাসে যে ৩ লাখ টাকার ব্যয় বরাদ্দ করা হয়েছিল সেই টাকা ঠিকমত খরচ হয় নাই না কি? আমাদের জেলে তারপর কি এমন খরচ বেড়েছে যার জন্য এখন এতগুলি টাকার প্রয়োজন হল? জেলে খাওয়া-দাওয়া আগের চেয়ে কি এমন পরিবর্তন হয়েছে যে সেজন্য এত খরচ বৃদ্ধি হয়েছে?

আমি বলি জেল হাজাতে অনেক কয়েদী under trial prisoner হিসাবে পড়ে রয়েছে কেননা তাদের মোকদ্দমা বিনা বিচারে কোর্টে পড়ে আছে—কলে কয়েদীর সংখ্যা বৃদ্ধি হচ্ছে এবং খরচ বাড়ছে।

৪ নং বাধ্যতে লেখা আছে যে জেলের মধ্যে এ বছর Security prisoner এর সংখ্যা বেড়ে যাওয়াতে আমাদের টাকার প্রয়োজন হয়েছে। এটা ঠিক যে পাকিস্তান ভারতের উপর আক্রমণ করার সময় নিরাপত্তার জন্য অনেককে আটক রাখা হয়। কিন্তু অনেককে ইতিমধ্যেই মুক্তি দেওয়া হয়েছে। কত লোককে এখনো আটক রাখা হয়েছে?

৫ নং বাধ্যতা সম্বন্ধে—জেলে যেসমস্ত জিনিষ তৈরী হয়, তার জন্য টাকার দরকার। আমি জানতে চাই, জোরহাট এবং অন্যান্য জেলে অনেক জিনিষ তৈরী হয়—এই জিনিষগুলির বিক্রির জন্য কি ব্যবস্থা করা হয়েছে? গত বছরে সেই জিনিষের মূল্য বাবত কত পাওয়া গেছে? নতুন কোন পরিকল্পনায় কাজ করার ব্যবস্থা কি হয়েছে? কিংবদন্তি জন্য এত টাকার দরকার।

সরকারকে ইতিপূর্বে যে টাকা দেওয়া হয়েছে, সেটা প্রয়োজন অনুযায়ী কম—এটাই বা কেন হ'ল? বর্তমান জেলে বন্দীর সংখ্যা কত? কত বেড়েছে? নতুন করে ৪০ হাজার টাকতে কি নতুন জিনিষ তৈরী হবে? এসব ভাল করে আমরা জানতে চাই।

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat) :** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মোর বন্ধুবর শ্রীতাবাদ ডটচার্য্যব কর্তন প্রস্তাবের জরিয়তে মই মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ৰ পৰা কেইটামান কথা জানিব খুজিছো।

জেলাৰ কাৰণে ডিচেম্বৰ মাহত যি টকা মঞ্জুৰ কৰা হৈছিল, সেই সম্পৰ্কে তেখেতে যি ব্যখ্যা দিছিল এতিয়াৰ বাধ্যত লগত প্ৰায় একে। গতিকে মই মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিব বিচাৰো যে যোৱা বছৰ পাকিস্তানৰ যুদ্ধৰ সময়ত যিবিলাক লোকক নজৰ বন্দী কৰি জেলত ৰখা ছিলহে, সেই সকলৰ প্ৰায় শতকৰা ৮০।৮৫ জনক মুক্তি দিয়া হৈছে; তেনে স্থলত কি কাৰণে জেলৰ কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ইমান বাঢ়িল?

জেলাত Under Trial বন্দীৰ সংখ্যা বাঢ়িছে বুলি কৈছে। যোৱা ডিচেম্বৰৰ পৰা থকা বন্ধি কিমান মুক্তি হৈছে আৰু অসমৰ বিভিন্ন জেলাত কিমানক ৰখা হৈছে সেইটো আমাক জনাব লাগে।



জেলত কাপোৰ-কানি দিয়া সম্পৰ্কে যোৱা বাৰো টকা মঞ্জুৰ কৰা হৈছে। আকৌ এই বাৰো টকা বিচাৰিছে; আগৰ টকাৰে যিবিলাক কাপোৰ-কানি কিনিিলে, এতিয়া বন্দীৰ সংখ্যা কমানত সেই কাপোৰেই দেখোন বৈ যায়, এতিয়া বন্দীৰ সংখ্যা কমানত আকৌ কাপোৰ-কানিৰ কাৰণে কিয় টকা লাগে—নো বন্দীক বেচি কাপোৰ দিব খুজিছে সেই কথা আমাক জনাব লাগে।

যোৱা বাৰ Revision of Pay Scale ৰ কাৰণে টকা লৈছিল। তাৰ দ্বাৰা গোটেই বিলাকক দিব পৰা নহল নেকি? এতিয়া আকৌ কোনবিলাক বিষয়াক দিব খুজিছে আমি জানিব খোজো। এই গ্ৰাণ্ট সম্পৰ্কে বৰ্তমান বিশেষ ধৰণৰ আঁচনি লৈছে নেকি? যদি লৈছে সেইটো আমি জানিব লাগে। যদি নতুন আঁচনি নাই পুৰণি ধৰণেই চলি আছে তেন্তে যোৱা বাৰ এই উল্লেখৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত যিসকল কয়েদী আছিল, সেইসকলৰ খাদ্য, বস্ত্ৰ আৰু চিকিৎসা সম্পৰ্কে উন্নতি হৈছে নেকি?

কিন্তু মোৰ ব্যক্তিগত অভিজ্ঞতাৰ পৰা মই কওঁ যে এতিয়া জেলত খোৱা-লোৱা চিকিৎসা আদিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত জেলৰ কয়েদী বৃষ্টিৰ দিনৰ কয়েদী হৈয়েই আছে। গতিকে এই টকাৰ সুপৰিকল্পিত ব্যয় নকৰিলে আমি টকা দিব নোৱাৰো।

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The Minister will reply after lunch.

### Adjournment

The House then adjourned for lunch till 2 P.M.

(After lunch)

**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Jails):** মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই 'গ্ৰাণ্ট' সম্পৰ্কত, মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীতাপদ ভট্টাচাৰ্য্য আৰু শ্ৰীদুলাল চন্দ্ৰ বৰুৱাই যি কথা অবতৰণা কৰিছে সেই সম্পৰ্কত মই দুআমাৰ মান কওঁ। তেখেত সকলে আলোচনা কৰিছে যে, যোৱা ডিচেম্বৰ মাহৰ অধিবেশনৰ সময়ত জেল বিভাগৰ কৰ্মচাৰী সকলৰ বেতনৰ কাৰণে টকা ধৰা হৈছিল। আকৌ এতিয়া কিয় একে কাৰণে টকা লাগে। এই প্ৰসঙ্গত মই কওঁ যে জেলবিভাগৰ মুঠ কৰ্মচাৰীৰ সংখ্যা ৫০৯ জন। তাৰ ভিতৰতে ৫৩ জন 'জেইলৰ' আৰু সহকাৰী জেইলৰ। অস্থায়ী সহকাৰী জেইলৰ আৰু 'ৱাৰ্ডাৰ' সংখ্যা ক্ৰমে ৬৫ জন আৰু ৩৮৫ জন; আৰু শিক্ষকৰ সংখ্যা ৬ জন। বৰ্দ্ধিত হাৰৰ পূৰ্বে দৰ্দ্ৰাহাত মুঠ ৫০৯ জন কৰ্মচাৰীৰ বেতনৰ বাবে আৱশ্যক ৪,৫২,৩৪০ টকা, ইয়াৰ উপৰি বৰ্দ্ধিত হাৰৰ কাৰণে অতিৰিক্ত আৱশ্যক ২,৪৫,০০০ টকা। যোৱা ডিচেম্বৰ মাহৰ অধিবেশনত পৰিপূৰক দাবী হিচাবে ২,২০,০০০ টকা ধৰা হৈছিল। বাকী ২৫,০০০ পৰিপূৰণৰ কাৰণে আমি ভাবিছিলো যে জেল বিভাগৰ বাহিৰে হোৱা টকাৰ পৰা খৰচ কৰা হ'ব। কিন্তু দেখা গ'ল যে—এই টকা বাহিৰে নহল। সেই কাৰণে আমি ২৫,০০০ টকা চাহিদা বিচাৰিছো।

তাৰপিচত আমি Contingency Fund বিচাৰিছো—১ লাখ ৮০ হাজাৰ টকা। অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আগতে আমি যেতিয়া বাজেট পেশ কৰিছিলো—তেতিয়া ১৯৬৪ চনৰ শেষত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা অনুপাতে আমাৰ টকা বিচাৰা হৈছিল। সেই টকাৰ পৰিমাণ আছিল ২৩ লাখ ৫৪ হাজাৰ টকা। কিন্তু সেই সময়ত দেশত শান্তি আছিল; সেই কাৰণে ভাবিছিলো উল্লেখকৰ টকাতকৈ কম টকা হলেও চলিব। সেই কাৰণেই বাজেটত ব্যৱস্থা আছিল ২০ লাখ ৮৫ হাজাৰ ৪ শ টকা জেনেৰেলত আৰু ১ লাখ ২৪ হাজাৰ দুশ দহ টকা 'চিক্‌চ' চিডিউলত। কিন্তু ইয়াৰ ভিতৰতে পাকিস্তানৰ লগত যুদ্ধ লগাত জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা বৃদ্ধি হয়। যোৱা ডিচেম্বৰ মাহত 'জেনেৰেলত' টকা ধৰা হোৱা নাছিল; মাত্ৰ ৮০ হাজাৰ টকা 'চিক্‌চ' চিডিউলৰ কাৰণে ধৰা হৈছিল। কিন্তু এতিয়া 'জেনেৰেলত' কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা বেচি হোৱাত এই টকাৰ প্ৰয়োজন। এই সম্পৰ্কত মাননীয় সদস্যসকলৰ আগত মই এই কথা জনাব খোজো যে—১৯৬৫-৬৬ চনৰ এপ্ৰিল মাহত জেলৰ কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ৫,৪৭৩ জন; মে মাহত জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ৫,২৩৩ জন, জুন মাহত জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ৫,২৩৩ জন, জুলাই মাহত জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ৫,৩১৮ জন, আগষ্ট মাহত জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ৫,৪৬৪ জন, চেপ্তেম্বৰ মাহত জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ৬,৯৭০ জন, অক্টোবৰ মাহত জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ৬,৬৯৯ জন, নবেম্বৰ মাহত জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ৬,২৭৪ জন, ডিচেম্বৰ মাহত জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ৬,৯১৭ জন হয়গৈ আৰু জানুৱাৰী ১৯৬৬ মাহত হয় ৫,৪৫২ জন। ইয়াৰ পৰা অনুমান কৰিব পাৰি যে জেলৰ কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা ক্ৰমান্বয়ে বাঢ়িছে, কম নাই। বৰ্তমান পাকিস্তানৰ লগত শান্তিৰ ব্যৱস্থা হোৱাত জেলৰ কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা কিছু কমিছে। ফেব্ৰুৱাৰী মাহৰ সংখ্যা এতিয়াও পোৱা নাই।

জেলত কয়েদীৰ সংখ্যা বৃদ্ধি আৰু দেশত খাদ্য সামগ্ৰীৰ মূল্য বৃদ্ধিৰ কাৰণে তাৰ বাবদ ঠিকাদাৰী সকলক অধিক টকা Payment কৰিব লগা হৈছে। সকলো পণ্য দ্ৰব্য, ঔষধপাতি আদিৰ দাম বঢ়াব কাৰণে এই পৰিপূৰক দাবী কৰিব লগা হৈছে। এই উদ্দেশ্যে ১ লাখ ৮০ হাজাৰ টকা বিবচনা হৈছে। ইয়াৰ ওপৰিও 'পুলিচ কাষ্ট্‌দি'ৰ বাবে কাৰণে ১৬ হাজাৰ আৰু ১৪ হাজাৰ, মুঠ



৩০ হাজাৰ টকা ধৰা হৈছে। 'পুলিচ চাৰ্জ'ৰ কাৰণে ২১ জন 'ৱাৰ্ডাৰ' আছে। এওঁলোকক দেখ-  
ভাল কৰে জিলাৰ ডেপুটী কমিচনাৰে কিন্তু টকা জেলবিভাগৰ পৰা যায়। এওঁলোকৰ বান্ধিত হাবৰ  
বেতনৰ কাৰণে ১৬ হাজাৰ টকা ধৰা হৈছে। তাৰ বাহিৰে আৰু ১৪ হাজাৰ টকাৰ প্ৰয়োজন  
হৈছে। Lockup ত থকা মানুহে খাবৰ কাৰণে আৰু তেওঁলোকৰ যাতায়াতৰ ব্যৱস্থাৰ কাৰণেও  
টকাৰ প্ৰয়োজন।

National emergency ৰ কাৰণে আমি এক লাখ টকা বিচাৰিছিলো কিন্তু টকাৰ নাটনিৰ  
কাৰণে যোৱা ডিচেম্বৰ মাহৰ বাজেটত এই টকাৰ দাবি উত্থাপন কৰা নহল।

আমাৰ মাননীয় সদস্য ভট্টাচাৰ্যী ভাঙনীয়াই প্ৰশ্ন কৰিছিল এতিয়া Security Prisoner কিমান  
আছে? বৰ্তমান প্ৰায় ৭৯ আছে। অৱশ্যে এইটো deal কৰে Home department ৰ মন্ত্ৰী আমাৰ মুখ্য  
মন্ত্ৰী ভাঙনীয়াই; তথাপিও ময়ে এই প্ৰসংগত এই কথা জনালো। এই ৬৯ জনৰ ভিতৰত বাম  
পক্ষী C. P. I. ৰ লোক ২৮ জন আৰু অন্যান্য ৪১ জন, মুঠ ৬৯ জন আছে। তাৰ  
উপৰিও বৰ্তমান মিজো জিলাৰ বিপথগামী লোকে বিগুৰুখা সজি কৰাৰ কাৰণে কিমানক বন্দী  
কৰা হৈছে তাৰ সংখ্যা এতিয়াও পোৱা নাই। সেই কাৰণে এই সংখ্যা এতিয়া জনাব পৰা নগল।  
ইয়াৰ কাৰণে আমি মাত্ৰ ৭ হাজাৰ টকা বিচাৰিছো। এইটো কোনো বেচি টকা নহয়।

আমাৰ Jail Manufacturing ও আছে। আমি জৰাকালি কঢ়ল কুৰ্তা আদিৰ যোগান  
ধৰিব লাগে। ইয়াৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ ৮৭০০ মিটাৰ কাপোৰৰ প্ৰয়োজন। এইখিনি বস্ত্ৰ কুৰ্তা আৰু  
কেট আমাৰ জেলতে প্ৰস্তুত কৰা হয়। আমাৰ ৰাজ্যত গোটেই কেইখন জেইলৰ বন্দীৰ আৱশ্যকীয় বস্ত্ৰ  
জেইলতেই উৎপাদ কৰা হয়; তাৰ কাৰণে সুতাৰ প্ৰয়োজন। এই সুতা আৰু ৮৭০০ মিটাৰ কাপোৰৰ  
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কাৰণেহে দাবি উত্থাপন কৰা হৈছে। আশা কৰো আমাৰ সদস্যই যি প্ৰশ্ন উত্থাপন কৰিছিল তাৰ  
যথোচিত ব্যাখ্যা দিব পাৰিছো। সেই কাৰণে মই অনুৰোধ কৰিছো কৰ্ত্তন প্ৰস্তাৱটো যেন উঠাই লয়।

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Is the hon. Member going to withdraw his cut motion?

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJE (Katigora):** Yes, Sir.

(The cut motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn).

**Mr. SPEAKER:** I put the main question.

The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 2,82,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966, for the administration of the head "22.—Jails".

(The question was adopted.)

## DEMAND No. 10

### "23.—Police"

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs.45,00,000, be granted to Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "23.—Police".

The explanatory note shows the purpose for which this grant is sought.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved.

Is any cut motion going to be moved?

(Voices: No, Sir.)

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Then I put the main motion.



The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 45,00,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1966, for the administration of the head "23.—Police".

(The question was adopted.)

DEMAND No. 11

**"26.—Miscellaneous Departments"**

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 25,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "26.—Miscellaneous Departments".

The explanatory memorandum states the purpose for which this grant is sought.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved.

Is any cut motion going to be moved ?

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** No, Sir, I simply want to know the details about the Gold Bond Scheme.

**\*Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** Sir, in order to meet the foreign exchange difficulty it became necessary for our country to build up gold reserves so that our foreign exchange requirements might be met. For this purpose the Government of India introduced a scheme to collect gold through bonds. The terms offered at the beginning were subsequently revised. I am afraid I cannot give each and every detail of the terms of this gold bond scheme just at the moment, but this particular amount, which has been made available to the Government of Assam by the Government of India, is to help the State Government to undertake intensive propaganda in favour of the gold bond scheme. This is a lump sum grant. All the details of this scheme will have to be drawn up for popularising this scheme amongst the people of Assam.

Sir, there is a Press Note which was issued by the Press Information Bureau, which contains the details about the gold bond scheme. It is a long document and I do not like to take the time of the House by reading it out. I will place it on the Table of the House.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 25,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "26.—Miscellaneous Departments".

(The question was adopted.)

DEMAND No. 12

**"26.—Miscellaneous Departments—Miscellaneous—Trade Adviser and Directorate of Movements"**

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 43,600, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain

\*Speech not corrected.



charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "26.—Miscellaneous Departments—Miscellaneous—Trade Adviser and Directorate of Movements".

The explanatory notes show the purposes for which this grant is sought.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved.

Is the cut motion going to be moved?

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** No, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Then I put the main question.

The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 43,600, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966, for the administration of the head "26.—Miscellaneous Departments—Miscellaneous—Trade Adviser and Directorate of Movements."

(The question was adopted.)

#### DEMAND No. 13

#### "28.—Education"

**Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister, Education):** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 60,95,801 only be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966, for the administration of the head "28.—Education."

The explanatory note will show the purpose of the demand.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Motion moved.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Sir, I beg to move the following cut motion: That the total provision of Rs. 60,95,801, under Supplementary Demand No. 13, Major head "28.—Education", at page 22-26 of the list of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re. 1, i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs. 60,95,801, do stand reduced by Re. 1. Sir, while moving my cut motion on this particular supplementary demand I want to make certain observations. Sir, in the explanatory note it has been stated—"grants to Dibrugarh University. The additional amount is required for payment of the second instalment of grant to the Dibrugarh University. The Court, Executive Council, Academic Council and other authorities will function very shortly and the University required additional fund for maintenance during the current financial year. Hence the Supplementary Demand." Sir, this institution, Dibrugarh University, came into being only last year and therefore, this amount instead of coming in the form of Supplementary Demand could have been provided under the new Budget. It has been mentioned that the Court, Executive Council and Academic Council will function very shortly. That means these have not started functioning. Sir, we are going to pass our general Budget by 31st March, 1966, and therefore, I do not find any reason why a supplementary demand has been placed before this



House at this stage. Certain amounts have already been given for starting the University. This amount would have been sufficient for that purpose. Up till to-day this amount has not been drawn. Therefore, I do not find any reason why this supplementary demand has been placed at this stage. So, I want a clarification on this point. I think it is pertinent to say that this amount instead of providing in the supplementary demand could have been provided under the general budget under the head "Education."

The second head is Sainik School. It has been stated in the explanatory note that "the sums of Rs. 47,062 and Rs. 1,77,331 are required to meet the additional expenditure for giving scholarships to the students of the Sainik School (Goalpara) during the year 1965-66. The amounts have been obtained from the Contingency Fund. Hence the Supplementary Demand to regularise the advance." It is surprising that we know the number of students there in the Sainik School and we have also laid down plans and programmes accordingly and the Government also know how many scholarships will be granted to the students. In the last Budget also there was a provision for that. Therefore, I want to know whether the number of students has increased in this school or not. I also want to know why this amount could not be provided in the last budget instead of coming up for a supplementary grant at the fag end of the year, and why this amount could not be provided in the general budget that is before the House.

Another item is Central Post-Matric Scholarships. It is stated "the additional amount of Rs. 14,76,000 is required to meet the expenditure for awarding scholarships to more number of deserving students belonging to economically backward classes (now termed as Lower Income Group Students). The amount was advanced from the Contingency Fund to meet immediate requirement. Hence the Supplementary Demand for regularisation of the advance taken from the Contingency Fund." Sir, this scheme has been prepared long ago and budget provision was made earlier. So far we know a quota has been fixed for such scholarship-holders and so we do not know in what way this amount will be utilised. Therefore, I want to know how many scholarships have been awarded to the students and whether there is any student in the waiting list. I want to know why this could not be foreseen at the time of preparing the budget and why this could not be provided in the general budget which has been placed before the House.

The next item is regarding Gandhi Mandap. It is stated that "a grant of Rs. 2,25,000 was sanctioned to the Mahatma Gandhi and Martyrs Memorial Trust, Gauhati for carrying out construction works including acquisition of lands, etc., connected with the said Trust. The amount was advanced from Contingency Fund. Of course, it is a new thing and we know nothing about it. But a detailed scheme should have been submitted to this House and it should have been specifically stated as to how much is required for construction and how much for acquisition of land.

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Sir, this is not a new scheme. As a matter of fact this House sanctioned an amount of Rs. 80,000 in the past for this trust.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA:** Therefore, a detailed scheme should have been given showing how much amount is required for construction purposes and how much for acquisition of land. It is said that "out of the advance of Rs. 2,25,000 from Contingency Fund, the sum of Rs. 1,02,000 has been met by re-appropriation from savings. Hence the



Supplementary Demand to regularise the balance amount of Rs. 1,23,000 only." I want to know whether the amount already given has so far been utilised and if so, whether utilisation certificates have been received. I also want to know how much money is necessary and how this amount will be utilised.

Next item is regarding grants to local bodies for Primary Education. It is stated "the additional amount is required for giving effect to the revised scales of pay to Government teachers now serving in District Councils for the year 1964-65 and 1965-66. The other amount of Rs. 22,90,146 is required to meet the additional requirement of fund for giving effect to Pay Committee Recommendations, 1964. Hence the Supplementary Demand. We have not been able to understand this because T. A. D. is dealing with this subject. Moreover certain amounts have been given to the different District Councils. Therefore, we do not understand why this amount is required. We want to know what is the number of teachers serving under different District Councils and whether this amount has been placed at the disposal of the T. A. D., and what is the total amount given to the T.A.D. ?

Another amount of Rs. 22,90,146 is required to meet the additional requirement of fund for giving effect to Pay Committee Recommendations 1964. This is also not clear for which categories of post revised scale has been given. Therefore, Sir, I want clarifications on the above points from the Deputy Minister-in-charge of Education. Moreover, Sir, they have given grants to the Dibrugarh University, but so far as we know the Gauhati University is facing a financial crisis ; why no grant has been given by the Government to the Gauhati University to tide over the crisis ?

With these observations, I commend my Cut Motion for the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The cut motion moved.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to support the cut motion moved by my hon. friend, Shri Barua.

Sir, originally this House voted for this head, Rs.11,83,74,000 and then an additional grant was voted during this year for Rs.2,30,00,103. Now, our Government is coming before the House for another sum of Rs.60,95,801. In this connection, I would draw the attention of the House to the fact that during the last Session of this House by a supplementary demand a sum of Rs.1 lakh was voted for the Dibrugarh University and now by this demand we are to sanction another Rs.3 lakhs to the Dibrugarh University. We want to know from the hon. Deputy Minister of Education that when we already granted Rs.1 lakh to this University earlier this year why and for what purpose there is the requirement to grant another Rs.3 lakhs now ?

Sir, regarding the additional amount of Rs.14,76,000 required to meet the expenditure for awarding scholarships to more number of deserving students belonging to Economically Backward Classes, my information is that many students of this class throughout the State are passing their days in great hardship for not getting their scholarships ; so I would like to know what the Department was doing during this whole period and why no scholarships to these students were granted up till now ? Is this amount asked for now is meant for granting scholarships in the current year to these students or is this amount meant for scholarships which were not so long paid ?



Then, Sir, regarding Grants for Gandhi Mandap an additional amount of Rs.1,23,000 is sought to be passed. I want to know for what activities this amount is required. I want details of the same.

Regarding Contingency Fund, it is written in the explanatory note, "Out of the advance of Rs.2,25,000 from Contingency Fund, the sum of Rs.1,02,000 has been met by reappropriation from Savings. Hence the Supplementary Demand to regularise the balance amount of Rs.1,23,000 only". Sir, it is not clear to us why Rs.22,500 was taken as advance from Contingency Fund and for what purpose?

Then, Sir, regarding Grant to Local Bodies for Primary Education it is stated, "The additional amount is required for giving effect to the revised scales of pay to Government teachers now serving in District Council for the year 1964-65 and 1965-66". Sir, I want to know why the teachers were not paid at the revised scales of pay earlier?

Then, in the explanatory note it is stated, "The other amount of Rs.22,90,140 is required to meet the additional requirement of fund for giving effect to Pay Committee Recommendations, 1964. Hence the Supplementary Demand." About this my hon. friend, Shri Barua, has said in details. May I know whether the Aided School teachers have got the enhanced scales of pay and whether this amount is meant for the Aided School teachers for this purpose?

**Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA: (Deputy Minister, Education):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, under this head we have two supplementary demands. Shri Dulal Chandra Barua and Shri Tarapada Bhattacharjee raised the question about allotting fund under this head for Primary School teachers in the District Councils. Sir, these teachers for whom this money is required have been deputed to the District Councils by the Government. For them we have to pay their salaries in the revised pay scale of 1964, apart from their compensatory allowance, hill allowance, winter allowance, etc., which are also included in this grant.

So far the point raised by Mr. Barua regarding giving of revised pay scale to teachers of Government Aided Schools is concerned, I would like to say that the benefit of the revised pay scale has not yet been given to Government Aided Schools as the Education Department Rules had to be amended and the application of the revision of pay scales for Government officers had to be made applicable to Aided School teachers for which a Cabinet decision has been taken recently. These teachers will be given time to exercise their option to abide by the revised rules to be eligible for the revised pay scales. This will take some time. As soon as the teachers' options are given those who opt by the revised rules will be given the revised scale of pay.

So far as the Dibrugarh University is concerned, you know, Sir, under the Dibrugarh University Act, a sum of Rs.20 lakhs is to be given as grant by Government annually towards recurring expenditure. During the current year, we sanctioned Rs.1,00,000 already. Another sum of Rs.3 lakhs has been sanctioned by taking an advance from Contingency Fund. The Supplementary Demand for Rs.3 lakhs is to regularise this advance from the Contingency Fund. No fund could be provided in the original budget as the Dibrugarh University Act was passed after the budget was prepared. I think, this will make clear the question raised by the hon. Member.

Sir, Shri Barua has asked for details about the sum meant for the Gandhi Mandap and Martyrs' Memorial. I would like to say that the whole project will be of about Rs.16 lakhs. There is Trust Board of which the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup is the Secretary. In a recent meeting held on 10th September, 1965, of the Trust Board, it was recommended that a sum of Rs.22,500 be sanctioned to the Mahatma Gandhi Mandap and



Martyrs' Memorial Fund at Gauhati for carrying out construction works including Acquisition of land and widening of the road at Sarania, etc., the amount was advanced from Contingency Fund. And now the Education Department have sought for sanction of this amount for regularisation. It is proposed to meet the cost of acquisition of land and for construction of the road connecting the Mandap during the current financial year as I have already mentioned. So far as the scholarships to the economically backward students are concerned, the provision in the Budget was found to be inadequate and as there has been a large number of applications and the fund was not much, we had to take advance from the Contingency Fund to meet the deficit, and this amount of Rs.14,76,000 has to be granted for regularisation.

As regards the awarding scholarships to Sainik Schools students, Sir, as the hon. Members are aware, this is the only school of its type in our State and almost all the students studying there are getting scholarships subject to the means test. At the moment 196 students are studying there and another hundred will be admitted shortly. So far 152 scholarships have been awarded and hundred more scholarships will be awarded from the annual provision for 1966-67. Now, 74 students have been admitted in January, 1966. The amounts have been obtained from the Contingency Fund, and the supplementary demand is only for regularisation of that. Sir, these are my submissions on the points raised by the hon. Members. And as regards Primary education in hills, Sir, it is to be looked into by the respective District Councils. But we have to provide money for the pay of teachers and other things. The additional amount is required to give effect to the revised scales of pay to Government teachers now serving in the District Councils for the years 1964-65 and 1965-66 including special compensatory allowance, winter allowance and so on and so forth. Sir, I think I have covered the points raised by the hon. Members, and I hope they will be satisfied with my explanations, and I would request them to withdraw the Cut Motion.

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Sir, about Mahatma Gandhi Mandap and Martyrs' Memorial, I would like to inform the House that the Trust has finally selected the Sarania Hill of Gauhati as the site for this Memorial. The bulk of the land that is required belongs to the Everest; only a few plots of land will have to be acquired. A road is being constructed. The scheme which has been drawn up would cost about fifteen lakhs of rupees.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Anything more to be clarified?

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE:** Yes, Sir, I would like to know from the Deputy Minister, Education certain things. I understand the Aided High School teachers are not getting their pay according to the revised scales within this financial year and it will take at least 3 or 4 months more to give benefit of the revised scale; due to some difficulties. I would like to know what are the reasons for which it seems it will take another 3-4 months' time for them to get the revised scales of pay.

**Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA:** Sir, the revised scales have been given to teachers and staff of the Government schools and colleges. The benefit of the revised pay scale has not yet been given to Government Aided Schools as the Education Department Rules had to be amended and the application of the revision of pay scales for Government officers have to be made extended to Aided School teachers for which a Cabinet decision has been taken already. But the Aided School teachers will have to exercise



option for the revised pay scales for which they will have to be given certain time-limit. Taking all this into account, I think it will take at least 2 months more.

(The Cut Motion was then withdrawn with the leave of the House).

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The question is that an additional amount of Rs.60,95,801 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966, for the administration of the head "28.—Education".

(The question was adopted).

#### DEMAND No.14

#### "28.—Education—E—Technical Education"

**Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA (Deputy Minister):** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.1,88,000, be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "28.—Education—E.—Technical Education". Sir, there is an explanatory note and the explanation given there will, I think, serve the purpose.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. Any Cut Motion?

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):** Sir, we do not like to move Cut Motion. But I would like to know something. Sir, in the Explanatory Note, it has been stated that the "Additional amount of Rs.1,88,000 is required to meet the expenditures for revision of the scales of pay, the revision of the rates of Travelling Allowance; payment for electrical charges. Hence the Supplementary Demand". Sir, we would like to get the break up of this expenditure.

**Shrimati KOMOL KUMARI BARUA:** Yes, Sir, since the pay scales have been revised, accordingly the rates of Travelling Allowance and Dearness Allowance are also revised. That is why, because of these revised rates of Travelling Allowance there has been increase of expenditure on that account. Moreover, the intake capacity of some of our institutions have been raised. That is why we have to incur some more expenditure under the head, Sir.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Now I put the main question—the question is that an additional amount of Rs.1,88,000 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "28.—Education—E—Technical Education".

(The question was adopted)

#### DEMAND No.15

#### "29 Medical"

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Health):** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.10,00,850, be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "29—Medical". Sir, the purpose for which this extra amount is necessary has been explained in the Explanatory Note.



**Mr. SPEAKER :** The Motion is moved. Any Cut Motion?

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora) :** Sir, I beg to move the following Cut Motion: "That the total provision of Rs.10,00,850 under Supplementary Demand No.15, Major head "29.—Medical" at page 30 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re.1, i. e., the amount of the whole supplementary demand of Rs.10,00,850, do stand reduced by Re.1. Sir, in the Explanatory Note, it has been stated—"That the additional grant is required under (1) Pay of Officers Rs.14,808, and Establishment Rs.4,88,193, and of (3) Casual employees Rs.50,000 owing to the revision of pay scales". It is not clear why the additional grant is required under 'Pay of Officers' and under 'Establishment' and so on. What the Minister means by "Establishment Charges"? Does it include the pay in the revised scale? If this is so, then he could have given in the Explanatory Note as to whether this amount is required to give effect to the revised pay scales. But it was mentioned that it is for Establishment charges i. e., Rs.4,88,193. This point needs be clarified. Again the additional amount is required (3) Casual employees Rs.50,000. Now what are those Casual employees? Casual employees is a vague term. What does he mean by that? When the Medical Minister has come up with this demand for Rs.50,000 for Casual employees, in the Explanatory Note he has stated that "owing to revision of scales of pay, and also due to the (4) fact that more funds are required to meet the expenditure owing to increase in the activities of the institutions and rise in the prices of articles for smooth running of the Primary Health Unit". What are those increased activities, Sir? That is a vague thing. Is it that Family Planning or charitable dispensary or the Primary Units? What are those institutions, I would like to know from the Minister in-charge. Sir, moreover, he has stated that "more funds are required to meet the expenditure owing to increase in the activities of the institutions and rise in the prices of articles Rs.1,49,994 for smooth running of the Primary Health Units". Sir, whether that amount of Rs.1,49,994 will be spent for ration for the indoor patients or for medicines or anything else, we would like to know from the Minister. Again as he has stated "for smooth running of the Primary Health Units". Whether they are not running smoothly nowadays? Sir, the additional grants are required under "Pay of officers and pay of Establishment owing to the revision of scales of pay" as stated under D(d) of the Note, i. e. Medical Colleges and Schools under Pay of Officers, the Grant originally voted was Rs.1,89,200. Now the Minister has come up for an additional demand under this head of Rs.5,900. So these points are not clear. Sir, the Medical Minister is always very brief. He is always brief in his replies during Question Hour also. So also he is brief in his Explanatory notes for supplementary demands. We would like to get more details from him, Sir, and hence the Cut Motion.

**Mr. SPEAKER :** The Cut Motion is moved. Yes, Mr. Mookerjee.

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Health) :** Sir, I start from the end. Now, the remark is that during the question hour also I am brief and he also I am brief. Sir, I am wrong in my calculations. The Explanatory Note is quite clear here provided one wants really to understand it. Sir, for the hon. Members who are attending the fifth Budget Session of this Assembly, I thought, this Explanatory Note will be enough to clarify the position. It is my misfortune, as I have already stated, I am wrong in my calculation. Sir, I do not know, whether in the past I stated something about the famous mathematician Gaurishankar. Sir, when he was Professor



in charge of mathematics in the Scottish Church College, Calcutta he was explaining a sum in the blackboard in three lines, when the Inspector of Colleges entered. The Inspector asked him why the sum had been explained in three lines when he (Inspector) could explain it in two lines. The mathematician rubbed out the three lines and explained the sum in two lines. He then told the Inspector that for the students of his class he was explaining the sum in three lines, for him (the Inspector) he explained it in two line. But one line was sufficient for a student of his own college and he did so. I find a similar case here also.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Sir, may I know is he a mathematician like Gaurishankar?

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** Sir, if you allow me to answer this question, I can give a very good reply. I always bow down to your ruling. Now, the point is very clear here. Due to the revision of pay scales practically 3/4th of this amount is necessary. I have already explained it in a previous case also. When the budget was prepared it was placed before the Finance Department. Sir, when the effect of the revised pay scales would be given was not known to us. It is still under consideration. That is why this extra amount is necessary and you will find that in all the demands for grants which have been placed before you, we require a substantial amount for this particular purpose. Now, regarding the casual employees their pay, etc., are unlike the Grade IV employees of the Government. They are not in the regular establishment. That is why this extra amount for these employees is necessary. That has been given separately here. Then the next explanation is that my friend raised a very pertinent question—"Is it for the Primary Health Unit or for something else? Sir, may I with your permission, request the hon. Friend to look at page 30—Item B (f) where it has been written—"Hospitals and Dispensaries Establishment of Primary Health Units." So it is perfectly clear, Sir. What is the use of roaming in the darkness?

**Shri ROTHINDRA NATH SEN (Karimganj-North):** We wanted to hear you for some time.

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** Then, Sir, for the Medical Colleges and Schools, it is also there. This amount is necessary for the College. So far as the Officers and establishment are concerned that will be required in every year. As regards the additional amount as pay of officers, that is necessary owing to the revision of pay scales. Sir, that also has been made clear. Now, Sir, about the activities of family planning, organisation I shall mention certain points. Sir, the activities both in the Primary Health Centre as well as outside the centre within the jurisdiction of that Primary Unit are these. There are some Sub-centres. So, if the activities are increased in those centres, naturally it requires some extra amount. And as you know with prices of foodstuff increasing the expenditure for Indoor Patients is also increasing. These are the main reasons for asking for this extra amount. Sir, my friend is very kind sometimes to help those suffering people. But when the poor Minister comes for help, he always denies the help. I hope he will take my statement in right spirit and will try to help me.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** One point remains to be attended. Whether the Primary Health Units are running smoothly?



**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** Sir, when the money is not there how it will be possible to run the Primary Health Units smoothly? It is a very simple thing, Sir. That is why this amount is necessary.

(The Cut Motion was then withdrawn with the leave of the House).

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Now, I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.10,00,85) be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "29—Medical."

(The question was adopted).

#### DEMAND No.16

#### "30—Public Health."

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Health):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs.50,14,600 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "30—Public Health."

**Mr. SPEAKER :** Motion moved. There is a cut motion. Shri Barua.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move my cut motion. That the total provision of Rs.50,14,600 under Supplementary Demand No.16, Major Head "30—Public Health" at Page 32—33 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re 1, i. e. the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs.50,14,600; do stand reduced by Re 1.

Sir, in moving my cut motion, I would like to make certain observation. Sir, here in the Explanatory Notes we find that—"additional amounts are required for implementation of the Pay scales of 1964 for the Normal staff and the staff entertained for Refugee Rehabilitation (Rs.4,45,000) for General and Rs.64,000 for Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas and for extra staff entertained for mass cholera inoculation (Rs.1,37,000) for General and Rs.17,000 for Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas as preventive measures as it has been forecast that 1966 will be an epidemic year."

Sir, in respect of recurrence of epidemic in the year 1966 they can forecast whereas they cannot forecast that additional amount for extra staff will be required for the epidemic. Sir, it would have been better to bring the extra staff under the normal staff. Sir, I want to know whether the entire amount is spent or not. Another thing, Sir, instead of putting this amount under 2 heads, it would have been better if it is put under T. A. D. in General demand. Sir, in respect of refugees, we have got large amount from the Government of India. Then, what is the necessity on the part of the Government of Assam to spend for the refugees? I want to get clarification on this particular point.



Sir, again, we find that "for extra contingent expenditure in connection with Normal staff and Refugee Rehabilitation (Rs.1,00,000 and Rs.60,000 respectively."

Sir, this is also not clear. This amount is shown in 5 Contingencies but 5(a) and 5(b) have not been mentioned. What does it mean? In A(c) only there is mention of Maternity and Child Welfare Scheme, but no details have been given. Therefore, we want to know from the honourable Minister how this amount can be accounted for. Sir, another thing, Refugee Rehabilitation has no business with the Medical Department. It is a separate issue. We want to get clarification of this also.

Again, "additional grant is required for payment of arrear liabilities which required pre-audit and huge accumulation of D. B. Bills for cholera and small-pox vaccines which are to be adjusted during the current financial year". Sir, what does it show? It shows the greatest inefficiency on the part of the Government. Sir, in what way these D. B. Bills are accumulated? If proper care is taken in time such arrear liabilities would not have occurred. We want to get a proper reply from the Minister.

Sir, again we find in G (a) The amount of Rs.3,93,600 is required to supplement the Budget provision of Rs.1,50,000 for carrying out the emergency water supply at Aijal by bringing water from the river by trucks and pumping machines, as the supply of water from the tanks is very inadequate. The existing provision is found too inadequate to cope with the requirement. The water scarcity at Aijal is a regular feature especially during the dry months of the year when water has to be brought to the town for distribution. The need for this extra funds cropped up only after estimates have been passed and that the same could not be provided through a schedule. Hence the demand.

Sir, it is a fact that there is great scarcity of water in Mizo Hills and especially at Aijal Town and in the suburbs. But my point is that the Government have already prepared certain schemes after proper verification of soil test, preparation of estimates and other things required for the purpose? Why did they cannot foresee this expenditure before, specially at the time of preparing the schemes. Why they could not prepare a budget properly. Are we to understand that they prepared the schemes without doing the soil test and other factors? Therefore, Sir, I submit that this scheme cannot be an up-to-date one which only shows the inefficiency of the Government.

Again, Sir, out of Rs.21,54,000, a sum of Rs.9,54,000 was advanced from Contingency Fund during 1964-65, that is Rs.8,17,000 for General and Rs.1,37,000 Sixth Schedule. Now the Supplementary Demand for Rs.9,54,000 is required to regularise the advance taken from Contingency Fund and the balance amount of Rs.12,00,000 is required for drawal of pay and allowance of the Officers, Establishment and those of the casual employees in the revised scales of pay, 1964 and also for drawal of Travelling Allowance and Dearness Allowance at the revised rates. Now, generally we find that this amount has been taken from the Contingency Fund and from the Finance Department. So, this ought to have been taken from the Contingency Fund also. I do not know why this has come to this particular head. It is very irregular. Sir, when the revised scales of pay as sanctioned by the Pay Committee is not yet given, in what way these casual employees will be paid?



The grants under 124 Capital Outlay, etc., provided under the same scheme will stand reduced by the same amount, hence this will exceed neither the total Plan ceiling nor the ceiling fixed for the scheme. The similar amount of Rs.1,200 will be surrendered in due course from the head "124—Capital Outlay". So, Sir, if the amount is to be surrendered why this demand has come? Why this adjustment is going to be made now and why was it not done earlier? I do not know why this could not be included in the general budget. Then again, Sir, it is stated that the Government of India sanctioned a sum of Rs.5 lakhs for Sonari and Borhat Water Supply Schemes during the current financial year, 1965-66 under Local Development Programme. Accordingly a sum of Rs.5 lakhs from Contingency Fund was taken. Hence the Supplementary Demand for regularisation. Sir, so far I know Sonari Development Scheme and Borhat Water Supply Scheme were finalised long ago and as far as I can remember the work for these schemes was started in 1965. Now of course the Government of India has given financial assistance particularly for these schemes. I do not understand why these schemes were not included in the general budget of the Public Health Engineering Department and I do not understand how the Government can justify this. With these observations, Sir, I request the Minister-in-charge to clarify the position as asked for.

Thank you, Sir.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):** Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in support of the cut motion moved by my friend Shri Dulal Chandra Barua I want to make a few observations. Sir, in the Explanatory Notes it has been stated that additional amounts are required for implementation of the Revision of Pay scales of 1964 for the Normal staff and the staff entertained for Refugees Rehabilitation (Rs.4,45,000) for General and Rs.64,000 for the Sixth Scheduled (Part A) Areas and for extra staff entertained for mass cholera inoculation (Rs 37,000) for general and Rs.17,000 for Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas as preventive measure as it has been forecast that 1966 will be an epidemic year. "Sir, first of all I want to know the staffing pattern of the camps where there is the skeleton staff of this department to run their activities. Moreover, Sir, I want to know how many people were vaccinated during the year 1964-65. Sir, I say it because during this year everybody knows that more than 1,500 people died of cholera in the State. Moreover small-pox has also broken out in different parts of the State especially in Silchar Subdivision. Sir, I know in Silchar town itself many persons died during 3 or 4 months. This year has also been declared as epidemic year and I therefore want to know how many people have been inoculated before the epidemic was declared and after that.

Sir, regarding water supply scheme at Aijal an amount of Rs.3,93,600 is required to supplement the Budget provision of Rs.1,50,000 for carrying out the emergency water supply at Aijal. Sir, may I know whether this amount will be sufficient to run the water supply scheme at Aijal, whether it will be sufficient to cater the needs of the people especially after the emergency? Sir, it has also been stated that the Government of India sanctioned a sum of Rs 5 lakhs for Sonari and Borhat Water Supply scheme and I want to know whether the Government of India sanctioned the scheme and whether the approval of the Government of India to these schemes was obtained late for which the Government has come forward for this grant at the close of the year.



In this connection, Sir, I draw the attention of the Medical Minister that last year in Silchar Town a sum of Rs.5 lakhs was spent for the purchase of Pipe. For this year another amount of Rs.5 lakhs was necessary to carry on the works during 1965-66 but I find nothing here. If this amount is not sanctioned then the work will be stopped. I would therefore like to know whether any amount has been provided for the Silchar Water Supply Scheme.

Thank you, Sir.

**SHRI BAIDYA NATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Health)** Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, I have noted down the main relevant points and I shall give my reply to these points accordingly. Sir, one thing has really surprised me very much. Sir, the hon. Members accused this department saying this department could not foresee anything and that this department does not know budgeting. They also accused this department as most inefficient and all that. The only sentence that I can say in reply is that "Let God give them power of understanding." Sir, I can only explain matters but cannot give the power of understanding. They can call me anything they like because I am a public man; but to call this department inefficient, there is no valid reason whatsoever and this should be avoided. Sir, it is a well known fact that most of the members who criticize the department do not know that the department does not get the amount it asks for. In most cases the Finance Department, according to the financial position, review the demands. Am I clear Sir? As for example, for a particular purpose a scheme was submitted to the Finance Department for inclusion in the budget. They reduced it. I do not blame the Finance Department. They reduced it sometimes to one lakh and sometimes to one lakh 20 thousands in place of 2 lakhs. Sir, at the beginning when the budget is prepared the Finance Department review it and try to adjust the expenditure. Sir, this is a common practice. In every household even our illiterate ladies also know this kind of adjustment. Sir, it is not that we did not ask for the required amount. In one particular case I asked for an amount of Rs. 1 crore and a few thousand and I was given only Rs. 67 lakhs.

I had to be satisfied at that time. Now after I go on spending the amount under different heads I find that it has become practically impossible. I approach the Finance Department again with supplementary demand, then also in most cases the entire amount is not given. That is why sometimes we come up before this august House for the second or third time with supplementary demands. I appeal to my hon. friends to remember this—that it is not the fault of the particular department that they have provided a smaller sum in comparison to the sum that is necessary for the purpose. That is why the supplementary demands become necessary in more than 95 per cent cases. I do not mean to say that due to defective budgeting and calculation we do not approach the Finance Department for supplementary grants; we do that sometimes. I do not deny that. But generally the amount which we ask we do not get in full. I hope my friends, in view of the background I have given, will realise the position of the particular Department and consider my replies accordingly.

Now, Sir, it was asked by my friend Shri Barua why we could not foresee the coming epidemic and why we did not make any provision for that. The explanation which I gave before will not apply here and it requires a special clarification. At the end of the year, most probably, October or November—we got the warning from the Government of India that 1966 would be an epidemic year. That is why, Sir,



being forewarned we had to employ extra hands for inoculating our people in time. Now, a point may be raised that even after inoculation there are cases of cholera. Even after vaccination there are pox cases. Formerly, not only a non-technical man like myself, but even technical men—I mean doctors—were under the impression that the potentiality lasts for about six months so far as cholera inoculation is concerned. But I could later on learn from an article which was published in the Statesman about a couple of months or three months back, according to which the doctors say that it lasts from three to four months. Sir, the warning is for the current year and we are doing our best. But if the potentiality is for three to four months we require at least three times more inoculations. Now, so far as small pox is concerned, of course, the potentiality remains for a longer period, but it has been said by my friend from Silchar—Mr. Bhattacharjee that due to small pox many people have died. There is no denying the fact that many persons died of small pox; even today some persons might have died here and there. The difficulty is this—there is a section of people who do not like to get themselves vaccinated. How many times a vaccinator can go to a particular person's house or to a particular village? Now we are having the help of Gaon Panchayats and Anchalik Panchayats, but still it has become very difficult for the inoculators and vaccinators to get everybody vaccinated or inoculated. Some persons have got some prejudice and some say, "After being inoculated and vaccinated when I get fever what shall I eat tomorrow, what my family will eat tomorrow?" This is a valid argument, they have the right to say that, but at the same time what this poor Department can do? In case of vaccination—when it is successful, the sore is there, and the temperature is there and the poor people really suffer. By cajoling we are trying to bring them round. We say to them, "Suffer once for two or three days and save your lives". In this way we are trying to do the work. But in some cases we could not get their co-operation at all as in the case of Family Planning. So public leaders like my friend should help us in such attempts without leaving the entire burden on the shoulders of the Minister or the Department. After all the people are not only of the Minister or the Department; they belong to this country and every Member and public leader—some of whom represent one lakh of people and some more than that have got to perform their duties not only to the people they represent but to other people as well. I would request, rather appeal to the leaders, that they should look not only to the people of their respective constituencies but to the people of other places as well. I appeal to them to make an attempt to persuade people to get themselves vaccinated and inoculated in time.

Regarding the other points raised by my friend, *viz.*, Refugees and Rehabilitation, water works and malaria, the money which we got from the Central Government was not given to any particular person to use in any way he likes. It has to be entered in the Accounts. At the beginning we are to spend money and then we get reimbursement from the Centre.

All my friends present here will agree with me that we the Government of Assam here also got a duty towards the refugees. I have now found that there is one friend who does not agree with me. If I am wrong I shall be the happiest man. (*A voice: Do not take notice of it.*) How can I? An Hon'ble friend of this House who proclaims to possess all the intelligence in the world, how can I ignore him? A man coming



and taking part in this Legislature for over four years accuses the Health Department personnel who are sincerely trying to serve the people not for the sake of money alone but also for the sake of service to the ailing humanity, saying they are inefficient and all that. But, Sir, I feel that my friend when he said that he did not agree with me this expresses from his lips and not from his heart. A man cannot be so unkind to a set of persons who had to flee to a different land leaving their hearths and homes behind. However, Sir, if he is satisfied with this, let him be satisfied, but I shall remain sorry for him. It does not matter to me a bit, but still being a man of this country and specially of this State where so many refugees are coming, I cannot overlook his remarks.

(A voice: Make room for all of us).

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** You stick to the point.

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE:** Sir, I am sticking to the point. I am speaking about the refugees. These helpless persons like gypsies move from one place to the other, and if the man who has taken their stand be also one of them, he feels more for them. Sir, I am also in a sense a displaced person. So, I have got a soft corner for them. My friend may pass any remark he likes, but, Sir, the point remains, the fact remains, that I am feeling for these persons, and I shall always feel for them. I am extremely sorry, Sir, that my friend has misunderstood me. My point is that the remark he passed came out of his lips not from his heart; that is quite clear. I do not mean any aspersion. I simply say that he is not serious when he remarked like this. For the sake of saying he said it, it did not come out of his heart.

Sir, regarding water works, the point is that the amount which was provided in the budget is for more water in the storage. There are three storage reservoirs in the Aijal town, where rain water accumulates. We were under the impression that God will be kind and we will get more rain and then there will be no necessity for bringing water from Sairang which is 14 miles from the town. Sir, we are not astrologers. We had no hand in this matter (A voice: You ought to have been a musician). Now, it seems, my friend has understood the position. It will appear that he was not very serious at that moment. When my friend represents the youngmen that spirit must be there. I would like it. There were days when we were also of the same type. Sir, you have seen the demonstration of my friend everyday, and, sometimes I had to request some of my friends sitting by his side by *isara* 'Please move away'. You will notice, Sir, when he speaks how he moves, how he raises his hand, finger and everything.

There was another point—when Rs.12 lakhs is already available why there should be extra expenditure. Sir, this is a question of change of head—from one head to another. If a question is raised, "Why are you changing this head from one to another?" My reply would be: this is according to the direction of the Central Government. Sir, though we are taking this amount under this head, actually it is not an extra expenditure, an equivalent amount will be credited to another relevant head.



Another point was raised regarding pre-audit. I am trying to explain all the points to the best of my ability. As regards the point of pre-audit, if six months elapse before the bill is paid, it must be pre-audited. A question may be raised: "Why it goes beyond that limit?" It requires explanation. Suppose, Sir, we receive a bill and we are not satisfied with the bill—there might be some miscalculation, there might be some unintentional entry; naturally to clarify the position it takes a little time and then pre-audit becomes necessary. It goes to the Accountant General's Office, and after that when we receive o.k. from him we make the payment. In the case of big amounts, that is a case of book transfer. We take vaccines from the Vaccines Depot and inoculation ampoules from the Pasteur Institute the amounts in these cases are adjusted by book transfer, that is, from one branch of the department it will go to another branch. If we do not do this, not only the hon. Members but also the Accountant General will jump on us. So, Sir, it is sometimes necessary to delay matters to be on the safe side. So, I hope my friend will try to understand our difficulties. I have tried to explain them fully and in details.

One point only remains whether the amount which has been provided including the supplementary demand, would be enough to meet the requirements of water supply at Aijal. Sir, when this supplementary demand was placed before Finance, before the Hon. Members of this House, we had no idea that our M. N. F. friends would behave in the way they did and this situation would be created. Now, there might be some scarcity of water and it will be more costly to bring water. There is no sign of rain and we are all feeling the scarcity of water everywhere. If there is no rain for few days it might be necessary to bring water by trucks, but trucks are also difficult to get. Sir, I hope the hon. Member who raised this point will be satisfied with this explanation. Sir, you have noticed that they were laughing at the end and so I am sure they have understood the difficulty and they will see their way to withdraw their cut motion.

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Are you going to withdraw the cut motion ?

(Voices: Yes, yes)

The cut motion stands withdrawn with the leave of the House. I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 50,14,600, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "30.—Public Health".

(The question was apotted)

Demand No. 17.

"31.—Agriculture"

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture):** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that additional amount of Rs 17,56,942, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "31.—Agriculture".



**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Motion moved. Are you going to move the cut motion ?

(Voices: No, No)

I put the question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 17,56,942, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "31st - Agriculture".

(The question was adopted)

Demand No. 18

**"33.—Animal Husbandry.**

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry):** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 22,49,000, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "33.—Animal Husbandry".

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Motion moved.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Sir, I beg to move the following cut motion: That the total provision of Rs. 22,49,000 under Supplementary Demand No. 18, Major head "33.—Animal Husbandry" at pages 38—44 of the List of Supplementary Demands, be reduced by Re. 1., i.e., the amount of the whole supplementary demands of Rs. 22,49,000 do stand reduced by Re. 1." Sir, while moving my cut motion I want to make a few observations. In the explanatory note at page 45 it is stated against 10 (d) that "the amount of Rs. 10,50,000 is required in connection with purchase of milk from the rural areas to meet the growing demand of Army personnel as well as of the Civil population of the Gauhati and Shillong town and the same was advanced from the Contingency Fund as sanctioned, vide Finance Department Memo No. FC. 269/66-66, dated 8th November, 1965. The balance is for additional requirement under pay heads due to revision of scales of pay. Hence the Supplementary Demand for regularisation of the Advance taken from the Contingency Fund and for additional requirement".

Sir, in this connection I want to know from the hon. Minister that we had certain schemes, one at Upper Shillong and one at Khanapara for which provision was made in the last year's budget. Of course, Military supply is an emergency but so far as we remember, the hon. Minister told that the production of milk in the Upper Shillong Farm and Khanapara farm is sufficient enough to meet at least 70 per cent to 80 per cent of the population of Shillong and Gauhati towns. Therefore, I want to know what is the quantity of milk produced in these two farms every day and what is the amount we have spent so far. And whether we have spent this entire amount for military supply or some part of this amount has been utilised in these two farms. Then it is stated that "the amount of Rs. 1,00,000 is required for meeting the expenditure in connection with printing of forms, etc., for Livestock



Census, 1966". Sir, I think this is a new thing. So far as we remember it has not been mentioned in the last session and at the same time it has been provided in the last Budget. Therefore, we want to know the details of the Livestock Census.

Then, Sir, Rs. 5,00,000 has provided under the head B—3(a), and (b) E—3(a) (Ivii), (xi), (xiii), (Xv), (Xvii), (ixx); F—3(a) Iiii, (v); C(v) (d)(iii) and IV and stated 'special development scheme is required for taking up certain additional schemes and expansion programme of existing poultry farms, etc., as decided in the Development Committees' meeting held on 31st January, 1966. The amount has been allocated to this Department by P. and D. out of savings from the annual plan, 1965-66; hence the Supplementary Demand to provide the fund in the current year's Budget." This is also a new scheme and according to rules the House must be apprised of the details of the scheme at least three days ahead. Now we want to know the details from the hon. Minister. Here also it is stated that the additional requirement under all the pay heads are required for giving effect to the revised scales of pay 1964. Therefore, it is overlapping. Moreover, one item relates to one thing and the other relates to another. Therefore, we want a clarification about this. We also want to know the position of the Livestock farms at Khanapara, Barpeta, Dibrugarh and Ghungoor. We do not know at what stage these farms are, whether they are in a productive stage or in the initial stage. We also want to know from the hon. Minister whether the Key Village scheme was implemented successfully and whether we are getting something out of it. Now, at page 41, it is stated, for Livestock Census, additional amount now required as in column (6) Rs. 1,00,000 and already for this Rs. 15,900 has been granted by this House by a supplementary demand earlier during the year. I want to know the details of this census operation as there is only mention that this amount is required for Livestock Census and more details have not been furnished.

Then about Veterinary Field Assistant Training Rs. 10,000 for pay of officer and Rs. 1,400 for pay of establishment and for other things have been asked for by this supplementary demand. Sir, this is an old scheme, yet every year we are voting for this kind of supplementary demand. I want to know from the hon. Minister why this expenditure could not be foreseen and adjusted accordingly in the general budget and why at this far end of the year he has come with this demand.

Now, I want to know whether this amount asked for in this demand has already been spent and I want to know whether the Key Village Centres are successfully working. Also I want to know the quantity of milk supplied to the Military and to our civil population at Gauhati and Shillong and whether the Farms supplying the milk for the purpose are working satisfactorily.

With these few words, I commend my cut motion for the acceptance of the House.

**Mr. SPEAKER:** Cut motion moved.

**Shri TARAPADA BHATTACHARJEE (Katigora):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, in supporting the cut motion moved by my hon. Friend Shri Dulal Chandra Barua, I would like to peak a few sentences.



Regarding Rs. 1 lakh mentioned for printing of forms for the live-stock Census, I want to know from hon. Minister whether the persons required for this purpose for having this scheme successfully operated have already been appointed and whether we have only now asked for money for printing forms and afterwards, say next year, we will have to grant another amount for pay of the personnel for doing the job?

Then, regarding Rs. 10.50 lakhs, which is required for supplying of milk for Army personnel and civil population of Gauhati and Shillong. I want to know whether this milk will be made available to the persons of the civil population who are suffering and hard-hit for want of good milk especially for mothers of infants and infants. Whether Government has formulated a scheme to supply milk to people who are in dire need of milk, as you know, Sir, now-a-days milk is very scarce and if it is available in some quantity also it is mixed with water. If we can supply milk to deserving people, especially, children, we would surely support the scheme. I want also to know whether this scheme is extended to civil population also besides Military in supply of milk.

As regards the amount of Rs. 5,00,000 for special development scheme for taking up certain additional schemes and expansion programme of existing Poultry Farms, etc., as decided in the Development Committee meeting held on 31st January, 1966, I want to know whether it has been decided to develop some Poultry Farms and if so which are those Farms?

With these few words, I support the cut motion.

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY, (Minister, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry):** Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there seems to be some misconception about the whole matter. The amounts for which I have come before the House are not for any new census. The money asked for Livestock Census is not for a new service as the scheme for Live-stock Census is already there. The census is not taken every year; it is taken every five years. This scheme is an approved one. Whenever we need money for expenditure for carrying on the census operation after every five years we come before the august House for the amount. The amount we have asked for is for printing necessary forms because the census will be taken soon. But for this no extra staff is required as the same is done with the help of officers of the department and if some other departments, such as, Forest and Revenue Department or whatever the source from which existing staff is available.

Then with regard to the amount of Rs. 10.50 lakhs which I have asked for with regard to the Milk Scheme, this has very little to do with the existing Dairy Farms. The hon. Members may know that we are operating a scheme in Shillong and Gauhati where we collect milk from rural areas and after due processing distribute the same to civil population of Gauhati and Shillong and also the Military. This is approved scheme and the House provided money for it, but my difficulty is that the amount is not a revolving one. As soon as milk is purchased from villages payments are made in cash for the same and the sale proceeds of these milk are deposited to the Treasuries by the Department. This way money gets exhausted. Because of increased activities, as the sale proceed deposited in treasuries thus exhausts.



the sanctioned sum, we want this money to purchase milk, however I make it clear that as the sale proceeds are being deposited in the treasuries which are coming back to the Government, so this is like taking an advance most of which we will get back. Therefore, there is no question of farms here; the amount we have asked for is for purchasing milk and distributing the same after due processing to the civil population and Military at Gauhati and Shillong.

Coming to the amount of Rs.5,00,000, which we have asked for, it is for the development programme of the existing Poultry Farms. This is again not a new thing. All these farms, names of which have been given in details under the demand, are carrying on these activities from before.

Sir, you know there is great demand for poultry as well as eggs from public and the demand is increasing daily with the result that the activities of the Poultry Farms are also increasing considerably. While taking into account earlier the capacity of the various other departments to spend the money allotted to them, it was found that certain departments would be lagging behind in respect of spending the purchase money allotted for them. The hon. Members know if there is any money which is likely to be surrendered in the Plan by any Department the same can be diverted in favour of Agriculture Departments for taking more activities although money provided for Agriculture Group can't be diverted for any other Department. In this case, as the Veterinary Department had already shown a better performance and thus it spent the entire amount placed at its disposal, therefore, the State Development Committee was pleased enough to divert this amount to the Veterinary Department to take up further activities with regard to the schemes which were in progress. The works have been going on. I have come to the House for formal approval of the sum about which details have been given in the explanatory note.

I may tell the hon. Members that in all these years, the poultry programme has made a significant progress and there are increased activities. Rest of the money that has been asked for under this Grant is for pay officers or the establishments under them and it is necessary because of the revision of pay scales. If the name of Key Villages Officer has been mentioned here, it is not that we are asking for a new service, but for the increased pay to be provided for the employees under that scheme necessitated by the revision of the pay scale. I think the explanations I have given will meet the objections and the hon. Members will be pleased to withdraw their Cut Motion.

(The Cut Motion was then withdrawn with the leave of the House)

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I put the main question. The question is that additional amount of Rs.22,49,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "33.—Animal Husbandry".

(The question was adopted)



## DEMAND No. 19

## "38—Labour and Employment"

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** (Minister, Agriculture, Veterinary, etc.): Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.4,80,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966 for administration of the head "38.—Labour and Employment."

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved. Now I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.4,80,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "38.—Labour and Employment".

(The question was adopted)

## DEMAND No. 20

"39—Miscellaneous Social and Developmental Organisation  
VII—Miscellaneous Soldiers, Sailors' and Airmen's Board"

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY** (Minister, Agriculture, Veterinary etc.): On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg to move, Sir, that an additional amount of Rs.3,25,100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1966, for administration of head "39.—Miscellaneous Social and Developmental Organisation—VII—Miscellaneous Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen's Board".

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved. So I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs.3,25,100 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "39.—Miscellaneous Social and Developmental Organisation—VII—Miscellaneous Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen's Board".

(The question was adopted)

## DEMAND No. 21

39—Miscellaneous Social and Developmental Organisation  
Miscellaneous (IX—Pooled Transport and Tourism)

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE** (Minister, Health, Excise, etc.): On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, Sir, I beg to move that an additional amount of Rs.4,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "39—Miscellaneous Social and Developmental Organisation—Miscellaneous (IX—Pooled Transport and Tourism)". Sir, the explanatory note will explain the position.



**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved, I put the question now. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 4,00,000 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "39—Miscellaneous, Social and Developmental Organisation—Miscellaneous (IX—Pooled Transport and Tourism)"

(The question was adopted).

#### DEMAND No. 22

44—I. N. E and D and 100—Capital Outlay on I. N. E and D.—Works (Non-Commercial).

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, P. W. D., F. C. & I. W.):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 1,75,60,000 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray, certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "44.—I. N. E. and D., and 100—Capital Outlay on I. N. E. and D.—Works (Non-Commercial)".

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved. So I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 1,75,60,000 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "44.—I. N. E. and D., and 100—Capital Outlay on I. N. E. and D.—Works (Non-Commercial)".

#### DEMAND No. 23

"45. Electricity Schemes, etc."

**Shri MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Agriculture):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 1,90,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "45.—Electricity Schemes, etc."

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved. I put the question now. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 1,90,000 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "45—Electricity Schemes, etc."

(The question was adopted).



## DEMAND No. 24.

**"50—Public Works—(Excluding Establishment, Tools and Plants)".**

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, P. W. D.):** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 6,39,90,254 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "50.—Public Works—(Excluding Establishment Tools and Plants)".

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved. Now the question is that an additional amount of Rs. 6,39,90,254 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "50.—Public Works—(Excluding Establishment, Tools and Plants)".

(The question was adopted).

## DEMAND No. 25

**"50—Public Works—(Establishment, Tools and Plants)".**

**Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Minister of State, P. W. D.):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam. I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 18,35,620 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966 for the administration of the head "50.—Public Works—(Establishment, Tools and Plants)".

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved. Therefore, I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 18,35,620 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "50.—Public Works—(Establishment Tools and Plants)".

(The question was adopted).

## DEMAND No. 26

**"57—Road and Water Transport Schemes—A—Road Transport—I—Working Expenses"**

**Shri BAIDYANATH MOOKERJEE (Minister, Health, Excise etc.):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 31,27,000 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the



administration of the head "57.—Road and Water Transport Schemes—A—Road Transport—I—Working Expenses." Sir, the purpose has been explained as given in the Explanatory Note.

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved. I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 31,27,000 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "57.—Road and Water Transport Schemes—A—Road Transport—I—Working Expenses".

(The question was adopted).

#### DEMAND No. 27

##### "70 Forests".

**Shri LALIT KUMAR DOLEY (Deputy Minister, Forests):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 17,99,776 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head, "70.—Forests."

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved. Therefore, I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 17,99,776 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "70.—Forests."

(The question was adopted).

#### DEMAND No. 28

##### "71—Miscellaneous (I—Expenditure on account of State Prisoners and Detenus, etc.)"

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 1,04,625 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "71—Miscellaneous—(I—Expenditure on account of State Prisoners and Detenus, etc.)".

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Motion is moved. No Cut Motion is moved. So, I put the question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 1,04,625 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1966, for the administration of the head "71—Miscellaneous—(I—Expenditure on account of State Prisoners and Detenus, etc.)".

(The question was adopted).



## DEMAND No. 29

**"71.—Miscellaneous (II—Donations for Charitable Purposes)"**

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** On the recommendation of the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional amount of Rs. 10,46,622 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "71.—Miscellaneous (II—Donations for Charitable Purposes, etc.). The explanatory note will explain the purpose for which the demand has been brought.

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The motion moved.

There is a Cut Motion.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Sir, I want to move the Cut Motion.

That the total provision of Rs. 10,46,622 under Supplementary Demand No. 29, Major head "71.—Miscellaneous (II—Donations for Charitable Purposes, etc.)" at page 65 of the List of Supplementary Demands be reduced by Re. 1, i.e., the amount of the whole Supplementary Demand of Rs. 10,46,622 do stand reduced by Re. 1.

Sir, while moving my Cut Motion, I want to make certain observations. Sir, here in the Explanatory Notes at page 66, it has been stated that an "Additional amount of Rs. 35,445, is required for meeting increased expenditure in connection with dieting charges, transport charges, non-criminal-lunatics and also for payment of pending bills."

"Another amount of Rs. 5,820 is also required under Sixth Schedule Areas for meeting expenditure in connection with non-criminals lunatics, etc."

But no detail has been given in the explanatory notes and we are not in a position to understand under 'transport charges' how much money will be required, and under 'dieting charges' how much money will be required?

Then in the same page under D(a) we find "an additional amount of Rs. 1,76,015 in General Areas and Rs. 5,496 under Sixth Schedule (Part A) Areas are necessary for meeting increased expenditure in connection with granting of revised pay and also other contingent expenditures such as furniture, pay of casual employees, electric charges, etc." Sir, for D(a) it has been mentioned at page 65 that it is for "Circuit and Session Houses". Sir, it appears that pages 65 and 66 are not the same and one does not tally with the other. At page 65 we do not find any provision for meeting increased expenditure in connection with the granting of revised pay and also other contingent expenditures such as furniture, pay of casual employees, electric charges. For that we want proper clarification



from the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Now in D(b) at page 66 we find that "the amount of Rs. 3,63,684 under Sixth Schedule Areas is required on the Transport and Commissioner's Establishment due to revision of pay scale and allowances and also for purchase of clothing and ration commodities to the porter corps". But in page 65 under D(b) we find it is written here "other petty establishment". Here also I fail to understand whether this is meant for the Transport and Commissioner's Establishment or not? What does it mean "other petty establishment"?

Sir, here I want to get clear clarification from the hon. Chief Minister.

Then we find "another amount of Rs. 2,069 is also necessary due to payment of arrears of revised scale of pay, 1964 to the establishment under Jowai Town Improvement". Sir, this amount is generally to be paid by T. A. D. I do not understand how it comes under this particular head. Sir, for this also I want clarification from the hon. Chief Minister.

Then in the same page under G. we find "Rates and Taxes—This amount is necessary for payment of arrear taxes and also Municipal Bills by the Deputy Commissioners, Goalpara and United Khasi and Jaintia Hills." Sir, I do not understand how this comes under this particular head. This is to be placed under the Local Self Government Department. How this has come here, I want a clarification.

Then in the same page under H, we find that "this amount of Rs. 10,000 was provided by an advance from Contingency Fund in order to help Sanjukta Sadachar Samity, Assam Branch, Jorhat to check corruption. If corruption could be prevented there will be saving of quite a large sum of money. As there was no provision in the Budget for this purpose, hence the Supplementary Demand to regularise the advance from the Contingency Fund". Sir, it is a matter of surprise that Rs. 10,000 has been provided by an advance from Contingency Fund in order to help Sanjukta Sadachar Samity to check corruption. Sir, I want to know what is the function of this Samity? Sir, it will not be out of place if I mention here that there is no such Samity in my Subdivision. Sir, I could not understand the reason why for checking corruption such a Samity will be required. Sir, so far as I know, I have heard the name of only one member who is a President of this Samity. I do not find any other member. Sir, it has been stated that if corruption could be prevented then there will be saving of quite a large sum of money. Sir, I am surprised as the detail is not given clearly here. Even the strongest Government machinery, the Anti-Corruption Branch itself, fails to remove corruption. Sir, when the strongest machinery of the Government fails to remove corruption, then how a Sadachar Samity can remove corruption? Sir, I am sure, corruption cannot be removed in this way. I think it will not be unparliamentary on my part if I say that it is a childish explanation that if corruption will be prevented, there will be saving of quite a large sum of money. Sir, in the name of this Samity we are going to spend a large sum money, then how the money will be saved? Sir, when a Government Organisation cannot tackle problems of corruption how an organisation like this will solve the problems of corruption? I want a clear clarification from the hon. Chief Minister.



Sir, I do not want to take much time of the House. I want to get clarification from the hon. Chief Minister that if such an expenditure is necessary for Sanjukta Sadachar Samity why budget provision was not made at the time of preparing the budget? I do not understand why supplementary grant is necessary for such kind of Sadachar Samity.

Then we find "the amount of Rs. 50,000 was required for sanctioning a grant in-aid to the District Council for Jowai Autonomous District and placing the same at the disposal of the Subdivisional Officer, Jowai to enable him to meet the obligatory expenses such as pay of officers and staff, etc., in connection with the administration of the Jowai Autonomous District till the formation of the District Council there. This being an unforeseen and immediate expenditure necessary advance was obtained from the Contingency Fund. Hence the demand to regularise the same". Sir, here also we have found that the money is going to be spent because of the unforeseen reason.

**Shri NILA KANTA HAZARIKA (Dergaon, Reserved for Scheduled Castes):** উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই দহ হাজাব টকা সদাচার কমিটিক নিদিয়াটোৰেই আটাইতকৈ ভাল কাম হব আৰু দিলে এটি বাজনৈতিক ভুল কৰা হব।

**\*Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member wanted that more details should be given in the supplementary demands. Sir, I submit that in supplementary demands, it is not supposed to give very much details. In any case, I would like to give as much details, which I have now, as possible. First, I deal with Sanjukta Sadachar Samity. I am afraid, the honourable member does not keep in touch with what is happening in the State and even at Jorhat, his native town. This Sadachar Samity was initiated by the Union Home Minister. The whole idea of the Samity is that social evils, particularly all sorts of corruptions are to be eradicated from our society, and that can be done only by a limited section. To get rid of such evils, there must be a conscious public opinion behind such movement. With this end in view, a State Branch of the All India Organisation was organised by holding a convention at Gauhati in which the Chief Justice of Assam and Nagaland High Court was there. I was also present in that meeting. This body was formally constituted and Shri Nilamoni Phukan was elected as President of the Samity. This Samity is recognised by the All India Organisation of Sadachar Samity. Of course, a few months back this organisation has been recognised. So, on one hand while we are keen to get rid of all sorts of corruption from our society and administration on the other hand, when we are going to form a society, we are getting the ridicule from the honourable member. Sir, I am sorry to tell the honourable member from Jorhat that if he visits the Deputy Commissioner's Court at Jorhat, he will find a room for this purpose.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Yes, Sir, I have seen room there which is meant for Shri Nilamoni Phukan.



**\*Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** Sir, at this moment I cannot imagine a better person in Assam than Shri Nilamoni Phukan for this Organisation. He is most respected and I think the Organisation had done the correct thing by electing him as President of the State Branch of the Organisation. Nevertheless, he is one in the State who has devoted practically the whole life for the good of the society. But due to health and other reasons he is unable to work as much as he desires. It is not for the person like the honourable member from Jorhat to decry the movement, rather he should show enthusiasm so that the organisation will succeed. But, nevertheless, I do not feel after decrying the movement with such laudable object, the honourable member will show enthusiasm. Sir, sometimes we fail to secure the results for which we have made great sacrifices. Mahatma Gandhi sacrificed himself for the sake of communal harmony. Sir, everybody knows that communal harmony is most essential for the progress and welfare of the country. Nobody can dispute this point. I will not be in the party who decry any effort made for such a noble object. I only support that which I believe to be true and noble and it is with this idea we should associate ourselves and the Government must extend patronage to this kind of movement for removal of corruption from society as well as administration.

The hon. Member has mentioned about various matters, but I would like to tell him particularly about item D (b) Sixth Schedule. This amount under Sixth Schedule Areas is required on the Transport Commissariat Establishment due to revision of scale of pay and allowances and also for purchase of clothing and ration commodities to the porter corps. Sir, you are aware that in some of the Hills Districts porters are maintained and the last Pay Committee has revised their pay scale also. Sir, under this head this is not only the item. There are other items also under this head. This has been decided by the Auditor General that various other expenditure has to be charged under this head. They have certain groups for keeping accounts. That is why all these heads we see in various supplementary demands. These demands are determined by the Auditor General. For example, this particular head of expenditure should be under the head "Donation for Charitable Purposes". It is true. But according to accounting procedure it has come under the head "Other Petty Establishment". This is an accounting procedure.

Sir, I do not have much to say. I think I have explained about the Sadachar Committee to the best of my ability. I would only appeal to the members to leave aside the personal consideration. Nevertheless if they want to change the personnel, let them have the change; but support the movement in expectation of rooting out the corruption. Sir, the conception that the Anti-Corruption Department cannot root out corruption, should be removed. It requires attack on all fronts. Therefore, I appeal, in the interest of removal of corruption, to support any good work, any enterprise. This sort of enterprise should receive encouragement from all. With these few words, Sir, I request the hon. Members to withdraw their cut motion.

(The cut motion was then withdrawn with the leave of the House)



**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 10,46,622 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "71-Miscellaneous (II-Donation for Charitable purposes)."

(The question was adopted).

#### DEMAND No. 30

#### 78-A-Expenditure connected with National Emergency, 1962 A—Civil Defence

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I put the main question. The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 63,659 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head '78—A.—Expenditure connected with National Emergency, 19 2-A-Civil Defence.'

(The question was adopted).

#### DEMAND No. 31

#### 96-Capital Outlay on Industries and Economic Development II-Investment in Co-operative Societies

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 31,50,000 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the Head—96-Capital Outlay on Industrial and Economic Development (II-Investment in Co-operative Societies).

(The question was adopted).

#### DEMAND No. 32

#### "103-Capital Outlay on Public Works outside the Revenue Account"

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 5,66,486 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "103-Capital Outlay on Public Works Outside the Revenue Account."

(The question was adopted).

#### DEMAND No. 33

#### "109-Capital Outlay on other works outside the Revenue Account."

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The question is that an additional amount of Rs. 9,25,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending on 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head '109—Capital Outlay on other works outside the Revenue Account.'

(The question was adopted).



DEMAND No.34

**"124—Capital Outlay on schemes of Government Trading"**

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The question is that an additional amount of Rs.7,60,984 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head '124—Capital Outlay on Schemes of Government Trading."

(The question was adopted)

DEMAND No.35

**"Loans and Advances, etc. (VIII—Educational Loans)."**

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The question is that an additional amount of Rs.2,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1966 for the administration of the head "Loans and Advances, etc. (VIII—Educational Loans.)"

(The question was adopted)

**The Assam Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1966**

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The Appropriation Bill will be now distributed.

(After a pause)

There is a Message from the Governor.

RAJ BHAVAN,  
Shillong, the 17th March, 1966.

Under the provision of Article 207(1) of the Constitution of India, I, Vishnu Sahay, Governor of Assam, recommend the introduction in the Assam Legislative Assembly of the Assam Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1966.

Sd. VISHNU SAHAY,  
Governor of Assam.

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Assam Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1966.

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The motion moved. Has the hon. Chief Minister leave of the House to introduce the Bill ?

(Voice—Yes)

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The question is that the Assam Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1966 be introduced.

(The question was adopted).

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** Sir, I beg to introduce the Bill,



(The Bill was introduced).

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** There is a message from the Governor.

RAJ BHAVAN

Dated Shillong, the 17 March, 1966.

Under the provision of Article 207(3) of the Constitution of India, I, Vishnu Sahay, Governor of Assam, recommend that the Assam Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1966 be taken into consideration by the Assam Legislative Assembly.

Sd. VISHNU SAHAY

Governor of Assam.

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1966 be taken into consideration.

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Motion moved ; the question is that the Assam Appropriation (No.1) Bill be taken into consideration.

(The question was adopted).

**Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA:** Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1966 be passed.

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The motion moved.

**Shri DULAL CHANDRA BARUA (Jorhat):** Sir, this Bill has been circulated just now only.

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The question is that the Assam Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 1966 be passed.

(The question was adopted)

**Calling Attention to a Matter of Urgent Public Importance  
Action of Nalbari Thana Police on the villagers  
of Bhelakhaiti of Hajo Thana since  
15th February, 1966.**

**Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER:** There is a Calling Attention Notice by the Member concerned is absent.

### Adjournment

The Assembly then adjourned till 10 A. M. on Monday, the 21st March, 1966.

SHILLONG

The 1st September, 1966.

R. C. CHAUDHURI

Secretary,  
Legislative Assembly, Assam.