

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

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 10 A. M. on Monday, the 4th November, 1957.

PRESENT

Shri Dev Kanta Borooah, B.A., LL.B., Speaker, in the Chair, the nine Ministers, the eight Deputy Ministers and eighty-six Members.

Panel of Chairmen

Mr. SPEAKER: There are no questions.

I have to announce the names of the Panel of Chairmen for the present Session.

The Members who were nominated during the last Session to form the panel of Chairmen shall continue to be the panel of Chairmen for the current Session also. The names of those hon. Members are:—

1. Rev. J. J. M. Nichols-Roy,
2. Shri Ram Nath Das,
3. Srimati Jyotsna Chanda ; and
4. Shri Kamala Prasad Agarwala.

Statement Re: Private Members' Business

Mr. SPEAKER: Under Rule 22(1) of the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules, I hereby allot, in consultation with the Leader of the House, the following days for Private Members' business during the current Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly:

5th November, Tuesday,
11th November, Monday

} Bills, Motions and Resolutions.

Statement *Re*: Course of Government Business

Mr. SPEAKER: Now the Leader of the House is to make a Statement about the course of Government business during the present Session.

Shri BISHNURAM MEDHI (Chief Minister): With your permission, Sir, I desire to make a Statement about the course of Government business during this session.

2. The Government business which is to be taken up today is shown in the agenda which has been placed on each Member's table. I need not detail them again.

3. On the 7th November we propose to introduce the following Government Bills and then to move the Motions for their consideration:—

- (1) The Assam Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (2) The Assam State Legislature Members' (Removal of Disqualifications) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (3) The Assam Displaced Persons (Rehabilitation of Loans) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (4) The Assam Legislative Assembly (Members' Emoluments) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (5) The Assam Autonomous Districts Administration of Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 1957.
- (6) The Assam Repealing Bill, 1957 (Provisional)

If the motions for consideration of the above Bills are accepted by the House on that day, we propose to have these Bills considered clause by clause and then passed on the 12th and 14th November. On those days we also propose to have the Report of the Committee to amend the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules considered in details and then to move for their adoption by the House.

On the 7th November we also propose to introduce the Assam Hindu Religious and Endowment Bill, 1957 and to move that the Bill be circulated for eliciting public opinion thereon.

On the 7th November we also propose to move the following Government Resolutions:—

(1) Resolution for appropriation of Grants under the head "18—B & 68—B—N. E. D. Works".

(2) Resolution for appropriation of Grants under the head "50—Civil Works—State".

4. On the 8th and 9th November, we propose to take up the following Government business:—

(1) Discussion, if any, of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure charged upon the Consolidated Fund of The State for 1957-58.

(2) Voting on Demands for Supplementary Grants.

5. On the 12th or 14th November we propose to introduce the Assam Appropriation No. (II) Bill, 1957 and to have the Bill considered clause by clause and then passed on the same day.

6. Any Government business which remains unfinished on previous days will also be taken up either on the 12th or 14th November.

Committee on Petitions, House Committee and Committee of Privileges

Mr. SPEAKER: I would like to announce the names of Members for—

(1) Committee on Petitions,

(2) House Committee, and.

(3) Committee of Privileges.

In the case of (1) Committee on Petitions, (2) House Committee and (3) Committee of Privileges, I have also re-nominated those Members with whom these Committees were constituted during the last Session. The Members of these Committees are:—

Committee on Petitions

1. Shri Harrison Momin,
2. Srimati Jyotsna Chanda,
3. Shri Satsuo Angami and
4. Shri Tajuddin Ahmed.

House Committee

1. Shri Dandeswar Hazarika,
2. Shri Ranendra Mohan Das,
3. Maulana Abdul Jalil Chaudhury,
4. Shri Hakim Chandra Rabha,
5. Srimati Padma Kumari Gohain and
6. Capt. Williamson A. Sangma.

Committee of Privileges

1. Rev. J. J. M. Nichols Roy,
2. Shri Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed,
3. Shri Hareswar Goswami,
4. Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya,
5. Shri Radhika Ram Das and
6. Shri Biswadev Sarma.

Message regarding assent to Bills

Mr. SPEAKER : Information has been received from the Secretary, Legislative Department that, under the provisions of Article 201 of the Constitution of India, the President has assented to the following Bill which was passed by the Assam Legislative Assembly during its Budget Session held in June-July, 1957.

(i) The Assam Repealing Bill, 1957

Information has also been received from the Secretary Legislative Department that, the Governor of Assam has also assented under the provisions of Article 200 of the Constitution of India to the following Bills which were passed by the Assam

Legislative Assembly at its meetings held in the June-July, 1957 Session, except the last named Bill, *i. e.*, the Assam Municipal Bill, 1956 which was passed by the Assembly in its meeting held on the 7th September, 1956.

- (1) The Assam Appropriation No. I Bill, 1957,
- (2) The Assam Finance Bill, 1957,
- (3) The Assam (Sales of Petroleum and Petroleum Products including Motor Spirit and Lubricants) Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1957
- (4) The Assam Taxation (on Goods Carried by Roads or Inland Water-ways) (Amendment) Bill, 1957
- (5) The Societies Registration (Assam Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (6) The Assam Municipal (Validation of Elections) Bill, 1957.
- (7) The Assam Finance (Sales Tax) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (8) The Assam Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (9) The Assam Adhiars' Protection and Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (10) The Assam Betterment Fee and Mooring Tax (Dibrugarh) (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (11) The Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (12) The Assam Land Revenue Re-assessment (Amendment) Bill, 1957.
- (13) The Assam Municipal Bill, 1956.

**Presentation of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure
for 1957-58**

Shri DEBESWAR SARMAH (Minister, Finance): I beg to present a Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for 1957-58.

**Presentation of the Report of the Committee to amend
the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules**

**Maulavi M. MOINUL HAQUE CHAUDHURY (Minis-
ter for Parliamentary Affairs):** The Assembly at its meeting held on the 5th July, 1957 by a Resolution moved by the Leader of the House appointed a Committee with the Hon'ble Speaker as Chairman, and with the Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Shri Hareswar Goswami, Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya, Shri Ranendra Mohan Das, Capt. Williamson Sangma, Rev. J. J. M. Nichols-Roy, Shri Debeswar Sarmah, Shri Hareswar Das, Jonab Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, Shri Ramnath Das, Shri Radhika Ram Das, Shri Mohi Kanta Das, Shri Biswadev Sarmah and myself as Members, with a view to examine the present Rules of the Assam Legislative Assembly and to see how far these Rules could be brought in line with the Rules of the Lok Sabha and similar Rules of the other States. The Committee met for the first time on the 5th July, 1957 for preliminary discussion about the mode of work to be adopted by them in examining the Rules. After that the Committee held five continuous sittings on the 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th August, 1957 and considered the existing Assembly Rules along with the Lok Sabha Rules and the Rules of other States and recommended adoption of certain new Rules as well as revision of the existing Rules. The additions and modifications as proposed by the Committee were consolidated and brought to the respective positions and the draft rules as recommended by them were printed which were again considered by the Committee at another meeting held on the 23rd September, 1957 and the Committee submitted their report on that day. The report in a consolidated form has already been circulated to hon. Members.

Now I beg leave of the House to present the report of the Committee to amend the Assam Legislative Assembly Rules.

Sir, I now beg to move that the Rules as reported by the Committee be taken into consideration.

Mr. SPEAKER: The Motion moved is that the Rules as reported by the Committee be taken into consideration.

(The Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and was adopted.)

Announcement by the Speaker for adjournment of the House on account of Nongkrem Dance

Mr. SPEAKER: I have an announcement to make and that is about to-day's business. When we summoned the Assembly, we were not aware of the date on which the Nongkrem Dance would be held. The Government issued a circular on the 31st October that there would be holiday on the 4th November. Therefore, we arranged to-day's business in such a manner as to enable the hon. Members to participate in the dance (*Voice* আমিও নাচিব লাগিব নেকি?) I mean participate as spectators (*laughter*). Those hon. Members who have still agility and whose dancing days are not over might participate also as performers. Therefore, we do not propose to have any afternoon Session. We have finished our work as arranged and, therefore, the House now stands adjourned till 10 O' Clock to-morrow.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A.M. on Tuesday, the 5th November, 1957.

Shillong,
The 8th July, 1958.

R. N. BARUA,
Secretary,
Legislative Assembly, Assam.

AGENTS IN INDIA

1. Messrs. Thacker Spink & Co., Calcutta.
2. Messrs. W. Newman & Co., Calcutta.
3. Messrs. S. K. Lahiri & Co., Calcutta.
4. Messrs. R. Cambray & Co., 6 and 8/2, Hastings Street, Calcutta.
5. Messrs. D. B. Taraporevala Sons and Co., 103, Meadow Street, Fort, Post Box No.187, Bombay.
6. The Indian School Supply Depot, 309, Bow Bazar Street, Calcutta.
7. The City Book Company, Post Box No.283, Madras.
8. The Director, The Book Company, Limited, Book Sellers and Stationers, 4/4A, College Square, Calcutta.
9. The Manager, The Imperial Publishing Co., 99, Ry. Road, Lahore.
10. Messrs. Chapala Book Stall, Shillong.
11. Messrs. Sirbhumi Publishing Co., Calcutta
12. The Proprietor, 'Graduates Union,' Gauhati.
13. Mr. Banwarilal Jain (Book Seller), 1719/2002, Mati Katra, Agra (India).
14. Messrs. Law Book Society, 65/3, Harrison Road, Calcutta.
15. The Director, Benares Corporation, University Road, P.O. Lanka.
16. Messrs. Law Book Society, 4A, Wellington Square, Calcutta.
17. Messrs. Bodh Raj Marwah, Booksellers, Shop No.63, Pusa Colony Market, Delhi-Karol Bagh, New Delhi.
18. The Oxford Book and Stationery Co., Scindia House, New Delhi/17, Park Street, Calcutta.
19. Messrs Mokshana Pustakalaya, Publishers and Book Sellers, Gauhati.
20. Messrs Popular Book Depot (Regd.), Book-sellers, Publishers, etc., Lamington Road, Bombay-7.
21. Messrs B.H.U. Press Book Depot, Book-sellers, Publishers, etc., Banaras-5 (India).
22. The Manager, The Modern Book-Depot, G. S. Road, Shillong.
23. The Manager, The Modern Book-Depot, Gauhati.
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