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**The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong,
at 9 A.M. on Friday the 10th April 1970.**

P R E S E N T

**Shri Mohi Kanta Das, M. A., B. L., Speaker, in the Chair,
Nine Ministers, Six Ministers of State, Three Deputy Mini-
sters and Fiftyeight Members.**

STARRED

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(To which oral answers were given)

Mr. Speaker : To-day being the last day I wish the hon. Members would put less number of supplementaries so that the the speeches of the hon. Members on the Governor's address may be concluded before 10.30. I hope the hon. Members will co-operate with me.

Re : Police outpost at Dimow.

Shri Durgeswar Saikia asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that to reach the nook and corner of the area under Demow Police Outpost conveyance is a necessary ?

(b) If so, whether Government propose to take necessary steps to remove the difficulties ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury replied : (Minister, Parliamentary Affairs)

87. (a)—For quick movement a motor vehicle necessary is but for normal Police work a bicycle is considered adequate.

(b)—In view of the difficult financial position of the State, it is not possible to provide any vehicle at present to all Police Stations and Out-posts:

Re : Mao Posters in Gauhati

Shri Maneswar Boro asked :

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

(a) Whether the attention of the Chief Minister has been drawn to the news item published in the Assam Tribune, dated 29th November 1969, under the caption "Mao posters in Gauhati again" ?

(d) If so, how far this statement is correct ?

(c) What action has been taken by the Government in this regard ?

Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister Paliamentary Affairs) replied :

88. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—It is revealed from enquiry that a few Naxalites from West Bengal have been operating in some parts of Assam including Gaubati. They have enlisted co-operation of some local extremists and have been indulging in clandestine display of posters carrying Mao's slogans to capture the imagination of discontent people including unemployed youths, poor peasants, agricultural workers, office employees and others and to cause an impact of the situation arising out of Naxalite activities in other parts of the

Country. Some such elements have already been located and kept under close watch.

Shri Maneswar Boro : মাও poster বিলাকত কেনেধৰণৰ slogan লিখা হৈছিল ? এই slogan বোৰ দেশৰ কাৰণে ক্ষতিকৰ নহয়নে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : দেশৰ কাৰণে ক্ষতিকৰ।

Shri Moneswar Boro : কি ধৰণে লিখা হৈছিল পঢ়ি শুনাব নে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : মই Calling attention statement ব সময়ত কৈছোৱেই : Mao is our Chairman Mao's programme should be adopted by us. Sir. I had made a detailed statement about this matter.

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : এই poster বিলাক চপা poster নে হাতে লিখা poster ? আৰু কলা আখৰেৰে লিখা নে বঙা আখৰেৰে লিখা ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই বিলাক কিছুমান হাতে লিখা আৰু কিছুমান বঙা আখৰেৰে লিখা।

Shri Dulal Chandra Baruah : এই বিলাক poster বহুত দিনৰ পৰা মাৰি থকা দেখিছো আৰু প্ৰায় বিলাকে হাতে লিখা। এই সম্বন্ধে ইতিমধ্যে কিছুমানক arrest কৰা হৈছেনেকি ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই বিষয়ে তদন্ত চলি আছে। এই সংক্ৰান্তত কিছুমান মানুহক সন্দেহ কৰা হৈছে আৰু সেই বিলাকক Close watch ত ৰখা হৈছে।

Shri Sailen Medhi : মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে কিছুমানৰ বিৰুদ্ধে পুলিচৰ অভিযোগ

থকা বুলি কৈছে। অলপতে পাণ্ডু, মালিগাওঁ গুৱাহাটীৰ কেইজনমান মানুহক নজ্জালপত্ৰী বুলি তেওঁলোকৰ ঘৰ Charge কৰি কিছুমান নথিপত্ৰ উদ্ধাৰ কৰিছে। এতিয়া মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জনাবনে কি ধৰণৰ কাগজ পত্ৰ পাইছিল। যদি objectionable কাগজ পত্ৰ পাইছিল তেওঁলোকক কাৰোবাক arrest কৰা হৈছে নেকি ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : এই বোৰৰ investigation কৰি থকা হৈছে আৰু ইয়াৰ বিস্তৃত বিবৰণ সদনত দিয়া সম্ভৱ নহয়।

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi : এই poster বিলাক গোটেই অসমতে মৰা হৈছে বুলি মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে জানে নেকি ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : প্ৰশ্নটো গুৱাহাটীৰ কাৰনেহে দিয়া হৈছিল সেই হিচাবে উত্তৰ দিয়া হৈছে।

Shri Azizur Rahman Choudhury : Sign board যে মাৰিলে —পোষ্টাৰ

(A voice Sign Board নহয়, poster)

বৰপেটা মহকুমাত কিছুমান এনেকুৱা ধৰণৰ মৰা বুলি গম পায় নেকি ? এই বোৰ বাষ্টাটো লিখা হৈছে।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : প্ৰশ্নটো গুৱাহাটীৰ, আনহাতে মই calling attention ৰ Statementত সকলো জনাইছো।

Shri M. A. Masauwwir Choudhury : মাও দৰ্শনত অনুশ্ৰানিত হৈ আজিলৈ অসমৰ কিমান মানুহ মাও পত্ৰী হৈছে জনাবনে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : সেইটো হিচাব মোৰ লগত নাই।

M. Shamsul Huda : মন্ত্রী নহোদয়ে উত্তৰত কৈছে poster বোৰৰ কিছুমান চপা কৰা। তেনেহলে এই poster বোৰ কোন প্ৰেচৰ পৰা ওলাইছে এই সম্পৰ্কে চৰকাৰে সঠিক ভাৱে জানে নে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : ইয়াৰ কিছুমান চীনত চপা কৰা আৰু কিছুমান কলিকতাত চপা কৰা। অসমত তেনে poster চপা হোৱা নাই।

Shri Giasuddin Ahmed : Whether it is a fact that so much of publicity regarding Naxalites is nothing but storm in a tea cup ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : It cannot be a storm in a tea cup. It is a great danger which we are to face and the information has been given on the asking of the hon. Members.

Mr. Speaker : When a statement has been made by the Minister regarding this giving all the details. I think there should not be any more supplementaries.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : The Minister has stated that some of the leaflets are coming from China for distribution in this part of the country. Sir, there is Border Security Forces in the border and therefore I want to know through which route these leaflets have come to our State ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : I have already replied to that question in my statement that these have come via Kathmandu.

Re : Numder cf Rhinos in Laokhowa Sanctuary

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami asked :

*৮৯। মাননীয় বন বিভাগৰ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুগ্রহ কৰি জনাবনে—

(ক) নগাওঁ জিলাৰ লাওখোৱা অভয়াৰণ্যত সৰ্বমুঠ কেইটা গড় (Rhino) আছে ?

(খ) লাওখোৱা অভয়াৰণ্যত ইংৰাজী কিমান চনৰপৰা ৮০০ একৰ মাটিত খেতি কৰিবৰ কাৰণে অনুমতি দিয়া হৈছে আৰু উক্ত অভয়াৰণ্যত কেইটা গড় (Rhino) কোন কোন চনত বধ কৰা হৈছে ?

(গ) লাওখোৱা অভয়াৰণ্যৰ ভিতৰত সবলনি নামে এখন বিল আছে নে কি ?

(ঘ) যদি আছে, কোন চনৰপৰা এই বিলখন ডাকত দিয়া হৈছে ?

(ঙ) এই কথা সঁচা নে যে সবলনি বিলৰ ৪/৬ ফাৰ্ণাঙৰ ব্যৱধানতে একাধিক বাৰ ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ মথাউৰি বানপানীত বিধবস্ত হৈছে ?

(চ) লাওখোৱা অভয়াৰণ্যখনৰ উন্নতিৰ কাৰণে আৰু ইয়াৰ বক্ষণ-বেক্ষণৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে কি ব্যৱস্থা গ্ৰহণ কৰিছে আৰু এই অভয়াৰণ্যৰ খেতিৰ উপযোগ্য গোটেই মাটিখিনি খুলি দিয়া হ'ব নে কি ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Forests)
replied :

৮৯ (ক)—প্ৰায় ৪৩ টা।

43 approximately.

(খ)—লাওখোৱা বিভাগৰ ৮০০ একৰ দ মাটিত ১৯৫৯ চনৰপৰা খেতি কৰিবলৈ অনুমতি দিয়া হৈছিল।

উক্ত বিজাৰ্ভত চোৰাং চিকাৰীয়ে মাত্ৰ এটা গড় বধ কৰিছিল। সেইটো ঘটিছিল ১৯৬৯ চনত।

Cultivation of 800 acres of low lying land in Laokhowa Reserve has been permitted since 1959.

Only one Rhino was found killed by poachers, This happened in 1969.

(গ)—হয়, আছে।

Yes,

(ঘ)—এই বিলখন ১৯৫২-৫৩ চনৰ পৰা নিয়মিত ভাবে ডাকত দিৱা হৈছে।

The fishery has been sold regularly since 1952-53

(ঙ)—সৰলনি বিলৰপৰা প্ৰায় একফালং আঁতৰেদি যোৱা ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰ মথাউৰীটো ১৯৬৪, ১৯৬৫ আৰু ১৯৬৯ চনত বিধ্বস্ত হৈছিল।

The Brahmaputra dyke passing by the Saroloni Beel at a distance of about one furlong was breached in 1964, 1965 and 1969.

(চ)—টকা পইচাৰ অভাবৰ কাৰণে কোনো লেখত লবনগীয়া উন্নতিমূলক কাম হাতত লব পৰা নাই। টকা-পইচা পালে ভবিষ্যতে চৰকাৰে এই লাওখোৱা বিজাৰ্ভখন অভয়াৰণ্যত পৰিণত কৰিব পাৰে। মথাউৰীৰ উত্তৰ পাৰে থকা আৰু মাটি খেতি কৰিবলৈ খুলি দিয়া নহয়।

No substantial development work could be undertaken due to paucity of funds. In future if funds permit Government may convert Lawkhowa Game Reserve into a wild Life Sanctuary.

It is not intended to throw open any more land on the northern side of the E and D bund for cultivation.

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে কৈছে এটা গড়হে মাল্ল মৰিছে। আমাৰ হিচাবমতে তাত ৮টা গড় মৰিছে। তাৰ ভিতৰত মাথোন ৩ টা গড়বৰহে খৰ্গ উদ্ধাৰ হোৱা কথাটো সচাঁনেকি?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : বাকীবোৰ স্বাভাৱিকতে মৰিছে। স্বাভাৱিকতে মৰা বিলাকৰ ভিতৰত ১৯৬৫ চনত ১ টা ১৯৬৭ চনত ১টা আৰু ১৯৬৯ চনত ৬ টা।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : স্বাভাৱিকতে মৰা মানে কি বুজাইছে অনুগ্রহ কৰি মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জনাবনে?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : কিছুমান বেমৰ হৈ মৰিছে আৰু কিছুমান এনেয় মৰিছে।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : ৩ টা গড় যে মৰিলে তাৰ খৰ্গ উদ্ধাৰ হৈছেনে নাই?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : সেইটো খবৰ নাই।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : সবলনি বিলখন ১৯৫১ চনত ডাক দিয়াটো সচাঁ। ১৯৬৪, ৬৫ আৰু ৬৯ চনত উক্ত বিলৰ ১ ফালং আতৰেদি ব্ৰহ্মপুত্ৰৰ মথাউৰী যে ভাঙিলে—সবলনি বিলৰ মহলদাৰ সকলে বিলত মাছ সোমাবৰ কাৰণে মথাউৰী কাতি দিয়াটো চৰকাৰে জানেনে নাই? ফলত জুৰীয়া অঞ্চললৈকে বাইজ ক্ষতি গ্ৰস্ত হোৱাটো সচাঁনে?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : তেনে অভিযোগ আছে। কিন্তু অভিযুক্ত সকলক ধৰিব পৰা নাই।

Shri Shamsul Huda : এইযে ৯টা গড় মৰিল বা মাৰিলে তাৰ ভিতৰত এটা পোৰালী গড় থকাটো চৰকাৰে জানেনে নেজানেন ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : যিকেইটা গড় মৰিল তাৰ বয়স দিয়া হোৱা নাই ।

Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi : তেখেতে ইয়াত (খ) প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰত কৈছে যে যিবিলাক গড় বধ কৰিছে সেই বিলাকত বনবিভাগৰ কৰ্মচাৰীৰ জড়িত আছেনেকি ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : চাৰ, এইটো মই স্বীকাৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰো ।

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami : চাৰ, সেইটো স্বীকাৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰো বুলি কৈছে কিন্তু Forest Guard এজন যে, Suspension হৈ আছে সেইটো কথা জানেনে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : থাকিব পাৰে । Negligence of Duty ৰ কাৰণে ।

Re : Collection of money by State Social Education Officer

Shri Pitsing Konwar asked -

*90. Will the Minister-in-Charge of Education be pleased to state—

(a) The total amount of money collected by the State Social Education Officer from various agencies as subscription or donation for hol-

ding the adult education conference held at Gauhati during the last week of October 1969 ?

(b) Whether receipts were issued to the persons or institutions from which subscriptions or donations were collected ?

(c) The total amount collected as subscription from the B. D. Os and the S.E. Os for holding the conference ?

(d) How many delegates from within and outside Assam attended the conference and the number of V.I. Ps attended ?

(e) The total expenditure incurred in connection with holding the conference along with the expenditure incurred on reception of delegates including the V.I Ps ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer (Minister, Education) replied :

90. (a)—Rupees 11,815'00 only was collected.

(b)—Yes. Receipts were issued on behalf of the Association.

(c)—Rupees 50 only from one B.D.O. and Rs. 8,358 only from the members of the All-Assam Social Education Organisers' Association which includes the District Social Education Officers and the Social Education Organisers.

(d)—Ninety-one delegates from outside the State and 31 from within the State attended Seminar from 26th October to 28th October 1969 and 91 delegates from outside the State and 155 from within the State attended the Seminar Conference from 30th to 31st October 1969.

Among the V.I. Ps the Union Minister of State for Social Welfare, Sri Jayaprakash Narayan the Sarvodaya leader and a few high officials from the Government of India attended the Seminar and the Conference. The Chief Minister of Assam inaugurated the Seminar and the Governor of Assam inaugurated the Conference.

(e)—The total expenditure incurred for the Seminar and the Conference is Rs. 15,745 only which has been met from the collection as stated at (a) above and from the Boarding charges realised from the delegates. No expenditure has, however been incurred for reception of the delegates including the V.I. Ps, from the Government.

Shri Pitsing Konwar : What was the purpose of holding this conference ? Is it a fact that the conference was held only to convince the Government to maintain the Social Education Wing separately ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : It was an All India Conference sponsored by the All India Council for Adult Education.

Re : Social Education Organisers

Shri Romesh Mohan Kouli asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government have made arrangement to absorb the Social Education Organisers in some other Departments or to allow to continue in Social Education Wing in the Education Department ?
- (b) Whether Government has maintained any list of Social Education Organisers on seniority basis for their promotion ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer (Minister, Education) replied :

91. (a)—A proposal for amalgamation of the Social Education Wing with the Inspecting Wing of the Education Department is now under active consideration of Government.

(b)—Yes.

Shri Romesh Mohan Kouli : The answer to (b) is "Yes". But is it a fact that some of the senior Social Education Organisers have not been recommended for promotion ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : I do not know the particular cases, but generally speaking, all who are consi-

dered fit for being made permanent will be made permanent. That is the general policy.

Shri Prabhat Narayan Chaudhury : Have Government considered the fact that the social education organisers placed under the Panchayats will be required for the Publicity Wing of the Panchayats even after the winding up of the Social Education Department ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : It is difficult to say.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kouli : The Minister has said that the cases of all social education organisers, who are considered fit, are recommended for promotion. But I know there are some cases of senior social education organisers who have not been recommended by State officers. I want to know from the Hon'ble Minister such specific cases. Though he says that he does not know of specific cases, but I know he is aware of one particular person whose case has not been recommended.

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjr : I know the case, Sir. It is being looked into.

Shri Nakul Chandra Das : Are Government aware that there are some allegations that lady social education organisers are deprived of their proper right of promotion or confirmation ? I mean

there is reported discrimination against lady social education organisers in respect of promotion and confirmation.

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : The position is this : lady social education organisers are being maintained by the Planning and Development Department purely on a temporary basis. Others who are paid out of the Education budget will be confirmed in due course. There are, of course, ladies who are holding posts of social education officers. But if you say 'lady social education organisers', they are borne by the Planning and Development Department purely on a temporary basis. So, there are two categories.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : So far as we know, the social education organisers are appointed by the Education Department and then placed at the disposal of the Planning and Development Department or the Panchayat Department. If that is so, which Department is responsible for looking into their interest ? This is question. No 1

No. (2)—Whether it is a fact that Government have decided for amalgamation of this particular Social Education Wing with the Education Department ? If so, what are the principles for safeguarding their service conditions, promotions etc.

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : So far as the Social Education Organisers who are borne in the books of the Education Department, they will be made permanent and their inter — seniority will be decided later on. As for the Lady Social Education Organisers, it is not for me to reply.

Shri Nakul Chandra Das : Since the Lady Social Education Organisers are performing the same duties as the Social Education Organisers, is it not incongruous to place these Lady Social Education Organisers in another department just to deny them their rights ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : Lady Social Education Organisers are appointed purely on temporary basis and not by the Education Department.

Shri Nakul Chandra Das : Do the Govt. be pleased to consider their security of service and other facilities ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : We can take up the matter with the Planning & Development Department.

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury : The Minister replying to the original question admitted that there is a proposal for amalgamation of the Social Education Wing with the parent Education Department. In view of the fact that there are many

undergraduates serving as Social Education Organisers and in view of the fact that Government has decided not to continue the undergraduates, how do the Government propose to fit in the undergraduates in the parent Education Deptt. ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : They will be made A.S.Is.

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury : Is there a proposal to do away with the S.I.S, in the Education Department ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : I am not aware of it.

Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi : The Minister has replied that there is already a proposal to amalgamate the Social Education Wing with the Education Department. May I know from the Government as to how these officers of the Social Education Wing will be accommodated in the Education Department ? Whether according to their educational qualifications, or according to seniority ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : Both.

Re : Appointment of social Education Organisers

Shri Pitsing Konwar asked :

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

- (a) The minimum educational qualification required for the post of Social Education Organisers according to the advertisement made for recruitment to the posts ?
- (b) Whether conditions have been laid down in the advertisement to the effect that the Graduates who are appointed as Social Education Organisers will be given the benefit of seniority and will be given promotion earlier ?
- (c) If not, why seniority of the Social Education Organisers has not been counted since the date of their appointment by considering their minimum educational qualification for the post of Social Education Organisers ?
- d) The reasons for depriving the undergraduate Social Education Organisers the benefit of seniority and promotion ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer (Minister, Education) replied :

92. (a)—The minimum educational qualification required for the post of the Social Education Organisers is a degree from any recognised University.

(b)—No.

(c)—The seniority of the Social Education Organisers

who possess the minimum requisite qualification is counted from the date of their appointment.

(d) - As they do not possess the minimum requisite qualification for promotion to the post of a District Social Education Officer.

Shri Pitsing Konwar : Is the Govt. aware that there are some Social Education Organisers who are not matriculates ? If so, how they can be absorbed as A. S. Is in the Education Department ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : Does the questioner mean that there are non-matriculates also ?

Shri Pitsing Konwar : Yes.

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : In the beginning there was no clear cut policy laid down, whoever was available was appointed. Since then a policy has been laid down that only graduates would be appointed.

Shri Sailen Medhi : আগৰ Matric বা Under Matric বিলাকৰ কি হব ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : আগৰবোৰ তেনেকৈয়ে থাকিব ।

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi : Under Matric বিলাকৰ কি হব ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : Under graduates will be made A. S. Is.

Shri A. Thanglura : Since when Government has decided that only graduates should be appointed ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagar : Since sometime back.

Shri Kabir Chandra Roy Pradhani : Under-Graduate বিলাকক হে এই A. S. I. লব বুলি কৈছে তেনেস্থলত Under Matric বিলাকক কি হব ?

(A voice লব বুলি কৈছে নহয়) ?

Re : Appointment of Headmasters/Headmistress, etc.

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

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

(a) Whether appointments of Headmasters/Headmistresses, Assistant Headmaster/Assistant Headmistress, Principals and Vice-Principals of Government Schools (M. E., High and Higher Secondary) are made on the basis of seniority ?

(b) If not, why ?

(c) Whether these appointments are made on State basis or locality-wise ?

(d) Whether their appointments are made on the recommendations of the A P. S. C ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer (Minister, Education) replied :

93. (a)—Yes, on the basis of seniority-cum merit.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—On the basis of seniority on State basis.

(d)—Yes, appointments are made on the recommendations of A P, S. C.

M Shamsul Huda : Whether Govt. has a State-wise gradation list for these posts ?

Shri Joy Bhadra Hagjer : Yes, Sir.

(Starred Question No 94 was not put and answered to as the Questioner was absent)

Re : Allotment of Fund for repairing of roads damaged by floods

M. Shamsul Huda asked :

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

(a) The total amount of money allotted for repairing of roads and bridges damaged by the floods in 1969-70 in the State ?

(b) The total amount of money sanctioned during the year ?

(c) The total amount of money spent during the year ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder [Minister of State, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

95. (a) & (b)—Rupees 80.00 lakhs for General Area and Rs. 2.80 lakhs for Sixth Scheduled Area.

(c)—The actual and correct figures of expenditure cannot be furnished before the final accounts of March, 1970 is received from the Divisional Officers.

M. Shamsul Huda : Whether Government has surrendered any amount of money that was allotted for repairing of flood damaged works ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, as I have already stated in my reply to (c) that the actual and correct figures of expenditure cannot be furnished before the final accounts of March 1970 is received from the Divisional Officers.

Shri Uttam Chandra Brahma : What is the amount allotted for Kokrajhar Division ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : For Kokrajhar Subdivision it was 2 lakhs.

Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi : Sir, the Minister has said in course of his reply to (a) that Rupees 80 lakhs have been allotted for the General Area for repairing of flood damaged works. May I

know from the Govt. when these funds were allotted to the respective divisions? I mean the dates of allotment.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, I do not have the dates as to when it was allotted to them.

Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi : Is it correct that many of the Divisions did not get the sanction in time?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, in this connection if the hon'ble member can name a particular division then I can say whether the sanction was sent in time or not.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, whether it is a fact that although many of the Divisions submitted the plans and estimates long ago. they were not given the sanction in time and as a result of which the amount stood surrendered?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, as I have already said that unless we receive the details of expenditure from the Divisions, it may not be possible to say whether any amount was surrendered or not. (Several hon'ble Members rose and said that the Minister had not come prepared for the supplementaries. He was evading the supplementaries)

Shri Promode Chandra Gogoi : Sir, our supplementaries are quite relevant to the question. Therefore,

the Minister should come prepared for supplementaries with all necessary information. He should not try to avoid supplementary when our supplementaries are quite relevant to the question. Sir, you will kindly direct the Govt. or the Minister concerned to supply the information division-wise.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir we have got the figures division-wise. But these are not with me. If the hon'ble Member wants it I can give it later on.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : We want to know the break-up of the total amount of money that was sanctioned and the total amount of money that was surrendered due to late sanction.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : I shall be able to place it on the table of the House as soon as it is received from the Division.

M. Shamsul Huda : May I know from the hon'ble Minister the number of plans and estimates received by the Govt. for repairing flood damaged works for the year 1969-70 and how many of them have been accorded sanction ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : I shall supply all information as soon as details are received from.

(Interuptions)

(interruption)

(Noise)

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, we want your portection. It seems the Minister has not come prepared for the probable supplementaries. Therefore, I would suggest that till information as sought for by the hon'ble Members are supplied the question may be kept pending.

Mr. Speaker : Order. Order, the question is kept pending.

Re : Bridge over Pagladiya

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government is aware that for want of a permanent bridge over Pagladiya on Rangiya-Dhamdhama Road under Khatikuchi-Borigog-Barbhang Anchalik Panchayat a part of Paschim Barbhang Mauza remains cut off from the other part during the monsoon period causing traffic dislocation ?
- (b) Whether Government is also aware of the fact that the people of the major portion of Paschim Barbhang Mauza who are to attend Dhamdhama Market at a distance varying from two to three

miles cannot attend the same due to the above reason ?

- (c) Whether Government is also aware of the fact of loss of human life, bicycle and other properties of travelling public on many occasions while trying to cross the river by boats ?
- d) Whether Government propose to construct a timber bridge over the river with used materials (which are available on the N. T. Road now taken over as National Highway) and from State fund or any other source even if money from existing road communication funds be not available ?

Shri Altaf Hossan Mazumder [Minister of State. Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

96. (a) & (b)—Yes, for want of a permanent bridge, there have been dislocation of vehicular traffic but arrangements are made for the crossing of pedestrians traffic by a single boat during monsoon, i. e., May to November and a foot bridge from Decemder to April every year.

(c)—No.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury : Sir, the Minister has replied to that the Govt. have no information

in so far that Ghat is concerned that there was any loss of lives and properties. Will the Govt inquire into the matter either from the Police source or from the PWD source whether there was any loss of life or loss of property? Now, regarding (d) I have a purpose of asking the question. There are large number of materials of the bridges that were constructed earlier; now, because of the construction of bigger bridges on the National Highway these materials are lying idle and some of them are being stolen away. My question is that will the Minister salvage all these materials which were lying idle?

Shri Altaf Hosain Mazumdar : The suggestion of the hon. member will be looked into.

Shri Gaurisakar Bhattacharyya : Sir, it is very unfortunate that the Govt. has replied 'No' in reply to question (c), although the representations were submitted to the Govt informing that woman lives were lost and properties were also lost due to capsizing of boat in that Ghat and representation was also lodged to the Govt, to the fact that Barama and the eastern part of Paschim Barbhag Mauza and also Tamalpur - these areas need a connection. Therefore, this bridge is essential. How is it that the Govt has pleaded ignorance about the loss of life and property and also does not see the necessity of this very essential bridge?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : About the necessity of a bridge there, I do not disagree with the hon'ble member and there are hundreds of places in Assam where bridges are absolutely necessary. But from the records it appears there is no representation on that point, or any kind of representation to this effect has come to our notice

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Copy of the representation addressed to Govt. has also been sent to me. I can give my copy.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : I shall be thankful if a copy is given to me.

**Re : Distribution of grant under Art 275 by
D.C. Nowgong**

Shri Pitsing Konwar asked :

*97. Will the Minister-in-charge of T.A. & W.B.C. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the D.C., Nowgong has distributed the grant under Art. 275 sanctioned by Government for 1969-70 under three different heads, namely, grant to nonofficial organisations for doing welfare works, cultural activities and for works on self-help basis for Plains Tribal Areas of Nowgong District?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that some anomalies have occurred in the list of allottees (organisations) after the allotment was made by the Subdivisional Advisory Board for Scheduled Tribes ?
- (c) Whether the Government will be pleased to place on the Table of the House a copy of the list of allottees ?
- (d) Whether the copy of the proceedings adopted by the Board in its sitting has been supplied to the members of the Board for their information ?
- (e) If not, why ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari (Minister of State, T.A. & W. B.C.) replied :

97. (a)—Yes.

(b) —No.

(c) — The lists of allottees are placed on the Library Table.

(d) —No formal proceedings were written in the meeting. The members prepared the lists of grantees and the D.C., Nowgong signed them in presence of the members.

(e)—Does not arise.

Shri Pitsing Konwar : It is that the amount has been kept in the name of D. C. and it was not distributed. If so, what is the amount yet to be distributed ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : The D.C. as the Chairman of the Sub-divisional Advisory Sub-committee has retained some amount under different heads just to distribute to the deserving organisations.

Shri Moh'dhar Pego : চাৰ এই সমিটিখনত তেওঁলোক বিধান সভাত সদস্য স্থানীয় এম, এল, এ জনক লোৱা হোৱা নাইনেকি আৰু যদি লোৱা হৈছে তেওঁৰ পৰামৰ্শ অনুসৰি জনজাতীয় লোকক চৰকাৰে মঞ্জুৰী বিলাক দিয়াতো উচিত বুলি ভবা নাই নেকি ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : The hon'Member, I mean the local MLA Mr. Pitsing Konwar is also a member of the Advisory Sub-Committee.

Shri Maneswar Boro : চাৰ ডি. চিয়ে চেয়াৰমেন হিচাবে টকা বাখিবৰ কাৰণে গৱৰ্ণমেণ্টৰ ফালৰ পৰা কিবা order দিছে নেকি ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : There is no such order but actually there are some organisations which may be deserving are left out and D.C. as the Chairman has got to look into the left out organisation also.

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : চাৰ, আমাৰ নগাঁৱত জনজাতিৰ এম এল এৰ গাঁৱৰ বাহিৰেও আন আন এম, এল. এৰ সমষ্টিতো ট্ৰাইবেল গাঁও আছে। কিন্তু distribution ৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত জনজাতিৰ এম, এল, এৰ বাহিৰে আনৰ লগত consult নকৰাৰ ফলত মানুহ বঞ্চিত হৈছে। আমি আবেদন-নিবেদন কৰিছোঁ যদিও আজিলৈকে একো ফল খবা নাই। এই বিষয়ে চৰকাৰে কিবা বিহিত ব্যৱস্থা লবনে ?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : I agree with the hon.member Seventyfive per cent of the amount earmarked to be sanctioned for the subdivisions is sanctioned to subdivisions.

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : My question is yet to be replied. চাৰ, মোৰ প্ৰশ্নৰ উত্তৰ দিয়া হোৱা নাই। মই কৈছো যে অকল মাত্ৰ জনজাতিৰ এম, এল, এ, সকলেই এই সুবিধা-বোৰ লৈ আছে।

(Noise)

Shri Mohidhar Pego : চাৰ মই প্ৰতিবাদ কৰিছো।

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : In the subdivisional Advisory Sub-Committee, Sir, Tribal Members are also included from each and every Anchalik Panchayat. Tribal M.L.A are also included in the Sub-divisional Advisory Sub-Committees. So there is no question of some tribal people which are not represented by the tribal M.L. As that they are not considered.

Shri Sadhan Ranjan Sarkar : চাৰ, যি বিলাক সমষ্টিত জনজাতিয় ব্লক আছে, Distribution ৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত সেই গাওঁবোৰৰ স্থানীয় এম, এল লগত আলোচনা কৰিবনে?

Shsi Ranendra Basumatari : Distribution of Tribal grants is governed by some principles because here in the State level we have got Plains Tribal Advisory Council, the Scheduled Caste Advisory Council

and certain principles are laid down by these Advisory Councils and so we have to be guided by the principles as laid down by the Advisory Councils. These grants, for example, construction of P.W.D. Road Self-help scheme grants, non-official. These are generally discussed in the Advisory council and according to the principles as laid down the grants are distributed. And 75 per cent of the total fund is sanctioned to the subdivisions and district headquarters.

Shri A. N. Akram Hussain : চাৰ কথা এটা আমি কাগজে পত্ৰই পাই আছে। যে চৰকাৰী টকা বিলাক এনেয়ে জমা বাখি বহু ক্ষেত্ৰত অন্যফালে খৰচ কৰে, যেনেকৈ তীৰ খেল আদিত। সেই কাৰণে মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে অনুসন্ধান কৰি টকা খিনি সোনকালে জনজাতীয় সকলক দিয়াৰ কিবা এটা বিহিত ব্যৱস্থা কৰিবনে?

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : The amounts have been sanctioned quite ahead. The subdivisional grants are sanctioned quite in advance. Only the remaining balance has been sanctioned from the Government side in consultation with the M.L. As and the Scheduled Caste M.L. As. There may be some cases which we are to discuss with the hon. Members who are not tribals. In that case also we have to discuss of course with all the non tribal and non schedule caste M.L. As. when we get the opportunity.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : চাৰ মোৰ প্ৰশ্ন হৈছে যেতিয়া ট্ৰাইবেল গ্ৰাণ্ট আৰু

Scheduled caste ৰ গ্ৰাণ্ট বিলাক distribution কৰা হয়, তেতিয়া প্ৰত্যেক এম. এল. এব পৰা দৰ্শাস্ত লৈ Advisory committee ত place কৰিব লাগে আৰু তেতিয়াহে এম, এল, এ সকলে নিজৰ এলেকাৰ ক'ত ক'ত টকা দিব লাগে কব পাৰিব আৰু justice হব।

Shri Ranendra Basumatari : I have already said all these amounts are not distributed here. Only 25 per cent kept at the disposal of the Govt. so as to distribute in consultation with the tribal and scheduled caste M.L. As and actually there is no such principle to call for applications directly by the Govt. because we sanction 75 per cent to the subdivisions and I have said that already.

UNSTARRED

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

Re : Funds for Construction of Roads, Bridges, etc.

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury asked :

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

- (a) The total amount provided by Government for
 - (1) Construction of permanent roads, bridges and
 - (2) Metalling and blacktopping of important Roads

besides the funds allotted by the Subdivisional committees of Assam Road Communication Board ?

(b) Whether Government will please lay on the Table of the House a list Subdivision-wise stating the names of projects separately for the above two items ?

(c) What is the criterion for distribution of above funds ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder (Minister of State, P.W.D. (R. & B.))replied :

35. (a)—(1) In the Draft Fourth-Five Year Plan Programme of Rs. 12 crores there is a provision of Rs. 136 lakhs with an expanded Programme of Rs. 200 lakhs for construction of major Bridges.

(2) Rupees thirty-six lakhs with an expanded programme of Rs. 54 lakhs, which is 45 per cent of the total amount of allocation as per the decision of the 10 th A. R. C. B., has been provided for metalling and black-topping of roads under State Level Schemes.

(b)—Yes, two lists are placed on the Table of the House

(c)—The State Level major bridge Schemes were selected considering the importance and urgency of the proposals for improving the efficiency of the road communication in under-developed areas for replacing the ferries and for reconstruction

of weak and narrow bridges, to the extent possible with the limited funds. For the State Level metalling and surfacing Scheme the importance of the roads from various aspects like traffic needs and requirements of industries, etc., were taken into consideration.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, I have got one supplementary only. Whether it is a fact that the project which has been sanctioned by the Govt. of India and when the administrative approval and other things have been sanctioned by the State Govt. But that could not be taken up. It due to certain political pressure ? If so, how is this ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumder : Sir, the Govt. of India has not sanctioned any bridges.

Shri Prabhat Narayan Choudhury : There was a recommendation by the Assam Road Communication Board to the Government of India to extend a lateral road from Chapanguri to North Lakhimpur via Kumarikhata. Sir, there was a recommendation from the Assam Road Communication Board to the Government of India to extend the Lateral Road from Serfanguri to north Lakhimpur via Kumarikata and in doing so there is a consensus of opinion in the Road Communication Board that funds will be made available from the State fund to divert the road via Hudukata and Mainamati.

Sir, may I know whether the Government was pleased enough to provide fund for formation of the road before it is taken up by the Government of India as defence road ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, before replying to the hon. Member Shri Chaudhury I would like to reply to Shri Dulal Barua's question. As regards the project referred to by him the State Government proposed to construct a bridge there and about the selection of site there was some representation. These are being re-examined and will be decided on merit.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : My question is what is the reason for the delay ? Because technically it has been already finalised. The project reports have been already finalised and administrative approval has also been obtained. Now whether it is a fact that it is not from the technical point of view but from the political point of view this has been delayed. If so, may I know from the Government when the project is going to be taken up ?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : It is not from any political point of view. But as I have stated already regarding the selection of site public made some representation and it is from that point of view the technical aspect of the matter is being re-examined by the Department.

*Shri Hiralal Patwary : মানবীয় মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে এই সদনত জনাবনে যে তেখেতে যেতিয়া মজলদৈ, উদালগুৰি, টংলাই যায় তেতিয়া তেখেতে এইটো কয় যে এই পিনেও বাণ্টাতো পকা হৈছে আৰু সেই পিনেও বাণ্টাতো পকা হৈছে। কিন্তু মাজৰ Portion টো পকাহোৱা নাই। তেখেতেও face কৰিছে আৰু S.D.O. ই সদায় কয়। মজলদৈৰ পৰা ৬ মাইল হৈছে আৰু টংলাৰ পৰা ৬ মাইল পৰা হৈছে। কিন্তু মাজতে ইপিনে ৩ মাইল আৰু সিপিনে এমাইল হোৱা নাই। Deputy Minister দত্ত ডাঙৰীয়া সমন্তিত পৰে। কিন্তু এইটো কিয় এতিয়া-লৈকে চৰকাৰে লোৱা নাই? মই চৰকাৰৰ পৰা জানিব বিচাৰিছো এই বছৰ লব নে কি?

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, I agree with the hon. Member that a point of the road is gravel road and also that it is a very important road of Assam. But unfortunately for scarcity of funds similar roads in various places could not be taken by us. We hope that with the availability of funds we can take up these roads.

Shri Nakul Chandra Das : Sir, in reference to the question of Mr. Patwari, may I request the Government to take up metalling of the remaining 7 miles of the Mangaldai-Bhutiachang road under the this expansion programme?

Mr. Speaker : If hon. Members go on speaking about their own roads there will be no end of it.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Sir, considering the backwardness

of Darrang(interruption)..... Sir, I am interested to know whether the Minister will provide certain amount of money at least for this project.

Shri Altaf Hossain Mazumdar : Sir, it will be difficult to agree with the hon. Member Shri Patwary that Darrang is very backward. Where an M. L. A. like our friend Mr. Patwary is there we cannot term it as backward (interruption) Cachar and Goalpara are the two districts in Assam which are really backward.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Until and unless Darrang gets the Chief Ministership they will remain backward.

Shri Probhat Narayan Choudhury : কোৱালিফিকেশন দিয়াৰ কাৰণে Out of the major projects from the State level কৰা হৈছিল ।

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : How are there relevant ?

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : মোৰ Last question.

Mr. Speaker : আপোনাৰ কি question ?

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : সৰু ডাঙৰীয়াই বড়ীয়া হাজো বাস্তাটো ৩ বছৰ ধৰি ভাল কৰাৰ কথা কৈছিল । কিন্তু এতিয়াও হোৱা নাই । হাজোৰ বৌদ্ধ মন্দিৰলৈ মানুহ অহা যোৱা কৰে । সেইটো এটা বিকল্প বাস্তা । বাস্তাটো হৈছে বড়ীয়া via চেচামুখ । সেই বাস্তাটো ভাল কৰিব নে ?

Mr. Speaker : আপুনি বহক। The hon. Minister has take note of all your demands and I hope he will consider all these.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Sir, you will pursue the Government to consider there. You please direct them.

Mr. Speaker : No. I cannot direct them. The Minister has noted them. Order ! Order.

Re : Rajmai Tea Estate

Shri Durgeswar Saikia asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that of late due to Brahmaputra and Desang floods, the Saragua Division of Rajmai Tea Estate in Sibsagar Subdivision was damaged ?

(b) If so, whether it is also a fact that the Tea garden works were suspended ?

(c) What is the acreage of grant of this Division ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the local people urged the Subdivisional Officer, Sibsagar to acquire the land ?

(e) What steps Government have taken in this regard ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue)
replied :

36. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—413.16 Acres.

(d)—Recently a few petitions have been received praying for requisitioning the land for distribution to the landless persons.

(e)—The petitions are under enquiry.

Further information on Starred Question No 46
replied on 31.3.70

re : Dibru-Sonari Burisnti Ferry.

Shri Prabin Kumar Chaudhury (Minister of State, Transport) : Sir, regarding the petition filed by the Dibrugarh Industrial and Commercial Co-operative Society Ltd., before the Finance Minister I have already stated that C. M. Secretariat is said to have delivered the petition to some one who does not belong to my Department.

On 3rd April, 1970 I got the matter referred to the P. P. S. to the Chief Minister. My Department has received a reply from the P. P. S. to the chief Minister on 8.4.70. In reply, it is stated that the peon, Shri S. C. Das cannot remember specifically as to whom he served the petition in question and he requested that he may be excused

as he cannot remember now as to whom he delivered the petition in question. Further, the P. P. S. to the Chief Minister has intimated my Department that he has referred the matter to the C. I. D. for and investigation and he will let my Department know about the further result.

I got a duplicate copy of the petition filed by the Dibrugarh Industrial and Commercial Cooperative Society Limited before the Finance Minister on 6.4.70 from the Under Secretary, Legislative Assembly. Immediately thereafter, my department has called for a report from the D. C. Dibrugarh whether Shri Abdul Majid was ever externed from Jonai transferred area. My department also referred the matter to the Political Department on 8.4.70 seeking the same information.

Political Department has reported on 9.4.70 stating that it has no such information available in its record and therefore it is collecting the same from the local authorities concerned.

However I contacted the D. C., Dibrugarh over phone at my own initiative on 9.4.70. I sought information from him as to whether Shri Majit was arrested by police during Indo-Pak hostilities in 1965 or ever externed. I received a telephonic call from the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dibrugarh and he informed me that he collected the

information from Shri P. K. Mahanta, Addl. S. P., Lakhimpur. This Additional S. P. informed the Additional D. C., Dibrugarh that as per D. S. B's records, Shri Majid was neither arrested during Indo-Pak hostilities under D. I. Rules nor was he externed.

Lastly I may be allowed to inform the august House that the same Society filed a civil Rule No. 263 of 1970 in the Assam High Court on 7.3.70. This Society had prayed for the stay of the orders of settlement of this ferry in favour of Shri Majid. While the High Court had admitted the Civil Rule on 31.3.70, it rejected the prayer for stay on 1.4.70. The Civil Rule is still sub judice in the high Court.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Sir, the Minister has just now said that a communication which was duly received in the Secretariat of the Chief Minister was delivered to a person who is unknown and who is unidentified and unidentifiable. This is a very grave matter because when a communication goes from one Ministry to an other there is a procedure of sending it through a Dak Book and that dak or that letter or communication is to be received by a properly authorised person putting his signature in the Dak Book or the Peon Book. How is it that a paper like this is delivered by the in charge of the Chief Minister's Secretariat (Shri Debeshwar

Sarma-what was this paper ?)-probably the Hon'ble Member has heard that this paper was regarding a serious matter ; that a particular person was considered to be anti-national, that a particular person was considered to be anti-national, that a particular person was considered to be undesirable and dangerous for the safety and security of the State in the border area like Jonai which is a very delicate area linked with China. Therefore, the question is not whether during the Indo-Pak conflict this man was externed or not. The very fact that the man was not externed not from the Pak border but from the Indo-China border, the allegation is that he was externed from the Indo-China border or near about—Jonai area—it is not enough to get some information over the phone because an information received by air vanishes in the air. If the Minister was to rely on the report of the Deputy Commissioner he ought to get it in writing. That only would have been authentic. Otherwise, the Deputy Commissioner is alleged to have said something over the phone but the next day when the matter becomes very serious he may deny having said such a thing. Anybody may impersonate him also over the phone. Therefore, it is dangerous to rely only on a telephonic talk without relying on records. This is one point. The other point is that the paper was lost from the Chief Minister's Secretariat is a very

dangerous thing and this gives an indication of more dangerous thing that might be coming. I therefore request the Government, Sir, through you that there should be a thorough investigation into the matter by the Chief Secretary himself and anybody who is responsible for this either for commission or for omission should be properly dealt with. Will the Minister in charge of the Government now be pleased to give an assurance to the effect that an investigation or an enquiry will be caused into this matter by no less than the Chief Secretary himself ?

Shri Debeswar Sarmah: Mr. Speaker, Sir, this is a serious matter and further more from some quarters it is observed that certain families collect funds for assistling the Azala Kashmir fund, I mean, the Pakistan areas through their secret agencies ; Pakistani flags are hoisted by some people in certain pockets and these are being favoured by some of the Ministers of our Government. I am not talking of the present occasion. Certain families do some nefarious, anti-social things but they are being given contract or some such facilities by our Ministers. Certain families in Dibrugarh who are alleged to be (we do not know but the Government may know of it) not of very clean reputation, are alleged to be in contact with people who are not friendly to our country or

our State, are being favoured by our Government directly or indirectly. One particular family in Dibrugarh is favoured with important fisheries. They are favoured with the Sonarighat Ferry, although they do not carry good reputation, at the cost of the our national security. Even I am told that one of the brothers of this lessee is sitting in a certain Minister's house this morning

Shri Probin Kumar Choudhury : Who is the Minister ?

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : Some Minister, not you. I know next to nothing. I am not insinuating anybody. I have simply been told about an hour ago, some people have come from Dibrugarh and they have told me, that in Sonarighat Ferry the toll is charged 3 rupees which officially is only 0.70 paise. And that is being done for the last several years. Only the year previous to this year this ferry was settled with another party. This year the contract shall has been settled with an Abor gentleman. Some men of these brothers to beat him the other day. Sir, this is a very troublesome affair. We want this matter to be investigated and the Government should place all matters before the House, because it is a matter of great concern to us.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, in addition to what has been stated, I want to say something more. I am

not so much concerned with the reports or externment of a particular gentleman from a particular area. I am concerned only with the official procedure. When an important paper is sent either the Finance Minister or the Chief Minister—to a respective Department, the Department which receives that letter must put a signature in the dak book. I would request the hon. Minister incharge of Transport as well as the Deputy Leader of the House to investigate into that particular signature. I have been told that instead of sending this paper to a particular Department, the very same letter was handed over on the way to a particular person against whom an allegation was lodged. This letter was brought from the Chief Ministers secretariat and straightaway it was handed over to a particular person. This is my point No.1. My second point is that the Minister incharge of Transport has informed this House on the basis of a telephonic report received from the D.C. Lakhimpur that there is no such record from which they can ascertain that the said person was extern from Jonai area some time back. But our information is very much different. I want to tell you that some hobnobbing or such other things are going on here in the Secretariat Departments. The Confidential Branch and the C.I. Department are there. Records of such kind of arrest must be there. Even when we have been arrested under the P. D. Act all our records and dossers were

maintained by the Confidential Branch and the C.I. Deptt. May I know whether on the basis of such dossiers Government can come forward and tell us that this is not true. I am saying that the dossier of that particular family and that particular person is there and so far I know one of his brothers was also arrested last time during the Pakistani Aggression and the entire family record was kept in the Confidential Branch. Now the Minister stated that the Confidential Branch and the Criminal Investigation Department are not in a position to bring out the records. Are we to understand that these two Departments are not in existence? Therefore, I fully agree with our Leader, Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharjya when he said that a through investigation should be conducted and the full report of the matter should be placed before the House. No less a person than the Chief Secretary himself should be entrusted with the enquiry and the full report of the matter should be placed before the House including the Peon Book so that the House can be convinced about the action and decision taken by the Government. My another suggestion is that pending decision in this matter, and as expressed by the Honble Member Mr. Sarma, as the antecedents of that particular family are questionable and doubtful and as we have raised a discussion in this House about the matter which will automatically creates public apprehension, so pending all the enquiries,

this Ghat should be taken over by the Government and run by Government itself.

Sari A. N. Akram Hossain : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় আমাব প্রবীন সদস্য মাননীয় শশ্মা ডাঙবীয়াই যি কৈ গল সেইটো গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ বিষয় বুলি উপলব্ধি কৰিছো। আমাব দেশৰ নিৰপত্তা প্ৰায় নাইকিয়া হৈ আহিছে। লগতে ফাইল বিলাক পাকিস্থান High commissioner লৈকে গৈছে, Chinese Ambassy লৈকে গৈছে কব নোৱাৰো। আমি এইটোত আচৰিত হৈছো। এতিয়া মাননীয় শশ্মা দেৱে এটা কথা কৈছিল যে, বহুতো ঘৰত পাকিস্থানী Flag উৰিছিল। আনকি কোনোবা নতুনীয়েও কোনো সময়ত সেই মানুহবোৰৰ লগত সহযোগিতা কৰিছিল। মই আপোনাৰ জৰীয়েতে চৰকাৰৰ ওচৰত দাবী জনাও যে, দেশৰ নিৰাপত্তা ৰক্ষাৰ বাবে আৰু যি দেশদ্রোহীৰ ঘৰত পাকিস্থানী Flag উৰিছিল আৰু কোন মন্ত্ৰীয়ে কেনেকৈ সহযোগিতা দিছিল এইটো তদন্ত কৰি এটা Report এই বিধান সভা চলি থকা অৱস্থাতে দিব লাগে।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue) :
Sir, I fully agree with Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya that the talk between the Deputy Commissioner and the Minister, Transport is not a conclusive proof on this point. The Minister has already stated that the matter was referred to the Political Department and in the office there must be some records on this point. Therefore, he is sending the papers to the local authorities. We know the Minister has contacted the Deputy Commission because the hon. Members are pressing for this information from him for the last three days. Therefor, for the

purpose of an interim reply he has collected the information from the Deputy Commission. I hope the information which has been given by the D. C. and furnished to the House will be reduced in writing by the Deputy Commission. Sir, as soon as the Political Department submit its report regarding the antecedents of this particular person that report will be placed before the hon. Members and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible

(Voices : When, when)

It must be during this Session. The next serious thing is about the paper forwarded by the Chief Minister's Secretariat to a particular Department which is missing during transit. This is a very serious matter. This matter should be thoroughly enquired into. The Honble Minister in his statement has stated that the P. P. S. to the Chief Minister had informed him that the matter had been referred to the C. I. D. for investigation. As has been suggested by the hon. Member, Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya, I shall surely ask the Chief Secretary to be seized of the matter and to conduct the enquiry by himself or under his direct supervision (Applause from the Opposition).

Sir, about staying settlement of the Ferry, this is impossible because the law does not permit it and at the same time the matter is seized by the High

Court and is sub judice. Therefore, at this stage, the order of Government cannot be revised.

The points which have been raised by Shri Sarma are very important but he has not brought any specific instances. Sir, certain allegations are sometimes based on facts and sometimes they are not based on facts. Even then it is desirable that we become careful about all such activities and from the side of the Government we should see that such persons of doubtful loyalty should not get any favour from the Government.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : Will Government be pleased to take effective steps to prevent this lessee from charging Rs 3/—in place of 70 paise ? This has always been done and this Government cannot plead ignorance of that.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, there was such allegation some time back and as far as I can remember (Of course I am subject to correction) an enquiry was instituted to go into the allegation. Honble Member Shri Ramesh Mohon Kouli brought these charges that the lessee was realising Rs 3/—instead of 70 paise by engaging private boats by this lessee. I do not know whether this was in regard to the lessee of Sunarighat or orther lessee but from the enquiry it transpired that was not a fact.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : So it was not a fact, and it is also not a fact that it is not 10.20 A. M. now but 10.20 evening.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : No it is not a fact. I am speaking from my memory....

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi : মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে জানেন যে ডি, চিৰ পৰাও ৩ টকাকৈ লৈছে ?

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : The Deputy Commissioner is competent to proceed against him. He is the authority. I do not know that the toll was realised by the D.C.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, it is no use telling things from memory. The Honble Member has charged that there were lots of allegations and complaints against this Ghat but no action was taken till today by Government.

Shri Debeswar Sarmah : Sir, it is rather sad and unfortunate that I have to say that some Deputy Commissioners are afraid of this powerful party because everybody has a price however high they may be.

Shri Ramesh Mohan Kouli : মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে যি কথা কৈছে সেই সম্পৰ্কত মই এই কথা কব খুজিছো যে যেতিয়া Frontier Co oparative Society এ লৈছিল তাৰ যি জন লেচি আৰু উল্লেখিত মজিদ চাহাব একে পৰিয়ালৰ মানুহ। তেওঁ সেই সময়ত Special নাও লৈ ৩ টকাকৈ চার্জ কৰিছিল বুলি মই আগতেও কৈছিলো কিন্তু তাৰ ওপৰত চৰকাৰে কোনো Stepe নললে। D. C,

এও ফেৰি Act ত অধিনত নপৰে বুলি কলে। তাৰ পিচত Inland water Transport এ চলাই আছে সেই কথা ৰাজহমন্ত্ৰীয়েও কৈছে। এতিয়া যিজন লেচি আৰু আগবজনো সেই একে পৰিয়ালৰ মানুহ। এই সম্পৰ্কত মাননীয় সদস্যই শ্ৰীদেবেশ্বৰ শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়াই যিটো কথা উত্থাপন কৰিছে সেইটোও গুৰুত্ব দিবলগীয়া।

Mr. Speaker: The matter was discussed thread bare and there were suggestion also. Do you have any other suggestion to make? Now Mr. Dulal Chandra Barua?

Shri Mahendra Nath Hazarika : কোনো কোনো মাননীয় সদস্যই উল্লেখ কৰিছে যে কোনো এজন মন্ত্ৰীৰ ঘৰত বহি ফিচাৰিৰ Settlement দিয়া হৈছিল। সেই কথা কাক উদ্দেশ্য কৰিছে সেইটো মই নাজানো। মই জনাত কোনো ব্যক্তিগত মুচলিম লোকক ফিচাৰি দিয়া হোৱা নাই।

(A voice : ঠাকুৰ ঘৰে কে ; আমি কলা খাই নি।)

Adjournment Motion—Strike by the employees of the Assam Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, under Rule 56 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly, I want to move an Adjournment Motion on a definite matter of urgent public importance and of very very recent occurrence. It is a definite matter because I have placed before you only one matter of recent occurrence for which the intervention of the House

is essential. The strike that has been resorted to by the employees of the Apex Bank Branches of the State has paralysed the monetary transaction of the State and has caused great inconvenience disadvantage to the people in general. Moreover, Sir, this motion is free from the restrictions that were laid down under Rule 57 as it is only one motion which I have placed before you which seeks to discuss only one definite matter. The motion is also not anticipating anything, it is a definite motion. It is also not a motion which can come in the form of a resolution. It is not also a motion which is dealing with a matter which is under adjudication by a Court of Law; it is not also a question for raising privilege. My motion is also free from the restriction of Rule 57 (viii) 'that a motion must not relate to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of the State. 'Sir, in this connection, I would like to say that though the Apex Bank is conducting its business independently, its management is controlled by the Government because the Govt. becomes the share-holder of the Apex Bank. The Co-operative Department of the Govt. has got direct control over this Bank. Therefore, it is primarily the concern of the Government of the State.

Sir, this strike has caused great anxiety in the minds of the employees serving in different branches of the Bank. Though they have placed their

demands before the authorities times without number, nobody cared to look after their grievances. Finding no other alternative, the employees have chosen this constitutional means to press forward their demands. So, Sir, when the House is in session, I feel that this matter should be discussed through this adjournment motion in order to find out a solution and that the decision of the matter brooks no delay. That is why I consider it a very definite matter. This strike is going on from to-day and it has become a matter of great public concern causing great hardships to the public as the transaction has also been stopped. This has caused great inconvenience to the businessmen, and if this strike is allowed to continue, many people will suffer. Therefore, to put an end to this important matter, I submit that the House should intervene and find out a solution so that the demands of the employees serving in these branches of the Bank can be settled amicably and the function of the Bank can also run smoothly for the benefit of the people. With this end in view, I submit that this motion has fulfilled all the conditions of Rule 56 and is also free from the restrictions laid down under Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly. Considering the gravity of the situation and also considering the legitimate grievances of the Bank

employees, I consider it a fit case to be discussed in this House through this adjournment motion so that we can decide the matter inside the House just now without further delay.

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami (Minister Co-operation) :

Sir, I have also received information that the employees of the Apex Bank have observed protest day to-day by abstaining from work. It is a dispute between the employers and the employees of the Apex Bank which is managed by a Board of Management and it is an autonomous body. The hon. Member, Shri Barua, has rightly pointed out the sub-rule (viii) of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly. It reads : "that it must not relate to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government of the State". It is primarily a matter concerning the Board of Management and such disputes are regular features. There is also provision that for the grievances of the employees, the employees can observe protest day and after serving notice according to the provisions of the law, they can also go on strike.

Now, another point, Sir, at the time when this motion was submitted, there was no strike—because to-day the Assembly met at 9 a. m. and at that time there was no strike at all, though I have seen that there were some posters displayed somewhere on

the street that there will be a 'protest day'. So, it could not be anticipated at the time giving notice of this motion. Therefore, the contention of the hon. Member that there is dislocation of transaction of the bank causing inconvenience to the traders and the general public is not tenable. There is also no administrative failure on the part of the Government. Under the circumstances, I do not think, Sir, the motion is admissible.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, I have heard the argument put forward by the hon. Minister. Referring to sub-rule (viii) of Rule 57 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly, the hon. Minister tries to assert that the matter is not primarily the concern of the Government, but I would like to say that the matter is directly concerned with Apex Banks of the State and the Bank is conducted by a Board which is controlled by the Co-operative Department of the Government, that means, this is a matter which is primarily the concern of the Government. again, Sir, the hon. Minister has just said that there is no scope of Government failure in this case. Sir, in this connection I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the employees of the organisation have submitted a memorandum demanding redress of their grievances

(Voice—No, No)

but no action has so far been taken due to which there is agitation and as a consequence the Apex bank administration is going to be collapsed, or in other words, the Government is not in a position to function properly and effectively. So, it may be taken as a failure on the part of the Government. Again, Sir, the hon. Minister wanted to show that while we served the notice, there was no strike and how could we anticipate whether actually there will be any strike. In this connection, I want to draw the attention of the honourable Minister to Rule 58 of Rules of Procedure of the Assembly where it is stated that—

“Notice of an adjournment motion shall be given before the commencement of the sitting on the day of which the motion is proposed to be made to each of the following :

- (i) the Speaker
- (ii) the Minister concerned : and
- (iii) the Secretary

Therefore, according to the rule, we are to give notice before commencement of the sitting of the House. The Minister cannot say that the strike is not going on. Actually, it is going on and the bank is not functioning at all thereby causing inconvenience to the traders and public at large. Therefore, the argument advanced by the hon. Minister is not tenable. Sir, considering the gravity of the

situation and urgency of public importance, you will be kind enough to allow us to discuss the matter through an Adjournment motion.

Shri Sailen Medhi : Mr. Speaker, in support of the contention put forward by my friend Shri Dulal Chandra Barua, I would like to add a few points. Sir, so far as sub-rule (viii) of Rule 57 is concerned, the hon. Minister has categorically said that the matter must not relate to a matter which is not primarily the concern of the Government. But, Sir, my submission is that as a result of this strike not only the employer or the employees of the Cooperative Apex Bank are badly affected, but all sections of people of the State will be directly, or indirectly affected. So, the argument advanced by the hon. Minister that Government is not primarily concerned with the matter, is not correct. Moreover, this is a specific matter and it has not been discussed in the same Session of the House. Therefore, the motion is perfectly in order and the matter can be discussed through an adjournment motion. I therefore, request the honourable Speaker to allow us to discuss this matter of urgent public importance through an adjournment motion.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Sir, I would like to add further that this is a specific matter of recent

occurrence and this motion has not been discussed before in this Session of the House. This is only the matter of this kind put forward for discussion in the House during this Session and all the conditions laid down in sub-rules (ii) and (iii) of Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business of Assam Legislative Assembly, are satisfied, I, therefore, request you kindly to allow us to discuss this urgent matter of public importance through an Adjournment motion.

Mr. Speaker : Order, order please. I have heard both sides of the House. Today is the last day of this short Session and the time at our disposal is very limited. We have already crossed 10-30 A. M. As we have committed that the Minister would start winding the debate on Governor's Address from 10-30, I donot like to waste any more time now. Therefore, I defer my ruling till first day of the next Session.

Calling Attention To A Matter of Urgent Public Importance—Gambling at the Veterinary College Hostel

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to call the attention of the Minister of Education under Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Assam Legislative Assembly

to the news item appearing in Natun Assamia dated the 20th March, 1970 under the caption “ছাত্রাবাসত জুৰাখেল”।

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই এই calling attention Notice খন move কৰাৰ আগতে এটা কথা clear হব খুজিছো সেইটো হ’ল আমাৰ Veterinary deptt টো Education deptt ত পৰেনে Agriculture ত পৰে।

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : এই veterinary কলেজবোৰ Agriculture Deptt ত পৰে।

Shri Bhadra Kanta Gogoi : এইটো লিখা হৈছে এইদৰে (ছাত্রাবাসত জুৰাখেল)

শুনিবলৈ আচৰিত যেন লাগিলেও সচাঁ যে খানাপাৰাৰ গণ্ডপালন কলেজৰ চৌহদত কত্ৰপক্ষৰ অনুমতি ক্ৰমে “হাউছি” জুৰা খেল চলিছে আৰু এই খেল অতি জনপ্ৰিয় হৈ পৰিছে। ছাত্ৰসকলৰ বাহিৰেও কলেজৰ কৰ্মচাৰী, অধ্যাপক কেইজনমানে এই খেলত অতিশয় ‘মজি’ গৈছে বুলি প্ৰকাশ।

ডিফুত হৈ যোৱা গণ্ডমেলা উৎসৱত এই খেল চলোৱা হৈছিল— ইয়াৰ পিছতে ছাত্ৰসকলে কলেজৰ অধ্যক্ষক এই খেলৰ অনুমতি বিচাৰে। কিন্তু প্ৰকাশ যে অধ্যক্ষই অনুমতি নিদিয়াত কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ৰ উপাচাৰ্য্যৰ পৰা এই অনুমতি পায়। ইয়াৰ পিছত কলেজৰ ছাত্ৰসকলে অধ্যক্ষ গৰাকীক কিমান মানি চলে, সি সন্দেহৰ বিষয়।

এইটো যদি Agriculture বিভাগতেই পৰে কিয় গ্ৰহন কৰিলে ?

Shri Lakshmi Prasad Goswami : Mr. Speaker, Sir. the Assam Agricultural University organised a farmers’ fair in Khannpara campus from 7.3.70

in which one tea stall was opened by a few students of the college of Veterinary science with the intention that the profit derived from the sales would go to student's welfare fund. In the said tea stall, housey game was played for an hour with the permission of Vice-Chancellor with a view to attract visitors to the stall. Although such a game was allowed by the Vice-Chancellor during the fair, it is not a fact that such game is as if being played regularly in the campus, as the news item seems to create an impression. No such game was allowed in the campus excepting during the farmers' fair. The Hostel is daily checked by the Superintendent and some times by the Dean and also by the Vice-Chancellor. The news item in question was duly contradicted by the General Secretary of the Students' Union and the same appeared in the paper on 25.3.70.

In regard to the report that such a game took place in the Live Stock show held earlier at Diphu, there is no such report.

The contradiction given by the General Secretary of the Students' Union reads like this :

সম্পাদক ডাঙৰীয়া,

যোৱা ২০ মাৰ্চ তাৰিখে নতুন অসমীয়াত প্রকাশিত 'ছাত্র-বাসত জুৰা খেল' শিতানৰ বাতৰিটোৱে শিক্ষক আৰু ছাত্র সকলৰ দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ কৰিছে।

এই বাতৰি সম্পূৰ্ণ ভুল আৰু ভিত্তিহীন। তেনে জুৰাখেল
এই পশু চিকিৎসা বিজ্ঞান কলেজৰ ছাত্ৰাবাসৰ চৌহদৰ ভিতৰত
আজিলৈকে হোৱা নাই।

—জানকী মোহন চৌধুৰী

সাধাৰণ সম্পাদক, পশু চিকিৎসা বিজ্ঞান
কলেজ, অসম কৃষি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, খানাপাৰা।

Re : Further business of the House

M. Speaker : Now debate on Governor's address.....

Shri Gaurisanker Bhattacharyya : In this connection
may I make a submission that this being a Friday,
we shall have to rise for Jumma prayer at 11.30.
But since some of the hon. Members, at least
three, are eager to speak on it and since the hon.
Minister will also require sometime to reply,
will it be bad if we sit in the afternoon ?

**Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury (Minister, Parliamen-
tary Affairs) :** Personally I have no objection to
sit in the afternoon. But the point is, as far as I
know, that many of the hon. Members have
planned to leave the capital this evening and
therefore, it will be inconvenient for them if
we sit in the afternoon. But if the hon.
Members desire then the reply may be put off
till the next session,

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : If reply takes one hour and if we sit upto 12 noon then probably the three hon. Members who want to speak can speak for 15 minutes:

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : Deputy Leader এ যিটো কথা কৈছে সেইটোৱেই হওঁক। We can sit at least for one hour more upto 12 noon.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : If the hon. Members give an assurance that they will not press for a division then I can agree to sit in the afternoon for an hour.

Shri Abdul Matlib Mazumdar (Minister, Law) : Sir, we cannot remain in the House beyond 11.30. A.M.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : If the hon. Members agree to sit in the afternoon for sometime, then there will be no difficulty.

Mr. Speaker : ১১ বজালৈকে debate চলিব আৰু তাৰ পিচত মিনিষ্টাৰে reply দিব ১২ বজালৈকে

Shri Mahendra Mohan Chaudhury : Upto 12 we shall sit.

Debate on the Governor's Address

* Shri Premodhar Bora : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণ পঢ়ি

শুনি চাই দেখিছো যে ৰাজ্যৰ সৰ্ব্বোচ্ছ উচ্চ পদস্থ বিষয়া হিচাবে ৰাজ্য-
খনৰ শাসন যন্ত্ৰ যি ভাবে প্ৰতিস্থা হ'ব লাগিছিল, ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণে
সেইখিনি আমাক দিব পৰা নাই। আমি ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণত
বিছাৰিছিলো যোৱা বছৰ হৈ যোৱা কামখিনিৰ এটা পৰ্যালোচনা
আৰু সেই কথাখিনিৰ দোষ ত্ৰুটিৰ অভিজ্ঞতাৰে ভৱিষ্যত ৰাজ্যখন
কেনেকৈ চলাই নিব খুজিছে তাত এটা আভাষ, কিন্তু আমি তেখেতৰ
ভাষণত সেইটো নাপালো।

অধ্যক্ষ ডাঙৰীয়া, তেখেতে উল্লেখ কৰিছে গতানুগতিক ভাবে
চলি থকা এটা ৰিপ'ৰ্ট। মই আচৰিত হৈছো যে তেখেত এজন
Chief executive হৈ চৰকাৰৰ শাসন যন্ত্ৰটো কেনেকৈ চলিছে তাত
কিমান বিজুতি মাটিছে, অফিচাৰ বিনাকৈ Punctual হৈছে নে নাই
এইবিলাক কথাৰ একো উল্লেখ তেখেতৰ ভাষণত নাই।

অধ্যক্ষ ডাঙৰীয়া, এই খিনিত মই এটা কথা কব খুজিছো
সেইটো হৈছে Education Deptt. ৰ কথা। Education
Deptt. ৰ Director আৰু Addl. Director ৰ মাজত আজি
যি সমস্যা গঢ়ি উঠিছে সেইটো অতি দুখৰ কথা। আজি Director এ
Addl. Director ৰ ওপৰত High Court কৰিছে। এইবোৰ
কথাত Step লোৱাত তেখেত ব্যৰ্থ হৈ পৰিছে।

তাৰোপৰি Anti-corruption ৰ কথাত তেখেতে কৈছে :
Action against officers at fault was recommended
in 36 out of these cases. মই ভাবিছো আমাৰ মন্ত্ৰীসকলে
এম্, এল্, এ সকলৰ ওপৰতো Anti-corruption Deptt. কৰিব
লাগে। অকল officer সকলৰ ওপৰত কৰিলেই নহ'ব আৰু
officer সকলৰ ওপৰত ৰাখি M. L. A. বা Minister সকলক
জাঁতৰাই ৰাখিলেই নহ'ব। কাৰণ Minister বা M. L. A.
বিনাকৈও দুৰ্নীতিত লিপ্ত থাকিব পাৰে। গতিকে মই ভাবো যে
আমাৰ এই সদস্য সকলৰ দুৰ্নীতিৰ ওপৰত যদি চকুৰখা কিবা যন্ত্ৰ

আছে, সেইটোৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগে। কিন্তু Decision টো implimentation কৰিব পাৰিছেনে নাই এইবিলাকৰ ফলাফল আমাক লাগে।

তাৰ পাছত Agriculture ৰ কথা কওঁ যে জলবায়ু ভাল হোৱাৰ কাৰণে খেতি ভাল হৈছে। কিন্তু চৰকাৰৰ procurement ফেইল হৈছে। আজি ধানৰ মোনে ১২।১৪ টকা কৰিছে। কিন্তু ইয়াৰ ফলত জনসাধাৰণৰ যে অসুবিধা হৈছে, সেই কথাৰ কোনো ইঙ্গিত নাই। ইফালে Tax ৰ বিৰুদ্ধে কথা গভৰণৰ ডাঙৰীয়াই উল্লেখ কৰিছে। এইটো implemantation হৈছেনে নাই চৰকাৰে আমাক পৰিষ্কাৰকৈ দেখুৱাই দিব লাগে। কাৰণ এইবিলাকত পুনৰ Regrade হ'ব পাৰে।

Mr. Speaker : আপোনাৰ সময় উকলিল।

Shri Premodhar Bora : মই এটা কথা উল্লেখ কৰো—এইটো বানপানীৰ কথা। বৰ ডাঙৰ ডাঙৰ পৰিকল্পনা কৰিব আৰু তাত কিবা এটা হ'ব। তাৰ পাছত দেখিম যে সকলোখিনি Short term ৰ ব্যৱস্থা হৈছে।

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই আপোনাৰ জৰিয়তে বানপানী নিয়ন্ত্ৰণৰ কথা ডাঙি ধৰিব খুজিছোঁ যে আমাৰ নৈৰ কিনাৰত বা নদীৰ কাষত যি বিলাক আবাদী মাটিত য'ত জনজাতীয় লোকে বাস কৰি আছে, সেইবিলাকত বহুবি বানপানীৰ জুলুম বেছি হয় আৰু তাৰ ফলত চৰকাৰে বহুতো টকা খৰচ কৰি মানুহ বিলাকক বৰ্জাও কৰিব লগীয়া হয় আৰু নানান Relief আদি দিবলগীয়া হয়। গতিকে সেইবিলাক মাটি deforestation কৰি যদি নৈৰ পাৰৰ মানুহ বিলাকক চৰকাৰে স্থায়ী কৰিবৰ কাৰণে সমতল অঞ্চলত বা ভৈয়ামৰ Forest Reserve বিলাক খুলি দিয়া হয় তেন্তে তেওঁলোকে এই সমতল বিভাগত স্থায়ী ভাবে বসবাস কৰিব পাৰিব আৰু আমাৰ

মাটিও বাচি যাব, বানপানীৰ পৰাও বক্ষা পৰিব আৰু Relief আদিৰ পৰাও বেহাই পাব।

তাৰ পাছত গভৰ্ণৰ ভাষণত আমাৰ employment ৰ কথা উল্লেখ নাই, বেতিনিউৰ কথা একো নাই আৰু পঞ্চায়তৰ কথা যিটো আছে সেইটোও বহুত দিনৰ আগৰ কথা। পঞ্চায়ত কেনেকৈ Asert হব সেইটো আমাক স্পষ্টকৈ লাগে। আনি বহুতো কথা কৈ থাকিলেই কাম নহয়। বিত্তমন্ত্রী ডাঙৰীয়াই কৈছে যে পঞ্চায়ত শক্তিশালী কৰিবলৈ হলে সকলো ফালৰ পৰাই আঁচনি কৰিব লাগিব। কিন্তু বাজেটত এই বছৰ দেখিছোঁ যে চাৰিকোটি টকা Agriculture Deptt. ত অফিচাৰৰ দৰ্শনহা আছেই। গতিকে পঞ্চায়ত Asert কেনেকৈ হব? ১২০০ টকা Secretary ৰ দৰ্শনহা আৰু ৩০০ টকা বাকী বিলাকৰ। গতিকে ৩০০০ হেজাৰ মানুহৰ কে নকৈ পঞ্চায়ত গঠন হব? এইবিলাকত বৰ দুখ পাইছোঁ। এইটো একেবাৰে অদৰ্কাৰী ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণ হৈছে।

*Shri Hiralal Patwary : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষণ শুনিলো আৰু বিভিন্ন বক্তাৰ বক্তব্য শুনিছোঁ। এই বক্তৃত্তা বিলাকৰ পৰা পোৱা যায় যে কংগ্ৰেছৰ ফালৰ বক্তৃত্তা বিলাক প্ৰায় একেই; কিন্তু বিৰোধী দলৰ বিলাক কিছু বেলেগ উত্তেজনাৰ পাছত দেখা গৈছে যে ইয়াত একমাত্ৰ চৰকাৰে গণতন্ত্ৰক সমাপ্ত কৰিবৰ কাৰণে উপক্ৰম কৰিছে। গোটেই ৰাজনৈতিক পৰিস্থিতিত চালে বুজা যায় যে ইয়াত জনতাৰ শাসন হোৱা নাই, গণতন্ত্ৰৰ শাসন হোৱা নাই। আজি ২৩ বছৰৰ ভিতৰত এনেকুৱা শাসন তৈয়াৰ কৰিব নোৱাৰিলে যে য'ত নেকি জনতাৰ আদেশমতে চৰকাৰ চলে আৰু জনতা আদেশমতে Political Party চলে।

এইটো বৰ গুৰুত্বপূৰ্ণ কথা যে আচলতে কংগ্ৰেছে এনেকুৱা নকৰে। কিন্তু এইটো case ত ভাৰতৰ গণতন্ত্ৰ শাসন কৰা নোকে

এনেকুৱা কৰিব পাৰে। গতিকে যদি গণতন্ত্ৰৰ শাসন এনেকুৱাই তেন্তে আমাৰ কব লগীয়া বহুতো আছে আৰু এটা এটাকৈ কম।

কিন্তু এই সদনত সদস্য বিলাক কিয় present নেথাকে? এইটো চিন্তাৰ বিষয় যে Parliamentary Deptt. ক যিবিলাক পৰামৰ্শ দিয়ে, এই চৰকাৰে সেই বিলাক মুঠেই গুৰুত্ব নিদিয়ৈ। কিছুমান সদস্য Officer ৰ দয়াৰ পাত্ৰ হৈছে। তেখেত সকলে Assembly আৰম্ভ হোৱাৰ পৰা শেষ হোৱা পৰ্যন্ত প্ৰত্যেক Deptt এ deptt এ ঘূৰি ফুৰে। এই অৱস্থা দেখিলে বেয়া লাগে। এইটো গণতন্ত্ৰ বিৰোধী কথা। ইয়াত গণতন্ত্ৰ ক'ত আছে? যিটো All India Parliamentary বাজেট আছে তাত সকলো কথা স্পষ্টভাৱে নিৰ্দেশ দিয়া আছে।

কংগ্ৰেছী M. L. A. বিলাকৰ সন্মান আছে। তেওঁলোকক বাহিৰত ঘূৰিফুৰা অৱস্থা দেখিলে বেয়া লাগে।

গভৰ্ণৰ Address সংবিধানৰ কথা উল্লেখ কৰা নাই যে সংবিধানৰ যি কেইটা Principle আছে সেই কেইটা implement কৰিছেনে নাই? এই বিলাক implement কৰোঁতে যদি বাধা আছে তেন্তে আমাক সহযোগ কৰিবলৈ কোৱা দৰ্কাৰ। ২য় কথা হ'ল, আমাৰ ইয়াত যিমান বিলাক আইন পাচ কৰিলে; সেই আইন বিলাক প্ৰযোজ্য হৈছেনে নাই। এই প্ৰযোজ্য কথাটোৱে কি বুজাইছে? এতিয়া কথা হল আমাৰ Administration Machinery বৰ্তমান যিটো আছে সেইটোৰে কাম কৰিব পাৰিছেনে নাই। আমাৰ এই আইন বিলাকৰ কথাই নকও আনকি আমাৰ Indian Parliamentary আইন বিলাকো কাৰ্য্যকৰী কৰিবলৈ যোৱাত কোনো কোনো ক্ষেত্ৰত বাধা পাইছে।

সমবায় বিভাগৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে কি কৰিছে। আমি দেখিছো ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষনত এই সমবায় বিভাগৰ কথা একো উল্লেখ কৰা নাই। আমাৰ অৰ্থনৈতিক অৱস্থাটো up set হৈছে। এই ভাষনৰ কাৰণে মই ৰাজ্যপালক দুখ নিদিও। কাৰণ তেখেতে নিজে

নিজে ভাষণ খন প্রস্তুত নকৰে। এই ভাষণ খন চৰকাৰেই লিখি দিয়ে। ৰাজ্যপালে মাত্ৰ ইয়াত আহি পাঠ কৰে। সেই কাৰণে মই অনুভৱ কৰিছো যে আজি ২৩ বছৰে আমাৰ গণতন্ত্ৰৰ মৰ্যাদা বৰ্দ্ধাৰ কাৰণে একো ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব পৰা নাই। সেই কাৰণেই মই কওমে আজি আমাৰ চৰকাৰে আমাৰ ৰাজনীতি ধংস কৰিছে। ভাৰতবৰ্ষ তথা পৃথিৱীৰ আন কোনো ঠাইতে এই দৰে নীতি বিৰোধে কাম কৰা নাই। আনকি মই বৃটিছ Parliament ৰ Library Table ত বখা এটা Report ত মই এই কথা দেখি আহিছো। আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ কি ৰাজনীতি, কি সমাজনীতি কি অৰ্থনীতি সকলোতেই প্ৰবঞ্চনা চলি আহিছে। এই প্ৰবঞ্চনাৰ কাৰণে বদন বৰফুকনক মানুহে কেতিয়াও পাহৰিব নোৱাৰিব। সেই দৰে আমাৰ এই প্ৰবঞ্চক নেতা সকলকো কেতিয়াও ৰাইজে পাহৰিব নোৱাৰিব। আশা কৰিছো আমাৰ চৰকাৰে এই বিলাকৰ ডাল ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব।

*Shri Muswabir Chaudhury : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই ৰাজ্যপালৰ বাজেট বক্তৃতাটো মনোযোগেৰে পঢ়ি চাইছো। কিন্তু তাত অসমৰ গৰীৱ ৰাইজৰ বিভিন্ন জ্বলন্ত সমস্যাৰলী যেনে—দুখীয়া ৰাইজৰ অৰ্থনৈতিক সমস্যা মাটিহীন মজদুৰক মাটি দিয়াৰ সমস্যা, শিক্ষা সমস্যা, উদ্যোগ সমস্যা আদি সমস্যা বিলাকৰ আশু সমাধানৰ কথা উল্লেখ নাই। ৰাজ্যপালে চিৰাচৰিত প্ৰথা অনুযায়ী সদনত তেওঁৰ ভাষণখন পঢ়ি শুছি যায় আৰু তাকে কৰি তেওঁৰ দায়িত্ব-টো পালন কৰি শুছি যোৱাৰ কাৰণে প্ৰশাসনৰ কোনো কামৰ কাৰণেই পোনপটীয়া ভাৱে ৰাইজৰ ওচৰত জগৰীয়াও নহয়। কাৰণ তেখেতে চৰকাৰৰ কোনো policy তৈয়াৰ নকৰে। গতিকে গৰ-ণৰ নিছিনা এজন কৰ্মচাৰী ৰাখি তেওঁৰ ভৰণ পোষণৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰে লাখ লাখ টকা খৰছ কৰি ৰাজহুৱা ধনৰ অপচয় কৰাৰ কোনো অৰ্থ নাই। এই চাকৰীৰ কাৰণে আমাৰ ৰাজ্যৰ কোনো

এজন Senior A.C. S. কে I. A. S. লৈ প্ৰমোচন দিয়াৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব পাৰে।

অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, আমাৰ নগাওঁ জিলাৰ দক্ষিণাঞ্চল যিটো অসমৰ ভৰাল বুলি জনাজাত সেই অঞ্চলৰ পৰাই প্ৰায় ৫০ লাখ মৌন ধান মিল মালিক সকলৰ, ভাগৱতী মাকে'টিঙৰ Agent সকলৰদ্বাৰা শোষণ কৰোৱালে Co-operative Minister এ। এই লুটপাত কৰিবলৈ সুবিধা দিলে আমাৰ Co-operative Minister এ। এইদৰে উৎপন্নকাৰী গৰীৰ খেতিয়ক সকলৰপৰা লুটপাত কৰা ধানৰ পৰিমাণ প্ৰায় ৫ কোটি মান টকা হ'ব। গোটেই খিনি মিলালে হ'ব প্ৰায় ১০ কোটি মান। উৎপন্ন ধানৰ মূল্য নিৰ্দ্ধাৰণৰ দায়িত্ব আছিল Co-operative Ministerৰ কিন্তু এইটো দায়িত্ব থকা সত্ত্বেও Co-operative মন্ত্ৰীয়ে এই গৰীৰ খেতিয়ক সকলক নায্য মূল্যৰ পৰাও বঞ্চিত কৰালে। আৰু ধান ওলোৱাৰ সময়ত Co-operative Minister এ যোৱা নবেম্বৰপৰা জানুৱাৰী মাহৰলৈকে Co-operative আৰু Apex Marketing ৰ জৰিয়তে মোনে ১১/১২ টকাকৈ গৰীৰ উৎপন্নকাৰী খেতিয়ক সকলৰপৰা ধান সংগ্ৰহ কৰিলে। ধান বেছিৰলৈ গৰীৰ খেতিয়ক সকলক বাধ্য কৰালে। অথচ এতিয়া ধানৰ দাম ৪০।৪২ টকা হোৱাত সেই গৰীৰ সকলে সিমান দামত ধান কিনিব লগা হোৱাত কি অৱস্থাৰ সৃষ্টি হৈছে সি সহজেই অনুমেয়।

অনাহাতেদি মাটিহীন লোকসকলক মাটি দিয়াৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত কি হৈছে চাওঁক। নগাওঁ জিলাৰ জুতীয়া অঞ্চলত এখন কৃষক সমবায় সমিতি আছে। তাত মেম্বাৰ আছে ৫০ জন। এই মেম্বাৰ সকলৰ প্ৰত্যেকৰে ৫০ বিঘাৰ পৰা ১০০ বিঘালৈকে মাটি আছে। অনাহাতেদি মোৰ সমষ্টিতো এটা কৃষক সমবায় সমিতি আছে। এই সমিতি ক্ষেত্ৰত এটা কথা সুস্পষ্ট যে—মাটিহীন প্ৰকৃত খেতিয়কে মাটি পোৱা নাই—কিন্তু যাৰ যথেষ্ট মাটি আছে সিহঁতেই আকৌ মাটিহীন বুলি চৰকাৰৰ পৰা মাটি পাইছে। মাটি বিতৰণৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত থকা এই বৈষম্যতাবোৰ দূৰ কৰা চৰকাৰৰ একান্ত প্ৰয়োজন।

মোৰ সমষ্টিৰে এক বিৰাট অঞ্চলত যোৱা বছৰৰ প্ৰলয়ঙ্কৰী বানপানীয়ে খেতি পথাৰ সমূলি ধ্বংস কৰি তান্ডুৰ লীলা তোলে। বান পানীৰ মই তান্ডুৰ লীলাৰ পিছতো খেতিয়ক সকলে বীজ বিছাৰি, পুনৰ খেতি বাতি আৰম্ভ কৰিবলৈ কৃষি ঋণৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰলৈ আবেদন নিবেদন কৰিলে। কাৰণ বানপানীয়ে খেতি পথাৰ ধ্বংস কৰাৰ ওপৰিও গৰু গাই সকলো মাৰি ৰাইজৰ অৰ্থ-নৈতিক অৱস্থা একেবাৰেই সূচনীয়া কৰি পেলালে। কিন্তু সেই ৰাইজ বিলাকে চৰকাৰৰ পৰা উচিত বিচাৰ নেপালে। সেইকাৰণেই কৰ বিচাৰিছা যে ৰাইজৰ Legitimate Demand বিলাক যেনে, মাটিহীনৰ মাটি, অভাৱ গ্ৰস্ত সকলক ঋণ আদি দিয়াৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত চৰকাৰী নীতি কৃতকাৰ্য্য হ'ব পৰা নাই।

শিক্ষাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত চাওঁক হিন্দী প্ৰচাৰৰ কাৰণে হাইস্কুল, কলেজ আনকি মাদ্ৰাছা বিলাকতো Central Scheme ৰ পৰা ১৮ লাখ টকা ঋণ মঞ্জুৰী কৰিছিল। কিন্তু সময়মতে সেইটো ল'ব নোৱাৰা কাৰণে Surrender কৰিলে।

অন্যহাতেদি প্ৰয়োজন অনুসাৰে স্কুল আদিৰ স্থাপনৰ ক্ষেত্ৰটো বেমেজালিৰ অন্ত নাই। শিক্ষক নিযুক্তিৰ ক্ষেত্ৰতেই বোলক বা M. E. M. V. হাইস্কুল আদি grant ৰ ক্ষেত্ৰটো চৰকাৰে কোনো সুবিচাৰ কৰা দেখা নেযায়। ফলত হোজা-চিধা খেতিয়কে সেইবিলাক কামৰ কাৰণ টকা পইচা ভাঙি স্থলতলৈ দৌৰিব লগা হয়—মন্ত্ৰী সকলৰ ওচৰলৈ। এই সকলো বিলাক সমস্যা সমাধানৰ কাৰণে আজি ৰাজ্যপালৰ ভাষনত কোনো উল্লেখ নাই। এই বিলাকৰ আশু সমাধানৰ কাৰণে চৰকাৰক অনুৰোধ জনাই মোৰ বক্তব্য সামৰিলো।

Shri Mathura Mohan Singha : মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, নিবনুৱা সমস্যা সম্পৰ্কে যি আলোচনা এই সভাকক্ষত চলিছে তাৰ কাৰণে সুখি হৈছো। কাগজৰ কলটো গোৱালপাৰা জিলাৰ যোগীঘোপাত দিয়া শুনি সুখি হৈছো আৰু গোৱালপাৰাবাসী ৰাইজেও সুখী হৈছে।

কিন্তু এটা কথাত মানুহে সন্দেহ প্রকাশ কৰিছে ইয়াৰ দ্বাৰা আমাৰ নিবনুৱা সমস্যা সমাধান হবনে নহয় ?

নিবনুৱা সমস্যা সমাধানৰ কাৰণে আজি সদনত তিনিদিনে আলোচনা হৈয়ে আছে আৰু বহুতো সদস্যই এই সম্পৰ্কে বিভিন্ন পৰামৰ্শও আগবঢ়াইছে। আমি দেখিছো আমাৰ জিলাত যিবিলাক উদ্যোগ আছে (উদ্যোগটো নায়েই) যি দুই তিনিটা উদ্যোগ প্রতিষ্ঠা হৈছে যেনে ধুবুৰীৰ match factory বগাই গাওঁত Railway workshop এইবোৰত আমাৰ থলুৱা লোকে মুঠও অগ্ৰাধিকাৰ পোৱা নাই। বগাই গাওঁ Railway workshop ত ব্ৰাহ্ম ৫ হাজাৰ কৰ্মচাৰীৰ ভিতৰত আমাৰ থলুৱা অসমীয়া মাত্ৰ ৩০ জন আছে। ধুবুৰীৰ match factory টো থলুৱা মানুহৰ নিয়োগ নিচেই নগন্য। উদ্যোগ প্রতিষ্ঠাৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত মই চৰকাৰক ধন্যবাদ জনাইছো লগে লগে মই চৰকাৰক অনুৰোধ কৰো যেন এই উদ্যোগ বিলাকত নিয়োগৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত থলুৱা প্ৰাৰ্থীয়ে সম্পূৰ্ণ অগ্ৰাধিকাৰ পায়। আমাৰ যিসকল unemployed ডেকালৰা তেওঁলোকক কিছুমান Technical postৰ কাৰণে ট্ৰেইনিংৰ ব্যৱস্থা কৰিব লাগে।

গতিকে যি উদ্যোগ যতেই স্থাপিত নহওক কিয় তাত থলুৱা প্ৰাৰ্থী নিয়োগৰ বিশেষ সুবিধা থাকিব লাগে।

শিক্ষা বিভাগটোৰ কথা সকলোৱে অনুভৱ কৰিছে। এই সম্পৰ্কে সমস্যা পালে পিচত কম। নিবনুৱা সমস্যা সমাধানৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত চৰকাৰৰ গুৰুত্বৰ কথা সকলোৱেই দি মই মোৰ বক্তৃতাৰ সামৰনি মাৰিলো।

Mr. Speaker : যি কেইজন সদস্যই নাম দিছিল তেখেত সকলক কষ্ট দিয়া হ'ল। আৰু আমাৰ হাতত মাত্ৰ আধাঘণ্টা আছে। গতিকে Special case হিচাবে আপুনি মাত্ৰ ৫ মিনিট কওঁক।

Shri Karbir Chandra Ray Pradhani : অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয় মোক

কোৱাৰ কাৰণে অলপ সময় দিয়া কাৰণে ধন্যবাদ জনাইছো।

ৰাজ্যপাল ডাঙৰীয়াৰ ভাষণ পঢ়িলো। কিন্তু ভাষণখন এখন Certificate যেনহে লাগিছে। অকৃতকাৰ্য্য হোৱা ছাত্ৰক যেনেকৈ Certificate দিলে তিক তেনেকৈ ৰাজ্যপালেও আমাৰ অকৃতকাৰ্য্য হোৱা চৰকাৰক এখন Certificate দিলে।

নিবনুৱা সমস্যা সম্পৰ্কে বহুত কথাই সদনত আলোচনা হ'ল। বোধকৰো মন্ত্ৰীসভাৰ বাহিৰে সকলো সদস্যই ইয়াৰ বিপক্ষে কৈছে। ইয়াৰ opposition কংগ্ৰেছ বুলি কোনো কথা উঠা নাই। আমাৰ মাননীয় সদস্য শ্ৰীশৰৎ গোস্বামী, মইনুল হক চৌধুৰী আদিয়েও কৈছে। অৱশ্যে চৌধুৰীদেৱৰ কথাত আমি কোনো মূল্য নিদিও কিছনো আগতে তেখেতে মন্ত্ৰী আছিল তেতিয়া তেখেতো তেনেকুৱা আছিল। আমাৰ শ্ৰীদেৱেশ্বৰ শৰ্মা ডাঙৰীয়াৰ কথাতো আমি মূল্য দিয়া নাই যিহেতু তেখেতও মন্ত্ৰী আছিল। কিন্তু শ্ৰীউপেন সনাতনৰ নিচিনা মানুহৰ যাৰ কোনো স্বার্থ নাই দুখীয়া ৰাইজৰ প্ৰতিনিধি তেখেতসকলৰ কথাতহে আমি বেছি গুৰুত্ব দিছো। সেইকাৰণে আজি আমি আনন্দিত যে মন্ত্ৰীসভাৰ বাহিৰে আটাইয়ে ইয়াত বিৰোধিতা কৰিছে।

তাৰ পিচত প্ৰশাসনৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত চৰকাৰ ব্যৰ্থ হৈছে। দেশত নক্সাল পন্থীৰ আবিৰ্ভাৱ হ'ল। প্ৰত্যেকৰে অন্তৰত আজি জুই জলি আছে। প্ৰশাসনৰ ক্ষেত্ৰত আজি কি বেমেজালি তাৰ দুটা মান উদাহৰণ দিছো।

(Bell)

পঞ্চায়ত সম্পৰ্কে যি ঘটিছে সি পৰিতাপৰ কথা। প্ৰশাসন টো নিৰ্ভৰ কৰে district authority ৰ ওপৰত। কিন্তু যিবোৰ কাৰ্য্যপন্থা তাত Political view involve থকাটো দুখৰ কথা।

অফিচাৰ সকল দোমোজাত পৰিছে। তেওঁলোকে indicate ৰ কামেই কৰিবনে Syndicate ৰ কামেই কৰিব ?

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : চাৰ মাননীয় মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয় গৰাকী
উঠাৰ আগতে মই এটা কথা জানিব বিছাৰিছো। কথাটো হ'ল
এই যে মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীৰ অবিহনে আজি ইমানদিন House চলিছে আৰু
এইদৰে আমি মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰী নোহোৱাকৈ কিমান দিন চলিব লাগিব ?

**Shri Mohendra Mohan Choudhury (Minister, Revenue
etc.) :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, for more than six days
this august House has discussed the Governor's
Address and a sizeable number of Members have
participated in the discussion. The hon. Members
have not only offered very many valuable sugges-
tions but also have brought to the lime light some
of the pressing problems facing solution in our State.
I congratulate them on these scores.

The Governor has prefaced his address by a
reference to the creation of the autonomous state
of Meghalaya. The creation of Meghalaya has been
received with a mixed feeling. Sir, here I must
submit that in an address of this nature all points
cannot be brought in and only the salient points
have been brought in the address. Therefore, any
omission on this score, the hon'ble members will
excuse. We should accept the birth of Maghalaya
gracefully and give our whole hearted co-operation
and support so that the experiment launched by
the creation of the Meghalaya autonomous State
receives with full success. Let us march forward
in shoulder with the people of Meghalaya to develop
this eastern region of India inhabited by varieties of

people having distinct civilization and culture. We should not forget that we are bounded by foreign countries which are not friendly with us. Our security and the security of India can only be strengthened if we work cohesively and with a unity of purpose.

I may not be able to meet all the points raised by the Hon'ble members, but that should not be taken that we are not mindful to them. I have taken notes of them and we shall take into consideration all of them for their redress. I shall take only the salient points the Hon'ble members have raised and shall try to satisfy them with the other man's point of view on those points.

While dealing with the subjects I have clubbed together the speeches of the hon. Members have drawn out the common points they have raised. I shall deal these points one by one. Hon'ble members will excuse me if I have omitted their names. Assam has not marched forward along with other State of our country during the last two decades. This is because of certain historical reasons. The British ruled our country for about two hundred years. During the British regime the Britishers did not do much to develop this region lying in the eastern most corner of our Big Country. The International Border in this sector was badly neglected. Industrial development was completely

ignored. In education both technical and general we were made subservient to other sister states. Communication and other social service did not get much attention. Except in a very limited tea garden areas road communication was at the lowest ebb. In the circumstances the State Government had to invest more than sixtythree crores of rupees in order to meet the basic need of the State for development. In this amount could have been made available for productive purposes most of the imbalances such as industries, employment etc could have been made up.

I cannot be said that financially Assam has been neglected. In the matter of shares of the Central taxes, Assam had been given what has been recommended by the successive Finance Commission on formulae applicable to the whole of India. It is a question of opinion whether the Finance Commissions should lay more emphasis on some aspects in preference to other aspects. For instance, in the matter of the sharing of the income tax we lay more emphasis on the origin of the assets leading to the income. Some other states lay more emphasis on collection. Others emphasise the question of the population. As such, the Finance Commission has always to strike a balance having regard to all the aspects prevailing through a vast country like India.

In the matter of subventions again, it is not possible to say that Assam has been neglected. For instance, the only States which get higher subventions than us are Orissa and West Bengal. Orissa has been given Rs. 24.5 crores a year and West Bengal Rs. 22.29 crores a year as against Assam's Rs. 20.80 crores in 1969-70. In subsequent years, the position is that only Orissa will get about rupees two crores more than us in 1970-71 and a few lakhs more in 1971-72. In the subsequent year, we will be topping the list.

In the matter of plan assistance also, Assam has been grouped along with Nagaland and Jammu and Kashmir as three backward States requiring special assistance. Hence, out of the Central kitty of Rs. 3,600 crores, Rs. 400 crores have been set apart for the three States and Assam has been given Rs. 220 crores as Central assistance for the Fourth Plan.

From time to time since 1964 the Government of Assam have been taking up with the Government of India the question of extending the Broad Gauge line from New Bongaigaon to Gauhati via Goalpara in addition to the extension to the Broad Gauge Line to Gauhati along the existing metre gauge line. It was pointed out that the whole of the lower Brahmaputra Valley, south of the river Brahmaputra, the N. E. F., the States

of Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura are connected with the rest of the country by the Saraighat bridge only. It is needless to reiterate that if a Railway line is constructed to connect New Bongaigaon with Gauhati via Goalpara in the South bank of the river Brahmaputra it will greatly facilitate tapping of natural resources of the Garo Hills District which has abundant coal reserves besides connecting the States and Union Territories mentioned above by alternative route.

The Government of India have ordered an economic survey of the transport needs of the Lower Brahmaputra Valley by University of Gauhati and it is requested that they would soon go into the question of extending the Broad Gauge line from New Bongaigaon to Gauhati via Goalpara, also for the safety and security of the people of Assam and the neighbouring States and Union Territories.

To connect the two railway terminus at Jogighopa and Pancharatna and to save the recurring cost of ferrying, it is suggested that a new rail-cum-road bridge be built at Jogighopa.

As soon as possible the Railways may also take up the construction of the railway line from Darugiri (Garo Hills) and connect it with the railway line coming from Pancharatna-Ghat to

Gauhati near Dudnai. This area is very rich in natural resources. Coal reserve to the extent of 100 tons is estimated to exist near Siju and in Darangiri, and about 3 lakhs tons of coal can be produced here annually after a few years of mining operation. Gypsum, which is one of the principal requirements of cement factory has also been found in this area.

Ours is an agricultural State: 80% of our people live in the villages and earn their livelihood from agriculture. Unless we improve agriculture it is a far distant cry to improve the economic condition of our people. From the side of the Government very many schemes for improved and scientific agriculture are in operation. The people now have become fertiliser minded. The consumption of fertilisers is on the increase. Irrigation was unknown to our State till few years back. In the first two Plans no irrigation scheme was taken up. At that time our main concentration was for flood control and drainage. As the land holdings are becoming smaller and as the people have now become multicrop minded, irrigation has become an imperative necessity. We have not been able to progress in this respect much but a beginning has been made. The Jamuna Irrigation Project is expected to irrigate about 44000 acres of land. Similarly, Patradisha and Harguti irriga-

tion Projects also, on commission, will be able to irrigate a sizeable area of land. The Sukla Irrigation Project and a few other minor irrigation projects have been taken up and when completed people of a big area will be supplied with irrigation facilities. The minor irrigation schemes taken up by the Agriculture Department which includes power pump facilities and shallow filter tubewells and deep tubewells will also go a long way to meet the demand of the people for water for irrigation.

We most welcome the decision of the two autonomous districts of Mikir Hills and North Cachar Hills for having chosen to remain within Assam. This has added to our responsibility and obligation. The Governor in his address has rightly observed that the pace of development in these two districts will not only be maintained but accelerated. This assurance can only be realised by putting more funds for development for these two districts and implementing the developmental projects in right earnest and with efficiency. The respective District Councils also will have to be up and doing to see that the aims and aspirations of the people of these two districts are fully realised. I repeat the same thing also for the Mizo Hills district. The Mizo Hills district is passing through an unhappy state of affairs but it is a welcome augury that things are gradually being improved. I hope

good sense will dawn on the Mizo rebels and very soon they will give up their destructive activities and take to constructive activities and with the help of the State Government and the Govt. of India the back-log of the development in that district will be made up.

The recent Namrup incident which has been referred to by many hon. Members is a very deplorable one. I do not want to go into details of this unfortunate incident but only hope that such incidents do not recur in our State. There is a section of people who make capital of this kind of incident and taking advantage of the situation try to blackmail the people of Assam without knowing the genesis of such incidents. It is the general grievance of the people of Assam that the Assamese youths are not getting their due share in matters of employment and other facilities from such an enterprise. That impression can only be eliminated if the management of such projects act wisely and respect the feeling and sentiment of the people of the State. This matter has been discussed on the floor of the Assembly on many occasions and, therefore, I do not want to repeat it here. I simply hope and trust that the lessons from the incident in Namrup will be taken note by all concerned. Hon. Members Shri Bhattacharyya and Shri Upen Sanatan have refe-

related to the recent Dhansiri Tea Estate firing. It is an unfortunate affair and we express our deep sympathy for the family of the deceased. We should try our best as to how we can avoid repetition of such incidents in future.

The problem of housing is not the problem for the police housing alone but a problem for all Government servants and also a problem concerning the entire population of the country. The Constabulary is entitled to get rent free accommodation according to the service condition. Although there is no hard and fast rule regarding percentage of provision for family accommodation, normally 30% of them are supposed to get family quarters. This percentage could not be maintained because of the increase in the personnel. Government is seriously thinking to increase housing accommodation for the police personnel. It is also the intention of the Government to provide housing facilities to all categories of Government servants but it will be appreciated that it is not possible to do so all at once.

The hon.Member, Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya has raised one point regarding collection of funds by Ministers. The Ministers are not debarred from collecting funds for the party as well as for other social, cultural and religious institutions. A rule has been laid down that funds can be collected by Ministers only with the permission of the Chief Minister and only by giving receipt for the

collection. I do not know instances whether any Minister was collecting funds without fulfilling these conditions.

My colleague Shri Biswadev Sarma, Minister, Industries yesterday, with your permission, Sir, made a statement in the House regarding the position of establishment of a second Refinery in Assam. I do not want to take the time of the Hon'ble House by repeating the same thing again.

We have discussed, on many occasions, in the course of discussions in the august House about the rate of premium of conversion of Annual Patta land to periodic. Day before yesterday, during the Question Hour I had given an assurance in the House that this matter of fixing rate of premium is being re-examined.

The question of unemployment has posed a very great problem before us. This matter has been discussed by a special motion by this august House. I did not want to take it up anymore.

Sir a demand has been advanced by Hon'ble friend Shri Jalauddin Ahmed regarding more salaries for Judicial officers but I may point out that it is difficult to consider the case of a single class of people excluding the claims of other classes, When one section of people is given a higher salary, on the same analogy, other people from other cla-

sses also will demand the same benefit. Therefore, the cases of other officers cannot be excluded from the list. That has been the difficulty with the Government for taking up the case of Judicial service people separately.

During the last visit of the Prime Minister to our State Capital a memorandum has been submitted by the Govt. of Assam where the tea crisis prevailing in the State has been brought to her notice. Our Finance Minister also, on many occasions, has taken up this matter with the Government of India and we are expecting that something will be done by the Government of India to remove the discrimination that our tea industry is suffering from.

Shrimati Lily Sengupta has charged the Government that the Mahila Samities are being neglected. I believe, she had made a little exaggeration in this matter. The Mahila Samities are being looked after so that the organisation can become stronger and be of service to the people, more particularly, to the women and children.

Employment of girls in services has been accepted as a policy but because of the dearth of vacancies and also of the nature of the job sufficient number of girls have not been employed. I think, with the increase of employment potentialities the strength of girls in service will increase.

It is true that there is dearth of nurses and Midwives in our hospitals and dispensaries. There is a scheme for training of Nurses and Midwives in greater numbers so that the hospitals and dispensaries can be adequately manned. In this respect the girls will surely receive prior consideration.

The shifting of the capital from Shillong has been raised by many Hon'ble Members. This matter has been mooted not only today but this has been discussed from a very long time past. The Government have already decided to shift some of the Heads of Department offices to the plains and a beginning has already been made in that connection but because of housing and other difficulties the progress of shifting the departmental offices have been rather slow. The Government desires to accelerate the process.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : The question is whether the Government has decided to start shifting of the capital to some other convenient place. Whether the Government of India has been moved for financing that particular action.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhry : I reserve the reply for a future occasion. The Assam Nagaland border is causing anxiety to all of us but this is a matter which cannot be solved unilaterally. Cooperation of the Government of the Nagaland also

is necessary to come to a peaceful solution. From our side we are doing our best so that an early demarcation of the boundaries takes place according to the provisions of the Nagaland Act. We have also brought this matter to the notice of the Prime Minister and the Home Minister and we have been pressing them to intervene in the matter and allow the demarcation to take place. The deployment of the C. R. P. by Nagaland Government in the boundary dispute is an unfortunate thing. We are pressing the Government of India that the C. R. P. personnel should not be allowed to operate in that area. In recent interview with the Prime Minister this matter was brought to her notice and as far as I could assess she reacted favourably. While doing further discussion with the Home Minister on the 13th of April I shall convey the reaction of the Honble Members on this very vital matter.

Improvement of the lot of the Scheduled castes and Scheduled tribes, other backward classes and the tea garden labours including the ex-tea garden and surplus labour population is a special concern for this Government and the Government is pledged to do their utmost and see that their interest are properly served.

In the matter of distribution of social service activities of the Government of Assam, neither

Goalpara nor Cachar has been neglected or deprived of their due share. But it cannot be denied that due to geographical reason and the inherent lack of potentialities of the two districts the economic condition of the two districts do not compare favourably with the rest of Assam. Cachar has of course the tea gardens but then due to the condition of the soil and the state of communication tea industry has not been able to bring about that economic development which is got by some other districts of Assam Valley. Goalpara unfortunately do not have either resources-tea or minerals. As a result, the intrinsic and the commercial development of Goalpara had not been keeping pace with the rest of Assam. This is, however, not due to any neglect of the Govt of Assam. The Govt of Assam have been exploring possibilities of doing whatever is possible. Even the location of the paper mill at Jogighopa is an instance in point. There is no instance of any opportunity for development of Goalpara offering and of being neglected by the State Government.

For years Assam had been trying to develop Cachar industrially. Several paper mills and sugar factories were licenced for Cachar. Unfortunately, for what ever reasons, the people did not start the industries. It is well-known that in the public sector Assam has not been able to develop any industry worth the name. It is not

that public sector industries have been developed by the Government of Assam in the rest of Assam neglecting Cachar. Wherever opportunity arises to develop public sector enterprises in Cachar, Government of Assam will only be too anxious to grip that opportunity. So also the Govt have already built the infra-structure of having plenty of power available for Cachar for private sector industries to come in. If and when private sector enterprises do intend seriously to come to Cachar any other assistance from the Government of Assam will not be lacking within the limited means of the State Government.

It may be noted that despite having two Medical Colleges in Dibrugarh and Gauhati, the State Government has developed the Medical College for Cachar. Even though the existing two Engineering Colleges do not have the full complement of admission, consequent on unemployment among Engineers, the State Government have not hesitated to take action to start a Regional Engineering College in Cachar. It cannot be denied that the project has been delayed which is not due to any fault of the State Government. For reasons beyond our control, there have been some delay in finalising the Master Plan. However, the State Government have repeatedly given directive that the work must be expedited.

Under the Official Language Act 1960, the Assamese Language has been introduced upto the level of Subdivisional Officers in the Brahmaputra Valley districts and Bengali language in the Cachar district on 13th September 1965. After this in the same way the Assamese and Bengali languages were introduced under this Act upto the district level on 15th April 1966. After this the next phase has been taken up and the State Language has been introduced with effect from 4th December 1969 for use for all official purpose at the level of the heads of the department while communicating with the public and other officers. Steps to train up language typists and language stenographers are also being taken. After this introduction in the heads of the department is complete. The next step to introduce at the Secretariat level will be taken. In the Hill districts, however, under the Act English language continues as the District Council or the Regional Councils have not asked for any change as required under Section 4 of the Act. Glossaries in Assamese language have been printed and steps to print more have been taken. Regarding Bengali, we have accepted the Glossaries of West Bengal Govt and as such there will be no difficulty. Steps to bring out Glossaries in Tribal Languages is also being taken up. The Translation Wing in the Law Department is taking step to translate the laws.

A point has been made that there has been increase in the number of I. A. S. officers in the State. At present, we have a cadre strength of 118 I. A. S. officers in the State out of which there are only 114 officers in position and out of them 24 are on deputation to the Centre, 15 officers we have earmarked for Meghalaya. The cadre strength of 118 has been fixed a few years ago and we have made no increase in that. So it cannot be argued that we have been taking more I.A.S. officers. In fact during 1968,-1969, we have taken 3 & 2 of officers respectively. The Government are quite aware of the need to give more promotion opportunities to A. C. S. officers. Some steps have been taken recently to make some posts available for A. C. S. I officers hitherto held by I. A. S. Officers.

The 'Jyoti Chitraban' Film Studio at Kahilipara near Gauhati which has been set up with a view to promoting the film industry in the State and thereby to fill up an important communication gap in eastern region is almost complete. The total expenditure envisaged in the execution of the project was Rs 15 lakhs approximately. Against this estimated expenditure Rs 11,80,000/—lakhs approximately has been incurred in the construction of the buildings.

Some other essential equipments such as Eastern Densito Meter, Photographic Step Tablet for the Laboratory and Recorder Motor Selsin Type

and Selsin Master Motor etc for the sound Department and a Mitchell Camera are still to be imported from abroad.

For these items the Govt of India was pleased to sanction the release of foreign exchange to the tune of Rs 1.71 lakhs during 1967-68. Unfortunately the sanction lapsed as the required licence was not issued by the Controller of Imports & Exports in time. After persistent efforts we succeeded in getting the sanction revalidated and licence is issued. When orders were placed with the firms, we were informed that the specifications and price etc of these equipments had changed in the mean time and we were asked by the firms concerned to get the changed specifications etc endorsed by the Chief Controller of Imports & Exports. This has now been done recently and the Director of Information & Public Relations is taking action to renew the order with the supplying firms in Bombay. As soon as these vital equipments can be obtained and installed, the Studio will be fit for operation fully. This is likely to take another six months approximately.

The main reasons for nationalisation of the leading banks are that there had been interlink between the big banks and the big business houses. There had been occasionally been allegations of improper use of finances of the banks under the

direct or indirect control by big business houses. Secondly, the interlink facilitated perusal of certain policies which may not have priority from the point of view of public importance.

On the other hand, the aim of a socialistic society is the provision of opportunities for betterment on wider scale and to cater more to the needs of the weaker sections of the community. The growing unemployment also made it obligatory to divert attention to development in the agricultural and the small industrial sectors. Despite directives given by the Reserve Bank to the leading banks to invest more liberally on such projects, the performance has not been satisfactory. Apart from other reasons, the main reason had been that the commercial Banks owned and managed with a view to avoid risk and profit making insisted on appropriate security. The criteria for financing were the economic returns and the quantum of risk and not creditworthiness of the borrowers and the causes.

In this background, the leading Banks had been nationalised. The immediately expected benefits are :—

- (a) the snapping of the link between big business houses and the big banks ;
- (b) the avoidance of mal-practices and favouritism in the matter of institutional finances ;

(c) making financial assistance available on large scale to meet the financial requirements for small businessmen, small farmers and those coming for trade and commerce in a smaller way ;

(d) achievement of the socialistic end of society ; and

(e) generation of greater public confidence in the banks so as to enable greater saving efforts of all sections of the community.

The Flood Control & Irrigation Department has undertaken a scheme for Brahmaputra Basin survey costing Rs. 98 lakhs and investigation of two medium Irrigation Schemes namely Pagladia Irrigation Scheme and Champamati Irrigation Scheme costing Rs. 15 lakhs as employment-oriented investigation schemes as sponsored by the Govt. of India. These will provide employment to about 43 Degree Holders and 111 Diploma Holders in addition to 129 ministerial and Grade IV staff. The Engineers and other staff are being recruited very shortly.

The Koliabor Lift Irrigation Scheme in Nowgong district is estimated to cost Rs. 152.54 lakhs and provide irrigation to 21,200 acres net. The scheme has been initially approved by the C. P. P. C. and the Planning Commission.

Land required for the canal system headworks

etc. have been surveyed and steps for acquisition are being taken by the Department.

Meanwhile, a scheme for opening the mouth of Kullong at Borghup through a sluice has been taken up. Tenders have been invited for construction of the structure and work will start in next dry season.

The suggestion for constituting consultative Committees department wise will be surely considered. For myself I support the suggestion.

There has been criticism on the law and order Situation of the State. The Governor has given briefly in his address the general position of the law and order of the State. There is reason to believe that it requires more tightening. Govt. is mindful of it. The technique of crime has changed. Law and order Machinery needs gear up to Meet the situation. The violent activities being indulged in by some of the political parties are a new challenge to us. The Govt. will meet all violent activities with iron hand so that the peace and tranquility are not jeopardised by their activities. I appeal to all hon. Members of this House and through them to all peace-loving people of our country to render all cooperation to curb such a activities.

In matters of general administration also there has been a lot of criticism by the hon. Members. We have taken note of the suggestions put

forward by the hon. Members and we shall do our best to implement them. This subject will come up before the House on a later occasion. We shall get opportunities to discuss them in greater detail then, I do not want to dilate upon this matter any more.

The land settlement policy of the Govt. has been always on the fire of criticism. Hon. Members should appreciate the anxiety of the Govt. for settlement of land with landless tillers. Government have been threatened with dire consequences by many hon. Members including my esteemed friend, Shri Phani Bora, if the policy of eviction is not abandoned. I am sorry my friends have not appreciated the situation. We have list of landless tillers and we allot land to these from that list. But if someone else goes and occupies lands allotted to them what else Govt. can do than evicting the encroacher and putting the allottees. The land problem can be solved only with the cooperation of all and I appeal to the hon. Members to lend their support and cooperation towards solving this problem in a planned manner.

New land reform bills which have been introduced in this session if passed into law will go a long way to solve the land problem. The tea garden surplus we hope by the implementation of the proposed Act we shall be able to

prevent from selling and shall be in a position to settle them with ex-tea garden and surplus labour population beside settling them with other landless tillers.

Before I conclude I want to make a personal reference. I do not want to reply afresh to the charges levelled against me by my hon. friend, Shri Moinul Haque Choudhury. They are being repeated frequently. I have replied to those charges on more than one occasion. I simply beseech him to realise that motivated allegations carry not too far.

I thank all hon. Members for giving me a patient hearing and I conclude.

Shri Hiralal Patwary : Sir, when the debate on the Governor's Address was replied by the Chief Minister, Mr. Chaliha last time, he has categorically said that the Govt. of Assam is seriously considering the question of giving social security to the tea garden labourers. To-day, when the Chief minister-in charge replied he has mentioned about the tea garden labourers, his reply is vague. So, we would like to know from the Minister whether Social security will be provided to the tea garden labourers so that they are really protected.

Mr. Speaker : Mr. Patwary, please sit down. The rule is that when the Govt. reply is given, the

Chair will ask the hon. Member who moved the motion to speak. Here, Mr. Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya moved the motion. So, if he has anything to reply, I will ask him to reply. That is the practice.

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Sir, it is unusual procedure. In the past after the reply is given, no questions are put. However, I am prepared to answer the questions. I am only pointing out to you that this is an unusual practice.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : If there is very important matter which needs clarification, and if that matter is pressed, and if the Minister be pleased to consider that the reply can be given then and there, that may be given. That is for the mutual benefit. So, I do not think there is much harm either to our procedure or will create any inconvenience to the House.

(Shri Hiralal Patwary rose to speak).

Mr. Speaker : Your point has been answered, Please take your seat.

Shri Dulal Chandra Barua : মই মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ৰ পৰা জানিবলৈ বিচাৰিছো যে আজি একমাহ হল, আজি মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীৰ অবিহনে সদন চলাই আছে। আমি সুখিলৈ মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে কয় এই সপ্তাহৰ ভিতৰতে আহিব। ২ সপ্তাহ মোৰ পৰামৰ্শ আছিল যে এখন Separate Governor সম্পৰ্ক।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Separate Governor

সম্পৰ্কে আমি এতিয়াও ভবা নাই। যেনেকৈ নগালেণ্ড চৰকাৰে বিচাৰিছে। আমাৰ ফালৰপৰা তেনেকুৱা দাবী কৰা নাই। মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীৰ অনুপস্থিতি সম্পৰ্কে এই সদনত আলোচনা হৈ গৈছে। তেখেতৰ বৰ্তমান শৰীৰ সুস্থ হৈছে। আমাৰ যিকোনো কথা আলোচনা কৰিবলগীয়া থাকিলে সকলো সময়তে তেখেতৰ ওচৰলৈ যাব পাৰো। তেখেতে যোৱাকালি সদনলৈ আহিব খুজিছিল। আমাৰ ফালৰ পৰা কোৱা হৈছে যে বিধানসভা শেষ হল সেইকাৰণে আপুনি জিৰণী লওক। পিচত যেতিয়া পুনৰ বহিব তেতিয়া নিয়মিত ভাবে কাম কৰিব।

Shri Kamini Mohan Sarma : মোৰ প্ৰশ্নটো হৈছে Railway Division সম্পৰ্কে।

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury : Regarding Divisional Headquarters of N. E. Railways, the Minister Railways assured that the matter would be expedited.

Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya : Sir, as we have committed to go by 12 noon, I do not want to say anything now.

Mr. Speaker : Order, order, please. Now, I put the question. The question is that this Assembly do now discuss the Address given by the Governor on the 16th March, 1970.

(The House divided)

Mr. Speaker : Ayes...45

Noes ... 23

(The motion was adopted.)

**Committee of Enquiry into certain allegations
against the Minister, Co-operation**

Mr. Speaker : As decided by the House on 31.3.70 during discussion of the Motion of hon.Member Shri Govinda Kalita disapproving the action of the Minister, for Co-operation, I constitute a Committee of the House consisting of the following members to enquire into the allegations and the various factors in issue against the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation and submit its report on or before 31st May 1970.

Shri Phani Bora.

Shri Atul Chandra Goswami.

Shri Hiralal Patwary.

Shri Jogen Saikia.

Shri Durgeswar Saikia.

Shri Narayan Chandra Bhuyan.

Shrimati Lily Sen Gupta.

The Deputy Speaker will be the Chairman of the Committee. 3 Members will form a quoram. (At this stage both Shri Lakshmi Prosad Goswami, Minister, and Shri Hiralal Patwary rose to speak, but Mr. Speaker asked Mr. Patwary to hear the Minister first).

*Shri Lakshmi Prosad Goswami (Minister, Cooperation) :

মাননীয় অধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, এই সদনত মই এটা কথা জনাব খুজিছো যে যোৱা ৩১ মাৰ্চ তাৰিখে এই সদনত মোৰ বিপক্ষে শ্ৰীগোবিন্দ কলিতাই যি অভিযোগ আনিছিল তাৰ তদন্ত হ'ব লাগে বুলি মই নিবেদন জনাইছিলো। চাৰ, তাৰ পিচদিনা ১ এপ্ৰিল তাৰিখে আমাৰ Deputy Leader মহোদয়ে সদনত উত্থাপিত কৰিলে যে, এটা তদন্ত কৰিব লাগে বুলি সন্মতি জ্ঞাপন কৰিলে।

মই এতিয়া দেখিছো যিহেতু সমবায় বিভাগৰ বিৰুদ্ধে এটা প্রস্তাৱ অনা হৈছে আৰু মই সমবায় মন্ত্ৰী হিচাবে আছো, সেইকাৰণে এই তদন্ত যিমান দিন চলি থাকে সেই সম্পূৰ্ণ দিনৰ ভিতৰত কোনো নথিপত্ৰ মই বখাটো উচিত নহ'ব। যিবোৰ কথা সদনত মোৰ বিৰুদ্ধে উত্থাপিত হৈছে যে, Marketing Society ৰ কাৰ্য্যকলাপ বিশেষকৈ ধান আদি বিক্ৰী কৰাত হস্তক্ষেপ কৰি তাত লোকচান কৰিছো আৰু সমবায় আন্দোলনৰ অনিষ্টসাধন কৰিছো। এই কথাটো অকল সদনৰ স্বার্থৰ কাৰণেই নহয় সমগ্ৰ অসমবাসী বাইজৰ কাৰণে আৱশ্যক। গতিকে মই নিজে যেতিয়া তদন্তলৈ আগবাঢ়িছো সেইকাৰণে এই তদন্ত যেতিয়ালৈকে চলি থাকে এই কালছোৱাত সেই দপ্তৰৰ দায়িত্ব থাকিলে তদন্ত নিৰপেক্ষ নহ'ব বুলি বাইজৰ ভাব হয়। সেইকাৰণে মই এই সিদ্ধান্ত জনাব খুজিছো যে, যেতিয়ালৈকে এই তদন্ত শেষ নহয় তেতিয়ালৈকে সমবায় বিভাগটোৰ দায়িত্ব মই নাখাকো। তদন্ত হোৱা কালছোৱাত এই সমবায় বিভাগটোৰ নথি পত্ৰ বা সকলো দায়িত্ব মুখ্যমন্ত্ৰীক চলাবলৈ এই সদনৰ পাচতে লগধৰি অনুৰোধ কৰিম।

Mr. Speaker : Now I propose to adjourn the House till 10 A.M. on 27th April, 1970. Is it the sense of the House that the House be adjourned till 27th of April ?

(Voices : Yes, Yes).

ADJOURNMENT

The Assembly then adjourned till 10 A. M. on
Monday, the 27th April 1970.

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The 10th April 1970

U. Tahbildar,
Secretary,

Legislative Assembly, Assam.