

Proceedings of the Fourth Session of the First Assam Legislative
Assembly assembled under the provisions of the Government
of India Act, 1935

THE ASSEMBLY met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong, at 11 a.m., on
Thursday, the 17th February 1938.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Realisation of Local Rates

Babu DAKSHINA RANJAN GUPTA CHAUDHURI asked :

*13. (a) Is it a fact that Local rates have been realised at the enhanced rate of two annas per rupee of the annual value per acre in the South Sylhet and Karimganj subdivision, after the passing of the Local Rates (Amendment) Act of 1937 ?

(b) If so, are Government aware of the strong public resentment at this action of Government ?

(c) In view of the strong public resentment, do Government propose to refund the enhanced amount to the respective payers ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI replied :

13. (a)—It is quite possible that local rates due in September under the law then in force have been realised only after 5th November 1937, the date when the Local Rates (Amendment) Act, which has no retrospective effect, came into force, but the delay in payment cannot alter the amount due.

(b)—No. If there is any public resentment it is based on a misconception.

(c)—Does not arise.

Babu DAKSHINA RANJAN GUPTA CHAUDHURI : Could not the Government pass any orders to the effect that the local rates be realised at a lower rate ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI : I think the hon. member will be satisfied after he hears reply to the next question.

Babu DAKSHINA RANJAN GUPTA CHAUDHURI asked :

*14. Will Government please state at what rate, do Government propose to realise local rates in future ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI replied :

14.—It is proposed to realise the *kist* due in April-May at the flat rate of one anna, as there has been no time to calculate it at any other figure whereas the old registers are available for this rate. For future *kists* the rate at which the cess will be levied, within the maximum of anna 1-4 in the rupee allowed by the Act, has not yet been decided by Government and will be notified in due course.

Babu DAKSHINA RANJAN GUPTA CHAUDHURI: May we know the approximate date within which it will be done ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: It will be done before next September at any rate.

Remission of land revenue in certain mauzas of Barpeta

Srijut GHANASHYAM DAS asked :

*15. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that owing to the failure of *Sali*, *Bao* and mustard crops due to the recent drought, there has been a general scarcity of food and other necessaries in the Barpeta subdivision as a whole and Bhabanipur, Hastinapur, Bijni, Gobardhana, Kharija-bijni, Barpeta, Chenga, Sarukhetri, Paka, Bagribari, Beghbar and Mandia mauzas in particular ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to make a general remission of land revenue in these mauzas by way of relief together with agricultural loans ?
- (c) Whether the attention of the Hon'ble Minister in charge of Revenue been drawn to the resolutions passed in the several Mauza Raiyat Sabhas, namely, Barpeta, Chenga, Paka, Sarukhetri and others published in the local newspapers and petitions made by them repeating the same grievances almost *verbatim* times without number to the effect as aforesaid ?
- (d) Whether the Hon'ble Minister in charge propose to hold an enquiry about the grievances of the *raiya*s as have already been given vent to and to see that proper redress may be made and necessary relief given ?
- (e) If not, why ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI replied :

15. (a)—Government are aware that particularly in the Hastinapur, Bhabanipur and Bijni mauzas there was some scarcity a few months ago owing to the drought affecting the *khurma* crops ; relief was given accordingly in various forms. They have, however, no information of general scarcity elsewhere and are not aware of any general failure of *sali*, *bao* and mustard crops.

(b)—No. Existing agricultural loans have been recently written off in Kamrup district. The local officers are fully empowered to deal with cases of land revenue remission under the rules if it is found to be justified.

(c)—Government received several of these representations last August and September. They, naturally, however contained no such allegations as are mentioned in question 15(a), since none of the crops there mentioned had then failed.

(d)—The grievances adduced by the *raiya*s have already been fully enquired into and relief given in the shape of gratuitous issue of rice and test relief works.

(e)—Does not arise.

Splitting up the Goalpara Forest Division

Maulavi MUHAMMAD AMJAD ALI asked :

*16. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The policy of Government involved in splitting the Goalpara Forest Division into two separate divisions of Kochugaon and Haltugaon ?
- (b) The additional expenditure incurred to open a separate division at each place ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI replied :

16.(a)—The splitting up of the Goalpara Forest Division was made with a view to (a) efficient management, (b) increase in revenue and (c) improvement in Silviculture.

(b)—The extra cost involved by the creation of a new division was about Rs.25 per mensem, but this was more than counterbalanced by a saving of Rs.70 per month.

Maulavi JAHANUDDIN AHMED: May I know how much revenue was increased by the splitting up of the division ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: I have not got that information now, but I can supply it later if the hon. member wants it.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD AMJAD ALI: Can the Hon'ble Minister tell me when it was done ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: I am not in a position to give that information straightaway, but I can supply it later.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD AMJAD ALI asked :

*17. Is it a fact that there has been a proposal and Government also contemplates to open a Forest Subdivision at Lumding with slices of Nowgong, Sibsagar and North Cachar Hills ?

*18. Has this decentralisation policy been adopted, in Goalpara and Nowgong, for the sake of efficiency only, or just to provide room for the overcrowded staff of this Department ?

*19. Is it a fact that the officers of the subordinate service of the Forest Department are given grade pay and not time scale pay ?

*20. If so, will Government be pleased to state the reason of this being so ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI replied :

17 to 20.—The hon. member is referred to the replies given to questions Nos. 263, 264, 266 and 267 asked by Srijut Siddhi Nath Sarma at the December Session of the Assembly, 1937.

Road Moharirs of the Public Works Department

Babu KAMINI KUMAR SEN asked :

*21 Will Government be pleased to refer to the replies given in the last session of the Assembly to starred question No.13 put by Srijut Paramananda Das, M.L.A. and to the unstarred questions Nos.114-117 put by Babu Rabindra Nath Aditya, M.L.A., regarding the question of including the Public Works Department Road Moharirs in the permanent cadre and state :—

- (a) Whether Public Works Department Road Moharirs are employed to look after the annual repair works as well as the clerical duties connected thereof ?
- (b) If so, what is the reason for making them work charged ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA replied :

21. (a)—Moharirs are employed on annual repair works. If the term clerical duties is assumed to mean work carried out in an office the reply is in the negative. If it includes such work as filling in the names of the daily labourers employed each day in the Muster Rolls and the nature of the work on which they were employed the answer is in the affirmative.

(b)—The hon. member is referred to the answer given to question No.116 asked by Babu Rabindra Nath Aditya, M.L.A., during the December 1937 Session of the Assembly.

Babu KAMINI KUMAR SEN : Will it be incorrect if I say that an enquiry made in the office will show that very often they are also put on to do office work ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : I am not aware of that, but if my hon. friend makes that statement from his personal knowledge I will make an enquiry.

Babu KAMINI KUMAR SEN : Then I am to take it that he will make an enquiry ?

The Hon'ble Maulvi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : In the Karimganj Office ?

Babu KAMINI KUMAR SEN : Yes.

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : Very well.

Babu KAMINI KUMAR SEN asked :

*22. (a) Is it a fact that a work-charged-hand is always taken solely for the performance of a particular work and is liable to be discharged as soon as that work is finished ?

(b)—If so, will Government please state the justification of allowing these work-charged-hands, the benefit of time-scale and Provident Funds, which are meant only for the permanent employees ?

*23. Is it a fact that the pay of the permanent employees who also supervise all original works are not charged in the particular work ?

*24. Is it a fact that as long as the offices of the Public Works Department will continue, there will always be sufficient work at least for a limited number of Road Moharirs ?

*25. Do Government propose to reconsider the question and make the Road Moharirs, who are working for years together, permanent and grant them the privilege of security of service as well as promotion to clerical and other services according to educational qualifications ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA replied :

22. (a)—“Work-charged” establishment is employed for carrying out specific duties on any one work or selection of works.

(b)—The hon. member is incorrect in his assumption that only permanent employees are permitted to enjoy the benefits of the Provident Fund.

23.—The definition of a “permanent employee” will naturally preclude such an individual's pay being debited to a particular work or works as he is liable to be employed on any Government work.

24.—Probably.

25.—Moharirs are at liberty to apply for any vacancies in the public service for which they hold the requisite qualifications. It is not proposed to make Moharirs permanent.

Babu KAMINI KUMAR SEN : Will the Hon'ble Minister see that at least some of them are made permanent if it is found that there is sufficient work for some of them ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : That will create more bitterness if some of them are made permanent and some remain temporary. These moharirs have so far been quite satisfied with payment on a work charge basis.

Babu KAMINI KUMAR SEN : Cannot the Government reconsider the matter as there will be sufficient work for some of them at least ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA : Very well, I will reconsider the question.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(to which answers were laid on the table)

Remission of land revenue in Hajari mauza of Jorhat subdivision

Srijut RAMNATH DAS asked :

27. Will Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether they propose to give remission of land revenue for 1937-38 to the owners of those estates in Hajari mauza of the Jorhat subdivision, the paddy crops of which were damaged by the last flood ?

(b) If so, to what extent ?

(c) If not, why not ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI replied :

27.(a), (b) & (c)—The question of remission is primarily the concern of the Deputy Commissioner who makes recommendation to the Commissioner after field to field enquiry is made. The Commissioner has power to sanction remission up to Rs.10,000 in any one district. The Deputy Commissioner in connection with his report on the last Sibsagar flood stated that the question of remission of revenue will be dealt with in due course. From the absence of any further report it is presumed that the enquiries contemplated by Executive Instructions at pages 180-185 of the Land Revenue Manual have not yet been completed.

Srijut RAMNATH DAS : Has not Government thought it necessary to know from the Deputy Commissioner about the completion of the enquiry in view of this question ?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI : We asked the Deputy Commissioner to make an enquiry, and as we have received no report we presume that the enquiry is not complete, but in the meantime no injustice has been done to anyone on account of the delay. I do not want to expedite the enquiry ; it is necessary that there should be a very careful enquiry.

Srijut RAMNATH DAS : I want to know whether it was necessary for the Government to know from the Deputy Commissioner, to give an answer to that question.

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: As I have explained in the reply, if the Deputy Commissioner finds that remission is necessary, he will forward his recommendation to the Commissioner and the Commissioner has authority to grant remission upto Rs. 10,000. If any further remission is required then only the matter comes to the Government.

Reintroduction of mauzadari system in the district of Goalpara

Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA asked :

28. Will Government be pleased to state—
- Whether it is a fact that the Tahsil System in the district of Goalpara has not been successful?
 - If so, do Government propose to re-introduce the mauzadari system in the district of Goalpara?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI replied :

28. (a)—No.

(b)—Does not arise.

Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA: May I know from Government whether the revenue collection under this system has improved?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: Yes, Sir. This arrangement has been successful in the Goalpara district.

Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA: May I know if it is going on better than before?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: That it is so, is our information.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD AMJAD ALI: What is the percentage of the increase?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: I am not in a position to reply off-hand.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD AMJAD ALI: Whether the Hon'ble Minister can give an idea as to the basis for his answer?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: The answer is based on the better and much quicker collection.

Maulavi MUHAMMAD AMJAD ALI: I want to know the figure of the collection, Sir?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: I can give figures afterwards, not now, if he applies for it.

Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA asked :

29. Will Government be pleased to state—
- Whether penalties are still being realised from the defaulting *raiya*s in Khasmahals in the district of Goalpara?
 - If so, what is the rate of penalty and whether penalties are being realised at the same rate as in other districts of the province?
 - Whether Government, considering the present economic conditions and hardship of the poor *raiya*s, propose to stop the penalty system?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI replied :

29. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The hon. member is referred to Statutory Rule 166-F at page 114 of the Land Revenue Manual. These rates apply to all Tahsils of temporarily-settled estates in Assam Valley.

(c)—No. The penalty is a penalty for delay and is not incurred if the *raiya* pays his revenue punctually. Government do not propose to encourage delays by modifying the system but have preferred to give relief by remitting a portion of the revenue, unless some wide-spread calamity occurs when Government may suspend the operation of the rule in the affected area.

Maulavi GHYASUDDIN AHMED: Are Government aware that the Rent Collector in Khasmahals harass the tenants when they go out to the villages to collect revenue from *raiya*s?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: No, Sir.

Maulavi GHYASUDDIN AHMED: May I inform the Hon'ble Minister that these Rent Collectors at the time of collecting rent attach cattle and do not allow them time to collect the money. The *raiya*s are consequently bound to sell at low prices their cattle and paddy. Will Government take action to stop this practice?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: Government have received no such complaint. But as the hon. member has made a statement before the House, I shall have the matter enquired into.

Srijut JOGENDRA NARAYAN MANDAL: What is the time after which penalties are realised from defaulting *raiya*s?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: If the hon. member will please refer to rule 165 at page 114 of the Land Revenue Manual he will get the required information.

Srijut JOGENDRA NARAYAN MANDAL: I understand that penalties are realised after the 12th February. In view of the fact that prices of crops such as paddy and mustard seeds are very low at that time, will Government be pleased to extend the time till 15th April when the prices go up a bit?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: As I have explained, in the reply to (c), Government can suspend the operation of this rule if there is any wide-spread calamity. Otherwise this penalty is imposed only in order to ensure punctual payment and the *raiya* is expected to pay his revenue punctually unless there is some calamity which prevents him from paying. That is the object of the rule.

Srijut JOGENDRA NARAYAN MANDAL: In view of the hardships of the tenants to pay up the revenue at this time of the year, will Government reconsider the matter?

The Hon'ble Srijut ROHINI KUMAR CHAUDHURI: Government will take the matter into consideration but it would involve the change of the *kist* date.

Construction of a road from Mewa to Bairagibazar

Maulavi MABARAK ALI asked :

30. (a) Do Government propose to construct a road from Mewa (near Sheola ferry ghat) in the Cachar Trunk Road, to Bairagibazar, so as to connect Sylhet and Karimganj with Beanibazar which is an important centre?
- (b) If not, why not?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA replied :

30.(a)—Not at present.

(b)—There are schemes of greater importance pending and these must be financed first.

Maulavi MABARAK ALI: Will Government see the desirability of constructing the road from Mewa to Bairagibazar ?

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Yes, Sir ; when a fresh Road Board programme is formulated, this suggestion will be taken into consideration.

Condolence on the death of Rai Bahadur Monomohan Lahiri, President, Assam Legislative Council

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Hon'ble members of the Legislative Assembly, with a heavy heart I am to announce to you the death of the Hon'ble Rai Bahadur Monomohan Lahiri, President of the Assam Legislative Council. This melancholy event took place at 4-20 this morning. I saw him on last Sunday and I did not know that the end would come so soon. One of the tragic facts about his death is that he got his illness to which he succumbed on account of a sudden failure of his heart in Delhi in the early part of January last, when he went there to attend the last Conference of the Presidents and Speakers of the Legislatures in New Delhi. He came here only in the first part of this month and he was struggling to recover from his illness ; but the cruel hand of death did not allow him to remain with us any longer. The late Rai Bahadur was a prominent figure in the province of Assam. He was a well known lawyer. His field of activities was Tezpur and he was a prominent lawyer there enjoying a lucrative practice. Outside his profession, he also engaged himself in various activities for the good of the province. He was a highly respected and loved gentleman and through his varied and well known activities he has left an indelible mark in the public life of this province.

It was indeed a tribute to his abilities and character and, nay, it was a clear evidence of the place he enjoyed in the confidence of the people that he was called even in his advanced years to the high Office of the President of the Legislative Council. Although he has died full of years and honours, the loss this province has sustained by his death will not be easily recouped.

Hon'ble members, it is indeed very sad to us to mourn the death of such an esteemed gentleman to whom this province owes a good deal. So far as I am concerned, although I came to know him intimately only a year ago, I came to possess a loving regard for him and considered him as a friend and well wisher of mine. It is very difficult for me to give expression to my feelings adequately just now. We must show proper respect to the memory of the deceased and if the hon. members desire, I shall adjourn the House for the rest of the day.

The Hon'ble Maulavi Saiyid Sir MUHAMMAD SAADULLA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I associate with all that has fallen from your lips with regard to the late Rai Bahadur Monomohan Lahiri. He has died full of honours and ripe in age. But, as you say, the experience which he had is now lost to the country. It may not be known to many of my hon. friends here that the late Rai Bahadur shone more in the field of industry than anywhere else—even more than in his legal profession. I remember, Sir, that long before—in the beginning of this 20th century—he started a hosiery factory which was the first of its kind in Assam. When, due to the competition

of Japanese goods, that venture failed, he had the genius to convert his hosiery factory into the first electric installation in Assam and Tezpur has since been enjoying the benefit of electric lighting. Sir, I have known him from my boyhood and anyone who came in contact with him could not but be charmed by the simplicity of his manners and by the ways in which he could make everyone his kith and kin. We mourn his loss specially at a time when his ripe experience was so needed for the guidance of the younger generation. I deem it not only graceful but dutyful on our part to adjourn the House to-day as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed soul. I suggest that a condolence message be sent from this House to the bereaved family.

Mr. ARUN KUMAR CHANDA: On behalf of the Congress party and in the absence of my leader, it is my melancholy duty to associate myself and my party with what has been said by the Hon'ble Speaker and the Hon'ble Chief Minister. It is indeed very sad that a gentleman who disregarding infirmities of age undertook the responsible office of the President of our first Legislative Council under Provincial Autonomy, should be cut away so suddenly from our midst. In him, we have the example of an old man who would not allow age to interfere with his sense of duty and his eagerness to serve the country's cause. His name will be remembered as a great name in the annals of the constitutional as also industrial development of this country. On behalf of my party, I associate myself once again with a man and I join in the request that the House may stand adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the illustrious deceased.

Rai Bahadur PROMODE CHANDRA DUTT: I find it very difficult to give expression to my feelings at the death of Rai Bahadur Monomohan Lahiri. He was a personal friend of mine and apart from the loss which the province has sustained, his death is a personal loss to me. I came in touch with him in 1921 when the Montague-Chelmsford Reform was introduced in this province. He was a member of this House for many years and every one who came in contact with him was struck by his character and charming manners, his ripe judgment and the ripe experience which he placed at the disposal of the province. He was not only a great lawyer but he was also, as the Hon'ble Chief Minister says, a great industrialist. I had been to his place at Tezpur and when I was shown round I was really impressed with his industrial genius. Although he has died full of years and honours we would have liked to have him with us for a few years more, but the cruel hand of death has taken him away. I associate myself fully with all that has been said by you and the other previous speakers and I would request you to adjourn the House as a mark of respect to his memory and send a letter of condolence to the bereaved family.

Mr. F. W. HOCKENHULL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, we also beg to associate ourselves with the expression of sorrow, the loss of which we have just heard. The late President of the Upper House was a most loveable person. Those of us who met him could not but be impressed with the seriousness with which he applied himself to his duties. It could be said of him literally that he has died at his post. We beg to associate ourselves with the message of sympathy which you will send to the bereaved family and with the proposal that the House should adjourn to-day as a mark of respect.

Khan Bahadur Dewan EKLIMUR ROZA CHAUDHURI: সভাপতি মহোদয়, জ্ঞানবুদ্ধি এবং বয়োবুদ্ধি Upper House এর President মহোদয়ের অকালমৃত্যুতে আমি United Muslim Party র পক্ষ হইতে দুঃখ প্রকাশ করিতেছি এবং পরিজনবর্গ উদ্যোগে সহায়ত্ব প্রকাশ করিতেছি।

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: On behalf of this House I shall send a message of condolence to the bereaved family to show respect to the distinguished deceased. I desire that the hon. members should rise in their seats and remain standing for two minutes.

(Then all members stood up and remained standing for two minutes.)

TIME-TABLE FOR VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

Time-table showing the dates and hours allotted for voting on demands for grants

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Before the House adjourns for the rest of the day, I am to announce the time table which has been fixed for the voting on and discussion of demands for grants.

| Number of Demand | Service or administration to which demands relate | Dates on which to be discussed | Time allotted for discussion | Latest date and time for receiving of cut motions |
|------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 9 | General Administration | 22nd February (Tuesday). | | 19th February 1938, before 3 p.m. |
| 1 | Land Revenue .. | 24th February (Thursday). | | } 21st February 1938, before 3 p.m. |
| 1 | Land Revenue .. | 25th February (Friday). | One hour | |
| 10 | Administration of Justice | 25th February (Friday). | One hour | 22nd February 1938, before 3 p.m. |
| 2 | Provincial Excise .. | 26th February (Saturday). | 2½ hours .. | 23rd February 1938, before 3 p.m. |
| 3 | Stamps .. | 26th February (Saturday). | ½ hour .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 8 | Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works. | 26th February (Saturday). | ½ hour .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 6 | Charges on account of Motor Vehicles Taxation Act. | } 26th February (Saturday). | } ½ hour .. | } Ditto ditto. |
| 7 | Railways | | | |
| 13 | Ports and Pilotage .. | | | |
| 15 | Education (European) | | | |
| 25 | Civil Works (Tools and Plant and establishment charges.) | | | |
| 27 | Superannuation allowances and pensions. | | | |
| 28 | Stationery and Printing | | | |
| 26 | Famine Relief .. | | | |
| 14 | Scientific Departments .. | | | |

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| 4 | Forest | 23th February (Monday) (to be taken up after the close of previous items of business of the day or from 2 p.m. whichever is earlier.) | 2½ hours .. | 25th February 1938, before 3 p.m. |
| 5 | Registration .. | 25th February (Monday). | ½ hour .. | 25th February 1938, before 3 p.m. |
| 12 | Police | 1st March (Tuesday). | 1 hour .. | 26th February 1938, before 3 p.m. |
| 16 | Education (other than European). | 1st March (Tuesday). | 3 hours .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 18 | Public Health .. | 2nd March (Wednesday). | ½ hour .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 17 | Medical | 2nd March (Wednesday). | ½ hour .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 19 | Agriculture .. | 2nd March (Wednesday). | 2 hours .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 22 | Industries | 2nd March (Wednesday). | 1 hour .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 11 | Jails and Convict Settlements. | 3rd March (Thursday). | 1 hour .. | 28th February 1938, before 3 p.m. |
| 24 | Civil Works (excluding Tools and Plant and establishment charges). | 3rd March (Thursday). | 1½ hour .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 31 | Loans and advances .. | 3rd March (Thursday). | ½ hour .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 20 | Veterinary | 3rd March (Thursday). | ½ hour .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 21 | Co-operative Credit .. | 3rd March (Thursday). | ½ hour .. | Ditto ditto. |
| 23 | Miscellaneous Departments. | 4th March (Friday) (from 4 p.m.) | ½ hour .. | 1st March 1938, before 3 p.m. |
| 29 | Miscellaneous .. | 4th March (Friday). | ½ hour .. | Ditto ditto. |

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Hon'ble members are requested to use printed forms in giving notices of cut motions.

Rai Bahadur PROMODE CHANDRA DUTT: May I request, Sir, that copies of this be circulated?

The Hon'ble the SPEAKER: Yes, it will be circulated to-morrow.

Adjournment

The Assembly was then adjourned till 2 p.m. on Friday, the 18th February 1938.

*Shillong,
The 12th March, 1938.*

A. K. BARUA,
Secretary, Legislative Assembly, Assam.