



**Proceedings of the Sixth Session of the Second Assam Legislative  
Assembly assembled under the provisions of the Government of  
India Act, 1935, as adapted**

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 10 A.M. on Monday, the 28th March, 1949.

**P R E S E N T**

The Hon'ble Mr. Lakshesvar Borooah, Speaker, in the Chair, the eight Hon'ble Ministers and fifty-two Members.

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**STARRED QUESTIONS**

(To which oral answers were given)

**Principle adopted for recruitment to different Departments**

**Srijut BHADRA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

\*11. (a) Will Government be pleased to state on what principle recruitment to services to different Departments is made ?

(b) Whether it is on basis of efficiency or on community basis ?

(c) What is the representation in services given to the backward and advanced communities ?

\*12. Will Government be pleased to state the number of appointments made in different Departments during the period from January 1947 to December 1948, community by community ?

\*13. (a) Are Government aware of the public feeling to the effect that the general efficiency in public services has deteriorated ?

(b) If so, what steps Government have taken to tone up the general efficiency in the services ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI** replied :

11. (a) & (b)—Direct recruitment to Government services is made on communal basis, by selecting only the best candidates from each community in proportion to its population. In the matter of promotions, however, seniority and merit are alone taken into consideration.

(c)—There is no classification as "Backward" and "Advanced" communities.

12.—So far as the number of gazetted appointments made during the period from January 1947 to December 1948 is concerned, the hon. Member may refer to the latest Civil List.

Information about the rest are being collected but this will take considerable time as heads of offices throughout the province will have to be consulted.



13. (a)—Yes, there may be a general lowering in the efficiency of the public services due to a large number of experienced officers having either retired or gone over to Pakistan following the constitutional changes.

(b)—The gap thus left in the services has been filled up by the appointment or promotion of suitable men. An officer on special duty has recently been appointed to inspect the district offices with a view to tone up their efficiency. Lately a Services Reorganisation Committee has been appointed whose terms of reference include investigation into methods calculated to improve the general efficiency of the administration consistent with economy.

### UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table)

#### Settlement of Contract for supply of Country Liquor

**Srijut RAJENDRA NATH BARUA** asked :

91. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether notice calling for tenders for supply of country spirit to Assam has been called for as required by rule 91 of the Assam Excise Manual, Volume 1 ?
- (b) If so, when the notice was issued ?
- (c) If not, why not ?
- (d) Why tender for settlement of the contract to supply country spirit as from 1st April, 1947 was not called for?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that Government has now to pay a price of Rs. 6-4-0 per L. P. G. to the contractor for not calling for tenders ?
- (f) Whether Government are aware that the neighbouring provinces such as West Bengal and part of Pakistan (East Bengal, Sythet) are getting country spirit at much cheaper rate such as Re. 1-13-0 and Re. 1-14-0 respectively per L. P. G. ?
- (g) The total quantity of country spirit supplied by the Assam Distillery at Rs. 6-4-0 per L. P. G. in the year 1947-48 and 1948-49 and the total amount of money paid to the contractor for those years ?
- (h) What was the aim of Government to allow a Distillery in Assam ?
- (i) Whether it was with a view to getting country spirit at a lesser price ?
- (j) How Government has arrived at the figure of Rs. 6-4-0 per L. P. G. of country spirit ?
- (k) Whether it is a fact that the present contractor has failed to bring molasses from U. P. although Government arranged sufficient quantity of molasses in U. P. ?
- (l) Whether Government are aware that the present contractor is purchasing local Gur from various districts of Assam ?
- (m) Whether the Assam Distillery is a public Limited Company or a private owned property ?



The Hon'ble Maulana MAHAMED TAYYEBULLA replied :

91. (a)—Yes.
- (b)—The last two notices were issued on 17th October, 1948 and 12th March, 1949.
- (c)—Does not arise.
- (d)—After taking into consideration all relevant factors then prevailing particularly transport difficulties for movement of spirit consignments from outside the province to ware-houses in Assam which were mainly responsible for irregular and inadequate supply in the past by the Sultanganj Distillery in Bihar, causing loss of provincial revenues and thereby giving impetus to illicit distillation, it was decided that no Notice should be issued inviting tenders for supply of country spirit from 1st April, 1947.
- (e)—No. The price per L. P. G. of country spirit payable to the Assam Distillery is fixed from time to time by Government. (For a period not less than six months) on the basis of the prevailing market rate of raw materials and other commodities required for manufacture of country spirit.
- (f)—Government have no information as to the cost price per L. P. G. now being paid to the contractors by the West Bengal and the East Bengal Governments. Information about the cost price now being paid by the West Bengal Government is being called for.
- (g)—The total quantity of country spirit supplied at the rate of Rs.6-4-0 per L. P. G. during 1947-48 was 1,41,841 L. P. G. and during 1948-49 upto January 1949, 86,136 L. P. G. Total sums of Rs.8,86,509 and Rs.5,38,352 were paid to the contractor for the supply of liquor at Rs.6-4-0 per L. P. G. during 1947-48 and 1948-49 respectively. Rs.6-4-0 per L. P. G. was the rate fixed from 1st April 1947 to 30th September 1947, Rs.5-1-0 per L. P. G. from 1st October 1947 to 31st March 1948 and Rs.5-10-0 per L. P. G. from April 1948 to September 1948 and Rs.6-4-0 is the rate existing from October 1948. The total supply of liquor by the Assam Distillery during 1947-48 and during 1948-49 upto January 1949 was 3,00,645 L. P. G. and 2,78,812 L. P. G. and the total amounts of cost price paid to the Distillery for the total supply during the two years was Rs.17,21,193 and Rs.16,22,213 respectively.
- (h)—Government permitted the establishment of a Distillery in Assam with a view to get supply of country spirit and foreign liquor such as rectified spirit, methylated spirit, absolute alcohol within the province as considerable difficulties were experienced in obtaining the supply of those stuffs from outside the province.
- (i)—It was with a view mainly to get regular supply, as irregular and inadequate supply from outside the Province due to transport difficulties caused loss of provincial revenues besides creating other difficulties.
- (j)—The price per L. P. G. of liquor payable to the Distillery is arrived at on the basis of market rates of raw materials and other commodities required for the manufacture of country spirit and thus the price of Rs.6-4-0 per L. P. G. as fixed by Government for periods from April to September 1947, and from October 1948 was calculated on the basis of rates of raw materials and other commodities required for manufacture of country spirit, prevailing at that time.
- (k)—It is true that the contractor could not bring the entire quantity of molasses allotted in U. P. Sugar Mills by the Indian Sugar Syndicate, Cawnpore, due to transport difficulties. The Distillery obtains supply of molasses and mohua as and when transport facilities are afforded by the Railway and Steamer Authorities.



(l)—In accordance with the conditions of the agreement executed by the Distillery the responsibility to secure raw materials for manufacture of country spirit lies with the Distillery and as such the Distillery is arranging Gur to maintain supply of country spirit required in the province as supply of molasses and mohua for manufacture of country spirit is not regular due to transport difficulties. It is not known exactly wherefrom the Distillery is purchasing Gur.

(m)—The Assam Distillery is a private limited company.

**Srijut RAJENDRA NATH BARUA** : May we know whether this Distillery in Assam is supplying methylated spirits ?

**The Hon'ble Maulana MAHAMED TAYYEBULLA** : This is a new question, Sir. I will be able to supply the information to the hon. Member later.

### **Tribal students' scholarships in the Assam Agricultural College**

**Srijut KARKA DALAY MIRI** asked :

92. (a)—Is it a fact that some scholarships have been allotted for Tribal students in the Assam Agricultural College ?

(b) If so, how many Tribal students are enjoying the said scholarships at present.

**The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR** replied :

92. (a)—No scholarship has been specially allotted to tribal students of the Assam Agricultural College. Five scholarships are annually awarded on competitive basis and out of these two are meant for students belonging to Backward communities.

(b)—Does not arise.

### **Enquiry into the issue of petrol and sale of Motor cars by Messrs. Allen Berry and Company**

**Srijut PHADRA KANTA GOGOI** asked :

93. (a) Will Government be pleased to refer to pages 1009 and 1010 of the Assam Legislative Assembly Proceedings of the 16th September, 1948 in connection with Unstarred Question No.21 asked by the Questioner on the subject of issue of petrol and sale of Motor cars by Messrs. Allen Berry and Company and state what report has been received by Government from the officer entrusted with the enquiry ?

(b) What action the Government is going to take against the then Superintendent of Police, Dibrugarh ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI** replied :

93. (a) & (b)—Report was received but Government do not like to disclose the contents at present for public interest as Government have been making further enquiries with a view to take appropriate action.



### Appointments of Deputy Superintendents of Police

**Babu BIDYAPATI SINGHA** asked :

94. Will Government be pleased to state:
- Whether any Deputy Superintendent of Police was selected from Cachar as direct recruit ?
  - If not, why not ?
  - Whether there was any applicant for this post from Cachar at the time of last recruitment ?
  - Whether Government are aware of the public feeling to the effect that Cachar is not getting any due share in the matter of all appointments ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI** replied :

- 94 (a)—No.
- (b)—Appointments of Deputy Superintendents of Police like those of other Provincial Services are made on a provincial basis and not districtwise.
- (c)—Applications for the posts of Deputy Superintendents of Police were received by the Public Service Commission and Government have no information whether there were any applicants from Cachar.
- (d)—Government consider that there is no justification for such a feeling.

### Appointments made in the Public Works Department during last five years.

**Srijut BELIRAM DAS** asked :

95. (a) Will the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge of Public Works Department be pleased to state how many officers from outside Assam were appointed temporarily in the Public Works Department during the last five financial years ?
- (b) In view of the fact that the Post-War Development Scheme has been partially abandoned, do Government propose to reduce their numbers accordingly ?

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY** replied :

95. (a)—Twenty five Engineers and Sixty-Seven Overseers only.
- (b)—There is no proposal at present to reduce the number of existing temporary staff, the permanent staff being very inadequate to cope with the increased work of the Department.

**Srijut BELIRAM DAS** : As regard (a), may I know whether these Engineers and Overseers have been appointed temporarily or permanently ?

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY** : Temporarily, Sir.

**Srijut BELIRAM DAS** : As regards (b), do Government want to say that the Public Works Department was all along understaffed till these appointments were made ?

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY** : Yes, Sir.



**Maulavi ABDUL HALIM:** May I know, Sir, whether these Engineers appointed are qualified Engineers as required by rules ?

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY:** Of course, they are qualified as required by rules.

**Shri SATINDRA MOHAN DEV:** Do Government know that some Engineers got degrees by correspondence and actually do not go to any college ?

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** That is a different question. This cannot be allowed.

### **Civil Hospital of North Lakhimpur**

**Srijut HEM CHANDRA HAZARIKA** asked :

96. (a) Are Government aware of the miserable condition of the buildings of the Civil Hospital at North Lakhimpur ?

(b) If so, do Government propose to improve the conditions of the same ?

(c) Are Government aware that the people of North Lakhimpur Subdivision suffer miserably for want of proper equipment and adequate supply of medicines to this dispensary ?

(d) Are Government aware that it is not possible for the people of this Subdivision to get any medical aid from any other neighbouring subdivision ?

(e) Do Government propose to provincialise this dispensary during 1948-49 ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS** replied :

96. (a)—Yes.

(b)—This being a Local Board Hospital, the matter can be considered by Government only when the Board will move for it through the proper channel.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Government are aware of the difficulties of getting medical aid from the neighbouring subdivisions only during the rainy seasons.

(e)—No.

### **Improvement of Subdivisional Dispensaries**

**Srijut. HEM CHANDRA HAZARIKA** asked :

97. (a) Will Government be pleased to state if they have sanctioned any grants for improvement of any Subdivisional Dispensaries buildings and purchasing stocks of medicine ?

(b) If so, will Government be pleased to state the names of those Subdivisional Dispensaries with amounts sanctioned for improvement of buildings and purchasing equipments in each of such dispensaries ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS** replied :

97. (a)—Yes.



(b)—For purchase of medicine the following grants were made:—

1. North Lakhimpur Civil Hospital	...	...	...	...	Rs.1,850
2. Sibsagar Civil Hospital	...	...	...	...	2,420
3. Golaghat Civil Hospital	...	...	...	...	2,010
4. Barpeta Civil Hospital	...	...	...	...	2,000
5. Mangaldai Civil Hospital	...	...	...	...	1,830
6. Goalpara Civil Hospital	...	...	...	...	2,000
7. Hailakandi Civil Hospital	...	...	...	...	2,000
8. Karimganj Civil Hospital	...	...	...	...	2,000
and for reconstruction of the Hospital building at Barpeta	...	...	...	...	2,000

a grant of Rs.26,250 was also made.

### Judges of the Hon'ble High Court of Assam

**Maulavi ABDUL HAI** asked :

98. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the monthly salary of a Puisne Judge of the Hon'ble High Court of Assam ?

(b) What is the total monthly salary drawn by all the present members of the Subordinate Judiciary in Assam ?

(c) Are Government aware that the present staff of the Subordinate Judiciary in the Province is not sufficient to cope with the pending works and as a consequence the Hon'ble High Court has not got sufficient work to perform ?

(d) If so, do Government propose to enlarge the Subordinate Judiciary in the Province by taking adequate number of Officers ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA** replied :

98. (a)—Rs.3,500.

(b)—The total monthly salary drawn by the three Subordinate Judges is Rs.1,875.

(c) & (d)—A proposal for increasing the number of Subordinate Judges is under consideration of Government.

### Staff of the defunct Commissioner's office

**Maulavi ABDUL HAI** asked :

99. (a) Will Government be pleased to state the number of officers of the now defunct Commissioner's Office absorbed in the High Court establishment and how many officers of the said Commissioner's Office have been left out from being absorbed in the said High Court establishment ?

(b) Is it a fact that some of the equally qualified officers of the former Commissioner's Office have not been absorbed in the High Court Establishment ?

(c) If so, do Government propose to absorb these persons in the High Court Office ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA** replied :

99. (a)—The staff of the defunct Commissioner's Office was posted to various Offices out of which the Assam High Court selected thirteen ministerial officers.



(b)—Appointment to the High Court Establishment is entirely in the discretion of the Hon'ble Chief Justice who appointed such of the staff of the Commissioner's Office as he considered suitable.

(c)—Government do not consider it necessary to take any action as there is not a single member of the Commissioner's staff who has not been provided with an alternative appointment.

**Maulavi ABDUL HAI:** As regards (c), may I know from Government why some of the staff of the Commissioner's Office have been recruited and some others were not recruited by the Assam High Court?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA:** The reply is quite clear, Sir.

**Maulavi ABDUL HAI:** My question is why some of the Commissioner's staff were taken by the High Court and others were not taken?

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** I may be allowed to reply to this question, Sir.

After the abolition of the Commissioner's Office, most of the staff of that Office were either appointed to Secretariat Establishment or Establishments of other Heads of Departments and when the question of recruitment to the High Court Establishment came they were given chance to apply for High Court posts and those amongst them who were selected were taken by the High Court.

**Maulavi ABDUL HAI:** May I know whether they were appointed by the High Court?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA:** The Hon'ble Chief Justice made the appointments, Sir.

### Plains Tribal Sub-Deputy Collectors

**Srijut KARKA DALAY MIRI** asked:

100. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The number of plains Tribal Sub-Deputy Collectors in Assam with their names and length of service?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that many Sub-Deputy Collectors have been promoted to the Assam Senior Civil Service in pursuance of the Government decision announced by the Assam Publicity and Rural Development advertisement No.PA.25/46/568, dated the 24th December 1946?
- (c) In view of above whether any plains Tribal Sub-Deputy Collectors have since been promoted to the Senior Assam Civil Service?
- (d) If so, how many?
- (e) If not, why not?
- (f) Whether there was no plains Tribal Sub-Deputy Collector having over 8 years of service and the necessary efficiency to be eligible for promotion to the Assam Senior Civil Service?
- (g) The number of plains Tribal Officers in the Assam Civil Service?



(h) Whether their number is proportionate to the plains Tribal population ratio ?

(i) If not, whether Government propose to give a proportional representation in the Assam Civil Service by promoting the Plains Tribals Sub-Deputy Collectors to the Senior Cadre as a special consideration, in view of the miserable representation of the Plains Tribals in the Assam Civil Service ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI** replied :

100. (a)—A statement is given below—

Names of Plains Tribal Sub-Deputy Collectors	Length of Service
1. Srijut Boloram Neog 'Thengal	... from 2nd January 1936, <i>i.e.</i> , 13 years.
2. Srijut Robindra Chandra Choudhuri	... from 15th June 1939, <i>i.e.</i> , about 10 years.
3. Srijut Ajoy Kumar Mech	... from 30th January 1942, <i>i.e.</i> , 7 years.
*4. Srijut Babul Chandra Borah...	... from 15th November 1941, <i>i.e.</i> , about 8 years.
5. Srijut Promode Chandra Brahma	... from 5th August 1941, <i>i.e.</i> , about 8 years.
6. Mr. Surath Chandra Daolagupu	... from 14th February 1945, <i>i.e.</i> , 4 years.
7. Srijut Bidyadhar Sonowal	... from 1st December 1947, <i>i.e.</i> , less than 2 years.
8. Srijut Mohan Chandra Miri...	... from 19th December 1947, <i>i.e.</i> , less than 2 years.
9. Srijut Keshab Chandra Das	... from 15th July 1948, <i>i.e.</i> , less than 1 year.

(b)—Twenty Sub-Deputy Collectors have been promoted to the Assam Senior Civil Service in pursuance of Government Resolution No.AAP.10/45, dated the 3rd December 1946 referred to in the advertisement.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—Because, there were no senior and meritorious Officers from that community.

(f)—Yes, there are two plains Tribal Sub-Deputy Collectors with 8 years' service or more, but there are many equally efficient but considerably more senior Officers who have not yet been promoted.

(g)—Three.

(h)—No.

(i)—Promotions are made on merit and seniority alone without any communal considerations.

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\*The date of his first appointment to the Assam Junior Civil Service was 24th May, 1943.



**Controlled price of Rice****RAJA AJIT NARAYAN DEV of Sidli** asked :

101. (a) Will Government be pleased to state—

- (i) If it is a fact that the controlled price of the hand-husked rice is less than that of the milled rice ?
- (ii) Whether they are aware that cost of labour of hand-husked rice is more than that of the milled rice ?
- (iii) Whether they are aware that it is the villagers who generally sell hand-husked rice ?
- (b) If the reply to questions at (a) above are in the affirmative do Government propose to reconsider the rate of price of hand-husked rice in the interests of the Paddy-producing villagers ?

102. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Why rice at Shillong was scarce during the summer of 1948 :
- (b) The name of the area from which rice was procured for supply to Shillong ?
- (c) The Officer who was in-charge of that area ?
- (d) If any enquiry was made to find out the person who was responsible for the shortage of rice at Shillong.
- (e) The punishment, if any, awarded to the person or officer found responsible for such shortage?

**Srijut BIMALAPROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary)** replied :

101. (a) (i)—No. The price of rice has been fixed with reference to the standard specifications as fixed by Assam Government. If hand-pounded rice conforms to that standard it is paid for at the same rate as the milled rice of standard quality. As hand-pounded rice generally contains more broken grain, than milled rice a cut is sometimes made in its price. The same procedure is also applied in respect of milled rice if its quality is below the standard specifications.

(ii)—Yes.

(iii)—Yes.

(b)—Does not arise.

102. (a)—The difficulties experienced during the period were due to the time lag in mobilizing the resources particularly the transport.

(b)—The Shillong rationed area used to get its full requirements from Gauhati area. After de-control all rationing commitments were met in full from the stocks of paddy lying in the Government godowns in different areas and also from the frozen stocks with the millers.

(c)—Deputy Director of Procurement, Gauhati.

(d)—No. The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the reply to question No. 102(a).

(e)—Does not arise.

**Babu BIDYAPATI SINGHA:** As regards (a), are Government aware that hand pounded rice is more nutritious ?

**Srijut BIMALAPROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary).** Government is aware that it is more nutritious than milled rice.

**Babu BIDYAPATI SINGHA:** Will Government consider to raise the price of hand-pounded rice as it is more nutritious than the milled rice ?



**Srijut BIMALAPROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary):** I very much desire that the price of hand-pounded rice is raised but at the same time there are administrative difficulties as it may be difficult for ordinary consumers to distinguish between milled rice and hand-pounded rice.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEV OF SIDLI:** Government said in reply to Question No.102(a) that the difficulties experienced during the period were due to the time lag in mobilizing the resources particularly the transport. Is it a fact that the condition of procurement is also not satisfactory?

**Srijut BIMALAPROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary):** That there was difficulty in procurement there is no doubt. But I would say that the difficulty was more with regard to transport than to procurement, because though there were sufficient paddy in the Badati Government godown, all those could not be moved swiftly enough to meet the requirements in the deficit areas.

**Raja AJIT NARAYAN DEV OF SIDLI:** Do Government say that the Shillong area was supplied from the Gauhati area alone?

**Srijut BIMALAPROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary):** Yes, but when there was no sufficient stock at Gauhati we had to move the paddy from Badati.

#### **Formation of Minority Boards in Assam**

**Maulana MD. MUFAZZAL HUSSAIN** asked:

103. (a) Are Government aware that according to the decision of the Inter Dominion Pact, Minority Boards have been formed in West Bengal?

(b) Do Government propose to arrange formation of similar Minority Boards in Assam to safeguard the interests of the Minorities?

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI** replied:

103. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No. The primary object of the Inter-Dominion Agreement was to discourage the mass exodus of minorities and create such conditions as would check such exodus and enable evacuees to return to their homes. Minorities Boards were specifically and exclusively provided for East and West Bengal under the Agreement to further the above objective. There has never been any exodus of minorities from Assam nor any apprehension that their interests are not being well protected in the Province, therefore the question of forming Minorities Boards in Assam does not arise.

#### **Ganesh Das Hospital, Shillong**

**Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN** asked:

104. Will Government be pleased to state—

- (a) The amount of annual grant given to the Ganesh Das Hospital for women and children at Shillong since 1935 till 1948?
- (b) If the said Hospital has been provincialised?
- (c) Who are the present members of the Managing Committee of the said Hospital?



- (d) Whether it is a fact that the present Medical Superintendent of that Hospital has been appointed by Government at double the salary of the previous incumbent ?
- (e) If so, why ?
- (f) The number of out-door and in-door patients in that Hospital in the months of January and February 1947, 1948 and 1949 ?
- (g) Whether Government received any representation from the Women and Lady doctors of Shillong for retaining the services of the previous Medical Superintendent who was willing to serve for many years more ?

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS** replied :

104. (a)—The following are the amounts given annually to the Hospital since 1935 to 1948.

					Rs.
1935	...	...	...	...	13,000.
1936	...	...	...	...	26,000.
1937	...	...	...	...	20,000.
1938	...	...	...	...	20,000.
1939	...	...	...	...	20,000.
1940	...	...	...	...	20,000.
1941	...	...	...	...	20,000.
1942	...	...	...	...	24,000.
1943	...	...	...	...	22,000.
1944	...	...	...	...	22,000.
1945	...	...	...	...	42,000.
1946	...	...	...	...	32,000.
1947	...	...	...	...	22,000.
1948	...	...	...	...	45,000.

(b)—Not yet. But it is proposed to be provincialised from the 1st April 1949.

(c)—There is no Managing Committee at present.

(d)—The previous doctor was in the W.M.S. in a grade pay from Rs.450—50/3—850 and was actually getting Rs.450 *plus* dearness allowance. She was entitled to passages home, leave and pension under the W.M.S. Rules. The present one gets Rs.1,000 a month but no dearness allowance and no pension.



(e)—The present incumbent is highly qualified and experienced, possessing L. R. C. P., M. R. C. S. (Eng.) L. M. (Dublin), Certificate of the School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Master of Mid-Wifery (London).

The previous doctor was M. D. (Edin.) and D. T. M. and H. (Edin). The present incumbent has a service of 25 years in W. M. S. and is possessed of very wide and excellent experience whereas the previous one had experience of only two years.

(f)—

	1947	In-patients	Out-patients
January ...		137	158
February ...		96	161
1948			
January ...		162	150
February ...		72	99
1949			
January ...		220	223
February ...		139	115

(g)—No.

**Mrs. BONILY KHONGMEN:** With regard to (g) Sir, I cannot understand why Government did not receive that representation because that was first submitted to me and I forwarded it to the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge.

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** I am sorry I have not received it.

#### Discussion of the Supplementary Statement of Expenditure charged upon the Revenues of the Province during 1948-49

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Now the next item is the discussion, if any, of the †Supplementary Statement of Expenditure charged upon the Revenues of the Province during 1948-49. May I take it that no hon. Member will take part in this item?

(After a pause)

Then we pass on to the next item, *i. e.*, Voting on Demands for Supplementary Demands for Grant for 1948-49.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Before we take up this item I like to inform the hon. Members that Cut Motions with regard to Supplementary Demands are to be admitted under certain limitations: (1) the question of policy should not be raised in the Cut Motion and (2) no local grievance should be raised in the Cut Motion. But the hon. Members may have the right to challenge the propriety of the Treasury Bench by reducing the grant. Under these limitations I shall have to admit the Cut Motions and in view of that I am afraid, I shall have to disallow many of the Cut Motions.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** If an identical Motion was moved in regard to the same matter in this Session of the Assembly, whether

†See Appendix 'B'



under rule 44 the same Cut Motion may be moved or not ? Rule 44 says : "A Motion shall not raise a question substantially identical with one on which the Assembly has given a decision in the same Session".

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Decision was not given in regard to Supplementary Demands.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** But if it is a general discussion ?

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Then of course it cannot be done.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.1

#### (4.—TAXES ON INCOME OTHER THAN CORPORATION TAX)

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,347 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head "4.—Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	Rs. 50,300
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for :—			
Charges in England	...	...	2,347

This is the excess of requirements reported by the High Commissioner for India.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,347 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head '4.—Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax'."

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** There is no Cut Motion under this Demand. I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,347 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head '4.—Taxes on Income other than Corporation Tax'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.2

#### (7.—LAND REVENUE)

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to



move that an additional sum of Rs.1,41,953 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain expenditure which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1949, for the administration of the head "7.—Land Revenue".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	Rs. 22,69,100
II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for:—			1,41,953
Charges of administration—			
A.—General establishment—			
4.—Contingencies—Cost of land	...	...	11,748
F.—Survey, Settlement and Record operations—			
(a) Assam Surveys—			
(i) General and Controlling Section	...	...	4,335
(ii) Reproduction Section	...	...	1,760
(iii) Traverse Section	...	...	3,090
(c) Survey Schools	...	...	2,520
G.—Land Records—			
(b) District Charges—Kanungo Establishment—			
1. Pay of Establishment (Non-excluded area)	...		1,12,200
2. Allowances and Honoraria (Non-excluded area).			2,200
K.—Charges in England	...	...	4,100
Total		...	1,41,953

The reasons have been stated in the †Explanatory Notes, but I may mention incidentally that out of Rs.1,41,953, Rs.1,12,200 has been paid for the increased

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTES

- A.—The details may be seen at Appendix (a) cf. P. 263 of Assembly Proceeding of 18th March, 1949.
- F.(a)(i).—*General Section*.—The excess is due to Deputy Director of Surveys officiating as Director of Surveys and Assistant Director of Surveys as Deputy Director of Surveys and implementation of the recommendation of the Pay Committee.
- (ii) and (iii).—*Reproduction and Traverse Section*.—Excess is due to increased pay and allowances and winter allowance and increased prices.
- (c) *Survey School*.—Excess is due to revision of pay, entertainment of more temporary establishment and promotion of Principal to Assam Civil Service.
- G.—The excess is due to the increase in the pay and allowances, etc., of officers and menials due to the revision of their scales of pay on the recommendations of the Assam Pay Committee.
- K.—The excess is based on demand by the High Commissioner.



pay and allowances allowed to Kanungoes and Mandals due to the revision of their scales of pay on the recommendation of the Pay Committee.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,41,953 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain expenditure which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1949, for the administration of the head '7.—Land Revenue'."

There are no Cut Motions in this demand also. I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,41,953 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain expenditure which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March 1949, for the administration of the head '7.—Land Revenue'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.3 (9.—STAMPS)

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.12,623 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "9.—Stamps".

					Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	...	...	49,000
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for :—					12,623
C.—Superintendence—					
1. Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	48
2. Allowances and honoraria	...	...	...	...	27
3. Contingencies	...	...	...	...	428
D.—Value of Stamps supplied from Central Stores	...	...	...	...	12,180
Total	...	...	...	...	12,623

The reason for this extra expenditure is this: Due to the revision of the scales of pay, etc., the increase in the conveyance charges and the unusual delay in transit of the consignments of judicial and non-judicial stamps supplied from Central Stores resulting in frequent emergent indents of the Treasuries to meet their immediate demands.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.12,623 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1949, for the administration of the head '9.—Stamps'."

There is no Cut Motion.

I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.12,623 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head '9.—Stamps'."

The question was adopted.



## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.4

## (10.—FORESTS)

**The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 2,60,043 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "10.—Forests."

	Rs.
I.—Original grant voted by the Assembly ... ..	24,75,000
II.—Sub-heads under which this Supplementary grant will be accounted for :—	2,60,822
<b>10.—Forests</b>	
<i>A.—Conservancy and Works—</i>	
A. I.—Timber and other produce removed by Government Agency.	1,961
A. II.—Timber and other produce removed from Forests by Consumers and Purchasers.	19,797
A. IV.—Rent of leased Forest and payment to Share Holders in Forests managed by Government.	37,452
A. VI.—Communication and Buildings ... ..	1,03,117
A. VII.—Organisation, improvement and extension of Forests	34,605
A. VIII.—Miscellaneous ... ..	1,945
<i>B.—Establishment (Voted)—</i>	
B. I.—Salary of Officers ... ..	22,051
B. II.—Pay of Establishment ... ..	31,174
<i>D.—Charges in England</i> ... ..	7,941
Total ...	2,60,043

The need for this Demand has been explained in the †Explanatory Notes.

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 †EXPLANATORY NOTES
 

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- A. I.—The extra money is required to meet the cost of capturing 2 Rhinos required to be supplied to the Cairo Zoo and for payment of rewards to finders of Elephant Tusks.
- A. II.—The extra money is required for entertainment of more temporary guards, etc., for petrolling in Patharia Reserve in the Cachar Division, marking more trees, making



**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,60,043 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '10.—Forests'."

There is no Cut Motion in this demand. I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,60,043 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1949, for the administration of the head '10.—Forests'."

The question was adopted :

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 5.

#### (11.—REGISTRATION)

**The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA :** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional

Camp huts and demarcating coupes in Lakhimpur and Nowgong Divisions, repairing a bridge over the approach road to a depot in the Goalpara East Division badly damaged by sudden flood, local printing of 900 Trade Permit and Transit Pass Books, increase of pay of temporary staff as a result of revised scales of pay.

A. IV.—The extra money is required for payment of Zaminder's Share of revenue for the larger amount of Revenue having been collected from Zaminder's Forests (Koroibari State Forest).

A. VI.—The extra money is required for the construction of a portion of two strategic roads leading to the Patharia Reserve at a cost of over Rs.40,000, extensive repairs to the flood damaged roads and bridges in Lakhimpur, Goalpara East and West and Khasi and Jaintia Hills Divisions, increased cost due to rise of daily wages of labour consequent on the decontrol of rice, purchase of A. R. P. Quarters at Digboi, reconstruction of certain old buildings in Nowgong and Khasi and Jaintia Hills Divisions, repairs and extension of Working Plan Officer and Forest Utilisation Officer's Staff quarters in Shillong, anticipated expenditure on special repairs to Jamuguri Inspection Bungalow and out-houses ; payment of arrear price of coal supplied to Tramway by B. A. Railway ; urgent provision for collection of gravel for road work in Sibsagar Division, entertainment of additional Temporary Chowkidars, improvement of compounds of Divisional Forest Officer and Subordinates quarters, etc.

A. VII.—The extra money is required for increase in the rates of wages of local labours in some Divisions, and in others higher payments of rice consequent on the decontrol which was supplied to imported labour at a fixed price according to agreement, increased cost of up-keep of plantation and Taungyas created under Post-War Reconstruction Schemes in all Divisions, increased cost of Teak seeds brought from Burma, erroneous omission of expenditure by Divisional Forest Officer, Sibsagar on items of natural regeneration, construction of some concrete pillars for demarcation, urgent plantation works, etc.

A. VIII.—The extra amount is required mainly for meeting the expenditure in connection with the Film Wild Life in the Game Sanctuaries of Assam by the Bombay Natural History Society, cost of sending log-specimens to Dehra Dun, cost of participation in the exhibitions in North Lakhimpur, Darrang, etc.

*B.—Establishment (Voted).—*

B. 1.—The extra amount is required for payment of salaries of 6 Forests Rangers promoted to Superior Forest Service from 1st June 1948, Working Plan allowance of one more officer, introduction of the revised scale of pay and leave salary of some officers.

B. 2.—The extra money is required for introduction of the Revised Scales of Pay, entertainment of temporary staff mainly executive, to cope with the increased works in the Patharia Hills, appointment of an Accountant for the Goalpara West Division, retention of the temporary staff and the Accountant of the Comptroller's Office in the office of Forest Utilisation Officer.

D. *Charges in England.*—The excess amount of Rs.7,941 is due to leave salary and overseas pay of Mr. J. B. Rowntree, I. F. S.



sum of Rs.5,801 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head "11.—Registration".

					Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	...	...	1,17,900
II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary Demand will be accounted for by the Registration Department	...	...	...	...	5,801
B.—Works—					
(a) "Original works"	...	...	...	...	5,446
(b) "Repairs"	...	...	...	...	355
Total					5,801

The need for this demand has been explained in the †Explanatory Note:

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.5,801 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '11.—Registration'."

There is one Cut Motion standing in the name of Maulavi Muhammad Abul Kashem, but I don't think it is in order. So I put the question.  
The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.5,801 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '11.—Registration'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 6.

(12.—CHARGES ON ACCOUNT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TAXATION ACT).

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.10,360 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949,

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTES

(a) As the Katigora Sub-Registry Office building was in a dilapidated condition, Government sanctioned its reconstruction in the current year at an estimated cost of Rs.5,446. As there was no provision in the current year's budget for the purpose the supplementary grant of Rs.5,446 is necessary.

(b) Thorough repairs had to be made to the Dhubri Sub-Registry office building. The supplementary grant of Rs.355 is necessary to meet the expenditure incurred in excess of the budget provision under the head.



for the administration of the head '12.—Charges on Account of Motor Vehicles Taxation Act.'

					Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	...	...	5,59,900
II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for	...	...	...	...	10,360
A.—Charges for Collection—					
1. Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	5,531
2. Allowances and honoraria	...	...	...	...	911
3. Contingencies	...	...	...	...	3,918
			Total	...	10,360

The †Explanatory Note explains the need for this demand.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.10,360 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '12.—Charges on Account of Motor Vehicles Taxation Act'."

There is no Cut Motion, so I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs. 10,360 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '12.—Charges on Account of Motor Vehicles Taxation Act'."

The question was adopted.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 7

### (13.—OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES)

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.4,265 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges

### †EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—Charges for collection :—

1. *Pay of Establishment.*—Excess is due to the drawal of pay and allowances according to newly introduced scales of pay.
2. *Allowance and Honoraria.*—The extra amount is required due to the drawal of allowances according to the newly introduced scale of pay and allowances.
3. *Contingencies.*—The extra amount required under 'contingencies' is due to the rise in prices of contingent articles.



which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "13.—Other Taxes and Duties".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly... ..	95,400
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for :—	4,265
A.—Collection charges for—	
Entertainment tax ... ..	4,265

The excess is due to the heavy and unexpected increase in sale of the Entertainment tax stamp owing to increase in the number of Cinema houses which could not be foreseen.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.4,265 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '13.—Other Taxes and Duties'."

There is no Cut Motion, so I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.4,265 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '13.—Other Taxes and Duties'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.8

(25.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI**: The motion will be moved by my Friend Hon'ble Srijut Bishnuram Medhi.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI**: On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.11,85,445 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "25.—General Administration".

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	39,85,600
II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for :—	11,85,445
H.—Ministers ... ..	1,41,727
L.—Elections for Legislature ... ..	1,62,000
M.—(a) Civil Secretariat :—	
(1) Pay of Officers ... ..	5,496
(2) Pay of Establishment ... ..	1,19,536
(3) Allowances and honoraria ... ..	63,273
(4) Contingencies ... ..	42,222
(5) Cost of maintaining the accounts of the Charitable Endowment Funds and Miscellaneous Trust Funds.	400



					Rs.
M.—(b) Publicity Department :—					
1. Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	8,353
2. Allowances and honoraria	...	...	...	...	7,801
3. Contingencies	...	...	...	...	8,572
O.—Revenue Tribunal...	...	...	...	...	4,555
Q.—Local Fund Audit Establishment—					
1. Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	6,988
2. Allowances and honoraria	...	...	...	...	7,829
3. Contingencies	...	...	...	...	3,198
S.—General Establishment :—					
1. Pay of officers	...	...	...	...	8,965
2. Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	1,12,232
3. Allowances, etc.	...	...	...	...	55,350
4. Contingencies	...	...	...	...	1,44,117
T.—Subdivisional Establishment	...	...	...	...	45,828
U.—(a)—Process Serving Establishment	...	...	...	...	71,417
(b)—Staging Bungalow Establishment	...	...	...	...	3,799
Y.—Charges in England	...	...	...	...	1,61,787
Total	...	...	...	...	11,85,445

The items under which the excess expenditure is likely to be incurred are mentioned in the Schedule, and the †Explanatory Note explains the position clearly. I need not take the hon. Members' time by reading the explanation.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.11,85,445 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '25.—General Administration'."

There is no Cut Motion, so I put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.11,85,445 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '25.—General Administration'."

The question was adopted.

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

H.—*Ministers*.—Due mainly to revised scale of pay, sanction of winter allowance, increase in tour and maintenance of Aeroplane and purchase of Motor Cars.

L.—Due to entertainment of a large number of Enumerators and supervisors in each district in connection with the preparation of Electoral Rolls under the new Constitution.

M.—(a)—(1) Due to increase in the number of officers.

(a)—(2) Due to revised scales of pay and entertainment of additional temporary staff.

(a)—(3) Due to sanction of winter allowance and increase in tour.

(a)—(4) Due to increased contingent expenditure resulting from increase in the number of officers and staff and also due to increased expenditure for postage stamps.

(a)—(5) Due to increase in the volume of works.

M.—(b) Following imminent reorganisation of the department certain new schemes, *i. e.*, (i) Establishment of 9 Regional Publicity Centres at Gauhati, Nowgong, Rangiya, Goalpara, Bilasipara, Tezpur, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Silchar, (ii) Publication of two newspapers—Asom Batory and Assam Information, have been put into operation as a result of which there has been an excess expenditure under the various minor heads.

1. Pay of Establishment.. The excess expenditure is due to entertainment of extra staff of the reorganised Department sanctioned later in the year but specific provision for which was not made.



## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.9

## (27.—Administration of Justice)

**The Hon'ble Srijut RUPNATH BRAHMA:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.3,09,164 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "27.—Administration of Justice".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	Rs.
II.—Major and Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for.	...	6,45,500
(i) 27.—Administration of Justice—	...	3,09,164
"Grand total"	...	
B.—Law officers—	...	2,63,400
(b) Legal Remembrancer—		
Allowances and Honoraria	...	1,750
Contingencies	...	1,400
(c) Mufassil Establishment—		
Pay of Establishment	...	360
Allowances and Honoraria	...	6,600
Contingencies	...	2,700
H.—Criminal Courts—Contingencies	...	30,407
L.—Charges in England	...	2,547
Total	...	3,09,164

2. Allowances and honoraria. The excess expenditure is in Travelling Allowance of Establishment, Dearness Allowance and Winter Allowance. As regards Winter Allowance this is a new item of expenditure sanctioned by Government on the recommendation of the Pay Committee. As regards the Travelling allowance of establishment and Dearness Allowance though there were provisions for both, the excess expenditure is due to increase of staff.

3. Contingencies .. The excess is mainly for the purchase of two vehicles, purchase of newsprint for the publications of the two newspapers and increase of postage charges for the distribution of newspapers.

O.—No provision was made in the original budget due to establishment of the Assam High Court which took up the work of the Tribunal. Additional funds are necessary for the officers and staff retained upto 7th April, 1948.

Q.—1. *Pay of establishment.*—The excess is due partly to increase in the staff of the department by a new post of Superintendent, an auditor and one assistant auditor and partly to revised scales of pay.

2. *Allowances, etc.*—Due to increase in the staff of the department.

3. *Contingencies.*—The excess is due to the high charges for shifting of office from Shillong to Gauhati and for constant repairing charges of Motor Vehicles allotted to this department and other higher incidental charges.

S.—1.—Due to increase in the number of officers.

2.—Due mainly to introduction of revised scales of pay.

3.—Due mainly to increased expenditure under "dearness allowance" and "Travelling allowance" of officers.

4.—Contingencies—Due mainly to purchase and maintenance of Trucks and purchase of Typewriters, furniture and stationery.

T.—Mainly due to introduction of revised scales of pay and increased expenditure under travelling allowances and dearness allowances.

U.—(a)—Mainly due to revised scales of pay and increased expenditure under "dearness allowance" and Process serving charges.

(d)—Due mainly to increased expenditure under contingencies.

Y.—The excess is based on latest information received from the High Commissioner.



The need for this demand has been explained in the †Explanatory Note.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.3,09,164 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '27.—Administration of Justice'."

"There is no Cut Motion, so I put the question.

The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.3,09,164 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head '27.—Administration of Justice' "

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.10

#### (28.—Jails and Convict Settlement)

**The Hon'ble Maulana MD. TAYYEBULLA:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.5,33,745 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "28.—Jails and Convict Settlement".

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	9,33,700
II. Sub-heads under which supplementary grants will be accounted for.	5,33,745
A.—District Jail—	
1. Pay of Establishment ... ..	16,000
2. Allowances and honoraria ... ..	4,093
3. Contingencies (Non-contract)... ..	3,91,071
4. Contingencies (contract) ... ..	13,394
5. Contribution to other Governments for maintenance of ex-military prisoners.	545
B.—Charges for Police Custody—	
1. Contingencies ... ..	22,941

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

(1) In striking the grand total a sum of Rs.2,63,480 was subtracted from the amount for "Voted" and added to that for "Charged". This is now being regularised. The Grand total against charged (Rs.4,00,000) is being reduced by the Rs.2,63,500 by surrender. The above modifications will not affect any sub-head but only the figures against "Grand Total". The figures for rounding are being altered by issuing necessary correction slip.

B.—(b) Due to—

(a) additional expenditure on travelling allowance, dearness allowance, winter allowance of establishment and cost of living allowance of Legal Remembrancer.

(b) Grant of retaining fees to Government Pleader, Karimganj.

(c) Increase in the number of cases in many districts.

H.—Due to increased expenditure under District and Road money to witnesses owing to increase in the number of cases.

L.—The excess is based on demand by the High Commissioner.



						Rs.
D.—Jail Manufacture—						
1. Pay of Establishment	...	...	...			450
2. Contingencies (Non-contract)				...	...	83,170
E.—Works—						
1. Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	2,000
Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	...	...	81
				Total	...	5,33,745

The details are given in the †Explanatory Note.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.5,33,745 be granted to the Minister-in charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1949 for the administration of the head '28.—Jails and Convict Settlement'."

There is no Cut Motion. So I put the question.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.5,33,745 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1949 for the administration of the head '28.—Jails and Convict Settlement'."

The question was adopted.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.11.

##### (29.—Police)

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,33,013 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

##### A.—District Jails—

1 and 2. Excess is due to revision of the scales of pay.

3. Excess is mainly under ration which is due to increase of jail population and for abnormal rise in the prices of dietary articles.

4. Increase is due to increase of jail population and also for high prices of miscellaneous articles, service postage, etc.

5. Due to debits raised by other Governments for the maintenance of ex-military prisoners in their jails.

B.—4. Due mainly to increased expenditure under "Diet and conveyance of under-trial prisoners".

##### D.—Jail manufacture—

1. Increase is due to the revision of pay of establishment and for the drawal of pay by the discharged Weaving Instructor of Sylhet Jail in the current financial year.

2. Due to high price in raw materials and the expenditure is increased for improvement of jail industries.

##### E.—Works—

1. Due to indispensable annual repairs of departmental buildings.

##### Rates and taxes—

Due to increase of taxes by municipalities.



during the year ending the 31st March 1949 for the administration of the Head—  
“29.—Police”.

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	1,12,83,400
Supplementary grant voted at the September Session of the Assembly.	19,16,734
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for ... ..	2,33,013
E.—Special Police—	
Home Guards ... ..	2,27,133
M.—Charges in England—	
(b) Expenditure of the Secretary of State for India ...	5,880
Total ...	2,33,013

The reasons for additional expenditure has been explained in the †Explanatory Note.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

“That an additional sum of Rs.2,33,013 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head ‘29.—Police’.”

In this Demand there is a Cut Motion to be moved by Maulavi Muhammad Abul Kashem. May I know from Hon'ble Srijut Bardoloi whether a separate demand has been made for the Home Guards Establishment at Goalpara?

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI:** No, Sir, the whole expenditure has been shown in the total. The previous grant was for 6 months only. The additional grant is necessary due to retention of Home Guards in all areas after the expiry of 6 months' active service up to the 31st December, 1948 and also for retention of a reduced force in the border districts from the 1st January, 1949.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The hon. Member wants to reduce the additional expenditure by his Cut Motion.

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI:** Sir, I can only say that this demand was discussed in a Cut Motion.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Sir, at that time the Cut Motion was standing in the name of Maulavi Nazmal Haque. That is why I want to move my Cut Motion.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The Cut Motion, I think, is out of order. Now I put the demand as a question. The Cut Motion has been declared out of order.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:

“That an additional sum of Rs.2,33,013 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

*E.—Special Police.*—The previous grant was for 6 months only. The additional grant is necessary due to retention of Home Guards in all areas after the expiry of 6 months' active service up to 31st December 1948 and also for retention of a reduced force in the border districts from 1st January 1949.

*M.—Charges in England.*—The estimate is based on the latest informations received from the Common Wealth Relation Office in United Kingdom.



during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head—'29.—Police'."

The question was adopted.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.12

### (36.—Scientific Departments)

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI:** Sir, both the supplementary demands No.12 and 13 will be moved by the hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Srijut Mahendra Mohan Choudhury.

**Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHAUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs. 852 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head—"36.—Scientific Department".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	Rs. 10,300
Supplementary grants voted in the September Session of the Assembly.	1,462
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for.	852
(b) Provincial Museums ...	852
Total ...	852

The †Explanatory Note explains the purpose of this demand.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.852 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head—"36.—Scientific Department'."

There is no Cut Motion. So I put the question.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.852 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head—"36.—Scientific Department'."

The question was adopted.

### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

The extra expenditure is required in connection with the revision in the scales of pay of the Clerical and Menial staff of the Museum in accordance with the Pay Committee's recommendation.



## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 13

## [37.—Education (Non-Excluded Areas)]

**Srijut MAHENDRA MOHAN CHAUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.17,49,915 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head "37.—Education" (Non-Excluded areas).

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	82,31,300
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for.	17,49,915
C.—Direct grants to Non-Government Arts Colleges—	
2.—Non-recurring grants ... ..	65,000
E.—Works (College)—	
Original works—	
Incharge of Civil Officers ... ..	12,300
G.—Direct grants to Non-Government secondary schools—	
2 .—Non-recurring grants—	
1. Building grants and other purposes ... ..	1,60,000
2. Grants-in-aid to secondary schools for other purposes.	1,40,000
1.—Works (Secondary)—	
Original works—	
Incharge of Civil Officer ... ..	7,000
L.—Direct grants to Non-Government Primary Schools—	
2. Non-recurring grants for buildings ... ..	15,000
M.—Works (Primary)—	
Original Works—	
Incharge of Civil Officers ... ..	1,720
N.—Government special Schools and Colleges—	
(b) Institute for Higher Sanskrit learning .. ..	15,000



(d) Technical School	...	...	...	Rs. 63,870
Post-War Development Scheme	...	...	...	2,16,118
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...	...	...	—2,16,118
O.—Direct grants to Non-Government Special schools—				
Non-recurring grants towards buildings	...	...	...	10,000
Grant-in-aid for other purposes	...	...	...	2,000
U.—Miscellaneous—				
(d) Other Miscellaneous Charges Grants—Expenditure on National Cadet Corps Scheme.	...	...	...	3,44,900
(e) Grants to Assam Primary Education Board	...	...	...	8,87,035
W.—Charges in England	...	...	...	26,090
Grand total				17,49,915
The †Explanatory note explains the purpose of this demand.				

### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

C.—Rupees 50,000 is required for giving a non-recurring grant to Darrang College for re-construction of buildings damaged by storms, and Rs.15,000 is required for giving non-recurring grants to other aided Colleges for repairs of their buildings damaged by storm.

E.—This additional amount of Rs.12,300 is required for construction of the Botany Laboratory, Cotton College, Gauhati.

G.—A sum of Rs.1,60,000 is required for giving grants to aided secondary schools for repairs of their buildings damaged by storm. Rupees 5,000 is required to compensate the loss of fee-income of aided secondary schools and the balance of Rs.1,35,000 is required for meeting additional cost of increased dearness allowance to teachers and menials of aided secondary schools.

I.—Rupees 7,000 is required for re-conditioning of North-West side of the Pine Mount School, Shillong, and restoration of the Hockey field.

L.—Rupees 15,000 is required as storm-damage-grant to Aided Primary Schools.

M.—Rupees 1,720 is required for departmental construction of the building of the Government Primary School at Jowai.

N.—(b) Rupees 15,000 is required for meeting the cost of Assistant Director of Public Instruction for Sanskrit Education, his Office and of two Adhyapaks of Sylhet Sanskrit College now attached to the Nalbari Sanskrit College.

(d) Provision for the Technical School was originally made under “43.—Industries—D—Industrial School”. It has since been decided by Government to transfer this institution to the Education Department and accordingly provision for Technical School for the current financial year is required under “37.—Education”. The original provision in the Industries Budget is being surrendered and necessary provision is being made in the Education Budget.

O.—Rupees 10,000 is required as storm damage grants to aided special schools, and Rs. 2,000 is required for a non-recurring grant to the aided training centre at Kokrajhar.

U.—(d) budget schedule is appended.

(e). Additional sum of Rs.8,87,035 is required for meeting the expenditure sanctioned as additional grant-in-aid to the Provincial Primary Education Board for taking over control of Primary Education from the Local Bodies with a view to its expansion and improvement and introduction of compulsion in accordance with the provision of the Assam Primary Education Act, 1947.

W.—The estimate is based on latest report received from the High Commissioner for India.



**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.17,49,915 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1949 for the administration of the head '37.—Education' (Non-Excluded Areas)."

There is only one Cut Motion which is out of order.

Now I put the question.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.17,49,915 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1949 for the administration of the head '37.—Education' (Non-Excluded Areas)."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 14

#### (38.—Medical)

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAM NATH DAS :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.2,85,289 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head—"38.—Medical".

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	19,08,100
Supplementary grant voted in the September Session of the Assembly.	8,063
II. Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for.	2,85,289
<i>A. Medical Establishment—</i>	
(a)—Superintendence—	
(1) Pay of establishment ... ..	6,691
(2) Allowances and Honoraria ... ..	7,077
(3) Contingencies ... ..	3,850
<i>Enforcement of Drugs Act and Rules—</i>	
(1) Pay of establishment ... ..	264
(b)—District Medical Officers—	
(1) Pay of officers ... ..	20,053



					Rs.
(2) Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	3,300
(3) Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	700
(4) Contingencies	...	...	...	...	3,361
<i>B.—Hospitals and Dispensaries—</i>					
<i>(a)—Ordinary dispensaries—</i>					
(1) Pay of establishment	...	...	.	...	3,727
(2) Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	1,478
(3) Contingencies	...	...	...	...	64,637
<i>(c)—Leper Hospital—</i>					
(1) Contingencies	...	...	...	...	2,988
(e) Grants for Leprosy works	...	...	...	...	5,400
(f) Grants to hospitals and dispensaries			...	...	2,000
C.—Grants for medical purposes	...	...	...	...	21,350
<i>E.—Mental Hospital—</i>					
<i>(a)—Mental Hospital, Tezpur—</i>					
(1) Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	1,470
(2) Contingencies	...	...	...	...	1,21,071
<i>G.—Works—</i>					
(1) Original Works	...	...	...	...	712
(2) Repairs	...	...	...	...	260
H.—Charges in England	...	...	...	...	14,900
Total					2,85,289

The \*Explanatory Note explains the purpose of this demand.

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

- A. Medical Establishment—(a) Superintendence.—(1) Increase is due for the introduction of revised pay under the Assam Pay Committee's Report.  
 (2) Due to the increased expenditure incurred for increased dearness allowance and for Winter allowance.  
 (3) Increase is due to increased number of Telephone Trunk call and for expenditure for the treatment of Government servants.  
 (4) Increase is due to purchase of furniture and repair of old furniture and for service postage stamps.



**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,85,289 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head '38.—Medical'."

There is no Cut Motion on this demand.

Now I put the question.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.2,85,289 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head '38.—Medical'."

The question was adopted.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.15

### (39— PUBLIC HEALTH)

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS :** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of

*Enforcement of Drugs Act and Rules.*—The extra amount required of the entertainment of one Chaprasi for the Drugs Inspector.

(b) *District Medical Officers.*—(1) Increase is due for posting of Senior Officers and also for inclusion of pay of Provincial Health Insurance Officer, and the pay of Medical Superintendent, Ganesh Das Women and Children Hospital, under this head.

(2) Increase is due for the drawal of pay on the recommendations of the Assam Pay Committee.

(3) Increase is due for drawal of dearness allowance at increased rate.

(4) Increase is due to increased number of Telephone Trunk call and for purchase of Medical Stores for medicolegal purposes, etc.

*B. Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—(a).—*Ordinary Dispensaries.*—(1) Increase is due for drawal of pay by certain staff under Pay Committee's Report.

(2) Increase is due for drawal of dearness allowance at increased rates and for drawal of house rent and fixed allowances.

(3) Increase is due for the high price in dietary articles and also for rise in prices of some other commodities.

(4) Due to more expenditure in Service Stamps and also for increase in the dearness allowance allowed to the contingency menials.

(c) *Leprosy Hospital.*—(1) The extra amount required under this head is mainly due for the purchase of dietary articles at a high price.

(e) *Grant for Leprosy works.*—This amount is required for the upkeep of certain Leprosy Colonies in the Province.

(f) *Grants to Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The extra amount is required for the Dhubri Leprosy Ward.

*C. Grant for medical purposes.*—The extra amount is required for the additional grant sanctioned to the Ganesh Das Hospital.

*E. Mental Hospital.*—(a).—*Mental Hospital, Tezpur.*—(1) Due to drawal of pay at revised rates under Pay Committee's Report.

(2) Due to increased price on dietary articles and for increase in number of patients in the Hospital.

(3) Due to increase in price of miscellaneous articles and for postage stamps.

*G. Works.*—(1) Increase is due for the purchase of the Chowkidar's quarter at Nongpoh.

(2) Increase is due to indispensable annual repairs and departmental buildings.

*H.* The estimate is based on latest report from the High Commissioner for India.



Rs.1,02,360, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head—"39.—Public Health".

					Rs.
I.	Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	...	20,57,900
II.	Sub-heads under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for—	...	...	...	1,02,360
<i>C. Epidemic diseases—</i>					
(b)	Other Epidemics	...	...	...	59,500
<i>F. Works—</i>					
	Public Health—Original Works	...	...	...	35,500
H.	Charges in England	...	...	...	7,360
Total					1,02,360

The \*Explanatory Note explains the purpose of this demand.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,02,360 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head—"39.—Public Health'".

There is no Cut Motion on this demand.

Now I put the question.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.1,02,360 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head—"39.—Public Health'".

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.16

(40—AGRICULTURE)

**The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

*C. Epidemic diseases—(b)—Other Epidemics.*—The extra amount required is mainly due to the purchase of large quantities of Barley, Sago and tinned milk for free distribution to indigent patients in flood-affected areas and for purchase of additional quantities of medical stores required in connection with relief measures undertaken in flood-affected areas and owing to increase of Kala-azar patients as a result of recrudescence of Kala-azar. Out of the extra amount of Rs.59,500 under this head, a sum of Rs.4,500 is required to purchase equipment for the proposed Kala-azar wards at Nazira and Sibsagar Towns.

*F. Works—Public Health—Original Works.*—The extra amount required under this head is due to the construction of the proposed Kala-azar wards at Nazira and Sibsagar Towns. The details may be seen at Appendix A.

H. The excession the basis of the demand by the High Commissioner.



to move that an additional sum of Rs.24,528 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "40.—Agriculture".

	Rs.
T.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	10,63,000

II.—Sub-heads under which the additional amount will be accounted for.	24,528
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A. Direction—

Other non-contract contingencies—

Purchase of fertilizers ... ..	20,000
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D. Agriculture—

Experiments and Research—

(K) Crop-cutting experiments ... ..	4,528
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The reasons why this sum is necessary are stated in the \*Explanatory Notes.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.24,528 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '40.—Agriculture' ",

As there was no Cut Motion, I therefore put the Demand as a question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.24,528 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '40.—Agriculture' ",

The question was adopted.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.17

(41—VETERINARY)

**The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAZUMDAR:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg to move that an additional sum of Rs.4,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge

### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—The amount is necessary for chemical fertilizers supplied to private individuals of the Province by Central Government from lease and land stock. Originally no provision was made in the budget as the expenditure is to be adjusted by deduction of the amounts realised from private individuals. But now it has been decided that the sale proceeds should be shown as receipts instead of adjusting towards expenditure.

D. (K).—Provision for this originally did not exist in the budget. The scheme for crop-cutting experiments has been taken up at the instance of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research who will bear the entire expenditure. The amount, when received, will be treated as Provincial receipts.



to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "41.—Veterinary".

The reasons for moving this demand are stated in the \*Explanatory Notes.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.4,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '41.—Veterinary'".

As there was no Cut Motion, I therefore put the Demand as a question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs 4,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '41.—Veterinary'".

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.18

(42—CO-OPERATIVE—I—CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES)

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, Demands Nos.18 to 21 will be moved by the Parliamentary Secretary, hon. Srijut Chaliha.

**Srijut BIMALA PROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary):** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.2,86,935 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the Head "42.—Co-operation—I.—Co-operative Societies."

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... Nil.

II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for :—

I. Co-operative Societies—

DIRECTION—

A(A).—Provincial Organisation—

						Rs.
Pay of Officers	...	...	...	...	...	4,629
Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	...	34,069

### \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. 3.—The excess is due to extensive tour by the Veterinary Investigation Officer and for attending the Veterinary Investigation Officers' Conference in Mysore.

A. 4.—The excess amount is required to meet increased rate of pay of the contingency menials in the revised scales of pay and for money order commission in remitting the Travelling Allowance to Veterinary Assistant Surgeon.

B. 2.—The excess is due to extensive tours required to be taken by the Veterinary Officers.

Rupees 56,600 is required to meet the cost of construction of the Veterinary Vaccine Depot building at Gauhati for which there was no provision in the budget.



					Rs.
	Allowances and Honoraria ...	...	...	...	16,614
	Contingencies ...	...	...	...	7,100
	Total A(A).—Provincial Organisation			...	62,412
A(B).—Provincial Organisation (Post-War)—					
	Pay of Officers ...	...	...	...	1,600
	Pay of Establishment ...	...	...	...	3,131
	Allowance and Honoraria ...	...	...	...	2,413
	Contingencies ...	...	...	...	12,600
	Total A(B).— Provincial Organisation...			...	19,744
	<i>Deduct</i> —Amount transferred to 63-B ...			...	—19,744
	Total A—Provincial Organisation			...	62,412
B(A).—Regional Organisation—					
	Pay of Officers ...	...	...	...	5,190
	Pay of Establishment ...	...	...	...	8,916
	Allowance and Honoraria ..	...	...	...	6,170
	Contingencies ...	...	...	...	2,715
	Total B(A).—Regional Organisation			...	22,991
B(B).—Regional Organisation (Post-War)—					
	Pay of Officers ...	...	...	...	7,987
	Pay of Establishment ...	...	...	...	5,765
	Allowance and Honoraria	...	...	...	10,775
	Contingencies ...	...	...	...	8,766
	Total—B(B).—Regional Organisation			...	33,293
	<i>Deduct</i> —Amount transferred to 63-B ...			...	—33,293
	Total—B.—Regional Organisation			...	22,991
C(A).—Subdivisional Organisation—					
	Pay of Establishment ...	...	...	...	1,18,142
	Allowance and Honoraria	...	...	...	62,730
	Contingencies ...	...	...	...	16,660
	Total—C(A).—Subdivisional Organisation			...	1,97,532



## C(B).—Subdivisional Organisation (Post-War)—

Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	Rs.
Allowance and Honoraria	...	...	...	4,106
Contingencies	...	...	...	2,174
				1,304
Total—C.—(B) Subdivisional Organisation	...			7,584
Deduct—Amount Transferred to 63-B	...			—7,584
Total—C.—Subdivisional Organisation	...			1,97,532

## E.(B).—Training Organisation (Post-War)—

Pay of Officers	...	...	...	8,962
Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	510
Allowance and Honoraria	...	...	...	6,274
Contingencies	...	...	...	11,375
Total—E.(B).—Training Organisation	...			27,121
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...			—27,121
Total—E.—Training Organisation	...			...

F(B).—Grants-in-aid (Post-War)	...	...	...	44,00,000
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...			—44,00,000
Total—F.—Grants-in-aid...	...			...
Charges in England	...	...	...	4,000
Total	...			2,86,935

The \*Explanatory Note will explain the object clearly.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved :

"That a sum of Rs.2,86,935 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the Head '42.—Co-operation—I.—Co-operative Societies.'"

There is one Cut Motion standing in the name of Dr. Emran Husain Chaudhury, which seeks to raise a discussion of Co-operative Societies. I am afraid the Motion is out of order. I am therefore putting the question.

## \*EXPLANATORY NOTES

For the purpose of administrative convenience and in order to avoid duplication, the revenue and expenditure under head XXXI and 42.—Co-operation, XXXII and 43.—Industries and Supplies, Post-War Development Schemes thereunder and the provisions under 25.—General Administration in the Post-War Rural Development have been split up and regrouped with effect from the current year into four receipt and four expenditure heads. This has necessitated the above supplementary demand. The entire amount provided for Co-operation under—42.—Co-operation (Ordinary and Post-War Budget) has been surrendered, to suit the classification of service heads, sub-heads and detailed heads.

The excess under charges in England is based on requirement reported by the High Commissioner for India,



The question is:

"That a sum of Rs.2,86,935 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the Head '42.—Co-operation—I.—Co-operative Societies'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND NO.19

#### (42.—CO-OPERATION II—RURAL DEVELOPMENT)

**Srijut BIMALA PROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary) :** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs.50,245 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head "42.—Co-operation—II.—Rural Development".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly—Nil.

Rs.

II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for.

50,245

Direction—

A.(A).—Provincial Organisation—

Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	4,534
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	7,000
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	6,711

TOTAL A.(A).—Provincial Organisation

18,245

A.(B).—Provincial Organisation (Post-War)—

Pay of Officer	...	...	...	...	27,662
Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	24,429
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	18,088
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	60,697

TOTAL A.(B).—Provincial Organisation

1,30,876

Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B

... 1,30,876

TOTAL A.—Provincial Organisation

... 18,245

B.(B).—Regional Organisation (Post-War)—

Pay of Officer	...	...	...	...	5,900
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	1,400

TOTAL B.(B).—Regional Organisation

... 7,300

Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B

... —7,300

TOTAL—Regional Organisation

... ..



C.(B).—Subdivisional Organisation (Post-War)—						Rs.
Pay of Officer	...	...	...	...	...	25,900
Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	52,430
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	...	49,383
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	...	44,829
Works	...	...	...	...	...	12,871

TOTAL C (B).—Subdivisional Organisation ... 1,85,413

*Deduct*—Amount transferred to 63-B ... —1,85,413

TOTAL—Subdivisional Organisation ... ...

D.(B).—Rural Organisation (Post-War)—						
Pay of Officer	...	...	...	...	...	1,044
Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	17,746
Allowances and Honoraria...	...	...	...	...	...	9,754
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	...	1,57,862
Works	...	...	...	...	...	11,162

TOTAL—D.(B)—Rural Organisation ... 1,97,568

*Deduct*—Amount transferred to 63-B ... —1,97,568

TOTAL—Rural Organisation ... ...

E.(B).—Training Organisation (Post-War)—

I. Rural Development Institute—

Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	...	100
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TOTAL—Rural Development Institute ... 100

*Deduct*—Amount transferred to 63-B ... —100

TOTAL—Rural Development Institute ... ...

E.(B).—II. Rural Polytechnic (Post-War)—

Pay of Officer	...	...	...	...	...	6,188
Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	3,564
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	...	8,928
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	...	14,204

TOTAL—II. Rural Polytechnic ... 32,884

*Deduct*—Amount transferred to 63-B ... —32,884

TOTAL—Rural Polytechnic ... ...



	Rs.
F.(A).—Grants-in-Aid ... ..	32,000
F.(B).—Grants-in-Aid (Post-War) ... ..	37,500
<i>Deduct</i> —Amount transferred to 63-B ...	—37,500
TOTAL—F.—Grants-in-Aid ... ..	32,000
GRAND TOTAL ... ..	50,245

†The Explanatory note will explain the object of the Demand.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

“That a sum of Rs.50,245 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for administration of the head ‘42.—Co-operation—II.—Rural Development’”.

There is a Cut Motion standing in the name of Dr. Emran Husain Chaudhury. I am afraid this is also out of order. I am putting the question.

The question is :

“That a sum of Rs.50,245 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head ‘42.—Co-operation—II.—Rural Development’”.

The question was adopted.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.20.

(43.—INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES—I—SERICULTURE AND WEAVING)

**Srijut BIMALA PROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary) :** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a supplementary demand of Rs. 3,08,786 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

For the purpose of administrative convenience and in order to avoid duplication the revenue and expenditure under heads XXXI and 42.—Co-operation and XXXII and 43 —Industries and Supplies and Post-War Development Schemes thereunder and the provisions under 25.—General Administration for the Post-War Rural Development have been split up and regrouped with effect from the current year into four receipts and four expenditure heads. This has necessitated the above supplementary demand. The entire amount provided for Rural Development under 25.—General Administration—Post-War Budget has been surrendered (Rs.94,68,500). Similarly, necessary surrenders and reappropriation, are being made in the grants under 42.—Co-operation and 43.—Industries and Supplies, to suit the new classification of service head, sub-heads and detailed heads.



the year the ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "43.—Industries and Supplies—I.—Sericulture and Weaving".

I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	Rs.
II. Sub-heads under which the supplementary grants will be accounted for :—			Nil.
A.(A).—Provincial Organisation—			3,08,786
Pay of establishment	...	...	4,754
Allowances and honoraria	...	...	2,675
Contingencies	...	...	1,200
TOTAL—A.(A)—Provincial Organisation	...		8,629
A.(B).—Provincial Organisation (Post-War)—			
Pay of Officer	...	...	6,780
Pay of establishment	...	...	10,827
Allowances and honoraria	...	...	7,160
Contingencies	...	...	5,678
TOTAL—A.(B)—Provincial Organisation (Post-War)			30,445
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...	...	—30,445
TOTAL—A—Provincial Organisation	...		8,629
B.—(A) Regional Organisation—			
Pay of officer	...	...	6,056
Pay of establishment	...	...	28,614
Allowances and honoraria	...	...	24,500
Contingencies	...	...	20,455
TOTAL—B.(A)—Regional Organisation	...		79,625
B.—(B) Regional Organisation (Post-War)—			
Pay of Officer	...	...	2,913
Pay of establishment	...	...	5,416
Allowances and honoraria	...	...	8,515
Contingencies	...	...	2,393
TOTAL—B.(B)—Regional Organisation (Post-War)			19,237
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...	...	—19,237
TOTAL—B.—Regional Organisation	...		79,625
C.—(B) Subdivisional Organisation (Post-War)—			
Pay of establishment	...	...	2,882
Allowances and honoraria	...	...	2,300
Contingencies	...	...	1,990
TOTAL—C.(B)—Subdivisional Organisation	..		7,172
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...	...	—7,172
TOTAL—C.—Subdivisional Organisation	...		...



					Rs.
D.—(A) Rural Organisation—					
Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	48,331
Allowances and honoraria	...	...	...	...	27,615
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	3,300
TOTAL—D.(A) Rural Organisation	...	...	...	...	<u>79,246</u>
D.—(B) Rural Organisation (Post-War)—					
Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	2,400
Allowances and honoraria	...	...	...	...	1,820
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	200
TOTAL—D.(B)—Rural Organisation (Post-War)	...	...	...	...	<u>4,420</u>
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...	...	...	...	<u>—4,420</u>
TOTAL—D.—Rural Organisation	...	...	...	...	<u>79,246</u>
E.—(A) Training Organisation—					
I. Farm Organisation—					Rs.
Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	15,526
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	4,870
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	28,704
Works	...	...	...	...	37,890
TOTAL E.—(A) I. Farm Organisation	...	...	...	...	<u>86,990</u>
E.—(B) Training Organisation (Post-War)—					
I. Farm Organisation —					
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	1,000
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	6,480
Works	...	...	...	...	33,088
TOTAL E.—(B) I. Farm Organisation (Post-War)...	...	...	...	...	<u>40,568</u>
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...	...	...	...	<u>—40,568</u>
TOTAL E.—I. Farm Organisation	...	...	...	...	<u>86,990</u>
E.—(A) II. Weaving Institute—					
Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	14,825
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	10,730
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	22,193
TOTAL E.—(A) II. Weaving Institute	...	...	...	...	<u>47,748</u>



## E.—(B) II. Weaving Institute (Post-War).—

Contingencies	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. 500
Works	...	...	...	...	...	3,500
TOTAL E.—(B) II. Weaving Institute (Post-War) ...						<u>4,000</u>
<i>Deduct</i> —Amount transferred to 63-B ...						<u>—4,000</u>
TOTAL E.—II. Weaving Institute ...						<u>47,748</u>

## E.—(A) III. Sericultural Institute—

Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	Rs. 1,118
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	750
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	3,530
Works	...	...	...	...	1,000
TOTAL E.—(A) III. Sericultural Institute ...					<u>6,398</u>

## E.—(B) III. Sericultural Institute (Post-War).—

Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	1,802
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	1,452
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	2,000
Works	...	...	...	...	11,193
TOTAL E.—(B) III. Sericultural Institute				...	<u>16,447</u>
<i>Deduct</i> —Amount transferred to 63-B				...	<u>—16,447</u>
TOTAL E.—III. Sericultural Institute				...	<u>6,398</u>

## Grants-in-aid—

## F.—(A) Grants-in-aid—

Contribution, Scholarship, etc.	...	...	...	...	150
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## F.—(B) Grants-in-aid (Post-War)—

Contribution, Scholarship, etc.	...	...	...	22,762
<i>Deduct</i> —Amount transferred to 63-B ...	...	...	...	<u>—22,762</u>

TOTAL F.—Grants-in-aid ...	...	...	150
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GRAND TOTAL	...	...	<u>3,08,786</u>
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The reason has been explained in the \*Explanatory Note.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That a supplementary demand of Rs.3,08,786 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head '43.—Industries and Supplies—I.—Sericulture and Weaving'."

There is a Cut Motion standing in the name of Dr. Emran Husain Chaudhury. This too is out of order. I am putting the question.

The question is:

"That a supplementary demand of Rs.3,08,786, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '43.—Industries and Supplies—I.—Sericulture and Weaving.'"

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.21

#### (43—INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES—II—COTTAGE INDUSTRIES)

**Srijut BIMALA PROSAD CHALIHA (Parliamentary Secretary):** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a Supplementary Demand of Rs.37,618 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head—'43.—Industries and Supplies—II.—Cottage Industries'".

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly...	Nil.
II. Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grants will be accounted for ... ..	37,618
Cottage Industries—	
A.—(A) Provincial organisation—	
Pay of Officer ... ..	8,600
Pay of Establishment ... ..	7,380
Allowances and Honoraria ... ..	5,438
Contingencies ... ..	2,700
Total ... ..	24,118

#### \*EXPLANATORY NOTE

For the purpose of administrative convenience and to avoid duplication, the revenue and expenditure under the head XXXII and 43.—Industries and Supplies under Post-War and ordinary budgets have been split up and regrouped with effect from the current financial year.

The Department under 43.—Industries and Supplies has been divided into two i.e. I.—Sericulture and Weaving and II.—Cottage Industries. As the entire budget allotment under 43.—Industries ordinary and post-war has been surrendered by the Cottage Industries Department the above supplementary demand is necessary for the new department of Sericulture and Weaving.



## A.—(B) Provincial organisation (Post-War)—

Rs.

Pay of Officers	...	...	...	...	11,226
Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	1,052
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	2,050
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	12,228

Total

Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...	...	...	...	26,556
	..	...	...	...	—26,556

## E.—(A) Training organisation—

## II.—Training Classes—

Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	...	5,309
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	5,503
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	2,438

Total

...	...	13,250
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## E.—(B). Training Organisation (Post-War)—

## I.—Cottage Industries Training Institute—

Pay of officer	...	...	...	...	726
Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	44
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	486

Total

...	...	1,256
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Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B

...	...	1,256
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## E.—(B). Training Organisation (Post-War)—

## II.—Training Classes—

Pay of establishment	...	...	...	...	2,477
Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	...	2,419
Contingencies	...	...	...	...	7,292

Total

...	...	12,188
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Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B

...	...	—12,188
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## F.—(A). Grants-in-aid—

Contribution to Institutes outside Assam

...	250
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Total

...	...	37,618
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The reason has been given in the \*Explanatory Note.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That a Supplementary Demand of Rs.37,618 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray the charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '43.—Industries and Supplies—II.—Cottage Industries'."

As there was no Cut Motion, the Motion was put by the Chair as a question before the House, and adopted.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 22

### (47—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS)

**The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 28,691 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending 31st March, 1949, for administration of the head "47.—Miscellaneous Departments."

	Rs.
Grant originally voted by the Assembly	2,46,500
II. Sub-head under which this supplementary grant will be accounted for	28,691
B.—Labour—	
3. Allowances and Honoraria	3,712
4. Contingencies	5,000
C.—Inspector of Steam Boilers (Voted)—	
(a) Pay of officers	1,446
(b) Pay of Establishment	502
(c) Allowances and Honoraria	4,231
(d) Contingencies	3,800
F.—Preservation and Translation of Ancient Manuscripts—	
4. Contingencies—Publication Fund	10,000
Total	28,691

The reasons are stated in the †Explanatory Note.

### \*EXPLANATORY NOTE

For the purpose of administrative convenience and in order to avoid duplication, the revenue and expenditure under heads XXXII and 43.—Industries and Supplies under Post-War and ordinary budgets have been split up and regrouped with effect from the current year. This has necessitated the above supplementary demand. The entire amount provided under 43.—Industries and Supplies, Ordinary and Post-War has been surrendered separately.

### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

B. 3.—Excess is due to increased rate of dearness allowance as a result of revision of pay and grant of winter allowance.

B. 4.—Excess is due to purchase of new typewriters, furniture, stationery, etc., for the two Labour Officers at Silchar and Jorhat.

C. (a) and (b)—Due to revision of scales of pay.

(c)—Due to grant of winter allowance and increase in dearness allowance and increased expenditure under Travelling Allowance.

(d)—Excess is due to higher cost of the Tensometre purchased and for repairing some instruments.

F. 4.—This provision is required for transfer to the Publication Fund which has been created under the Director of Historical and Antiquarian Studies, Assam.



**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs. 28,691 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '47.—Miscellaneous Departments'."

There is no Cut Motion. So, I put the question.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs. 28,691 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for administration of the head—'47—Miscellaneous Departments'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 23

(50—CIVIL WORKS)

**The Hon'ble Maulavi ABDUL MATLIB MAJUMDAR:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 83,595 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "50.—Civil Works."

	Rs.
I. Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	1,00,83,300
II. Sub-heads under which the Supplementary demand will be accounted for ... ..	83,595
D.—Grant-in-aid for communications—	
2—Grants to Local Boards—	
(i) Recurring ... ..	984
(ii) Non-Recurring ... ..	82,611
Total ... ..	83,595

The †Explanatory Note is there, Sir.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs. 83,595 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '50—Civil Works'."

I see there is one Cut Motion on this grant but I do not think it is in order as it seeks to raise a general discussion. I, therefore, rule it out of order. I put the question.

### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

(i) The *Tezpur Local Board* received Rs. 615 and Rs. 289 as recurring and additional recurring—communication grant during 1947-48 and the *Golaghat Local Board* received Rs. 80 as additional recurring communication grant for 1947-48. Both the Local Boards allowed their grants to lapse by non-drawal and came up to Government for sanction to the drawal of these lapsed grants during the current financial year. The drawal of the grants by the Boards was sanctioned. Hence the excess.

(ii) Against a budget provision of Rs. 2,04,894 the amount disbursed as grants was Rs. 28,7,505. This excess was due to the giving of increased communication grants to meet the pressing need of improvement of communication.



The question is :

"That, an additional sum of Rs. 83,595 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head '50—Civil Works'".

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 24

(54A—FAMINE RELIEF)

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 3,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head "54—A.—Famine Relief".

	Rs.
I—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	1,00,000
II—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for ... ..	3,00,000
(b) Gratuitous Relief ... ..	3,00,000
Total ...	<u>3,00,000</u>

The ††Explanatory Note is given below.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs. 3,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head '54—A.—Famine Relief'."

There are two Cut Motions on this demand, but since both the Motions seek to raise a general discussion, I consider them to be out of order. I will put the question.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs. 3,00,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '54—A.—Famine Relief'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 25

(55—SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCES ETC.)

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 80,560 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head 55.—Superannuation

#### ††EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amount is necessary for an initial contribution to the Famine Relief Fund *vide* Clause 4 of the Famine Relief and Insurance Fund Act, 1948.



Allowances and Pensions, 83.—Payments of commuted value of pension and 85.—Payments to retrenched personnel.

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	31,41,400
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for.	80,500
1. 55.—Superannuation allowances and pension—H.—Charges in England.	78,650
2. 85.—Payment to retrenched personnel—Charges in England	1,850
Total ...	80,500

The †Explanatory Note gives the purpose for which this amount is needed.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs. 80,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head—'55—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions, 83—Payment of commuted value of pensions and 85—Payments to retrenched personnel'."

As there are no Cut Motions, I put the question.

The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs. 80,500 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending, the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head—'55—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions, 83—payments of commuted value of pension and 85—Payments to retrenched personnel'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No. 26

(56—STATIONERY AND PRINTING)

**The Hon'ble Maulana MAHOMED TAYYEBULLA:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 98,775 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for administration of the head "56.—Stationery and Printing".

	Rs.
I—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	5,30,800
Supplementary grant voted at the September, 1948 Session of the Assembly.	1,68,000
II—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary grant will be accounted for.	98,775
A.—Stationery supplied from the Central Stationery Stores—Voted.	22,520
B.—Discount on Plain paper used with stamps	153
C.—Purchase of plain paper used with stamps	15,618
III—D—Government Press	60,484
Total ...	98,775

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

The excess is based on the latest information received from the High Commissioner and the Accountant General, Common Wealth Relations Office.



The †Explanatory Note is there, Sir.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs. 98,775 be granted to the Minister in charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for administration of the head '56—Stationery and Printing'."

As there is no Cut Motion on this demand, I put the question.

The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.98,775 be granted to the Minister in charge to defray certain charges which will come up in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for administration of the head '56.—Stationery and Printing'."

The question was adopted.

## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND NO. 27

(57—MISCELLANEOUS)

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs. 13,42,040, be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head "57.—Miscellaneous".

Rs.

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly	...	...	28,18,300
Supplementary grant voted in the September Session	...	...	3,06,940
II.—Sub-heads under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for.			13,42,040
A.—Expenditure on account of State Prisoners and Detenus.			3,900
C.—Donations for Charitable purposes	...	...	11,797
D.—Special Commission of Enquiry	...	...	400

### † EXPLANATORY NOTES

A.—A large number of bye-laws and forms for the Trading Co-operative Societies is to be printed in the Government Press. The normal indent of paper of the Government Press is not sufficient to meet this printing particularly when the printing of forms, tickets, etc., of the State Transport Department has taken up a considerable portion of the paper indented and as such the allotment falls far short of the requirement; therefore a further sum of Rs. 15,875 is required for the purchase of paper immediately without which it will not be possible for the Superintendent, Press to cope with the bulky nature of Printing.

Many new offices have been created in the districts, e.g., Offices in Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Silchar, and Gauhati under the Labour Commissioner, Assam and unit offices in the Plain Districts under the Commissioner of Taxes, Assam. Besides these, there is a considerable increase of work and staff in the existing offices resulting in more demand for stationery.

B and C—Partly due to increased sale of plain paper and partly due to increase in the rate at 2as. 2p. per lb. of the paper supplied and also for a debit of Rs. 11,978 for supply of water-marked paper to this Province by the Deputy Controller of Stationery.

D.—Due to introduction of the revised scales of pay, winter allowance, payment of more over-time allowance for execution of more printing work and stipend to apprentices, purchase of some new machines and entertainment of various additional staff.



	Rs.
E.—(a) Circuit and Sessions Houses ... ..	10,327
(b) Other Petty Establishment ... ..	926
G.—Rents ... ..	471
H.—Rates and Taxes ... ..	1,231
I.—Contributions—(b)—Grants to Local Bodies for general purposes—Grants to Municipal Boards for improvement to towns ... ..	7,651
K.—Miscellaneous and unforeseen charges—	
K.—(2) Expenditure on issue of free ration to Government servants.	8,11,830
K.—5. Miscellaneous charges ... ..	1,78,944
Post-War Development Schemes ... ..	2,19,780
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B ... ..	—2,19,780
L.—Transport Organisation ... ..	39,563
M.—Losses on supply of food stuffs to Government servants and others at concessional prices.	2,79,000
(a) Deduct—Recoveries from the Central Government.	—4,000
Total	13,42,040

†The Explanatory Note, including one major item for Rs. 8,11,830, will clearly show the purpose for which this amount is needed.

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTES

A. The expenditure is due to the payment of compensation to the Political Sufferers and their families on account of hardship and financial loss suffered by them during the period of detention in Jail as Security prisoners.

C. Expenditure under this head is of uncertain nature and is dependent among other things on the number of dead paupers in Police cases and also due to contribution to the Orphanage of the St. Mary's Convent at Gauhati.

D. Due to provision for travelling and halting allowance of the members of the Mikir Hills Boundary Committee.

E. (a) Due to payment of arrear pay of contingency menials and cost of repairing and varnishing of furniture and other materials and also due to purchase of furniture and articles for circuit houses.

(b) Due to entertainment of additional contingency menials.

G. Due to increase in rent of buildings

H. Due to increase in municipal taxes and introduction of light taxes from 1st April 1948.

I. The amount of Rs. 7,651 was realised by the Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta, as first instalment of premium on town lands settled in the Barpeta town in connection with the Town Planning Scheme and credited into the Treasury. Government in the Revenue Department have subsequently sanctioned this amount as grant to the Barpeta Municipal Board for construction and improvement of roads in the Town Planning Scheme. The grant is sanctioned only for the year 1948-49 and it is therefore necessary to provide this amount of Rs. 7,651 in the current year's budget.



**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That an additional sum of Rs.13,42,040 be granted to the Minister in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for administration of the head '57.—Miscellaneous.'"

As there is no Cut Motion on this demand I will put the questions.

The question is :

"That an additional sum of Rs.13,42,040 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the Head—'57.—Miscellaneous.'"

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND NO 28.

(64-B—CIVIL DEFENCE)

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI** to move :

On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 400 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head—"64B. —Civil Defence".

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly—	Rs.
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Grant will	Nil

be accounted for.	400
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A—Expenditure on A. R. P.—Non-Excluded Areas (Voted)	400
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The†Explanatory Note explains the object for which this amount is required.

K. 2 and M.—Rise in the price of rice as well as other foodstuffs for free ration is mainly responsible for the increased demand.

K. 5 (a).—For refund of collective fines realised in excess from some people in lieu of their properties which were seized and confiscated and cheaply sold during the 1942 Movement (Rs. 274).

(b) For payment of compensation for "Rockside" and "Green House" buildings acquired by Government for accommodation for Hon'ble Ministers (Rs. 1,39,286).

(c) For grant of passage money to United States of America to Srijut Bhubendra Nath Hazarika (Rs. 4,500).

(d) For payment of a non-recurring grant of Rs. 500 to the Lady Hydari Pleasure Park Committee towards the construction of a stage in the Park.

(e) Due to increase in expenditure under destruction of wild animals and other unforeseen miscellaneous charges (Rs. 29,884).

Post-War Development Schemes:—

(a) For purchase of 19 T. S. Shed and some stores for the Prince of Wales Technical School, Jorhat (Rs. 1,36,140).

(b) For purchase of pumping sets for the Rural Development Department (Rs. 22,700).

(c) For purchase of fencing and pipe lines at Barapani for the Agriculture Department (Rs. 50,910).

(d) For payment of wages to labourers and Assam Transport in connection with these purchases. These surplus military stores were purchased last year but payment could not be made in that year as negotiations with the Military in respect of prices could not be finalised.

L. The additional amount is required for the Pool of Departmental staff vehicles at Shillong which was brought into operation under Provincial Motor Transport Controller with effect from 1st April, 1948 after the Budget for 1948-49 was passed by the Assembly and therefore the expenditure in this connection which is debitable to the same head "57.—Miscellaneous—L—Transport Organisation—Spare Parts Control Order," and to be borne by the Provincial Government exclusively, could not be included in the sanctioned budget provision.

(a)—An additional provision for recovery is required on account of some outstanding adjustment due from the Central Government Departments.

### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

No provision was made in the original Budget as it was anticipated that there would be no expenditure on Civil Defence. But certain expenditure had to be incurred during the year on account of staff retained upto 30th April, 1948.



**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That a sum of Rs. 400 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for administration of the head '64-B.—Civil Defence'."

As there is no Cut Motion on this grant, I will put the question.

The question is :

"That a sum of Rs. 400 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949, for the administration of the head '64-B.—Civil Defence'."

The question was adopted

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.29

(81.—CAPITAL ACCOUNT OF CIVIL WORKS OUTSIDE THE REVENUE ACCOUNT)

**The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. NICHOLS-ROY :** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that a sum of Rs. 2,50,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the Head "81. Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account".

Rs.

I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly— ... Nil

II.—Sub-heads under which this Supplementary Grant will be accounted for. 2,50,000

A.—Original Works—

(a) Buildings—

The details have been explained in the \*Explanatory Note.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That a sum of Rs. 2,50,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the Head '81.—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account'."

There being no Cut Motion, I put it as a question.

The question is :

"That a sum of Rs. 2,50,000 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the Head '81.—Capital Account of Civil Works outside the Revenue Account'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.30

(85-A.—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON PROVINCIAL SCHEMES OF STATE TRADING, ETC.)

**The Hon'ble Srijut OMEO KUMAR DAS :** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of

### \*EXPLANATORY NOTE

The details may be seen at Appendix (a) at page 263 of Assembly Proceedings of 18th March, 1949.



Rs.22,59,021 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the Head '85-A.—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes of State Trading—C.—Distribution of Cloth and Yarn.'

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ... ..	100
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for.	22,59,021
B.—Motor Transport Organisation—	
State Transport :—	
Section II—Gauhati-Nowgong route ... ..	1,95,803
Section III—Nowgong-Jorhat route ... ..	2,35,558
Section IV—Pandu-Gauhati-Shillong route ...	16,74,560
C.—Distribution of Cloth and Yarn ... ..	1,53,100
Total ...	22,59,021

The †Explanatory Note is there, Sir.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

'That an additional sum of Rs.22,59,021 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the Head '85-A.—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes of State Trading—C.—Distribution of Cloth and Yarn'.'

#### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

The additional amount required for the operation of State Transport is mainly due to the following reasons :—

(1) There was no provision for expenditure and receipts on operation of State Transport on the Nowgong-Jorhat and Pandu-Gauhati-Shillong routes in the budget for the year 1948-49 as the schemes were put into operation long after the budget was voted.

(2) Regarding the Gauhati-Nowgong route, the necessary expenditure was met from receipts of the Assam Transport Organisation in the first instance.

C. Provision for the administration of the Textile Control Scheme for 1948-49 was originally made, as usual, under the head '63.—Extraordinary Charges—A.—Charges in India (V)—Expenditure connected with Control and Distribution of Cloth and Yarn.' With the adoption of the New Scheme of Procurement of textiles by Government and their distribution through Co-operative Societies it has since been decided that the entire charge is to be debited to the head '85-A.—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes of State Trading—C.—Distribution of Cloth and Yarn'. The Expenditure already debited to the head '63.—Extraordinary Charges' is being accordingly written back to the head '85-A.—Capital Outlay, etc.' The provision of Rs. 1,53,100 under the latter head is therefore asked for to cover these charges. The entire provision under '63.—Extraordinary charges' is being surrendered.



There being no Cut Motion, I put it as a question.

The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.22,59,021 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March 1949 for the administration of the Head '85-A.—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes of State Trading—C.—Distribution of Cloth and Yarn'."

The question was adopted.

### SUPPLEMENTARY DEMAND No.31

(LOANS AND ADVANCES, ETC.)

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor of Assam, I beg, Sir, to move that an additional sum of Rs.62,23,168 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head "Loans and Advances, etc."

	Rs.
I.—Grant originally voted by the Assembly ...	14,87,000
II.—Sub-head under which the Supplementary Grant will be accounted for.	62,23,168
B. Loans and Advances by the Provincial Government—	
(a) Loans to Local Bodies ... ..	6,168
(b) Loans to Land holders and other notabilities ...	5,00,000
(c) Advances to Cultivators ... ..	10,00,000
(d) Loans under the Land-Improvement Loans Act	35,000
(e) Loans to Co-operative Societies ... ..	44,00,000
Advances to Government Servants—	
(f) House building advances ... ..	1,22,700
(g) Advances for purchase of Motor Cars ...	1,58,200
(h) Advances for purchase of other conveyances ...	1,100
Total ...	62,23,168



The †Explanatory Note states clearly the purpose for which this amount is needed.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That an additional sum of Rs.62,23,168 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head 'Loans and Advances, etc'."

There being no Cut Motion, I put it as a question.

The question is:

"That an additional sum of Rs.62,23,168 be granted to the Minister-in-charge to defray certain charges which will come in the course of payment during the year ending the 31st March, 1949 for the administration of the head 'Loans and Advances, etc'."

The question was adopted.

### Amendments to the Assam Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Now let us come to item No.4 of the agenda: Consideration of amendments to the Assam Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940, item by item.

Amendment No. 1 stands in the name of Maulavi Md. Abul Kashem.

✓ **Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that in the proposed "Note" to Sub-rule (c) of Rule 84 going to be substituted by amendment No. (1), after the word "the" and before the word "sanction" the word "previous" be substituted.

My intention of moving this Motion is that with the previous sanction of the Authority, the Secretary should issue such permit. As there is one Regional Transport Authority I do not consider it necessary that so much power be given to the Secretary and my submission is that if the Secretary is allowed to issue any

### †EXPLANATORY NOTE

(a) Many loan applications were submitted by the local bodies to Government during 1948-49. Although all the applications could not be disposed of for want of funds, urgent and immediate proposals had to be entertained and sanctioned. Hence this additional sum of Rs.6,168.

(b) The loan is necessary for redemption of the lease of Bidyanagar Tea Estate belonging to the Dewan Manikchand Estate of Cachar now under the management of the Assam Court of Wards. The lease terminates on 31st March, 1949. As the time is too short to raise the loan otherwise, it is proposed to meet the demand by Government loan.

(c) The excess is due to devastating floods in the Province for which loans and advances were granted to cultivators in the shape of Agricultural loan, seed loan, cattle loan, distribution of rice and paddy at concessional rate, etc.

(d) The excess is due to fact that no such loans were anticipated at the time of framing the Budget but some such loan were granted ultimately to various districts for improvement and reclamation of land.

(e) The Budget for the current year provided Trs. 75, but the revival of the Co-operative Credit Movement has become all the more important and it is proposed to grant a loan of Trs. 44,00 during the current year.

(f), (g) & (h).—Due to abnormal rise in prices of land, building materials, Motor Cars and other conveyances Government had to grant increased advances in relaxation of the existing rules for grant of such advances to enable Government servants to meet their requirement.



such permit without taking previous approval of the Authority, then the Secretary practically will become the real authority in the matter. So, Sir, such wide power should not be given to one individual only.

With these words, Sir, I request the House to accept my Motion.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Amendment moved :

"That in the proposed 'Note' to sub-rule (c) of rule 84 going to be substituted by amendment No.(1), after the word 'the' and before the word 'sanction' the word 'previous' be substituted."

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have no objection to accept this Amendment. The rule now says that the Secretary can cancel permit, but he shall have to take the sanction of the Transport Authority. The Act says that the Authority which grant a permit may cancel it. In view of this the previous sanction of the Authority to cancel a permit is necessary. Therefore, Sir, I can accept this Amendment.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Then this Amendment is accepted.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM :** Sir, I beg to move that for "Rs.60" proposed to be substituted by amendment No.(5), in sub-rule(a) of rule 75, "Rs.15" be substituted.

Sir, for a private carrier permit only a sum of Rs.5 was used to be realised previously, and the Hon'ble Minister now wants to raise it to Rs 60. This rise from Rs.5 to Rs.60 is too much and so my suggestion for increasing the amount to Rs.15 from Rs.5 is quite reasonable and may easily be accepted. You would find, Sir, that private carrier permit holders are not professional permit-holders and so they cannot earn as much money out of such permits as other people who do business on motor vehicle. Therefore, Sir, it will be a hardship on their part to pay so much fee for the private carrier permit. On this ground, Sir, I request the Hon'ble Minister to see his way to kindly accept the suggestion of increasing the permit fee by Rs.10 instead of by Rs.55.

With these words, Sir, I press my Motion for the acceptance of the House.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Amendment moved :

"That for 'Rs.60' proposed to be substituted by amendment No.(5), in sub-rule (a) of rule 75, 'Rs.15' be substituted".

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS :** I am sorry, Sir, I cannot accept this amendment. My hon. Friend wants to reduce this fee saying that private permits are generally owned by those who are not business people. The reasons for which private permits are granted to the people are (1) he must have business of his own and (2) that he must run the vehicle for his own business. So the reasons adduced by the Mover of the amendment are not tenable and as such I hope that he will see his way to withdraw the amendment.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I meant not the businessmen, but only the private carrier permit-holders.



**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** Those businessmen who generally take private carrier's permit, take it to manage their own business and make money. Therefore the fee charged is not unjustified. So I cannot accept the amendment.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Though I feel that it will hard hit the private carrier permit-holders, yet I beg leave of the House to withdraw my amendment.

The amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Sir, I beg to move that amendment No.(6) be deleted ; and

Substitute "the authority to which the powers of the Revenue Tribunal in this respect has been transferred under law for the time being in force" for "Revenue Tribunal" in 3rd line of Rule 88 and make consequential changes where necessary.

My object in moving this Motion is very simple. In previous years while there was the Revenue Tribunal, there was provision for appeal to that Tribunal.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Your amendment is No.3 and not No.4.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Yes, Sir, I am sorry. I am really in difficulty to recollect where it should be because the Assembly has only one copy of the Motor Vehicles Rules corrected up-to-date and that copy is with you, Sir. So I am not in a position to say why this amendment was tabled by me.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The hon. Member wants to delete amendment No.(6).

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Sir, I am not in a position to say anything in regard to that for absence of an up-to-date copy of the Rules. The Assembly Office says that there is only one copy which is with you. Therefore I do not want to move my amendment.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Amendment No.4. I do not think this amendment is in order because the hon. Member seeks to amend the original rules. It is beyond the scope of the proposed amendment to amend the rules.

Amendment No.(7) is consequential.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** I beg to move that for the words "three months" going to be substituted in rule 84 in amendment No.(8), the words "one month's" be substituted.

Sir, the purpose of this amendment is clear. That 3 months' time is a long period of time and as such I propose that only one month be substituted.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** What about your amendment No.5 ? By his amendment No.5 the hon. Member seeks to delete serials (7), (8), (9) and (10) under amendment No.(7).

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Now these amendments have fallen flat. There are only consequential to my amendment No.4. I therefore propose that the appellate authority be the authority to which the authority of



the Revenue Tribunal in respect of transport has been delegated. As that has been moved I do not like to move this amendment No.5.

As I moved that for the words "three months" going to be substituted in rule 84 in amendment No.(8), the words "one month's" be substituted.

My contention in moving this amendment is that a person who is a permit holder will not be allowed to stop his business. If the circumstances does not permit him to continue, he is to serve with a notice for not less than 3 months. But I think one month is quite sufficient for a period of notice to the Transport Authority or Provincial Authority because during this period they can place some other trucks or carriers in the line. So one man should not be asked to continue for 90 days. It would be a relief to these people if only one month's notice provision is made.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Amendment moved:

"That for the words 'three months' going to be substituted in rule 84 in amendment No. (8), the words 'one month's' be substituted."

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS:** I am sorry that I cannot agree to this amendment. The need for which the original amendment was thought necessary would be realised from the defects in the existing rule. Rule 84 which runs like this—

"The holder of a permit may at any time surrender the permit to the Regional Transport Authority by which it was granted and the Regional Transport Authority shall forthwith cancel the permit so surrendered, and may re-assign it to another person if it so desires". It is clear from the wordings of this rule that a person can at any time surrender his permit without giving any time to Regional Transport Authority to make other arrangement so that the public is not put into inconvenience. To cite an example, the United Motor Transport Company which run the Sylhet-Shillong line wanted to surrender their permit although with one month's notice. It was too short a time to make other arrangement. There are difficulties to arrange motor vehicles now-a-days within such a period to run such a line by any party. From this we felt that there should be a rule to give at least three months' previous notice to authorities by a party who wants to surrender the permit so that the party who wants to surrender his permit can be allowed to do that without giving any difficulties to the public in general. Now-a-days, Sir, it is difficult on the part of any body to arrange vehicles that are necessary to run a particular route. In our own case of the Gauhati-Shillong Road we left this difficulty. We have nationalised the service, but we had to borrow some vehicles from some private parties in order to place the required number of vehicles on the road. At the time when we wanted to purchase the required number of vehicles they were not available in Calcutta and also there were difficulties in bringing them from Calcutta to Assam. So, Sir, in our opinion a reasonable time should be given to the Authority and to the new party to make arrangement to place vehicles on lines. Under the circumstances we think three months' time is not a very long period. Therefore, I request the hon. Mover of the amendment to withdraw his Motion.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Sir, after hearing the Hon'ble Minister-in-charge, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Has the hon. Member the leave of the House to withdraw his amendment?

The amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.



**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** The question is :

"That the amendments to the Assam Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940, as further amended, be adopted."

The question was adopted.

**The Assam Primary Education (Amendment) Bill, 1949.**

**Srijut MAHENDRAMOHAN CHOUDHURY (Parliamentary Secretary) :**  
Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Assam Primary Education (Amendment) Bill, 1949, and beg to move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

The Bill was published in an Extraordinary issue of the *Assam Gazette* on the 16th March, 1949.

Sir, the purpose of introducing this Bill, as it will be seen from the Statement of Objects and Reasons is that it is found that some amendments are necessary in the existing Act for administrative convenience. Clause 3 has been proposed as there has been found some difficulty that no School Board can be constituted where there is no Local Board and Municipality, and for that reason we have found it very difficult to bring the Act into operation in certain districts more especially in hill areas, like the Garo Hills and the Khasi and Jaintia Hills where we very much wish to bring the Act into force. To remove this anomaly, Clause 3 of the Bill has been proposed to amend Section 18 of the Principal Act.

Then again there has occurred some difficulty in realising the share of the money from the Local Boards and Municipalities and Town Committees. Clause 5 of the amendment Bill has therefore been proposed. The Local authorities are to contribute to the School Board Fund the average of the three preceding years they spent in Primary Education. Therefore to remove some technical difficulties that have been raised by some of the Chairmen of the Local Authorities and to do away with those technical difficulties this clause has been proposed. There has been some difficulty that under Section 16, a School Board can be constituted only in a Subdivision. In places where there is no subdivision such as Sadiya Frontier, Tirap and Balipara Frontier Tracts where the Government would like to bring the Act into force, there has been some difficulty to do so in those areas. So by this clause it has been proposed to declare those areas as subdivision for the purpose of this Act.

In clause 7 it has been proposed for deletion of a certain phrase from section 49 of the Principal Act. It has been proposed to only lay down the rules in the Legislature, but will not be subject to modifications as may be agreed to by both the Chambers of the Legislature. The purpose of bringing this amendment is that the Primary Education Rules will be adopted in the course of this Session of the Assembly, and, Sir, there may be some minor changes in course of its expansion as it is a new thing and in the course of operation of this Act it may be required to introduce some minor changes to remove the working difficulties and it has been felt rather cumbersome and a round about procedure to bring in every such amendment every time to the Legislature for vote. For this reason the deletion has been proposed.

With these few words, Sir, I commend the Motion for my acceptance of the House.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That the Assam Primary Education (Amendment) Bill, 1949, be taken into consideration."



✓ **Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, while I appreciate the difficulties of the hon. Parliamentary Secretary regarding appropriation of funds from the Municipalities and Local Boards, I cannot agree to the other amendments which he seeks to bring about by this Bill.

Sir, the passing of this Bill will mean the nullification of the whole Primary Education Act. The Primary Education Act was passed on the assumption that School Boards would be formed in each subdivision. That is, we wanted to entrust the task of conducting primary education to the School Boards instead of the Local Boards, as at present. There is also a clear provision that the Deputy Inspector of Schools will be one of the members. In view of this I cannot understand how such an amendment can be placed before the House for acceptance. Government want power to declare any area to be a subdivision for the purpose of a School Board. This will mean giving them unlimited power. If Government want that a particular area should be taken under the Primary Education Act for imparting compulsory primary education in that area, they can ask the School Board concerned, through the Provincial Board, to take up that area. There is therefore no need for establishing a separate School Board for that area. Who knows that this will not go to carry coal to Newcastle? There is every chance of the misapplication of this power.

Then, Sir, by amending the Act last year Government have already made provision that in case of supersession of a Local Board, Municipal Board or a Town Committee, Government will be empowered to nominate one person in case of a Town Committee or Municipal Board and two persons in case of a Local Board. When Government have already taken so much power to nominate their own people in case of supersession, there is no need for such a provision in clause 3 of the proposed Bill. The clause lays down, "In a subdivision where no School Board can be constituted under section 17". Can the hon. Parliamentary Secretary give any instance where School Board could not be formed in a particular subdivision under section 17? This is an absurd proposition. Where there is no properly-constituted Local Board, Government can nominate persons. The Deputy Inspector of Schools and the Senior Sub-Inspector of Schools are *ex-officio* members; then there will be one representative elected by the teachers of primary schools. What is then the difficulty, which stands in the way of formation of the School Board? Sir, if any School Board nominated by Government do not function properly Government are responsible; not the Legislature, and therefore the Legislature should not give them power to set up any Board anywhere they like.

Then, Sir, section 17 of the Primary Educational Act, 1947 says, "The School Boards shall be constituted in the prescribed manner, and shall include:—

- (a) the Deputy Inspector of Schools for the Subdivision.....
- (b) the Senior Sub-Inspector of Schools.....
- (c) one representative to be elected by a Municipal Board.....
- (d) two representatives to be elected by the Local Board.....
- (e) ..... one representative to be elected by the teachers of the Primary Schools.....

In every subdivision these persons are available. There may be some areas where there is no Deputy Inspector of Schools, but the Senior Sub-Inspector will be there. The proposed provision is therefore worse than that in the original Act. By clause 3, Government want to substitute their nominated body in each subdivision by nominating 5 persons to form a Committee in place of the School Board as if just to undo their own doing. No Legislature having a sense of responsibility will allow Government to have such a Committee.



Moreover, Sir, there are other provisions which are also open to objection. The Legislature authorised the School Board with regard to reward and punishment of the School teachers. This Bill wants to take away that power and vest it in particular persons. The School Board know the work of particular teachers and they are the best judges. It is, therefore, better to retain the provisions in the original Act.

With these few words, I oppose consideration of this Bill.

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI:** I am afraid, Sir, I have got to reply to this Motion because the object of the amendments about which my hon. Friend has made mention appertains to areas which are not under normal administration. It seems undoubtedly that my hon. Friend over there is living in imaginary land of his own, where he wants to identify the Government's object to spread education with Government's object of getting power. I do not know whether he knows that areas like Sadiya, Balipara or Tirap Frontier Tracts are not administered in the same way as our subdivisions and that they are treated as excluded areas and administered differently, and where normal administration do not apply. Therefore, in order to extend primary education to these areas we have to modify the Primary Education Act in such a way that it can be made applicable to those areas. At present the Act cannot be made applicable as there are no subdivisions there; therefore for the purpose of administration we have got to declare these areas as subdivisions, where alone the Act applies. For the application of the Act as areas should be of the same position as subdivisions in the Act and, secondly in these areas the administration, that has been carried on hitherto is directly through Government agencies, therefore the Committee of 5 members is to be a nominated body. That object is sought to be effected in this amendment, viz. that Government may extend primary education to these areas as early as possible. I hope, the hon. Member will cease to live in the imaginary land of his own and will try to understand the nature of administration which pertains to these areas. In view of this, I hope, the hon. Member will have no further objection.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Sir, may I be permitted to reply to the Hon'ble Premier?

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Is it personal explanation?  
(Voice—He cannot reply to the Hon'ble Premier)

**Maulavi MUHAMMED ABUL KASHEM:** I want to say that under Section 17 of the Assam Primary Education Act, Government is sufficiently empowered to appoint such a Committee.

**The Hon'ble Srijut GOPINATH BARDOLOI:** Unless the Act provides, the rules cannot be in contravention of excess of the powers given by the Act.

**\*Srijut SIDDHINATH SARMA:** The Act provides that such a Committee can be formed in a subdivision and there is no such provision for Balipara, Tirap and Sadiya and in order to do so this amendment has been brought before the House.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Sir, as the last day of submission of Amendments is today, may we request you to extend the time of sub-



submitting amendments till 4 P. M. today in order to enable us to give Amendments, in the light of the explanation given by the Hon'ble Premier ?

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** In view of the circumstances stated by the hon. Member, I am inclined to extend the time of tabling Amendments till 4 P. M. today.

Then we will have to consider this Motion on the 31st.

### **The Assam Kala-azar Treatment Bill, 1949**

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Assam Kala-azar Treatment Bill, 1949.

Sir, at the outset, I must express my thanks to the hon. Members of the Select Committee, specially Dr. Terrell, who was present by special invitation.

The Select Committee closely examined the Bill and made certain Amendments which are necessary for better and efficient administration of the Bill.

The most important change that they have made in the Bill is in clause 3. Sub-clause (a) of the clause 3 was deleted on the ground that it was very wide in scope and also redundant, and a new proviso was added to the revised clause 3 to meet the existing practice prevalent in different Hospitals and dispensaries in the treatment of Kala-azar patients, i.e. to allow the unregistered practitioners such as nurses and compounders to treat these cases under the supervision of registered and authorised practitioners. The other Amendments, are of minor nature and some of them are consequential to the Amendments made in clause 3. With these words, Sir, I present the Report of the Select Committee before the House.

### **The Assam management of Estates Bill, 1949.**

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Assam Management of Estates Bill, 1949.

It is really gratifying to note that the hon. Members of the Select Committee were of almost unanimous decision and made one or two important Amendments. The principal amendments that have been made have been underlined and I think I need not go in details over them again. But one provision has been made in order to bring this Bill in conformity with the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill which is pending before the House for consideration ; this relates to a proviso added to clause 3 which says—"Provided that no such notification shall be issued in respect of any estate or tenure the total area of which does not exceed 400 bighas". Then, another proviso was added to clause 10 which runs as follows—"Provided that the Revenue Officer may, subject to such rules as may be prescribed, refer any party to a competent Civil Court for the adjudication of such dispute". This proviso is considered necessary because in case any matter of dispute is referred to the Civil Court by the Revenue Officer there may not be any party interested in the dispute to proceed with that dispute before the Civil Court, and the Civil Court may not be able to take any action in the matter.

As regards other changes here and there, they are incidental changes with a view to give clearer meaning of the provisions of this Bill.

One particular point that I wanted to draw the attention of the hon. Members of the House is the footnote appended to the Report. Sir, I want to bring it to the notice of the House



that the time was fixed for signing the Report on the afternoon of 23rd, but unfortunately hon. Raja Ajit Narayan Deb was not present and he subsequently, *i. e.*, on the 24th added the note of dissent. When the Report was prepared there was no indication that there would be any note of dissent from any member of the Select Committee and the note of dissent appended to the Report was given the next morning by the dissenting member who did not attend the second sitting of the Committee for signing the Report as was arranged. His main contention was the deletion of certain important provisions which seeks to bring this Bill in line with the Assam State Acquisition of Zamin-daris Bill and that refers to the proviso in clause 3. There it is said—"Pro-vided that no such notification shall be issued in respect of any estate or tenure the total area of which does not exceed 400 bighas". The whole idea is that this Assam Management of Estates Bill, 1949, should be applicable to the whole of the Assam Valley and the district of Cachar, including also the Tem-porarily-Settled areas and it is the intention of the Select Committee that smaller estates which cover an area of 400 bighas or less should not be taken over for management. As a matter of fact it is very difficult and it would not be possible for Government to take up management of such small estates.

With these words, Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee before this House

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** I hope all hon. Members have got copies of the Report of the Select Committee on this Bill. I may remind them that they have got time up to 2 P. M. today to table Amendments.

#### **The Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948**

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Now we come to item 6. There are 8 Amendments to the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948. Amend-ment No.1 stands in the name of hon. Maulavi Md. Nazmal Haque.

**Maulavi MD. NAZMAL HAQUE :** In view of the discussions we had in the Select Committee on the Assam Management of Estates Bill, 1949, I do not propose to move Amendments Nos.1 and 2, Sir.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Then I put the question.

The question is :

"That clauses 1 and 2 of the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948, stand part of the Bill.

The question was adopted.

The question is :

"That clauses 3 to 5 of the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948, stand part of the Bill".

The question was adopted.

#### **Adjournment**

The Assembly was then adjourned for lunch till 1 P. M.

#### **After lunch**

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Clause 6 may now be taken up. The Amendment stands in the name of Maulavi Md. Nazmal Haque.



**Maulavi Md. NAZMAL HAQUE:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the last proviso to item (iii) in sub-clause (1) of clause 6 be re-numbered as the 1st proviso and transferred accordingly, and the 1st and 2nd proviso be re-numbered as the 2nd and 3rd proviso respectively.

Sir; the last proviso provides for compensation for surplus land above the prescribed maximum of 400 bighas retained by the proprietor or tenure-holder and the second proviso provides that the limit of 400 bighas shall apply again whenever the aforesaid large-scale farming has ceased to exist. Now these two provisos are almost of similar nature. The last proviso provides for compensation when the surplus land is taken away from the tenure-holder or proprietor, and the second proviso provides that the surplus land over 400 bighas will be taken away when he fails to do the desired cultivation, that is, cultivation on a large scale. So, Sir, the proviso which is a major one and directly provides for compensation for lands over the limit of 400 bighas should come first and the proviso Nos.1 and 2 be renumbered as proviso Nos.2 and 3.

With these words, Sir, I move my Motion for the acceptance of the House.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Amendment moved :

“That the last proviso to item (iii) in sub-clause (1) of clause 6 be re-numbered as the 1st proviso and transferred accordingly, and the 1st and 2nd proviso be re-numbered as the 2nd and 3rd proviso respectively”.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I think the hon. Mover of the Motion has not been able to follow the sequence of this proviso. The first proviso is that the limit of 400 bighas may be relaxed in the case of a proprietor or a tenure-holder who satisfies the Provincial Government that he has undertaken large-scale farming on a co-operative basis or by the use of power-driven mechanical appliances. So the proprietor or tenure-holder is allowed under certain circumstances to keep more than 400 bighas. But in case that the proprietor or tenure-holder desires to use mechanised cultivation that limit may be relaxed. On the other hand, if he fails to carry out the mechanised cultivation on the land above 400 bighas granted to him, the Government may resume the surplus land on payment of compensation calculated on the basis of rent prevailing in similar land in the neighbourhood with similar advantages, etc. If he wants to take more than 400 bighas for mechanised cultivation he will be allowed, and accordingly the proviso is put in the proper position. So, Sir, I cannot accept the Amendment of the hon. Mover.

**Maulavi Md. NAZMAL HAQUE:** Sir, though I am not convinced by the statement of the Hon'ble Minister, yet I have no alternative but to withdraw my Motion.

The Amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

**Maulavi Md. NAZMAL HAQUE:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the proviso after sub-clause (2) of clause 6, be deleted.

Sir, the proviso runs that ‘no holding so selected shall be less than a compact area of 20 bighas’. It will be a great difficulty on the part of the proprietor or tenure-holder to select a compact area of 20 bighas. A proprietor or a tenure-holder should be given a chance to select various categories of land for cultivation



of Sali, Auhu and other crops, so that all such categories of land may in aggregate be 400 bighas. If they are given the option of selection of land in a compact area of 20 bighas, such selection according to their choice will not at all be possible. So, Sir, this proviso may be omitted to give the land-owners the real option to select the various categories of land for the suitable cultivation of different crops. The land—owners do not practically possess various categories of land in a compact area of 20 bighas, as such this amendment is necessary.

With these words, Sir, I move my Motion for the acceptance of the House.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Amendment moved :

“That the proviso after sub-clause (2) of clause 6, be deleted.”

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the main idea of this proviso is that plots of land may not be subdivided into very small plots. The idea is to encourage consolidation of holdings. There will be no difficulty on the part of Government to allot the land if the landlords, tenure-holders or proprietors fail to exercise their power of selecting certain specific plots of land in spite of Government's giving them the option. The Select Committee have accepted the recommendation that they could retain up to 400 bighas in plots of not less than 20 bighas, so that the holdings are not divided into small bits and this is why the option is given and sub-clause (3) gives the remedy. If the proprietor or the tenure holder fails to select the holdings under sub-clause (2), the Settlement Officer or any other officer empowered on this behalf by the Provincial Government, shall in his discretion, select the holdings which would in the aggregate make up an area of 400 bighas out of his private land, and shall offer him settlement, on refusal of which he shall get no settlement. The whole idea is that a proprietor is entitled to 400 bighas of land, in plots of 20 bighas and more in area but discourages him from selecting 400 different plots in different places. In case this clause is accepted the effect will be that he will be able to retain plot with one bigha or less, one plot here and one plot there in more than 400 different plots in different places.

In view of this I think my hon. Friend is not very serious and I hope he will withdraw his Amendment.

**Maulavi Md. NAZMAL HAQUE :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, the retention of this proviso would surely give hardship to the people, but as we are in the minority I beg leave of the House to withdraw my Amendment.

The Amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** The question is :

“That clauses 6 and 7 of the Assam State Acquisition of Zemindaris Bill, 1948 stand part of the Bill”.

The question was adopted.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** There are two Amendments standing in the name of Maulavi Md. Nazmal Haque.

**Maulavi Md. NAZMAL HAQUE :** I beg to move that at the end of sub-clause (4) of clause 8, the “full-stop” be omitted and the following words be



added thereafter :—"in consistence with the provisions of this Act or any other Act for the time being in force for the management of the estate".

This clause gives the Government very unlimited power to issue directions by general or special order for the management of the estate. Government should issue directions or any order under certain law. If Government is allowed such unlimited power it will be an infringement upon the right of the Legislature, I, therefore, move this Amendment which will curtail the power of the Government to some extent and at the same time give a limit under certain law which is in force for the time being for the management of an estate. With this I hope the Amendment will be accepted by my hon. Friend.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Amendment moved :

"That at the end of sub-clause (4) of clause 8, the 'full-stop' be omitted and the following words be added thereafter :—"in consistence with the provisions of this Act or any other Act for the time being in force for the management of the estate'."

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** This Amendment is redundant and unnecessary. Clause 8 (3) definitely states—

"The estates together with the tenures comprised within the estate shall, either singly or in groups, as found suitable, be administered by a manager appointed by the Provincial Government as if it or these were estates managed under the Court of Wards Act or any other Act for the time being in force etc."

This clearly lays down the procedure how to act either under the Court of Wards Act or any Act which may be in force for the time being. So I think it is redundant and I hope the hon. Member will kindly withdraw his Amendment.

**Maulavi Md. NAZMAL HAQUE :** I beg leave of the House to withdraw my Amendment.

The Amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

**Maulavi Md. NAZMAL HAQUE :** I beg Sir, to move that at the end of sub-clause (6) of clause 8, the following proviso be added :—

"Provided that the provisions of this sub-section shall not be applicable to settlement, lease or transfer of land with a tenant who has held land in the estate prior to the 1st day of January, 1946."

The purpose of bringing this Amendment is to give relief to the people who are the *bonafide* tenants of the estate, and whose new settlement of land may be refused to be recognised after the 1st day of January, 1946. Sir, a tenant may not hold all of his land from a long time ; he may get settlement, purchase or lease out some of his land after 1946. This settlement, purchase or lease will be subject to refusal according to this provision of the Bill. This settlement with, and purchase by old tenant will in no way defeat or evade any provision of this Act. If this clause is passed into law, it will be applicable to all settlements, transfer, or lease after 1946 irrespective of old or new tenants. My purpose is to exclude those tenants who have been possessing land in the estate from long before 1946. As the number of such tenants is not less, the effect of the clause will bring a charm and a large number of tenants will be subject to trouble and unnecessary expenditure to prove their existing *bonafide*.

I hope the Hon'ble Minister will agree with me and accept the Amendment.



**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Amendment moved:

"That at the end of sub-clause (6) of clause 8, the following proviso be added:—

'Provided that the provisions of this sub-section shall not be applicable to settlement, lease or transfer of land with a tenant who has held land in the estate prior to the first day of January, 1946.'

**Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I oppose this Amendment. If this Amendment be accepted it will make the whole sub-clause nugatory. *Bona fide* tenants have nothing to be afraid of from this clause. Only those persons who will align with the Zemindars to make some transaction, which is illegal, will be affected. A *bona fide* tenant will not be affected. My hon. Friend is under the impression that possibly any transfer after 1946 is effected. It is not so. The last part of the clause is clear that any "such settlement, lease or transfer was effected with a view to defeating or evading any provision of this Act, or obtaining higher compensation thereunder". If the transaction is not to defect any provision of the Act or is not done with a view to getting better compensation then the tenants will not be affected. But if any tenant enters into a collusion with the Zamindar to do this, and as a matter of fact, some of the Zemindars are doing this, this clause will make those transactions effected after 1st January, 1946 void. Even since the talk of abolition of Zemindari was in air, some landlords are doing like this—there is a letter of request from the Government not to settle *khas* land with foreigners. For this some of them have taken recourse to a device like this. They settle more land with the existing tenants who then sell the land to outsiders at a very high price and pay a part of that money to the Zemindars. Under the present Goalpara Tenancy Act this transfer cannot be controlled. So this clause is meant to nullify those fraudulent transactions. If the Amendment of my Friend is accepted then the entire clause will be nullified. My request to the hon. Member therefore is that he need not be unduly suspicious, withdraw his Amendment and allow the clause to be there.

**Maulavi Md. NAZAMAL HAQUE:** On hearing the hon. Parliamentary Secretary, I beg leave of the House, Sir, to withdraw my Amendment on the hope that as he has assured, the old tenants will not be put to any difficulty.

The Amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

**Maulavi Md. NAZAMAL HAQUE:** Sir, I beg to move that after the proviso to item (i) of sub-clause (2) of clause 9, the following be inserted as item (ii):—

"(ii) When land held by a raiyat has come immediately by transfer or succession to be held by another, the holding shall, for the purposes of proviso to sub-section (2) (i), be deemed to have been continuous and the latter raiyat may, in reckoning the length of his holding, add the holding of the former to his own", and the existing items (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), and (vii) be re-numbered as items (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (viii) respectively.

Sir, the proviso to clause 9 (2) (i) provides that a raiyat who has held the land continuously as a raiyat for a period of not less than ten years prior to the date of notification under section 3 of this Act, shall have the status of a landholder as defined in the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886.



Under the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886 there is a provision under section 8(1)(a) giving power to acquire the status of land-holder. "Any person who has, before the commencement of this Regulation, held immediately under the Crown for ten years continuously any land not included either in a permanently-settled estate or in a revenue-free estate, and who has during that period paid to the Crown the revenue due thereon, or held the same under an express exemption from revenue shall be deemed to have acquired the status of a land-holder in respect of the land".

Sub-section (2) of section 8 says, "When land held by one person has come immediately by transfer or succession to be held by another, the holding shall, for the purposes of sub-section (1), clause (a), be deemed to have been continuous, and the latter person may, in reckoning the length of his holding, add the holding of the former to his own".

My Amendment corresponds to clause (2) of section 8 of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation of 1886. Here the continuous possession is reckoned along with the possession of his predecessor. But in the present clause of the Bill there is no provision to reckon the length of the possession of his predecessor. Therefore this clause is necessary to give him the length of the possession of his predecessor to be reckoned at the time of counting the length of his holding. My Amendment is not bringing in a new provision; the provision has been there in the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation and it corresponds to that. So I hope the Hon'ble Minister will accept the Amendment.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Amendment moved:

"That after proviso to item (i) of sub-clause (2) of clause 9, the following be inserted as item (ii):—

"(ii) When land held by a raiyat has come immediately by transfer or succession to be held by another, the holding shall, for the purposes of proviso to sub-section (2) (i), be deemed to have been continuous and the latter raiyat may, in reckoning the length of his holding, add the holding of the former to his own", and the existing items (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii) be re-numbered as items (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (viii) respectively."

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to support the Amendment moved by my hon. friend, Maulavi Md. Nazmal Haque. It has been explained by me in this House that the raiyats .....

**\*The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** On a point of order, Sir. Can a member of the Select Committee who has signed the Report rise to support the Amendment?

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** As I have submitted a Note of Dissent, I think I have the right to do so. In the general discussion also, Sir, you gave me permission to join in the discussion.

**\*Srijut SARAT CHANDRA SINHA:** He gave a Note of Dissent on the general thing and not on this particular thing.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Members of the Select Committee signing the report should not go against the Bill.



**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** As I opposed at the time when the Select Committee was held ; I think, I .....

**\*The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** These items are mentioned in the Note of Dissent in a general way, but this is not mentioned.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** I will show from the Note of Dissent where this is also covered. Sir, I have written in my Note of Dissent against substitution of such inferior rights for tenants under the Assam Land and Revenue Regulations for much better rights under the Goalpara Tenancy Act in regard to (i) use and occupancy, (ii) transfer and inheritance, (iii) mode of recovery of revenue, (iv) mutation and partition.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, while thanking you for giving me a chance to speak a few words, I would request the Hon'ble Minister-in charge and also the hon. Members of this House to consider the Amendment brought forward by my hon. Friend, Maulavi Md. Nazmal Haque. In its true perspective, Sir, it has been stated by me on several occasions that the rights of the tenants had been curtailed and they will be on the mercy of the Executives. I thought that I should not oppose the Bill. But as my Friend, Maulavi Md. Nazamal Haque, has brought by way of Amendment that some thing is better than nothing, I want to support the Amendment. The whole Bill is against the interest of the tenants.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Do you want to say that the whole Bill is against the interest of the tenants ?

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Yes, Sir, as something is better than nothing, I am supporting the Amendment brought forward by my hon. Friend, Maulavi Md. Nazmal Haque. In view of the fact that in the Statement of Objects and Reasons the Hon'ble Minister-in charge has stated that he wants to introduce the Raiyatwari system throughout the Province and also he wants that the tenants in the district of Goalpara should not suffer, I appeal to their good sense for supporting the Amendment as he wants a very small particle.

Sir, in the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation in section 8 sub-section (2) it is laid down, "(2) when land held by one person has come immediately by transfer or succession to be held by another, the holding shall for the purpose of sub-section (1), clause (a) be deemed to have been continuous, and the latter person may, in reckoning the length of his holding, add the holding of the former to his own."

Here we are allowing persons to get advantage of his period of reckoning. So I request that the Amendment brought forward by my hon. Friend, Maulavi Md. Nazmal Haque, be accepted.

**\*Srijut SARAT CHANDRA SINHA:** Sir, if this Amendment is accepted whether more rights would be given to the speculators of land who come from outside the province of Assam.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Certainly not, we have made provision that after 1st January, 1946 those who have come and got settlement will not be recognised.

I do not like that my hon. Friend will go by his sentiment, but I want he should deeply think over the matter.



I would also request the hon. Parliamentary Secretary not to oppose this time. He also represents Goalpara.

**\*Srijut SARAT CHANDRA SINHA:** Sir, is the hon. Friend over there a Jotedar or a tenant?

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Sir, in Goalpara every one is a Jotedar even with a small plot of land of about 2 bighas. If my hon. Friend is not a Jotedar, he is a tenureholder.

**\*Srijut SARAT CHANDRA SINHA:** So he wants to exclude them.

**Srijut HARESWAR DAS (Parliamentary Secretary):** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I oppose the Amendment. I find my Friend, Maulavi Muhammad Abul Kashem, is putting forth a strange argument. I have failed to understand what he actually wants. Clause 9 (1) makes this provision that the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation and the Assam Land Revenue Re-assessment Act will come into force after the abolition of the Zamindaris. So there need not be any argument about that.

Then my hon. Friend says that the rights of the tenants under the Goalpara Tenancy Act is sought to be curtailed. The Goalpara Tenancy Act says that after 10 years possession he acquires no right, but this Bill gives him the right. This is definitely an improvement upon the Goalpara Tenancy Act. There is no point in the argument that the rights of the tenants are being curtailed by this Act. So I fail to understand what he means by this. After careful consideration this provision was made. As we are going to introduce the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation and the Assam Land Revenue Re-assessment Act, we make this provision beforehand before the State Acquisition of Zamindaris Act comes into force. In Goalpara by 12 years possession of a plot of land a raiyat acquires occupancy right and the right of the landlord is the same. It is exactly the same thing. There is no difference. Only 12 years' possession is necessary and here we have provided that 10 years' possession is necessary. In order to give relief to those persons who are actually in possession, this provision has been made. This is an improvement upon the Goalpara Tenancy Act. This provision has been made for the benefit of the person in actual occupation, the cultivating raiyat. If this benefit is given to the transferees it will only benefit the professionals, whom we like to exclude. We want to protect the raiyats, not the professionals. My Friends want to protect the professionals. Under the provision we have made, a cultivating raiyat holding land continuously for a period of ten years will have the status of a land-holder. If we recognise the transferees the benefit will go to the middlemen who have come from the other Dominion, and from different provinces, due possibly to pressure on land there, and are trying to acquire land here. There have been many transactions in the permanently-settled areas of the Goalpara district by which they have acquired land. Sir, it is not a fact that cultivators are purchasing land. If any cultivator could purchase land at such high prices which are prevailing, he is no longer a cultivator but a professional. A cultivator has been defined as a person who ploughs his land himself, or by members of his family or by hired labourers. So, a cultivator cannot go on purchasing land these days.

As regards heirs, the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation recognises successors. The heirs will therefore be recognised and no separate provision need be made. There is no reason for apprehension on that score.



So, I would request my hon. Friends to coolly consider whether this is not an improvement upon the Goalpara Tenancy Act, so far as actual cultivators are concerned, and to withdraw their objections.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I want to add a word. My hon. Friend certainly considers his own Leader to be an astute lawyer, and a gentleman who was trying to protect the interest of the tenants. As a matter of fact, my hon. Friend tried to impress his Leader with his viewpoint, but without any success. He has therefore to record a note of dissent alone (Maulavi Muhammad Abul Kashem: My Leader wanted that we should fight for 10 per cent. of the raiyats' rights).

Now, Sir, clause 9(1) definitely lays down: "As soon as possible after the date of notification referred to in section 3, the Provincial Government shall appoint a Settlement Officer with the requisite staff for the purpose of effecting a settlement with a view to converting the estates or tenures vested in the Crown into temporarily-settled estates in accordance with the provisions of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886.....". So, the Settlement Officer will have all the powers. He will be guided by all the Rules and Regulations that have been cited in this House. So, this general clause covers everything. The right of a genuine tenant will not be interfered with, only the speculators will be affected. There is therefore no apprehension so far as actual raiyats are concerned. In view of this I would request my hon. Friend to withdraw his Amendment.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** If, as the Hon'ble Minister says, clause 9 covers every thing, then what is the objection in accepting the Amendment?

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** The Assam Land and Revenue Regulation recognises only those who are in actual possession of the land. I do not want to give this right to any one who is not in actual possession.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** What does the hon. Member want to do?

**Maulavi Md. NAZMAL HAQUE:** I press my Amendment, Sir.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:

"That after proviso to item (i) of sub-clause (2) of clause 9, the following be inserted as item (ii):—

'(ii) When land held by a raiyat has come immediately by transfer or succession to be held by another, the holding shall, for the purposes of proviso to sub-section (2) (i), be deemed to have been continuous and the latter raiyat may, in reckoning the length of his holding, add the holding of the former to his own', and the existing items (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), and (vii) be re-numbered as items (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (vii) and (viii) respectively'."

**The Assembly divided:**

*Ayes 4.*

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| 1. Maulavi Muhammad Abul Kashem. | 3. Maulana Md. Mufazzal Hussain. |
| 2. Maulavi Afazuddin Ahmed.      | 4. Maulavi Md. Nazmal Haque.     |



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| 1. The Hon'ble Srijut Gopinath Bardoloi.      | 17. Babu Kamini Kumar Sen.          |
| 2. The Hon'ble Srijut Bishnu Ram Medhi.       | 18. Srijut Lakshmidhar Borah.       |
| 3. The Hon'ble Srijut Ram Nath Das.           | 19. Srijut Mahendramohan Choudhury. |
| 4. The Hon'ble Maulavi Abdul Matlib Mazumdar. | 20. Srijut Manisankar Basumatari.   |
| 5. The Hon'ble Rev. J. J. M. Nichols-Roy.     | 21. Srijut Motiram Bora.            |
| 6. The Hon'ble Srijut Rupnath Brahma.         | 22. Srijut Nilmani Phookan.         |
| 7. The Hon'ble Srijut Omeo Kumar Das.         | 23. Mr. Kedarmal Brahmin.           |
| 8. Srijut Beliram Das.                        | 24. Srijut Purna Chandra Sarma.     |
| 9. Srijut Bhadra Kanta Gogoi.                 | 25. Srijut Purnananda Chetia.       |
| 10. Babu Bidyapati Singha.                    | 26. Srijut Sarat Chandra Sinha.     |
| 11. Srijut Bijoy Chandra Bhagavati.           | 27. Shri Satindra Mohan Dev.        |
| 12. Srijut Bejoy Chandra Saikia.              | 28. Srijut Siddhi Nath Surma.       |
| 13. Srijut Haladhar Bhuyan.                   | 29. Maulavi Abdul Halim.            |
| 14. Srijut Hareswar Das.                      | 30. Maulavi Muhammad Roufique.      |
| 15. Srijut Hem Chandra Hazarika.              | 31. Mrs. Bonily Khongmen.           |
| 16. Dr. Jinaram Das.                          | 32. Srijut Chanoo Kheria.           |
|   | 33. Srijut Dalbir Singh Lohar.      |
|   | 34. Shri Dharanidhar Basumatari.    |
|   | 35. Srijut Dhirsing Deuri.          |
|   | 36. Srijut Khorsing Terang.         |
|   | 37. Mr. Larsingh Khyriem.           |
|   | 38. Mr. Maniram Marak.              |

The question was lost.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:

"That clauses 8 to 11 of the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill 1948, stand part of the Bill.

The question was adopted.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Clause 12, Maulavi Md. Nazmal Haque to move.

**Maulavi MD. NAZMAL HAQUE:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I feel that none of our Amendments will be accepted and our crying will be in the wilderness, and, I, therefore do not like to move any more Amendments.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** Sir, as regards clause 12, I have no objection to accept his Amendment to omit the word 'but' (*Laughter*).

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Will the hon. Member move his Amendment?

**Maulavi MD. NAZMAL HAQUE:** No, Sir, I will not move.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** In clause 12, even as a clerical mistake that word 'but' may be deleted, Sir.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:

"That clauses 12 to 15 of the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948, stand part of the Bill."



The question was adopted.

Clause 16—Maulavi Muhammad Nazmal Haque.

**Maulavi MD. NAZMAL HAQUE:** As I said, Sir, I am not moving this Amendment also.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:

"That clauses 16 to 30 of the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948, stand part of the Bill."

The question was adopted.

Clause 31—Maulavi Muhammad Nazmal Haque.

**Maulavi MD. NAZMAL HAQUE:** No, Sir, I am not moving it.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:

"That clause 31 of the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948, stand part of the Bill".

The question was adopted.

The question is:

"That the Title and Preamble of the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948, stand part of the Bill".

The question was adopted.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move that the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948, as reported by the Select Committee, be passed.

Sir, I do not like to take away the time of the House by making a long speech in this connection, because the Bill in all its aspects was considered by the House and from the few Amendments that have been tabled it is quite clear that the House as well as the people outside have accepted this Bill as the best possible under the circumstances. I thank the hon. Members of this House as well as the people outside for accepting this Bill. This acceptance is evident from the fact that after the Select Committee Report was published we have not received any objection either from the Zemindars or from the tenants to the effect that any provision made in the Bill is against the interests of either the Zemindars or the tenants. It is a good sign that this Bill has adjusted the differences between the landlord and the tenant. I am sure that this Bill when put into operation will bring permanent benefit to all the people living in the permanently settled areas—the tenants as well as the Zemindars and tenure-holders. I appeal to hon. Members to continue their co-operation in giving effect to the provisions of the Bill when it comes into force.

With these remarks, Sir, I commend my Motion to the acceptance of the House.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948, as reported by the Select Committee, be passed."



**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank the Hon'ble Revenue Minister for seeking co-operation of all Members of the House in translating this Bill into action. It is no doubt true, Sir, that the Select Committee has improved the lot of the raiyats to some extent. But I am convinced and the people outside also know that the grievances of the people still exist and it is expected that the Government will consider those grievances.

Sir, the Hon'ble Minister has referred us to clause 9 of this Bill. As the effect of the provisions of this Bill will mostly be felt by the action of the officer who will be entrusted to operate it, we do hope that the Hon'ble Minister will try his best to select an officer who will understand the feelings of the people and who will not take undue recourse to those provisions of the Bill that would adversely affect them. I request the Hon'ble Minister to be sincere in his attempts to protect the rights of the raiyats and under-raiyats by proper selection of judicious officers who understand the conditions of the actual cultivators.

With these few words, Sir, I again thank the Hon'ble Minister and the Government through you and I think my request will not go in vain.

**Srijut SARAT CHANDRA SINHA:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I rise to congratulate the Government for taking adequate measures with regard to the acquisition of Zamindaris in our district. Sir, you know that the people of that district, and specially the tenants for a long time were victim to the evils of the Zemindary system which has kept them in perpetual backwardness. Now, as this system is going away, we may hope that we should be able to develop our district and keep pace with other districts of the Province.

Sir, I do not see eye to eye with my hon. Friend, Jonab Abul Kashem, so far as his criticism against the provisions relating to the condition of the tenants as envisaged in the Bill is concerned. In my opinion this Bill will surely improve the general condition of the tenants of the District of Goalpara. In the actual operation of this Bill you will find that the condition of the tenants will be much improved. When I say that the tenants will be happy when this Bill comes into force, Sir, I do not represent my own opinion, but I voice the opinion of the people, specially the tenants of the District. With these words, Sir, I again congratulate the Government.

**Srijut NILMONI PHOOKAN:** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I feel that this Zamindari Abolition Act will free my people of Assam in a large portion of the country—I mean Goalpara district. I really believe that the Zamindari system profited neither the Zaminders nor the tenants. It has only given a chance to a certain class of people to rule over the Zamindars as well as the tenants. Sir, for the successful passing of this Bill I give credit to the Hon'ble Revenue Minister, the Government and also the hon. Members of the Opposition who opposed it at the introduction stage so vehemently, especially the hon. Leader of the Opposition, but in the Select Committee when they could see eye to eye with each other in thrashing the many provision of the Bill, it shows that the Bill has been properly anvilled. I hope this abolition of Zamindari system will certainly remove a certain class of people from depressing the people of Goalpara who will not breath in a free atmosphere. This is a great improvement indeed.

Now I am sure the people of Goalpara will be able to assert themselves and will be able to prove it to the hilt that they are the true sons of Assam and there will be none to interfere with their interest by any class of people. I am sure they will be the vanguard of Assamese civilisation.



**Dr. EMRAN HUSAIN CHAUDHURY :** Sir, I whole heartedly congratulate the Government for their successful introduction of this very important measure. There is nothing which is permanent in the world. Even the world itself is subject to destruction some day. The Zamindari system which has been in practice for the last one and a half centuries has caused enormous difficulties to vast masses of the people and inconveniences too and resulted in terrible hardships. So, when this Bill was introduced in the House we felt that it should have been introduced earlier, as this introduction was long over due. At any rate, Sir, 'better late than never'.

I want to correct a statement made by my hon. Friend from Jorhat, Srijut Nilmani Phookan, who said that the Opposition Leader and some Members from the Opposition benches opposed the introduction of this Bill at the initial stage. Although, Sir, certain speeches were made by certain hon. Members of the Opposition benches, it was done so only to improve the Bill so that the needed relief could be given to the Zamindars and specially to the raiyats, but none was ever against the principle of the Bill. The Hon'ble Leader of the Opposition on the other hand has given his good counsel so as to effect necessary improvements on the Bill so that the Bill could become an Act smoothly.

I have nothing more to add except that I would like to repeat that the Government stand thrice congratulated for having brought up this vital measure.

**Maulavi MD. NAZMUL HAQUE :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I thank the Government for bringing in this Bill in order to give relief to the raiyats remaining under the long standing Zamindari system. The people under the Zamindari system do not actually know what is called annual Patta or periodic Patta. This is the first time for them to have temporarily settled land under the Assam Land and Revenue Regulations to be introduced by this Bill in the Zamindari areas. There has been an alarm in the villages that they would not get their former rights and interests in the temporarily-settled land. We, however, Sir, have done our best to convince them that the Government are trying to save the tenants from the clutches of the Zamindars and to give them the needed relief. I, therefore, hope that the popular Government of Assam will see that the rights and interests of the raiyats are not curtailed in any way at the time of giving settlement under the temporarily settlement system. All the people under the Zamindari system have been crying for abolition of the Zamindari system and as the abolition is after all being effected by this Bill, this Government deserves congratulation provided tenant's rights and interests are not disturbed.

With these words, Sir, I resume my seat with the hope that the tenant's rights and interests will be safe-guarded.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** Mr. Speaker, Sir, I congratulate and thank my hon. Friends in the Opposition as well as other hon. Members for giving their full support to this Bill and for passing the Bill almost unanimously. On behalf of the Government I assure my hon. Friend, Jonab Abul Kashem Saheb and other hon. Members from Goalpara who may be apprehensive that there will be interference with the existing rights of the tenants, the actual cultivators, by this measure, that those rights and interests will never be interfered (*Hear, hear*). This apprehension comes in their mind probably because they are not fully acquainted with the working of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation and other Rules which govern the temporarily settled areas of land. This apprehension will vanish as soon as this Bill is given effect to and properly worked on the basis of those Regulations and rules. They would then find that such mis-conception had no



ground altogether. This is a very important Bill and this measure can be properly worked if we get the co-operation of all sections of the people inside the House as well as outside. I again assure the hon. Members that this measure is brought only to do away with the hardship caused to the actual tenants or cultivators and by this measure no injustice of any kind will be done to them as well as to the Zaminders or tenure-holders.

As a matter of fact, Sir, at the time of presenting the Select Committee Report I stated that our rate of compensation was much better than that of other provinces wherein such a measure has also been brought before their respective Legislature. We have tried to give them sufficient compensation so that they may live up to their standard and become useful members of the society, and to this effect they are going to be given 400 bighas of land and even more on certain condition, that is, in case they want to live as a gentleman farmers like those in the United States of America and other advanced countries. That is why I seek the co-operation from the Zamindars, Jotedars as well as from actual cultivators. With their co-operation alone this Bill can come into operation in those areas without causing unnecessary hardship to the benefit of the country as a whole. Of course, it will take some time before this Bill becomes law as it will have to be sent to His Excellency the Governor General for his assent. It may be necessary to wait to see the passing of the Draft Constitution by the Constituent Assembly which will decide how payment of compensations is to be made. In the meantime, for the protection of the tenants and to see that there is no wastage of any valuable land, and natural assets such as fishery, forest etc., we have introduced the Assam Management of Estates Bill which when passed into law will give power to Government to take over such estate for management.

I again thank to all the hon. Members for their co-operation in helping Government in passing the Bill.

**Maulavi MUHAMMAD ABUL KASHEM:** Sir, I thank the Hon'ble Minister for what he has said in this respect and I also want to assure him that there will be no wanting in co-operation from us at any time.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** The question is:  
"That the Assam State Acquisition of Zamindaris Bill, 1948, as reported by the Select Committee, be passed."

The question was adopted.

#### **The Assam Rural Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1949**

**The Hon'ble Srijit GOPINATH BARDOLOI:** Sir, I beg to move that the Assam Rural Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1949 be passed.

There is no Amendment to this amending Bill. So, I do not think any comment is necessary.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER:** Motion moved:

"That the Assam Rural Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1949 be passed."



*(After a pause)*

I put the question. The question is :

"That the Assam Rural Panchayat (Amendment) Bill, 1949 be passed.

The question was adopted.

**The Assam Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1949**

**The Hon'ble Srijut RAMNATH DAS :** I beg to move that the Assam Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1949 be passed.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Motion moved :

"That the Assam Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1949 be passed."

There is no Amendment. I therefore put the question.

The question is :

"That the Assam Motor Vehicles Taxation (Amendment) Bill, 1949 be passed."

The question was adopted.

Most probably we shall be able to finish our business to-morrow.

**The Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Amendment) Bill, 1949**

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** In half an hour we can finish this Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Amendment) Bill, 1949 as this is a very simple Bill.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** There are six Amendments.

**The Hon'ble Srijut BISHNURAM MEDHI :** I think they will all withdraw those Amendments.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Yes, we now take up consideration of the Assam Maintenance of Public Order (Amendment) Bill, 1949, clause by clause.

There are no Amendments up to clause 4. I, therefore, put the question.

The question is :

"That clauses 1 to 4 of the Assam Maintenance of the Public Order (Amendment) Bill, 1949 do stand part of the Bill."

The question was adopted.

*Clause 5.* There are some Amendments in the name of Maulavi Muhammad Abul Kashem.

**Maulavi ABDUL HAI :** He has gone for voting in connection with election to the Assam Road Communications Board.

**The Hon'ble the SPEAKER :** Let us rise to-day.

**Adjournment**

The Assembly was then adjourned till 10 A.M. on Tuesday, the 29th March 1949.

SHILLONG :  
The 17th June, 1949.

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



## APPENDIX 'B'

**Supplementary Statement of expenditure charged on the Revenues of  
the Province during 1948-49 laid before the Assembly under Section  
81 of the Government of India Act**

## No.1

**7.—Land Revenue—Charged (Excluded Areas)**

Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule.	...	...	Rs. 30,600
I.—Additional amount now required	...	...	2,720
II.—Sub-heads under which supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—			
1. D.—Charges on account of land revenue collections	...		2,230
2. G.—Land Records—			
(b) District Charges—Kanungo Establishment—			
Pay of Establishment (Excluded Areas)	...	...	490
Total	...	...	<u>2,720</u>

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

D.—Due to more collection of land revenue, Poll and house tax than was anticipated.

G. (b).—Due to revision in the scale of pay.

## No.2

**8.—Provincial Excise—Charged (Excluded Areas)**

Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule.	...	...	Rs. 27,700
I.—Additional grant now required	...	...	4,145
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—			
B. District Executive Establishment—			
1. Prohibition Propaganda	...	...	3,217
E. Cost of opium supplied to the Excise Department	...	...	928
Total	...	...	<u>4,145</u>

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

B. 1.—Prohibition Propaganda.—The excess is due mainly to the creation of a temporary staff for the Mishmi Hills District.

E. Cost of opium.—The excess is due to the increase in the rate of the cost price of opium supplied to Assam from the Ghazipur Factory from Rs. 37-2-0 per seer during 1947-48 to Rs. 39-5-0 per seer during 1948-49. The original estimate was based on the rate for 1947-48.



## No.3

## 10.—Forests—Charged (Excluded Areas)

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule	3,36,300
I.—Additional grant now required ... ..	68,720
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—	
1. A.—Conservancy and Works—	
A.I.—Timber and other produce removed by Government Agency.	2,155
A.V.—Live-stock, stores, tools and plant ... ..	428
A.VI.—Communication and buildings ... ..	19,780
A.VII.—Organisation, improvement and extension of forests.	10,202
2. B.—Establishment—	
B. 2.—Pay of Establishment ... ..	18,035
B. 3.—Allowances and Honoraria ... ..	14,605
B. 4.—Contingencies ... ..	2,515
B. 5.—Grant-in-aid, Contribution, etc. ... ..	1,000
Total ... ..	68,720

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## A. Conservancy and Works—

A.I.—The extra money is required for payment of compensation to the heirs of 2 deceased labourers.

A.V.—The extra money is required for the purchase of office furniture for the newly opened Beat at Demagiri.

A.VI.—The excess expenditure is required for the construction of some forest subordinates' quarters and check offices for the newly sanctioned check stations in Lushai Hills, construction of 2 Forest Guards' (family) quarters at Kohima, repairing of bridges damaged by floods in Darrang and general increase in the rates of wages of labourers.

A.VII.—The extra money is required for clearance of reserve boundaries, weeding, climber cutting, cutting and thinning in plantation area in Sadiya Division and creating new plantation in Darrang and North Cachar Hills and general increase in labour wages.

## B. Establishment

B.2.—The extra money is required for the increase of pay sanctioned under the revised scales of pay, creation of a new post of Deputy Ranger and a few temporary subordinates and Boatmen at Demagiri and a temporary Accountant each for Lushai Hills and Rangapahar and a Mechanic, also for transfer of some subordinates from the Non-Excluded Areas to Excluded Areas.

B.3.—The extra money is required for payment of increased travelling allowance and dearness allowance as a result of the increase of pay, creation of some temporary posts of subordinates for the new Demagiri Beat, increase of subordinate officers for Darrang and Sibsagar (Mokokchung area), etc.

B.4.—The extra money is required for purchase of some maps and increased correspondences for Lushai Hills and Rangapahar and increased cost of maintenance of Department Vehicles.

B.5.—The extra money is required for free grant of timber for educational and other purposes in Sadiya and Balipara Frontier Tracts.



## No.4

## 25.—General Administration—Charged (Non-excluded Areas)

Rs.  
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule ... 5,62,900

I.—Additional amount now required ... 1,02,567

II.—Sub-heads under which the additional appropriation will be accounted for:—

## Head of the Province and Ministers—

B. Sumptuary Allowance Rs.4,000 deduct Rs. 4,000 contribution by Government of India (Ministry of States).	...
C. Staff and Household of Governor Rs.26,800 deduct Rs.1,800 contribution by Government of India (Ministry of States).	25,000
D. Expenditure from Contract Allowance Rs.14,200 deduct Rs.3,480 contribution by Government of India (Ministry of States).	10,720
E. Tour Expenses Rs.16,000 deduct Rs.5,000 contribution by Government of India (Ministry of States).	11,000
F. Secretariat Staff of Governor—	
Pay of Establishment ... ..	5,900
Allowances and Honoraria ... ..	7,800
Contingencies ... ..	15,500
H. Ministers ... ..	12,547
N. Public Service Commission ... ..	14,100
Total ...	1,02,567

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

B to E—Out of Rs.46,720, Rs.30,000 is on account of 'Purchase of new cars and Maintenance of State Saloon' and is not to be included in the 4th Schedule.

Out of the balance of Rs.16,720, Rs.4,720 was last year's savings and Rs.12,000 is due to dearness allowance of officers and establishment, cost of living allowance of establishment, leave salary of officers, increased pay of establishment and winter allowance, etc.

F. The excess is due to introduction of revised scales of pay, extensive touring in Excluded Areas for political reasons, grant of winter allowance and increased outlay on service postage and entertainment of hill tribes in connection with the Governor General's visit.

H. The excess is due to increase in the number of Ministers.

N. The excess is mainly due to (1) increase in the pay scale and creation of new posts (Rs.1,415), (2) increased number of tours of the Chairman, increased rate of dearness allowance, grant of winter allowance and house rent allowance of the Chairman and members sanctioned (Rs.9,160), (3) rent on telephone connection newly sanctioned and liveries to new additional peons (Rs.553) and more expenditure on advertisement charges (Rs.15,324). The excess was partly counterbalanced by savings under other heads.



## No.5

**25.—General Administration—Charged (Excluded Areas)**

					Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule					4,87,300
I.—Additional grant now required	...	...	...		81,818
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—					
Secretariat and Headquarters Establishment—					
M (b) Publicity Department—					Rs.
(i) Pay of Establishment	...	...	...		222
(ii) Allowances and honoraria	...	...	...		158
(iii) Contingencies	...	...	...		150
S. General Establishment—					
1. Allowances and Honoraria...	...	...	...		28,215
2. Contingencies	...	...	...		14,108
T. Subdivisional Establishment—					
1. Pay of Establishment	...	...	...		9,880
2. Allowances and Honoraria...	...	...	...		26,100
U. Other Establishment—					
(d) Staging Bungalow Establishment—					
(1) Contingencies	...	...	...		899
W. Cattle Pound	...	...	...		606
Y. Works—					
(a) Original work	...	...	...		380
(b) Repairs	...	...	...		1,100
Total					81,818

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

M (b).—Government decided in the middle of the year to establish a Regional Sub-Centre at Sadiya for which no provision was made in the original budget.

S (1).—Due to (i) increased travelling allowance of officers, (ii) increased travelling allowance of establishment (iii) introduction of revised scales of pay, (iv) increased rates of rations and (v) grant of winter allowance.

S (2).—Due to (i) purchase of a jeep and a trailer by Superintendent, Lushai Hills, (ii) purchase of an elephant by the Political Officer, Sadiya and (iii) expenses in connection with the sending of delegates to Shillong on the occasion of the Governor General's visit.

T (1).—Due to (i) introduction of revised scales of pay and (ii) creation of the post of a clerk in the office of the Subdivisional Officer, North Cachar Hills.

T (2).—Due to (i) introduction of revised scale of pay (ii) increased rates of rations, (iii) increased travelling allowance of establishment and (iv) grant of winter allowance.

U (d) (1).—Conversion of an Inspection Bungalow into a Staging Bungalow at Sadiya.

W—Cattle Pound—Opening of a cattle pound at Dimapur.

X (a).—Due to the construction of quarters for a Kachin Interpreter in the Tirap Frontier Tract.

(b) Due to (1) repairs to the Khimyang outpost in the Tirap Frontier Tract and (ii) repairs to the steam launch.



## No.6

**27.—Administration of Justice—Charged (Non-Excluded Areas)**

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule	4,00,000
I.—Additional grant now required ... ..	1,72,844
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—	
A—High Court—	
(a) Judges—	
1. Pay of Officers ... ..	2,000
(b) Appellate side—	
1. Pay of Officers ... ..	49,200
2. Pay of Establishment ... ..	72,280
3. Allowances and Honoraria ... ..	27,364
4. Contingencies ... ..	22,000
Total	1,72,844

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Provision for the Appellate side of the High Court was made in the current year's budget under a "voted head". In accordance with the decision of the Government of India all expenditure for the High Court is to be under "charged". Hence provision is required under 'charged' and the whole amount under "voted" for B—Appellate side has been surrendered.

The estimates under different detailed heads were based on inaccurate estimates at the time of the starting of the High Court. Hence the additional amounts are required to meet the expenditure of the High Court during the current year.

## No.7

**28.—Jails and Convict Settlement—Charged (Excluded Areas)**

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule.	26,900
I.—Additional grant now required ... ..	3,287
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—	
A—District Jails—	
3.—Allowance and honoraria ... ..	774
B.—Charges for Police custody ... ..	2,513
Total ... ..	3,287



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## A.—District Jails—Allowances, etc.—

Due to the drawal of arrear dearness allowance and also ration compensation allowance.

## B.—Charges for Police custody—

Due to rise in the price of food-stuffs and increase in the number of under-trial prisoners.

## No.8

## 29.—Police—Charged (Excluded Areas)

Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule.	...	...	Rs. 1,27,100
I.—Additional grant now required	...	...	55,016
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—			
B.—District Executive Force—			
(1) Pay of establishment	...	...	8,061
(2) Allowances and honoraria	...	...	30,130
(3) Works	...	...	16,825
Total	...	...	55,016

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

(1) The extra grant is required due to the revision of pay scales and also increase of staff.

(2) Due to increased railway fares, increase in the strength of force and increase in the rate of dearness allowance.

(3) Due to construction of buildings for the re-organised force in the Excluded Areas.

## No.9

## 37.—Education—Charged (Excluded Areas)

Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule	...	Rs. 4,38,300
I.—Additional amount now required	...	21,800
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—		
G.—Direct grants to non-Government Secondary Schools	...	1,200
I.—Works—Original Works—(Secondary)	...	10,800
L.—Direct grants to non-Government Primary Schools	...	6,800
M.—Works (Primary)—Repairs	...	3,000
Total	...	21,800



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

G.—Rs. 1,200 is required to meet the cost of increased rate of dearness allowance sanctioned to teachers of Aided Secondary Schools in the Excluded Areas.

I.—The additional sum is required for construction of three temporary class-rooms and two temporary hostels for Sadiya Government High School.

L.—Rs. 5,934 is required for re-allotment of grant for Dearness Allowance to teachers of Aided Primary Schools in Lushai Hills for 1947-48 and the balance is required for granting of increased rate of Dearness allowance to teachers of Aided Primary Schools in Excluded Areas.

M.—Rs. 3,000 is required for carrying out most essential repairs to the Government Primary Schools buildings in the Abor and Mishmi Hills Districts.

## No.10

## 38.—Medical—Charged (Excluded Areas)

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule ...	4,00,500
I.—Additional grant now required ...	94,505
II—Sub-heads under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for:—	
<i>A. (b) District Medical Officers—</i>	
(1) Pay of officers ...	1,173
(2) Pay of establishment ...	1,395
(3) Allowances and honoraria ...	14,190
(4) Contingencies (Contract) ...	836
(5) Contribution for training in midwifery ...	938
<i>B. (a) Ordinary Dispensaries—</i>	
(1) Allowances and honoraria ...	17,711
(2) Contingencies (Non-Contract) ...	31,315
(3) Contingencies (Contract) ...	23,953
<i>Works—</i>	
(1) Original works ...	273
(2) Repairs ...	2,721
<b>Total</b> ...	<b>94,505</b>

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## A. (b) District Medical Officers—

(1) Increase is due to posting of senior officers.

(2) Increase is due to revision of pay scales.

(3) Due to increased expenditure on dearness allowance and ration compensation allowance.

(4) Due to increase in prices of miscellaneous articles and for cost of postage stamps, etc.



(5) Due to the training of a Lushai Girl in midwifery.

*B. (a) Ordinary Dispensaries—*

- (1) Due to increased expenditure on travelling allowance, dearness allowance and ration compensation allowance.
- (2) Due to increased expenditure on diet on account of high price of dietary articles and for expenditure under Ration, Medical Stores and Ambulance car for the new Kohima hospital.
- (3) Due to high price in miscellaneous articles and for freight charges, etc., and for increased pay of contingency menials.

*Works—*

- (1) Due to the construction of sweeper's quarters at Rima and construction of Pit latrine at Kohima hospital.
- (2) Due to indispensable annual repairs of buildings.

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**No.11**

**39.—Public Health—Charged (Excluded Areas)**

					Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated	...	...	...	...	77,900
schedule.					
I.—Additional amount now required	...	...	...	...	1,415
II.—Sub-head under which the additional grant will					
be accounted for :—					
F—Works—Maintenance by the Department—					
Repairs and works	...	...	...	...	1,415

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Due to the sanctioning of the scheme for water-supply at Dittockcherra for which no provision was made originally in the budget.

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**No.12**

**40.—Agriculture—Charged (Excluded Areas)**

					Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated	...	...	...	...	74,800
schedule.					
I.—Additional grant now required	...	...	...	...	1,300
II.—Sub-heads under which the supplementary					
appropriation will be accounted for :—					
J.—Other Charges—					
(c) Breeding operations	...	...	...	...	1,300



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Provision for pay, travelling allowance etc., for the Agricultural Demonstrator—Livestock (Lushai Hills) did not exist in the budget as the post was created after the budget was passed.

Pay ... ..	Rs.
Travelling Allowance ... ..	376
Dearness allowances, ... ..	126
etc. ... ..	798
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	1,300

## No. 13

## 41.—Veterinary—Charged (Excluded Areas)

Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule	Rs.
I. Additional amount required ... ..	7,600
II. Sub-heads under which the additional amount will be accounted for :—	4,700
B.—Subordinate Establishment—	
2. Allowances and honoraria—	
Travelling allowance of establishment ... ..	Rs.
D. Hospitals and Dispensaries ... ..	2,150
F. Works—	750
(b) Repairs ... ..	1,800
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	4,700

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

B. Allowances and honoraria—The amount is required to meet the increased travelling allowance of Veterinary Assistant Surgeons as sanctioned by Government.

D. Hospitals and Dispensaries—Due to the purchase of more medicines for the Veterinary Dispensaries in Excluded Areas.

F. Works—Repairs—Due to indispensable annual repairs of buildings.

## No. 14

## 42.—Co-operation—II. Rural Development—Charged (Excluded Areas)

Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule	Rs.
I. Additional amount now required ... ..	Nil.
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B ... ..	39,995
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	—39,995
II. Sub-head under which the supplementary grant will be accounted for :—	
Superintendence—	
C(B)—Subdivisional Organisation (Post-War) ... ..	39,995
Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B ... ..	—39,995



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

For the purpose of administrative convenience and in order to avoid duplication the Revenue and Expenditure under the Heads—XXXI and 42—Co-operation and XXXII and 43—Industries and Supplies and Post-War Development Schemes thereunder and the provision under 25—General Administration for Post-War Rural Development have been split up and regrouped with effect from the current year into four receipts and four expenditure heads. The entire provision under Rural Development under 25—General Administration has been surrendered, and necessary provision is now being made for the purpose under the new head.

## No. 15

## 43.—Industries and Supplies

## 1.—Sericulture and Weaving—Charged (Excluded Areas)

					Rs.
	Amount originally included in the	authenticated	schedule		Nil.
I.	Amount now required	...	...	...	8,570
II.	Sub-heads under which the grants will be accounted for :—				
	D(A)—Rural Organisation—				
	Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	3,548
	Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	3,000
	Contingencies	...	...	...	1,190
	Total—D(A)—Rural Organisation	...	...	...	7,738
	B(B)—Regional Organisation (Post-War)—				
	Pay of Officer	...	...	...	1,225
	Pay of Establishment	...	...	...	349
	Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	1,970
	Contingencies	...	...	...	1,405
	Total—B(B)—Regional Organisation (Post-War)	...	...	...	4,949
	Deduct—Amount transferred to 63-B	...	...	...	—4,949
	Total—B—Regional Organisation	...	...	...	...
	E (A)—Training Organisation—				
	II. Weaving Institute—				
	Allowances and Honoraria	...	...	...	832
	Total	...	...	...	8,570



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

For the purpose of administrative convenience and to avoid duplication, the revenue and expenditure under the head XXXII and 43—Industries and Supplies under post-war and ordinary budgets have been split up and regrouped with effect from the current financial year.

The department under 43—Industries and Supplies has been divided into two, *i.e.*, I.—Sericulture and Weaving and II—Cottage Industries. As the entire budget allotment under 43—Industries will be surrendered by the Cottage Industries Department the above supplementary demand is necessary for the new Department of Sericulture and Weaving.

## No. 16

## 50.—Civil Works—Charged (Excluded Areas)

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule ...	16,14,700
I. Additional grant now required ...	5,000
II. Sub-heads under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—	
D—Grants-in-aid for communications—Grants to Municipal and Local Boards for communications.	
3.—Grants to other funds—	
Non-recurring ...	5,000

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Due to the sanction of a non-recurring grant of Rs.5,000 to the Haflong Town Fund for carrying out repairs to the flood-damaged Upper Lake Bunl.

## No. 17

## 54.—Famine Relief—Charged (Excluded Areas)

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule ...	8,000
I. Additional amount now required ...	43,700
II. Sub-head under which the additional grant will be accounted for :—	
(b) Gratuitous relief ...	43,700

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Due to (i) extensive damage done to the rice harvest by a severe hailstorm in the Naga Hills in the month of November, 1948, (ii) purchase of rice for sale to villagers in distress in the Lushai Hills and (iii) flood relief in the Abor Hills.



## No. 18

**55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions—Charged (Non-Excluded Areas)**

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule ...	Nil.
I. Additional grant now required ...	2,600
II. Sub-heads under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—	
	Rs.
H.—Charges in England ...	2,600

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

The amount is necessary as reported by the High Commissioner for India.

## No. 19

**56.—Stationery and Printing—Charged (Excluded Areas)**

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule ...	1,000
I.—Additional amount now required ...	1,050
II.—Sub-head under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—	
	Rs.
Stationery supplied from Central Stores ...	1,050

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

Due to increase of Governmental activities in Excluded Areas. Hence the increased demand for stationery.

## No. 20

**57.—Miscellaneous—Charged (Excluded Areas)**

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule.	3,13,400
I. Additional grant now required ...	53,624
II. Sub-heads under which the supplementary appropriation will be accounted for :—	
	Rs.
1. C—Donation for charitable purposes...	226
2. E—Petty Establishment—	
(a) Circuit and Sessions houses ...	592
(b) Other petty establishment ...	18,012
3. I—Contribution ...	1,600
4. J—Miscellaneous Darbar charges ...	27,480
5. K—Miscellaneous unforeseen charges ...	5,714
Total	53,624



## EXPLANATORY NOTE

1. Increased expenditure on account of lunatics and lepers in the Lushai Hills.
2. (a) Due mainly to increased prices of rations.  
(b) Due to (1) fluctuation of prices of decontrolled foodstuffs as well as to the necessity of meeting the cost of advance rations of Labour Corps at outposts from April to October, 1948, (2) provision made for the purchase of one truck for the Political Officer, Balipara Frontier Tract.
3. Due to increase in the amount of the grant made to Sadiya Local Fund.
4. Due to rise in the price of scarlet broad cloth and to the supply of Rum for entertainment of chiefs and envoys in the Naga Hills.
5. Due to more rewards granted by Subdivisional Officer, North Cachar Hills for destruction of wild animals and also due to unexpected expenditure incurred in connection with the election of members of Advisory Council in the Lushai Hills.

## No. 21

## 85-A.—Capital Outlay, etc.—Charged (Excluded Areas)

	Rs.
Amount included in the authenticated schedule ... ..	Nil
I.—Additional amount now required ... ..	9,400
II.—Sub-head under which the additional grant will be accounted for :—	
C.—Distribution of cloth and yarn ... ..	9,400

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Provision for the Administration of the Textile Control Scheme for 1948-49 was originally made, as usual, under the Head "63.—Extraordinary Charges—A.—Charges in India—(V)—Expenditure connected with Control and Distribution of Cloth and Yarn." With the adoption of the New Scheme of Procurement of Textiles by Government and their distribution through Co-operatives it has since been decided that the entire charge is to be debited to the Head "85-A.—Capital Outlay on Provincial Scheme of State Trading—C.—Distribution of Cloth and Yarn." The expenditure already debited to the Head "63.—Extraordinary charges" is being accordingly written back to the Head "85-A.—Capital Outlay, etc." The provision of Rs.1,53,100 under the latter Head is therefore asked for to cover these charges. The entire provision under "63.—Extraordinary charges" is being surrendered.

## No. 22

## Loans and Advances—Charged (Excluded Areas)

	Rs.
Amount originally included in the authenticated schedule...	Nil
I.—Additional amount now required ... ..	3,000
II.—Sub-head under which the additional grant will be accounted for :—	
B —Loans and Advances by the Provincial Government—	
Advances to cultivators ... ..	3,000

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Due to grant of agricultural loan to Miris in the Abor Hills District who had been affected by floods in July and August last and for which no provision existed in the budget.



**Statement showing by Major Heads the Amounts of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure Charged on the Revenue of the Province during the year 1948-49**

Heads	Amount included in the authenticated Schedule			Additional amount obtained in the September Session of Assembly				Additional amount now required				Amount as it will finally stand				Number of demand
	Non-excluded Areas	Excluded Areas	Total authenticated Amount	Non-excluded Areas	Excluded Areas	Total amount excluded	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Non-excluded Areas	Excluded Areas	Total amount	Rs.	Rs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
7.—Land Revenue ..	..	30,600	30,600	..	..	..	..	2,720	2,720	..	33,320	33,320	1			
8.—Provincial Excise ..	..	2,700	27,700	..	..	..	..	4,145	4,145	2,700	31,845	34,545	2			
9.—Stamps ..	..	..	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	200	200	..			
10.—Forests ..	..	3,36,300	3,36,300	..	..	..	..	68,720	68,720	..	4,05,020	4,05,020	3			
11.—Registration ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
12.—Charges on account of Motor Vehicles Taxation Acts.	..	8,000	8,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8,000	8,000	..			
13.—Other Taxes and duties ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			
18-B.—Navigation, Embankment and Drainage Works.—Interest on debt and other obligations.	13,84,500	..	13,84,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,84,500	..	13,84,500	..			
Appropriation for reduction or avoidance of debt.	4,22,900	..	4,22,900	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,22,900	..	4,22,900	..			
25.—General Administration ..	5,62,900	4,87,300	10,50,200	..	..	..	1,02,567	81,818	1,84,385	6,65,467	5,69,118	12,34,585	4-5			
27.—Administration of Justice ..	4,00,000	3,400	4,03,400	..	..	..	1,72,844	..	1,72,844	5,72,844	3,400	5,76,244	6			
28.—Jails and Convict Settlements.	..	26,900	26,900	..	..	..	..	3,287	3,287	..	30,187	30,187				



29.—Police .. ..	1,27,100	1,27,100	..	..	..	55,016	55,016	..	1,82,116	1,82,116	8
30.—Ports and Pilotage .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
37.—Education (other than European).	4,38,300	4,38,300	..	..	..	21,800	21,800	..	4,60,100	4,60,100	9
38.—Medical .. ..	4,00,500	4,00,500	..	..	..	94,505	94,505	..	4,95,005	4,95,005	10
39.—Public Health .. ..	77,900	77,900	..	..	..	1,415	1,415	..	79,315	79,315	11
40.—Agriculture .. ..	74,800	74,800	..	..	..	1,300	1,300	..	76,100	76,100	12
41.—Veterinary .. ..	7,600	7,600	..	..	..	4,700	4,700	..	12,300	12,300	13
42.—Co-operation .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
43.—Industries .. ..	6,500	6,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,500	6,500	..
I. Sericulture and Weaving .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,570	8,570	..	8,570	8,570	15
47.—Miscellaneous Department .. ..	350	350	..	..	..	..	..	..	350	350	..
50.—Civil Works (Excluding Tools and Plant and Establishment).	16,14,700	16,69,700	..	..	..	5,000	5,000	16,19,700	16,74,700	16,74,700	15
18-B.—Tools and Plant and Establishment charges.	1,34,300	1,34,300	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,34,300	1,34,300	..
54-A.—Famine Relief .. ..	8,000	8,000	..	..	..	43,700	43,700	..	51,700	51,700	17
55.—Superannuation Allowances and Pensions.	..	..	..	..	..	2,600	2,600	2,600	..	2,600	18



**Statement showing by Major Heads the Amounts of Supplementary Statement of Expenditure Charged on the Revenue of the Province during the year 1948-49—*contd.***

Heads	Amount included in the authenticated Schedule			Additional amount obtained in the September Session of Assembly				Additional amount now required				Amount as it will finally stand	
	Non-excluded Areas	Excluded Areas	Total authenticated Amount	Non-excluded Areas	Excluded Areas	Total	Non-excluded Areas	Excluded Areas	Total	Non-excluded Areas	Excluded Areas	Total	Number of amount demand
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
56.—Stationery and Printing ..	1,400	1,000	2,400	..	2,000	2,000	..	1,050	1,050	1,400	4,050	5,450	19
57.—Miscellaneous ..	15,62,400	3,13,400	18,75,800	..	..	..	..	53,624	53,624	15,62,400	3,67,024	19,29,424	20
63.—Extraordinary charges ..	..	4,500	4,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,500	4,500	..
63.-B.—Post-War Development Schemes.	..	30,18,600	30,18,600	..	12,14,022	12,14,022	..	..	..	..	42,32,622	42,32,622	..
72.—Capital Outlay on Industrial Development.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
85.—Capital Outlay on Provincial Schemes of State Trading.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,400	9,400	..	9,400	9,400	21
Loans and advances, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,000	3,000	..	3,000	3,000	22

GRAND TOTAL .. 43,91,800 71,47,950 1,15,39,750 .. 12,16,022 12,16,022 2,78,011 4,63,770 7,41,781 46,69,811 88,27,742 1,34,97,533

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APPENDIX

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