

**Proceeding of the Eighth Session of the Assam Legislative Assembly
assembled after the Second General Election under the Sovereign
Democratic Republican Constitution of India.**

The Assembly met in the Assembly Chamber, Shillong at 10 A.M. on Monday, the 11th April, 1960.

PRESENT

Shri Mahendra Mohan Choudhury, B.L., Speaker in the Chair, eight Ministers, four Deputy Ministers and sixty-five Members.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STARRED QUESTIONS

(To which oral answers were given)

Scarcity of Water in Golaghat town

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIA (Morongi) asked:

*176. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware of the acute scarcity of water during the months of January to March every year in Golaghat town due to defective scheme of the water works ?
- (b) If so, whether Government is taking any steps to remove the water scarcity ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that in spite of representations of the Golaghat Citizens' Association which is a popular Association in the Golaghat town, regarding the mis-management of the Golaghat Municipality, Government are not taking any steps ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that sewage and rubbishes from latrines, urinals and road-side drains near the Bazars, Jail and Police Station and from some roads of the town are not removed ?
- (e) Whether it is also a fact that the Municipal Boate is not formulating any scheme to eradicate mosquito and to prevent their breeding within the Municipal area as required by Section 249 of Municipal Act ?

(f) Whether Government are aware that night soils are dumped here and there near residential quarters and public roads in every wards of the town for days together causing injuries to the health of the rate payers and general public ?

(g) If so, whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps immediately prohibiting the Municipality from such dumping of night soil ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, Local Self-Government) replied :

176. (a)—Yes, there was scarcity of water from February to March in 1957, 1958 and 1959. But there was no such scarcity in January, February and March of 1960.

(b)—Yes, Government have already taken steps for solution of problem of water scarcity by granting additional loan to the Municipal Board, Golaghat.

(c)—It is not a fact. Government have already called for the report and necessary action will be taken on receipt of the report.

(d)—It is not a fact.

(e)—It is not a fact. Steps are being taken by the newly constituted Board to formulate such schemes to eradicate the mosquitos completely.

(f) & (g)—It is not a fact. Night soils are stored for a day only in specially prepared covered buckets in specified scheduled places only to be removed on the night following as with one tractor, which the Municipal Board possesses, it is not possible to carry the entire night soil of the town in one shift over and above carrying rubbishes. However, Government is considering the question of giving financial assistance to the Board for the purchase of an additional tractor to cope with the situation.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon): Whether it is a fact the major works of the Municipal Board are in deplorable condition for want of a technical overseer? Will the Government make arrangements to remove the non-technical overseer by appointing a technical overseer?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L.S.G.): Yes, the Government is considering that question.

(Starred Questions No.177 Standing in the name of Maulavi Tajuddin Ahmed was not put and answered as the hon. Member was absent).

**Commencement and completion of the construction of
P. G. J. H. Public Works Department Road in Majuli**

**Shri MOHIDHAR PEGOO [Jorhat (Reserved for
Scheduled Tribes)]** asked :

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

(a) The years of commencement and completion of the P. G. J. H. Public Works Department road in Majuli?

(b) Whether Government are aware that due to closure of the mouth of Barukbarak Beel in between 15th and 16th mile posts of the said road, the stagnant water of the Beel is creating a great havoc to the people of 40 villages residing on the side of the road destroying thousand bighas of Ahu and winter crops seedlings every year since the year of creation of the road?

(c) Whether Government are aware that the accumulated water on the side of the said road destroyed some 1,200 bighas of harvestable paddy crops last year also and the entire nearby area of Bhurukbarak Beel including many homesteads was remaining under water up to October, 1959?

(d) Whether Government has lately received any representation from the public as well as from the questioner regarding water-letting of the affected area to save winter crops and construction of a sluice-gate near the 15th mile post of the road to allow the natural Drainage of Burukbarak towards the Kherkatia suti to restore the affected land?

- (e) If so, what action has so far been taken on that representation by Government ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

178. (a)—The construction of P. G. J. H. Road was commenced in the year 1953 and completed in the year 1956.

(b) Complaints have been received about stagnation of water of the Beel causing damages to cultivation.

(c)—Government have no information.

(d) & (e)—Representations have been received by the Government for one sluice gate and the matter is under examination of the Government.

Regarding expenditure under different heads incurred by Ministers and Deputy Ministers

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

*179. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to refer to the reply given to unstarred question No.1019 by the questioner in the Assembly on 2nd May 1958, regarding expenditure incurred by Ministers and Deputy Ministers wherein it was said that the materials were being collected and state now—

(a) The charges paid for water supply and electricity consumed in residences of each Minister, Deputy Minister and Parliamentary Secretary during 1958 and 1959 (statement to be laid on Library table showing the figures separately for each) ?

(b) The cost of maintenance and repair of cars used during 1958 and 1959 of each Minister, each Deputy Minister and each Parliamentary Secretary ?

- (c) The Telephone Trunk Call charges paid by Government for Telephone used by Minister, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries both in office and in residence during 1958 and 1959 (statement to be laid on Library table separately for each) ?
- (d) Whether these telephone Trunk Calls include calls other than official calls and if so, how the charges of these calls are paid by separating the amount from the bills ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

179. (a)—A statement is placed on the Library table (statement I).

(b)—A statement is placed on the Library table (statement II).

(c)—A statement is placed on the Library table (statement III).

(d)—Yes. The charge for each call is shown separately in the bills submitted by the Post and Telgraph Department. The charges on account of private calls are realised from the Ministers and Deputy Ministers concerned and credited to Government account. Thereafter, the whole amount of the bill is paid by the Government.

(Starred Question Nos.180—182 were not put and answered as the hon. Members concerned were absent).

Retirement of State Transport Employees

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

*183. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

- (a) How many State Transport workers have retired from service since 1957 ?
- (b) How many of them were entitled to pension ?

(c) What are their names and designation and date of retirement ?

(d) Whether all the retired persons got their pensions ?

(e) If not, why not ?

(f) Why Government have not given them any relief ?
Whether Government will be pleased to expedite the matter ?

*184. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) When Shri Jogendra Ch. Choudhury, Head Assistant of State Transport, Gauhati retired from service ?

(b) When he was reinstated after proving his age by producing his Matriculation Certificate ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that he was again released from service while he had 2 (two) years more to serve ?

(d) If so, why ?

*185. Will the Minister-in-charge of Transport be pleased to state—

(a) When Shri Rajani Kanta Das, Lower Division Assistant, State Transport, Gauhati was released from his service ?

(b) Why he was not officially intimated of his retirement order in proper time according to the procedure ?

(c) How long he had served the State Transport Department and what was his age at the time of his retirement ?

(d) Whether he had been paid any notice pay in lieu of proper notice or any other monetary concession for his past services ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

183. (a)—Twenty-four State Transport employees of different category (as per list attached) have retired from service since 1957 upto 31st March 1960.

(b)—Admissibility of pension or gratuity is determined by Accountant General, Assam on the basis laid down in the Assam Pension Manual.

(c)—*Vide* Annexure 'A' (Placed on the Library Table).

(d)—Not yet. The matters are under correspondence with Accountant General, Assam.

(e)—Does not arise in view of reply to question (d).

(f)—Government have been taking necessary steps to expedite the matter.

184. (a)—Shri Jogendra Ch. Choudhury retired from service with effect from the afternoon of 31st March 1958.

(b)—He was allowed to rejoin on 7th November 1958 after verification of his age.

(c)—Yes. When it was decided ultimately the correction of age should not be accepted after superannuation.

(d)—Does not arise in view of reply to question (c).

185. (a)—From the 1st June 1955.

(b)—Shri R. K. Das was taken in on temporary basis in 1948 at the time of nationalisation of the Gauhati-Nowgong Bus Service by the Assam Transport Organisation. As he was originally a Railway employee on enquiry in 1955 it was understood that Shri Das served for twenty-five years, one month, two days, (*i.e.*, from 9th May 1921 to 30th June 1946) prior to his appointment in State Transport. Thus, he had attained the age of 63 years 11 months as on 1st June 1955, *i.e.*, nearly 9 years over the actual age of his superannuation. But he gave a false date of his birth as 28th November 1902 instead of 1st July 1891 as the time of his entry in service under Assam Transport. So he was immediately released from his service in State Transport without notice, as his appointment was purely temporary requiring no notice for his release.

(c)—He served in State Transport for 7 years, 4 months and 16 days including one year, two months sixteen days under the management of the defunct Assam Transport Organisation.

(d)—No. *Vide* reply at (b) above.

As regards question of grant of monetary concession for his past services this was not admissible to him as the State Transport Department was then temporary and non-pensionable at the time of his retirement and he used to draw full pension from Railway in addition to full pay during the period of his holding the temporary post under Assam Transport and State Transport Organisation.

Shri SARBESWAR BARDALAI (Titabar): Though he served temporarily for 7 years how can he be released without giving any notice? Can a man be dismissed or released without serving any notice?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport): Since it was a temporary post and since it was the term and condition of his service no notice was given.

Non-recurring grants for Lower Primary and Middle Vernacular Schools under Basic Education Board

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked:

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

- (a) What is the basis of distribution of grants to Schools under the Basic Education Board?
- (b) Who distributes the grants, i.e., whether the Deputy Minister or the Assistant Basic Education Officer or the Advisory Board?
- (c) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the table the list of Middle Vernacular Schools and Lower Primary Schools of Gauhati Sub-division to which non-recurring grants have been sanctioned during 1959-60 stating the amount sanctioned in each case?
- (d) Whether Government are aware or received complaint of great anomaly in distribution of grants to Schools of Gauhati by the Basic Education Officer?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

186. (a)—According to the Provision of the Budget.

(b)—Secretary, State Board.

(c)—A list of Schools is placed on the Library Table.

(d)—Government are not aware.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) : Whether the flood damage repair grant is also a non-recurring grant ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) : This goes from different Head.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOWDHURY : I want to the Honourable Minister to lay on the Library Table the list of grants distributed in 1959-60, but the flood Damage repair grant list is not there ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Yes, Sir, that list has been placed on the Library Table.

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOWDHURY : Do the list placed at the Library Table contain the flood damage grant list ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : What is the basis of sanctioning non-recurring grants to the L.P. School in Districts and Subdivisions ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : Population *cum* number of schools.

Misbehaviour of Overseer, Embankment and Drainage Department, Lakhimpur

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA asked:

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that certain complaints were made against an Overseer and one or two other employees of Embankment and Drainage Department which were forwarded by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur to the Superintendent of Police, Dibrugarh, *vide* his Memo. No.6513G, dated 7th May 1958 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Agfa Camera was also deposited with the Superintendent of Police, Dibrugarh on 7th May 1958 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that certain members of the public also lodged complaint against aforesaid persons of Embankment and Drainage Department with the Officer-in-charge, Doom-Dooma police station ?

(d) What action has been taken by the Police on the charge of trespass and molestation or ill treatment of girls ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the questioner wrote to Superintendent of Police several times on this subject but no reply was sent ?

(f) What are the difficulties of the Superintendent of Police to reply to the letters of the questioner on this subject ?

(g) What happened to the Camera ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

187. (a)—Yes, allegations against Overseer Chanchal Kumar Dey and two Chowkidars, Hem Chandra Gogoi and Daina Singh of Embankment and Drainage Department were received by Police through Additional District Magistrate, Dibrugarh.

(b)—The Camera was deposited by the questioner himself to the Superintendent of Police, Dibrugarh.

(c)—No.

(d)—Allegations mentioned in reply to (a) above were enquired into by Doom-Dooma Police and it was found that there was neither trespass nor molestation or illtreatment to any girl at the place of occurrence, viz., at Bordirok village.

(e)—Two letters, dated 6th February 1959 and 1st May 1959 were received by the Superintendent of Police, Dibrugarh, but no reply appears to have been sent.

(f)—The informations being collected.

(g)—The Camera is still lying in the Court Malkhana at Dibrugarh as no order has been passed by the trying Magistrate. The Prosecuting Inspector is moving the trying Magistrate for passing necessary orders for disposal of the Camera.

Regarding Community Development Blocks

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)
asked :

*188. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development be pleased to state—

- (a) How many Community Development Blocks for Assam Development sanctioned by the Central Government by or about April, 1959 ?
- (b) When did the Council of Minister take concrete decision on selection of specific Blocks on the basis of the afore-mentioned sanction ?
- (c) Whether it was decided by or about 16th October 1959 that Khagarijan in Nowgong would be one of the so selected Blocks ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that by his order, dated 17th December 1959, the Minister-in-charge choose Rupahi in place of Khagarijan ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

188. (a)—Five Blocks.

(b)—The proposal of the Community Project Department for taking up 5 Pre-extension Blocks in the Subdivisions of Gauhati, Mangaldai, Barpeta, Shillong and District of Nowgong was approved in the Cabinet meeting held in July, 1959, but the selection of specific blocks in these places was left to the decision of the Minister-in-charge.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—The Minister selected Rupahi on 17th December 1959,

Starred Question Nos.189 and 190 standing in the name of Shri Durgeswar Saikia were not put and answered as the hon. Member was absent.)

Land for erosion-affected people of Moriahula, etc., in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that there is a regular erosion at Moriahula and Missamoria area of Bokakhat Mauza of Golaghat Subdivision?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the villagers of those area being in danger of erosion appealed to the S. D. O., Golaghat, for a land at Falanguri area?
- (c) Whether the authority has taken any steps to help these people by giving lands which remain undistributed at Falanguri area?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that one thousand bighas of land requisitioned from Murphuloriat tea estate at Falanguri area is not yet distributed due to technical defects?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire why this 1000 bighas of land will not be distributed and lying vacant for one and half year?
- (f) Who are responsible for this delay?
- (g) Whether Government has taken some steps to distribute this land to the flood and erosion-affected people of Bokakhat Mauza?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

191. (a)—Yes, erosion occurs in the area whenever there is high flood.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, Government have already directed the local officer to allot land to the erosion-affected landless people in the project area.

(d)—Yes, the fact is that the area in question has been earmarked for opening of a giant sugarcane farming by the Agriculture Department which is under active consideration of Government.

(e)—The question of distributing this particular area to the erosion-affected people does not arise at present till the scheme for State Sugarcane farming is finalised by Government.

(f) & (g)—Does not arise in view of reply at (d) and (e) above.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon): Whether it is a fact that erosion is occurring at all times besides high flood?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue): It does not occur at all times, Sir.

Panchayat under Assam Panchayat Act

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

*192. Will the Minister-in-charge of Panchayat be pleased to state—

(a) When election to Panchayat will be introduced according to the Assam Panchayat Act?

(b) Whether *Ad-hoc* Panchayats will be abolished soon?

(c) If so, when?

Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development Department) replied :

192. (a)—Section 162 (a) of the Assam Panchayat Act 1959, provides that election for Gaon-Sabhas are to be held within a period not exceeding 18 months from the date of the Act coming into force. But Government are making all arrangements to start the elections at the earliest moment and if possible from the last part of April 1960.

(b) & (c)—*Ad-hoc* Panchayats will be abolished as soon as elected Panchayats are formed under the provisions of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1959.

†**Shri MAHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development)**: (a) ১৯৫৯ চনৰ পঞ্চায়তৰ আইনখন ১৬২ ধাৰাৰ (৮) উপধাৰা মতে এই আইন যিদিনাৰ পৰা বলবৎ হ'ব সেই দিনাৰ পৰা ১৮ মাহৰ ভিতৰত গাঁও সভা বিলাকৰ নিৰ্বাচন হ'ব। কিন্তু চৰকাৰে যিমান সোনকালে পাৰে সিমান সোনকালে নিৰ্বাচন আৰম্ভ কৰিবৰ কাৰণে আয়োজন কৰিছে। সম্ভৱ হলে এই ১৯৬০ চনৰ এপ্ৰিল মাহৰ শেষ ভাগতেই নিৰ্বাচন আৰম্ভ হ'ব।

(b) ১৯৫৯ চনৰ আসান পঞ্চায়ত আইন মতে নিৰ্বাচন শেষ হোৱাৰ লগে লগেই এড্‌হক (অস্থায়ী) পঞ্চায়ত সমূহ বিলুপ্ত হ'ব।

†**Shri GAURISANKAR ROY (Katlicherra)**: There is a provision in the Act that the President of the Rural Panchayats will be members of the *Ad-hoc* Anchalik Panchayat for the first term. What is meant by "first term"? Whether it is the *Ad-hoc* Anchalik Panchayat or the next elected body?

†**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance)**: Till the next election. The provision is that so far as *Ad-hoc* Committees are concerned, the Presidents of the Rural Panchayats will be members, but not when new elections are held.

†**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)**: No, Sir. In so far as the Act is concerned, there is no provisions for *Ad-hoc* Committees. Only because the Act could not be immediately put into force due to some unforeseen reasons Government considered it necessary to make certain *Ad-hoc* arrangements. But when the Act was passed this *ad-hoc* arrangement was not visualised. In the Act the provision is that in the first elected body the Presidents of the Rural Panchayats would be *ex-officio* members in order to maintain the continuity and thereafter in subsequent elections they would cease to be so.

†**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED**: Yes, as *ex-officio* members, not as full members.

†**Shri GAURISANKAR ROY**: Whether the *ex-officio* members can stand for the Presidentship of the Anchalik Panchayats?

†**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED**: No.

†**Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)**: In the body of the Act there is no mention of *ex-officio* members. Section 162 simply states that the Presidents of the Rural Panchayats will be members of the Anchalik Panchayats for the first term. The word "*ex-officio*" is not mentioned.

†**Shri GAURI SANKAR BHATTACHARYYA**: So far as the Act is concerned, they are made members because of their office. That means they are *ex-officio* members.

†**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED**: That is right.

Dibrugarh Local Board

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

*193. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Dibrugarh Local Board was abolished with effect from 1st October 1959, along with other Local Boards of Assam?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that one Extra Assistant Commissioner of Dibrugarh, is in charge of the Local Board and he has been functioning the duties of a Local Board Chairman since 1st October 1959?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Extra Assistant Commissioner-in-charge will auction the Local Board "hats" on 28th March 1960?
- (d) Whether Minister-in-charge will be pleased to furnish a list of other Local Boards in Assam which have been functioning in a similar way?
- (e) How long the Dibrugarh Local Board will function under an Extra Assistant Commissioner?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that according to the New Panchayat Act "Hats and Bazaar" in rural area should be under the control of Anchalik Panchayats?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance) replied :

"193.(a)—Yes.

(b)—Under section 165(2) of the Assam Panchayat Act, the Deputy Commissioner has been assigned powers and authorised to perform duties under the Local Self-Government Act, since repealed. He has also been authorised to delegate such powers to any officer including the Extra Assistant Commissioner. Since the charge of the Local Board was taken over by the Deputy Commissioner, one Extra Assistant Commissioner has been exercising this duty on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner.

(c)—Nine Local Board hats were sanctioned on 28th March, 1960 and the remaining 2 hats were sanctioned on 31st March, 1960 by the Extra Assistant Commissioner in-charge.

(d)—In other subdivisions a Special Subdivisional, Panchayat Officer under Deputy Commissioner is looking after the administration of the Local Board under the overall responsibility of the Deputy Commissioner.

(e)—Till a special Panchayat Officer is posted to assist the Deputy Commissioner and the assets of the Board are finally made over to its successor bodies whichever is earlier.

(f)—Major hats and bazars which fetch more than Rs.7,500 as annual revenue will be under the control of the Anchalik Panchayat of the area, *vide* Section 37(2) and (6) of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1959. Minor hats and bazars are under the control of the Gaon Panchayat concerned, *vide* Section 36(2) and (8) of the Assam Panchayat Act, 1959. Under Section 165(2) of the Act till such date as the assets and liabilities of defunct Local Board are made over in accordance with law the Deputy Commissioners and the Subdivisional Officers, as the case may be, shall perform and exercise all duties and powers assigned to the Local Board under the Assam Local Self-Government Act, 1953 since repealed".

†**Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**: Whether the amount collected from the hats and bazars will be handed over to the Gaon Panchayats and the Anchalik Panchayats?

†**Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance)**: Yes, the amount will be deposited in their account.

Family Planning in Assam

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked :

*194. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) What steps has been taken by Government towards family planning in the State?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the Rural Population is quite ignorant of the Family Planning Scheme of the Government?

(c) What was the number of birth in Assam during the years from 1950 to 1959 year by year?

(d) What is the average birth of children per mother in the State?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to introduce one or two clinics in every Assembly Constituency during the Third Plan Period ?

(f) Whether Government will be pleased to consider the introduction of some suitable legislation for the success of the Plan ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical)
replied :

194. (a)—The Government took up the implementation of the Family Planning Scheme towards the latter part of 1957-58. Family Planning Board was constituted with 15 members. So far, 60 Family Planning Clinics (15 in Urban and 45 in Rural areas) have been opened. A Regional Family Planning Training Centre has been opened at Shillong.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Number of birth year-wise—

1950	...	122,731
1951	...	122,870
1952	...	124,555
1953	...	123,132
1954	...	120,541
1955	...	101,731
1956	...	96,681
1957	...	91,032
1958	...	89,056
1959		Under compilation.

(d)—The information is not readily available.

(e)—Family Planning Clinic will be opened in each Community Development Block during the Third Plan period.

(f)—Not at present

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi): May I know from the Government what is the reason of gradual decrease of birth?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister Medical) It is obvious. It may be due to the measures now taken under the Family Planning Scheme.

Shri NILMONEY BARTHAUR (Dibrugarh): Whether the Government propose to press into service a group of social workers to preach Brahmacharyya as the ideal of Family Planning?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: Yes, the Board is now considering to what extent it can be done in the mufassil areas. We have a certain scheme but I do not know whether Brahmacharyya is included in the scheme, but we will see that the workers get co-operation of the public in rural areas and then they will be able to extend the service there also.

Shri GAURISANKAR ROY (Katlicherra): Who is the Chairman of the Board Sir?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: The Minister in charge of Health.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA: Sir, who are the members of the Family Planning Board:—

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA:—1. Minister, Medical.

2. Deputy Minister, Medical.
3. Shrimati U. Barthakur.
4. Secretary, Medical.
5. Director of Health Services, Assam.
6. Deputy Director of Health Service (PH) Assam.
7. Professor, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh.
8. Superintendent, Ganesh Das Hospital Shillong.
9. President, Indian Medical Association, State Branch.
10. Hon. Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, State Branch Shillong.
11. President, Assam Mahila Samity.
12. Mrs. Puspallata Das, Gauhati.
13. Chairman, State Social Welfare Board Gauhati.
14. Maternity and Child Welfare cum Family Planning Officer, Assam.

We have also co-opted some members for adhoc purpose.

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) : May I know what are the functions of this Board ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) : This is a Advisory Board Sir. The Board may advise the Government on following matter :—

- (i) Research and studies on inter relationship between economic, social and population changes on reproductive patterns.
- (ii) Educating public opinion on matters of Family Planning.
- (iii) Advice and necessary service in Family Planning as an integral part of the public health activities through hospital.
- (iv) Formulation of Schemes for the improvement of the health of of mothers and children and for bringing about better conditions of family living.
- (v) Literature and periodicals for furtherence of the objective of the scheme.
- (vi) Any other matter as may be considered necessary by the Board.

Supply of Paper

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY Nalbari-East) asked :

*195. Will the Minister-in-charge of Supply be pleased to refer to Supply Secretary's letter No.SDB.891/59/23, dated the 19th January 1960, addressed to the questioner supplying information to his starred question No.2 meant for the Winter Session of the Assembly, 1959 on the subject of total quantity of paper procured for the State during 1956, 1957 and 1958 and state—

- (a) What is the result of the request of the State Government to the Union Government to increase the supply of paper ?
- (b) Why in spite of assurance given in para (f) of the aforesaid letter the price of paper produced by each Mill has not been notified in any important daily paper of the State ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

195. (a)—Scarcity of paper is prevailing throughout the Country as the indigenous production is not adequate to meet

the growing requirements of the Country There is no statutory control over the supply and distribution of paper. The paper manufacturers have, however, agreed to supply paper to *bona fide* consumer, at reasonable rates on the level of 1957 purchases.

(b)—No such specific assurance that the price would be notified in the important Daily Papers of the State of Assam was given.

Accommodation of Superintendent of Police, Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the Superintendent of Police, Dibrugarh is accommodated in a house belonging to a private party?
- (b) If so, since when the Superintendent of Police, Dibrugarh had to occupy a house belonging to a private party?
- (c) Who is the owner of this house?
- (d) Whether this house is situated within the jurisdiction of Dibrugarh Municipality?
- (e) Whether the Chief Minister will be pleased to enlighten the house with the names of places in Assam where the Superintendents of Police are accommodated in private buildings?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

196. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Since November 1957.

(c)—Owner of the house is Shri M. D. Jalan.

(d)—No. The house is situated outside the Dibrugarh Municipality.

(e)—Shillong and Dibrugarh. The Superintendent of Police, United Khasi and Jaintia Hills District lives in this own house at Shillong.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): May I know Sir Whether Government is taking any action to construct a house for the accommodation of the Superintendent of Police at Dibrugarh ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): We will try to put a house as soon as possible.

(Starred Question No.197 standing in the name of Shri Hareswar Goswami was not put and answered as the hon. Member was absent.)

Conversion of Dergaon State Dispensary to Primary Health Units

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked :
*198. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Dergaon State Dispensary will be converted to Primary Units ?
- (b) Whether Government have posted any M. B. B. S. Doctor at Dergaon State Dispensary ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that Dergaon is the only Dispensary within five to six mauzas ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that it is one of the prominent places with large population ?
- (e) Whether the Department is considering to place a young M. B. B. S. doctor at Dergaon and convert it to Primary Health Units ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to establish a State Dispensary at plains tribal area at Dusutimukh and another at Kurabahi which are thickly populated by scheduled castes people ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

198. (a)—There is no such proposal at present.
 (b)—No.
 (c)—There is no information in regard to the existence of dispensaries in Mouza-wise basis.
 (d)—Yes.
 (e)—No, not at present.
 (f)—One State Dispensary for Dusutimukh has been sanctioned this year. There is no proposal for Kurabahi.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA: (Dergoan) Sir, in regard to reply (a) is this not a contradiction to answer previously given?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical): The question is whether Dergoan State Dispensary will be converted to Primary Unit, and the reply is that there is no such proposal at present.

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA: On previously occasion there was an answer that the Government is going to convert this dispensary to a health unit.

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: I do not exactly remember what was the reply given there. But I may tell the hon. Member that now it has been decided that the question of establishing primary health unit in the Blocks rests with Community Development Project Department and it is only after normalisation of the Block we will take over these primary health Units in different Blocks.

Shri RAMNATH DAS [Dergoan Reserved for Scheduled Castes]: Sir, with regard to (b) it is said 'No'. May I know from the Minister why the Government has not posted a M. B., B. S. Doctor there?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: That will be done in course of time. Now there is an Assistant Surgeon II. I had a talk with Shri Sarma, and considering the importance of the place we will see that a M. B., B. S. Doctor is posted there.

Shri RAMNATH DAS: May I know when the Government will finalise the consideration?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: There is no question of finalisation. We will see that a M. B., B. S. doctor is posted there in due course.

Provision of Rs.9,00,000 for reconstruction of National Highway in Saikhowa Constituency

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that provision of estimated amount of Rs.9,00,000 (nine lakhs) was made for improvement and reconstruction of the flood damaged portion of National Highway in Saikhowa Assembly Constituency, i.e., from Talap to Saikhowaghat in the Budget of 1959-60?

(b) Whether it is a fact that provision of estimated amount of Rs.1,00,000 (one lakh) was also made for the bridge over Dhola river on the above mentioned portion of the National Highway during the year 1959-60 in the Budget?

(c) Whether any amount against these two items was spent during the financial year 1959-60?

- (d) If not, why not ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that these two items have been omitted from the Budget of 1960-61 ?
- (f) If so, at whose suggestions these items were omitted ?
- (g) Whether Government are aware that the afore-said portion of National Highway sank down in the great Earthquake of 1950 and considerable damage was done during subsequent floods up to the year 1956 ?
- (h) Whether Government are aware that due to construction of the Brahmaputra Bund and Na-Dihing Bund in that area this portion of the National Highway is now free from flood and there is urgent need of improvement of this portion of the Road ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

199. (a)—No. But one work, *viz.*, Metalling and surfacing Talap to Dhola in Dibrugarh Division N.H. No.37 was included in our demand for Grants submitted to the Government of India, *vide* item 27 at page 274-275 in the Central portion amalgamated with State Public Works Department Budget for 1959-60.

(b)—A sum of Rs.1,00,000 (one lakh) has been demanded from the Government of India for making provision in their Budget for 1959-60 as shown in the Central portion at page 274-275, *vide* item 25.

(c)—No. The Technical Approval and Financial Sanction to the work mentioned at (a) above has not yet been received from Government of India. As regards work at (b) above, the Technical approval and Financial Sanction from Government of India has been received very recently only. As such, no expenditure could be incurred against these two items of works.

(d)—Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) & (f)—The work mentioned at (a) above has not been included in the Central portion amalgamated with the State Budget for 1960-61 as no Technical and Financial sanction from Government of India has been received. The work mentioned at (b) above has been included in our demand for Grants submitted to Government of India, *vide* item 39 at page 322-323 of the Central portion for the year 1960-61. So far as such works on National Highways are concerned Government of India accord their technical approval and financial sanction on the merit of each case and irrespective of the fact whether these are incorporated in the State Budget or not.

(g) & (h)—Yes. An estimate amounting to Rs.7,23,000 for improving the road from Talap to Dholla has already been submitted to the Government of India in February 1959, but Technical Approval and Financial Sanction has not yet been received so far.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):
 টালাপৰ পৰা ঢোল্লালৈকে যিটো ৭ লাখ টকাৰ Estimate আৰু Survey ৰ কথা Government of India লৈ পঠাইছে তাৰ নক্সাৰী সোনকালে পাবলৈ চৰকাৰে ব্যৱস্থা কৰিছেনে ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P.W.D. (R. and B.)] We have requested the Government of India to give sanction early and it is for the Government of India now whether they would sanction or not.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH AZHARIKA : যেহেতু সেই অঞ্চলটো বানবিশ্বস্ত অঞ্চল, এই কথাটো চৰকাৰে তাত উনুকিয়াই ছেনে ?

Shri GIRENDRA NATH GOGOI: We have reported all the circumstances to the Government of India.

(Starred Question Nos. 200—203 standing in the name of Shri Radha Charan Choudhury were not put and answered as the hon. Member was absent.)

Public complaints against the behaviour of the Officer-in-charge of Nowgong Model Police Station

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked:

*204. Will the Chief Minister-in-charge of Police be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government has received some public complaints against the behaviour of the Officer-in-charge of Nowgong Model Police Station during recent months?
- (b) If so, what steps Government have taken against the said Police Officer?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

204. (a)—Yes, very recently Government have received one complaint against the behaviour of the Officer-in-charge, Model Police Station, Nowgong.

(b)—The allegation have been enquired into by the Superintendent of Police, Nowgong. The report is under examination of Government.

(Starred Question No.205 standing in the name of Shri Radha Charan Choudhury was not put and answered as the hon. Member was absent.)

Regarding Mr. Anwar Hussain, Deputy Secretary to the Medical Branch

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati) asked:

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

- (a) How long Mr. Anwar Hussain, Deputy Secretary has been in the Medical Branch of the Secretariat?
- (b) Whether there is any rule in the Medical Department that some higher posts in the Medical Branch of the Secretariat are virtually not transferrable?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

206. (a)—Shri Hussain has been continuing as Special Officer, Local Self-Government, Education and Medical Departments from 10th August 1953 and then as Deputy Secretary, Education and Medical Departments from 30th December 1955.

(b)—No,

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR (Dibrugarh): Is this officer considered to be very efficient ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): It is not for efficiency of the officer that he is in this Department so long. Perhaps he is there only because we have not been able to send him anywhere else. It is true that he is continuing in this Department for a long time. We are now considering about his transfer to some other place.

Shri NILMONEY BORTHAKUR: A number of State Dispensaries in the State are without any doctor or physician as much as the appointment, posting and transfer of medical officers are concerned, the responsibility rests with the Medical Department. Is it due to the super-efficiency of this gentleman that the which thing is in a state of chas.

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: No, Sir. That is on account of the shortage of doctors actually. The Secretary or the Deputy Secretary cannot find doctors.

Re-employing of Non-technical Retired Government Officers in different Departments

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked:

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

- (a) The total number of non-technical retired Government Officers of different Departments who are re-employed or whose services extended during the year 1958-59 and 1959-60 ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that in spite of Government decision not to employ retired non-technicians for more than one year in special cases, many such Officers have been re-employed for more than one year or in some case even more ?
- (c) If so, what are the reasons for such re-employments ?
- (d) Whether Government are aware that this creates difficulties to solve the un-employment problem of the State ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

207. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—Information are being collected.

Primary Health Unit, Baroigram

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Cstes)]: asked:

*208. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he received representation on 23rd September 1959 from the Questioner regarding establishment of a Primary Health Unit at Baroigram under Karimganj Subdivision in the District of Cachar?

(b) If so, what steps Government have taken so far in this direction?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

208. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Since it has been decided that the Medical Department will no longer initiate the establishment of new Primary Health Units in the State but only take over the Units set up by the Community Projects Department in collaboration with this Department, no action was deemed necessary.

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA: When the decision was taken?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: The decision has been taken recently.

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA: It is not a fact that the Government took certain steps to establish a primary health unit at Baroigram in respect of selection of site and for taking over possession of the land donated by the Local Public as required by the Government in 1956?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: At the moment I have no such information, but I may enquire into it and let the hon. Member know.

Shri GOPESH CH. NAMASUDRA: Is it not a fact that the copies of the letters from Government were attached to the representation?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA: That is not in the record but I will look into it.

Employees of State Advisory Board for Basic Education

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the cash allowance of Rs.13.50 Np. per mensem was granted to Office Assistants of the State Advisory Board for Basic Education with effect from the 1st February 1957.
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the employees in all Government offices received this allowance long before the State Board Employees get it ?
- (c) Whether cash allowance of Rs.13.50 Np. per mensem has been sanctioned to the Office Assistants of School Boards ?
- (d) If not, why not ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

209. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

(d)—Under consideration of Government.

Pay of Primary and Lower Primary School Teachers

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that some ten Lower Primary School teachers of Silchar Municipal Board, now under the School Board are not being given the flat rate of pay of Rs.10 from the November 1956 as sanctioned in Government letter No.EPS. 21/46/33, dated the 4th January 1948 ?
- (b) Whether any representation regarding this grievance was lately received by Secretary, State Primary Education Board from those ten unfortunate teachers ?
- (c) If so, whether any action has been taken so far in the matter ?

- (d) Whether Government propose to grant their arrear pay and remove their grievances ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that their increased pay was stopped from November 1956 after payment at the increased rate for the past 8 years ?

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the revised scale of pay of 1956 for Primary School teachers was not granted to all the old Primary School teachers under Silchar Municipal Board and if so, what is the reason ?
- (b) Whether Government propose to bring them under the same scale like other teachers ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

210. (a) to (e)—Information are being collected.

211. (a) & (b)—Information are being collected.

(Starred Question No.212 standing in the name of Shri Durgeswar Saikia was not put and answered as the hon. member was absent.)

Assam Medical College

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

*213. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether he is aware of the public feeling in certain quarters that only rich people can get good treatment in the Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh ?
- (b) Whether the attention of the Minister has been drawn to a letter published in the *Assam Tribune*, dated 22nd August 1959 under the caption "Second Medical College" wherein there is a remark that "the out look of the institution (Assam Medical College) was of late grown more mercenary than humanitarian" ?
- (c) Whether Government has enquired into this statement ?
- (d) What action is being taken by the Government to make the Assam Medical College a humanitarian institution ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

213. (a) to (d)—“The Honourable member is referred to the replies to starred Question No.53 in the Winter Session of the Assembly, 1959.

Gauhati School Board

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

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

- (a) Whether there was a resolution in the Assembly in 1957 for splitting up of Gauhati School Board into three or more on account of unwildy number of Schools and heavy volume of work ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that the resolution was withdrawn on assurance of the Minister in accepting the principle of splitting up of Gauhati School Board ?
- (c) Whether there was Budget Provision for two additional posts of Deputy Inspector of Schools in Gauhati Subdivision ?
- (d) Why the provision has not been implemented till expiry of one year causing excessive difficulty of the public ?
- (e) What is the composition of the Gauhati School Board showing representation institution-wise as per relevant Section of the Basic Education Act ?
- (f) Whether there has been infringement of the provision of Basic Education Act now ?
- (g) When the life of the present Gauhati School Board is due to expire ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

214. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Already appointed.

(e)—Composition of the Gauhati Board is according to the provisions in the Act.

(f)—No.

(g)—October 1960.

Shri PROBhat NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East): Sir, do the Minister know that the *Ex-Local* Board Members of the dissolved Local Board are still continuing in the School Board in contravention of the rules?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): No member is continuing.

Shri NILMONI BARTHAkur (Dibrugarh): Are the Government considering to transfer the charge of primary education to the basic education?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: There is no such proposal at present.

Personal Orderlies of Government Officers

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked :

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

- (a) The number of personal orderlies of Officers of Government department-wise?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that services of many personal orderlies are utilised by some officers for their domestic works and they are not used in office work of the officers concerned?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that such orderlies come to office only on the pay day?
- (d) Whether under the rules, the officers can utilise the services of the orderlies for domestic purposes?
- (e) If not, why the officers are allowed to do such thing?
- (f) Whether Government will make the orderlies permanent Government servants?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

215. (a)—All Grade IV staff now comes under one category and there are no personal orderlies with officers.

(b)—Government have no official information on the point but it is understood that some Grade IV staff are doing other work with officers in lieu of food and lodging.

(c)—No.

(d)—No. They are not meant to be employed in domestic purposes during office hours. Outside office hours the grade IV staff may be doing extra-work.

(e)—Does not arise in view of (b) and (d) above.

(f)—Yes. As the appellation "personal orderly" is done away with and they come under one category Grade IV staff. Their cases for confirmation will be considered as and when their turn comes.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): Is it in the contemplation of the Government to give orders to the officers not to use the sub-staff in their residence even in lieu of fooding and lodging?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): It is not in the contemplation of the Government, but the Government will see that there is no compulsion about it. If any Grade IV employee lives with particular officer and arranges with the officer for his food and lodging then I do not find anything objectionable in it.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA: Whether Government will issue orders against the use of the sub-staff during the office hours or during the course of business for which they are appointed in the houses of the officers?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA: That will be considered.

Flood and Erosion-affected people in Golaghat Subdivision

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Dergaon) asked:

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that some people of Golaghat specially in the banks of Dhansiri, Brahmaputra, Desoi and Gelabill are affected continuously from flood and erosion?

- (b) Whether Government have lately received any application for allotment of land from the eroded people ?
- (c) How many such applications have been received by the Subdivisional Officer of Golaghat up-till now since the last flood ?
- (d) Whether Government have allotted any land to the eroded people ?
- (e) How many bighas of land have been distributed among the eroded people during this year and who are the allottees ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that Falangani Project Officer has received a large number of applications from the eroded and landless people of Golaghat Subdivision ?
- (g) If so, whether it is a fact that there is no land belonging to Falangani Project except one thousand bighas for sugarcane farm ?
- (h) Whether Government propose to extend the neighbouring area of Falangani Project and open some land for the eroded people ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that the Falangani Project occupied one thousand bighas of land one year before for giving facilities to landless and eroded people for sugar-cane cultivation ?
- (j) If so, why these lands have not been allotted to the eroded people ?
- (k) Whether Government are aware of the sufferings of the eroded people of Golaghat Subdivision for procuring a suitable land for their livelihood ?
- (l) What steps Government propose to take to give protection to these refugees of their own country ?

(m) Whether Government propose to take any prompt steps for rehabilitation of these unfortunate people ?

(n) Whether Government propose to extend the facilities of rehabilitating the eroded people by opening some new land from the neighbouring lands of Falangani Project ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

216. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Sixty-six applications have been received up-till now.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—More or less 400 bighas reclaimed land of Falangani Development Project are being allotted to the following flood and erosion-affected people —

1. Shri Atoi Das	...	..	Mourangi	..	No.1
			Mouza.		Kaibartagaon.
2. Shri Bapachan Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
3. Shri Powal Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
4. Shri Mukuta Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
5. Shri Moti Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
6. Shri Sorulora Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
7. Shri Akanman Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
8. Shri Bapa Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
9. Shri Haromohan Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
10. Shri Maheswar Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
11. Shri Loknath Das	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
12. Shri Phatik Ch. Sarma	...	...	Do.	...	Sarargaon.
13. Shri Rabakanta Sarma	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
14. Shri Golap Ch. Sarma	...	...	Do.	...	Do.
15. Shri Bhadreswar Rajbangshi	..	..	Dhekial mouza	...	Salmara.
			Moh Khuti.		
16. Shri Baloram Saikia	...	...	Dhekial mouza	...	Sensowa.
17. Shri Bapai Bora	...	...	Dhekial	...	Napamuagaon.
18. Shri Gorla Das	...	...	Athgaon Mauza	...	Athgaon.
19. Shri Liladhar Barua	...	...	Pankialgaon	...	Morangi.
			Mauza.		
20. Shri Jibakanta Das	...	...	Melamora	...	Gurjogina
					Mauza.

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Besides more or less 1,000 bighas of land which has been earmarked for State Sugarcane Farm some more lands may be available in Falangani Project for settlement, after reclamation.

(h)—There is no such proposal under consideration of Government just at the moment. But a proposal for requisition of 1,010 acres of land from Goronga Tea Estate under Rungajan Tea Company is being taken up for consideration with a view to rehabilitate the erosion-affected people of Chinakon Area of Bokakhat Mauza.

(i)—No. But an area of 1,000 bighas of land has been fully reclaimed in the last winter and is earmarked for opening a State Sugarcane Farm.

(j)—The question of allotment of this area to the erosion-affected people does not arise at present till the scheme for State Giant Sugarcane Farm is finalised by Government.

(k)—Yes, the purpose of the scheme itself is to rehabilitate the erosion-affected and other landless people of the locality. Government have already directed the local officers to allot land to the erosion-affected people on co-operative basis in the project area.

(l)—Besides extending facilities under the scheme of rehabilitation of flood and erosion-affected people, temporary relief measures in terms of loans, gratuitous relief, both cash or in kinds were given at the time of emergency and in need.

(m)—So far settlement of land with these people are concerned priority is always given in preference to the demand of other landless people.

(n)—Already the local officer is considering to requisition of 1,010 acres of land from Goronga Tea Estate under Rangajan Tea Company for rehabilitation of the landless people including erosion-affected.

(Starred Question No. 217 standing in the name of Shri Radha Charan Choudhury was not put and answered as the hon. Member was absent.)

Revised pay scale of Lower Primary School teachers of Murkongsellek transferred area

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)
asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the pay scale of Lower Primary School teachers of Murkongsellek transferred area was revised along with others in 1956?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the revised scale was to be introduced to the Lower Primary School teachers of Murkongsellek transferred area with effect from 1st October 1956 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that revised pay scale to the Lower Primary School teachers of Murkongsellek transferred area were paid with effect from 1st October 1957 only ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Murkongsellek Transferred Area Teachers' Association have been applying to the authorities to pay them the increased rate of pay (revised pay) with effect from 1st October 1956 ?
- (e) Whether Government propose to pay them the arrears for the period from 1st October 1956 to 30th September 1957 during the financial year 1959-60 ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

218. (a), (b) & (c)—Yes, the pay of Government Lower Primary School teachers in the said area was also revised and paid from 1st October 1957.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Yes, as early as possible.

(Starred Question Nos. 219 and 220 standing in the names of Shri Radha Charan Choudhury and Maulayi Tajuddin Ahmed respectively, were not put and answered as the hon. Members were absent.)

Student, studying at Rural Higher Institute under Visva Bharati

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether any student from Assam has been studying at Rural Higher Institute for 3 years Diploma Course under Visva Bharati ?
- (b) Whether Government has sanctioned any stipend to the students from Assam studying there ?

- (c) Whether the State Government has recognised the diploma of the Rural University equivalent to that of a degree and the subjects taught there are provided in competitive examinations conducted by the Assam Public Service Commission ?
- (d) Whether Government have information that any student of this State passed from the Rural Institute has not been given employment under the Government ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

221. (a)—Yes.

(b)—No.

(c)—No.

(d)—Government have no information.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Sir, when this is a new scheme of rural education what are the difficulties of the Government in having informations about our students who are studying outside the State ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : There are 14 students in Bisva Bharati of whom one has already passed the three year degree course last year?

Absorption of the employees of the Relief and Rehabilitation Department

Shri GHANASYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

*222. Will the Minister-in-charge of Relief and Rehabilitation be pleased to state—

- (a) How many employees are there in the Relief and Rehabilitation Department in Assam including Shillong ?
- (b) How many of them are Gazetted and how many of them are Non-Gazetted ?
- (c) Whether provision has been made for their employment after the Department is closed down ?
- (d) How many of the employees have so far been employed elsewhere since the time the abolition of the Department was decided by the Government ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

222. (a)—There are 400 Relief and Rehabilitation employees in Assam including Shillong.

(b)—Gazetted 19, Non-Gazetted 381.

(c)—The Government have already taken up the question of absorption of temporary personnel.

(d)—196.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

(To which answers were laid on the table).

Sarania Ashram, Gauhati

Shri BHUBAN CHANDRA PRADHANI (Golokganj)
asked :

446. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether any State aid is given to the Sarania Ashram at Gauhati and whether the State Government has any Control over it ?

(b) If so, what is the amount of State aid given there ?

(c) If the reply to (a) above is in the affirmative, what principles are being followed for entertaining the trainees under the Kasturaba National Memorial Centre in Sarania Ashram at Gauhati ?

(d) What is the minimum qualification that is required for a trainee ?

(e) Who is the authority for selecting candidates for the said training ?

(f) Whether the Centre is run under the supervision of any Governing body ?

(g) If so, who are the members and what are their designations and basis of selection ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

446. (a) & (b)—Government have not sanctioned any amount to the Sarania Ashram as such. Government, however, have sanctioned Rs.15,000 during 1959-60 as grant-in-aid to the Kasturaba-Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Sarania for training and welfare work among women in the State, from the Social Welfare budget. This is an All-India voluntary institution and Government have no direct control over its administration.

(c)—The Kasturaba-Gandhi National Memorial Trust has a Gram Sevika Vidyalaya at Sarania. The Central Social Welfare Board have entrusted the work of training Gram Sevikas required for Welfare Extension Projects. Otherwise Gram Sevikas, etc., required for running the Welfare Centres of the Trust in the State are trained in this Vidyalaya. For candidates required for Welfare Extension Projects the educational qualifications, etc., are prescribed by the Assam Social Welfare Advisory Board in consultation with Central Social Welfare Board. A monthly stipend of Rs.55 per trainee is also sanctioned by Central Social Welfare Board to cover expenses in connection with food and lodging and tuition fees, etc.

(d)—According to the educational qualifications prescribed by the Central Social Welfare Board for its trainees a candidate should normally be a matriculate. In view, however, of paucity of matriculate female candidates, the educational qualifications have been Lowered to Middle Vernacular or Middle English or its equivalent by the Central Social Welfare Board. The minimum educational qualification for the Trust trainees is Middle Vernacular or Middle English passed.

(e)—While the Assam Social Welfare Advisory Board select their candidates after interview, the Pratinidhi of Kasturaba-Gandhi National Memorial Trust and the Sanchalika of the Vidyalaya select the candidates of the Trust.

(f)—No. The Vidyalaya is run directly by the Kasturaba-Gandhi National Memorial Trust through the Secretary of the Trust whose headquarter is at Indore.

(g)—Does not arise.

**Amount of land distributed by the Land Settlement
Advisory Committee, Silchar**

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai) asked:

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

(a) The number of sitting of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee, Silchar, held between January, 1959 to December, 1959 ?

(b) The amount of land distributed by the above Committee and the persons benefited within this period ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

447. (a)—Two sittings were held, one on 9th January, 1959 and the other on 30th July, 1959.

(b)—668B 13L 12Ch of land has been either settled with, or allotted to the deserving persons in consultation with the Land Settlement Advisory Committee and the number of persons benefited is 262.

Shri NANDA KISHORE SINHA (Sonai) : As regards (b) whether the Government will take steps against the staff of the Revenue Department if the information given is not correct ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : If the information is not correct, I will surely make an enquiry.

Appeal from the Miri people of Benygaon, Baligaon and Charugarh for a waste land near Bokalaghat

Shri NARENDRA NATH SARMA (Deargaon) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the flood and erosion affected plains tribal Miri people of Benygaon, Baligaon and Charugarh appealed to Government through S. D. C., Golaghat and D. C., Sibsagar for a waste land near Bokalaghat i. e. Kolakhua of Kaziranga Mauza about seven or eight months back ?

(b) Whether Government has taken any steps to rehabilitate them and provide them with land for cultivation ?

(c) Whether these people have represented their cases before the Chief Minister ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to take early steps to provide land to these landless flood and erosion affected people of Bokakhat ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

448. (a)—There are no villages by name Benygaon, Baligaon and Charugarh. No appeal was also received.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—No. But some flood affected people of village Chinakon of Bokakhat Mauza submitted a representation before the Chief Minister praying for land from Goronga Tea Estate under Rungajan Tea Co.

(d)—Subdivisional Officer has already taken steps to provide land to the flood affected people of Chinakon of Bokakhat Mauza in surplus land of Goronga T. E. along with other landless people.

Allotment of land to the people at Burbala

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) When the people who are allotted land at Burbala will be given lands ?

(b) Why this issue is pending since 1944 ?

(c) When this issue will be finalized ?

(d) How many people have been provided with lands there ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

449. (a)—The land is at present under encroachment. The possession of land to the allottees will be given soon after the eviction of the encroachers.

(b) & (c)—Although the settlement of land was given on annual basis in the Burbala P. G. R. during 1943-45, the land was not formally dereserved. Some of the occupants of land moved the Assam Revenue Tribunal on grounds of land dispute, and under the orders of the Revenue Tribunal the settlement of the land was cancelled and the reserve was, later on, formally dereserved.

Soon after the cancellation of the annual pattas, some immigrants encroached the land in the dereserved area and the settlement of land could not be made until the undeserving encroachers were evicted.

For settlement of land with the deserving persons the matter was placed in the L. S. A. C. which kept the matter pending for enquiry and wanted further discussion in some matter. Since the settlement of land in the dereserved Burbala P. G. R. is pending since 1944, Government have directed the S. D. O., Barpeta on 31st March, 1960 to go ahead with the settlement of land in Burbala and implement the recommendations of the L. S. A. C. which has once made some clear recommendations, and not to refer the same matter over and over again to the L. S. A. C. so as to enable him to finally dispose of the long standing issue within 3 months from the date of receipt of Government direction.

(d)—Possession of land has not yet been given to any of the allottees approved by the L. S. A. C. Names of 123 persons have been approved by the L. S. A. C. for allotment of land and the names of another 3 persons for allotment are under enquiry.

Allotment of ten bighas of land to Shri Bhola Gogoi, Gaonbura in Bazgaon V. G. R.

Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUA (Amguri) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that one Gaonbura namely Sree Bhola Gogoi, Bogidole, Salaguri Mauza Sibsagar Subdivision, is allotted by the Government a plot of and 10 (ten) bighas, in Bazgaon V. G. R. of Salaguri Mauza?

(b) If so, why ?

(c) Whether in making this settlement Government satisfied itself that the said Bhola Gogoi does not possess enough land ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the local people are against this allotment ?

(e) Whether Government have lately received the recommendation of the L. S. A. Board, Sibsagar to the effect that this settlement be cancelled ?

(f) If so, why Government has not cancelled this allotment ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

450. (a) & (b)—Yes, in recognition of his meritorious services as Gaonbura, Shri Bhola Gogoi was given settlement of 10 bighas of land on annual patta out of the dereserved portion of the Bazgaon V. G. R. land in 1951.

(c)—Yes, it was done. Prior to the settlement of 10 bighas of land as mentioned above, Shri Bhola Gogoi had only 12 bighas of land.

(d)—Some 50 persons only were against the settlement of land with him.

(e)—The L. S. A. C. Sibsagar held on 4th August 1959 suggested that in view of objections against settlement of land with Shri Bhola Gogoi, settlement made with him should be cancelled and he be allotted land in the nearest co-operative farm where land was collectively settled.

(f)—Action is being taken on the resolution of the L. S. A. C. held on 4th August 1959 and necessary formalities are being observed by the local officer for cancellation of the annual patta already issued.

Number of Fisheries under Co-operative Fishery Societies in the State

Shri MAHADEV DAS [Barpeta (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

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

(a) The total number of fisheries in the State and how many of them are under Co-operative fishery societies?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the same fisheries are settled with individual persons in place of co-operative fishery societies?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

451. (a)—The total number of fisheries is 528 and 48 of them are under settlement with co-operative fishery societies.

(b)—Fisheries are settled with individual persons when (a) no co-operative fishery societies, submit any tender, (b) when the tendered value offered by co-operative societies are not within the concessional limit allowed under the rules, (c) when such co-operative societies, refused to take settlement at the highest tendered value offered by individuals even though their tendered value is within 60 per cent of the highest tender.

Dacoity and crime case, registered within the Nazira Police Station during 1957, 1958 and 1959

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked:

452. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many dacoity and other crime cases were registered within the Nazira Police Station during the year 1957, 1958 and 1959?

(b) The natures of each case so registered showing the date of occurrence and their final disposal?

- (c) What is the percentage of conviction in those cases which were charge sheeted during those years ?
- (d) What is the strength of the thana including its out posts?
- (e) Whether any conveyance is placed at the disposal of the officer-in-charge of the thana for quick mobility ?
- (f) Whether Namtiali Patrol Post has served any useful purpose?
- (g) Whether Namtiali Patrol Post will be converted into an out post with full capacity to enable it to meet any eventuality ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

452.—The information has been called for.

Basis of registration of contractors under Public Works Department

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHAUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

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

- (a) What is the basis of registration of a contractor ?
- (b) Whether Government will be pleased to lay on the Library Table a copy of the list of applications with particulars for registration of contractors in North Kamrup ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that only a few of the applicants have been registered by the local authority ?

(d) Whether there is any instruction from the Minister not to register a large number of persons as contractor though they are in the line for the last several years ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that in spite of clarification made by the Minister on the floor of the Assembly in North Kamrup when there are tenders Schedule castes or Schedule tribes, or Backward non-contractor in one hand and caste Hindu contractor or the other, the authority is giving contract to a non-contractor belonging to Scheduled castes, or Scheduled tribes or Backward by depriving the claim of caste Hindu contractors and thereby resulting in non-completion of works ?

(f) Whether Government will be pleased to take appropriate action against such action of the local authority?

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

453. (a)—Applications are called for once in a year from persons intending to do contract work under the P. W. D. for registration as contractors under one of the five classes of registered contractors. The following are five classes of registered contractors according to value of work upto which a contractor under each class may submit tender for work.

Classification of contractors	Value of work to be tendered for	Fixed Earnest money to be recovered
Class I ...	Over Rs. 1,00,000 ...	Rs. 5,000
Class II ...	Over Rs. 34,000 ..	Rs. 2,000
	Upto Rs. 1,00,000 ...	...
Class III ...	Over Rs. 10,000 ...	Rs. 500
	Upto Rs. 35,000 ...	...
Class IV ...	Over Rs. 5,000 ...	} Rs. 100
	Upto Rs. 10,000 ...	
Class V ...	Upto Rs. 5,000 ...	

When the date for receipt of applications is over, these applications are considered from the point of capacity, financial resources, and past performance.

The contractors who are found suitable are registered under the class for which they are considered suitable provided they have furnished the requisite earnest money after due verification of their antecedents and character. Contractors are registered under Class I and Class II with the approval of C. E. and S. E. of the circle respectively. Executive Engineers are final authority in respect of registration of contractors under Classes III to V.

(b)—A Statement showing the particulars of those contractors who applied for registration under each category in North Kanirup Division is placed on the Library Table.

(c)—Out of 434 applications received, 139 applicants have so far been registered. The question of registration of the rest is pending for want of report regarding their antecedents and character or the applicants have not yet deposited the requisite earnest money.

(d)—No.

(e)—No.

(f)—Does not arise.

Venture Lower Primary School in Dibrugarh Subddivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

454. (a) Will the Minister-in-charge of Education be pleased to furnish a list of Venture Lower Primary Schools in Dibrugarh Sub-division yet to be taken over by the School Board ?

(b) Whether Government propose to sanction necessary grants to enable the Board to take over these Schools with immediate effect ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

454. (a)—A list is placed on the Assembly Library table.

(b)—These Schools would be taken over gradually if funds permit.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : As there is a large number of Venture Lower Primary Schools at Dibrugarh, whether Government is proposing to give priority in allocating money for them ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : In other places also, not alone in Dibrugarh.

L. P., M. V., M. E. and H. E. School in South Kamrup

Shri HARESWAR GOSWAMI (Rampur) asked :

455. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) How many Schools Lower Primary, Middle Vernacular, Middle English and High English in the South bank of Kamrup has been given grants-building and other non-recurring grants during 1958-59 and 1959-60 ?

(b) What are the names of such schools, their location and the sum granted under different heads ?

(c) How many Schools in the South bank of Kamrup have been converted into Junior Basic and Senior Basic Schools ?

(d) What are their names and how much money each school has been given for the purpose since their conversion as such ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

455. (a)—14 M. E. Schools ; 3 M. V. Schools. As regards other Schools, informations are being collected.

(b)—A list is placed on the Library table (Statement 'A').

(c)—Government Junior Basic School ...	...	13
Government Senior Basic School ...	...	2

(d)—A list is placed on Library table (Statement 'B').

**Settlement of land with villagers of Alisinga,
Bechimari, etc.**

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgoan) asked:

456. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) How many families were settled in the villages of Alisinga, Bechimari, Alisinga Jangal and Gandapukhri in Dalgaon Mauzas Nos. 1 and 2 from 1957-1959 ?
- (b) What is the total area of land under the said Mauzas that was settled during the above period ?
- (c) How long the said area of land had been under encroachment ?
- (d) When the said area of land has been settled and with whom ? (A list of the persons getting allotment of settlement may kindly be given).
- (e) How many were affected by flood and erosion ? (A list of flood and erosion affected settlement holders may be given).
- (f) Whether the said settlement holders possess any land anywhere either in their names or in the names of their family members and if so, on what basis the lands were settled with them ?
- (g) Whether all the above settlement holders have been given equal area of land per family ?
- (h) If not, what is the minimum and the amount of land settled with each of the families ?
- (i) Whether it is a fact that some families with whom lands have been settled in the aforesaid area have recently come from Pakistan ?
- (j) On what basis selection of persons for settlement of land was made ?
- (k) Whether it is a fact that all the settlement holders have not taken possession of the land settled with them as yet ?

- (l) What is the total area of land still lying unoccupied by the settlement holders ?
- (m) How long this unoccupied possession will be kept valid for the people who have not taken possession of land as yet ?
- (n) Whether Government will be pleased to cancel the allotment of the settlement holders who have not yet taken possession of the said land ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

456. (a)—179 families in Alisinga, Besimari and Gandapukhri were given allotment of land in between 1957 and 1959. No land was allotted in Alisinga jungle during this period.

(b)—735 bighas.

(c)—Since 1948-49.

(d)—Allotment of the land was made in 1957. A list of persons to whom the lands have been allotted is placed on the Library table.

(e)—Of the allottees, there were 80 flood and erosion affected persons. A list showing the information is placed on the Library table *vide* Serial 66 to 145 of the list referred to at (d) above.

(f) No. The allottees were either landless or their lands were eroded by flood and erosion.

(g)—No.

(h)—2 to 5 bighas of land has been allotted per family.

(i)—It is not a fact.

(j)—The selection of persons for allotment was made under the principle laid down in the Government land settlement policy.

(k)—Of the 179 families, 80 families have not yet taken possession.

(l)—320 bighas.

(m) & (n)—The question of cancellation of the allotment to those who have not yet taken possession is under consideration of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery) : The Hon'ble Minister has replied that the said area of land has been under encroachment since 1948-48 (c). Will the Minister-in-charge be pleased to reply how many times have these people been evicted.

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) : That information is not with me, Sir, A separate notice I want.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI : My question in (i) : whether it is a fact that some families with whom land have been settled in the aforesaid area have recently come from Pakistan ? The reply is "It is not a fact". Will the Government make an enquiry ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : No further enquiry is necessary. The reply was given after enquiry.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI : The Minister has been replied to (f) that "2.5 bighas of land has been allotted per family". Do the Government not consider that this 2.5 bighas of land are quite inadequate for their maintenance and also for their economic holding ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : The reply is obvious : there is dearth of land.

Mohukma Parishad

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

457. Will the Minister in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether he would lay on Library Table a list of different grants sanctioned to each Mohukma Parishads of Assam during the financial year of 1959-60 ?

(b) What were the difficulties of Government in transferring the entire amount of Local rates and percentage of Land Revenue provided in the Panchayat Act, to the Gaon Panchayats of Dibrugarh Subdivision during the financial year 1959-60 ?

(c) Whether any other Subdivision have been given grants as provided in the Act during this financial year, i.e., 1959-60 ?

Shri MOHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA [Minister-in-charge, Rural Development (Panchayat) Department] replied :

457. (a)—A list is placed on the Library Table.

(b)—The share of Land Revenue was transferred duly. But as to the Local rate, there was complication due to the collection of Local rate from Tea garden areas, where Gaon Panchayats have not been established. However, an amount of Rs. 55,927 was provisionally sanctioned as Compensatory grant in lieu of Local rate on the basis of Deputy Commissioner's statement, pending finalisation of the matter.

(c)—Yes. *Vide* the list given under reply to question (a).

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)** : In view of the fact that Dibrugarh is one of the biggest Sub-division, what are the difficulties of the Government or why Government has allotted only about Rs. 55,000 as compensatory grants whereas in other Sub-divisions the amount allotted is more than Rs. 2 lakhs ?

Shri MOHENDRA NATH (Minister) : যি অনুপাতে উঠে সেই হিচাবে দিব পাৰে তাৰ বেচি নোৱাৰে।

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA : ডিব্ৰুগড় জিলাখন ইমান ডাঙৰ অঞ্চল তাত দিছে ৫৫ হাজাৰ কিন্তু তেজপুৰৰ নিচিনা সৰু ঠাইত দিছে ২ লাখ ডিব্ৰুগড়ত ইমান কম দিয়া হ'ল কিয় ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED : May I reply ? As the Hon'ble Member is aware at Dibrugarh the land revenue is paid mostly by tea gardens directly into the Treasury and, therefore, the amount collected is less than in many other districts and this matter is receiving our attention and we shall see how can compensate to Dibrugarh in respect of the amount which is received directly from the Tea gardens.

Shrimati LILY SEN GUPTA : তেজপুৰত যথেষ্ট Tea area আছে তাত কিয় কম দিছে ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED : As compared to Dibrugarh more people pay direct land revenue in Tezpur Sub-division than in other Sub-divisions.

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance):** As a Hon. Member is aware the entire local rate collected in the previous year is given to the sub-divisions concerned and one-fourth of the land revenue collected in a particular Subdivision is given there.

Allegations against Shri Sudhir Paul, a sectional Assistant in the office of the Director of Consumer Goods

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

458. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that one Shri Sudhir Pant while he was a sectional Assistant in the office of the Director of Consumer Goods had many allegations against him?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that Shri Sudhir Pant was subsequently appointed as Superintendent of Supply Department?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the Anti-Corruption Department has submitted their enquiry reports to Government with regards to the allegations against Shri Sudhir Pant?
- (d) If so, what action has been taken by Government so far?
- (e) Whether Government will take immediate steps to transfer Shri Sudhir Pant from Supply Department to some other Department of Government?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

458. (a)—Probably the hon'ble Member means Shri Sudhir Paul. If so, Government have no information.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—No.

(d) & (e)—Does not arise.

Inspection Bungalow, Jogighopa

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [North Salmara (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

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

- (a) Whether there is any Inspection Bungalow or rest house at Jogighopa?

(b) If so, whether it is a regular Inspection Bungalow or rest house ?

(e) Whether it is furnished and ready for use ?

(d) If not, whether Government will be pleased to see that it is made ready soon ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

459. (a)—There was an old rest house belonging to Raja B. N. Bhup of Bijni Estate at Jogighopa. This was purchased by Government in March, 1957 for use as an Inspection Bungalow.

(b)—It is not an Inspection Bungalow in the strict sense but it is used as such by the estate Officials as well as other Government Servants.

(c)—No. But the Bungalow is proposed to be furnished and made ready for use soon.

(d)—Yes.

Galvanised wire for Assam

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

460. Will the Minister in-charge of Supply be pleased to state—

(a) Who are the importers of Galvanised wire to Assam ?

(b) What is the quota of the said material to Assam and what quantity was lifted to Assam during the last three years ?

(c) Whether Messers. Pheros and Co., have also been appointed importers of such kind of wire to Assam ?

(d) Whether Government have got any complaint that the quota of wire is not brought by the firm to Assam and the disposed of in Calcutta market ?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to make a thorough investigation into the matter with a view to take strong action, if necessary ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

460. (a)—There are no established importers. Essentiality Certificates are issued to actual users by the Director of Industries after due assessment of requirements of manufacture and verification of stock, production, etc. Import Licenses are issued to the actual users by the Iron and Steel Controller and the material is imported by the users.

(b)—There is no quota as such imports are made on the basis mentioned at (a) above.

(c)—No ; they were recommended for quota for their own requirements.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Investigation has already been made and it was found that the allegations were baseless.

Refugees in Barpeta Subdivision

Shri MAHADEV DAS [Barpeta (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

461. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that there are several hundred of refugees in the Gabardhan and Baghbar Mouzas of Barpeta Subdivision ?

(b) If so, whether Government are aware that some of them are in acute distress for want of Government help for their relief and rehabilitation ?

(c) What steps have been taken by Government to remove their distress ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

461. (a)—Yes. There are 1,000 and 3,200 displaced families in Gabardhana and Baghbar Mouzas respectively.

(b)—No case of distress has come to the notice of the Government. Nevertheless, steps are being taken to lend assistance to the un-aided families as indicated in (c) below.

(c)—Of the 1,000 families of Gabardhana Mouza, 600 families have been granted loans and 90 families have been provided with land and loans. Out of the 3,200 families of Baghbar Mouza, 1,262 families have been granted loans and 1,638 families have been provided with land and loans. Out of the remaining 610 un-aided families of these two mouzas the cases of most hard and deserving families will be considered as and when the State Government's final scheme for resolving the residual problem in the State is sanctioned by the Government of India and funds allotted to the State Government for the purpose. A recent survey of the Relief and Rehabilitation Department has, however, indicated that most of the families have taken root in the soil.

Application from the local people for giving the plot of land (Dag No.579) in Chapaguri Mouza to construct the Anchali Girls' Lower Primary School

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

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

(a) Whether the public of Anchali in the Barpeta Subdivision moved the Government since 1959 for giving the plot of land (Dag No.579) in Chapaguri Mauza to construct a Girls' Lower Primary School?

(b) Whether Government are aware that copies of the applications have been submitted to the A. S. O., Patacharkuchi, Subdivisional Officer, Barpeta, S. O., Gauhati and the Deputy Minister of Revenue?

(c) If so, why steps have not yet been taken to give the said plot of land to construct the Anchali Girls' Lower Primary School?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps to provide the said land for the institution as applied for by the local people?

(e) If not, why not?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

462. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Government have caused an enquiry into the matter to see whether the land can be allotted for construction of the School. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(d) & (e)—The application of the School authority is receiving due consideration.

**Telephone installation in Deputy Commissioner's office,
United Khasi and Jaintia Hills**

Shri GOPESH NAMASUDRA [Patharkandi (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

463. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is a telephone extension from the office telephone of the Deputy Commissioner, Khasi and Jaintia Hills, Shillong to the table of his Confidential Assistant ?

(b) Whether any Government sanction was taken to instal this extension ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that in order to get the Deputy Commissioner at his office over the 'Phone', the call is first received by his Confidential Assistant who passes it at his will to the Deputy Commissioner ?

(d) Whether Government are aware in order to have the Deputy Commissioner over the 'phone the identity of the caller, the purpose of call, etc., are to be revealed to the Confidential Assistant ?

(e) What precaution has been taken for not overhearing the conversation between the Deputy Commissioner and the caller by the Confidential Assistant by this extension ?

(f) Whether in the interest of public service, Government propose to abolish this duplication procedure so that the public may get the Deputy Commissioner direct instead of through his Confidential Assistant?

(g) Who was the Deputy Commissioner from whose time this extension procedure was adopted?

(h) Whether it is a fact that the Confidential Assistant styles himself as "P. A. to the Deputy Commissioner"?

(i) Whether this designation has any official recognition?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

463. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, but it is not a fact that the Assistant passes it to the Deputy Commissioner at his will. When the Deputy Commissioner is engaged in any urgent or important work, only then the caller is required to wait.

(d)—Yes. The indentify of the caller is to be intimated to the Deputy Commissioner by the Assistant. It is not necessary to disclose the purpose of the caller.

(e)—No need of such a precaution is felt. Normally the Assistant puts down his phone after connecting the caller and the Deputy Commissioner.

(f)—This system is considered useful all over and is being progressively adopted.

(g)—Shri Rana K. D. N. Singh, I. A. S.

(h)—Government have no information.

(i)—The designation of the Assistant is Confidential Assistant.

Members for Panchayats

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHRY (Boko) asked:

464. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the Mouzadars are eligible for election as Panchayat members, Presidents and Vice-Presidents ?

(b) Whether the Gaonburas are also eligible for the said election ?

(c) Whether the teachers of Primary Middle and High Schools are also eligible for the said election ?

Shri MOHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister-in-charge, Rural Development Department) replied:

464. (a)—The matter is pending discussion with legal experts.

(b) & (c)—Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

Gauhati Local Board

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

465. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) What was the total number of bills with amount pending for payment by the Gauhati Local Board at the time of its abolition ?

(b) What sum of the total amount has since been paid and what amount is still due for payment ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that payees of the bill most of whom are poor pensioners are suffering due to non-payment of their bills even after the management of the Board was taken over by Government ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to take immediate measure for settlement of the pending dues of the Local Board to alleviate the suffering of the people ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, L.S.-G.)

replied :

465. (a)—The total number of bills (Contractors) pending for payment by the Gauhati Local Board at the time of its abolition is 188, and the total amount involved is Rs.79,361.00 nP.

(b)—No payment has since been made, and the amount still due for payment stands at Rs.79,361.00 nP.

(c)—It is not a fact that most of the payees of these bills are Pensioners.

(d)—Immediate steps will be taken for settlement of the pending dues as soon as the sum of Rs.89,974.68 nP. which has been assessed as valuation of the Maligaon Local Board land acquired by the Railway is received.

***Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHODDHURY (Nalbari-East)** : Reply to (d). If the Maligaon land does not fetch its outstanding, then what will be the fate of others to whom dues are outstanding by the Gauhati Local Board ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED : We have said that steps are being taken to liquidate these dues after the realization of the amount.

Tihu Local Board Inspection Bungalow

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patancharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

466. Will the Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government Department be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that the Tihu Local Board Inspection Bungalow has now become no man's property after the abolition of Local Board ?

(b) Whether Government will be pleased to take necessary steps for the maintenance of the said Local Board Inspection Bungalow ?

(c) If not, why not ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to convert the said Inspection Bungalow into a Public Works Department Inspection Bungalow in this financial year ?

(e) If not, why not ?

Shri MOHENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

466. (a)—The Tihu Local Board Inspection Bungalow is new under the control of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup.

(b)—Public Works Department has been asked to take over.

(c)—Does not arise.

(d)—Public Works Department will decide this on taking it over.

(e)—Does not arise.

Incident in Nowgong Court Compound**Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)**

asked :

467. Will the Chief Minister-in-charge of Police be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware of an alleged incident in Nowgong Court compound on 14th October, 1959 when some police men without any number plates assaulted some accused persons who came to surrender before the Court of A. D. M., Nowgong ?
- (b) Whether Government received any copy of resolution of the Nowgong Bar Association adopted at its meeting held on 15th October, 1959 demanding Judicial Enquiry into the said allegations ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that some local M.L.As. also waited upon the Chief Minister, Assam and represented the said public grievance before him when he visited Nowgong on 15th October, 1959 ?
- (d) What orders the Chief Minister passed on that deputation ?
- (e) Whether it is fact that both the Inspector General of Police and the Commissioner of Divisions enquired into the incident ?
- (f) Why two enquiries were necessary ?
- (g) What was the nature of their enquiries ?
- (h) Who held the enquiry earlier ?
- (i) Whether these Officers made any formal enquiry after due notice to the Secretary of the Bar Association ?
- (j) Whether the Officers took evidence of the injured persons and of the Secretary, Nowgong Bar Association ?
- (k) If not, why not ?

(l) Whether the Government informed the institution and individuals concerned about the result of the reported enquiry by the Inspector General of Police and the Commissioner of Divisions ?

(m) What were the individual findings of the Officers concerned ?

(n) Whether it is a fact that the assault of the accused persons took place in the verandah of the A. D. M. about 10 cubits from the latter's court, when he was in his court and within his sight ?

(o) Whether Government will be pleased to set up a Judicial enquiry into the matter, in view of the gravity of the incident ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

467. (a)—Yes. Government are aware of the incident which took place within the Court compound, Nowgong on 14th October, 1959.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—An immediate report was called for from the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong.

(e)—Yes. Separate enquiries were held.

(f) & (g)—The Commissioner of Divisions made the enquiry on the conduct of the Magistracy and Police and the Inspector General of Police, Assam on that of the Police only.

(h)—The Inspector General of Police, Assam.

(i)—So far as the Inspector General of Police is concerned, he, before holding enquiry, met the Vice-President of the Nowgong Bar Association at the latter's residence and conveyed to him that he was making an enquiry into the incident and would like to meet the members of the Bar who had direct or indirect knowledge about the incident. As a result, a deputation on behalf of the Bar Association met the Inspector General of Police at the Circuit house and presented their case.

As regards the Commissioner, he contacted the Vice-President of the Nowgong Bar Association and at the latter's instance examined another member of the Bar, a Petition writer and also the Vice-President.

(j) & (k)—The Inspector General of Police did not examine any injured person as none was available readily. Apart from the deputation on behalf of the Bar Association, he met several other members of the Bar, individually, who were believed to have direct or indirect knowledge about the incident. The Commissioner did not examine any injured person.

(l)—Vice-President, Nowgong Bar Association, General Secretary, Nowgong Socialist Party and Shri L. K. Bora, M.L. A. were informed of the Government views about the conduct of the Police.

(m)—The enquiry conducted by the Inspector General of Police revealed that—

(i) there were not an excess of Police men trying to prevent the accused persons from surrendering in Court ;

(ii) the allegation of excesses and vandalism committed by the Police was highly exaggerated.

The Commissioner reported that—

(a) the A. D. M. acted without due care and circumspection and did not take charge and control of the situation himself when the accused came to surrender before him and that ;

(b) the Police behave in a manner that lowered the prestige and dignity of the Court.

(n)—The verandah is contiguous to the Court room of the A. D. M. The assault was reported to have been committed in the verandah and back side of the Court room when the A. D. M. was in the room.

(o)—In view of the enquiries already made Government have no contemplation of instituting any further enquiry.

Eviction at Alisinga Village in Pachim Dalgaon Mauza**Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon)** asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a person staying in a plot of land in Dag No.240, periodic patta No.45 in the Pachim Dalgaon Mauza, Alisinga village was evicted in 1958, along with homestead ?

(b) If so, what was the actual date of eviction and why he was evicted ?

(c) When was the said periodic patta issued ?

(d) Whether the said land has been sold to one Basiruddin Sheikh of the locality by the Pattadar ?

(e) How long Shri Basiruddin Sheikh is in the actual possession of the said land and what is the total area of the same ?

(f) Whether Government have lately received any petition from Shri Basiruddin Sheikh appealing against the said eviction ?

(g) Whether any enquiry report has been received by Government in regard to the appeal petition filed by Shri Basiruddin Sheikh ?

(h) When the appeal petition was filed by Shri Basiruddin Sheikh and to whom it was filed ?

(i) Whether thorough investigation has been made by Government in this regard ?

(j) If not, whether Government will be pleased to take necessary step immediately ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

468. (a)—It is not a fact. One Shri Basiruddin Sheikh was however evicted not from the periodic patta land in dag No.240 of village Alisinga but from a contiguous Sarkari land on which he constructed a house without authority.

(b)—He was evicted on 1st October 1957 as he was found to have encroached upon Sarkari land without authority.

(c)—Periodic patta was issued to one Kandura Kachari in 1955-56. Shri Basiruddin purchased the periodic patta land from Shri Kandura Kachari.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Exact date from which Basiruddin has been possessing is not known but it has been ascertained that he has been possessing the land for 4 or 5 years. The area of the land under periodic dag No.240 is 7B. 0K. 8L.

(f)—No, but Subdivisional Officer, Mangaldai received such petition from Shri Basiruddin.

(g)—No petition was received by Government. So the question of report on appeal does not arise.

(h)—No appeal petition was filed by Shri Basiruddin. He filed two petitions, one on 23rd October 1957 and the other on 16th November 1957 before the Subdivisional Officer, Mangaldai.

(i)—Subdivisional Officer caused an enquiry.

(j)—Government do not consider it necessary to take any further step in the matter.

Assault of Shopkeeper, etc., at Manipur Road and Lumding

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked:

469. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that on 29th December 1959 up Military Special under Captain David proceeding to Manipur Road forcibly picked up a Kuki girl in the Dhansiri station from amongst her companion and molested her and again on 7th February 1960 at about 8 p.m. when one Military Special was standing on the Lumding Station platform a Rifle Bullet coming from military rifle injured a vendor while sleeping?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the 14th Battalion of Assam Rifles under Captain Gurder Singh did not allow the Officer-in-charge, Government Railway Police, Lumding to arrest the culprit on the spot nor allowed identification of the gun from which the bullet came?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to move in the matter of establishment of a R. T. O. office at Lumding with military police for the safety of the public?

470. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that Mr. B. B. Das, Secretary, East Lumding V. D. P. has sent telegrams to Superintendent of Police, Nowgong and Chief Security Officer, North Frontier Railway, Pandu stating that about 35 local Special R.P.F. personnel under the Chief Security Officer, North Frontier Railway, Pandu, attacked the shopkeeper of Harulongfer Bazar, Lumding on 13th March 1960 at about 12 A.M. and looted the shops including cash money and causing damage to shops, etc?

(b) If so, what steps Government have taken to bring the culprits to book?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied:

469. (a)–(c) & 470. (a) & (b)—The information has been called for.

Ex-Secretary, Central Trading Co-operative, Golaghat

Shri DANDESWAR HAZARIKA (Morongi) asked:

471. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) Why the arrear dues amounting to Rs.1,021.25 nP. outstanding since 1951-52 in respect of pay

leave salary, dearness and cash allowance, pension contributions, etc., payable to Shri M. Ahmed, *Ex-Secretary*, Central Trading Co-operative, Golaghat by the Co-operative Department has not been paid till today ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the said Shri Ahmed preferred his claim in November-December 1953 with the 'STEERING COMMITTEE' set up by Government and if so, what was the result ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that his arrear bills for pay, leave salary, dearness allowance, etc., have been pending in the Accountant General's office since December 1956 for pre-audit ?

(d) If so, whether Government will be pleased to enquire the reasons for such inordinate delay ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the said Shri Ahmed submitted innumerable representations and reminders to various authorities concerned praying for consideration of his long pending claims during the course of last 10 years and still he is receiving no redress in the matter ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operative) replied :

471. (a)—Shri Mofizuddin Ahmed committed various financial irregularities while he was serving as Superintendent of Distribution and Secretary, Golaghat Central Trading Co-operative.

(b)—Yes. Shri Ahmed preferred his claim to the Steering Committee of Finance. The bill is under pre-audit.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Shri Ahmed's irregularities are responsible for the delay.

(e)—Yes. Until the anomalies as pointed out by Accountant General are removed by Shri Ahmed his arrear cannot be settled.

Bharat Sevak Samaj, Dibrugarh

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

472. Will the Minister, Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a representative of the Bharat Sevak Samaj was nominated to each of the B. D. C. of Tengakhat, Joypore, Dhamaji and Panitola Community Development Blocks in Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) If, so, when a representative of Bharat Sevak Samaj was made member of each Block Development Committee ?

(c) The percentage of attendance of the representative of the B. S. S. in the meetings of the B. D. C. ?

(d) Whether any camp under the guidance of B. S. S. was held within the areas of these Projects, (i.e., Tengakhat, Dhemaji, Joypore and Panitola) during the last 3 or 4 years ?

(e) Whether any other camp under the guidance of B. S. S. was held in Dibrugarh Subdivision since the formation of this Samaj there ?

(f) When a branch of B. S. S. was formed at Dibrugarh ?

(g) Whether Government propose to take steps to make the Dibrugarh District Branch of B. S. S. more active and to take up works as it was aimed at ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

472. (a)-(g)—Information is being collected and will be plied when received.

Youth Camps in Panitola C D Block

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

473. Will the Minister, Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) The number of youth camps and student camps that have been held within the area of Panitola C. D. Block during the last 3 years ?

(b) What were the facilities extended to these camps from the Block budgets ?

(c) What it is a fact that the offer of a High School within the Panitola Block for student Camps could not be entertained by the Project Officer during the last year ?

(d) The nubmer of village leaders trained in the block are since the opening of the Block ?

(e) The minimum and maximum ages of the village leaders trained within Panitala C. D. Block ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Cief Paliametary Secretary) replied:

473. (a)—Nil.

(b)—Provisions did not exist in the schemes sanctioned under Block Budget allocations.

(c)—Does not arise in view of reply at (a) and (b) above.

(d)—174 numbers of village leaders trained.

(e)—Minimum age is fifteen (15) yeas and maximum age is 48 years,

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa):** In reply to (e) it has been stated that the minimum age for the village leaders has been fixed 15 years. Whether Government is aware that these minor boys who were considered to be village leaders, after training in the Village Leaders Camp, joined school, some at Class VII ?

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Communitie Develompents):** I have no Information, Sir.

***Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa)**: Whether Government will issue instructions to the respective Community Blocs so that proper persons are pacified up for village leaders' camp?

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Community Development)**: I will see that people who can devote their whole attention are given this work.

Dibrugarh District Social Welfare Implementation Committee

Shri DVENDRA NATH HAZRIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

474. Will the Minister, Community Projects be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Chairmam of Dibrugarh District Social Welfare Implementation.

Committee was nominated as member of each of the Block Development Committee of Tengakhata, Joypore, Dhemaji and Panitola C. D. Blocks as well as Murkongsellek M. P. C. D. Block?

(b) The percentage of attendance of the Chairman in each of the B. D. C. meetings?

(c) The different Schemes which has been taken up by the Social Welfare Board in each of the areas of those Projects, i.e., Murkongsellek-Sadiya M. P. C. D. Block, Panitola C. D. Block, Joypore C. D. Block, Tengakhata C. D. Block and Dhemaji C. D. Block in Dibrugarh Sub-division?

(d) Whether the Committee subordinate to Social Welfare Board has been formed in each of these Block areas?

(e) Whether the Chairman, Dibrugarh District Branch of Social Welfare Board (i. e., Implementation Committee) ever visited the areas of Dhemaji C. D. Block and Murkongsellek-Sadiya M. P. C. D. Block?

(f) If so, when?

(g) Whether there is any Project of Social Welfare under Social Welfare Board within a radius of 25 miles of Dibrugarh Town?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary) replied :

474. (a)-(g)—Information is being collected from Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur and will be supplied when received.

Munsiff Barpeta Court

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

475. Will the Minister, Judicial be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Shri S. N. Sen, Munsiff, Barpeta was on leave from 5th June to 24th June, 1959 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that 19th June, 1959 was not a holiday for Id-Uz-Zuha for the Civil Offices in the State of Assam ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that 19th June, 1959 was declared as a holiday by the Civil Sheristadar, Barpeta after circulating notice even in the Barpeta Bar during the absence of Munsiff, Barpeta ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the High Court, Assam was not informed of the fact prior to observance of such holiday ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Civil Sheristadar, acted at his own discretion to declare the day as holiday without the approval of the Munsiff, Barpeta ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the Munsiff, Barpeta was given a stricture by the Assam High Court for this illegal action done by the Civil Sheristadar, though the Munsiff was on leave ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that no disciplinary action was taken against the Civil Sheristadar, Barpeta for his illegal action during the absence of Munsiff ?

(h) If so, why ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Law)
replied :

475. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—The Government have no information to the effect that the Sheristadar declared this day as a holiday for Civil Offices during the absence of the Munsiff. It, however, appears that the court of Munsiff, Barpeta observed the 19th June, 1959 as a holiday on account of Id-Uz-Zuha as per Government Notification No.257/58/90, dated 18th May 1959 in anticipation of District Judge's order.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The Government have no information.

(f)—The matter having been reported to the High Court by the District Judge, Lower Assam Districts, the High Court warned the Munsiff for future ; and Munsiff being constitutionally under the control of the High Court, the Government can hardly enquire about the merit of such stricture.

(g)—No question of taking any disciplinary action against the Sheristadar has arisen as no report has yet been received to the effect that he was responsible for declaring this unauthorised holiday.

(h)—Does not arise.

Teachers of L. P. Schools under Local Boards

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)

asked :

476. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the benefit of trained teachers in respect of pay was extended to the untrained teachers of L. P. Schools serving under School Boards who have been in service for more than 15 years or who have exceeded forty years in age from 1st January, 1951 upto September 1956 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the M. V. Schools were under Local Boards upto 1st April 1954 and then were transferred to School Boards ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that a Town allowance was extended to the teachers of L. P. Schools who served and resided in towns ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the training benefit and tour allowance have not been extended to teachers of M. V. Schools serving under the same School Boards as all the M. V. Schools were brought under School Boards with effect from 1st April, 1954 ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that in the same School, some teachers get town allowance and training benefit while some others though coming under the same category have been deprived of it ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that prior to the formation of School Boards all L. P. and M. V. Schools were under the same Local Boards ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that under the local Boards teachers were transferred to M. V. Schools from L. P. Schools for the interest of public service ?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that due to dearth of Normal pass teachers experienced and efficient teachers of L. P. Schools were transferred to M. V. Schools for the interest of teaching ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware that these aged, experience and efficient teachers would have been entitled to the training benefit had they not been transferred to M. V. Schools when all the Schools, M. V. and L. P. were under Local Board management ?
- (j) Whether it is a fact that during Local Board Service these teachers did not get any extra remuneration for being transferred to M. V. Schools ?
- (k) Whether it is a fact that the Education Department of the Government has submitted proposals for sanction of necessary sums to extend the training benefit and town allowance to the teachers who are legitimately entitled to these benefit as employees of the same Schools Boards ?
- (l) Whether the necessary sanction has been accorded to the Education Department to enable the Department to extend these benefits to these deserving teachers ?

(m) Whether it is a fact that for non-extension of this benefit the aged teachers who are much senior in service get much less pay than their junior teachers of the same educational qualification and thus there is great dissatisfaction in their minds ?

(n) Whether Government will be pleased to take immediate steps and pass orders to that effect ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

476. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The training benefit has been extended to all M. V. Schools teachers but regarding Town Allowance to M. V. School Teachers it is under Government consideration.

(e)—Yes. The teachers of L. P. Schools enjoying the Town allowance benefit when transferred to the L. P. Section of the M. V. Schools only get the Town allowance benefit. But the existing teachers of the L. P. Sections of M. V. Schools are deprived of it.

(f)—No, there were some schools under Municipal Board, Town Committees and on grant-in-aid basis too.

(g)—Government have no information.

(h)—Yes, under very special circumstances.

(i)—Training benefit has already been extended to the Teachers of M. V. Schools also.

(j)—Government have no information.

(k)—Training benefit has already been extended and as regard Town allowance it is under consideration of Government.

(l)—As in (k) above.

(m)—For non-extension of the Town allowance benefit there might be some dissatisfaction in the minds of the teachers but it is under consideration of the Government.

(n)—It is under consideration.

Venture M. E. Schools in Dalgaon Constituency

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

477. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(a) How many Venture M. E. Schools are there within the Dalgaon Constituency of the Assam Legislative Assembly ?

(b) How long they have been in existence ? (The year of start of the Schools are to be given) ?

(c) Whether any one or all the Schools have been inspected by the School authority, Mangaldai ?

(d) If so, when ? (The names of the Schools inspected with the date or dates of the inspection may be given) ?

(e) Whether Government have lately received any petition for taking over the Schools by Government ?

(f) If so from which Schools and when ? (The names of the Schools with the dates of the petitions may be given) ?

(g) Why these Schools have not been taken over by the Government ?

(h) Whether Government are aware that this locality is very backward in education ?

(i) If so what steps Government have taken to remove the backwardness ?

- (j) Whether Government will be pleased to take immediate steps to do away with the age long backwardness of the people of the locality?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

477. (a)—3 (three).

(b)—One was started in 1955, one in 1957 and other in 1958.

(c)—Yes, two of them have been inspected.

(d)—(i) Dhula M. E. School on 21st November, 1958 and 14th December, 1959. (ii) Bechimari on 25th November, 1959.

(e)—No.

(f) & (g)—Does not arise.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Government is taking all possible steps to remove the backwardness.

(j)—Government will do as far as possible.

Appointment of Teachers by Morigaon School Board

Shri DHIRSING DEWRI [Laharighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

478. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) How many L. P. School teachers were appointed under Nowgong and Marigaon School Board during the year 1959-60 and 1960-61?

(b) Whether all the teachers appointed under the Basic School Board passed the teachers test examination?

- (c) How many of them belong to the Scheduled Tribe ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

478. (a), (b) & (c)—Information are being collected.

Bhanbanipur Govt. Aided High School

Shri MAHADEV DAS [Barpeta (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

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

- (a) The number of students in the Bhanbanipur Government Aided High School ?
- (b) Whether Government is aware that there is acute scarcity of building accommodation for the various classes of this School ?
- (c) Whether Government has lately received any representation for a non-recurring grant for construction of the building for this School ?
- (d) Whether Government proposes to sanction a good amount of money for construction of suitable buildings for this school ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

479. (a)—Five hundred and eighty-five on 1st March, 1959. Latest figures are not readily available.

(b)—No. According to latest report from Inspector of Schools (10th December, 1959), accommodation is almost sufficient for present enrolment.

(c) & (d)—No. but the Inspector of School, Lower Assam Circle, recommended an amount of Rs.2,500 for the purpose.. The amount has been sanctioned.

Venture L. P. Schools under Mangaldoi School Board

Md. MATLIBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of Venture, L. P. Schools have been waiting since long to be taken over by the Mangaldoi School Board?

(b) If the answer is in the affirmative what is the total number of Venture L. P. Schools waiting to be taken over within the Mangaldoi Subdivision?

(c) What is the total number of the Venture L. P. Schools within the Sealmari, Samabari and Dalgaon Mauza?

(d) How many L. P. Schools (Venture) have been taken over within the Sealmari, Samabari and Dalgaon Mauzas during 1959-60 and how many are waiting to be taken in the said mauzas?

(e) On what conditions the Venture L. P. Schools are generally taken over by the Government?

(f) Whether the said Schools have not fulfilled those conditions?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

480. (a) & (b)—Only 30 such Schools are yet to be taken over by the School Board, Mangaldoi.

(c)—Sealmari	...	...	...	...	...	5
Samabari	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dalgaon	...	...	...	...	...	15

(d)—

Taken over

Yet to be taken
over

Sealmari ... 3

2

Samabari ... 1

3

Dalgaon ... 6

9

(e)—The following conditions are mainly taken into consideration :—

(i) Enrolment, (ii) Building, (iii) Land, (iv) Distance to neighbouring Schools.

(f)—It is being enquired into.

Untrained teachers of M. V. School Board

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur)
asked :

481. Will the Education Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether the training benefit to the untrained teachers of School Board M. V. Schools who have been in service for more than 15 years or who are more than 40 years in age, has been extended ?

(b) If not, how the Government can reconcile the answer given to Unstarred Question No.280 asked by the Questioner on 18th December, 1959 ?

(c) In view of the fact that this matter has been pending from 1954 and each being raised in everd session of the Assembly from 1957, whether the Education Minister will be pleased to take immediate and effective steps to finalise the matter within the current financial year ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

481. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Does not arise.

(c)—Does not arise.

Electrification and supply of water to Nalbari Primary Health Unit

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

482. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) When the estimates for electrification and water supply of Nalbari Primary Health Unit with one indoor hospital and with one maternity ward was first called for ?

(b) When the estimates of the same were prepared ?

(c) How many times since the Minister visited the Hospital ?

(d) Whether he expressed anxiety for delay in providing Electricity and Water Supply in the Hospital ?

(e) Whether the Chief Minister was pleased to pass order to go ahead with execution of the works ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that since then the estimates could not be traced due to which there is unusual delay in execution of the urgent works ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

482. (a) to (f)—Information is being collected.

Medical Officers of N. E. S. Blocks, etc.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Paneri) asked :

483. Will the Minister-in-charge Medical be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that some Medical Officers was appointed under the N. E. S. Block or Community Project in 1953 ?

(b) If so, whether it is a fact that the Medical Officers bearing the qualification of M.B. B.S. & L.M.P. M.L.F. was considered as in grade A. S. I. (Gazetted rank) ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that pay and salary and other facilities were fixed equal ?

(d) Whether the Public Health Department absorbed all the officers appointed by the Community Project Department in 1953 when the Project activities along with the staffs were taken by the Public Health Department from the Community Project Department on 1st April, 1957 ?

(e) If not, why not ?

(f) How many such officers are not absorbed yet and who are they ?

(g) What is the future of such Officers who have not yet been absorbed ?

(h) Under whom they are serving at present and from which head of the Budget their expenditures are being met ?

(i) Whether Government propose to consider immediately to absorb them permanently so that they may not suffer ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Medical Minister) replied :

483. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes, in the case of 2 doctors only.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—The employees of the Community Project Department on normalisation have been absorbed according to the requirements and those who have been found surplus will be absorbed subject to eligibility for appointment, as and when vacancy occurs.

(e) to (i)—Do not arise.

List of Aided High Schools

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

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

(a) Whether the list of Aided High Schools with the informations as wanted in Unstarred Question No.601 of 8th April, 1959 has since been compiled ?

(b) Whether the Minister will be pleased to lay on the Library table a list of the Aided High Schools of the State with the following informations in the tabular form :—

(i) Name of the School.

(ii) Year of establishment.

(iii) Number of students on the roll year by year from 1958.

(iv) Non-recurring grants sanctioned under different heads year by year from 1948-59 ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

484. (a) & (b)—The list is being compiled.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI : Sir, I submitted this Question from 1957 but I have not got any reply : how long will the Government take to compile the list ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : As long as the list is not compiled.

Taken over of Bohali Local Board Dispensary by Government

Shri BISHNU LAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

485. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Behali Local Board Dispensary was taken over by Government last year ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that it is one of the oldest dispensaries in Tezpur Subdivision ?

(c) Which were the mouzas the Veterinary Doctor of Behali was to visit and look into the conditions of cattle ?

(d) Whether there is any such Doctor at present there ?

(e) If not, since when he is not there ?

(f) Who is the Veterinary Doctor now in-charge of the Mauzas of Behali, Halem, Brahmajan, Kalongpur and Gohpur ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that a plot of ten bighas of land was got deserved from a P. G. R. for the construction of Dispensary buildings by the Veterinary staff with the help of the local people and the questioner long ago ?

(h) Whether any plan and estimate of the proposed buildings have been pending long with the Government ?

(i) If so, when it will be approved by Government and work will commence ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied:

485. (a)—Yes.

(b)—It is an old Dispensary.

(c) to (g)—Information is being collected.

(h)—No.

(i)—Administrative approval for construction work has already been accorded.

Distribution of surplus Tea Garden land of Borjhar and Gronland Bagicha

Shri DANDI RAM DUTTA (Mangaldai) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that surplus tea garden land of village Borjhar and Gronland Bagicha of All-India Tea and Trading Co., Ltd. (Singrimari) was requisitioned in the year 1958 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Land Settlement Advisory Board, Mangaldai at its meetings held on 12th December, 1958 took a resolution to allot the said land to the people of the village Manitory of Rangamati Mauza, who are flood affected and who had already paid Development fee ?

(c) Whether the people of the village Manitory of Rangamati Mauza were allotted land or not ?

(d) If so, what was the acreage of land allotted and the number of people to whom land was allotted ?

(e) If not, why not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

486. (a)—Yes, in 1952 and not in 1958.

(b)—Yes, but whether these people paid any amount for the requisition is under enquiry and this will be disposed of in due course.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

(e)—The land (40B—9Ls) earmarked for the people of the village Manitory at Gronland had to be derequisitioned. Another plot of 90 bighas at Borjhar previously requisitioned had also to be derequisitioned as this was found to be already in occupation of other persons.

Election of Shri Merela Gogoi as Gaonbura**Shri KHOGENDRA NATH BARBARUAH (Amguri)**

asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that Shri Merela Gogoi was duly elected as Gaonbura of Mout and Chutia Villages of Khaloighura Mouja, Sibsagar Sub-division on 3rd November, 1956 after the death of the village Gaonbura, late Kamal Chutia ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the election was conducted by the then Sub-Duputy Collector, Sibsagar according to his notice of 22nd October, 1956 to the electorates ?

(c) If so, why inspite of frequent petitions such as on 21st January, 1957 to Sub-Deputy Collector on 11th April, 1958 to Subdivisional Officer and on 11th June, 1958 to Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar, he is not yet authorised to act as Gaonbura ?

(d) Why no reply is given to his petitions as yet ?

(e) Who is now working as Gaonbura of the aforesaid villages and on what strength ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue) Minister replied :

487. (a)—It is not a fact.

(b)—It is not a fact.

(c)—Does not

(c)—Does not arise as he has not been appointed as Gaonbura.

(d)—The petitioners were informed of the Subdivisional Officer's Order verbally on 9th July, 1958.

(e)—Shri Niya Ram Gogoi is now working as Gaonbura of the said villages on the strength of the appointment made by the Deputy Commissioner, Sibsagar on the basis of instructions contained in rule 162 (Page 216) of the Assam Land Revenue Manual.

Amount of land acquired for construction of Brahma-putra Bridge

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

488. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state—

(a) What is the total amount of land acquired for construction of Brahmaputra Bridge and Railway line at Amingaon in Sila Sinduri Ghopa Mauza of Kamalpur Circle ?

(b) How many families have been affected by this requisition ?

(c) Whether land has been provided to these persons who have been rendered landless by this project ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to allot land to these persons in the Government Khas land at Amingaon ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that some persons have already obtained settlement in this Khas land though they possess economic holdings ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that some persons have converted their such settled lands into periodic pattas within a very short time though the land is still uncultivable as it is water logged ?

(g) Whether Government will be pleased to cancel these pattas and distribute the land to the actual landless cultivators ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

488. (a)—312B. 1K. 4Ls. (140B. 3K. 19Ls. at village Amingaon and 171B. 2K. 5Ls. at village Numalijalah).

(b)—141 families.

(c)—Not yet. But the Settlement Officer, Kamrup has been trying to provide them with land.

(d)—There is no Sarkari land available at Amingaon. (The affected people have so far applied for land at village Numalijalah and Settlement Officer, Kamrup has been examining if land is available there).

(e)—It is not a fact.

(f)—Does not arise.

(g)—Does not arise.

Bringing of P. W. D. Road Labourers under the perview of the Minimum Wages Act

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

489. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether labourer engaged in road construction under Public Works Department was brought under the perview of the Minimum Wages Act?

(b) If so, from which date?

(c) Whether it is a fact that those labourers were not given benefit of pay, weekly holiday and other paid holidays from that date particularly in North Kamrup Division?

(d) If so, whether Government propose to give benefit of wages for holidays with retrospective effect?

490. Will the Minister of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether labourers engaged in road construction, etc., under Public Works Department get a paid weekly holiday after rendering six days' work?

(b) If so, whether this benefit has been given in an uniform manner?

(c) Whether it is a fact, that for the purpose of giving paid holiday benefit seven working days are counted and on this basis a paid holiday is given to the workers in North Kamrup?

- (d) If so, whether Government propose to compensate the loss of wages to the workers ?
- (e) Whether it is also a fact that when there are five Sundays in the month, labourers under Public Works Department, particularly in North Kamrup, are paid wages only for four Sundays ?
- (f) If so, whether Government propose to give the wages to the labourers for five Sundays in such cases instead of 4 Sundays in a month ?

491. Will the Minister of Public Works Department (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) The actual number of fixed holidays permissible to the road Moharirs and whether the labourers are engaged in Road construction or other Departmental works during the holidays ?

(b) Who supervises the work of the labourers on days, on which road Moharirs enjoy holidays ?

Shri G. N. GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied :

489, 490 and 491.—The information is being collected ?

Opening of Forest Villages

Shri GAURI SANKAR ROY (Katlicherra) asked :

492. Will the Minister-in-charge of Forest be pleased to state—

(a) How many years ago the forest villages were opened and what was the purpose behind ?

(b) Whether Government feel that various changes in Law and practice are necessary to improve the living conditions of the forest villagers ?

(c) If so, what measures have been taken towards this?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Divisional Head of Forest Department can evict any forest villager at any time without any order of any Law Court and for such unilateral action there is no provision of appeal for the aggrieved person in the Court of Law ?

(e) If so, whether Government propose to amend the existing Forest Law and also to extend the tenancy right over the land enjoyed by forest villagers ?

(f) What measures have been taken towards Medical facility, Education, water supply, etc., for these forest villagers ?

(g) Whether Government are prepared to extend the benefits to the forest villages also as enjoyed by the other people outside the forest villages through Development Blocks, Panchayats, Co-operatives and such other means so that these people can be brought to the same level with the other people of the country ?

(h) How many category of workers are there in the forest villages and what are their conditions of employment ?

(i) Whether it is a fact that the forest villagers require permission of the departmental authority for holding any social gathering or meeting ?

(j) Whether it a fact that any forest villager cannot bring his newly married wife at his home without permission of the departmental authority ?

(k) What amount of rent is realised per bigha, from the forest villagers for (i) homestead and (ii) other cultivable lands ?

(Information to be supplied separately).

(l) What is the daily wage given to a worker in the forest villages ?

(m) Whether Government propose to introduce compulsory primary education scheme in the forest villages also ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Forest) replied :

492. (a)—Forest Village was first opened 59 years ago, i. e., in 1901. Forest villages were established for the purpose of providing a ready source of suitable local labour for forest work generally and for starting and maintaining plantations and Taungyas.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Schemes for improvement of forest villages have been drawn up and implemented under the First and Second Five Year Plan Schemes.

(d)—The Divisional Forest Officer can evict any Forest Villager at any time without any order of Law Court, but the aggrieved person can appeal to the Deputy Commissioner of the District concerned against the order of the Divisional Forest Officer. In case of disagreement between the Divisional Forest Officer and the Deputy Commissioner the matter is referred to the Conservator whose decision is final.

(e)—The first part of this question does not arise in view of reply to (d) above. As regards the second part Government cannot agree to create any right over the land in forest villages as this will be detrimental to the interests of the forests.

(f)—There is a scheme under Second Five Year Plan for improvement of Forest villages under which the works are progressing.

(g)—The matter is under consideration.

(h)—There are two categories of work, viz., (1) paid labour, and (2) free labour in the Forest village.

(1) Paid labour.—Any forest villager is to give 20 days paid labour annually at the rate of wages locally current, to the Forest Department for forest plantation in the Reserve Forest.

(2) Free labour.—Any Forest villager who does not pay revenue at full rate and takes free building materials is to give 5 days free labour annually for forest plantation in the Reserve Forest.

(i)—The Forest villagers do not require any permission to hold a social gathering or meeting among themselves but permission is required if outsiders are to join the function within the Reserve Forest.

(j)—No.

(k)—(i) No rent is realised from the forest villagers for home-stead land. (ii) The Forest villagers are to pay land revenue at the rate of annas six per bigha for rupit land except in Nowgong District where the rate is 4 annas per bigha.

(l)—The rate of wages varies from District to District. Daily wage is given to the worker at the rate of wages locally current.

(m)—There is no such proposal.

Regarding establishment of School Boards and the posts of Deputy Inspector of Schools

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

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

(a) What decision has been arrived at regarding the establishment of the following Subdivisional or additional School Board, viz., (i) Kokraihar (ii) two additional Boards in Gauhati, (iii) one in Jorhat and (iv) one in Dibrugarh?

(b) Whether for administrative convenience and efficiency the establishment of these additional School Boards has become necessary?

(c) Whether the posts of Deputy Inspector of Schools for these additional School Boards have been sanctioned?

(d) Whether these sanctioned posts of Deputy Inspector of Schools have been filled up?

(e) Why the School Board have not been established as yet though the posts of Deputy Inspector of Schools have been sanctioned?

- (/) What function has been allotted to these newly appointed Deputy Inspector of Schools without the School Boards for which they were meant to be the Secretaries ?
- (g) What are the Headquarters of these Deputy Inspectors of Schools ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

493. (a) & (b)—This is under examination.

(c)—Yes, four posts have been sanctioned.

(d)—The posts are being filled up shortly.

(e)—As in (a) and (b) above.

(f)—They will be responsible for inspection of Primary, Middle Vernacular, Middle English and Basic Schools. They will be drawing and disbursing officers in respect of all expenditures of Government Schools of the above categories. They will draw and disburse all grants and scholarships awarded by Government to the pupils of the above Schools. As regards schools maintained by the School Boards they will discharge such duties as can be delegated to them under the Basic Education Act.

(g)—Nalbari, Rangia, Kamalabari and Tinsukia.

Shri PROBHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East): Sir, an assurance was given in 1958 in this regard, how many more years will be taken to implement this assurance regarding establishment of these School Boards ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : I have already replied that this matter is under examination.

Shri PROBNAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY : Sir, that the question, that is, to say that the matter is under examination, does not arise now because an assurance to this effect has already been given, my question is, how long will it take the Government to implement that assurance ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS : It is difficult Sir, to give the exact time, the matter is being expedited.

**Regarding representation from the villager of
Pahim Baurbhog Mouza to the Chief Minister**

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

494. Will the Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that during the tour of the Chief Minister to North Kamrup after June 1959 floods at Dhamdham High School in a public meeting the Chief Minister received representative of the villagers of Pachim Baurbhog Mouza regarding their continued suffering

since 1954 due to development of a spill channel from Majusiral to Bharbhari after Pagladya embankments was constructed in the lower reaches ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the grievances were ventilated by three local Members of Legislative Assembly including Shri S. N. Sarma with a request to remove the same either by extending the embankment northward or by removing the embankments in all places ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that the paddy lands and homestead of about nineteen villages are directly affected by the spill channel ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that the Revenue Department provided bamboo spur on Test, Relief basis on a very temporary relief measures

(e) What effective steps the Government propose to take to provide permanent remedial measures there forthwith ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, Public Works Department (Flood Control and Irrigation Wing)] replied :

494. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, some villages are affected by the copious spills entering through the spill channels in the reach between Majusiral and Bharbari during high floods.

(d)—Yes.

(e)—Investigations are being carried out now to decide about the measures that would be most suitable for effectively dealing with the flood problems of the entire basin.

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Report of Enquiry Commission, Jorhat

Shri SARAT Ch. GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

495. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state the findings of the Enquiry Commission set up by the Government to enquire into the Police Firing at Jorhat in connection with the trouble arising out of the alleged pollution of water supply sources of Jorhat town ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

495.—A copy of the report of the Commission of Enquiry is laid on the Library table in Reply to Starred Question No. 130 (b) of the current Budget Session.

The findings of the Commission of Enquiry in brief are:—

1. The original cause of the disturbances was the throwing of the offals in the river. The situation was aggravated because of the rumour which spread in the town that the offals were actually found in the tank and thereafter the news that Safiulla was released by the Police, and finally the disturbances of the 20th had also their root in the news that some of the arrested persons were students.
2. Adequate measures were not taken at the initial stages to prevent the procession becoming violent and it was an error on the part of the authorities not to promulgate order under Section 144 earlier and to declare the Assembly unlawful when they first met the procession near the Circuit House. Adequate measures were not taken to put Police along with the procession. The attitude of the mob near Gara-Ali area was such that the Police was justified in resorting to lathi charge and use tear gas but even then sufficient number of Police force was not employed. The arrests were also not made at proper time. If the Assembly had been declared unlawful persons violating the order could have been immediately arrested. In the totality of the entire circumstances the measures cannot be said to be adequate.
3. There is no evidence to suggest that any particular individual or class of persons had a design in fomenting the disturbance. It does appear however from the evidence that some anti-social elements of the

town took advantage of the situation and spread false rumour to the effect that bones were found actually in the Municipal water-tank and not in the river and that aggravated the public feeling and resulted in the disturbances. It is also not possible to point out any particular individual who was responsible for continuing the disturbance. The occurrence which took place on the 20th June 1959 was due to the throwing of brick-bats by an estimated crowd of about 2 to 3 thousand and it is not possible therefore to fix the liability on any individual.

4. No adequate measures were taken earlier by the authorities to prevent the crowd from becoming violent and the situation becoming worse. If the crowd had been tactfully handled and earlier steps taken to promulgate order under Section 144 the further developments could have been avoided and firing may not have to be resorted to ; (2) at the moment when the firing was ordered the situation had grown serious. There was danger of life and property and therefore the firing order was inevitable and was justified though the authorities cannot be absolved of their responsibility of misjudging, the whole situation and allowing the situation to grow so serious ; (3) The firing was done in a haphazard and disorganised manner. Proper steps were not taken to control the firing. The fact that one of the constables was killed also suggests that the proper procedure was not followed. The authorities appear to have been totally unnerved and no proper supervision of the firing unit was done. The firing was not confined to the Thana premises, and was also done from outside. No clear warning was given to the crowd before opening the fire.

Motor accidents within Dalgaon Police Station area

Md. MATLEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

496. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that a large number of motor accidents are taken place within the Dalgaon Police Station area ?

- (b) If so, how many motor accidents have taken place from January 1957 to December 1959, under the Dalgaon Police Station?
- (c) In how many cases convictions have been made?
- (d) How many death cases were there within the aforesaid period that took place due to motor accident?
- (e) Whether Government are aware that a student of Class X of the Dalgaon Government High School has met with unhappy death very recently due to motor accident?
- (f) If so, when the said accident took place and what is the name of the student who died?
- (g) Whether this motor accident was reported to the Government?
- (h) Whether it is a fact that the motor which was involved in the accident was defective?
- (i) If so, when and by whom the said motor was checked?
- (i) What is the result of such checking?
- (k) Whether the said motor is still running and if so, why it receiving has not been suspended?
- (l) Who is the owner of the said motor?
- (m) Whether there is any motor case lodged against the owner of the car before?
- (n) Whether the checker of the said motor that is the mechanic by whom the said motor was verified is related with the owner of the motor?
- (o) What is the name of the mechanic and where does he leave?
- (p) Whether any *Post-mortem* examination of the student who died in the accident was held?
- (q) If so, by whom the *Post-mortem* examination was made and what is the report of examination?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister)
replied :

496. (a) & (b)—Government are aware of the accidents. Altogether 7 motor accidents occurred from January 1957 to December 1959 under the Dalgaon Police Station.

(c)—Three cases have ended in convictions.

(d)—Six persons died within the period in six different motor accident cases.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—The accident took place on 6th December 1959 and the name of the student was Nur Islam of the Dalgaon Government Aided High School.

(g)—The matter was reported at Dalgaon Police Station on 6th December 1959 at 7-25 P.M. No separate information was received by Government.

(h)—No. The vehicle was not defective.

(i)—The vehicle was checked by one Government approved mechanic on 7th December 1959.

(j)—No defect was found.

(k)—The vehicle is still running. The permit of the vehicle has not been cancelled or suspended as there was no defect in the vehicle.

(l)—Shri Dharendra Kumar Roy of Kharupetia.

(m)—There were two cases against the drivers of the vehicle—one in 1957 and another in 1958. There was no case against the owner.

(n)—No.

(o)—Shri Kamala Kanta Sarma of Mangaldoi.

(p)—Yes.

(q)—*Post-mortem* examination of the deceased student was held by the Assistant Surgeon, Mangaldoi Civil Hospital who found that death was due to shock and haemorrhage from the injuries received.

Settlement of Keyanpatty Market of Nowgong

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked:

497. Will the Minister, L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that there was an appeal with Government against the settlement of Keyanpatty Municipal Market made by the Nowgong Municipality last year (1959-60) on the grounds of non-recording highest bid and not settling with the highest bidder?

(b) If so, what was the decision of Government in this regard?

(c) Who is the lessee of Keyanpatty Market within Nowgong Municipality for the last 5 years?

(d) Whether the Market is settled annually?

(e) Whether the lessee is a resident of the Nowgong Municipality?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the Commissioner of Plains Division was apprised by telegram prior to the settlement of the said Bazar in the present year (1960-61) by some rate payers that the Municipal Chairman gave vent to his desire to settle the abovementioned bazar to the old lessee?

(g) If so, Whether any enquiry was made in this regard as to its truthfulness or otherwise?

(h) With whom the said Bazar has been settled in the present year and at what amount?

(i) Whether Government are aware or have received report to the effect that Chairman, Nowgong Municipality refused to record higher bids given by respectable persons with sound financial positions and rate payers of the Municipality?

(j) Whether it is a fact that immediately after the refusal by the Chairman to record higher bids, the bidders informed the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong about it ?

(k) If so, what steps are being taken by the Deputy Commissioner or Government for such act on the part of the Chairman ?

(l) Whether Government will be pleased to go into the matter ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, L.S.-G.) replied :

497. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The matter is under consideration of Government.

(c)—Shri Satin Sarma ... 1955-56
1956-57
1957-58

Shri Homeswar Sarmah ... 1958-59
1959-60

(d)—Yes.

(e)—The present lessee resides just outside the Municipal boundaries (within 100 yards).

(f)—Yes.

(g)—Yes. A report was called for by the Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner, Nowgong.

(h)—With Shri Homeswar Sarmah at Rs.4,600.00.

(i)—Yes.

(j)—The bidders have submitted written complaints stating that the Chairman refused to record their bid in the bid register.

(k)—A report was called for by the Deputy Commissioner from the Chairman immediately on receipt of the complaints submitted by the bidders.

(l)—Government are examining the matter.

Execution of Kulaguri Bund in Behali Mauza

Shri BISHNULAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked :

498. Will the Minister-in-charge of P.W.D. (E.&D.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Kulaguri Bund in Behali Mouza was proposed to be undertaken by Government under minor irrigation Scheme to irrigate about six thousand acres of cultivable land ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Biswanat Development Block (Stage I) sanctioned a sum of Rs.1,50,000 for the construction of the said Bund ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge of E.&D. visited the Kulaguri River last year and assured the public in a meeting that the work would be started from the next winter ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Additional Chief Engineer, E. & D. directed the Executive Engineer, Tezpur to start the head work of this project immediately in December last ?

(e) Why there is so much delay to start the work ?

(f) Whether Government will expedite the work of construction of the Bund forthwith ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Embankment and Drainage) replied :

498. (a)—No.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes, the Minister-in-charge of Embankment and Drainage visited the Kulaguri river last year when he met the people of the locality and gave them to understand that the work will be taken up as soon as the scheme is sanctioned and funds become available.

(d)—No, the Executive Engineer was instructed to keep arrangements ready for starting work on receipt of administrative approval from Community Project.

(e) & (f)—As decided in the meeting of the Sub-divisional Irrigation Committee, Tezpur held on the 10th October, 1958, this scheme was proposed to be taken up with the fund available from Biswanath Development Block. Accordingly, a scheme estimated to cost Rs.1.57 lakhs was drawn up for construction of the head work and submitted to the Community Projects Department for sanction. In the meantime the Behali Mouza within which the proposed scheme falls has been excluded from the Biswanath Block and the fund that was originally available for execution of this scheme has been diverted for execution of eight irrigation projects within the reorganised Block. In view, however of the pressing demand from the public, it is now proposed to move Government of India for their approval for including the scheme in the Minor Irrigation programme under the Agricultural Sector.

Number of workers including officers cadre-wise in the P. W. D. (R. & B.) Department

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

- (a) What is the total number of P. W. D. workers including officers in the State ? (Information to be supplied category-wise).
- (b) How many of them have completed five years' of service ?
- (c) How many of them have been confirmed ?
- (d) Why the remaining employees who have completed five years' service have not yet been made permanent ?
- (e) Whether Government will be pleased to make them permanent and if so, when ?
- (f) When Government have taken the decision to confirm the services of those employees who have served five years or more ?

Shri G.N. GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P.W.D. (R. & B.) Wing]] replied:

499. (a)—The question is not understood. If the hon'ble Member means that all P. W. D. officers and staff, the required information as it stood on 31st December 1958 is furnished in the statement enclosed.

(b)—This question is also not clear as there is no specific date mentioned in the question as to on what date the officers and workers (staff) have completed five years of service. However, the required information as it stood on 31st December 1958 is furnished in the statement given below—

STATEMENT

I.—Total number of Officers and staff as it stood on 31st December, 1958 under Public Works Department—

Cadre-wise	Number of posts
A. E. S., Class I	46
A. E. S., Class II	134
S. E. S., Class II Gazetted	86
Class III	3,296
Class IV	1,213

II.—Officers employees (Workers) completed Five Years on 31st December, 1958—

A. E. S., Class I	3
A. E. S., Class II	3
Assistant Engineer/Temporary Engineer, S. E. S. Subdivisional Officers.	9
S. D. O. (T. Cs)	7
Class III	733
Class IV	269

III.—Officers employees (Workers) so far confirmed—

A. E. S., Class I	3
Class III	433
Class IV	114

(c)—The required information is furnished in the statement enclosed.

(d)—The remaining employees could not be confirmed due to the absence of their service records which are either lying with Accountant General, Assam or Finance Department for verification of their pay in the revised scale of 1956.

(e)—Yes. As soon as their service records are available from Accountant General, Assam and Finance Department who have been requested to expedite the matter.

In this connection hon'ble Member's attention is drawn to the question No. 725 and replies thereto in the Last Budget Session of the Assembly (1959).

(f)—In April, 1958.

Dearth of qualified Auditors

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari West) asked :

500. Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that very often the Junior and Assistant Auditors are entrusted with independent audit ?

501. Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the reports even when audited are neither promptly sent to authorities concerned nor audit objections are pursued for settlement ?

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Finance Minister) replied:

500. (a)—Due to dearth of qualified Auditors, the experienced Junior and Assistant Auditors are entrusted with independent audit of such small accounts as are not governed by the Assam Local Fund Audit Act.

501. (a)—Due to inadequacy of staff, there was some delay in the past in the issue of the Audit Reports. It is under consideration to increase the sanctioned strength. The settlement of audit objections is taken up at subsequent audit of the account of the institutions.

Registration of Sengelijan Krisi Samabay Samity

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

502. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Societies be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a formal first meeting of the Sengelijan Krisi Samabay Samity was held on 10th February, 1958 and the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Dibrugarh was requested for registration of this Society?
- (b) Whether the Co-operative Department know that an area of about 400 bighas of land were under the occupation of this Co-operative Society and this Society has been functioning since 1952 or earlier without any registration?
- (c) Whether the Co-operative Department is aware that the formal settlement of the land under their occupation was not made by Revenue Department for the reason that the Co-operative Society was not a registered one?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Dibrugarh by his letter No. CADG./31/56/154, dated 22/24th March, 1958 requested the Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia to organise this Co-operative Society?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that a portion of the land under the occupation of the Co-operative Society was reported to have been sold to certain migratory people of the neighbouring district by only two or three persons?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that this transaction was an unauthorised one?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the then Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia did not take action on the letter No. CADG./31/56/154, dated 22/24th March, 1958 issued by the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Society, Dibrugarh?

- (h) Whether it is a fact that the present Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia also followed his predecessor and did not take any action to organise this Co-operative Society during a period of more than one year?
- (i) Whether Government will be pleased to state the number of Kisi (Farming) Co-operative societies that has been organised by the present Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia since his taking over charge there?
- (j) Whether Government will be pleased to state the number of farming Co-operative Societies that has been registered under the jurisdiction of the Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia during the period of the last 3 years?
- (k) Whether Government propose to call for details of the activities of the Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia during the period of last 3 years?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that the members of the Co-operative Society have also been requesting the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Dibrugarh for registration of "Sengelijan Kisi Samabay Samity"?
- (m) Whether it is a fact that the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Dibrugarh by his letter No.CADG.31/56/part/23, dated 29th December, 1959 asked the Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia Circle again to organise this Co-operative?
- (n) Whether Government are aware that as directed by Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Society went to the office of the Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia on 11th January, 1960 when the said Secretary was treated unmannerly?
- (o) How long the Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia took to reply to the Assistant Registrar's letter, dated 29th December, 1959?

- (p) What action the department propose to take for ignoring to take action on letter No.GADG./31/56/154, dated 22nd/24th March, 1958 of the Assistant Registrar, Dibrugarh by the Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operation) replied:

502. (a)—A public meeting was held on 10th February, 1958 but it was not that sort of a formal meeting as required in connection with organisation of a Co-operative Society. A copy of the proceedings was received on 25th February, 1958. But a Society cannot be registered merely on the basis of a copy of a resolution as in this case unless formal requisites, as per provisions of Rules and Act are met.

(b)&(c)—Informations are being collected

(d)—The Deputy Co-operative Officer, Tinsukia was directed to organise the Society provided the Revenue Department allotted land.

(e)—This society not being registered one, its affairs are beyond the knowledge of this Department.

(f)—Same as (e) above.

(g)—The Deputy Co-operative Officer could not organise the Society as according to the existing procedure, the Revenue Authority has, at the first instance, to inform about the availability of land for allotment to Co-operative Society, which was not done in this case.

(h)—Same as (g) above.

(i)—Nil.

(j)—Five.

(k)—On specific points, this may be looked into ?

(l)—A copy of the proceedings of a public meeting was received by the Assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies ?

(m)—Yes, but subject to fulfilment of conditions laid down by the Government for the purpose.

(n)—The alleged un-mannerly treatment has not been reported to the Department. The Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Dibrugarh was also not informed about this alleged incident.

(o)—The reply was received within a month ?

(p)—Question does not arise.

Failure of the National Power Supply Corporation, Dhubri

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

503. Will the Minister-in-charge of Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that the National Power Supply Corporation, Dhubri branch have failed to supply current regularly to the street lamps of Dhubri Municipality ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that since the last week of February, 1960 the streets were dark upto 9 p.m. ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the machineries installed thereon, are not in order, and Government have sanctioned a sum of Rupees three lakhs to the Power Supply Corporation.

(d) Whether Government are aware that money received so far by the Corporation, has not been utilized properly ?

(e) If so, what steps Government have undertaken in this respect ?

Shri K. P. TRIPATHI (Minister, Electricity) replied :

503. (a)—Except for interruption of supply of electricity to street lights which occurred from 26th February to 3rd March, 1960, the Government are not aware of any irregular supply of electricity to the street lights at Dhubri.

(b)—Yes. The street lights were off upto 8-30 p.m. every day from the 26th February to 3rd March, 1960.

(c)—The machinery installed appeared to be in order. One generating set, however went temporarily out of order owing to a minor breakdown during the period referred to in (b) above. A loan of Rs.3 lakhs was sanctioned to M/S. National Power Supply Corporation Ltd., by the Assam Financial Corporation. The Company has, so far, drawn Rs.2,63,645.

(d)—The Company have furnished accounts with relative vouchers for the expenditure incurred to the extent of Rs.2,28,556. Further accounts for the balance of Rs.35,089 is awaited by the Financial Corporation.

(e)—The Assam Financial Corporation will take necessary action for safe-guarding the loan.

Application from flood-affected people to the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur for requisition of the Hilika Grant No.ES.109

Shri MOLIA TATI (Doom-Dooma) asked :

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

(a) Whether the flood-affected people lately applied to the Deputy Commissioner, Lakhimpur for requisition of the Hilika Grant No.ES.109 belonging to Hilika Tea Estate in Hapjan Mauza, Dibrugarh Subdivision ?

(b) Whether any step has been taken to requisition the lands ?

(c) If not, why not ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

504. (a)—It is not a fact.

(b) & (c)—Do not arise.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : Whether records of such applications maintained in the offices of the Deputy Commissioner ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS : Yes Sir, the records are kept in the offices of the Deputy Commissioner for five years and after that the records are destroyed.

Non-deposition of the Labour Bonus to the Trust Boards by Tea Gardens

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

505. Will the Minister-in-charge of Labour be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that a large number of tea gardens have not deposited the 1/3rd savings of the labour bonus to the Trust Boards ?

(b) If so, whether Government will be pleased to give the list of such gardens showing the accounts due from each garden and the year for which it is due?

(c) What step Government have taken to realise these amounts.

Shri K. P. TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) replied:

505. (a) & (b)—A list of gardens from which 1/3rd share of bonus has not been received for the years 1954 and 1956 by the Board of Trustees, Assam Tea Plantations Provident Fund Scheme is placed in the Library Table. Information however is not available if these gardens have at all paid bonus to the workers or not; nor are the accounts available with Government to ascertain if bonus is payable and the amount so payable.

(c)—Under the Bonus Agreement, the parties voluntarily agreed to invest 1/3rd share of 1953 and 1954 bonus in the N.P.S.Cs. No legal action is possible unless any industrial dispute is raised or any instance of criminal misappropriation is pointed out. The matter is however being looked into.

Complaint against the President of Ghoongoor Rural Panchayat

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

506. Will the Minister-in-charge of Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is fact that there are complaints against the President of Ghoongoor Rural Panchayat of Cachar District on the charges of misappropriation of Panchayat Fund?

(b) If so, what steps have been taken against him?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the complainant is a member of the Rural Panchayat?

507. Will the Minister-in-charge, Rural Development be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that contract work for a tank was given to one Shri Chittaranjan Ghose, Vice-President of Arunachal Rural Panchayat, Cachar?

(b) If so, what is the progress of the work?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that payment on bill has been made before completion of the work ?

508. Will the Minister-in-charge, Rural Development be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that complaint has been lodged against the President, Natun Bazar R.P. in the District of Cachar ?

- (b) If so, what are those complaints and what steps have been taken to investigate the complaints ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that the said President diverted Panchayat fund for some other purposes ?

Shri M. N. HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied:

506. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The allegations are being enquired into by proper authority.

- (c)—Yes, the complainant was a member of Ghoon-goor Rural Panchayat.

507. (a)—No.

- (b) & (c)—Do not arise.

508. (a)—No.

- (b)—Does not arise.

- (c)—The matter is under investigation.

Amount sanctioned for restoration of damage caused by flood in Kamrup District

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

509. Will the Minister, Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any amount has been sanctioned for restoration of roads and bridges formerly maintained by Local Boards or Rural Panchayats that were badly damaged by the last flood ?

- (b) What amount has been sanctioned in 1959-60 for Gauhati Subdivision for restoration of flood damaged roads and bridges ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that communication has been badly disrupted in flood-affected areas of Kamalpur, Hajo, Rangia, Nalbari, etc.

(d) Whether it is a fact that in spite of many representations no amount has been sanctioned for repair of works of this village roads and bridges ?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to place funds at the disposal of the Panchayat for these works ?

510. Will the Minister, Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that during the last flood in many areas the sources of water like ponds, ringwells and even tube-wells were badly damaged and the people have been subjected to great inconvenience for scarcity of water ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that no amount has been sanctioned to Subdivisional Development Board for executing these necessary works ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to sanction sufficient funds for restoration of the damaged water sources in the flood affected areas ?

511. (a) Will the Minister, Local Self-Government be pleased to state what amount if any, has been sanctioned to the following bridges damaged by flood—

(i) Bridge on Changsari-Jalah road ;

(ii) Maihati Jan Bridge on Guiva-Palara road ;

(iii) Maihati Jan Bridge on Singira road ;

(iv) Kurijani Bridges on Bargao-Paikanna road ;

(v) Kathalguri Bridge on Garaka-Sutargao road ;

(vi) Namata Bridge on Chepti-Bonmaja road ;

(vii) Katanipara-Bhitarkhola road Bridge on Madankuri ; and

(viii) Maranadi Bridge on Singira-Athogao road.

(b)* Whether several representations were made to the Minister for the restoration of the above bridges?

(c) Whether the Government will be pleased to sanction suitable sums for these big bridges and execute the works through the Panchayats?

Shri F. A. AHMED (Minister, Local Self-Government)
replied:

509. (a)—No, but an amount of Rs.11,04,300 has been sanctioned for 1956 flood.

(b)—A Test Relief grant of Rs.50,000 was placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup for repair of road and bridges, etc., belonging to the Local Boards, Panchayats and C. P. Department.

Another sum of Rs.15,000 was sanctioned for construction of Bartola-Barnibari road in Barkhetri Mauza.

Further, for 1956 flood an amount of Rs.1,25,000 has been sanctioned for Gauhati Subdivision.

(c)—Information being collected by relevant Department.

(d)—*Vide* (c) above.

(e)—The matter will receive consideration on receipt of complete information.

510. (a)—Yes, in some areas of North Kamrup.

(b)—Though no specific grant has been given for the purpose, new tube wells, ringwells, etc., have been provided as far as possible in those affected areas from out of the Local Development Programme and 39.—P.H. grant given for 1959-60.

(c)—The matter will receive consideration.

511. (a)—It is normally not the practice to earmark any grant for any particular bridge.

(b)—Some representations were received.

(c)—The matter will be considered on its merit.

Regarding Bhimdanga-Nakamia Road in Behali Mouza

Shri BISHNU LAL UPADHYAYA (Gohpur) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Bhimdanga-Nakamia (Local Board) Road in Behali Mouza was included in the list of new roads to be taken over by Government?

(b) Whether Government are aware that there is now heavy traffic on this road?

(c) Whether it is a fact that it is only 10 furlongs in length being connected by P. W. D. roads on three sides?

(d) Whether Government are aware that the vehicles of 12 tea gardens and the local people cannot ply their vehicles on it specially in rainy season?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the local P. W. D. Staff were asked to submit the estimate of actual cost of taking over this road and they submitted the estimate to Government which did not go beyond Rs.4,000?

(f) Whether Government will be pleased to remove the difficulty by providing the amount from any savings or otherwise?

Shri G. N. GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P.W.D. (Roads and Buildings Wing)] replied:

512. (a)—No.

(b)—May be, but Government have no definite statistics.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—May be, but Government have not received any such complaint so long.

(e)—Yes.

(f)—This cannot be guaranteed, it will be examined.

Sanctioning of Grant to Banderkhati, Dirak, Panikhowa and Pengeri M. E. Schools of Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that Banderkhati M. E. School was established about 10 years back in Hapjan Mauza (Dibrugarh) and there is no other such school within a radius of about 8 miles ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the school is situated in a backward area and good results has been shown by the school since the last few years ?

(c) What were the difficulties of the Government in sanctioning recurring aid to this institution so long ?

(d) Whether Government propose to sanction recurring aid to this institution with immediate effect ?

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that the Dirak Middle English School was established in Saikhowa Mauza (Dibrugarh) a few years back and that there is no such school within a radius of about 8 miles ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the School is situated in a backward area ?

(c) Whether it is a fact at that the School had been moving the authorities to sanction recurring aid ?

(d) Whether Government propose to sanction recurring aid to this School with immediate effect from this year ?

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that Panikhowa Middle English School was established in Tingrai Mauza (Doom Dooma) ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the School is situated in backward villages and there is no other such school within a radius of about 7 miles ?

(c) What amount of recurring or non-recurring aid has so far been granted to this School ?

(d) Whether Government proposed to help this institution by sanctioning non-recurring aid and recurring aid as early as possible ?

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that there is a Middle English School at Pengeri in Buridihing Mauza (Dibrugarh) and there is no other such school within a radius of about 10 miles ?

(b) Whether any Government aid has yet been sanctioned to this institutions ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

513. (a)—Banderkhati M. E. School was established in 1953. There is no other such school with a radius of 5 miles.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Requisite conditions are not fulfilled.

(d) - Yes, when conditions are fulfilled.

514. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Yes, when conditions are fulfilled.

515. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Rupees 1,000 (Rupees one thousand) only as non-recurring grant.

(d)—Yes, when necessary conditions are fulfilled.

516. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Non-recurring grant of Rs.2,650 (Rupees two thousand six hundred and fifty) only from different sources received by the school.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): Sir; In reply to both Questions 513 and 514 it is stated here in (d) that, 'Yes, when conditions are fulfilled', may I know what are those conditions?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education): The conditions are that, there must be a building, the number of students should be 70 and that the teachers are qualified.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: Whether Government will sanction *ad-hoc* grants so that qualified teacher may be appointed?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS: If the School is recognised, it will be considered in the current year.

Acquisition of land in the district of Goalpara

Shri PRAKRITISH CHANDRA BARUA (Gauripur) asked:

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

(a) How many bighas of land in the district of Goalpara have been acquired up till now by Government under Zamindari Acquisition Act?

(b) How many persons (Zamindar/Jotedar/Raiyats) became out of employment by such acquisition?

(c) What step has been taken by Government to rehabilitate those persons?

(d) How many bighas of such acquired land have been settled with the landless persons?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied :

517. (a)—Approximately 57,04,552 bighas of land.

(b)—No one has become out of employment on acquisition as *ex*-proprietors and *ex*-tenure holders get compensations and actual cultivators are not affected.

(c)—The matter will be considered when concrete proposals are received from the proprietors/tenure holders who are reported to have formed a Committee.

(d)—65,730 bighas approximately.

Construction of the common kitchen of the Chalttang Basic Training School

Shri C. CHHUNGA [Lungleh (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

518. Will the Minister, T. A. D. be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the grant of Rs.1,689 for the construction of the common kitchen of the Chalttang Basic Training School was drawn from the Aijal Treasury by the Principal of the said Basic Training School in the name of a particular contractor by the name of Selkunga ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the said contractor is at the same time a Carpentry Instructor in the said Institution ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the said Selkunga never received anything from the mentioned grant that was drawn in his name from the Aijal Treasury ?

(d) Whether the matter has been enquired into and what action has been taken by the Government ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, T.A.D.) replied :

518. (a)—Yes, but Shri Selkunga, Carpentry Instructor of the Basic Training Centre, Aijal, was not engaged as a contractor. Through him the supply of local materials required for the building was arranged at a total cost of Rs.877. The Principal purchased $7\frac{1}{2}$ bundles of C. I. Sheets at a total cost of Rs.812-15-9 (Rs.812.99 nP), and the building was constructed by Shri Selkunga without any extra remuneration.

(b) & (c)—The actual facts are given in reply to (a) above.

(d)—Yes, the work was taken up departmentally with the prior sanction of the Director of Public Instruction, Assam. But in according sanction, the Director of Public

Instruction was not aware that the building would be constructed by the Principal with the help of the Carpentry Instructor. On enquiry it has been found that the work being of petty nature and an urgent one, the Principal thought it expedient to get it done through the Carpentry Instructor. Director Public Instruction has since warned the Principal that in future she should follow the normal procedure for departmental construction.

Discontinuation of dearness allowance to School Board M. V. teachers

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the School Board M. V. teachers used to get dearness allowance under School Boards upto September 1956 and then the dearness allowance was discontinued though they were entitled to it according to the directions of the Pay Committee ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the teachers of M. V. School were granted dearness allowance at Rs.5 per mensem with effect from April, 1957 along with the teachers of L. P. Schools and thus the teachers of School Board M. V. School were denied of their dearness allowance for six months from October, 1956 to March 1957 ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to pay their due D. A. and sanction the necessary sums for the purpose ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

519. (a)—The teachers of M. V. Schools who were transferred from Local Bodies to School Boards were receiving D. A. at different rates as sanctioned by the Local Bodies under the School Boards also upto September 1956. In the revised pay scales for them D. A. was not allowed. The fixation of their pay could not be finalised for some difficulties. A deputation of M. V. School teachers waited upon Minister

Education and after discussion order was issued to pay D. A. as before pending the question of pay of M. V. School teachers is settled. Majority of the School Boards have paid accordingly. Reports are being called for and if any School Board has not paid necessary action will be taken for payment.

(b)—Dearness allowance of Rs.5 per mensem was granted from 1st April 1957 along with L. P. teachers. The M. V. School teachers were not denied the D. A. of Rs.5 for six months as this D. A. was only sanctioned both for L. P. & M. V. School teachers with effect from 1st April 1957.

(c)—Does not arise.

Immediate opening of a Leper asylum in Maibong

Shri H. M. HAPLANGBAR [North Cachar Hills (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

520. Will the Minister-in-charge of Medical be pleased to state—

(a) When the buildings of Maibong Leper asylum was completed ?

(b) Why it has not been opened up till now ?

(c) When it will be opened ?

(d) Whether Government are aware that due to delay in opening the same for unlimited time the leper patients are undergoing a great hardship and proper treatment is not made available to them ?

(e) Whether Government are aware that this contributes a great deal towards the increase of leprosy patients ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, T.A.D.) replied:

520. (a)—The permanent buildings for the Maibong Leper colony were completed in 1957.

(b)—The colony has not yet been opened for want of water supply for which a scheme at an estimated cost of Rs.48,087 was sanctioned in August, 1959.

(c)—It will be opened as soon as the water supply scheme is completed.

(d) & (e)—Yes, Government are taking all possible steps to expedite opening the colony.

Regarding the Chairman, Tihu Marketing Society

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

521. Will the Minister, Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Tihu Marketing Society without having any consultation with the Managing Committee has engaged some dealers who were dealing with paddy business to purchase paddy from the growers on behalf of the society and financed them ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the dealers appointed by the Chairman, Tihu Marketing Society have submitted false bills for transporting paddy and they were paid accordingly ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire how far it is a fact that the Apex Marketing Inspector of Tihu is a nephew of Chairman, Tihu Marketing Society ?

(d) Whether Government will be pleased to enquire as to how far it is a fact that the Chairman, Inspector, Apex Marketing Society at Tihu and the dealers are all earning income from the Marketing Society at the cost of the growers and the Marketing Society at Tihu ?

(e) Whether the Chairman, Tihu Marketing Society has violated any Service Conduct Rule thereby ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operative) replied :

521. (a)—The Chairman, Tihu Marketing Society engaged some paddy dealers upto 31st December, 1960 as employee of the Society on commission basis for purchasing paddy at the initial stage when there was heavy rush. But, this being objected to by the Committee as well as the Department, the individual Sub-agents have since been discontinued.

(b)—This question was discussed in the Committee meeting and the Chairman of the Society reported that he was

not aware of any such bills and payment thereto. No specific instances of such bills and their payment have been brought to the notice of either the Committee, or the Department.

(c)—Yes, the Apex Marketing Inspector, Tihu, is a nephew of the Chairman of Tihu Marketing Society.

(d)—Since there is no dealer working in any capacity with the Society now the question of earning income by them does not arise. Earning of any income by the Chairman and the Apex Marketing Inspector, Tihu at the cost of the Society and the growers is a question which is difficult to be established in absence of specific facts. No such instance has been reported. However, further enquiry is being made to find out facts, if any.

(e)—The Chairman is an office bearer of the Society and not an employee. No Service Conduct Rules is generally imposed on the office bearers of a Society and hence the Chairman of the Tihu Marketing Society is also not subject to any Service Conduct Rules.

Formation of an Advisory Board by the Chairman, Tihu Marketing Society

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

522. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operation be pleased to enquire and state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Chairman, Tihu Marketing Co-operative Society constituted an Advisory Board with the Millers and the paddy dealers?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Assistant Co-operative Officer raised objections regarding the formation of the Advisory Board and the out-right purchase of paddy?

(c) If so, why the Chairman violated the rule and bye-law of the society and what action has been taken against him?

- (d) Whether it is a fact that his period of Chairmanship has since terminated and that he does not like to call the general meeting for formation of new Managing Committee ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Minister-in-charge lately visited the Tihu Marketing Society ?
- (f) If so, whether the public or any member of the Marketing Society raised any objection against the activities of the Chairman, Tihu Marketing Societies ?
- (g) If so, what are these objections and what action has been taken against the Chairman ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

522. (a)—It is a fact that the Managing Committee of the Tihu Marketing Society, Ltd., constituted a Business Advisory Committee in the pre-procurement period, i. e., in February, 1959, but it did not function.

(b)—The then Assistant Co-operative Officer, Tihu Marketing Society, Ltd., objected to it and the outright purchase was objected to by the Department.

(c)—There should be no bar in having a Business Advisory Committee under the Board of management. The Chairman was however instructed to dismember all businessmen from the Society.

(d)—The period of Chairmanship is not yet over. The next annual general meeting will be held as soon as the audit for the year 1958-59 is completed which is under completion.

(e), (f) & (g)—Minister-in-charge, Supply and Co-operative visited Tihu Marketing Society on 13th February, 1960 and discussed procurement matters. The question of appointment of individuals as sub-agents and issue of movement permit from Masalpur was discussed and the Minister ordered discontinuance of individual sub-agent and issue of movement permit. This has been discontinued accordingly.

**Regarding Tangla Marketing Co-operative Society at
Assam Apex Marketing Society**

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) asked :

523. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that Tangla Marketing Co-operative Society purchased some paddy on 1st January, 1960 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Apex Marketing Co-operative Society, Gauhati was instructed to give delivery of paddy on 2nd January, 1960 ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that an usual practice of bagging of 1 md. 30 srs. of paddy in one bag is in practice since time immemorial ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that the Tangla Marketing Co-operative Society bagged the paddy accordingly ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that some officials visited Tangla sometime in the first week of January, 1960 after 2nd January, 1960 ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the authority of Apex Marketing Co-operative Society, asked the Secretary of Tangla Marketing Co-operative Society Ltd., for rebagging the paddy at the rate of 1 md. 35 srs. in a bag ?

(g) Whether it is a fact that the Tangla Marketing Society has demanded compensation for the losses thus sustained for being borne by the Apex Marketing Co-operative Society for their own faults ?

- (h) Whether the payment in respect of such losses has been made ?

524. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a representative of the Assam Apex Marketing Co-operative Society along with representative of the Supply Department visited Udalguri Marketing Co-operative Society on 5th January, 1960 ?

- (b) Whether it is a fact that the Society personnel explained about the financial stringencies facing them immediately on the following day which was a local Market day ?

- (c) Whether it is a fact that Apex Marketing Co-operative Society's authority there on that day assured them of a sum of Rs.25,000 to be made available on the following day and that they failed to keep their promise ?

- (d) Whether it is a fact that as a result of their failure to keep their promise, the local officer of the Co-operative had to face the fury of Mob ?

- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Udalguri Marketing Co-operative Society failed to complete its target of supply of paddy for January, 1960 ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister-in-charge of Co-operative) replied :

523. (a)—Yes. Purchased 2,800 mds. of paddy at 8.79 nP. per maund on that day, (local hat-day).

(b)—Yes. The Branch Manager, Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Ltd., Mangaldoi, instructed verbally.

(c)—No. The usual practice is to bag 1 md. 35 srs.

(d)—Yes. According to verbal instruction of the Branch Manager, Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Ltd., Mangaldoi, the gunny bags were filled with paddy at 1 md. 30 srs. (net) in each bag.

(e)—Yes. The Branch Manager, Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Ltd., Mangaldoi, with the Deputy Co-operative Officer, Mangaldoi and the Branch Manager, Apex Bank Branch, Mangaldoi visited Tangla Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., sometime in the first week of January, 1960 after 2nd January, 1960.

(f)—Yes. The Tangla Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., had to rebag the entire quantity of paddy purchased on 1st January, 1960 according to written instruction of the Branch Manager, Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Ltd., Mangaldoi, *vide* his letter AMSM/PP/59-60/12/93/101, dated 2nd January, 1960 received on 5th January, 1960.

(g)—The Branch Manager, Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Ltd., Mangaldoi was requested verbally to compensate for the loss incurred by the Society for rebagging and the Branch Manager assured consideration after sometime. No claim for compensation has been preferred in writing.

(h)—No compensation has yet been paid for rebagging to the Tangla Co-operative Marketing Society Ltd., by the Apex Marketing, Mangaldoi.

524. (a)—Yes, the Secretary of the Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Ltd., Gauhati and the Deputy Director of Supply and the Deputy Director of Supply, Gauhati visited Udalguri, Byabasai Samabay Samity Ltd., on 5th January, 1960.

(b)—Yes. In addition, the Secretary of Udalguri, Byabasai Samabay Samity Ltd., met the Branch Manager, Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Ltd., Mangaldai, on 5th January 1960 and explained the situation that might arise on 6th January, 1960 if sufficient advance was not given, but the Branch Manager supplied him with Rs.3,000 only and assured him to reach Udalguri positively following day with Rs.25,000 before 8 A.M.

(c)—Yes. Both the Secretary, Apex Marketing Society Ltd., Gauhati and the Branch Manager, Assam Co-operative Apex Marketing Society Ltd., Mangaldoi could not keep their promise.

(d)—Yes, particularly the Deputy Co-operative Officer cum-Secretary of the Udalguri, Byabasai Samabay Samity Ltd., and the Supply Inspector of Udalguri.

(e)—The target was not known to the Society. However, it supplied 22,921 mds. of paddy to the Government during the month.

Closure of Nakhanda R. C. C. bridge

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

525. Will the Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.) be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that both men and vehicular traffic had been closed over through the Nakhanda R. C. C. bridge near Barpeta town ?

(b) How many years have elapsed since its completion ?

(c) Whether Government are aware that some portion of that bridge has cracked and sunk ?

(d) If so, how ?

(e) What will be approximate amount necessary for repairing the bridge ?

(g) Whether the authority concerned had thoroughly examine the plan before construction work had started ?

- (h) Whether Government think that this mishap is due to negligence and lack of proper plan and supervision of the authority concerned ?
- (i) Whether Government are aware that public have been suffering a great deal for the damage of this bridge ?
- (j) What are the reasons for such breakdown of a so recently constructed R. C. C. bridge ?
- (k) Whether Government has any proposal in the Third Five Year Plan for constructing any new double way well founded R. C. C. bridge near the original one which has given way ?

Shri G. N. GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P. W. D. (R. and B.)] replied :

525. (a)—Only vehicular traffic was closed over the bridge during period the bridge was under repair. Crossing of vehicles and pedestrians was however maintained by provision of marboat, the latter were also allowed to cross over the bridge.

(b)—Completed about 2 and half years back.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—Due to excessive earth pressure and scouring of the bed of the river on account of sudden accumulation of water hyacinth during the last high flood.

(e)—The approximate amount is Rs.30,400 for protection work.

(g)—Yes.

(h)—No.

(i)—The bridge was closed only from 18th February, 1960 to 23rd February 1960, *i. e.*, only for five days during which period alternative arrangement was made by providing marboat.

(j)—As at (d) above.

(k)—Does not arise.

Regarding North Gauhati Mandakata Road

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

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

- (a) Whether information have been received as was replied to be being collected in reply to Unstarred Question No. 262 asked by the questioner on 18th December, 1959 ?
- (b) When the North Gauhati Mandakata Road taken over by the P. W. D. from Local Board for improvement and maintenance ?
- (c) When the work for improvement was started ?
- (d) What amount was estimated for the construction of the road and what amount was allotted for the purpose ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the road which was motorable at the time of taking over from the Local Board has been rendered unpassable even for pedestrian not to speak of any vehicular traffic in the portion beyond Rangpahal upto Mandakata Barnadi Tea Estate ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that witnesses of earth work have not been removed for the last three years and thus the road has been rendered extremely narrow ?
- (g) Whether it is a fact that the stones which were unearthed during the earth work have not been removed from the road side and thus the road has been kept blocked for the last three years ?

- (h) Whether it is a fact all the bridges between Fullong and Mandakata and between Kandakata and Bezera have been rendered unsafe or non-existent during these years of P. W. D. maintenance ?
- (i) What amount was allotted for construction of this portion of the road for the year 1958-59 and what amount has been allotted for the year 1959-60 ?
- (j) What amount was spent in the construction of the temporary bridges put up in the year 1959-60 ?
- (k) Whether it is a fact that the bridges and other minor repairs of the road were done departmentally by gang coolies and all the materials, such as bamboos and branches of trees were supplied free by the Manager, Barnadi Tea Estate ?
- (l) Whether it is a fact that the temporary bridges have already been rendered unpassable ?
- (m) When the road is expected to be completed ?
- (n) Whether Government will be pleased to take steps to complete the road and open for vehicular traffic in the current year ?
- (o) Whether the Minister is aware that this is the only means of communication for this interior area and due to the blockade of the road, the people have suffered terribly during these years ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI (Deputy Minister, P.W.D (R. and B.)) replied :

526 (a)—Yes.

(b)—The portion of road from miles 8 to 10 was taken over by Public Works Department in February, 1957. Portion of road from mile 1 to 7 was under Public Works Department.

(c)—In February, 1957.

(d)—Amount was estimated for Rs. 41,000 full amount had been allotted and spent upto the year 1957-58.

(e)—It is not a fact.

(f)—Yes, but it is not extremely narrow.

(g)—No. It is not a fact.

(h)—No, it is not a fact. These bridges though of temporary nature, are quite fit for light vehicular traffic.

(i)—The allotment for 1958-59 was Rs.5,000 but as the amount was in excess over the estimate this was not spent. The allotment for the year 1959-60 is nil, as there is no balance against this estimate.

(j)—An amount of Rs. 1,414 only was spent.

(k)—Yes. The work was done by Departmental labourers. Materials such as bamboos, bolts, strings, nails, etc. were purchased by Department jungle wood were collected from jungle by Departmental labourer after obtaining a free permit from the Manager.

(l)—No. It is it not a fact. Only some railings have been stolen by the miscreants. But these have since been repaired departmentally.

(m)—As soon as further works are completed on availability of funds.

(n)—The road has already been made jeepable. Further, road with bridges will be improved under 27 lakhs Petrol Tax project at Rs.17,000. Further amount of Rs.25,000 has been provided under 32 lakhs Petrol Tax Programme submitted to Government of India.

(o)—Yes, but the road was never blocked.

Non-payment of remuneration to the boatmen under Gauhati Local Board

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

527. Will the Minister, L. S.-G. be pleased to state—

(a) What report has been received from Deputy Commissioner, Kamrup regarding non-payment of remuneration of the boatmen who were employed by the Local Board in some ghats under the Gauhati Local Board as was stated in reply to Unstarred Question No. 212 asked by the Questioner in the last Session of the Assembly on 17th December 1959.

(b) Whether the Local Board has paid the boatmen as the Deputy Commissioner was directed to ask the Local Board to make payment as stated in reply to the said question ?

(c) Whether Government will be pleased to direct the Deputy Commissioner Kamrup to make immediate payment from the Local Board Fund placed at his disposal after the abolition of the Local Board ?

Shri M. N. HAZARIKA (Minister, Rural Development) replied :

527. (a)—The Gauhati Local Board made payment to boatmen upto 30th June 1957. The management and control of the free ghats falling within the Rural Panchayat areas were transferred by the Gauhati Local Board from 1st July 1957 to respective Rural Panchayat authorities. Steps have been taken by the Deputy Commissioner to assess the claims of boatmen if any, after 30th June 1957 and to make payment of arrear dues to them by realisation from assets of the Local Bodies concerned.

(b)—The Board made payment to boatmen upto 30th June 1957 only.

(c)—Since steps have been taken to make payment of arrear dues to boatmen if any after 30th June 1957 by realisation from the assets of the Local Bodies concerned it is expected that all outstanding cases will be settled soon.

Allotment of 1,000 tons of Sugar to Produce Exchange Corporation, Gauhati

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati)
asked :

528. Will the Minister of Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that the State Government allotted a special quota of 1,000 tons of sugar to Produce Exchange Corporation, Gauhati in September last ?
- (b) If so, what are the reasons for allotting such a huge quantity to a particular firm in preference to the *bonafide* Assam Traders ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that they have made an unusual profit out of this quota ?
- (d) Whether it is a fact that in connection with the above quota, the Minister, Supply visited the Head Office of the Firm in Calcutta on his way to Delhi and a representative of the firm accompanied the Supply Minister to Delhi to persuade the Central Government to release the quota only from those sugar Mills owned by the sister concerns of the above firm ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the Supply Minister took special interest at Delhi in the matter of getting this allotment ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

528. (a) & (b)—The attention of the hon'ble Member is drawn to the statement made in the Assembly on 19th September 1959 by the Supply Minister.

(c)—No.

(d)—No, baseless statements.

(e)—No.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA : Whether it is a fact that this produce Exchange Corporation charge for 2 mds 11 srs in a bag whereas they take from the Mill at the rate of 2 mds 10 srs, or in other words they charge one seer extra for the bag?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : I have no information Sir,

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) : Will the Government make an enquiry into this?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : Yes, enquiry will be made.

Supply of Gunny Bags by M/S. Produce Exchange Corporation

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYA (Gauhati)
asked :

529. Will the Minister, Supply be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is fact that M/S. Produce Exchange Corporation has been given the monopoly supply of gunny bags to Government at Silchar at abnormal rates ?
- (b) If so, what are those rates per hundred bags ?
- (c) Whether any tender was called for ?
- (d) If not, why not ?
- (e) If the reply to question (c) is in the affirmative, whether Government will be pleased to state who are the other tenderers, and what were their rates ?
- (f) If the answer to (c) above is in the negative how firm came to know about Government requirement and on what basis the contract was given to them ?
- (g) Whether the Minister, Supply be pleased to place the relevant file on the Library Table for perusal by hon. Members ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) replied :

529. (a)—No.

(b), (c), (d), (e) & (f)—In the month of February, 1960 the airlift of rice to Mizo Hills was being interrupted for want of gunny bags because the contractor appointed by the Deputy Commissioner, Mizo Hills failed to procure sufficient quantity of gunny bags from Calcutta due to transport difficulty. Therefore, immediate supply of gunnies at Silchar for the purpose was considered to be a case of extreme and pressing urgency. As such there was no question of calling for tenders, it being necessary to proceed on an emergency basis and ask Produce Exchange Corporation Ltd., who had ready stocks of gunnies at Gauhati, to deliver at Silchar 410 bales of gunnies, at Rs.130 per hundred bags D/W quality. Produce Exchange Corporation Ltd., accordingly supplied 410 bales.

(g)—No.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) : In connection with (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) will the Government make an enquiry what was the actual price at the time when these bags were purchased at Rs. 130 per hundred?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply) : According to the information given to us the price prevailing at Gauhati then was Rs.130 per hundred, so no enquiry is necessary.

Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery) : Whether Government does not consider this price to be high ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : The price might be high but it was the market price ; even if it was high, under the circumstances it is said, there was no other alternative but to make local purchase at that price.

Shri HIRILAL PATWARY : Are Government aware that the agent of Katiahar Jute Mill was also available at Gauhati who is taking order for supplying gunny bags and that he is available immediately ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY : I have no information, Sir.

Availability of edible wild rooty vegetables in the forests of Assam

Dr. GHANASHYAM DAS [North Salmara (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked :

530. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government are aware that edible wild rooty vegetables are available in the forests of Assam and people take these when they face scarcity of food ?
- (b) Whether Government will be pleased to arrange for the research of such vegetables regarding its nutritive value ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied :

530. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

Waste cultivable land in the Kaklabori Mauza of Barpeta Subdivision

Shri BIRENDRA KUMAR DAS [Patacharkuchi (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked :

531. Will the Minister-in-charge of Public Works Department (E. & D.) be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether it is a fact that Pata-Noon-Khaitijan in the Kaklabori Mauza of Barpeta Subdivision has wasted cultivable land ?
- (b) Whether it is a fact that the public gave representation to construct embankment to protect the crops from the erosion of Pata-Noon-Khaitijan ?

(c) If so, what measures have been taken by Government for protection of the crops ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY [Minister, P. W. D. (Flood Control & Irrigation Wing)] replied :

5.1. (a)—Information called for from the Deputy Commissioner is awaited.

(b)—No.

(c)—Does not arise.

Regarding vacancies of Compounders and Rural Health Assistant in the year 1959-60

Shri DHIRSINGH DEWRI [Lahaighat (Reserved for Scheduled Tribes)] asked:

532. Will the Minister, Medical be pleased to stated—

- (a) How many post of compounders were lying vacant during the year 1959-60 ?
- (b) How many of them were appointed from the Scheduled Tribes ?
- (c) Whether there is any applicant from the Scheduled Tribes for the said posts ?
- (d) How many posts of Rural Health Assistants were filled up during the year 1959-60 ?
- (e) How many of them belong to the Scheduled Tribe ?

Shri RUPNATH BRAHMA (Minister, Medical) replied:

532. (a)—22.

(b)—The vacancies have not yet been filled.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—11.

(e)—4.

Registration of the Kamandanga Credit Co-operative Society

Shri MATHAIAS TUDU (Gossaigaon) asked:

533. Will the Minister-in-charge of Co-operative Department be pleased to stated—

(a) When was the Kamandanga Credit Co-operative Society registered ?

(b) What amount of money has been sanctioned to this Credit Society since its registration ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Co-operation) replied :

533. (a)—The Kamandanga Co-operative Credit Society was registered on 6th March, 1959:

(b)—No loans has been sanctioned.

Disparity in price of match manufactured by the Assam Match Company, Dhubri

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked:

534. Will the Minister-in-charge of Industries be pleased to state—

(a) Whether Government are aware that on the back of the match box containing 40 sticks, manufactured by the Assam Match Company, Dhubri the price is written a 0.4 naiya paise but sold in the market at 0s6 Naiya Paise ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that there is no parity in between the price sold and price written on the back of the 60 sticks match box ?

(c) Whether the State Government have any over the fixation of prices of match botynu-are factured by this company ?

(d) If so, what are the the reasons for thicol troidisp in price ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister Supply) replied:

534. (a) & (b)—Information is being ncoxs mcted.

(c)—No.

(d)—Does not arise.

Rehabilitation Loans to the Embankment affected people

Shri PRABHAT NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-East) asked :

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

(a) Whether all embankment affected people deserving rehabilitation loans havebeen given rehabilita-tion loans ?

(b) Whether at village Hublakha, Mauza Ramdia, Md. Mamat Ali, Md. Ashman Ali, Md. Godham Seikh Md. Abul Seikh have been regarded as flood affected people and paid compensation ?

(c) Whether Government have ately received complaint th,at there are many cases which were not genuine and the money have been misused for fault of local Officers ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Minister, Revenue) replied:

535. (a)—Majority of the embankment affected people who have arranged land for rehabilitation and shifted there have been given rehabilitation loans. Some applications for such loans are under verification and on receipt of verification reports, necessary steps will be taken to sanction loans to deserving persons.

(b)—It is not a fact. No compensation is piad to people affected by flood.

(c)—No such complaint has been received by Government.

Shri PROBhat NARAYAN CHOUDHURY (Nalbari-West): Sir, the embankment was constructed in 1954 but the Minister in his reply said that, some applications for such loans are under verification etc., how long or how many more years will it take to complete the verification ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS: The difficulty is that the same person-field different peitions at different times, some waited for three months or so and when filed a fresh petition. Therefore, close verification is necessary.

Shri PROBhat NARAYAN CHOUDHURY: Are Government aware that there are applications pending for six years ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS: No Sir, most of those petitions were disposed of. Those petitions which are supposed to have been pending for six years might have been reject-I have no definite information though but they must have been disposed of long ago.

Representations from the public for proper maintenance of the Fakirganj-Mankachar Public Works Department Road

Maulavi KOBAD HUSSAIN AHMED (Mankachar) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government are aware of the deplorable condition of Fakirganj-Mankachar Public Works Department Road specially of the portion between Hallidayganj and Mankachar ?

(b) Whether Government have received from time to time, representations from the public for proper maintenance of this important border road ?

(c) Whether Government propose to take up reconstruction of this road which is the only communication link of the South Bank of Dhubri Subdivision ?

(d) If so, when ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

536. (a)—The road is a fair-weather one and is inundated every year by the floods. This cannot be maintained better until it is made a road-cum-bund.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—The portion from Fakirganj to South Salmara has already been handed over to Flood Control and Irrigation Wing for improvement into a road-cum-bund. The question of improvement of the other portion of the road is also under consideration.

Completion of the survey work and alignment of the Kaloo Bridge near Mankachar

Maulavi KOBAD HUSSAIN AHMED (Mankachar) asked :

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

(a) Whether the survey work and alignment of the Kaloo Bridge near Mankachar have been completed ?

(b) If so whether construction of Bridge will be taken up immediately.

(c) If not, what is the position of the said project ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI [Deputy Minister, Public Works Department (Roads and Buildings)] replied :

537. (a)—Yes.

(b) & (c)—No. Construction of a bridge over the Kaloo is not considered feasible until a bund is constructed from Mankachar to Hallidayganj.

Regarding the road running from Guijan to Laika in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa): asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that there is a fair-weather road from Guijan to Laika in Dibrugarh Sub-division ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that this is the only road connecting ferry Service ghat of Murkongsellek Transferred Area ?

(c) Whether Government is aware that there is a public demands to make this road all weather ?

(d) What action Government is taking to make it an all weather road ?

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

538. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—After the last 1950 earthquake the area used to go under water varying in depth from 6' to 16'. The position is gradually improving. Subject to feasibility of its construction and availability of funds the proposal will be taken up.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: উপমন্ত্রীয়ে এইটো কথা জানেন যে যোৱা বৰ ভূমিকম্পৰ পিচত সেই ঠাই প্ৰায় ১০-১২ মাইল বহিৰ্গল বাৰ ফলত মৰকংচেলেক transferred area ৰ লগত ডিব্ৰুগড়ৰ বাকী অংশৰ যোগাযোগৰ বৰ অসুবিধা হৈছে ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: বৰ্তমান সেই খবৰ নাই ।

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: এতিয়া সেই ঠাইত All weather বাস্তা কৰিব পৰা হৈছে সেই কথা পৰীক্ষা কৰি চাবনে ?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI: সেইটো পৰীক্ষা কৰি চোৱা হব ।

**Compensation for acquisition the land for the
Sorbhog P.W.D. Rest House**

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked:

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

(a) When the lands for the Sorbhog P.W.D. rest house were acquired and taken possession of by the Department?

(b) Why compensation for acquiring the land have not yet been given?

(c) What is the total amount of compensation?

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

539. (a)—The possession was taken sometime in 1957 with the written consent of the owner.

(b)—The delay in payment of compensation is due to the formalities required to be observed for land acquisition.

(c)—Assessment of compensation is still awaited from the Revenue Department.

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR : Sir, with regard to (c) it is said that assessment of compensation is still awaited from the Revenue Department, may I know, how long will the Revenue Department take to assess this compensation as it is pending since 1959?

Shri GIRINDRA NATH GOGOI : I am trying to dispose of the matter very soon so that the owner may be paid compensation.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Question Hour is over.

**Rehabilitation of flood and erosion affected families
in Barpeta Subdivision**

Shri MAHADEB DAS [Barpeta (Reserved for Scheduled Castes)] asked:

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

(a) The number of families uprooted by erosion and flood of the Brahmaputra and flood in "Tarabari Hat" in Barpeta Subdivision?

(b) How many of them have since been rehabilitated and how many of them are awaiting rehabilitation?

(c) Whether Government propose to rehabilitate the rest?

(d) If so, how and when?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

540. (a)—Three thousand and ninety-four families in all were affected by the erosion and flood in the Barpeta Sub-division of which 234 families are from Tarabari hat area.

(b) & (c)—Eight-hundred and thirty-two families have since been rehabilitated at different places out of which 332 families were allotted land elsewhere, 70 families have rehabilitated elsewhere by their own efforts, 213 families have been allotted land at the dereserved portion of Jaljali P.G.R. in Chaygaon circle and 217 families have been allotted land at Bahari V.G.R. For rehabilitation of the rest, another list for allotment of land in Bahari V.G.R. is under preparation and steps have also be taken to allot them land elsewhere for which survey has been undertaken by special staff.

(d)—This will be done as early as possible in the manner stated in (b) and (c) above.

Settlement of families in reserved or Khas land in Assam

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked :

541. Will the Revenue Minister be pleased to state how much reserved or khas land in Assam are so far opened for the cultivators and how many people are settled with these lands after his declaration of October, 1959 in this regard ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied :

541.—I did not make any declaration in October, 1959. But since October, 1959 an area of 28,602B 4K 12L of reserved land has been thrown open and settled with 2,155 families, while 29,977B 3K 7L of waste land has been settled with 6,285 families individually and 2,910B 7K of waste land has been settled with 8 Co-operative Farming Societies.

Non-Settlement of lands at Bolabhittha

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) When there will be settlement of lands at Bolabhittha ?

(b) Since when the issue is pending before the Land Settlement Advisory Committee at Barpeta ?

(c) When there will be settlement of these lands ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Revenue) replied :

542.(a)—The matter with regard to settlement of land at Bolabhitha is pending for consideration by the Land Settlement Advisory Committee. The settlement of land will be made as soon as the decision of the Land Settlement Advisory Committee is arrived at. This matter will be placed before the Land Settlement Advisory Committee in its next sitting again.

(b)—It is pending for about 9 years.

(c)—As stated at (a) above.

Eviction of 17 families from the Bhatermari V G. R. in Barnagar Circle

Shri GHANASHYAM TALUKDAR (Sorbhog) asked :

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

(a) How many families were evicted from the Bhatermari V. G. R. in Barnagar Circle ?

(b) Whether they have been provided with lands ?

(c) If so, where and how many bighas ?

(d) Why their school building was demolished by the eviction officer ?

(e) Why the Gandhi Asram there also was trampled down and demolished ?

(f) Whether the Medical Minister visited that place on the previous day of erection ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Revenue) replied :

543.(a)—17 families.

(b) & (c)—Out of 17 families only 7 families applied for lands and they were provided with 65B 1K of lands in Kahitama N. C. village.

(d)—The venture L. P. School, building was constructed on the Grazing Reserve without authority, and therefore, the school building was demolished by the eviction party.

(e)—There was no such institution as "Gandhi Ashram" in the V. G. R. and the question of demolition of it does not arise.

(f)—Yes.

**Eviction of the encroachers on Dag No.506 of the
Village No.I Kathiakhunda in Sibsagar
Subdivision**

Shri PHANI BORA (Nowgong) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that all the encroachers upon the land in Dag No.506 of No.1, Kathiakhunda, Sepekhati Mauza of Sonari Circle Sibsagar Subdivision were evicted by Government except one Shri Dhaluram Agarwalla ?

(b) If so, what are the reasons ?

Shri HARESWAR DAS (Revenue Minister) replied:

544. (a)---No, all the encroachers on dag No.506 of village No.1 Kathiakhunda have been evicted. Shri Dhaluram Agarwalla did not encroach any land in dag No.506.

(b)---Does not arise.

Regarding Chhayagaon State Veterinary Dispensary

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko) asked :

545. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

(a) Whether fund has been provided for repair of buildings, etc., for the Chhayagaon State Veterinary Dispensary ?

(b) If so, whether any work has since been started there ?

(c) If not, why not ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

545. (a)—An amount of Rs.1,800 has already been spent over two years.

(b)—Yes.

(c)—Does not arise.

Selection of a site to establish the Veterinary Dispensary at Namtiali

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

546. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

(a) When the work of the Veterinary Dispensary at Namtiali will be started ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Veterinary Officer, Sibsagar had visited the place and selected a site for the dispensary some few months back ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

546. (a) & (b)—Information are being collected.

Number of Officers and Office Assistants in Rupasi N.E.S. Block

Dr. SRIHARI DAS (Barpeta) asked :

547. Will the Minister-in-charge of Community Development be pleased to state—

(a) How many officers and office Assistants are there at present in Rupasi N.E.S. Block ?

Shri A. THANGLURA (Chief Parliamentary Secretary)
replied:

547. (a)—If the honourable Member means Rupasi Block the answer is as under:—

Assistant Project Officer	...	...	one
Extension Officer (Agriculture)	...	...	one
Gram Sevaks	...	...	Four
Lower Division Assistant	...	...	one
Grade IV	...	...	Two

**Acquisition of land for "The Kukurmara-Kandalpara,
P.W.D. Road" under Boko Subdivision**

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko) asked:

548. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Why the lands required for "The Kukurmara-Kandalpara P.W.D. Road" under Boko Subdivision have not been acquired even during one year?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the people of Dakhin Saru Bangshar Mauza are facing great inconvenience for non-completion of the road?

(c) What steps Government propose to take for speedy acquisition of lands required for this road?

Shri G. N. GOGOI [Deputy Minister, P.W.D. (R.&B.)]
replied:

548. (a)—Acquisition of land takes a long time, as it involves a lengthy process. Out of 4 cases land has been acquired in respect of one only. Draft notifications have been prepared in case of others.

(b)—May be. It is obvious.

(c)—As at (a) above.

Extention of the services of the Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department to the rural areas

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko) asked :

549. Will the Minister-in-charge of Veterinary be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether Government propose to extend the services of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Department to the rural population ?
- (b) If so, whether Government will be pleased to establish an Artificial Insemination Unit attached to the Chhaygaon State Veterinary ?

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Veterinary) replied :

549. (a)—Yes.

(b)—There is no such proposal at present.

Arts College at Gorgaon in Sibsagar Subdivision

Shri TANKESWAR CHETIA (Nazira) asked :

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware of the starting of an Arts College at Gorgaon in Sibsagar Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether it is fact that a plot of land measuring 40 bighas has already been allotted to the colleges by the L.S.A. Board Sibsagar ?
- (c) Whether the college is adequately staffed with qualified teachers ?
- (d) What is the enrolment of the College ?
- (e) Whether the college authority has applied to Government for any financial help ?
- (f) Whether Government propose to give any such help during this year and also in future ?
- (g) Whether Government are aware of the necessity of this College ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister of Education) replied :

550. (a)—Government have no information.

(b),(c),(d),(e),(f) & (g)—In view of above does not arise.

Members of the Mangaldai School Board

Md. MATEBUDDIN (Dalgaon) asked :

551. Will the Minister, Education be pleased to state—

(a) When was the Mangaldai School Board constituted and how long this Board will continue.

(b) What is the total number of members of the said Board and who are they ?

(c) On what principle the Board has been constituted ?

(d) Whether there are any specific principles for constitution of a School Board ?

(e) If so, what are those principles ?

(f) How many members have been taken from Sialmari, Dalgaon, Borchilagher and Orang and Samabari Mauzas and who are they, what are their respective qualifications and the basic for nomination of each ?

(g) What are the function of the said Board ?

(h) Whether Government has given any fund annually to the said Board ?

(i) If so what amount has been given since 1957 to date ? (Figure may be given year by year).

(j) Whether Government will be pleased to sanction more fund to the said Board considering the number of schools increasing day by day in the area ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister of Education) replied:

551. (a)—On 6th January 1956. It will continue for five years.

(b)—The total number of members is thirteen and they are—

1. Shri A. C. Barua, B.L., Chairman, 2. Deputy Inspector of Shools. 3. Vacant 4. Vacant 5. Vacant 6. Shri Ghana-kanta Sahariah (L. P. School teacher), 7. Shri Banikanta Deka (M. V. School teacher, 8. Senior Sub-Inspector of Schools, 9. Shri Bhubanprabha Das, 10. Shri Pakhi Rai Deka, 11. Md. Sadek Ali, 12. Shri Gangadhar Sahariah and 13. Shri Ratneswar Sarma respectively.

(c)—Under Section 17 of the Assam Basic Education Act, 1954.

(d)—Yes

(e)—*Vide* Section 17 of the Assam Basic Education Act, 1954.

(f)—Only one member was taken out of Sialmari Borchilajhar, Orang and Samabari Mauzas. He is Md. Sadek Ali. Report regarding qualification has been called for.

(g)—The School Board functions according to the Assam Basic Education Act, 1954 and the Rules there under.

(h)—Yes.

(i)—Information are being collected.

(j)—The case of Mangaldai School Board will receive due consideration along with other School Boards according to the increased No. of schools.

**Teachers' Training Examination under the Assam State
Basic Education Board**

Shri TARUN SEN DEKA (Nalbari-West) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that a Teachers' Training Examination under the Assam State Basic Education Board for selection of teachers was held of 18th, and 19th October, 1958?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the result of that examination was published in the *Assam Gazette*, dated 3rd of June, 1959?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the Gauhati School Board have ordered the passed teachers to appear in a new Teachers' Training Examination?

(d) If so, why?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied:

552. (a)—No.

(b), (c) & (d)—Do not arise.

**Submission of particulars by the Hoonlall High School
authority, Doom Dooma for model scale of pay**

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that particulars for model scale of pay for Hoonlall High School, Doom Dooma for the year 1957-58 was submitted by the School authority in time but no grant was sanctioned by the Government in that year to meet the deficit amounting to Rs.3,113?

(b) What were the difficulties in sanctioning grants to meet the said deficit in 1957-58?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the school authorities have been writing to the Inspector of Schools, Upper Assam Circle to re-sanction this amount?

(d) Whether Government have sanctioned this amount of Rs.3,113 to this High School at Doom Dooma to meet the deficit of 1957-58 during the year 1958-59?

(e) Whether necessary amount has been sanctioned to this School to meet the deficit in 1958-59 in paying model of pay?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

553. (a)—Yes.

(b)—The particulars submitted by the School authority showed that there was no deficit in that year.

(c)—Yes.

(d)—No.

(e)—Yes, at Rs.44 per mensem since 1st October 1958.

Shifting of Assistant Political Officer's Court, Sadiya Transferred area to Chapakhowa

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

554. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Court of Assistant Political Officer, Sadiya Transferred area has been shifted to the New Township at Chapakhowa?

(b) If so, when this office was shifted?

(c) Whether any arrangement has been made for bus service from Kundil Bazar and other important places to the New Township to enable the people to go to the Assistant Political Officer's Court?

- (d) If so, what are the arrangements made ?
- (e) Whether it is a fact that the roads connecting the Township, i. e., the Headquarter of the Transferred area have not yet been gravelled properly to make them all weather roads ?
- (f) Whether it is a fact that settlement or allotment of land to the people of devastated Sadiya Town as well as other deserving people have not yet been made ?
- (g) How long it would take for allotment of land to enable the people to construct their dwelling houses in the new town ?
- (h) Whether Government are aware that a Bund to protect the Town from Flood will be necessary ?
- (i) Whether the Government have made a list of deserving flood and erosion affected people of Sadiya Transferred area to grant rehabilitation loan and gratuitous relief to enable them to settle at the new township ?
- (j) Whether Government will provide for business loan to the flood affected and erosion sufferer businessmen of Sadiya ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied.

554: (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) & (j)—Information is being collected.

Number of Deputies and their Scale of Pay and Status in various Heads of Departments

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko) asked:

555. Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state--

- (a) How many Deputies are there in various Heads of Departments Offices under the State Government ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that all Deputies are not equal pay scales and status ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that different pay scales are granted to different person although the the responsibility is the same ?

(d) If so, why ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that of late, the pay scales of Deputy Registrars of Co-operatives and Higher Officers of Agriculture Department are revised and given effect to ?

(f) If so, why Government do not review the cas of other Deputies and high officers of equal responsibility and rank of other Department ?

(g) Whether Government will be pleased to examine the matter without further delay ?

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) replied :

555. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) & (g)—Information is being collected.

Inadequate number of buses and over-loading cases of Vehicles on Gauhati-Dhupdhara route

Shri RADHA CHARAN CHOUDHURY (Boko) asked :

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

(a) The number of State Service buses that are placed on Gauhati-Dhupdhara route ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the State Service buses on this route are quite inadequate to cope with rush of passengers ?

(c) What steps Government propose to take to increase the number of passenger buses on this route ?

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

- (a) How many cases of over-loading of passengers on taxi and other private vehicles on this route have been detected since 1st April, 1959 ?
- (b) In how many such cases of over-loading either the owners or the drivers of taxi and vehicles were either fined or otherwise convicted ?
- (c) Whether Government are aware that such kinds of over-loading are due to mainly for want of availability of seats in the State Service buses ?
- (d) If so, what steps Government propose to take to increase the State Service buses to cope with the increased volume of passengers ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied.

556. (a)—The Gauhati-Dhuppdhara route is a Sector of Gauhati-Goalpara route. Total number of buses placed on the route is 61 buses.

(b)—No. requirements of buses as assessed on this route is as under :—

(1) Schedule Service	...	...	...	...	...	28
(2) 10 per cent special service	...	...	...	...	...	3
(3) 1/7th weekly rest	...	...	...	...	...	4
(4) 20 per cent maintenance	...	...	...	...	...	6
Total						<u>41</u>

and (b). (c)—Does not arise in view of reply to questions (a)

557. (a)—Number of over-loading cases detected in taxi and other public service vehicles on Gauhati-Dhuppdhara route are 575 and 403 respectively.

—(b)—Number of cases ended in conviction in respect of owners and drivers of taxis and the public service vehicles are 195 and 180 respectively.

(c)—Number of buses placed on that route are sufficient to cope with present volume of passenger traffic.

(d)—Does not arise in view of reply to question (c) above.

Implementation of the recommendations of the U.G.C. regarding pay scale of College teachers from 1st April 1957

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked :

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

(a) Whether Government have decided to give effect to the recommendations of the University Grants Commission regarding pay scale of teachers of the Aided colleges ?

(b) What are the different scales of pay decided to be given effect to as recommended by the University Grants Commission ?

(c) Whether the effect of the University Grants Commission scale will be given from 1st April 1957 as recommended by University Grants Commission ?

(d) If not, with effect from what date the scale of pay is sought to be given ?

(e) Why Government could not implement the recommendation of the University Grants Commission from 1st April 1957 ?

(f) In view of the fact that 50 per cent of the expenses will be borne by the University Grants Commission, whether Government will be pleased to implement the recommendations of the University Grants Commission with effect from 1st April 1957 ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied.

558. (a)—Yes.

(b)—Scales of pay—

Principals Rs. 600—40—800,

Senior Lecturers or Professors Rs. 300—25—600.

Lecturers Rs. 200—15—320—20—500.

Demonstrators ... Rs. 150—5—185—(E.B.)—7½—200.

Vice-Principal—

Charge allowance Rs. 75 per mensem.

Lecturer in-charge of a Department will get charge allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem.

(c)—No.

(d)—With effect from 1st April 1959.

(e) & (f)—It was not practicable to give effect of the University Grants Commission scale from any date prior to 1st April, 1959.

Regarding dearness allowance to School Board Middle Vernacular School teachers

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI (Kamalpur) asked:

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that the School Board Middle Vernacular School teachers used to get Dearness Allowance under School Boards upto September, 1956 ?

(b) Whether it is a fact that the Middle Vernacular School teachers used to get Dearness Allowance under respective Local Boards till these Schools were handed over to School Boards ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that with the introduction of the revised scale as recommended by Pay Committee the Dearness Allowance given to Middle Vernacular Schools Teachers was withdrawn ?

(d) Whether it is a fact that according to the recommendations of the Pay Committee the existing Dearness Allowance was to continue unaffected ?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Middle Vernacular School teachers were extended Dearness Allowance only when the Dearness Allowance was extended to Lower Primary School teachers in April 1957 ?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the Middle Vernacular School teachers were wrongfully denied the Dearness Allowance for six months from 1st October 1956 to 31st March 1957 ?

(g) Will Government be pleased to restore this Dearness Allowance to these teachers ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

559. (a)—There were no Middle Vernacular Schools under School Boards prior to November 1954. All the Middle Vernacular School were under Local Bodies. The Middle Vernacular Schools were handed over to School Boards on the date noted above. The teachers of Middle Vernacular Schools under the Local Bodies used to get Dearness Allowance and this Dearness Allowance to them was continued even after transfer to School Boards. Teachers appointed by School Boards were not given Dearness Allowance.

(b)—Yes.

(c) & (d)—There is no provision of Dearness Allowance under revised scale of pay for Middle Vernacular teachers. Accordingly order was issued not to pay Dearness Allowance along with revised pay scales. A deputation waited upon M. E. and contended that in the Pay Committee's Report provision was made for continuance of existing Dearness Allowance. After discussion order was issued to School Boards to continue payment of Dearness Allowance to teachers who were transferred from Local Bodies. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(e)—Yes. Dearness Allowance of Rs. 5 per month is sanctioned to Lower Primary School teachers with effect from 1st April, 1957 and the same has been extended to Middle Vernacular School teachers also from the same date.

(f)—No.

(g)—Does not arise.

Land for construction of workshop, etc., at the Tarajan area of Jorhat

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

(a) How many bighas of land have been taken for the construction of workshop, etc., at the Tarajan area of Jorhat ?

(b) From whom the lands are taken ?

(c) In which year these lands have been taken ?

(d) Why the compensation or cost of the lands have not yet been paid to the persons concerned ?

(e) Why Government did not allow to cultivate the lands, when the value of compensation has not been paid to the owners of the lands ?

(f) Whether Government realise the hardship of the persons concerned for not allowing them to cultivate the lands and for not paying the compensation so long ?

(g) Why construction works of the State Transport Works, etc., have not yet been started at the lands ?

(h) Whether Government will be pleased to pay the compensation of lands with the loss incurred by the owner of the lands from 1958 season without further delay ?

(i) If this answer is in the affirmative when payment will be made ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:
 560. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) & (i)—The informations are being collected.

Regarding casual employees in the State Transport Department

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked:

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

(a) How many casual employees are working in the State Transport Department? (Reply to be given with figures in Division-wise).

(b) Whether it is a fact that the State Transport Department agreed to make the casual employees temporary who have served the Department for more than one year?

(c) How many casual employees have been made temporary according to this decision?

(d) Whether the remaining casual staff will be made permanent before taking new hands in the Department?

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

(a) How many State Transport employees have been provided with quarters?

(b) What is their percentage?

(c) Why the construction of staff quarters is not taken for last few years at least at Gauhati, Jorhat, Dhubri and Shillong?

(d) When the construction of staff quarters will be completed?

(e) Whether Government will be pleased to pay house allowances temporarily to those employees who are not provided with quarters?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

561. (a), (b), (c) & (d)—The informations are being collected.

562. (a) to (e)—The informations are being collected.

Total number of staff engaged in the entire State Transport Organisation

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

(a) What is the total number of staff engaged in the entire State Transport Organisation, according to the following proforma.

(i) Total number of technical hands.

(ii) Total number of Traffic staff.

(iii) Total number of Office staff.

(iv) Total number of 4th Grade staff.

(v) Total number of Head Office staff, and

(vi) Total number of Gazetted Officers including Assistant Station Superintendents.

(b) What is the total amount paid as pay and allowances to above-mentioned categories ?

(Informations to be supplied category-wise)

Capt. W. A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied:

563. (a) & (b)—The informations are being collected.

Net profit made by the State Transport Department during 1958-59 and 1959-60

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

(a) What is the net profit made by the State Transport Department during 1958-59 and 1959-60 giving the figure in the following heads :

(i) Total Income,

(ii) Total expenditure

(iii) Depreciation, and

(iv) Total profit.

Capt. W. A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

564.—The informations are being collected.

Number of Vehicles in the State Transport Department

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

(a) How many vehicles are there in the State Transport Department giving the figures in the following heads—

(i) Number of buses in running condition.

(ii) Number of buses in shutdown condition.

(iii) Total number of buses ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the number of vehicles are inadequate according to the needs of the passengers ?

(c) If so, what step Government are taking to meet such demands ?

Capt. W. A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

565.—The informations are being collected.

Regarding rank of the Internal Auditor of the State Transport Department

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI asked :

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

(a) Whether Internal Auditors of the State Transport Department are placed in the same rank with that of a Head Assistant of a Station Office ?

(b) If so, what is the scale of the two posts and whether there is any difference between the two scales ?

(c) If so, why these two posts are made interchangeable ?

Capt. W. A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

566.—The informations are being collected.

Implementation of the award of the State Transport Appellate Board by the Director, State Transport

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

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

(a) Whether it is incumbent on the Director, State Transport to implement the award of the State Transport Appellate Board ?

(b) If so, why the enhanced trip allowances of the Drivers and Conductors of Express Services have not been implemented ?

(c) When it will be implemented and from what date?

Capt. W. A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

567. The informations are being collected.

Regarding agreement made by the Director, State Transport with the State Transport Workers' Association

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI asked :

568. Will the Minister Transport be pleased to state—

(a) Whether it is a fact that the agreement made by the Director, State Transport or by his Field Officers with the State Transport Workers' Association are not honoured always ?

(b) Why the payment agreed to be made within a fixed date were not paid to Shri Jugal Pandey, Porter, State Transport, Dhubri, Shri Nil Kant Sarma, Driver, State Transport, Dhubri, etc.

Capt. W. A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

568. The informations are being collected.

**Remaining amount as unclaimed wages with D. S.,
N. A. D., S.T., Tezpur**

Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar) asked :

569. Will the Transport Minister be pleased to state—

- (a) Whether any amount remained with D.S., N.A.D., S.T., Tezpur as unclaimed wages ?
- (b) If so, what is the total amount remained as unclaimed wages since the inception of the Northern Assam Division till to-date and whether there is any proposal to utilise the amount for the benefits of the State Transport workers ?
- (c) Whether departmental rent includes charges for electric bills ?
- (d) If not, what is the total amount paid by the D.S., N.A.D., S.T., Tezpur as electric charges to State Transport who have common electric metre with D.S. Office ?
- (e) When the amount was paid first ?
- (f) Whether the D.S., N.A.D., S.T., Tezpur was provided with a free residential house from January 1957 to August, 1957 ?
- (g) If not, what is the total amount paid to State Transport and when it was paid ?
- (h) Whether there is any income obtained from leasing out the 'Kajur' trees of State Transport premises of Tezpur ?
- (i) If so, what is the total amount deposited in the name of State Transport, since the inception of Northern Assam Division and when the amounts were deposited in the treasury ?
- (j) Whether the D.S., N.A.D., S.T., Tezpur is provided with free kerosene oil ?

- (k) If so, what is the total gallons of kerosene are provided per month and the purposes for which these are being utilised ?
- (l) Whether any payment was made either by cash or by drawing by the D.S., N.A.D., S.T., Tezpur for dismantling the waiting sheds from Dhanshree ghat and putting up the same as station at Mangaldai ?
- (m) If so, what is the total amount paid by him and what was the nature of work done by the contractors or casually appointed labourers ?

Capt. WILLIAMSON A. SANGMA (Minister, Transport) replied :

569. (a) to (m)—The informations are being collected.

Venture Lower Primary and Middle English Schools in Dibrugarh Subdivision

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) asked :

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

- (a) Whether it is a fact that a Venture Lower Primary School known as Mohanbari Khonikar Lower Primary School at Mohanbari Hindu gaon has been running in Lahoal Mouza, Dibrugarh Subdivision ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that there is no other Lower Primary School within a radius of 3 miles and the enrolment is over 40 ?
- (c) Whether it is a fact that the locality is inhabited by people of Backward Communities ?
- (d) Whether Government proposed to take over the School with retrospective effect from the 1st April, 1959 ?

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

(a) Whether it is a fact that Banderkhati Middle English School was established about 10 years back in Hapjan Mouza (Dibrugarh) and there is no other such school within a radius of about 8 miles ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that the school is situated in a backward area and good results has been shown by the School since the last few years ?

(c) What are the difficulties of the Government in sanctioning recurring aid to this institution so long ?

(d) Whether Government proposed to sanction recurring aid to this institution with immediate effect ?

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

(a) Whether Government are aware that the Dirak Middle English School was established in Saikhowa Mauza (Dibrugarh) a few years back and that there is no other such school within a radius of about 8 miles ?

(b) Whether Government are aware that school is situated in a backward area ?

(c) Whether it is a fact that the School had been moving the authorities to sanction recurring aid ?

(d) Whether Government propose to sanction recurring aid to this School with effect from this year ?

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that Panikhowa Middle English School was established in Tingrai Mauza (Doom Dooma) ?
- (b) Whether Government are aware that the School is situated in backward villages and there is no other such School within a radius of about 7 miles ?
- (c) What amount of recurring or non-recurring aid has so far been granted to this School ?
- (d) Whether Government propose to help this institution by sanctioning non-recurring aid and recurring aid as early as possible ?

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

- (a) Whether Government are aware that there is a Middle English School at Pongari in Buridihing Mauza (Dibrugarh) and there is no other such School within a radius of about 10 miles ?
- (b) Whether any Government aid has yet been sanctioned to this institution ?

Shri RADHIKA RAM DAS (Deputy Minister, Education) replied :

- 570. (a) to (d)—Information is being collected.
- 571. (a) to (d)—Information is being collected.
- 572. (a) to (d)—Information is being collected.
- 573. (a) to (d)—Information is being collected.
- 574. (a) & (b)—Information is being collected.

Deputy Speaker's statement re: Question position during the Budget Session of the Assembly, 1960

***Shri SARBESWAR BARDOLOI:** Sir, about the questions where replies could not be given on account of the fact that information have to be collected, will such replies be supplied to the questioners concerned when the information have been received by Government?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Yes.

Now I will read the statement showing the number of various questions admitted and replied to during the Budget Session, 1960.

					Questions admitted	Questions replied
Short Notice	...	...	...	...	1	1
Starred	...	...	...	...	272	222
Unstarred	...	...	...	...	682	574
Total					955	797

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** It comes to about 82 per cent.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I think most of the questions on Revenue and Educational matters could not be replied. I do not think it is necessary to check up this figure now but I hope the percentage may be improved.

***Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister):** Sir, a certain number of questions could not be replied because necessary information have to be obtained from the district officers concerned in the State. There are now some changes in the rules also. Previously questions are not admitted/accepted by the Assembly Secretariat unless they are sent to the Assembly office 15 days before but now questions are accepted received by the Assembly office even if the questions are received 10 days before. However, Sir, we will make endeavour to improve the question position.

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI: Sir, may I ask one thing. So far the unreplied questions are concerned, to-day being the last day of the session, may I request that when information have been received by Government, the replies to the questions which have not been replied to be sent to the questioners concerned?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: That may be done.

Shri GAURISANKAR ROY (Katlicherra): Sir, sometimes replies are placed on the Library Table and the answers are very long, by merely looking at the same it is not possible to keep it in memory, so I request that we may also get copies of the same.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: That cannot be done.

Shri RAMNATH SARMA (Lumding): To-morrow is Bihu eve. May I suggest that the House prorogues after finishing the official business to-day?

Shri SARAT CHANDRA GOSWAMI: If that is the sense of the House, that can be done.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: It depends on the sence of the House.

**Speech not corrected.*

Adjournment Motion re: Sugar position in the State

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I give my ruling, I hope the Minister-in-charge will enlighten the House if further details are necessary on the motion moved by Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya.

M. MOINUL HAQUE CHOUDHURY (Minister, Supply): Sir, I quite appreciate the anxiety of my friend Shri Bhattacharyya in tabling this motion. This motion is not in order inasmuch as, it deals neither with any matter of urgent public importance nor it is of a definite nature. More over Sir, it is said in Rule 57(iii) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly that—"the motion must not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same session". This matter was discussed on 9th April 1960 in course of the debate on State Trading and I gave some information to the House. But in view of the eagerness shown by my Friend, I am giving the same information once again to the House. I had already told the House the other day, that is, on 9th April 1960, that 600 wagons containing mostly essential articles were held up between Amingaon and Alipurduar, due to congestion created by about 200 wagons lying at Gauhati and Pandu railway stations containing mostly essential articles and that the merchants were said to be not taking delivery of the same. I am giving this facts as they were supplied to me by the Railway. The railway yards and godowns at Gauhati and Pandu, I am told, have got limited space where the railway authority can keep the contains of some 30 or 40 wagons only, but now there are it is said some 200 such wagons lying undelivered. In this connection I had a discussion with the General Manager and the Chief Traffic Superintendent of the Railway who came here. They told me that in spite of railway authority imposing a higher demurrage charge of annas 4 instead of anna 1 the traders concerned could not be compelled to unload the wagons; the reason is said to be that when there would be an artificial rise of prices of essential commodities, then they would take delivery of the wagons to make higher profit which would amply compensate such payment of demurrage charges. However, the Railway has lifted the operational restrictions imposed, said to be for the reasons stated now which is partially responsible for the shortage, particularly because of the fact that they did not give us prior information. We have also advised the railway authority to unload the wagons and to keep them in their godowns and that the balance should be kept in hired godowns, whatever the cost might be and that the same should be realised from the merchants concerned. The railway authority had given the assurance that they would do so. Out of these held up wagons, 57 wagons said to be containing sugar and meant for Gauhati are held up. I have requested the railway authority to try their best to trace the wagons containing sugar. I am told in spite of the best effort of the railway authority, they have not been able to trace out these wagons. In the meantime special arrangement had been made. We had decided to move down to Gauhati 300 tons of sugar from Dergaon Sugar Mill. Normally the sugar from the Dergaon Sugar Mill is given to the adjoining districts like Sibsagar, Dibrugarh, etc., but as a special case we decided to move 300 tons of sugar from Dergaon Sugar Mill to Gauhati. Orders were passed on 6th April 1960 as far as I remember, and I understand a part of it has already arrived Gauhati. I hope within a day or two entire quantity will arrive at Gauhati. The price which registered a rise upto Rs.43-12-0, I understand, is coming down. We are making our best endeavour to expedite the movement of wagons containing sugar. I hope, this would be possible provided the assurance given by the General Manager and the Chief Traffic Superintendent is materialised.

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): Though I do not agree with the interpretation given by Shri Haque Chaudhury about the admissibility of my motion, and in view of what the Minister has said now I secure the permission to withdraw my motion.

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

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now there is another resolution about drought. As a matter of fact we can not accept to allow this question. So it is not allowed.

Labour Minister's Statement under Assembly rule 55 re: certain observation made by Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya against the Presiding Officer Industrial Tribunal

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour):** Sir, on 24th March, 1960 in course of discussion on grants, Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya M. L. A., referring to the Presiding Officer Industrial Tribunal made the following statement—

“Besides, there is an out house in occupation of the Settlement Office. Two or three rooms of the Bungalow have been used by the Industrial Tribunal. The rest of the room have been used for the purpose of godowns by the contractor, who is working in the Oil Refinery and P. W. D. Of course, the contractor happens to be the fortunate son of the Presiding Officer of the Industrial Tribunal. I do not think it proper that for the purpose of a godown, a contractor is allowed to use a Government House, specially like the bungalow of the Commissioner of Division. If the Industrial Tribunal shift to smaller house, then this compound would have been used for the purpose of the Commissioner of the Division.”

Again on the 25th March, 1960, in connection with the discussion on another grant, the said member referred to the Industrial Tribunal and commented on his old age which created an impression that he was about 65. Since then, Shri Ram Labhaya, the Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal has sent me two letters clarifying the position with regard to both the allegations. I am sending herewith copies of these two letters for your information.

I think, the information given to the House by Shri Bhattacharyya are incorrect which will be apparent from the letters. Meanwhile, Naton Assamiya, in its Editorial has commented on the age of the Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal. It is not proper that incorrect informations about such high dignitaries should circulate in public. I, therefore, request you to permit me to make a statement in the House reading these two letters in order to clarify the position.

Now Sir, here with your permission I read out the letters received from the Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal.

“Dear Minister of Industries”,

*Speech not corrected.

Kindly permit me to draw your attention to the observation made by Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacheryya about my residence, in the Assembly on the 24th March. There observations are to the following effect.

Regarding shifting of certain offices to plains Shri Bhattacheryya said that although the Commissinner's bungalow was built for accomodating his office, it was now being given to the Industrial Tribunal and a son of Industrial Tribunal Judge who is a contractor was using out houses for his godown's vide Assam Tribune dated 25th March.

The last portion of the Statement about my son has amazed me. The allegation is baseless.

The Statement is calculated to give the impression that my son has stored his goods for use by him as a contractor and the out-houses of my bungalow are being used as godowns by him.

My son is not using any out houses as his godowns. He has no goods of his own for keeping in a godown nor has he any building or supply contract for which he may have to store or keep his goods in any godown.

Apart from the servant quarters which are occupied by Servants and Orderlies, there are three out-houses. The larger one, which was once a kitchen has been in the occupation of the P. W. D. for some months. They have stored in it some furniture removed from the Chief Justices' residence. It is locked by them and a P. W. D., Chaukidar who lives in the Varandah keeps watch there. Of the two others one has been in the occupation of a P. W. D. Mistri and the other in the occupation of another P. W. D. workman and the Sweeper of the bungalow. The P. W. D. workmen were in the out-houses when I shifted to this bungalow.

No out house of this bungalow is being used as a godown by my son.

Kindly excuse this bother, I thought you should know facts and I have stated them for use if necessary, I talk to Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacheryya and conveyed to him the true state of affairs.

Yours sincerely,
RAM LABHAYA.

Sir, there is another letter. This is as follows :

My Dear Tripathijee,

I learn that there was some statement made on the floor of the House to the effect that I had attained the age of 65. This is absolutely incorrect. I retired from the High Court on 21st January, 1957 when I attained the age of 60. My date of birth was 22nd January, 1897. This fact could be verified from the records of the Accountant General's Office and also from the High Court. I attained the age of 63 on 21st January, 1960 and am now being 64 year. With best regards.

Yours sincerely,
RAR LABHAYA.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** Sir, on a point of personal explanation, Sir, on 27th March last Shri Ram Labhaya Judge, Industrial Tribunal contracted me at Gauhati over phone and told me that he was amazed to see in the Assam Tribune the reported reference about his son in my Assembly Speech in connection with the use of the out houses of the residence of the Commissioner of Divisions at Gauhati. He told me that I was ill informed in as much as his son Shri Madan Oberoi a career contractor of the Imperial Tobacco, Co., and other was no longer using the out houses of the said Commissioners' Bungalow as Godown for his goods and that as a matter of fact he had no goods of his own. He also told me that the out houses were used by some P. W. D. personnel and not his or his son's sub-staff. In reply I informed him that I would personally go to the place the next day between 3 and 5 p.m. and if I would find that my statement made on the floor of the Assembly was found to be materially and substantially incorrect, I would tender a public and unqualified apology to all concerned.

Accordingly I went for a person I on the spot enquiry that the next day at the appointed time and found the following:

1. There are 5 houses in the said premises with altogether 10 rooms of these 7 rooms are under occupation of Shri Labhaya or his staff including his mali, Chaprasi, peon, driver and Jamadar. One Assam Type Hall pattern building have been used to keep 2 motor vehicles belonging to the Labhaya family. In the old kitchen has been kept some old furniture of the Ex-Chief Justice from a few days before after they were shifted from another House in another place.

At least, upto 24th March, Sri Labhaya's son Sri Madan Uberoi used to deposit in some of these rooms for goods belonging to the Imperial Tobacco, Co., Oil Refinery, P. W. D. and others in connectinn with his contract, of course occasionall and irregularly. Though it is a fact that these goods did not belong to Shri Labhaya's son and though this deposit was rather occasional I find that my allegation was substantially correct.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour):** My honourable friend Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharyya has made the Statement on the 23rd and 34th March on the floor of this House that the fortunate son of the Chairman of the Industrial Tribunal has been using the rooms as his godowns irregularly or occasionally. This is based on information and not on personal knowledge. So it is not correct.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** The information on which I made the statement may not be technically correct, but it is a fact that he is a carreer contractor of Imperial Tobaco, Co.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** Sir, Ram Labhaya has categorically denied the charges that his son Shri Mada Uberoi has been using the rooms as his ge downns.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** So I categorically asserted.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** What I feel, Sir, is that that categorical assertion should not be based on the particular inspection on particular day. Therefore, the facts disclosed in inspection belie his statement.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati):** The fact disclosed in my inspection corroborates my statement.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASSAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Labour):** The statement made from a personal knowledge and statement made on the basis of the facts are two different things. The honourable member made this statement on his personal knowledge. Therefore, this belies his statement.

Further discussion on the State Electricity Board's Budget for the period from 1st April, 1960 to 31st March, 1961

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY (Minister, Electricity):** The other day the honorable member Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharjee said something about reduction of Project Allowance of the project officers at Umtru. I have verified and found that in all over India whenever a project is stopped and its accounts are closed no project allowance is admissible. Assam Government also followed the same procedure and stopped the project Special Pay for the Umtru staff before the formation of the Board. However, the Board allowed the following concessions to the staff at Umtru for a limited period, till the revised scales of pay were introduced:—

(1) Free house and free electricity.

(2) Ten per cent. of pay for staff getting less than Rs.300 per mensem

Because of the inadequacy of houses, the staff at Umtru was given free house which they are not entitled.

Now, Sir, it was stated that certain workers met our Chairman who, it was reported, behaved them rudely.

***Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA:** I did not say "rudely" I said "sufficient calousness".

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHY:** I have verified it and found the allegation quite baseless. The Chairman had long discussion with the workers and he explained the position then and there clearly. It is reported that the workers were also satisfied and they have even withdrawn their representation.

It was also said that the Chairman said, "who cares for you? You are clerical staff, we only consider for the technical staff." Such a statement was not made.

Now the question which arose out of that discussion was, "you have raised the emolument of the technical staff, why not us?" That was the question put by the clericals, and the Chairman replied that the technical staff is very short, they are not available, and it is for this reason that the Government has been forced to raise the emoluments of the technical staff.

But so far as clericals are concerned, the Government also have not raised it and Government would not like it if we raise the emoluments of the clerical staff in our case. So my hands are tied in this matter. This explanation was not resented. This explanation was understood and accepted, and if it is for this reason that the workers withdrew their representation.

Now Sir, it was also said that there were some Time Keepers. I have tried to verify but I did not find that there was any Time Keeper in the Umiam. I don't know what the hon. Member meant. In view of the fact that we do not have any Time Keeper, I am not in a position to say who is the employee indicated by this question.

Now Sir, it was said that we have taken over Jorhat and Tezpur and their salary scales have not been finalised. Neither have the scales of other Units been finalised. As a matter of fact a Committee was set up within the Consultative Committee of which two representatives of labour Shri Hareswar Goswami himself and Shri Sarbeswar Bordoloi were representing and this Committee has finally decided and finalised the salary scales, and that scales has been implemented from 1.4.60. So, it would be seen Sir, that the delay was caused by the necessity for constituting the Committee which contained labour representatives and this Committee naturally took some time to enquire into the matter and report, and after the reports have been given, the salary scales as reported have been implemented. So, it was not so much out of a desire to delay but as a result of the Committee being constituted and which wanted to go into the matter that some further delay was made.

Now Sir, it was complained that the cost of electricity charge was too high. The cost is bound to be too high because most of our Units set up in this Plan as also earlier are small generation sets and practically all the rural electrification schemes are running at a loss, and therefore, it is not possible to reduce the charge. It would be remembered Sir. We have taken as a policy of the State Government that the electricity rates of Government concerns should be the same. When we took over Jorhat and Tezpur the rates prevalent there were higher than in other places which Government have taken up. Now we have reduced and brought the rates prevalent in those areas to the rate prevalent in Gauhati and other places. So we have fulfilled our promise that we would bring the rates to the same level.

It will be seen Sir, that our generation is only 15.65 thousand K. W. where as in other States, everywhere, it is more than 100 thousand K. W. Andhra—135.2 thousand K. W., Bihar—172.25 thousand K. W., Bombay—294.00 thousand K. W., Madhya Pradesh—163.0 thousand K. W. In this way every State has generation which is more than 100 thousand K. W. where as ours is only 15.65 thousand K. W. Naturally, the cost is very high, and therefore we have not been able to reduce the cost. It is for this reason we have now undertaken to big generation schemes. Our consumption of Electricity at the end of the Second Plan per capita would be 1.61 units, which compares with Andhra 8.07 units, Bihar 10.80 units, Bombay 55.64 units, Jammu and Kashmir 8.18 units, Kerala 23.24 units, Madras 31.44 units, Mysore 23.42 units, and the average is 23.97 units.

Now Sir it was said that ours is the only State in which we have a Chairman and Administrator. Since then we have verified and have found that the following States have got Administrator Chairman with either a I.C.S. or an I. A. S. Officer. These States are:—Bihar, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Mysore, Madras, U.P., and Andra Pradesh.

So, Sir, we are not the only one State which have a Chairman and Administrator in the Electricity Board. Ours is extremely justified because at this present time we have taken up two difficult schemes to be administratively brought into fruition by negotiating between the Centre, Planning Commission and the State Government, and our choice has succeeded because in a very short time we have got from the Government of India as well as the Planning Commission included in the 2nd Plan the Umiam Hydel Scheme which was meant for 3rd Plan. Further the electricity scheme from Gas at Naharkatiya which was also not in the 2nd Plan, by negotiations undertaken by the Board, under the leadership of the Chairman, we have succeeded and this also has been included in the 2nd Plan. So, we have got 50 thousand KW scheme at Naharkatiya and 27 thousand KW scheme at Umiam included in the 2nd Plan and that shows that the selection of the Chairman was quite justified. Further, Sir, he has succeeded in negotiating with the Government of India and the Planning Commission and obtained sanction for foreign exchange for 8 thousand KW. for diesel generation, because I said the other day, that our State is extremely short of electricity so much so that there is power famine just now, and if this 8 thousand K.W. is obtained then to that extent shortage in the State will be reduced. Now we have also placed orders for this 8 thousand KW. and I understand that this will be supplied towards the end of October and set up by December so that electricity from this Unit will be generated and made available in January. That shows that our plan of appointing the Chairman has materially succeeded.

Now Sir, these are the main points which were raised by the hon. Member, and I hope I have been able to clarify our position with regard to them and in the light of what I have said I think the Budget and the Statements of Accounts of the Electricity Board placed before the House would be accepted.

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***Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Panery):** Sir, I beg to move that in sub-clause (2) of Clause 2 for the figures "150" appearing in the second line the figures "149" shall be substituted.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: You have moved only one amendment. There is another amendment in the same Clause. You may move both.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARI:** Sir, I beg to move that in sub-clause (3) of Clause 2 for the figures "185" appearing in the second line the figures "186" shall be substituted.

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আমান বাজ্যত, সাধাৰণতে কাচাৰুৰ তেওঁৰ মানমান হয়। এই ক্ষেত্ৰত যিবিলাক চানি নোপোৱা বেল তৈয়াৰ কৰা হয়, সেই বিলাক নতুন ওজনৰ পদ্ধতিত তৈয়াৰ কৰা হয়। যদি তাত ১৫০ বৰা হয়, তেন্তে ৪ নোণ ওজনৰ পৰিমাণত—
প্রত্যেক বেলত ১ সেনটেক বেচি হয়। আমান Standard ওজনত

একসেনত—৮০ তোলা

৪০ সেনত—১ নোণ

অৰ্থাৎ ৩২০০ তোলাত একনোণ। কায়েট কিলোগ্ৰাম ওজন পদ্ধতিত ১৪৯ ব ঠাইত যদি ১৫০ কিলোগ্ৰাম আইনত বৰা হয়, তেন্তে তাল ধানাই নাইজন, পেন্তিৰুৰ প্ৰত্যেক বেলতে ক্ষতি হৈ গৈ গৈ—৮ লাখ টকা লোকচান হয়। সেই কাৰণে মই কও যে ১৫০ ব ঠাইত ১৪৯ কিলোগ্ৰাম হৈ আগৰ এনোণ ওজনৰ ঠাইত হন লাগে।

ইয়াত কৈছে ৪ নোণ—১৪৯ কিলোগ্ৰাম এইটো কনিলে আইন সফল আৰু সুস্থ হন আৰু পুনৰি জোখৰ লগতো মিল থাকিব কিম্বা ১৫০ কিলোগ্ৰাম হলে বহুত লোকচান হয়। সেই কাৰণে নোণ figure টো ১৪৯ গ্ৰহণ কৰিব লাগে।

2nd টো Sub-clause II ত কৈছে—

১৮৬ কনিলে ৫ নোণৰ সন্ধান হয় ইয়াত কৈছে ১ নোণ সন্ধান ৩৭ কিলোগ্ৰাম ১৮৬ নকৰি যদি ১৮৫ কৰা হয় নোণৰ লগত কিলোগ্ৰামৰ মিল নাথাকিব। সেই কাৰণে ১৫০ বদলি ১৪৯ আৰু ১৮৫ বদলি ১৮৬ মই suggest কৰিছো—

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The amendments moved are: 1. in sub-clause (2) of clause 2 of the figures “150” appearing in the second line the figures “149” shall be substituted 2 in sub-clause (3) of clause 2 for the figures “185” appearing in the second line the figures “186” shall be substituted.

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance):** Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, there is certain erroneous impression in the mind of the hon. Member on the basis of which there amendments have been moved. I would like to make the position clear and I hope, after I have made the position clear hon’ble Member will withdraw his amendments. The hon’ble Member seeks to substitute the figures “150” by the figures “149” in sub-clause (2) of Clause 2 and the figures “185” by the figures “186”. That is to say, in the first case he wants to reduce the figure by one and in the latter case he wants to increase it by one. I may just give the calculation here. One maund is equal to 37.3242 kilogram and therefore four maunds is equal to 149.2660 kilogram and five maund is equal to 186.6210 kilogram. Now here for the sake of convenience we have used the figures 150 instead of 149 in the earlier case and 185 instead of 186 in the latter case. Secondly, Sir, in Section 29150 (a) it is stated “weighing upto four maunds” and in section 2 (15) (5) it is stated “generally weighing five mannds each”. So, it does not mean that it should be four maunds or five maunds exactly. Moreover, the carrying tax on jute will not be charged on the basis of weight but on the basis of bale. So my friends’ apprehension that the Government will either lose or gain by so many lakhs of rupee does not arise at all, so far as this clause is concerned. It only indicates what will be the approximate weight of a katcha bale or a pucca bale. It does not exactly say that a bale will be four

maunds or five maunds weight. There is no question of increase or decrease of money to be realised as tax from the traders. Moreover, Sir, the question of tax comes latter on in Section 3. I again repeat that we have written '150' in place of '149' and '185' in place of '186'. Just for the sake of convenience, and this is done throughout India for the sake of convenience. Now I think my friend is convinced with the explanation given by me and I hope he will withdraw his amendments.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKEAR : Mr. Patwari, are you willing to withdraw your amenbmments ?

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI : No Sir.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Then I put the question. The question is that in sub-clause (2) of clause 2 for the figures "150" appearing in the second line the figures "149" shall be substituted.

That in sub-clause (3) of clause (2) for the figures "185" appearing in the second line the figures "186" shall be substituted.

(The question was negatived)

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : Clause 3. Shri Patwary, please.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY :** I beg to move that in clause 3 for the figures and words "1.5 Naye Paise" and "and 1.4 Naye Paise" appearing in the third line, the figures and words "10 Naye Paise" and "1 Naye Paise" respectively shall be substituted.

উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়, মই সংশোধনী দাঙি ধৰিছো যে ১৫ নয়া পয়ছাৰ ঠাইত ১০ নয়া পয়ছা হব লাগে। আগতে যি আইন কৰিছিল তেতিয়াৰ যি উদ্দেশ্য আছিল তাৰ লগত যদি এতিয়া মিলাই চোৱা যায় তেতিয়া দেখা যায় যে গৰীব খেতিয়কৰ কোনো benefit নহয়। মন্ত্ৰী মহোদয়ে কৈছে যে আগৰ figure আৰু এতিয়াৰ figure একেই। কিন্তু মোৰ বোধেৰে একে নহয়। মই আগতে যেনেকৈ কৈছিলো যে ১৫০ কিলো মিটাৰৰ ঠাইত ১৪৯ কৰিলে গৰীব খেতিয়কে ১/১ সেৰ পাব। এই এসেৰ গৰীব জনতাৰ কাৰণে বৰ ডাঙৰ লাভ। আমি যদি এই দৰে দিনে দিনে বাগিছাবোৰৰ টেক্সৰ মাত্ৰ বঢ়ায় নিও directly or indirectly তেনেহলে সচাঁকৈ এইটো injustice কৰা হব। বাস্তাবোৰ বাগিছায় ব্যৱহাৰ কৰে বাবেই প্ৰতি পাউণ্ডত ১০ নয়া পয়ছা টেক্স দিব। কিন্তু বাস্তাবোৰ প্ৰায়ে repair কৰা নহয় আৰু ভাবে যে তেওঁলোক repair কৰি লব। উদাহৰণ স্বৰূপে কওঁ যে বৰঙাবাৰী বাস্তাব পৰা বহুত টেক্স পায় কিন্তু মাজত দলং নাই বা বেয়া, সেই কাৰণে নদীৰ কাষত গুদাম ঘৰ কৰিছে। যেতিয়া টেক্স লৈছে তেতিয়া মেৰামতিৰ কাম কাৰ? গতিকে ১৫ নয়া পয়ছাৰ ঠাইত ১০ নয়া পয়ছা ললে তেওঁলোকক বহুত বেহায় দিয়া হব আৰু তাৰ পৰাই বহুত ক্ষতি পূৰণ কৰিব পাৰিব। মই ভাবো যে ১০ নয়া পয়ছা কৰিলে calculation কৰাটো বৰ সুবিধা হব। এই দৰে ভাঙণী বাদ দি ১ আৰু ১০ বখা হয় যদি তাৰ পৰা যিটো লোকচান হব পাবে সেইটো গৰীব খেতিয়কে পাব। সেই বাবে মই ভাবো ১ আৰু ১০ তেখেতে মানি লব।

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The amendment moved is that in clause 3 for the figures and words "15 Naye Paise" and "1.4 Naye Paise" appearing in the third line the figures and words, "10 Naye Paise" and "1 Naye Paise" respectively shall be substituted.

*Speech not corrected.

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***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance):** I again like to inform the hon. Member that at present we are not concerned with the principle. So far as this amendment is concerned, that principle has already been accepted. We are only changing from one system to the other, and it is only from that point of view that the thing has to be considered. I would just like to inform the hon. Member that one pound is equivalent to 0.4535924 Kilogram and at present the rate of tax is 7 nP. per pound, So this tax comes to Rs.15.43 nP. Since accuracy in this case is necessary the fraction .43 has been neglected and we have provided for 15 nP. per Kilogram. This will also mean certain loss to the Government but I cannot accept the amendment moved that it should be further reduced to 10 nP. The reduction to 10 nP. will mean a tremendous loss to the Government at the time of calculation. The loss will be in lakhs.

Now, so far as his second amendment is concerned that Rs.1.4 nP. should be reduced to 1 nP. we cannot accept either. Here also we could have charged 1.5 but that it will be quite high and we do not want to incur further loss as we have incurred sufficient loss by deleting the amount .43.

Therefore my submission is that these amendments should be withdrawn as we have calculated the figures nearest.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Are you withdrawing your amendments, Shri Patwari?

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY:** No, I am not withdrawing.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Then I put the question: The question is that in clause 3 for the figures and words, "15 Naye Paise and 1.4 Naye Paise" appearing in the third line, the figures and the words, "10 Naye Paise" and "1 Naye Paise" respectively shall be substituted.

(The question was negatived).

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Now the the question is that Clauses 1, 2 and 3 do form part of the bill.

(The question was adopted).

The question is that the title and preamble of the Bill do form part of the bill.

(The question was adopted).

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED:** I beg to move that the Assam Taxation (On Goods carried by Roads or Inland Waterways) (Amendment) Bill, 1960 be passed.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The motion moved is that the Assam Taxation (on Goods carried by Roads or Inland Waterways) (Amendment) Bill, 1960 be passed.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARY (Panery):** উপাধ্যক্ষ মহোদয়ে, মাননীয় মন্ত্রীমহোদয়ে মোৰ সংশোধনী প্ৰস্তাৱটো যদিও গ্ৰহণ কৰা নাই তথাপি সদনৰ মাননীয় সদস্য সকলৰ বিনিমিতাবে জনাব খোজো যে যদি এই বিলখন এই অৱস্থাত এইদৰে পাচ কৰি দিয়া যায় তেন্তে দৰিদ্ৰ জনগোষ্ঠী আৰু খেতিয়ক বাইজৰ বহু ক্ষতিগ্ৰস্ত হ'ব। মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে কৈছে যে কেচা বেইলত ১৪৯ ব ঠাইত ১৫০ কিঃ গ্ৰাম; আৰু পকা বেইলত ১৮৪ ব ঠাইত ১৮৫ কিঃ গ্ৰাঃ ধৰা হৈছে। এই মাপত ৰাখিলে মিল মালিক সকলৰ লাভ হয় আৰু আনপিনে ১৪৯ ব ঠাইত ১৫০ ৰাখিলে দেখাত মাত্ৰ এক হলেও প্ৰতি বেইলত (৪ মোণৰ বেইলত) ১ একোণেৰ লোকচান হয় অৰ্থাৎ খেতিয়কে ১ সেৰ বেচি দিব হয় এইদৰেই শেষত গৈ খেতিয়ক সকলৰ ৮ লাখ টকা লোকচান হয়। মন্ত্রী মহোদয়ে সিদ্ধি কৈছে যে আমাৰ ইয়াত ১১ লাখ বেল পাট উৎপন্ন হয় আৰু সেই ১১ লাখ বেলত ৮ লাখ টকা লোকচান হয়। এই ফিগাৰ কেইটি যদি বদলোৱা নহয় তেন্তে sales tax inspector আদিয়ে ক'ব যে ১৪৯ কিঃ গ্ৰাঃ বেল নকৰিব; ১৫০ হৈ আইনত আছে। এইদৰে কৰোতে কৰোতে আমাৰ বাইজে শেষত ১৫০ কিল গ্ৰামত এমোণ হ'ব বুলিয়েই বুজি উঠিব আৰু ১৪৯ কিল গ্ৰামত যে এমোণ হয় সেইটো নাজানিব আৰু সদায়েই লোকচান ভৰি থাকিব। সেই কাৰণে কও যে এই বিলৰ দ্বাৰাই বাইজৰ লোকচান হ'ব আৰু ধনী আৰু মিল মালিক সকলৰ লাভ হ'ব। আজি বেতিয়া সমাজ তান্ত্ৰিক সমাজ ব্যৱস্থাৰ কথা চৰকাৰে চিন্তা কৰিছে, তাত সমাজৰ কল্যাণ হৈ চৰকাৰৰ ব্যৱস্থা বিলাকৰ লক্ষ্য হ'ব লাগে।

তাৰোপৰি, এই বিলৰ দ্বাৰাই চাহ বাগিচা বিলাকৰ ক্ষতি হ'ব। Indirect আৰু direct tax ৰ পৰা চাহ বাগিচা বিলাকৰ হাড় ভাঙি যাব আৰু বহুত চাহ বাগিচা বন্ধ হৈ যোৱাৰ উপক্ৰমত আছে। চাহ বাগিচাই P. W. D. বদৰ কাৰণেও 'টেক্স' দিব লাগে। এনে অৱস্থাত চাহ বাগিচা বিলাকে চৰকাৰৰ আইন কানোন সকলো সময়তে মানি ললেও অন্তৰে অন্তৰে তেওঁলোক অসন্তুষ্ট।

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: আপুনি চমু কৰক আৰু বিলৰ সম্পৰ্কতেহে কওক।

Shri HIRALAL PATWARI: চাব, মই কওয়ে এই আইন হ'লে খেতিয়ক, Growers বিলাকৰ লোকচান হ'ব আৰু সমাজ তান্ত্ৰিক সমাজ ব্যৱস্থাৰ উদ্দেশ্য সিদ্ধি নহ'ব। সেই কাৰণে চাব, এই বিলখন পাচ হৈযোৱাৰ আগতেহ বিৰোধীতা কৰিছো।

***Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Finance):** Sir, my friend has opposed the Bill on two grounds, that if we do not accept his amendment with regard to the weight of a Kutcha bale or a pucca bale it will hit the poor cultivators, and it is likely to benefit the mill-owner. Secondly, he said that if we charge this tax on goods carried by roads or inland waterways, it will hit the tea industry and it will not be in the interest of the tea estates concerned. Now, so far as his first point is concerned, while he is advocating the cause giving relief to the cultivators in the same breath he is asking us to give relief to the tea industry because he says that by the imposition of this tax the income derived from the tea estate will be reduced and our tea will be adversely affected. Sir, I have not been able to understand this argument. So far as his second point concerning the reduction of weight of a kutcha bale and a pucca bale is concerned

in case of 4 maunds we have fixed the weight as 150 kilograms, that is, in case of cutcha bales we have said that 4 maunds will be equivalent to 150 kilograms. My friend is saying that it should be 149 kilograms. I have already explained that the weight is not to be exactly converted but it has to be as near as possible. For the sake of convenience, instead of 149, we have taken 150. In pucca bales we have realised 185 kilograms in place of 186 for the purpose of rounding up and to help conversion table. I have already explained that so far tax is concerned, that is not charged on the basis of pucca or cutcha bales. The tax is charged on the actual weights of both pucca and cutcha bales, so there cannot be any question of Government getting less or more money, simply we have increased the kilograms to for the sake of convenience. Sir, I hope my friend after hearing my statement, being himself a business man, he will understand every thing. There is only a little change. The amendment had been accepted, so if the amendment had been accepted already, this bill should also be accepted by the House. Sir, according to the calculation of figures, we will have to keep 15.2 nP. for a kilogram but in order to round up the figure, we have taken 15 nP. only and this is a loss to the Government. Sir, I hope my friend now will not oppose the Bill.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is that the Assam Taxation (On Goods carried by Roads or Inland Waterways) (Amendment) Bill 1960, be passed.

(The question was adopted).

The Gauhati University (Amendment) Bill, 1960

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Gauhati University (Amendment) Bill, 1960.

Mr. SPEAKER : The motion moved is that leave be granted to introduce the Gauhati University (Amendment) Bill, 1960.

(The question was adopted).

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister) : Sir, I beg, to introduce the Gauhati University (Amendment) Bill, 1960.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The question is that the Gauhati University (Amendment) Bill, 1960 be introduced.

(The question was adopted).

(The Secretary Legislative Assembly read the title of the Bill).

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

“RAJ BHAVAN,
Shillong the 27th March, 1960.

I recommend under Article 207(3) of the Constitution of India that the Gauhati University (Amendment) Bill, 1960, be taken into consideration in the Assam Legislative Assembly.

Gen., S. M. SRINAGESH,
Governor of Assam.”

Shri BIMALA PRASAD CHALIHA (Chief Minister): Sir, I beg to move that the Gauhati University (Amendment) Bill, 1960, to be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following Members—

1. Chief Minister,
2. Deputy Minister, Education,
3. Finance Minister,
4. Shri Omeo Kumar Das,
5. Shri Sarat Chandra Goswami,
6. Shri Maham Singh,
7. Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda,
1. Shri Mohi Kanta Das.
9. Shri Hareswar Goswami,
10. Shri Gaurisankar Bhattacharjee,
11. Shri Jor Manik Siem,
12. Shri Nilmaney Barthakur,
13. Shri Dandeswar Hazarika,
14. Shri Motiram Bora and,
15. Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika,

The Committee is to submit its report by 30th June, 1960.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is that the Gauhati University (Amendment) Bill, 1960, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members—

1. Chief Minister,
2. Deputy Minister, Education,
3. Finance Minister,
4. Shri Omeo Kumar Das,
5. Shri Sarat Chandra Goswami,
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13. Shri Dandeswar Hazarika,
14. Shri Moti Ram Bora, and
15. Shri Devendra Nath Hazarika.

The committee is to submit its report by the 30th June, 1960.

(The question was adopted).

Laying out copies of the Annual Report of the Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board for 1958-59

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED: Sir, I beg to lay out copy of the Annual Report of the Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board for 1958-59, under section 23 of the Assam Khadi and Village Industries Board Act, 1955, (Assam Act XVI of 1955).

Report (No.4) of Privileges Committee

Shri GAURISANKAR BHATTACHARYYA (Gauhati): Sir, I beg to move that the report (No.4) of the Privileges Committee be taken into consideration. The Report is already placed before the House.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is that the Report (No 4) of the Privileges Committee be taken into consideration.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The sense of the House should be taken as to whether the function will be performed by the new or old Privileges Committee.

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA (Saikhowa) : I think the new Committee will take over. A resolution was moved to refer back to the same Select Committee.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: It is the same Privileges Committee but the personnel only have been changed, that is what we want the decision of the House, whether the function will be performed by the old or new Privileges Committee.

After a pause.

So it is the sense of the House that the function of the Privileges Committee will be taken over by the new Privileges Committee.

Will you kindly fix the date when the report will be submitted ?

Shri DEVENDRA NATH HAZARIKA: 30th June, 1960.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The new Privileges Committee will submit its report by 30th June, 1960.

Laying out copy of the Assam Panchayat (Constitution) Rule, 1960

Shri FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED (Minister, Panchayats) : Sir, I beg to lay out copy of the Assam Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1960 published under Notification No RDD. 381/60/2, dated the 26th March, 1960.

Resolution

Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI : Sir, I beg to move the following resolution.

“Resolved that a Committee be constituted consisting of 6 members of the House and one non-member Secretary preferably from the Labour Department to be nominated by the Speaker for assessment of the implementation of the Plantation Labour Act, and to suggest revision of programme and other remedial measures with the following terms of references—

Terms of References—

1. Whether the programme undertaken by Tea Industry for implementation of various items of Plantation Labour Act viz., housing, medical facilities, water supply, creche, canteen and education are adequate. If not, what changes should be adopted.

2. Whether specifications adopted, and type of construction, under for housing are adequate and satisfactory for worker's families. If not, what changes should be adopted.

3. Whether medical facilities provided are adequate and satisfactory. If not, what changes are recommended.

4. Whether water supply is adequate and satisfactory. If not, what changes are recommended.

5. Whether sitting construction, lay out and provisions in and of creache are adequate and satisfactory. If not, changes are recommended.

6. Whether running of any provisions in canteen are satisfactory. If not, what changes are recommended.

7. Whether provision of schools and teachers are adequate. If not, what remedies are suggested.

The Committee is requested to submit its Report to the House within six months.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Motion moved.

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARI (Paneri):** Sir, I like to suggest that the figure 6 should be substitute by the word figure 8. Another thing I want to point out is that the word 'etc' should be added after the word adequate.

***Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA (Patharkandi):** The number should be raised to 9.

***Shri RAMNATH SHARMA (Lumding):** Sir, the number should be 7 only.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** Sir, since there is no unanimity I think the original number should be there.

***Shri SARBESWAR BORDOLOI (Titabar):** Sir, I do not see any reason to increase the number of members. Out of these six members, one will be chairman and the rest five will be members. Therefore, I think the original number six is a reasonable number.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** Sir with regard to the addition of the word 'etc' I do not think that it is at all necessary. The item wherein it has been referred to is quite comprehensive. This Committee will enquire these things presently and discuss with the representatives of the Labour. This committee will be an assessment committee. If more items are given then it will automatically delay in submitting its report. If the submission of the report is delayed, then the implementation of the Plantation Act will also be delayed. Therefore, I request my friend Shri Patwari to withdraw his motion.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Mr. Patwari, are you prepared to withdraw your motion?

***Shri HIRALAL PATWARI:** No Sir.

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

The question is that the figure 6 should be substituted by the word figure 8 and the word 'etc' should be added after the word "adequate".

(The question was negatived)

***Shri BISWANATH UPADHYAYA:** Sir, in the last occasion I said that the question of retrenchment should also be taken.

***Shri KAMAKHYA PRASAD TRIPATHI:** Sir, this question cannot be taken up now. This should be done by another committee.

***Shrimoti LILI SEN GUPTA (Lahowal):** On a point of information, Sir, মই জানিব পাৰিছো যে কমিটি কৰিছে সেইটো কেৱল tea arear ব কৰণেহে কৰিছে। Assam Coliroy সম্বন্ধে কিবা এটা কৰিবলৈ চেষ্টা কৰিবনে?

Shri KAMAKHYA PROSAD TRIPATHI (Minister, Labour) : Every is central subject. As a matter off only the other day the strike has been withdrawn. We have no jurisdiction over this subject.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: May I know from the Hon. Members whether we should not take up the private members business?

(A voice— yes.)

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The following order by the Governor dated 10th April, 1960 is for the information of the hon. Members.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) (a) of Article 174 of the Constitution of India, as amended upto date 1, S. M. Srinagesh, Governor of Assam hereby prorogue the Assam Legislative Assembly at the conclusion of sitting on the 11th April, 1960.

The Assembly was then prorogated.

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

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